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THE SAUDI BRITISH SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

The Trustees present their Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018. 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 Arabians visiting or living in the UK.

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 in the Kingdom and Saudis resident in or visiting the UK.

The Society's Annual Dinner was held on 24th January 2018 in conjunction with the presentation of the Rawabi Holding Awards. Awards were given to Dr Abdul Aziz al Sager, Chairman and Founder Director of the Gulf Research Centre and Founder and Co-organiser of the annual Gulf Research Meeting at Cambridge University, and Dr Farhan Nizami CBE, Fellow of Magdalen College Oxford and Founder Director of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies.

In February 2018, The Society hosted a discussion, at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London, by the two stars of the acclaimed, Saudi-made film, "*Barakah Meets Barakah*", Hisham Fageeh and Fatima al-Banawi, with extracts from the film and clips of other work the stars have done. It was a most entertaining and popular evening, introduced by the Rt. Hon. Alistair Burt MP and Caroline Montagu, Countess of Sandwich, Chair of the Society's Cultural programme.

In April 2018, The Society held a panel discussion by four young Saudi academics entitled "*Kingdom in Transition: The Perspective and Aspirations of Young Saudis*".

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held in June 2018 at the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce and was followed by a talk by Mr. Martyn Best entitled: "*Saudi Arabia: Projecting Heritage from 1989 to Vision 2030*."

In December 2018, The Society's annual Ghazi al Gosaibi Memorial Lecture was given by Dr. Saud al Sarhan at the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce. Dr. al Sarhan is the Secretary-General of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. He is an Associate Fellow at the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR) at King's College, London, and is on the Board of Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Islam and The Contemporary World*. The title of Dr. al Sarhan's talk was "*Arab States Calling for Moderate Islam: The Case of Saudi Arabia*".

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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 2018. 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 thirteenth Annual Rawabi Holding Awards were presented in February 2019. Further talks on a range of topics are planned for 2019.

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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 bin Abdul Al-Saud
Honorary Vice-President	Sir Alan Munro KCMG
Chairman	Sir Derek Plumbly KCMG
Honorary Treasurer	Ms Karen Worcester
Honorary Secretary	Mrs Ionis V Thompson (until 04/12/2018) Mr David Hatcher (from 05/12/2018)
Trustees	Sir Derek Plumbly KCMG Ms Karen Worcester Mrs Ionis V Thompson Mr David Hatcher Dr Sara Al-Shareef Mr William Crawford Mr Mu'awiya Derhalli Mr Peter Harrigan Mr David Lloyd OBE 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 Treasurer and Honorary Secretary.

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

20 May 2019

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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 2018, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees, 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 Charity'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 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the Accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the Accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the Accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an Independent Examination.

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.

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P.G. Browne FCA CTA
Chanter, Browne & Curry

Chartered Accountants
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London SW6 4TU

20 May 2019

THE SAUDI BRITISH SOCIETY**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018****SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	
		<u>2018</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>£</u>
INCOME			
Subscriptions, sponsorship, grants and donations	2	32,108	26,830
Investments	3	28	8
Total income		<u>32,136</u>	<u>26,838</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Raising funds	4	22,551	22,276
Charitable activities	5	6,641	4,816
Total expenditure		<u>29,192</u>	<u>27,092</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		2,944	(254)
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		-	1,638
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>2,944</u>	<u>1,384</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		36,286	34,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>39,230</u>	<u>36,286</u>

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BALANCE SHEET **AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
		<u>£</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2017</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	7	2,150		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		38,010		56,186	
		<u>40,160</u>		<u>56,186</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(930)</u>		<u>(19,900)</u>	
Net current assets			39,230		36,286
Net assets			<u>39,230</u>		<u>36,286</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds:-					
General fund	9		<u>39,230</u>		<u>36,286</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:-

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Sir Derek Plumbly KCMG
Chairman

20 May 2019

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

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, grants 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

2 Income from subscriptions, sponsorship, grants and donations

	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Subscriptions, sponsorship, grants and contributions received	13,108	8,830
Rawabi Holding Awards Fund	19,000	18,000
	<u>32,108</u>	<u>26,830</u>

3 Income from investments

	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Bank interest received	<u>28</u>	<u>8</u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Rawabi Holding Awards	10,000	10,000
Receptions and meetings	11,051	11,289
Event support	1,500	987
	<u>22,551</u>	<u>22,276</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Programme and Member support	3,000	3,000
Insurance, website, stationery and bank charges	2,711	916
	<u>5,711</u>	<u>3,916</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy	<u>930</u>	<u>900</u>
Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>6,641</u>	<u>4,816</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 2018.

7 Debtors	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Prepayments	<u>2,150</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Accruals	930	900
Income received in advance	-	19,000
	<u>930</u>	<u>19,900</u>

9 Statement of funds

	<u>General</u> <u>reserve</u> £
Unrestricted funds	
Balance at 1 January 2018	36,286
Income	<u>32,136</u> 68,422
Expenditure	(29,192)
Balance at 31 December 2018	<u>39,230</u>