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Company registration no. 4574188

Charity no. 1074596

Trustees' annual report

For the year ended 31 March 2015



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Charity information

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ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

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The Hackney Society is a membership organisation and a registered charity, and since February 2008 a company limited by guarantee. An elected Board of Trustees, drawn from the membership, manages the work of the Society.

What do we do?

- Organise public events including talks, guided walks, exhibitions and site visits (aimed at members, non-members and new audiences)
- Produce publications which celebrate Hackney's social, cultural and architectural history
- Produce a regular newsletter 'Spaces' to highlight the society's work and important current issues
- Campaign to protect local buildings of historical and/or architectural merit
- Co-ordinate a Planning Sub-group
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- Support the six Conservation Areas Advisory Committees made up of local people
- Secure funding for community history, cultural heritage, and conservation and regeneration projects
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Review of activities during year ended 31 March 2015

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The Management Committee would like to thank the following people for supporting our events programme through volunteering to participate in these events: Ray Blackburn, Sean Gubbins, Polly Hudson, Claudia Jessop, Edward Lipton, Donna McDonald, Julian Putkowski, Sam Roberts, Ray Rogers and Megan Webber. Their energy and commitment is greatly appreciated and to be recognised.

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4. Websites

The Society continues to maintain three distinct sites and is grateful to *Community Sites* for their continued provision of services at very reasonable costs for community and amenity groups such as ours:

hackneysociety.org

hackneybuildings.org (aka lovelocallandmarks.org)

This went live on 20 September 2013.

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Membership

We have 250 members of whom 76 are life members.

Planning

1. The Planning Sub-group

The Planning Sub-Group seeks to meet on a monthly basis and aims to look at and comment upon significant planning applications in the Borough. The group aims to not only raise questions and concerns over some proposed developments, but also to provide support to those bringing new visions and quality of design.

On occasion comment is requested from the group by applicants or interested parties in connection with specific proposals, both during or prior to planning consultation.

The group seek to have a presence at the quarterly Hackney Planning User Forum and joint Hackney CAACs meetings with the Council; during this financial year there has been only one PUF and no joint Hackney CAACs meeting.

There has been no progress in the reinstatement of a non-voting seat amongst the Councillors on the Planning Sub-Committee, nor has there been any approach to Hackney to secure a place on the Design Review Panel, which was previously proposed as a reasonable alternative.

Lisa Shell, who joined the group in April 2014, after an absence of a couple of years, took over the chair in November 2014.

The following members, including a number of recent recruits, have met each month since early 2015 and have also attended a number of pre-application presentations:

Lisa Shell, Nick Perry, Claire Warnock, David Shaw, Celine Mionnet, Katherine Leat, Trevor Horne, Robin Mallilieu, Dickon Hayward, Peter Lunter, Ken Rorrison; with occasional attendance from: Jim Richards, Cordula Weisser, Dinah Bornat, Jerry Tate.



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Partnerships

The Hackney Society works with other organisations in Hackney. In particular, it is represented on the committees of Hackney Heritage and Built Environment Partnership (HHBEP, also known as Discover Hackney) and Friends of Hackney Archives.

Plans for 2015/16

We continue to plan a new edition of the HS publication *Hackney Houses: a guide to improvement, conservation, sustainability and maintenance*. We are having a complete rethink about the content of this work.

We organised a 20km sponsored walk to raise money to publish a book in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Hackney Society, it will look at each of the 50 years and use the date to look at different topics to trace not only the history of the Society, but also of the borough. The sponsored walk took place on Saturday 9th May starting at St Augustine's Tower and taking in Victoria Park, the Olympic Park, the old River Lea by Hackney Marshes, Middlesex Filter Beds, Walthamstow Marshes and Walthamstow Wetlands, and finishing at Springfield Park. The total cost of production and marketing for the book is estimated at £8,000 and the walk raised over £2,500, enabling us to seek further match funding.

We aim to continue all the work and events programme that the Society has been undertaking in the past year, but to do this we need to establish some core-funding which in this economic climate is very challenging.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR

ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

The charitable company ('The Society') has prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005). The financial statements also comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and the governing document of the charitable company.

ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

Legal status

The Hackney Society Limited is constituted as a company limited by Guarantee having been incorporated on 25th October 2002 and is therefore governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. On 17th November 2008 the company was granted charitable status.

Trustees

A Trustee is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Charity and a Director for the purposes of the

Companies Act 2006. The Trustees who held office during the year or were appointed since are as follows:

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Trustee Appointment and induction and training

The power of appointing new Trustees is vested in the existing Trustees.

On appointment new Trustees are provided with information about the activities of the Society including copies of minutes of previous Board meetings, copies of the financial statements and details of the Trustees' responsibilities in law.

Organisational structure

The Trustees must hold a meeting at least once a year and every trustee has one vote on each issue with the Chair holding the casting vote.

The Trustees, meeting at least once a year and more frequently when necessary, are the decision-making body. The Trustees do not receive any remuneration. The day to day administration of the Charity is delegated to the Society's Secretary.

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Risk policy

The Trustees have identified the risk that the Society may be exposed to and continue to monitor existing controls in place in order to mitigate those risks.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity Commission in its Charities and Public Benefit Guidance requires that there are two key principles to be met to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit. Firstly, there must be an identifiable benefit. Secondly, the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

The Trustees confirm that in setting the charity's objectives and in planning its activities, they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that they will continue to ensure each year that they will consider how the Society continues to meet the public benefit objectives outlined in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Society has met the requirements of the public benefit guidance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Summary of the main activities of the Society in relation to its objectives

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CHARITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's principal source of funding in the period under review derived from membership subscriptions (£2,297) and from book sales (£1,545) and events held (£1,155). The Society also received further funding towards specific projects totaling £500.

The Trustees are satisfied with the results for the year disclosed on page 7. At the year-end date the Charity's general reserves stood at £12,625. The Charity also held £2,125 in restricted funds.

Reserves policy

In order for the Society to meet its stated aims and objectives it continues to be dependent upon donations. The donations received in any given year will dictate amounts that can be applied by The Hackney Society for its charitable purposes. Consequently, the Trustees consider it appropriate to carry forward a sufficient level of reserves to meet its immediate needs and also to ensure the short term liquidity and long term financial stability of the Charity.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

..... T Gillett – Trustee

Dated: 2015

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HACKNEY SOCIETY LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

I report on the accounts of The Hackney Society [the charity] for the year ended 31 March 2015 as set out elsewhere.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144[2] of the Charities Act 2011 [the 2011 Act] and that an independent examination is appropriate.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 [b] of the 2011 Act;
- 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 of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 [the 2006 Act]; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, beyond disclosures already made, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A separate letter has been compiled for trustees mentioning certain issues, not required to be reported here, for their consideration.

David J Harris FCMA
36 Malvern Road
London E8 3LP

Dated: 17 July 2015

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Notes	General funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and grants		190	500	690	866
Activities for generating funds:	2	4,997		4,997	6,857
Investment income:					
UK bank interest		4		4	4
Total incoming resources		<u>5,191</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>5,691</u>	<u>7,727</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds:					
Fundraising and event costs	3	1,166	425	1,591	2,316
Charitable activities:					
Publications and campaigning	5	2,229	1,270	3,499	9,007
Governance costs:	6	155		155	1,717
Total resources expended		<u>3,550</u>	<u>1,695</u>	<u>5,245</u>	<u>13,040</u>
Net movement in funds for the year before transfers		1,641	[1,195]	446	[5,313]
Transfer between funds					
		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year	7	<u>1,641</u>	<u>[1,195]</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>[5,313]</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>10,984</u>	<u>3,320</u>	<u>14,304</u>	<u>19,617</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>12,625</u>	<u>2,125</u>	<u>14,750</u>	<u>14,304</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2015

	Notes	31.3.2015		31.3.2014	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9				
Current assets:					
Stock of books		9,426		10,193	
Debtors: accrued income		275			
Cash at bank		<u>5,249</u>		<u>5,656</u>	
		14,950		15,849	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year: accrued expenses		(200)		(1,545)	
Net current assets			14,750		14,304
Net assets			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
			14,750		14,304
Represented By	10				
General funds	11		12,625		10,984
Restricted funds	12		2,125		3,320
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			14,750		14,304
			<hr/>		<hr/>

The charitable Company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2015.

The Directors have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors 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 Section 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 special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on xx xxx 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:

..... T Gilllett - Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2005).

b. Incoming resources

Incoming resources represent income generated from the charitable company's ordinary activities.

Voluntary income whether received by way of donation or grant is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it relates to.

Incoming resources from book sales are accounted for when earned. Membership subscriptions are recognised in the year in which they are received.

c. Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the company to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the categories. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in seeking voluntary contributions together with attributable support costs.

Charitable activities represent those specific direct costs incurred in providing public education materials. They also include support costs for providing logistical support and managing project expenditure.

Governance costs represent all costs involving public accountability of the charitable company and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related with statutory audit and constitutional requirements together with attributable support costs.

Support costs and overheads have been allocated across activity categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resource, eg salaries allocated on the basis of estimated time spent and office overheads by estimated usage.

d. Tangible fixed assets

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

Website - 33% Straight Line

e. Cash flow statement

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No.1 from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

f. Stock of books

Stocks of donated books are included at the Trustee's valuation. Stocks of books produced are valued at the lower of production cost and net realisable value.

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1. Accounting Policies -continued

g. Funds

General funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Charity without specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are those funds set aside by the trustees from unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are specifically donated to the charity where the donor has specified they be used for the benefit of a specific project within the objects of the charity, or for a particular administrative cost.

2 Activities for generating funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 31.3.2015	Total 31.3.2014
	£	£	£	£
Membership income	2,297		2,297	2,845
Book sales	1,545		1,545	3,076
Fundraising event	1,155		1,155	936
	<u>4,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,997</u>	<u>6,857</u>

3 Allocation of support costs

	Costs of generating voluntary income	Charitable activities	Governance	Total 31.3.2015	Total 31.3.2014
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance	61	105	9	175	175
Office cost	218	363	146	727	1037
	<u>279</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>1,212</u>

4 Cost of generating funds: fund-raising and event costs

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 31.3.2015	Total 31.3.2014
	£	£	£	£
Cost of books sold and provision for slow moving stock	767		767	1,504
Cost of events held	120	425	545	440
Attributed support costs	<u>279</u>		<u>279</u>	<u>372</u>
	<u>1166</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>1591</u>	<u>2316</u>

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5 **Costs of generating funds: analysis of charitable expenditure**

	Publication & Literature costs	Campaigning & public awareness	Total 31.3.2015	Total 31.3.2014
5 By activity:	£	£	£	£
Newsletter	1,320	1,319	2,639	2,638
Direct costs	196	196	392	5,746
Support costs	234	234	468	623
	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>3,499</u>	<u>9,007</u>
5 By fund:	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 31.3.2015	Total 31.3.2014
	£	£	£	£
Newsletter	2,112	527	2,639	2,638
Direct costs		392	392	5,746
Support costs	117	351	468	623
	<u>2,229</u>	<u>1,270</u>	<u>3,499</u>	<u>9,007</u>

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6	Governance costs:	General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 31.3.2015 £	Total 31.3.2014 £
	Independent examiner's fees			-	1,500
	Support costs (see note 3)	155		155	217
		155		155	1,717
7	Surplus/ (deficit) for the year:			31.3.2015 £	31.3.2014 £
				446	5,313

There were no persons employed by the charitable company during the year [2013:nil]. None of the Trustees/Directors received any emoluments or were reimbursed expenses during the period under review.

8 Taxation

As a registered charity, the Society is potentially exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within sections 466-493 of the Corporation Act 2010 and section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent these are applied for charitable purposes.

9 Tangible fixed assets

		Website
Cost		£
At 1 April 2014		8,290
Additions in the year		
At 31 March 2015		8,290
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2014		8,290
Charge for year		
At 31 March 2015		8,290
Net book value		
At 31 March 2014		Nil
At 31 March 2015		Nil

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10 **Analysis of net assets between funds:**

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Current assets	12,825	1,850	14,675
Creditors	(200)	275	75
Fund balance	<u>12,625</u>	<u>2,125</u>	<u>14,750</u>

11 **General funds**

General funds are those funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

12 **Restricted funds**

The fund balances listed below represent the excess of donations or grants received over expenditure incurred for those projects whereby the

	Balance at 1.4.2014 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31.3.14 £
Discover Hackney	2,395		(930)	1,465
Love Local Landmarks	925	500	(765)	660
	<u>3,320</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(1,695)</u>	<u>2,125</u>

Discover Hackney: The Hackney Society is a member of the Hackney Heritage and Built Environment Partnership (HHBEP) which funded the Beating the Bounds of the Olympics Project. At the year end date the unexpended funds stood at £1,465.

Love Local Landmarks (including locally listed buildings): This relates to funding received by the Society primarily from English Heritage to carry out a full survey of the borough's 448 locally listed buildings, to include documenting each building by taking photographs, writing short architectural descriptions and assessing their condition. We also identified and nominated about 100 additional buildings that they considered suitable for adding to the list. The data collated has been added to an online catalogue and forms part of the English Heritage Historic Environment Record. The project also provided a tool kit which includes tips on defining the scope of the project, best practice in identifying and training volunteers: It also provides sample survey sheets and list entries. At the year end date the unexpended balance stood at £660.

13. **Related Party transactions**

During the year the Charity paid Monica Blake (Trustee) £200 (in the previous year: £550) for professional services provided.

14. **Legal status**

The Company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of a winding up is limited to £1.