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Company registration no. 4574188

Charity no. 1074596

Trustees' annual report

For the year ended 31 March 2016



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Charity information

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Vice Chair: Margaret Willes

Treasurer: Tony Gillett

Other Trustees:

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ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016. The company's charitable objects are as follows:

- 1. To promote the highest standards in design and protect Hackney's unique heritage.**
- 2. To encourage positive development of the borough's built and natural environments, through engagement with a broad cross-section of local people and experts.**
- 3. To encourage exemplary new design, regeneration and conservation of our rich heritage.**

The Hackney Society is a membership organisation, a registered charity, and 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 Group to assess important developments and emerging policy on the built environment
- Promote high standards of design, construction and conservation, including through making comments on selected planning applications in the borough
- Support the six Conservation Areas Advisory Committees (CAAC) made up of local people including publication of their minutes on our website, where required
- Build links between residents, officials and councillors, including being a member of the Hackney Heritage and Built Environment Partnership (aka Discover Hackney), and Sustainable Hackney
- Provide advice and support to local groups to help them improve their neighbourhoods



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Review of activities during year ended 31 March 2016

Introduction

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The Society continues to grow the membership and to meet our charitable objectives with further funding for specific projects.

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Special Projects

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The programme is available at <http://hackneysociety.org/page/beatingthebounds>

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outgoing Mayor of London, Boris Johnson to decide upon, the boroughs of Hackney and Tower Hamlets both having rejected the scheme.

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Programme of events

Once again events have been well-attended and popular.

We ran **10 events** during this financial year.

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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: Laurie Elks, Julia Lafferty, Margaret Willes, Ray Rogers, Simon Inglis, Alan Baxter Associates, Nick Perry, Matthew Lloyd Architects, Eva Elks. Their energy and commitment is greatly appreciated and to be recognised.

Thanks are also due for the use of various venues: London Wildlife Trust, Holborn Studios, Shoreditch Church, St Mary at Eton Church, Round Chapel.

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4. Websites

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A programme of providing electronic copies of older publications and samples from recent publications has begun.

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5. Social Media

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Membership

We have 205 members of whom 71 are life members.

The Planning Group (HSPG)

The Planning Group meets on a monthly basis to review proposals for significant developments within the Borough. Group members submit comments to the Council in response to planning applications, as well as provide advice to developers, their design teams and other interested parties ahead of their submissions for planning approval. The Hackney Society is not a statutory consultee. However, in the light of the Council's encouragement of early consultation, the Planning Group is more regularly approached directly by developers, many of whom have made presentations to the group.

The group raises questions and concerns but also attempts to provide support to those bringing positive visions and quality of design to the borough.

The group recognises a shared interest with the borough's six CAACs (Conservation Areas Advisory Committees), who comment on applications within conservation areas, and have stepped up their efforts to share information, and invite CAAC to relevant presentations, meetings and discussions. Selected comments are uploaded onto the Hackney Society website, and in the next financial year those from a number of the six CAACs will be published too.

Despite an ambition to hold quarterly meetings during 2015/16 the Council held just one joint CAACs meeting which was attended by Lisa Shell, who also attended a briefing meeting to discuss the re-launch the Council's Planning User Forum, through which the Council aims to identify ways in which it might improve its planning service to users. The subsequent launch of a new 'Planning Network' was attended by Planning Group members, but the Planning User Forum has remained dormant since its last meeting in June 2014. The Council's planned training event concerning 'Heritage Crime' did not come to fruition.

There has been no approach to Hackney Council to secure a place on the Design Review Panel, which was previously discussed as a possible alternative to the non-voting seat amongst the Councillors on the Planning Sub-Committee, a seat that was withdrawn by the Council in 2013, on the purported basis of issues of legality and transparency.



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The Society's Director, Nick Perry has on numerous occasions taken up the public right to address the council's Planning Sub-Committee meetings on behalf of the Society to raise important matters of design as well as those relating to the provision of affordable housing and lack of transparency in viability assessments. He has continued to provide a hugely valuable information service by way of his personal live tweeting during these meetings. Selected comments are re-tweeted by the Society.

Lisa Shell retains the chair of the group and has continued to grow the capacity and reputation of the group considerably. She has been supported at meetings by experts in the field of architecture, town planning, and conservation with regular attendance from:

Nick Perry, Claire Warnock, Trevor Horne, Robin Mallilieu, Dickon Hayward, Ken Rorrison; Bernard Tulkens; George Bradley; Alfie Stroud; Eva Palacios; Katherine Leat. As with all other activities, these individuals provide their input and expertise on an entirely voluntary basis.

The planning group email discussion list is broader, comprising around 40 members, including the chairs of the CAACs, who receive monthly minutes and are updated of meetings, presentations and planning issues of interest.

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. This year the Society agreed a reciprocal membership exchange with Sustainable Hackney.

Plans for 2016/17

With no immediate prospect of grant funding, and the lack of specialist trustee skills in this area, our plans for the next year remain modest. We continue to seek to expand on those skills and apply for funding where appropriate and the return on the investment of time is sufficient.

The proposed Hackney @ 50 publication remains a key project and the Society plans to ensure the initial print run is pre-funded in cash, through gifts of our members, specific fundraising activities, sponsorship and pre-sales.

We hope to explore a new membership model to ensure engagement is high in the borough and fund remain healthy enough for the Society to engage in more activities. Existing member will be consulted on any proposals.

The Planning Group will continue to assess the most significant developments proposed for the borough and hopes to engage in more special planning policy formation, as resources allow, as well as becoming involved with more schemes at an earlier (pre-planning) stage.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR

ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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:

Ray Blackburn
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Laurie Elks
Tony Gillett
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Lisa Shell
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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.

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

The objectives of the Society are:-

(1) To promote high standards of planning, architecture and conservation in Hackney.

(2) To give a voice to local people in the future development of Hackney.

(3) To educate and foster public interest in the history, architecture and character of the Borough. The Society seeks to achieve its objectives and aims through its activities which include:-

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's principal source of funding in the period under review derived from membership subscriptions (£2,307) and from book sales (£1,220) and events held (£126). It fundraised for a proposed book to celebrate its 50th birthday and raised £5,269 before expenses of £1,041. The Society also received further funding towards specific projects totaling £1,625.

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 £18,625. The Charity also held £407 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: 9 September 2016

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 2016 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

26 July 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

| | Notes | General funds 2016 £ | Restricted funds 2016 £ | Total funds 2016 £ | Total funds 2015 £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds: | | | | | |
| Voluntary income: | | | | | |
| Donations and grants | | 706 | 1,850 | 2,556 | 690 |
| Activities for generating funds: | 2 | 8,922 | | 8,922 | 4,997 |
| Investment income: | | | | | |
| UK bank interest | | 6 | | 6 | 4 |
| Total incoming resources | | <u>9,634</u> | <u>1,850</u> | <u>11,484</u> | <u>5,691</u> |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | |
| Costs of generating funds: | | | | | |
| Fundraising and event costs | 4 | 1,647 | 2,316 | 3,963 | 1,591 |
| Charitable activities: | | | | | |
| Publications and campaigning | 5 | 2,233 | 1,252 | 3,485 | 3,499 |
| Governance costs | 6 | 161 | | 161 | 155 |
| Total resources expended | | <u>4,041</u> | <u>3,568</u> | <u>7,609</u> | <u>5,245</u> |
| Net movement in funds for the year before transfers | | 5,593 | - | 1,718 | - |
| Transfers between funds | | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds for the year | 7 | <u>5,593</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,718</u> | <u>3,875</u> |
| Total funds brought forward | | <u>12,625</u> | <u>2,125</u> | <u>14,750</u> | <u>14,304</u> |
| Total funds carried forward | | <u>18,218</u> | <u>407</u> | <u>18,625</u> | <u>14,750</u> |

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2016

| | Notes | 31.3.2016 | | 31.3.2015 | |
|---|-------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets: | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 9 | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | |
| Stock of books | | 9,356 | | 9,426 | |
| Debtors: accrued income | | 200 | | 275 | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>9,441</u> | | <u>5,249</u> | |
| | | 18,997 | | 14,950 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year: accrued expenses | | <u>- 372</u> | | <u>- 200</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | 18,625 | | 14,750 |
| Net assets | | | <u>18,625</u> | | <u>14,750</u> |
| Represented By | 10 | | | | |
| General funds | 11 | | 18,218 | | 12,625 |
| Restricted funds | 12 | | 407 | | 2,125 |
| | | | <u>18,625</u> | | <u>14,750</u> |

The charitable Company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2016.

The Directors have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

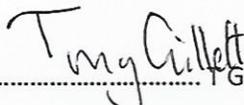
The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(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 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:


..... Tony Gillett - Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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 | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | 31.3.2016 | 31.3.2015 |
| Membership income | 2,307 | | 2,307 | 2,297 |
| Book sales | 1,220 | | 1,220 | 1,545 |
| Fundraising event | 5,395 | | 5,395 | 1,155 |
| | <u>8,922</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>8,922</u> | <u>4,997</u> |

3 Allocation of support costs

| | Costs of generating voluntary income | Charitable activities | Governance | Total | Total |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | 31.3.2016 | 31.3.2015 |
| Insurance | 62 | 106 | 9 | 177 | 175 |
| Office cost | 228 | 381 | 152 | 761 | 727 |
| | <u>290</u> | <u>487</u> | <u>161</u> | <u>938</u> | <u>902</u> |

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

| | General funds | Restricted funds | Total | Total |
|--|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | 31.3.2016 | 31.3.2015 |
| Cost of books sold and provision for slow moving stock | 70 | | 70 | 767 |
| Cost of events held | 1,287 | 2,316 | 3,603 | 545 |
| Attributed support costs | 290 | | 290 | 279 |
| | <u>1,647</u> | <u>2,316</u> | <u>3,963</u> | <u>1,591</u> |

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

| | | Publication & Literature costs | Campaigning & public awareness | Total 31.3.2016 | Total 31.3.2015 |
|-----|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 5.1 | By activity: | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | 1,319 | 1,319 | 2,638 | 2,639 |
| | Direct costs | 180 | 180 | 360 | 392 |
| | Support costs | 243 | 244 | 487 | 468 |
| | | <u>1,742</u> | <u>1,743</u> | <u>3,485</u> | <u>3,499</u> |
| 5.2 | By fund: | General funds | Restricted funds | Total 31.3.2016 | Total 31.3.2015 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Newsletter | 2,111 | 527 | 2,638 | 2,639 |
| | Direct costs | | 360 | 360 | 392 |
| | Support costs | 122 | 365 | 487 | 468 |
| | | <u>2,233</u> | <u>1,252</u> | <u>3,485</u> | <u>3,499</u> |

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| 6 Governance costs: | General funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 31.3.2016 £ | Total 31.3.2015 £ |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Independent examiner's fees | | | - | - |
| Support costs (see note 3) | 161 | | 161 | 155 |
| | <u>161</u> | | <u>161</u> | <u>155</u> |
| | | | | |
| 7 Surplus/ (deficit) for the year: | | | 31.3.2016 £ | 31.3.2015 £ |
| | | | <u>3,875</u> | <u>446</u> |

There were no persons employed by the charitable company during the year [2015: 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 2015 | 8,290 |
| Additions in the year | |
| At 31 March 2016 | <u>8,290</u> |
| | |
| Depreciation | |
| At 1 April 2015 | 8,290 |
| Charge for year | |
| At 31 March 2016 | <u>8,290</u> |
| | |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 March 2015 | Nil |
| At 31 March 2016 | <u>Nil</u> |

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

| | General funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total £ |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Current assets | 18,390 | 407 | 18,797 |
| Creditors | - 172 | - | - 172 |
| Fund balance | <u>18,218</u> | <u>407</u> | <u>18,625</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

| | Balance at 1.4.2015 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Balance at 31.3.16 £ |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Discover Hackney | 1,465 | 1,350 | - 2,629 | 186 |
| Love Local Landmarks | 660 | 500 | - 939 | 221 |
| | <u>2,125</u> | <u>1,850</u> | <u>- 3,568</u> | <u>407</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 and the Horticultural Walks. At the year end date the unexpended funds stood at £186.

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 £221.

13. **Related Party transactions**

During the year the Charity paid Monica Blake (Trustee) £50 (in the previous year: £200), Julia Lafferty (Trustee) £300 (in the previous year: nil), Margaret Willes (Trustee) £300 (in the previous year: nil) 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.