ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

To be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at St Leonard's Church, SW16 1HS to transact the following business:

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting** - To be agreed and matters arising

2. **Chair's Report**

3. **Reports and Accounts** - To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024. The accounts have been independently examined by Alan Mitchell.

4. **Appointment and remuneration of independent examiner of accounts** - To appoint Alan Mitchell as independent examiner for the financial year to 31st March 2025.

5. **Appointment of charity trustees.** Attached paper details Trustees for 2023/4 who are willing to remain trustees for 2024/5. One nomination received from Trudy Kuhn

6. **Members' resolutions** – None received

7. **Any other business** - To deal with any relevant matters raised at the meeting.

Mark Bery, Secretary
30th April 2024

Streatham Society AGM

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 6th July 2023 at St Leonard's Church at 6:30pm

Trustees in attendance
Shea Richardson (Chair), Mark Bery (Secretary), Nick Cattermole (Treasurer), Robert Doyle, Dan Fieller, Judy Harris, Russell Henman (Vice Chair), and Tim Whitaker.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2022.** There was one correction. Judy Harris was present as a Trustee in attendance. Subject to this the minutes were approved as an accurate record.

2. **Matters Arising**
   None

3. **Chair's Report 2022/23**

   Membership had increased to 301 including 40 Life members and three new trustees, Dan Fieller, Nick Cattermole (Treasurer) and Tim Whitaker had joined the Executive Group. Each has made a huge contribution to our work with Tim Whitaker leading on planning matters which is an area the Society intend focussing attention.

   The Society has 60 publications advertised on the web site for sale. After a surge in sales during Covid, sales fell in the year. Judy Harris puts together our hugely popular newsletter which is available on a quarterly basis. This contains some very interesting articles and contributions from our members are always very welcome.

   The society remains in a very strong financial position, recording a small loss of £64 for the year ended 31 March 2023 and a cash balance of £38.7k at that date. The Society has plans to utilise these funds for several initiatives covering infrastructural improvements and grants to community groups.

   An interesting and varied programme of talks were held throughout the year with attendance by 50-100 people at each event. The Society contributed to both the Lambeth Heritage Festival in September and the Wandsworth Heritage Festival in June. In addition we were involved in the Streatham Festival, The National Garden Scheme and Open House London.

   A number of our members are qualified tour guides and they provided tours for our members.

4. Treasurer's report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The results indicated income of £9,955 and expenditure of £10,019, resulting in a small deficit of £64 for the year compared to a surplus for the previous year of £6,143. It was noted that the results for the two years incorporated timing differences due to significant transactions at year end which included publication costs for one title falling in 2022/3 with the associated income being recorded in 2021/22

At year end the reserve position was £38,703 represented by cash at the bank and in-hand

Thanks were recorded to the independent examiner, Chris Sluman, for his review of the financial records and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

5. Appointment and remuneration of independent examiner and remuneration

Chris Sluman was approved to act as independent examiner at zero remuneration for the year ended 31 March 2024

6. Appointment of charity trustees

All trustees who served in 2021/2 were approved as trustees for 2022/23 Nominations were received and approved for Freda Graham and Emma Fleming to join the Executive as charity trustees

7. Any other business

None

Streatham Society Annual General Meeting 2024

Chair's Annual Report for 2023 – AGM 7th May 2024

Once again it has been another successful year for the Streatham Society.

I am pleased to present this Annual Report for the year 1 April 2023- 31 March 2024.

Our 2023 (Jan-Dec) membership increased to 351 including 52 life members. This is the highest membership numbers since 2011 but is still short of 435 recorded in 2002. We have regular attendance at our meetings of 60-80 plus 7k social media followers and hope our membership numbers continue to increase.

An additional £379 was donated with subscriptions. Gift Aid is claimed when applicable which provides a significant fillip to our funds.

At last year's AGM, members approved the addition of two new Trustees to the Executive bringing the total number to 10 for the year. Our new Trustees, Emma Fleming and Freda Graham are already an asset to the work of the Society.

Our other Trustees for the year are Shea Richardson (Chair), Russell Henman (Vice Chair), Mark Bery (Secretary), Judy Harris, Robert Doyle, Tim Whitaker, Nick Cattermole (Treasurer) and Dan Fieller.

Trustees are not paid but are reimbursed incidental expenditure, if claimed, and related to the activities of the Society.

Our role in local planning is led by Tim Whitaker and we regularly comment on local planning matters. There are several complex cases which we have either already been involved or will be involved as plans are developed on sites in Streatham. We continue to review Conservation areas to ensure they are being protected.

We have 57 publications advertised on our website, also on sale at our meetings and events. Sales in 2023 from stock totalled c340. An increase of 65 from 2022.

Our quarterly newsletter *Streatham Society News* is now delivered locally by a team of volunteers to whom I am very grateful as this is saving the Society approx. £540 pa in postage. Back copies are available on-line.

The Society is financially in a very strong position with a surplus for the year of £2,693 and healthy cash reserves of £41.4k as of the 31 March 2024. We gave grants to the Streatham Festival (paid in 2024) and replaced our old laptop. We have plans to utilise funds for several initiatives next year including: a new web site and archiving records, underwriting the cost of plaque schemes and we have approved a grant giving policy so that we can support community projects. Freda Graham is our lead on this aspect of our work which we hope will engage local schools in local heritage.

We have run a very full programme of monthly talks through the year. My grateful thanks to Mark Bery and others who find such interesting speakers. In September 2023 we held an additional talk during the Lambeth Heritage Festival on Robert Marnock and we

welcomed members of the Garden Trust to our Park Hill tours. These two events supported the Garden Trust in their 2023 celebration of the Victorian Gardener whose influence is still evident in the grounds of Park Hill. Over the year we have had talks ranging from *Francis Barber*, our first Black History month talk, to *Freemasons, Crime and Craft- good or bad?* We also had many other informative talks such as *The Measurers Brothers, South London Orchid Growers and Collectors*

We held a Christmas Party for members-only in December 2023 where we were entertained by Andy Thomas who gave a talk based on his book *Christmas, a festive history* which was very well received by all our members.

We contributed events for both the Lambeth Heritage Festival in September and the Wandsworth Heritage Festival in June. We had a stall at Kite Day, the Lambeth Heritage Festival History Day at West Norwood and successfully organised the Woodfield Pavilion's first Heritage Day on an extremely hot Saturday in September.

Sadly Kevin Kelly, a stalwart of the Society, passed away last year. Donations in memory of Kevin were paid to the Society at the request of the family. Sport was Kevin's passion, and the trustees decided to make the sum of £1k available to fund "grass roots" sports in the community. This sum was donated to the SYCT for their summer football programme.

We are very grateful to local historian John W Brown who continues to help with family research, enquiries from authors or generally from those who are just asking for pictures and information of a particular road or building.

Finally, as always, I would like to thank all members of the Executive, our members and volunteers who have ensured we have delivered our activities. I would once again particularly like to than both Judy Harris and Mark Bery for their hard work, enthusiasm, passion, and continued commitment to the Streatham Society.

I look forward to seeing you all in the exciting year ahead!

Shea Richardson, Chair of Trustees
April 2024

The Streatham Society is a Registered Charity. Charity Number 283297.

THE STREATHAM SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS 2023-24

	2023-24	2022-23	
	£	£	
Opening balance	**38,703.28**	**38,767.68**	
Income			
Membership subs	3,520.20	4,060.10	6 life memberships @ £180, in 2022-23. only 3 in 2023-24
Donations	1,565.58	416.76	Donations for Kevin Kelly
Refreshments	1,096.38	1,234.17	
Publications	1,975.28	1,721.76	
Interest	77.77	249.34	Fixed term deposit will mature in 2024-25
Other	636.13	2,272.66	Retrospective gift aid claim in 2022-23
Total income	**8,871.34**	**9,954.79**	
Expenditure			
Donations (in lieu of speaker fee + KK)	1,100.00	620.00	Donation to SYCT for Kevin Kelly. Festival did not seek donation this year.
Speaker fees	585.00	249.50	
Printing (newsletter)	1,243.27	1,596.07	
Publications	1,174.22	5,358.34	Large publication cost in 2022-23 as discussed last year
Meeting room hire	161.00	725.00	St Leonard's is behind with invoicing us
Refreshments	663.00	468.64	
Insurance	90.00	75.00	
Admin costs	1,161.62	926.64	Purchase of laptop
Total expenditure	**6,178.11**	**10,019.19**	
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	2,693.23	-64.40	
Balance at 30th June	**41,396.51**	**38,703.28**	

Appointment of Trustees- Streatham Society AGM 7th May 2024

1. Appointment of Charity Trustees. *AGM to approve re-election*

   Shea Richardson (Chair)

   Mark Bery (Vice Chair and Honorary Secretary)

   Nick Cattermole (Honorary Treasurer)

   Robert Doyle

   Dan Fieller

   Emma Fleming

   Freda Graham

   Judy Harris

   Tim Whitaker

2. One nomination: Trudy Kuhn. *AGM to approve nomination. Personal statement below.*

I have had an eclectic working life which has involved running my own businesses. However, I'd always been a runner, as a junior I trained at Tooting Bec track and in later years I was a member of South London Harriers. My interest in running led me to retrain as a sports massage therapist. Latterly I spent 16 years working with athletes and people with posture or work-related pain and injury.

I am currently 'retired', but it doesn't feel like it.

I had always loved history and I studied for an Open University degree in this subject between 2009 and 2015. I was delighted to graduate with a 2:1 while working full time as a sports masseur. When I heard there was an opportunity to train as a Lambeth Tour Guide, I had to have a crack at it and became a full member of their association last July. I was brought up in Streatham and am now delighted to be able to lead walking tours around my old stomping ground.

My other passions are animals and growing things. I have volunteered at Battersea Dogs and Cats Home for 7 years. I am the lead gardening volunteer at Battersea London.

Trudy Kuhn, April 2024