Company Number: 07565410

Charity Number: 1141376

The Little Society

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 August 2014

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# **Charity Information**

# **Trustees**

L Ali

J Graham

L Tungate

# **Charity number**

1141376

## **Company number**

07565410

# Principal and registered office

14 Aldersyde York YO24 1QP

# Independent Examiner

A M Sidebottom FCA Garbutt & Elliott LLP Arabesque House Monks Cross Drive York YO32 9GW

# **Bankers**

Barclays Bank PLC Knightsbridge London SW1X 7BW

# Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2014

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2014 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP 2005.

#### Structure, Governance and Management

The Little Society is a company limited by guarantee (number 07565410) and a charity established by Constitution and registered with the Charity Commission (registered charity number 1141376).

### **Appointment of Trustees**

Under the Trust Deed, the appointment of new Trustees can only be made by the Founder (during his lifetime). Thereafter, the Trustees shall have power at any time to appoint any person to be a Trustee.

#### **Objectives**

The Society has narrow charitable objects stating income and property of the Charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives.

The objects of the Society are to provide grants and assistance to other organisations or for such purpose or purposes in any part of the world, limited to the following purposes -

- Providing or improving, or to assist in providing or improving recreational or leisure time facilities in the interests of social welfare in particular for the benefit of those who have need of such facilities because of their youth, age, infirmity, disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances;
- Providing advice and assistance in organising programmes of physical, educational, and other activities as a means of advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals, as well as advancing their education, and helping to relieve unemployment;
- To relieve financial hardship and sickness and to preserve and protect the health of people, particularly but not exclusively young people caring for or nursing a person with a physical or mental disability within the family or home by facilitating respite where appropriate through the provision of community based care attendance or assistance for them to take a break; and
- To advance education, particularly but not exclusively by providing or assisting in the
  provision of education opportunities and associated facilities to increase the life chances of
  people who are disadvantaged because of their youth, age, infirmity, disablement, poverty
  or social and economic circumstances.

#### **Trustees**

The following members of the Trustees have held office since 1 September 2013:

- L Ali
- J Graham
- L Tungate

These Trustees constitute Directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. None of the Trustees had an interest in any of the Charity's contracts either during or at the end of the financial year.

# Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2014 (Continued)

#### Registered office

14 Aldersyde York YO24 1QP

#### **Independent Examiner**

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#### **Bankers**

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## **Donation making policy**

The income of the Trust Fund is applied at the discretion of the Trustees, subject to the objects of the society. Donations are accounted for when approved.

#### Reserves policy

Cash balances are maintained so as to be able to meet outgoings and donation obligations from time to time. The Society has the power to invest any funds that are not immediately required in any investments, securities or property.

# Activities, achievements and performance

During the year, the Society made a number of donations to various charities and organisations.

#### Financial review

The trustees are pleased to report a satisfactory year with many local charities being helped as in prior years, and special attention given to the Island and the Jack Raine Community Foundation.

The amount of income during the year was £169,138 (2013 – £2,343) and the expenditure was £38,207 (2013 - £77,187). The charity continues to support a variety of children's causes and has ample funds (£271,489) to continue its activities at the end of the period.

The Trustees report an overall net increase in the Charity's funds of £131,111 (2013 – decrease of £74,844), due to the high level of donations received during the year.

### Plans for the future

The charity will look to continue to fund donations, on a similar level to the current year, to charities and organisations where they comply with the charity's objectives.

# Risk management

The Trustees do not consider that the Trust is exposed to any major risks.

# Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2014 (Continued)

#### Trustees and their statutory responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Little Society for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any
  material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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# **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Little Society**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2014 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

# **Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") or under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A M Sidebottom FCA

**Garbutt & Elliott LLP** 

**Chartered Accountants** 

24 MAY 2015

Arabesque House Monks Cross Drive York YO32 9GW

# Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 August 2014

|  | Notes  | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |
|--|--|-----------|-----------|
| Incoming resources                         |  | ·         |           |
| Resources from generated funds:            |  |           |           |
| Voluntary income:                          | i Maria da Arra da Arr<br>Arra da Arra d |           |           |
| Donations                                  |  | 167,500   | -         |
| Investment income:                         |  |           |           |
| Bank interest                              | :  | 1,818     | 2,343     |
| Total incoming resources                   |  | 169,318   | 2,343     |
|  |  |           |           |
| Resources expended                         |  |           |           |
| Costs of generating funds                  | 2  | 509       | 854       |
| Charitable activities                      | 2  | 37,014    | 75,649    |
| Governance costs                           | 2  | 684       | 684       |
| Total resources expended                   | ^  | 38,207    | 77,187    |
| Net movement in funds                      |  | 131,111   | (74,844)  |
| Funds brought forward at 1 September 2013  |  | 140,378   | 215,222   |
| Funds carried forward at 31<br>August 2014 | 8  | 271,489   | 140,378   |

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form part of these financial statements.

# **Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2014**

|   |       | 201      | 4       | 20       | 13       |
|---|-------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
|   | Notes | £        | £       | £        | £        |
| Current assets  |       |          |         |          |          |
| Debtors   | 5     | 34,443   | •       | -        |          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 256,730  |         | 172,978  |          |
|   | •     | 291,173  |         | 172,978  |          |
| <b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year | 6     | (19,684) | ·       | (17,600) |          |
| Net current assets                                    |       |          | 271,489 |          | 155,378  |
| <b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due after one year  | 7     |          | -       |          | (15,000) |
| Net assets  | 44    | •        | 271,489 |          | 140,378  |
|   |       | •        |         |          |          |
| Funds   |       |          | :       |          |          |
| General – unrestricted                                | 8     |          | 271,489 |          | 140,378  |

For the financial year ended 31 August 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year end of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 23 MAY 2015. and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form part of these financial statements.

Company Registration Number: 07565410

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2014

## 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Company status

The charity is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The liability of members is limited to £1 per member.

#### 1.2 Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investment assets and include the results of the Charity's operations as indicated in the Trustees' Report, all of which are continuing. The financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

## 1.3 Incoming resources

Income from all sources is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable.

#### 1.4 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

## 2. Analysis of resources expended

|                            | 2014           | 2013   |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------|
|                            | £              | £      |
| Costs of generating funds: | <del></del> :: |        |
| Travel and subsistence     | 339            | 415    |
| Stationery                 | 170            | 67     |
| Sundry                     | <u>-</u>       | 372    |
|                            | 509            | 854    |
| Charitable activities:     |                |        |
| Donations                  | 36,754         | 75,649 |
|                            | 36,754         | 75,649 |
| Governance costs:          |                |        |
| Independent examination    | 684            | 684    |
|                            | 684            | 684    |

During the year, 2 (2013 – 2) Trustees were reimbursed £599 (2013 - £164) for out of pocket travel and motor expenses.

#### 3. Net incoming resources for the year.

|                                     | 2014 | 2013 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
|                                     | £    | £    |
| This is stated after charging:-     |      |      |
| Independent Examiners' remuneration | 684  | 684  |

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2014 (continued)

# 4. Taxation

The Trust did not have a liability to taxation during the period.

## 5. Debtors

| ·                              | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Prepayments and accrued income | 34,443    |           |

# 6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| ·                            | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Accruals and deferred income | 684       | 600       |
| Donations payable            | 19,000    | 17,000    |
|                              | 19,684    | 17,600    |

# 7. Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

| •                 | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Donations payable | -         | 15,000    |

# 8. Unrestricted funds

|                               | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance at 31 August 2013     | 140,378   | 215,222   |
| Surplus/(deficit) in the year | 131,111   | (74,844)  |
| Balance at 31 August 2014     | 271,489   | 140,378   |