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THE SAUDI BRITISH SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

The Trustees present their Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2017. The Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charity SORP (FRS 102) Revised).

Objectives and Activities

The Society's objects are to help promote closer friendship and understanding between the people of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. The Society is a social, cultural, non-political and non-commercial organisation. It aims to bring together British citizens who have an interest in Saudi Arabia (whether professional, commercial, cultural or otherwise) and Saudi Arabian citizens who are resident in, visitors to or interested in the UK. It aims also to provide a medium through which hospitality may be offered to Saudi

In planning its activities for the year, the Society's Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Society's activities have included receptions for important visitors, dinners, exhibitions and lectures.

Achievements and Performance

The Society has maintained a good level of activity during the past year. The evening talks continued to be popular with members, successfully bringing together members of both communities, British citizens interested on the Kingdom and Saudis resident in or visiting the UK.

The Society's Annual Dinner was held on 15th February 2017 in conjunction with the presentation of the Rawabi Holding Awards. Awards were given to Hoda al Helaissi, a UK graduate and Saudi academic and one of the first woman members of the Shura Council, and Mark Thompson, Assistant Professor at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals and a writer and speaker on youth and societal change in Saudi Arabia. The prize-winners' acceptance speeches eloquently addressed issues relating to change and development in the Kingdom.

In July 2017 Mr. Tarek Alireza gave a talk following the Society's AGM, entitled "The Postal History of Saudi Arabia". The talk described how the postal service in Arabia developed from its beginnings in antiquity through to the early years of Saudi rule in the 1930s. The talk was accompanied by a film. Mr. Alireza is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. He is currently working on a book on the postal history of Saudi Arabia.

In September 2017 the British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Simon Collis, gave a stimulating talk to the Society, focussing on Saudi-British relations and recent developments in the Kingdom and the region.

In October 2017 the Society's new culture programme was launched with a well-attended presentation by the Prince's School of Traditional Arts (PSTA) and the Turquoise Mountain Foundation on the expansion of traditional arts in Saudi Arabia. Speakers included Dr. Khaled Azzam, the Director of the PSTA, Zain Zedan, formerly a senior manager with ArtJameel in Jeddah and Dr. Thalia Kennedy, Middle East Director at the Turquoise Mountain Foundation.

The annual Ghazi al Gosaibi Memorial lecture, scheduled to be delivered in November by HRH Princess Reema bint Bandar, Deputy President of the Saudi Sports Authority, was postponed due to last-minute official commitments in the Kingdom involving HRH.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

The Society has been working actively to identify and contact members of the Saudi student body, who are invited to attend meetings and given concessionary membership rates.

Financial review

The attached Financial Statements summarise the Society's transactions for the year ended 31 December 2017. The Trustees are satisfied with the financial situation of the Society.

Principal Funding Sources

The Society's principal sources of funding are:-

- (a) members' subscriptions and sponsorship;
- (b) members' contributions towards events held by the Society.

Investment Policy

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity. The Trustees take independent advice before making any investments. The funds of the charity will be retained in a cautious portfolio.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equate to approximately 12 months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs. Unrestricted funds are maintained at least at this level throughout the year.

Plans for the future

The twelfth annual Rawabi Holding Awards were presented in January 2018. Further talks on a range of topics are planned for 2018.

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Reference and administrative details

Patrons	H.R.H. The Prince of Wales KG H.R.H. Prince Turki bin Faisal al Saud
President	H.R.H. Prince Mohammed bin Nawaf Al-Saud
Honorary Vice-President	Sir Alan Munro KCMG
Chairman	Sir Derek Plumbly KCMG
Honorary Secretary	Mrs Ionis V Thompson
Honorary Treasurer	Ms Karen Worcester
Trustees	Sir Derek Plumbly KCMG Mrs Ionis V Thompson Ms Karen Worcester Ms Sara Al-Shareef Mr William Crawford Mr Mu'awiya Derhalli Mr David Lloyd OBE Mr Peter Harrigan Mrs Caroline Montagu Dr Asma Siddiki Mr Ali Abbas Syed Dr Mark Thompson Mr Malcolm Weaver
Registered charity number	1002876
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Society was formed on 19 January 1987 to further cordial relations between Britain and Saudi Arabia. The Saudi British Society was registered by the Charity Commission on 23 May 1991. The charity has a Trust Deed which sets out the Society's objects and powers.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing Trustee.

Trustee induction

The Trustees receive documents relating to the rules and obligations of Trustees as set out by the Charity Commission.

Organisational structure

The Society has a President who is always the Saudi Arabian Ambassador in London, and an elected Committee. The Society has an Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Risk management

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the Society faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Trustees' responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements;
- (d) prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf:-


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Sir Derek Plumbly KCMG
Chairman

21 May 2018

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the Accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. You consider that an Audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to Audit and is eligible for Independent Examination, it is my responsibility to :-

- examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My Examination was carried out in accordance with 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 or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



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P.G. Browne FCA CTA

Chanter, Browne & Curry
Chartered Accountants

London SW6 4TU

21 May 2018

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	
		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOME			
Subscriptions, sponsorship and donations	2	26,830	21,160
Investments	3	8	4
Total income		<u>26,838</u>	<u>21,164</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Raising funds	4	22,276	22,934
Charitable activities	5	4,816	12,165
Total expenditure		<u>27,092</u>	<u>35,099</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(254)	(13,935)
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		1,638	2,198
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>1,384</u>	<u>(11,737)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		34,902	46,639
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>36,286</u>	<u>34,902</u>

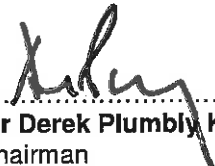
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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
		<u>£</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2016</u>
					<u>£</u>
Fixed assets					
Investments	6				31,488
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		56,186		4,284	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(19,900)		(870)	
Net current assets			36,286		3,414
Net assets			<u>36,286</u>		<u>34,902</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds:-					
General fund	8		<u>36,286</u>		<u>34,902</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:-


.....
Sir Derek Plumbly, KCMG
Chairman

21 May 2018

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Income recognition

Subscriptions, sponsorship and donations are included in incoming resources as income in the accounting period when they are receivable, except where the donor specifies that they should be used for a specific period.

1.3 Expenditure recognition

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure directly attributable to any specific activities has been included in these cost activities. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity they have been apportioned across categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

2 Income from subscriptions, sponsorship and donations		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
Subscriptions, sponsorship and contributions received	8,830	4,160
Rawabi Holding Awards Fund	18,000	17,000
	<u>26,830</u>	<u>21,160</u>
3 Income from investments		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
Bank interest received	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
4 Expenditure on raising funds		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
Rawabi Holding Awards	10,000	10,000
Receptions and meetings	11,289	12,934
Event support	987	-
	<u>22,276</u>	<u>22,934</u>
5 Expenditure on charitable activities		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
Programme and Member support	3,000	500
Insurance, website, stationery and bank charges	916	795
Donations	-	10,000
	<u>3,916</u>	<u>11,295</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy	<u>900</u>	<u>870</u>
Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>4,816</u>	<u>12,165</u>

None of the Trustees (nor any persons connected with them) received any remuneration nor were reimbursed for expenses during the year.

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6 Taxation

As a charity, The Saudi British Society is exempt from tax on income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes. No tax charges have arisen in the two years ended 31 December 2017.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
6 Fixed asset investments		
Market value at 1 January 2017	31,488	36,290
Acquisitions at cost	-	-
Disposals at carrying value	(33,126)	(7,000)
Gains/(losses) in the period	1,638	2,198
Market value at 31 December 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>31,488</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
Accruals	900	870
Income received in advance	19,000	-
	<u>19,900</u>	<u>870</u>

8 Statement of funds

	<u>General reserve</u>
	£
Unrestricted funds	
Balance at 1 January 2017	34,902
Income	<u>26,838</u>
	61,740
Expenditure	(27,092)
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	1,638
Balance at 31 December 2017	<u>36,286</u>