



Annual Report and Accounts of the Fulham Society 27 March 2019 - 26 March 2020

I The Charity

The Charity's name: The Fulham Society

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II Trustees (at 26 March 2020)

The members of the Society's Committee are its Trustees.

The Society's Committee was elected at the AGM on 28 October 2019:

- Andrew Snell retired from the Committee.
- All the other Committee members retired and in accordance with Rules 6 and 7 of the Society's Constitution, offered themselves for re-election and were elected.
- Kim Hawkins was proposed and seconded as a member of the Committee and was elected.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Lord Carrington of Fulham, Patrick Ground QC, Greg Hands MP, Andy Slaughter MP

OFFICERS

Chairman	Fiona Fowler
Vice-Chairman	Niel Redpath
Hon. Treasurer	Isobel Hill-Smith
Hon. Secretary	Maya Donelan MBE
Hon. Membership Sec	Margaret Kemp

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Binky Aylmer (Hon Minutes Secretary), Kim Hawkins, Caroline Marston, Anne Soutry, Andrew Snell (resigned 28 September 2019), Maria Sturdy-Morton, David Tatham (died 4 July 2019).

Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month (except August & December).

Trustee induction and training

All Trustees are advised to read the guidance on the Charity Commission's website at <https://www.gov.uk/topic/running-charity/Trustee-role-board>. New Trustees are sent a copy of the Constitution, the Privacy Policy, the Reserves Policy, past accounts and recent Minutes. They complete a "Fit & Proper Person" Declaration. New guidance and good-practice information from the Charity Commission is communicated to Trustees.

Annual Report

The Trustees prepare annual accounts (as a registered charity) that are available on request. They are also available at the AGM and summarised in the newsletter.

For the first time, the Trustees have prepared an annual report (as a registered charity) that is available on request, on the website and summarised in the Newsletter.

The accounts and Trustees' annual reports do not need to be filed with the Charity Commission as its gross yearly income does not exceed £25,000, nor is it a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). Nor does the Fulham Society have to prepare and file an Annual return form as it is not a CIO and its gross yearly income does not exceed £10,000. It is, however, obliged to keep the registered details up to date and the annual return will be used for this purpose.

III Objectives, governance & management

The Fulham Society was founded in 1971 after a small group of residents campaigned successfully to prevent the construction of a very large hotel which would have dominated the river frontage near All Saints Church and Putney Bridge. This threat highlighted the need for an amenity society with a wide local brief.

Objectives

The current constitution is dated 24 November 2003 and is available on request and on the website.

The Society's formal objectives, in summary, are to:

- a) promote safeguarding of and improvements to public amenities;
- b) stimulate public interest in Fulham;
- c) promote high standards of planning and architecture; and
- d) secure preservation and improvement of features of historic or public interest.

Members

Membership is open to all who are interested in the Objects of the Society. The annual subscription is fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee and is due on the 25 March.

Privacy Policy and GDPR

Since 25 May 2018, data-processing in the EU has been governed by the *General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679* ("GDPR") and has implications for all organisations which control and process personal data.

The Fulham Society holds on computer the name and address, and in some cases also the email address and telephone number, of its members (all of whom are adults), and records whether the member has made a valid Gift Aid declaration. The Data Controller is the Membership Secretary of the Society. Any request for information about data or for any amendment or deletion is dealt with by the Membership Secretary, as Data Controller.

The Society does not share any information with third parties except in compliance with Article 28 of GDPR, regarding the legal conduct of processing of information.

The Fulham Society is committed to protecting Members' personal information. Our Privacy Policy gives detailed information on when and why we collect personal information, how we use it and how we keep it secure. The full Privacy Policy is on the Fulham Society website:

<http://www.fulhamsociety.org/privacy-policy/>.

IV Chairman's Report: Activities and Performance

The Fulham Society is politically neutral and engages with the Council on matters relating to buildings, parking, public transport, open spaces and the river. We monitor all large-scale

development proposals against the Society's own guidelines. Many larger schemes will be presented to the Committee by Developers before they are submitted for planning permission.

We also engage in wider matters and support the work of a range of other groups and societies in the area. The Society also supports other local amenity groups and activities when resources allow.

Planning applications March 2019 to March 2020

During the year April 2019 to March 2020 the Society has discussed some 175 planning applications and has written or commented on over 40 of these.

Representatives met with the developers of and commented on: Chancellors Road/Manbre Wharf 2018/04016, Ada Lewis House (2019/023510, 2 letters), 2 Palliser Road, Barons Court (2019/02351), The Castle Club (2019/00732), Fulham Town Hall (2019/1840).

In addition this year the Society has commented in writing on: 32A Vereker Road, Fulham Road 480-4 (2019/033383), Thames Reach Wharf (2019/03091) and many applications for WiFi, telephone boxes and masts throughout the Borough.

The Society responded in writing to consultations on:

Bishops Park & FFC (responded to the Notice under S123(2a) Local Government Act 1972), Earls Court Development (Delancey), Hammersmith Bridge temporary crossing, Heathrow Airport (2 consultations).

Representatives of the Committee attended:

Meeting on Knife Crime (April)

Meeting on Hammersmith Bridge (June)

Meeting on Heathrow organised by Greg Hands MP (September).

Met with Paul Beatty-Pownall, chairman of the LBHF residents, Climate and Ecological Emergency Commission (October).

Sand End Community Centre to see progress (October)

Meeting of London Forum on expanding the membership

Newsletters:

All Members receive three Newsletters a year. They are also available on the Society's website except for the latest issue. To obtain the most up to date newsletter you have to be a member of The Fulham Society.

Articles included this year were on Margravine Cemetery, Recycling, Hammersmith Bridge, the Hawarth Mausoleum, local artist Archibald Standish Hartropp and Climate Change as well as planning updates and news of local happenings.

It has supported and co-operated with voluntary and community organisations and charities such as:

The Parsons Green Fair (July)

The North End Road Street Fairs (June & December)

Hammersmith United

It has supported the work of a range of other groups and societies including Fulham Palace, Riverside Studios, the Fulham & Hammersmith History Society, the Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group, the West London River Group and HACAN (Heathrow Airport Control of Aviation Noise) through the newsletter, the website and twitter.

Visits, walks and talks:

South Park History Walk (May)

Margravine Cemetery tour (September)

Recycling Plant visit (September)

West Fulham, guided walk Putney Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge (October)

Talk on the work of Thames 21 (October AGM)

The Fulham Society's Front Garden Competition

This started in Summer 2018 with the aim of improving the environment and appearance of Fulham and to promote the Fulham Society. In 2019 it ran throughout June and was even more successful. Winners were invited to the Society's Summer Party to receive their prizes and obviously enjoyed themselves.

V Treasurer's Report: Financial Review

The Fulham Society is not required to have its accounts audited or examined independently and its constitution does not require this either. However, Wendy Shelton has reviewed our accounts every year and it is proposed to continue this, subject to approval every year at the AGM. The Committee is satisfied that Wendy is sufficiently thorough, objective and independent to provide reassurance in the accounts prepared by the Honorary Treasurer. Since 2018-19 it has been referred to as an "Independent Review" rather than an "independent examination" as a more accurate description.

The annual accounts for 2019/20 are attached to this document and will be presented to the AGM.

Reserves Policy

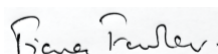
As the Society has no physical assets, land or buildings, and no restricted or designated funds, the Society's reserves comprise the cash held in current and deposit bank accounts as well as the investments in M&G charity funds. The Society has estimated total reserves are required of £19,000 - £28,000 and has decided on a prudent approach by aiming to retain reserves of £25,000-£28,000. The Reserves Policy is summarised with the financial report at the AGM every November. It is provided on request to any member that requests it. From time to time the Committee reviews the Reserves Policy but have so far decided not to change it since it was approved in 2017.

When the Treasurer reports that current funds exceed the amounts required to be held in Reserves, the Committee is actively encouraged to suggest projects that the Society should fund or contribute towards. Any such projects must meet the Society's formal objectives. Where such excess funds are earmarked but not yet spent, they are held temporarily in an "environment fund".

Public Benefit Statement

Charity Trustees have a duty to report in their Annual Report on their Charity's public benefit, and they should be clear about what benefits are generated by the activities of the Charity. The benefits must be related to the objectives of the Charity. The Trustees consider that The Fulham Society meets the public benefit requirements, and they confirm that they have taken into account the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit published at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/charitable-purposes-and-public-benefit> .

Approved by the Trustees on 20 October 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Fiona Fowler
Chairman

THE FULHAM SOCIETY

Receipts and payment account for the year ended 26th March 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Receipts for the year		
Subscriptions & donations (Note 1)	£4,537	£3,943
Net income from functions (Note 2)	£351	£469
Income from investments JH Deposit a/c & Env fund	£483	£482
Gift aid & other income (Note 3)	£691	£1,138
	£6,060	£6,032
Payments for the year		
Printing, post, stationery, web	£1,496	£1,476
Dues & subs	£45	£65
Charges, insurance, miscellaneous	£621	£338
Front garden competition	£797	£616
Donations (Note 4)	£4,170	£2,377
	£7,129	£4,872
Surplus of receipts over payments	-£1,068	£1,159

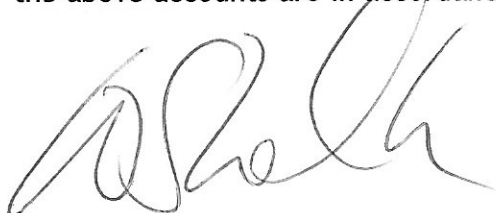
Balance sheet at 26 March 2020

Accumulated funds		
At 27 March 2019	£30,745	£29,586
Surplus of receipts over payments	-£1,068	£1,159
	£29,677	£30,745
Represented by: Cash & investments		
Lloyds current account	£2,444	£10,445
Lloyds deposit a/c Environmental Improvement Fund	£7,233	£300
Julian Hodge deposit account	£10,000	£10,000
M&G funds at cost (market value £9,008 on 17/4/20)	£10,000	£10,000
	£29,677	£30,745

Notes

- 1 Includes an exceptional single donation of £750
- 2 Summer party: Net profit = £736
AGM: Net profit = -£199
Special Events = -£187
Total profit from events = £351
- 3 Gift aid for 2017/18
- 4 £1,170 for South Park water fountain + £3,000 for F Palace restoration B Porteus library

I have examined the books and records of the Fulham Society and confirm that the above accounts are in accordance therewith.



Wendy Shelton, Independent Reviewer

Isobel Hill-Smith

Isobel Hill-Smith, Honorary Treasurer