

RIVER THAMES SOCIETY
(a company limited by guarantee)

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 October 2007

Registered Company No - 1747301
Registered Charity No - 288380

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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COMPANY INFORMATION
At 31 October 2007

Incorporated in England & Wales on 22 August 1983

Company No 1747301

Registered Charity No 288380

PRESIDENT Sir Anthony Durant

CHAIRMAN Sir Anthony Durant

OTHER DIRECTORS Dennis Bailey (resigned September 2007)
(the directors are also trustees of Jack Betteridge (appointed April 2007)
the Charity) Dido Berkeley
David Buxton (appointed April 2007)
Barry Edwards
Peter Finch
Robert Heavens (resigned April 2007)
Leslie Jones
Valerie Mason (resigned September 2007)
John Redmond (resigned May 2007)
Colin Reynolds
John Skuse

SECRETARY Guy Barlow

REGISTERED OFFICE Beaumont House
28 Beaumont Road
Windsor
Berkshire, SL4 1JP

AUDITOR Morley and Scott
Winterton House
Nixey Close
Slough
Berkshire, SL1 1ND

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the Year ended 31 October 2007

The directors who are also the trustees of the charitable company present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2007

Principal activity

The principal activity of the charity continues to be that of preserving and promoting the beauties and amenities of the River Thames

Directors

The directors who served during the year are shown on page 3

The president and vice presidents (which are non-directorship appointments) serve three-year terms. The years in which they become due for re-election are published in each year's notice of Annual General meeting. The elective directors also serve three-year terms. The year in which their terms of office cease are published in each year's notice of Annual General meeting. All other directors are elected annually.

Directors' Responsibilities

Company and charity law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the period. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 October 2007 (continued)

Directors' Policy on Reserves

Statement of the level of reserves and why they are held

There was a deficit for the year ended 31 October 2007 of £11,321, which when adjusted for unrealised losses on investments increases to £19,638 (2006 surplus £7,080). The balance on unrestricted funds at 31 October 2007 was £72,800, approximately £65,000 of which is in liquid assets and available as free reserves.

The Directors reviewed their reserves policy in detail in January 2002 and have regularly reviewed it since that date, based upon current levels of expenditure and income. The policy reflects risks to income flows resulting from damage to reputation and the effects of a very severe recession reducing membership and donations. The River Thames Society does not intend to be a reserves-rich charity and in any event, the Society's current activities do not require this.

The Directors' present target is £65,000, which represents a year's expenditure, excluding restricted funds. This would allow sufficient unrestricted funds to fund the Society's working capital requirements and to enable a reduction in expenses if necessary in case of a significant loss of income.

Restricted funds amounting to £1,826 are held for specific purposes and are not available to fund general River Thames Society projects and work. The reduction in the restricted funds of £7,177 is due to the spending of grants received in 2006.

Investment Policy and Performance

The River Thames Society's basic investment objective is to maintain the real value of its investment and to maximise income. It places excess funds on deposit with the COIF charities deposit fund and its investment portfolio of shares is held on a long-term basis. Management of the portfolio of shares is carried out by independent investment advisers.

Management of Risk

The Directors of the Society have identified and discussed the top ten risks that may confront the charity and how they should be managed and minimised. These risks include damage to reputation and possible liabilities arising from the Society's activities. The Directors have examined these matters and they are satisfied that the charity's current internal financial and other controls adequately minimise the risks identified.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Auditor

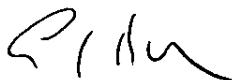
Ian S Anderson was elected as the auditor at the last Annual General Meeting, but following his admission as a partner in Morley and Scott on 1 July 2007 he resigned as auditor in favour of Morley and Scott. A resolution to reappoint Morley and Scott as auditor will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Statement As To Disclosure Of Information To Auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 234ZA of the Companies Act 1985) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

By order of the Board



GUY BARLOW
Secretary

Date 8 April 2008

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF RIVER THAMES SOCIETY

We have audited the financial statements of River Thames Society for the year ended 31 October 2007 on pages nine to fifteen. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of director and auditor

As described on page four, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Directors is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF RIVER
THAMES SOCIETY (Continued)**

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the director in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 October 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure in the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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8 April 2008

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
AND TOTAL HISTORICAL GAINS AND LOSSES
for the year ended 31 October 2007**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| | 2007 | | 2006 | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Total |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | |
| From Generated Funds | 41,110 | 0 | 41,110 | 57,361 |
| Investment Income | 3,446 | 0 | 3,446 | 2,945 |
| Total Incoming Resources | 44,556 | 0 | 44,556 | 60,306 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | |
| Costs of Generating Funds | 38,518 | 0 | 38,518 | 42,372 |
| Charitable Expenditure | 3,731 | 7,177 | 10,908 | 18,328 |
| Governance costs | 6,451 | 0 | 6,451 | 5,001 |
| Total Resources Expended | 48,700 | 7,177 | 55,877 | 65,701 |
| NET OUTGOING | | | | |
| RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR | -4,144 | -7,177 | -11,321 | -5,395 |

STATEMENT OF TOTAL HISTORICAL GAINS AND LOSSES

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Net Outgoing Resources for the year | -4,144 | -7,177 | -11,321 | -5,395 |
| (Loss)/Gain on Revaluation of Investments | -8,317 | 0 | -8,317 | 12,475 |
| Net Movement in Funds (Note 14) | -12,461 | -7,177 | -19,638 | 7,080 |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | 85,261 | 9,003 | 94,264 | 87,184 |
| TOTAL FUNDS Carried Forward | 72,800 | 1,826 | 74,626 | 94,264 |

The notes on page 11 to 16 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET
At 31 October 2007

| | Notes | £ | 2007 £ | £ | 2006 £ |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 4 | | 6,138 | | 7,013 |
| Investments | 5 | | <u>44,562</u> | | <u>52,879</u> |
| | | | 50,700 | | 59,892 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 6 | 371 | | 508 | |
| Debtors | 7 | 1,692 | | 6,034 | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | 8 | <u>25,683</u> | | <u>30,508</u> | |
| | | 27,746 | | 37,050 | |
| Creditors: due within one year | 9 | <u>3,820</u> | | <u>2,678</u> | |
| Net Current Assets | | | <u>23,926</u> | | <u>34,372</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | | <u>74,626</u> | | <u>94,264</u> |
| Capital and Reserves | | | | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | 10 | | 72,800 | | 85,261 |
| Restricted Funds | 11 | | <u>1,826</u> | | <u>9,003</u> |
| | | | <u>74,626</u> | | <u>94,264</u> |

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005)



Sir Anthony Durant (Chairman)



David Buxton (Treasurer)

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on
8 April 2008

The notes on page 11 to 15 form part of these accounts

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**NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 October 2007**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the 2005 Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005). The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except for investments, which have been included at revalued amounts.

Going Concern

The accounts are prepared on the going concern basis.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds can be used for any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted Funds are credited with income which is conditional in its use for a specific purpose. In this respect the company acts as a custodian of these funds and consequently they are not available for general use.

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful lives at the following rates on net book value:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Office and other Equipment | 30% |
| Boat and Trailer | 20% |
| Land and Buildings | 0% |

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for any obsolete or slow moving items.

Investments

Listed Investments are valued at market value.

Investment Income

Investment Income is stated net of any irreclaimable tax credits.

2 Incoming Resources from Operating Activities

Incoming resources from operating activities is the total amount received from companies and individuals by way of appeals, legacies, subscriptions, donations, and fund raising activities on a cash basis. Income from raffles is credited on an accruals basis.

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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources

The net incoming/(outgoing) resources is after the following charges

| | 2007 | | | 2006 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | | £ |
| Incoming Resources from Generated Funds | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| <i>Voluntary Income</i> | | | | |
| Membership Income & Donations | 26,507 | 0 | 26,507 | 34,748 |
| <i>Activities to generate funds</i> | | | | |
| Events, including conference | 10,752 | 0 | 10,752 | 16,144 |
| Thames Guardian and sundry sales | 3,851 | 0 | 3,851 | 6,469 |
| | 41,110 | 0 | 41,110 | 57,361 |
| Investment Income | 3,446 | 0 | 3,446 | 2,945 |
| | 44,556 | 0 | 44,556 | 60,306 |
| Costs of Generating Funds | | | | |
| Fundraising and Publicity | 38,518 | 0 | 38,518 | 42,372 |
| Merchandising Costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 38,518 | 0 | 38,518 | 42,372 |
| Charitable Expenditure | | | | |
| Costs in Furtherance of Charity's Objects | 3,731 | 7,177 | 10,908 | 18,328 |
| Governance Costs | | | | |
| Council, Treasurer and branch affairs | 1,639 | 0 | 1,639 | 1,481 |
| Auditor's remuneration | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | 1,250 |
| Accounts and Annual General Meeting | 3,312 | 0 | 3,312 | 2,270 |
| | 6,451 | 0 | 6,451 | 5,001 |
| Total Resources Expended | 48,700 | 7,177 | 55,877 | 65,701 |

The above includes the following charges

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Auditor's remuneration for Audit Services | 1,500 | 1,250 |
| Depreciation of Fixed Assets-owned assets | 875 | 1,103 |

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4. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | Land & Buildings | Equip't | Boat & Trailer | Total |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Cost | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| At 1 November 2006 | 2,727 | 1,308 | 12,896 | 16,931 |
| Additions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retirements | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| At 31 October 2007 | <u>2,727</u> | <u>1,308</u> | <u>12,896</u> | <u>16,931</u> |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 November 2006 | 0 | 1,133 | 8,785 | 9,918 |
| Additions | | 53 | 822 | 875 |
| Retirements | | | | |
| At 31 October 2007 | <u>0</u> | <u>1,186</u> | <u>9,607</u> | <u>10,793</u> |
| Net Book Value | | | | |
| At 31 October 2007 | <u>2,727</u> | <u>122</u> | <u>3,289</u> | <u>6,138</u> |
| At 31 October 2006 | <u>2,727</u> | <u>175</u> | <u>4,111</u> | <u>7,013</u> |

Tangible fixed assets are not revalued but the Directors have considered their value and are satisfied that their aggregate value at 31 October 2007 was not less than their book value as shown in the financial statements

5. Fixed Asset Investments

| Listed Securities | 2007 £ | 2006 £ |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| At 31 October – at cost | 12,169 | 12,169 |
| Revaluation | <u>32,393</u> | <u>40,710</u> |
| At 31 October – at Market Value | <u>44,562</u> | <u>52,879</u> |

All listed securities were revalued in the year to their market value at 31 October 2007

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6. Stocks

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Merchandise for Resale | <u>371</u> | <u>508</u> |

7. Debtors

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Amounts falling due within one year | <u>1,692</u> | <u>6,034</u> |
| Sundry Debtors and Prepayments | | |

8. Cash at bank and in Hand

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | 23,857 | 21,505 |
| Restricted Funds | <u>1,826</u> | <u>9,003</u> |
| | <u>25,683</u> | <u>30,508</u> |

9. Creditors due within one year

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Accruals and Income in Advance | <u>3,820</u> | <u>2,678</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|

10. Unrestricted Funds

Branch & Other Funds

| | As At 01-Nov-06 | Transfers | Surplus/ (Deficit) | As At 31-Oct-07 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Headquarters | 29,294 | 0 | -3,781 | 25,513 |
| Upper Thames | 999 | 0 | 48 | 1,047 |
| Middle Thames | 4,949 | 0 | -99 | 4,850 |
| Teddington/Old Windsor | 3,844 | 0 | -350 | 3,494 |
| Upper Tideway | 928 | 0 | 54 | 982 |
| Central Tideway & Estuary | 928 | 0 | -16 | 912 |
| Life Members' Fund | 2,948 | 0 | 0 | 2,948 |
| Sonia Hesketh Memorial Fund | 475 | 0 | 0 | 475 |
| Derek Simonds Memorial Fund | 186 | 0 | 0 | 186 |
| | <u>44,551</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-4,144</u> | <u>40,407</u> |
| Revaluation Reserve | <u>40,710</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-8,317</u> | <u>32,393</u> |
| | <u>85,261</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-12,461</u> | <u>72,800</u> |

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11. Restricted Funds

| | £ | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | As At | Transfers | Surplus | As At |
| | 01-Nov-06 | | / (Deficit) | 31-Oct-07 |
| New Warden Scheme | 2,646 | 0 | -820 | 1,826 |
| Billboard Fund | 4,594 | 0 | -4,594 | 0 |
| Cutter Fund - Middle Thames | 1,763 | 0 | -1,763 | 0 |
| | 9,003 | 0 | -7,177 | 1,826 |

The New Warden Scheme was established for the tidal section of the river to patrol the riverbank and report matters of concern to those authorities that are responsible for the maintenance of the river. The expenditure relates to a conference.

The Billboard Fund relates to Displays for exhibitions and similar events. Two sets of displays were purchased with the grants made for this purpose and the fund has now been closed.

Middle Thames Branch established a Cutter Fund last year. The income has been fully spent during the year.

12. Guarantee

The Society is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Members have guaranteed contributions of an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Society in the event of its dissolution. The total number of members at 31 October 2007 was 1,020 (2006 - 1,030).

13. Capital Commitments

At 31 October 2007 the company had authorised and contracted for capital expenditure of NIL (2006 - NIL).

14. Movement of Funds

Net movement in funds as shown on Page 7 as required by the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice is a deficit of £19,638 (2006 - surplus £7,080). The deficit for Companies Act 1985 purposes is £11,321 representing the amount before the unrealised loss (2006 - £5,395) on revaluation of investments.

Of this deficit of £11,321, the sum of £7,177 was spent for the purpose for which grants were received in 2006.