

THE TEDDINGTON SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 802026

**THE TEDDINGTON SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Vice Presidents Roger Avins, Paddy Ching, John Demont

OFFICERS:

Chair Position Vacant
Vice Chair Liz Waters
Hon Secretary Andy Weston
Hon Treasurer Sally Howland
Membership Secretary Ann Whitfield
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WORKING GROUP LEADERS:

Environment Geoff Howland
Gardens Jo Nicholds
History Ken Howe
Planning Rosemary McGlashon
Riverside Andy Weston
Transport Position Vacant

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Tidings and Twitter Liz Waters
Website Donald Bell
Corporate Liaison Position Vacant
Events Denise Woods
Transport Advisor Brian Holder

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ANNUAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The members of the Executive Committee, present their report on the activities of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2023.

VICE CHAIR: Liz Waters

2023 has seen a lot of change for the Society. At the beginning of the year our longstanding Chairman, Sheena Harold, sadly died after a short illness. Since then, the Society has been led by the Honorary Officers (Sally, Liz, Andy & Ann) who have been sharing the responsibility of the Chairman's role.

It was also our 50th Anniversary, and we celebrated with a special edition of *Tidings*, an updated booklet entitled *A Walk in the High Street* delivered to all Members alongside *Tidings*, an Anniversary Party, a new tea towel and a special mug! Sheena was so looking forward to the anniversary it is a great shame that she didn't manage to celebrate it herself.

Reflecting on the fact that we had been around for 50 years, the Committee decided that it would be a good idea to survey our members to understand what we were doing right and what we could improve on. The response was great – thanks to everyone who provided input. Several changes have started to be made as a result (documented on the website) and you'll hear more in 2024.

After several years not being able to hold events, we had a busy year with events and activities:

- As a mark of respect following Sheena's death, the 2023 New Year Party was cancelled.
- The AGM took place in March at the NPL offices, chaired by our President Baroness Jenny Hilton. It featured a talk by Dr Penny Owen about the work of the NPL.
- Teddington In Flower made a much welcome return in April after three years absence.
- The much-loved Village Fair returned, organised by The Rotary Club of Teddington and The Hamptons in conjunction with The Teddington Society.
- We started to host regular Coffee/Tea Socials and Games Evenings.
- We held a 50th Anniversary Party in October.
- Our Gardens Group kicked off Horticultural Talks with talks in October and December.
- We once again took a stall at Teddington Lights Up.
- We rejoined the London Forum (organisation representing over 100 amenity & civic societies across London).
- Other activities are detailed in the Group Reports below.

It was also a busy year also for consultations affecting Teddington – see more of these in the Group reports.

New Members of The Teddington Society Team

We welcomed Mike Woods to the Committee as Publicity and Promotions Officer and Denise Woods as Events Organiser. Sadly, Mike decided to stand down from his role at the start of 2024. He has however now agreed to rejoin the Committee at the AGM as Secretary.

Going Forwards

We have so far been unsuccessful in finding a new Chair to take on this key leadership role despite having advertised widely and approached some potential candidates. We would ask that members think carefully about whether they, or someone they know, would be interested in taking on the role.

We also need to fill other vacant posts on the committee:

- Corporate Liaison
- Publicity & Promotions Officer
- Transport Group Leader.

MEMBERSHIP: Ann Whitfield

Membership numbers

As at the end of 2023, there were **671** active memberships and **967** members in total (including 296 “linked” members), with the breakdown of membership types and the changes, since the end of 2022, shown below:

Membership Types	Dec-23	%	Dec-22	%	Change	2023 Leavers	2023 Joiners	Change
Complimentary	12	2%	11	2%	+1		+1	+1
Corporate	53	8%	44	7%	+9	-4	13	+9
Family / Couple	72	11%	71	11%	+1	-3	+8	+5
Individual	89	13%	81	13%	+8	-8	+17	+9
Senior Couple (over 60)	213	32%	199	32%	+14	-9	+24	+15
Senior Individual (over 60)	232	35%	222	35%	+10	-20	+24	+4
Totals:	671	100%	628	100%	+43	-44	+87	+43

This represents a 6% increase in memberships and 8% increase in members across the year, this is in contrast to the decrease in memberships we saw in 2022. We welcomed **127 new members** (relating 87 new memberships), but sadly failed to retain 63 members (relating to 44 expired or closed memberships).

Member interests

Following the change to include member interest fields on the membership system in May 2023, we are able to prioritise and target our activities and communications accordingly. Below is the status as at the end of 2023, with over 18% of members sharing their interests with us

Interests (as at end 2023)	Number of members	% of total members
History	150	16%
Environment	129	13%
Riverside	127	13%
Gardens	126	13%
Planning	118	12%
Theatre & Music	118	12%
Talks	116	12%
Transport	97	10%
Walks	97	10%
Food & Drink	76	8%
Coffee / Tea Socials	63	7%
Wine	58	6%
Sport	40	4%
Games & Quizzes	32	3%
Art (new category added Dec 2023)	23	2%
Other Interests	17	2%
Total members flagging at least 1 interest	178	18%
Total members	967	

The most popular interests are History, Environment & Riverside. *Please make sure you have recorded your interests on the membership system or contact the Membership Secretary to do this for you.*

Tidings format

The number of members opting to have Tidings delivered by email has increased to 18%, but there are no plans to cease to production and delivery of printed copies of Tidings, just to offer a choice to members.

Tidings format	Dec-23	%	Dec-22	%	Change
Emailed copy	123	18%	39	6%	+84
Printed copy - Delivered	493	73%	523	83%	-30
Printed copy - Posted	55	8%	66	11%	-11
Totals:	671	100%	628	100%	+43

Many thanks to the 20+ members who give up their time, in all weathers, to deliver Tidings for us.

Source of new memberships

From the beginning of 2023 we started collecting data from new members on how they first heard about the Teddington Society. A summary for 2023 is shown below:

New Membership Source Report (2023)	Corporate		Family / Couple		Individual		Senior Couple		Senior Individual		Total	%
Referral from another member	8	3	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	26	30%	
Teddington Society publicity			6	7	10	23	26%					
Teddington Society event	1	1	4	5	5	16	18%					
Lapsed Member rejoining	4	1	1	3	1	10	11%					
Unknown	1	3	3	3	2	12	14%					
Grand Total	14	8	17	24	24	87	100%					

As can be seen, the most effective way of recruiting new members was by referral from another member, *so please keep up the good work and help us by encouraging more of your friends & neighbours to join us too!*

Demographics

Since November 2023, members (when they join & renew online), are optionally asked to provide some demographic information (aligning with the questions asked in the recent survey). It is early days, but over 14% of members had completed this data at the end of 2023:

Age Group (as at end 2023)	Number of members	% of total members
Under 25 years		0.0%
26 - 40 years		0.0%
41 - 60 years	11	1.6%
60 - 75 years	54	8.0%
Over 75 years	29	4.3%
Prefer not to say	3	0.4%
Total completed	97	14.5%
Grand Total	671	100.0%

Children in Household? (as at end of 2023)	Number of members	% of total members
Yes	8	1.2%
No	83	12.4%
Prefer not to say	3	0.4%
Total completed	94	14.0%
Grand Total	671	100.0%

Please make sure you have recorded your demographic data on the membership system or contact the Membership Secretary to do this for you.

Member contact details

Holding an up-to date email address for members on our membership system is important for communications and reduces our administration. The number held is increasing, but it is accepted that there are still some members who do not use email, in which case, having a phone number is then important.

Member Contact details	Dec-23	%	Dec-22	%	Change
Email address held	590	88%	539	86%	+51
No email address	69	10%	75	12%	-6
No email address or phone number	12	2%	14	2%	-2
Totals:	671	100%	628	100%	+43

In addition, of the 296 “linked” members, we had email addresses for 114 of them on the membership system at the end of 2023 (36%), so they also receive any group emails sent out.

Membership fees

A proposal for an increase in the membership fees has been made (see separate motion).

GARDENS: Jo Nicholds

EVENTS AND TALKS:

Teddington in Flower: in April 2023, the Society held its first Teddington in Flower event after a three-year Covid-enforced gap. We were fortunate to have 12 lovely gardens open and over 250 visitors. We were donated plants to sell outside the Landmark Arts Centre, St Mary with Alban Church supported the day with teas and cakes, and the Adopt-a-Grave volunteers were on hand to showcase the hard work done in the churchyard. Audiences in the church were entertained to two impressive displays of handbell ringing alongside a wonderful display of floral art.

We were overwhelmingly grateful to everyone who helped organise the event and to volunteers on the day, and especially to our garden owners for all their hard work in preparing their gardens and their willingness to welcome us in. The event raised a record breaking £3,650 for charity shared between Kingston Samaritans and the Landmark Arts Centre.

Horticultural Group Talks

October 2023: In early October, we organised our first garden talk at the Teddington Constitutional Club, welcoming Andrew Halstead, author, lecturer and retired Principal Entomologist for the Royal Horticultural Society for an entertaining hour on the topic of ‘Encouraging wildlife in your garden – how you can develop your garden to benefit wildlife without turning it into a weed-filled wilderness’.

December 2023: We were delighted to have Head Gardener and lecturer, Edward Flint talk to us about ‘What makes a good garden’. It was an entertaining and enjoyable evening, if sometimes provocative, depending on your feelings about Heucheras amongst others!

Future events: We’ve decided to organise the next Teddington in Flower in 2025 allowing us time to regroup and plan for hopefully an even bigger and better event.

COMMUNITY GARDENING:

Thanks to those who have come forward to join a small group of volunteer gardeners who can get involved in planting and tidying our community spaces around the town. We have added new plants and tulip bulbs to both beds on the Teddington Memorial Gardens and planted some snowdrop & aconite bulbs, donated by our Parks officers, around some of the trees on the green. In addition, we have now adopted and planted up the square brick planter outside the old police station and will be dedicating this planter to the memory of our former Chairman, Sheena Harold. The other brick planter at the end of The Causeway (with the Loquat tree) continues to be maintained beautifully by volunteers Michael and Jackie Minas. We are looking to grow our community volunteer gardening group, helping to maintain and enhance these spaces, and if possible extend our capacity for community gardening in Teddington.

HISTORY: Ken Howe

Following the untimely death of Sheena in January 2023, the Group met in February to decide its future. This was the first meeting since 11 March 2020 as a result of Covid-19 and a reluctance to resume meetings after then. Everyone present agreed that the Group should go on. It was agreed that the Group would meet every 6 weeks at the home of a member, rather than at a public meeting place. Dick and Gilley Hughes kindly volunteered to host meetings. Meetings to be held in the afternoons and not last longer than 2 hours unless there were exceptional circumstances. Minutes would be kept of the meetings and reports submitted monthly to the Executive Committee and for *Tidings* as appropriate. The main programme would be to deal with incoming everyday enquiries, organised group projects and any other topics of interest.

The first working meeting covered a look at Sheena's "Stuff" which was a collection of items that had been accumulated by Sheena. No further action was required for most of them. We also looked at a long list of people who either lived in Teddington or who had a Teddington connection. It was decided that there was nothing new to write about them for the moment. I am reviewing all old copies of the newsletter and *Tidings* and extracting all articles worthy of retention and recording online. There were 6 new enquiries that had been dealt with.

After the AGM in March, the focal point of our research was the resurrected survey of businesses. Two previous surveys had been carried out showing the type and nature of businesses carried out in 1939 and 2017. The latest survey was carried out in Broad Street, High Street, The Causeway and Church Road. The general response from the public had been good and no one was turned away empty-handed. The survey has been completed and will be deposited in the Richmond Local Studies Library.

We entered a team in the Borough "Know Your Place" Local History Quiz. A valiant effort but we only came fifth. The Council have asked us to supply a list of names suitable for being added to engraved paving stones in Broad Street. We duly did this but are still awaiting to hear whether any more names will be needed.

The next projects we will be looking at are:

- 1) The Grove – a history of the building and its occupants
- 2) Cinemas – a short history of all the cinemas in the town
- 3) The Library – a history of the building and how it came about with a note of the architect and the members of the Library Committee as noted on the foundation Stone.

I collected a series of 5 watercolour paintings from a house in St Alban's Gardens entitled "Old Udney Cottage" by E Puckle and dated 1933. The house at St Alban's Gardens belonged to Pamela Bryant, a long-time supporter of Teddington Hospital, who had moved into a Care Home and the house was being cleared by her niece, Gemma Riley, who also happens to be the Lock Keeper. Gemma felt that Old Udney Cottage might have been bombed in the last war. The Group found an entry in Kelly's Directory of 1939 showing: Camps, Fitzgerald, Hogbin & Mayston, Physicians and Surgeons at Old Udney Cottage, Kingston Lane. Some planning applications were found which suggested that the building was demolished in the 1950s.

We discovered that John Janzen, an anti-graffiti campaigner and supporter of the Environment Group had died ignominiously on 18 November 2023. John had been awarded the MBE in 2003 for repainting the suspension bridge the previous year. I will prepare an obituary for the next edition of *Tidings*.

There has been a steady stream of enquiries into the Group, some of which have been resolved easily and others that are ongoing. One project was to look at Teddington's cinemas which resulted in a well-received article in *Tidings*. Hopefully more will follow. We are a group of ten people and do not have room for more at the present time. I think I may say that we have come out of the doldrums last year and are looking forward to making a contribution to The Teddington Society.

PLANNING: Rosemary McGlashon

TSPG has ten members and we met nine times in 2023. We examined 130 planning applications over the year and considered many local planning issues.

TSPG applied to the Council to renew the Asset of Community Value (ACV) status of Udney Park playing fields, which had expired after the sale of the fields by Quantum. This allows a Community Interest Group six months to bid for the fields before being open to all bidders. When the fields were offered for sale in 2023 the Udney Park Community Fields Foundation made a bid and we await the outcome. The ACV moratorium ends in March 2024. The fields and the pavilion have deteriorated over the last decade of neglect, and we hope that they can finally be brought back fully into community use.

TSPG submitted a response to Richmond Council's 'publication stage' Local Plan. This is a comprehensive document from the Council seeking to improve Teddington and the whole of Richmond borough. We have a major area of concern. The site next to the railway track from the Station Road side of the station to over the road bridge is designated in the plan as a mid-rise zone (up to six floors). We feel that the tall buildings already on or near that site do not add to the character of Teddington that the Local Plan describes and that to designate such a zone could encourage more taller buildings, cutting one side of Teddington off from the other. This would also result in a loss of another industrial site – the business park in Station Road. We campaigned for members and residents to have their say on the plan and we know that many local people shared their views on the mid-rise zone with the Council. We intend to engage with examination of the Local Plan by the Independent Planning Inspector in 2024.

The Teddington Society gave a Design Award to the owners of Christchurch Apartments for the rescue and bringing back to life of the old church. The new owner built the tower that was part of the original design (but never constructed). The whole building is now a credit to Station Road and to Teddington.

There have been a number of applications for tall telephone masts and their associated cabinets. We made an objection to those in for those Queens Road/Bullard Road and in Hampton Road. We recognise the need for improvement to mobile coverage, particularly for 5G, but some of the siting proposals of both the masts and the cabinets have little regard for the surrounding area.

Since the Government's changes to the planning regulations there have been a few applications to put two extra storeys on some blocks of flats. In general, these have been inappropriate over development, and we have objected to them. So far, the Council has rejected these plans.

We fully support the provision of services for the elderly at Elleray Hall and initially welcomed the new building on the North Lane car park. Now, for many reasons, costs for the project have escalated rapidly, and we would like the value for money of the scheme to be made clearer. TSPG was involved in the consultations over the new buildings at 42 High Street (the old HSBC site) and Sheldon House in Cromwell Road. We were concerned for the survival of the trees surrounding Sheldon House, particularly the large cedars.

TSPG has long been interested in preserving the character of the shopfronts on our many parades of shops, particularly those in the conservation areas. We have been concerned that there are a number of shops where changes have been made to frontages, particularly to facias and signage, without planning permission. We made an objection to the Council, which was upheld, about one shop that had already fitted an awning and illuminated sign before planning permission. We also asked the Council to enforce the regulations over estate agents boards in the High Street. But we have also seen some improvements in some new shopfronts. We responded to the consultation on the Broad Street improvement scheme and objected to changing the telephone kiosk outside Costa into a telephone/advertising kiosk as there is a BT advertising kiosk a few metres away.

RIVERSIDE: Andy Weston

The main topics in 2023 have been in the local and national news and the subject of consultation and debate, these are the Thames Water Direct River Abstraction Project “DRA” and the Environment Agency River Thames Scheme “RTS”. Both schemes have now been designated as projects of national importance and as such consent for the final version will be given by the minister responsible under a Development Consent Order and therefore local planning consent from all affected boroughs is bypassed. In the case of both of these schemes consent will be down to the Secretary of State for the Environment. A round up of main points are: -

1/ The Thames Water DRA Scheme

The proposed scheme to abstract river water and pump to North London to provide fresh sources of drinking water and at the same time balance this with an input of treated waste water from Mogden Lane Sewage Treatment Plant has created strong opposition from many people and organisations in the area and especially from Thames sports and leisure clubs, who are very worried about the effects of the scheme on their activities. Also, although the infrastructure work is not taking place in Teddington, many residents from the Ham Riverside and St Margarets areas who will be affected are very worried about the scheme. The Society input their views to the consultation and have publicised both the opposition to the scheme coordinated by Save Our Lands and River “SOLAR” group and the Thames Water local consultation events to publicise their reasons for promoting the scheme.

2/ River Thames Scheme

The Environment Agency have proposed a scheme to alleviate flooding due to changed weather resulting from climate change. The primary objective is to protect areas upstream from Teddington and therefore the provision of capital from Surrey County Council is a major funding platform for the whole project. The result of the upstream work will be a greater flow of water down to Teddington weir in times of flood which will place a greater burden on the existing infrastructure and necessitate the building of a bypass weir across the Lock Island just upstream from the boat rollers. This will change the character and aspect of this part of the lock area and result in a strong current down the Lock Channel and a large discharge into the stream across the island over the new weir in times of flood upstream.

3/ Condition of Ferry Road Draw Dock area

The brick planter and defence wall are showing their age and the work done by Environment Agency “EA” did not make a visible difference to the condition of the structure. No work was done to the river facing area with the brick terrace and seat which is disappointing, as this section is really showing signs of wear and erosion. We will continue to push to improve the condition of the area.

4/ Lock Bridges Refurbishment

The work on the bridges was largely completed in 2023 and the Society acknowledged that the Council did an amazing job in keeping access open at all reasonable times during the period of the work. The remaining tasks are to replace the access ramps at both ends and the roller bearings on the girder bridge over the lock cut which will see further short-term disruption in 2024.

5/ Other Matters

- The Society has arranged for the Council to install two new wooden benches as a memorial to Ann Sayer (my predecessor on the Riverside Group) on the triangle green opposite St Mary’s, these will have plaques attached.
- The Society has in cooperation with the Council paid for the refurbishment of the seating in the Elmfield House / Elmfield Road open space area as a memorial to Sheena Harold and a bench will carry a plaque to show this.
- Following a request from the Society the derelict planter opposite the Park Hotel was removed and replaced with a new structure. It is now planted and being maintained by the Society’s Gardens Group. A plaque will again dedicate the work to Sheena as she was so passionate about gardens and Teddington in Flower.
- A survey on the feasibility of restoration the drinking fountain at the end of Park Road opposite the Park Hotel was completed in 2023 and the report is expected in Spring 2024.
- We hope to do more work of a similar nature in 2024.

TRANSPORT: Brian Holder

In the summer, South Western Railways published a plan to close ticket offices and reduce staffing at stations. The plan for Teddington seemed to be draconian reductions to station staffing, with little or no explanation as to how the minimal remaining staff presence will be used to help and support customers. Along with many other people and organisations, the Society made a formal response objecting to the proposals and pointing out the negative effect they would have on people travelling through Teddington station. In October, it was announced that the proposals were not being taken forward (on a national basis).

In September, the installation of two much-needed lifts at Teddington Station finally got underway, something the Society has campaigned for over many years. These lifts will significantly improve accessibility for disabled and elderly passengers, families with young children, and anyone carrying heavy bags. The project, which will cost £3.6 million, aims to provide step-free access across the station and between both platforms on Station Road and Victoria Road. The lifts are scheduled to be operational in Spring 2024.

During the year there were parking issues outside Park Road Surgery. We supported a campaign for the four parking spaces immediately adjacent to Park Road Surgery to be reinstated as free turnover parking for patients 8.30 to 18.30, especially for anyone who is less mobile, or has any form of disability. For the last 50 years these spaces have been exempt from formal parking controls, and neither the Teddington Society, nor any local resident, patient or otherwise, was consulted about this major change of use. In Winter 2023 we reported that the Council had removed the option to display T2 permits in these spaces, and only allow pay and display for two hours each morning. The parking situation for patients consequently improved and we are continuing to monitor the situation.

ENVIRONMENT: Geoff Howland

In January, at the invitation of Eagle Owl and Brown Owl, who run the 2nd A Teddington Brownies, I attended a Brownie evening in St Mary's Church Hall to give a short talk on the importance of protecting the environment and a few words on the Society Environment Group, focussing on our litterpicking activities. I then demonstrated the litterpicking kit, after which they were able to collect a large quantity of clean litter and rubbish which was strewn on the church hall floor. I was then asked to run a similar session in March for the Rainbows. Both sessions were informative and entertaining.

Liaison with LBRuT on matters such as overfull re-cycling bins, flytipping, blocked kerbside drains etc etc continued on a regular basis throughout the year. Towards the end of the year, I reported the blocked kerbside drains in the High Street and Broad Street which sometimes caused the roads, and in some places the pavements, to resemble small lakes.

With regard to litterpicking, the group was active at the Teddington Village Fair, keeping litter at bay throughout the day and some members of the group have continued with their solo litterpicking efforts on a regular basis during the year.

In November, there was an excellent turnout of eleven enthusiastic litterpickers on 11 November to clean and tidy up at the War Memorial and frontage to Teddington Memorial Hospital in preparation for the Remembrance Sunday service the following day, when I represented the Society at the Remembrance service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Society.

I was not able to organise other regular litterpicks as I was waiting for two NHS procedures. I am pleased to say that I am making a good recovery from one of these procedures and hope to organise more regular litterpicks later this year.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023: Sally Howland

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2023 and supporting notes are on pages 12 to 14. Key issues to highlight are as follows:

- (1) There was a loss for the year of £6,413 (2022 profit £1,215). This loss was due to the increase in Charitable disbursements of £8,399. The Society continues to have a healthy cash balance, which at 31 December 2023 amounted to £24,279. This balance comprises £7,918 relating to provision for future projects and money donated for projects, leaving a balance of £16,361 of unreserved funds. An analysis of reserves is given in the Notes on page 13.
- (2) Total income was £6,821 higher than 2022 due to:
 - A substantial increase in the sale of stock items (mugs, tea towels and books), mainly of our new tea towels and mugs.
 - Fund raising income was £4,241 higher than 2022 due to income from the Teddington in Flower event and the Village Fair. These events were not held in 2022.
 - Other income was £2,015 higher and included tickets sales from the 50th Anniversary Party and the Garden talks.
- (3) Expenditure (excluding donations) in 2023 was £6,050 higher than 2022. This was due to expenditure relating to the 50th Anniversary party, the purchase of stock items, the cost of the garden talks and additional costs relating to the 50th Anniversary edition of Tidings.
- (4) The Society aims to distribute all other net income (donations, fund raising events etc) to local charities and good causes. Charitable disbursements this year amounted to £11,648 (2022 £3,249). A list of the disbursements made is given in the supporting accounts.

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Teddington Society (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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

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 section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Nicholas Picton

Address: Flat 3, 34 Twickenham Road, Teddington, TW11 8AY

Date: 14 February 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Notes	2023			2022		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Membership subscriptions and donations received:	2	6,114			5,547		
Gift Aid		749			685		
		-----	6,863		-----	6,232	
Sales of stock items	3		1,680			445	
Legacy			0			1,301	
Fund raising income (net) and other donations received:							
Teddington in Flower		2,988			0		
Donation for maintaining flower beds		400			400		
Village Fair proceeds from Rotary Club		1,403			0		
Donation from Hampton Wick United Charity		600			750		
		-----	5,391		-----	1,150	
Other income							
Riverside Group - Environment Agency		400			0		
50TH Anniversary Party		1,289			0		
Garden talks tickets		318			0		
Other income		113			105		
		-----	2,120	16,054	-----	105	9,233
Expenditure							
Tidings		3,480			2,690		
Stationery and postage		445			407		
Printing		335			13		
Anniversary Party		1,576			0		
Gardening talks - Hire of hall and cost of speakers		344			0		
Software licences		366			0		
Insurance		374			374		
Purchase of stock items	4	2,068			0		
Website maintenance		259			332		
Other expenditure	5	1,572			953		
		-----	10,819		-----	4,769	
Charitable disbursements							
Christmas parcels for Social Services		600			750		
Other	6	11,048			2,499		
		-----	11,648		-----	3,249	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				22,467			8,018
Loss/Surplus for the Year				-6,413			1,215
CASH AT BANK 1 JANUARY				30,692			29,477
CASH AT BANK 31 DEC	1			24,279			30,692

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

1. CASH AT BANK AND RESERVES POLICY

For the Society to function successfully, it must maintain an adequate financial position with sufficient reserves to finance its operations.

The Unreserved Funds comprises reserves necessary to support the Society's normal recurring activities. These reserves amount to approximately 2 years of annual expenditure.

The legacy fund represents legacies received by the Society set aside for transformational projects that would otherwise be unaffordable. The other reserved funds are money received for specific projects. The Executive Committee are satisfied that the Society's financial reserves are sufficient for it to continue at its current level of activities.

An analysis of the movement in the Society's reserves is given below:

	2023	2023	2022	2022
		£		£
Reserved Funds:				
Profits from Village Fairs				
Cash brought forward	2,995		2,995	
Plus income from 2023 Fair	1,403		0	
Less Expenditure - donation made to Rotary for 2023 Fair	200		0	
Less Donation to Downs Syndrome Association	3,000		0	
Net		1,198		2,995
Profits from Teddington in flower to be used for planting				
	650		650	650
Less expenditure				
	159		0	
Net		491		650
Legacy:				
Cash brought forward	9,941		10,075	
income	0		1,301	
Less Expenditure	4,092		1,435	
Net		5,849		9,941
Donation for Gardening:				
Cash brought forward	424		204	
Plus Donation	400		400	
Less costs	444		180	
Net		380		424
Total Reserved funds		7,918		14,660
Unreserved funds:				
Cash brought forward	16,682		15,553	
Profit for the year	-321		1,129	
Total Unreserved Funds		16,361		16,682
TOTAL RESERVES		24,279		31,342

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CONTINUED

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS - Income includes donations amounting to £1,190 (2022 £954)

3. STOCKS

The organisation is holding listed stocks of pamphlets, postcards, notelets, mugs, tea towels, documents and books of local interest.

4. PURCHASE OF STOCK ITEMS	2023	2022
This comprises:	£	£
Tea towels	1,188	0
Anniversary Mugs	880	0
	<u>2,068</u>	<u>0</u>
5. OTHER EXPENDITURE	2023	2022
Other expenditure comprises:	£	£
Paypal charges	92	90
Membermojo membership	140	140
Gardening costs of maintaining beds	421	252
Village Fair expenses	97	0
Hall hire and refreshments	162	332
Advert in TW11 for Chairman	253	0
Sundries	407	139
	<u>1,572</u>	<u>953</u>
6. OTHER DONATIONS	2023	2022
Other donations comprises:	£	£
British Legion Annual Appeal	50	50
Richmond Parish Lands Charity re Christmas Day lunch for 18-25 year olds	100	115
Elleray Hall - defibrillator	0	899
Benches in memory of Ann Sayer in Elmfield Gardens	3,410	1,435
Cost of plants for garden projects	318	0
Donation to Park Lane Stables	100	0
Teddington Summer Music	200	0
Downs Syndrome association for refurbishment of disabled toilet	3,000	0
Village Fair donation to Rotary Club	200	0
Paddy Ching's booklet in memory of Ann Sayer	682	0
Teddington in Flower donations to The Landmark and the Samaritans	2988	0
	<u>11,048</u>	<u>2,499</u>