



The Dulwich Society

Annual Report, Independent Examiner's Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended

31 December 2017

Registered Charity No 234192

The Dulwich Society

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Year to 31 December 2017

Trustees

Appointed 1st January 2018

Chairman – Ian McInnes*

Hon. Secretary – Susan Badman*

Hon. Treasurer – Russell Lloyd*

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Adrian Hill*

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*also served as trustees throughout 2017

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Aims and Objectives

The Dulwich Society is an unincorporated association registered as a charity on 1st May 1964 with registered charity number 234192. Its constitution was adopted on 12th March 1964. The constitution was last revised on 25th April 2016.

The Society's aims and objectives are to foster and safeguard the amenities of Dulwich, both in the interests of its residents and the wider local community of which it is a part, and to increase awareness of the varied character that makes the area so special.

The Society represents all parts of Dulwich, North, South, East and West in the London Borough of Southwark. It has several volunteer groups which actively seek improvements in public transport infrastructure and traffic (for car drivers, cyclists and pedestrians), architecture and design, trees, gardens, wildlife habitats and nature/species conservation, and understanding of local history.

Further details of the Society's aims and objectives are at <https://www.dulwichsociety.com/about-the-dulwich-society>

Organisation Structure

The Dulwich Society is administered by an Executive Committee, comprising the officers and the sub-committee chairs, which meets every two months. The Executive Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting by voting members of the Society. Matters of detail are delegated to sub-committees – Planning and Architecture, Traffic and Transport, Wildlife, Trees, Local History, and Gardens - which report to and whose chairs are members of the Executive Committee. In 2017 it was decided to form a Licensing sub-committee to examine the issues surrounding premises licences and their impact on local amenity.

In addition to the Executive Committee, honorary officers are elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting, currently comprising a President and two Vice-Presidents. Following a decision in 2016, Vice-President vacancies will no longer be filled, and the role will lapse.

The trustees who served in 2017 were the three main office holders of the Society and the immediate past Chairman. Following a review in 2017, it was decided that all members of the Executive Committee would become trustees with effect from 1st January 2018 or on appointment. New trustees will receive Charity Commission documentation to help them understand their obligations as trustees.

All members of the Executive Committee, Trustees and members of the sub-committees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Service on the Executive Committee or on one of the sub-committees is open to all members of the Society, and application by those who feel that they have relevant skills and time available are very welcome. They should be made in the first instance to the Chairman of the Society or to the chairman of the relevant sub-committee. All members of the Executive Committee are subject to re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

Performance and Achievement in 2017 – Review of 2017

In planning our activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Membership of the Society comprised over 1160 households in 2017 compared to over 1100 in 2016. This number represents approximately 20% of households in Dulwich.

The Society expanded its reach in 2017 with taking on the functions of The East Dulwich Society which was dissolved in line with its constitution and whose remaining funds were awarded to the Dulwich Society. The Society used the East Dulwich Society funds to make a grant to the Goose Green Primary School to construct a green anti-pollution screen along their boundary with Grove Vale which was warmly received.

The Society's quarterly journal continues to be regarded as one of the major benefits of Society membership and around 80% of the copies are still distributed by hand.

The popular monthly eNewsletter is now sent to 700 members - It provides a useful mechanism to keep members up to date on important issues affecting Dulwich (such as planning or transport proposals from Southwark) but also lets people know about events and activities in the area which cannot be included in the journal.

The Society is active on digital media including a web site and Twitter feed.

Donations: The Society awards funds to local projects that meet our objects. In 2017 these included the London Wildlife Trust (for continuance of work in Sydenham Hill Wood, open to the public), Safe Routes to School which promotes walking and cycling to school, The Horniman Museum's new Wall of Voices (which is visited by many Dulwich school groups), Goose Green School green anti-pollution wall, information signs, record digitisation and Dulwich Park tree plaques.

In addition, the Society has been successful in submitting project ideas for using Southwark Cleaner Greener Safer funds to enhance the Dulwich environment and improve local safety, securing Council funding for the repair and enhancement of the historic posts and chains, the replacement of the flagpole in the St Peter's War Memorial on Lordship Lane, the provision of information signage next to the stretcher railings in East Dulwich, and additional street trees.

The Society comments regularly on Council planning applications and is also a consultee for the Dulwich Estate on all changes to properties within the Estate's Scheme of Management. It encourages change, and welcomes good design appropriate to its setting, but actively defends Dulwich against the pressures of inappropriate development. In 2017 The Society through its Planning and Architecture Sub-Committee commented on 199 Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management licence applications - compared with 212 in 2016.

A key activity for the Society is to digitise and catalogue as many of its records and other local materials as possible so the material can be searched and reach a wider audience. Not only does this make answering heritage and family history questions easier but it also offers valuable resources for research and school projects and helps the local history libraries.

The Society is working with Dulwich College Archives on various projects linked to the College's forthcoming 400th anniversary in 2019. These include work on the medieval manor court rolls held there and digitising estate maps from the nineteenth century. Members of the Local History sub-committee contributed local history articles to the Journal and compiled an extensive history of Bell House, Dulwich Village, which houses a new educational charity, for its website. The walks and opening of the ancient burial ground in Dulwich Village organised for the Dulwich Festival were well attended. Research was undertaken for information boards to be erected at local landmarks in 2018.

The Society Chairman and Chair of the Planning and Architecture sub-committee, together with representatives from Dulwich residents' associations drawn from across the Dulwich Estate, sit on the Estate Scheme of Management (SOM) Advisory Group which meets three times a year to discuss matters relating to the SOM, and other Estate issues which impact the amenity of Dulwich.

The Society was represented on the Dulwich Safe Routes to School Group, the Police Safer Neighbourhood Panel, and the Dulwich Events Partnership and works closely with a range of stakeholders across Dulwich.

An important focus of the Society is encouraging public engagement in local issues and consultations through public meetings, its website and digital media as well as through its regular newsletters and journals. In 2017, the Society has continued to be very active in the promotion of public engagement and consultation on transport, local developments & planning applications. It organised public meetings and responded to consultations on several local issues including:

- The future of The Grove Tavern at the junction of the South Circular and Lordship Lane.
- The New Southwark Plan.
- The Quietway 7 implementation in Dulwich Village and proposals for re-routing school coaches which cause daily congestion in Dulwich Village during term-time
- The holistic review of Dulwich traffic management – the Dulwich Traffic Management Study - which aims to inform future traffic projects in Dulwich.

- Government railway consultations affecting the Dulwich area – station improvements and railway timetables.

The ninth consecutive annual brochure “Dulwich Gardens Open For Charity” was issued with the spring journal. Copies were distributed to all members of the Society and an additional 4,000+ copies to relevant local outlets. The brochure gives details of some 40 local gardens that raise considerable sums for the National Gardens Scheme (supporting cancer, caring and gardening charities), St Christopher’s Hospice, Link Age Southwark and other local and national charities.

The Society organised garden tours and a lecture for members, and a variety of other history talks and walks throughout the year, which were very popular.

The Society continues to advise members about their tree problems via an email helpline and is working on the mapping and labelling of the many interesting trees in Dulwich Park. The Society has secured funding to enable ten new trees to be planted including two in the Dulwich Library garden.

Dulwich has an exceptional level of green space with many parks, sports fields, woods and large gardens. The Wildlife sub-committee tries to ensure that these spaces are maintained to provide not only enjoyment for people but also to benefit local wildlife. Dramatic insect decline is a real threat to wildlife in general and habitat loss is a major worry. It continues to affect many species, including birds, hedgehogs and bats. In our efforts to counteract these trends, the Wildlife sub-committee works closely with the Society’s Trees and Gardens sub-committees, as well as Southwark’s Ecology Officer, the Council’s Park Managers and the Friends Groups of all the local parks

A full report and further details of the Society’s activities can be found at www.dulwichsociety.com. The Chair and Sub-Committee reports were presented and approved at the Society’s Annual General Meeting on 30th April 2018.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2017, which were approved at the Society’s Annual General Meeting on 30th April 2018, follow this report.

Overall, the Society showed a surplus of £2,489 for the year, compared to the previous year’s figure of £8,031, a reduction of circa £5,542.

The main difference between the two years relates to lower total income in 2017, because almost no donations and grants were received in the year- compared with £17,104 in 2016, which included a legacy of £10,104.

Expenditure was lower in 2017 by £4,671, because of one-off costs in 2016 that were not repeated in 2017. Further, in 2017 we made net provisions of £1,489, against £12,500 in 2016.

Donations and grants made in 2017 were £5,334 against £1,000 in 2016.

Reserves Policy

The accumulated funds at 31 December 2017 totalled some £44,000, broadly represented by bank balances and bank deposits. The annual expenditure of the Society each year depends in part on the cost of projects that are undertaken in that year, with an underlying surplus in recent years before project expenditure. Given the wish to fund worthwhile projects as they arise and the uncertain nature of the advertising income which partly funds the Society's quarterly journals, it is the Trustees' policy to hold as reserves at least 12 months normal expenditure (approximately £16,000) together with a further £10,000 to cover unplanned major projects. In addition, the Trustees are reserving the unspent amount from the legacy received in 2016 for future local history projects, which they consider reflect the interests of the legatee, amounting to some £8,000. These amounts total some £34,000. Reserves at 31 December 2017 were therefore in excess of this, and it is the intention to continue to seek out worthwhile projects to support that meet the Society's objects.

Society Contact

Mrs Susan Badman, Secretary, Dulwich Society (see public contact details on the Charity Commission entry)

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Susan Badman, Secretary of the Dulwich Society and Trustee

31 October 2018

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -

31 DECEMBER 2017

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Dulwich Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Dulwich Society (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the trustee's accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by s. 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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Date: 28.4.2018

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017		2016	
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Subscriptions		14,002		15,281	
Interest receivable		47		86	
Advertising	2	6,446		5,453	
Gardens Open for Charity advertising	3	2,375		2,920	
"The Home Front" booklet	4	6		-	
Dulwich Society Tree Map	4	5		-	
"Pubs of Dulwich & Herne Hill"	4	292		1,011	
Dulwich Festival		200		188	
Donations and grants received	5	30		17,104	
East Dulwich Society donation		1,224		-	
Rosebery Lodge rent received		526		-	
Total income			25,153		42,043
Expenditure					
Newsletters and journal		7,542		8,742	
Printing and stationery		250		1,134	
Postage, telephone and related expenses		1,090		204	
Hire of hall and meetings expenses		150		350	
Subscriptions		-		103	
Social events		1,110		1,028	
Front Garden Competition		-		770	
Insurance		343		281	
Development of website		1,075		1,018	
Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity booklet	3	2,872		2,845	
Printing of "Pubs of Dulwich & Herne Hill"	4	254		1,082	
Edward Alleyn statue	6	393		437	
Repairs & maintenance		15		286	
Dulwich Burial Ground leaflets etc		-		1,645	
Rosebery Lodge		189		309	
Pubs exhibition cost		-		240	
Park tree labels		399		-	
Gifts		87		38	
Remembrance Sunday wreaths		72		-	
Total expenditure			15,841		20,512
Net income			9,312		21,531
Less:					
Provisions:					
London Wildlife Trust		285		6,000	
Digitising maps & court rolls		1,900		-	
Police pamphlets received don)		-		5,000	
Removal of Cherry Laurel		-		1,500	
Plaque for Stella Benwell		(600)		1,000	
Rosebery Lodge sign in park		(96)		(500)	
Dulwich Bowling Club		-	1,489	(500)	12,500
Donations and grants made	7		5,334		1,000
Net income and net movement in funds			2,489		8,031
Total funds brought forward			41,796		33,765
Total funds carried forward			44,285		41,796

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**Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2017**

	Note	2017		2016	
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	5		5	
Investments	9	<u>20,245</u>	20,250	<u>20,198</u>	20,203
Current assets					
Cash at bank - Barclays		32,230		33,950	
Cash at bank - NatWest		418		416	
Sundry debtors	10	<u>1,082</u>		<u>795</u>	
		33,730		35,161	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Sundry creditors	11	<u>4,265</u>		<u>68</u>	
		4,265		68	
Net current assets			<u>29,465</u>		<u>35,093</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			49,715		55,296
Provisions for liabilities	12		(5,430)		(13,500)
Total net assets			<u><u>44,285</u></u>		<u><u>41,796</u></u>
Unrestricted funds					
Accumulated fund 1.1.2017			41,796		33,765
Net income for the year			2,489		8,031
Accumulated fund 31.12.17			<u><u>44,285</u></u>		<u><u>41,796</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees

Chairman 
I McInnes

Hon. Treasurer 
R Lloyd

Date 23/4/18

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of the financial statements.

THE DULWICH SOCIETY
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2017

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Society constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Funds structure

The Society's funds are unrestricted. There are no restricted funds.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of assets, less estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Computer equipment: 3 years straight line basis

1.4 Income and expenditure recognition

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

1.5 Value added tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the Society, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Advertising

The Society accepts a limited amount of advertising in its quarterly newsletter to help defray the costs of production.

3 Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity advertising

The annual booklet is distributed in March each year and also accepts a limited amount of advertising to help with its cost of production.

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

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4 Booklets & other publications

"The Home Front"

During the latter half of 1995 the Society agreed to underwrite the costs of producing a booklet on the experiences of Dulwich during the war years. To date, the publication has resulted in a net profit to the Society of £2,440.

"Who Was Who in Dulwich"

In 2002 the Society agreed to underwrite the cost of the production. The net cost to the Society to date is £628.

Dulwich Society Tree Map

Sales of the tree map commenced in 2005. The net cost to the Society to date is £580.

"Pubs of Dulwich & Herne Hill"

In 2016 the Society agreed to share the costs of this publication with The Herne Hill Society. The net cost to the Society to date is £33.

5 Donations received

The following donations were received during the year:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Legacy of Miss Boast	-	10,104
Southwark - for Police pamphlets	-	5,000
Southwark - for Burial Ground leaflets	-	2,000
Sundry	30	-
	<u>30</u>	<u>17,104</u>

6 Edward Alleyn Statue costs

Costs incurred include insurance, Smartwater and alarm costs.

7 Donations and grants made

	2017	2016
	£	£
Safer routes to school	169	-
Blind Veterans	50	-
St Barnabas Church white board	540	-
Horniman Museum	1,500	-
Goose Green - green boundary wall	3,000	-
LWT Great North Wood	75	-
Wheels for Well Being	-	1,000
	<u>5,334</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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Notes to the accounts (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2017

8 Tangible assets	Statue Camera	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
Cost				
At 1.1.2017	3,529	653	1,750	5,932
Additions in year	-	-	-	0
At 31.12.2017	<u>3,529</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>5,932</u>
Depreciation				
At 1.1.2017	3,528	650	1,749	5,927
Charge for year	-	-	-	-
At 31.12.2017	<u>3,528</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>5,927</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31.12.2017	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
At 31.12.2016	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
 9 Investments		2017 £		2016 £
COIF Charities deposit account		<u>20,245</u>		<u>20,198</u>
 10 Debtors		2017 £		2016 £
Advertising revenue		<u>1,082</u>		<u>795</u>
 11 Sundry creditors		2017 £		2016 £
Accruals		<u>4,265</u>		<u>68</u>
 12 Provisions for liabilities		2017 £		2016 £
London Wildlife Trust		-		6,000
Police pamphlets (donation received)		4,646		5,000
Removal of cherry laurel		784		1,500
Plaque for Stella Benwell		-		1,000
		<u>5,430</u>		<u>13,500</u>

13 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

14 Emoluments and expenses

None of the Society's trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits or expenses from the charity.