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River Thames Society
Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

TRUSTEES

Peter Finch (Chairman of Council)

Rupert Bagilhole
Jack Betteridge
Leslie Jones OBE
David Lambert
Jackie Lambert
Hilary Pereira
Colin Reynolds
Gillian Rix
John Skuse
John Tamsitt
Wendy Yorke
Abigail Reynolds
Roy Miller

Thomas Berman (appointed 6.4.19)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Guy Barlow

REGISTERED OFFICE

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER

01747301 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

288380

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Ian S Anderson, Chartered Accountant

Chartam House 16 College Avenue Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 6AX

PRESIDENT

Lord Owen CH FRCP

Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Lady Borwick
Mark Edwards MBE
David Suchet CBE

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal activities of the charity continue to be to:

- Protect the natural beauty of the River Thames, adjacent lands and buildings of historic interest
- Promote nature conservation
- Support and contribute to the efforts of other organisations with similar interest in the river
- Preserve and extend amenities which allow and encourage the use of the river for all purposes

Achievements and performance

During the year the Society undertook a range of activities in support of our aims to protect and promote the Thames.

We worked with many other bodies, including the Environment Agency, Port of London Authority, Thames Path Partnership, Thames & London Waterways Forum and the Thames Rivers Trust.

We kept in touch with MPs in riparian constituencies, relevant Ministers and " Shadow " Ministers on matters affecting the river.

Social, cultural and educational activities were organised. Our River Wardens continued to monitor the Thames Path and we maintained the length of river bank we own near Marlow.

Public benefit

The Directors took note of the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit by providing a range of talks, displays, information stands and a quarterly magazine to inform the public on the ways the Society safeguards the river. A large amount of information was given on request to members of the public, broadcasting and educational bodies. We continued to make annual awards to individuals and organisations making a significant contribution to the river and gave grants to a range of youth, sporting and environmental bodies.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year on page 7 shows net income for the Society of £961 (2018 £14,237). All of the funds received during the year were unrestricted funds and which could be used to enable the charity to meet its running costs and to allow the trustees to utilise funds for relevant charitable purposes.

During the year the trust generated the following income;

- 1) Donations and subscriptions totalling £18,978 (2018-£22,531, plus a £10,000 legacy) were raised.
- 2) Income generated from the Thames Guardian magazine and merchandise sales totalled £7,167 (2018 £7,319).
- 3) Events realised income of £12,508 (2018 £10,924).
- 4) Investment income in the form of bank interest totalled £1,462 (2018 £973). The increase in value of the COIF Units in the Charities Ethical Investment Fund was £4,292 (2018 £1,688).

The Thames Guardian magazine realised a surplus of £1,410 towards charitable activities, with the added advantage that it also saves the cost of a separate members newsletter. Included in charitable expenditure is £6,125 defrayed on grants is shown in note 5 to the financial statements, which reflects a considerable increase on the previous year.

There were no movements in fixed assets in the year, save depreciation on existing assets.

As at 31 October 2019 total generated funds were £174,284 (2018 - £173,323); The restricted funds previously held for the specific purpose the New Wardens Scheme were defrayed in 2017 and as no further restricted income has been received a nil balance is carried forward at the balance sheet date.

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Investment performance

The charitable company's basic investment objective is to maintain the real value of its investments and to maximise income. In order to do this, the charity has invested surplus funds in the COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Accumulation Units, with further excess funds being placed in a deposit account which is both a safe investment and gives a reasonable rate of return, although at present the return is impacted by the low rates of interest on offer from Banks & Building societies.

Reserves policy and going concern

The charitable company's net income for the year ended 31 October 2019 totalled £961 (2018 £14,237). This includes accumulated unrealised profits on investments of £4,292. The balance on the unrestricted income fund at 31 October 2019 was £174,284 (2018 £173,323). As detailed in the Financial Review there was no balance held on restricted funds.

The Directors regularly review the reserves policy, based upon current levels of expenditure and income, and are actively seeking to make grants to worthy individuals and organisations which fall within the charitable company's remit. The policy is to ensure unused surplus funds do not accumulate whilst allowing for risks to income flows resulting from damage to reputation and the effects of a 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 trustees consider that adequate resources will continue to be available to fund the activities of the Society for the foreseeable future and view the charity as a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

The future aims of the Society are to extend current activities, develop educational work, increase our presence at river-related events and support for initiatives of benefit to the wider river community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2016 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2015).

Trustee directors and other appointments

The trustee directors serving on the River Thames Society Council are shown on page 1.

The Chairman of the Council is Peter Finch.

The president and vice presidents (which are non-directorship appointments) serve three-year terms. The year in which they become due for re-election is 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.

Organisation and structure

River Thames Society is a registered charity and is a registered company limited by guarantee. The company was incorporated and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 22 August 1983. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 23 January 1984.

The Society consists of five branches covering the whole of the river from the source to the sea. It is governed by a council, which consists of the chair of each branch and members elected for a term of office at each Annual General Meeting by the members.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Ian S Anderson was appointed Independent Examiner at the last Annual General Meeting.

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 February 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Guy Barlow - Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of River Thames Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of River Thames Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Ian S Anderson BA FCA FCCA

on behalf of Ian S Anderson, Chartered Accountant

Chartam House 16 College Avenue Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 6AX

Date: 7 February 2020

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	2	18,978	-	18,978	32,531
Other trading activities Investment income	3 4	20,202 1,462	-	20,202 1,462	18,650 973
Total		40,642		40,642	52,154
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds Charitable activities		22,142	-	22,142	20,298
Charitable expenditure		21,831		21,831	19,307
Total		43,973	· •	43,973	39,605
Net gains/(losses) on investments		4,292		4,292	1,688
NET INCOME		961	-	961	14,237
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			•		
Total funds brought forward		173,323	-	173,323	159,086
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		174,284	-	174,284	173,323

Balance Sheet At 31 October 2019

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2019 Total funds	2018 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	_			- 0/0	6.41.4
Tangible assets	9	5,860	-	5,860 35,879	6,414 31,587
Investments	10	35,879		33,679	31,367
		41,739	-	41,739	38,001
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	1,783	-	1,783	2,277
Debtors	12	3,675	-	3,675	5,565
Cash at bank and in hand		129,868	-	129,868	130,902
	•	135,326	<u>-</u>	135,326	138,744
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,781)	-	(2,781)	(3,422)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		132,545	-	132,545	135,322
	•				
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	S	174,284	-	174,284	173,323
NET ASSETS		174,284		174,284	173,323
					
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds	•			174,284	173,323
TOTAL FUNDS				174,284	173,323

Balance Sheet - continued At 31 October 2019

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 February 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

Peter Finch -Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts are prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- the date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made; or
- when a distribution is received from the estate.

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity and a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs of Generating Funds - Fundraising costs represent the costs of raising funds and include the costs of annual fundraising dinners and events and relevant administration costs.

Irrecoverable VAT - Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it arises.

Charitable expenditure - Charitable expenditure comprises the costs of carrying out the Society's Activities and includes the costs of producing the Thames Guardian magazine and charitable grants.

Central administration & Governance costs - Central administration costs not directly attributable to any particular activity are spread equally between fundraising and publicity and charitable expenditure. Governance costs are split in proportion to direct costs in a similar manner.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property

- not provided

Equipment

- at variable rates on reducing balance

Cutter

- 15% on reducing balance

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Stocks

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

Cash in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2019

2018

Investments

Listed Investments are valued at market value.

Investment Income is stated net of any unreclaimable tax credits.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

		£	£
	Donations	898	1,381
	Gift aid	845	4,208
	Legacies	-	10,000
	Subscriptions	17,235	16,942
		18,978	32,531
3.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		
		2019	2018
	·	£	£
	Fundraising events	12,508	10,924
	Sale of merchandise	315	467
	Thames Guardian magazine	6,852	6,852
	Other income - cutter	527	407
		20,202	18,650
		·	

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

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		2019	2018
		£	£
	Deposit account interest	1,451	966
	COIF interest	11	7
			
		1,462	973
		===	===
5.	GRANTS PAYABLE		
		2019	2018
		£	£
	Charitable expenditure	6,125	2,693
			
	The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:		***
	'	2019	2018
		£	£
	River Thames Boat Project - Activity Book	-	193
	Chiswick Eyot - Rejuvenation Project	-	250
	Thames 21 - 'In the Drink' Project	-	2,000
	Rivertime Boat Trust - Memorial Row	_	250
	Essex Yacht Club - Emergency water repair	1,000	250
		-	_
	1st Walton Sea Scouts - Purchase of a boat trailer	1,500	-
	Thames Path - New leaflet	900	-
	River and Rowing Museum - Educational project	2,000	-
	Leigh Heritage Centre - Interpretation boards	608	-
	River Thames Boat Project - New banners	117	-
		(135	2.602
		6,125	2,693
			
6.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	•	
	The above includes the		
	following charges:	2019	2018
	tono wing one goo.	£	£
	Indonesia desta considerada forma	990	990
	Independent examiner's fees	651	651
	Depreciation of fixed assets	001	031

Governance costs totalled £3,388 reflecting the costs of AGM and trustee meetings, accountancy support and independent examination. These costs have been apportioned equally between the two expenditure categories detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities.

In addition to the financial transactions, the Directors wish to acknowledge the considerable amount of time given voluntarily by members towards the work of the Society.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2019 nor for the year ended 31 October 2018.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2019 nor for the year ended 31 October 2018.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	32,531	-	32,531
Other trading activities	18,650	-	18,650
Investment income	973	-	973
Total	52,154	-	52,154
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	20,298	-	20,298
Charitable activities Charitable expenditure	19,307		19,307
Total	39,605	•	39,605
Net gains/(losses) on investments	1,688	-	1,688
NET INCOME	14,237	-	14,237
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	159,086	-	159,086
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	173,323	-	173,323
			

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Cutter £	Totals £
COST At 1 November 2018 and 31 October 2019	2,727	1,308	10,621	14,656
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 November 2018	•	1,306	6,936	8,242
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	1	553	554
At 31 October 2019		1,307	7,489	8,796
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 October 2019	2,727	1	3,132	5,860
At 31 October 2018	2,727	2	3,685	6,414
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS				
	•			COIF Ethical

10.

	COIF Ethical Investment
	Fund £
MARKET VALUE At 1 November 2018 Revaluations	31,587 4,292
At 31 October 2019	35,879
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 October 2019	35,879
At 31 October 2018	31,587

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Fixed asset investments is represented by 9,632.30 COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Accumulation Units purchased for £17,120 on 6 September 2012.

11. **STOCKS**

		2019	2018
	•	£	£
Merchandise for resale		1,783	2,277
	•		=====

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Prepayments and accrued income			2019 £ 3,675	2018 £ 5,565
	The reduction reflects the regular recovery Gift Aid ta	x from HM Revenu	e & Customs durin	g the year.	
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITH	IIN ONE YEAR			
	Accruals and deferred income			2019 £ 2,781	2018 £ 3,422
14.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	Unrestricted funds General fund		At 1.11.18 £ 173,323	let movement in funds £	At 31.10.19 £ 174,284
	TOTAL FUNDS		173,323	961	174,284
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as f	ollows:			
	Unrestricted funds	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
•	General fund	40,642	(43,973)	4,292	961
	TOTAL FUNDS	40,642	(43,973) ====	4,292	961
	Comparatives for movement in funds	٠	At 1.11.17 £	let movement in funds £	At 31.10.18 £
	Unrestricted Funds General fund	•	159,086	14,237	173,323
	TOTAL FUNDS		159,086	14,237	173,323

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	52,154	(39,605)	1,688	14,237
TOTAL FUNDS	52,154	(39,605)	1,688	14,237

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

Net movement			
At 1.11.17 £	in funds £	At 31.10.19	
159,086	15,198	174,284	
159,086	15,198	174,284	
At 1.11.17 in funds A £ £ 159,086 15,198			

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	92,796	(83,578)	5,980	15,198
TOTAL FUNDS	92,796	(83,578)	5,980	15,198

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The net movement in funds as shown on page 7 as required by the Charity's Statement of Recommended Practice is a surplus of £961 (2018 - £14,237). The deficit for Companies Act 2006 purposes is £3,331 (2018 - gain of £12,549) reflecting the amount before the unrealised gain (2018 gain) on revaluation of investments.

There were no Restricted Funds arising in the year.

The Unrestricted Funds consist of Branch and Headquarters' Funds

	31.10.18	Surplus/Deficit for the year	Transfers	1.10.19
	£	£	£	£
Branch Funds				
Upper Thames	2,346	(250)	0	2,095
Middle Thames	5,043	51	0	5,094
Teddington/Old Windsor	2,343	(209)	0	2,135
Upper Tideway	287	(21)	0	266
Central Tideway & Estuary	1,025	<u>370</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,395</u>
Branches Total	11,044	(59)	0	10,985
Headquarters	147,811	(3,272)	0	144,539
Revaluation Reserve	<u>14,468</u>	<u>4,292</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,760</u>
	173,323	<u>14,237</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>174,284</u>

15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 October 2019 the company had authorised and contracted for capital expenditure of £Nil (2018 £Nil).

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2019.

17. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY

The Society is a company 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 2019 was 846 (2018 - 846) representing 481 individuals (including 35 life members), 303 families (including 4 life membership), 1 students, 47 clubs and 14 corporate organisations.