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Friends of Lambeth Palace Library Annual Report 2025-2026

FRIENDS OF LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY

London SE1 7JT

(founded 1964)

Charity registration number 313023

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(until November 2024)

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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

This is the final Annual Report for the former Friends of Lambeth Palace Library which merged in April 2026 with the Lambeth Palace Library Trust to form a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation – still to be known as The Friends of Lambeth Palace Library.

Although there was considerable work done by the Trustees over several years, with the creation of a new constitution following legal advice (available on the Friends page of the Library's website), and the combining of the assets of both charities, we hope the merger has been as seamless as possible from the point of view of the members.

The Friends have offered significant support to the Library for the past sixty-two years with several generations of dedicated trustees, working closely with successive librarians and the staff of the Library. The Friends have supported the acquisition of printed books, manuscripts and archives (see a detailed listing for the period 1964 – 2018 on the Library's website), as well as the cataloguing, conservation and digitisation of the collections, exhibitions, lectures, education and research.

We record our thanks to the Founders, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and our professional advisors; and to the individual donors, charitable foundations and other institutions who have given so generously to support our work, the staff of the library, and the heritage of the Church of England. The greatest thanks of all are to our members.

The move in 2021 to the magnificent new building marked a new chapter in the four hundred year history of Lambeth Palace Library. The work of the Friends has never been more important, and we look forward to an active and productive future.

Chair

Richard Linenthal

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY FOR 2025/26

The Trustees, who comprise the Executive Committee, present the annual report and the financial statements of the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library (the 'Charity' or the 'Friends') for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2026. This is the final report of the Charity: on 1 April 2026 the Charity merged with the Lambeth Palace Library Trust to form a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation called 'Lambeth Palace Library Development Trust and Friends CIO'.

Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and advisers are set out on the previous page.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Charity was constituted by a set of rules adopted at the first Annual General Meeting held on 1 June 1964 and amended in 1985 and 1987. A revised constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 12 June 2013. The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission as number 313023.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Charity are the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, together with up to seven other trustees.

The Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting for a term of three years. The Librarian of Lambeth Palace Library is *ex officio* Secretary of the Charity and a Trustee. Candidates for Trusteeship are proposed by the Executive Committee or members of the Charity from their personal or professional contacts who are knowledgeable in the fields falling within the Charity's scope, or who have knowledge or experience which can help the Charity to achieve its objectives.

No formal procedures have been put in place for the induction or training of Trustees as they have not been considered necessary, having regard to the criteria exercised in the selection of candidates for election and the professional standing of the *ex officio* members.

Ad hoc measures will be taken whenever necessary.

The names of the Trustees at the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for managing the affairs of the Charity and administering its funds and assets within the framework of any general policies agreed at an annual general meeting.

The Trustees are required to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards. In preparing those statements, the Trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed – subject to any material departures that are disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose the financial transactions and the assets and liabilities of the Charity with reasonable accuracy. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified the principal risks that might have an effect on the Charity and believe that appropriate action has been taken to manage them. The Trustees will continue to keep under review the adequacy of the procedures in place.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The primary object of the Charity is to promote the interests of Lambeth Palace Library by helping in the acquisition of printed books and manuscripts and in any other suitable way. The Charity aimed to take forward the merger with the Lambeth Palace Library Trust.

The Charity aims to achieve these objects through making grants, thus enabling Lambeth Palace Library to obtain items for their collections which would otherwise be unaffordable, to catalogue and conserve the collection and by helping in other suitable ways.

The Charity is a public benefit entity. Lambeth Palace Library is open to the public, such that scholars, researchers and historians can use the printed books and manuscripts acquired with the help of grants from the Charity. The public benefit is also achieved through making grants towards the conservation and cataloguing of the collections, which helps to make them more accessible. The Trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Grant-making policies

All grants are given to Lambeth Palace Library as defined in 'Objectives and Activities' above.

The Charity's two main criteria when awarding grants for acquisitions are the historical, literary and other qualities of the proposed acquisition and its significance to the collection. Price, condition and provenance are also taken into account. The criteria for grants for cataloguing and conservation are given on the merits of the particular part of the Library's collection.

The Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that its established grant-making policies meet those requirements.

Main objectives for 2025

The Charity had two main objectives for 2025: subject to approval from Members, to conclude the merger with the Lambeth Palace

Library Trust and begin operating as the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation; and in the meantime to continue to make grants from the Operating Fund to support the work of the Library.

The Charity also aimed to continue to increase its membership, and thus its income, through the distribution of its membership leaflet to all visitors to the Library and through the Library's website, as well as by pursuing other initiatives and events for potential members and benefactors.

Merger with Lambeth Palace Library Trust

Trustees continued to work towards the merger with Lambeth Palace Library Trust. The two Charities jointly appointed Womble Bond Dickinson to undertake legal work to create the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation and to register it with the Charity Commission

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Merger with Lambeth Palace Library Trust

At the Annual General Meeting held on 14 May 2025 Members resolved to agree to the merger of the Charity with the Lambeth Palace Library Trust Fund (Charity Number 1083137) by transferring the assets of the Charity and the Lambeth Palace Library Trust Fund to a newly registered CIO to form a combined charity. Having been authorized by Members so to do, Trustees agreed a constitution for the CIO and registered the CIO with the Charity Commission;

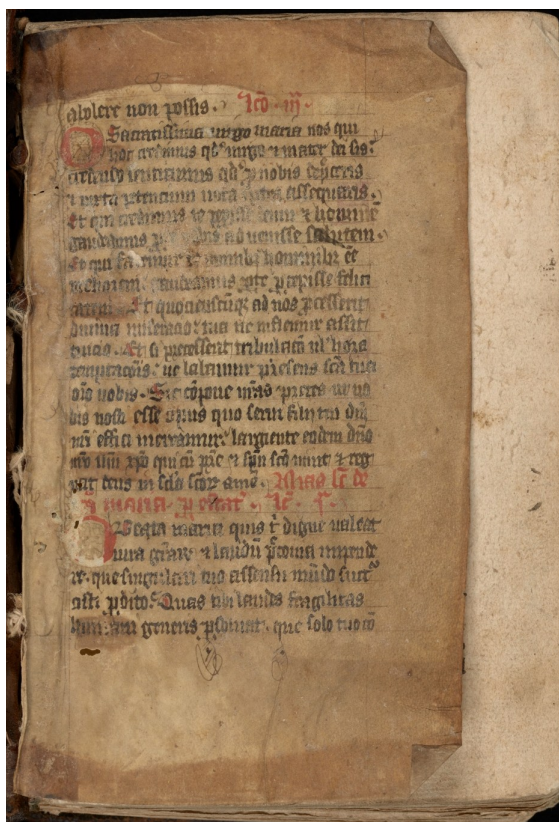
The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 'Lambeth Palace Library Development Trust and Friends CIO', was registered with the Charity Commission on 8 July 2025 (Charity Number 1214015).

The assets of the Charity were duly transferred to the CIO on 31 March 2026.

Trustees continued to take steps towards the dissolution of the Charity, including an application to the Charity Commission's register of mergers to record the transfer of assets, ensure that any legacies made to the charity will automatically transfer to the CIO, and to remove the unincorporated charity from the register.

Grants

Details of the grants made or committed by the Charity between 1 January 2025 and 31 March 2026 are given on pages 13-14. Grants of £40,815 (2024: £33,897) were made to the Library. This included 35 grants for the acquisition of works for the Library's collection, including an English fifteenth-century manuscript of Latin devotional texts, and two important sixteenth-century printed books from the library at Stonyhurst College, and a grant of £4000 for further cataloguing of the Act Books of the Court of Arches, being undertaken by Richard Palmer.



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We warmly welcome the following members who joined the Society in 2025/6:

Mr Alfred Pasternack
Ms Yukie Sawatari
Mrs Polly Robb
Mr Tim Gunn
Dr Jeremy Morris

We report with regret the deaths of the following members:

Miss Parthenope L. Ward
Mrs Jacqueline Linsley (Life Member)
Mr Humphrey R. Nye (Life Member)
The Rt Honourable Shane Hugh Maryon, 5th
Viscount Gough
(Life Member)
The Revd Brenda Craston
Mrs. M. Elizabeth Ives

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-first annual meeting of the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library was held in the Great Hall at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday 14 May 2025.

The Acting Chair Richard Linenthal opened the meeting by welcoming those Friends attending in person and the six attending online.

Before moving to the formal part of the meeting he highlighted activities during the year which benefited from Friends' active involvement including the exhibition *Unfolding Time* and the related one-day symposium. He drew attention to the Library's annual reviews for the period 2019 – 2024, covering important years in the library's history, and with an account of the building and move to the new library by Declan Kelly. On behalf of the Friends Committee and Trustees he thanked the Head of the Library, Pip Willcox, the Director of Bishopton & Cathedrals and Lambeth Palace Library, Michael Minta, the Senior Librarian, Hugh Cahill and the staff of the library for the help and support that they give the Friends. He thanked Friends committee members Karen Brookfield, Mark Byford, Peter Wright, David McKitterick, and Diarmaid MacCulloch.

The Chair welcomed the new members of the Friends and asked the meeting to remember those who had recently passed away including Rachel Cosgrave, Senior Archivist, Lady Harriot Tennant, a longtime member of the Friends Committee, and Mossman Roueché, previous Chair of the Library Trust.

The Chair introduced the business of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), following the drafting of a constitution with legal advice from, Womble, Bond, Dickinson. The constitution was in its final form and the new CIO would soon be registered with the Charity Commission. Special thanks were given to Karen Brookfield and Peter Wright for their work in drafting the constitution in close consultation with the solicitor.

The purpose of this part of the meeting was for the members to consider, and if thought fit, approve the proposal for the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library and the Lambeth Palace Trust Fund to merge

by forming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and transferring the assets of both charities to the CIO to operate a combined charity going forward.

Having carefully considered the proposals put to the meeting the Members RESOLVED:

1. To agree to the merger of the Charity with the Lambeth Palace Trust Fund (Charity Number 1083137) by transferring the assets of the Charity and the Lambeth Palace Trust Fund to a newly registered CIO to form a combined charity.
2. That the current members of the Charity will automatically be appointed as the first members of the CIO.
3. That following the registration of the CIO the assets of the Charity will be transferred to the CIO and the Charity will be dissolved further to Clause 6 of the Charity's constitution.
4. That the trustees be and are hereby are authorised to:
 - a) agree a constitution for the CIO and oversee and take any steps required to register the CIO with the Charity Commission;
 - b) take all steps required to transfer the assets of the Charity to the CIO;
 - c) following the transfer of assets to take steps further to Clause 6 of the Charity's constitution to oversee the dissolution of the current unincorporated charity;
 - d) make an application to the Charity Commission's register of mergers to record the transfer of assets, ensure that any legacies made to the charity will automatically transfer to the CIO and to remove the unincorporated charity from the register.

The Chair introduced the minutes of the AGM held on 14 June 2024 provided electronically and in hard copy. Dr Mark Byford proposed they be accepted as a true record. His proposal was seconded by Declan Kelly, and the meeting accepted the minutes as a true record with no further questions or comments.

Dr Mark Byford, as acting Treasurer, reported on the accounts commenting that the funds were healthy enabling continued support of the Library. Income from donations and legacies was £70,000 and there was an investment gain of £43,000. Grants made in 2024 amounted to £34,000. The total income received in the year ended 31

December 2024 was £131,453 compared to the £114,424 received in 2023. The Chair and the acting Treasurer responded to questions from members.

The Chair moved the adoption of the 2024 report and financial statements on behalf of the Trustees. The proposal was seconded, and approved by the members.

The Chair proposed the reappointment of Mr Gregory Stevenson, FCA, of Knox Cropper, Chartered Accountants, 65 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2AD, as independent examiner. The proposal was seconded, and approved by the members.

The Head of the Library, Pip Willcox, spoke about the activities of the Library in the previous year.

After thanking Pip Willcox the Chair responded to questions from the members.

The Chair introduced the speakers, Dr Sarah Griffin and Dr Megan McNamee, who spoke about folding almanacs and pocket calendars, and the Library's current exhibition *Unfolding Time: The Medieval Pocket Calendar*.

Following the talk the Chair thanked Dr Griffin and Dr McNamee and adjourned the meeting for tea.

GRANTS TO LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY IN 2025/6

For acquisitions	£
The Beginning of the World (1902)	200.00
Psalms and Hymns for the Use of the Parish of St. Mary-le-Bone (1817)	20.00
The Clerical Assistant: An Elocutionary Guide (1862)	40.00
Sermons Preached at the Free Church St Ives (1871)	250.00
C15th English manuscript; devotional works	9,625.00
Idle Jenny/Kitty and her Grandmother (1860s)	32.50
The Pocket Bible for Little Masters and Misses (1820)	325.00
The Book of Genesis (1914)	300.00
Lyra innocentium (1846)	250.00
Remarks on the Duty of Observing the Lord's Supper (1830-50?)	35.00
Articles to be inquired and answered unto...in the ordinary visitation (1811)	95.00
The form of prayer to be used for the Happy Deliverance of Queen Caroline (1820)	40.00
Sermon on the Epistles (1540)	5,737.24
Archbishop Hutton seal matrix	1,680.00
Letter from Ducarel to J Granger re Parker portrait	2,810.00
Articles agreed upon by the Arch-bishops and Bishops...in the yeere 1562 (1638)	500.00

The Primer, or catechism, set forth agreeable to the Book of Common Prayer (1772)	1,500.00
Defense des principaux articles de la foi Catholique (1748)	400.00
The Book of Ruth (1926)	400.00
An order of prayer...to remove Gods wrath from us threatened by... earthquake (1580)	457.20
A Glasse of the Truthe (1531-2)	9,000.00
Address Church Missionary Soc to heads of families	64.60
Spiritual Communion	450.00
33rd Psalm	375.00
Bond Sermon	170.00
Porteous Sermon	220.00
Lord's Song, Gill	120.00
Done,Pyle,Downes, Sockdale & Sheridan	250.00
Congregational Independency, Henry Wray	354.65
A New Hieroglyphical Bible	393.50
The Psalms of David, in Metre ... Edinburgh,1797	300.00
R P Pauli Segneri Societatis Jesu Speculum	70.00
Political tract by William Hone entitled "The Political litany", published 1817.	125.00
Rebecca Wilkinson;Fletcher Rev.J.W;Wilcox,Rev T.;Sermons for Children by a Lady etc	200.00
Companion to the Bible 1836	25.00
For cataloguing	
Cataloguing the Acts of Court of the Court of Arches 1714-1727 (Arches Aa 21-34).	4,000.00
Total grants given for the year	40,814.69

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income received in the fifteen month period ended 31 March 2026 was £72,251 compared to the £131,453 received in 2024 (12 months). Subscription income from members in the fifteen month period amounted to £18,238 (2024: £14,600). Donations and legacies in that period were £4,115, a decrease of £67,321 on the £71,436 received in 2024 which included two generous legacies. The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our benefactors as well as the many members who kindly pay subscriptions above the minimum level and those who have signed Gift Aid Declarations. Income from events recorded a deficit of £2,219 (2024: £130 deficit). Investment income for the fifteen month period ended 31st March 2026 was £51,592 (2024 [12 months]: £43,335).

Operating expenses in the fifteen month period to 31st March 2026 increased to £37,804 (2024: £18,013) including £13,893 legal fees and other professional fees re: the merger with the Lambeth Palace Library Trust ("LPL Trust") into a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation completed on 31st March 2026 (2024: £2,400). The investment manager's fees for the period were £8,609 (2024: £6,202).

All grants are given to Lambeth Palace Library to promote its interests by helping the acquisition of printed books and manuscripts, cataloguing, conservation and in any other suitable way. In the fifteen months ended 31st March 2026, the charity made 36 grants to the library amounting to £40,815 (2024: 23 grants amounting to £33,897).

35 grants (equivalent to £36,815) were made to facilitate acquisitions. The largest grant was £9,625 to acquire C15th English manuscript; devotional works; L-2025-2. Grants totalling £4,000 were given towards cataloguing the Acts of the Court of Arches, 1714-1727 (Arches Aa 21-34) and part funding Lambeth Palace Library musical events. A summary list of the grants made in the period is set out on pages 13 to 14.

After meeting the cost of all grants and operating expenditure, the Operating Fund recorded a loss for the fifteen-month period to 31st March 2026 of £6,368 (2024: £79,543 surplus). No donations were received into the Endowment Fund (2024: nil).

After accounting for realised gains of £8,905 (2024: £9,760) and unrealised gains of £133,660 (2024: £85,646) on the investment

portfolio, the net assets shown in the balance sheet as at 31 March 2026 increased by £136,197 to £1,700,312 (2024: £1,564,115). Net assets comprised the investment portfolio (at the period end market value) of £1,450,016 (2024: £1,320,180) and net current assets, mostly cash, of £250,296 (2024: £243,935). Further details of the investment portfolio are given in note 7 to the accounts.

The Trustees record with gratitude the generosity of those who gave donations during the fifteen-month period to 31st March 2026 to the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the 15 months ended 31st March 2026

	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted operating fund 2026</i>	<i>Endowment fund 2026</i>	<i>Total funds 2026</i>	<i>Total funds year ended 31 Dec 2024</i>
Income from		£	£	£	£
Subscriptions, donations & legacies	2	20,659	-	20,659	88,118
Investments	3	51,592	-	51,592	43,335
Total income		72,251	-	72,251	131,453
Expenditure on					
Charitable expenditure		40,815	-	40,815	33,897
Raising funds	5	8,609	-	8,609	6,202
Support costs	6	29,195	-	29,195	11,811
Total expenditure		78,619	-	78,619	51,910
(Loss)/Surplus before investment gains		(6,368)	-	(6,368)	79,543
Net gains on investments					
realized	7	-	8,905	8,905	9,760
unrealized	7	-	133,660	133,660	85,646
Net surplus/(loss)		(6,368)	142,565	136,197	174,949
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,368)	142,565	136,197	174,949
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		650,758	913,357	1,564,115	1,389,166
Fund balances carried forward		644,390	1,055,922	1,700,312	1,564,115

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2026

		31 March 2026	31 December 2024
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	Note		
Fixed assets			
Investments	7	1,450,016	1,320,180
Current assets			
Debtors		1,446	5,067
Bank balances & deposits		<u>255,414</u>	<u>251,836</u>
		256,860	256,903
Liabilities	8		
Creditors falling due within one year		(3,384)	(8,828)
Life subscriptions carried forward		<u>(3,180)</u>	<u>(4,140)</u>
		<u>(6,564)</u>	<u>(12,968)</u>
Net current assets		250,296	243,935
Net assets		<u>1,700,312</u>	<u>1,564,115</u>
Representing			
Endowment fund	11	1,055,922	913,357
Operating fund	12	644,390	650,758
		<u>1,700,312</u>	<u>1,564,115</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 29th June 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Acting Chairman

Richard Linenthal

Honorary Treasurer

Michael Minta

FRIENDS OF LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the 15 months ended 31st March 2026

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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" and with regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the more important accounting policies is set out below.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant risk that uncertainty over estimates made for the purpose of these financial statements may cause a material adjustment to the carrying value of assets and liabilities.

The Charity is a public benefit entity.

(b) Income

Membership subscriptions are recognised upon receipt. Life subscriptions are treated as income evenly over ten years, starting with the year of their receipt. Dividends are recognised in the period in which the dividend becomes payable. Legacies are recognised in the period in which they are received or when there is probability of receipt. Other income is recognised in the period to which it relates. Donations for which no requirements are specified are recorded through the unrestricted Operating Fund.

(c) Expenditure

Expenditure is allocated between charitable activities, raising funds and support costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises grants to Lambeth Palace Library for the purchase of printed books, manuscripts and other appropriate items, for cataloguing and for conservation. Such costs are charged to the unrestricted Operating Fund when they have been committed.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises the investment manager's charges.

Support costs are those costs which are not attributable to a single activity but provide the necessary organisational support for all the Charity's activities. They include the costs of the accountant and membership secretary, the annual general meeting and the independent examiner's fee and other professional fees.

d) Investments

Listed investments are stated in the balance sheet at their market value on the balance sheet date. The resultant unrealized surplus or deficit is recognized in the Endowment Fund.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2026	2024
	£ (15 months)	£ (12 months)
Annual subscriptions		
under Gift Aid	12,779	10,670
not under Gift Aid	4,499	2,790
Life membership	<u>960</u>	<u>1,140</u>
Total subscription income	18,238	14,600
Donations and legacies	4,115	71,436
Friends' events & visits	(2,219)	(130)
Joint events & sales of books, postcards etc	<u>525</u>	<u>2,212</u>
	<u>20,659</u>	<u>88,118</u>

3. Income from investments

	2026	2024
	£ (15 months)	£ (12 months)
Income from listed investments	49,642	41,580
Interest on deposits	<u>1,950</u>	<u>1,755</u>
Total investment income	<u>51,592</u>	<u>43,335</u>

4. Costs of charitable activities and grant making policies

All grants are given to Lambeth Palace Library to promote its interests by helping in the acquisition of printed books and manuscripts, conservation, cataloguing and in any other appropriate way. Grants in the year are analysed as shown below:

	2026	2024
	£ (15 months)	£ (12 months)
Grants for acquisitions	36,815	20,897
Grants for cataloguing	4,000	7,000
Special grants for exhibition rooms and cases	-	6,000
Other grants	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total grants given in period	<u>40,815</u>	<u>33,897</u>

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	2026	2024
	£ (15 months)	£ (12 months)
Investment manager's charges	<u>8,609</u>	<u>6,202</u>

6. Support costs

	2026	2024
	£ (15 months)	£ (12 months)
Membership accountant's fees and expenses	9,028	6,584
Independent Examination fee	2,105	1,640
AGM costs	3,662	1,104
Legal & other fees re: merger with LPL Trust	13,893	2,400
Printing, post and travel expenses	<u>507</u>	<u>83</u>
	<u>29,195</u>	<u>11,811</u>

7. Investment portfolio

As at 31 March 2026, the Charity's investment portfolio comprised holdings in a diverse group of collective investment vehicles, respectively focussed on income and capital growth. The portfolio is summarised in the following table:

	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income (Prospective)	Yield on Market Value
31-Mar-26	£	£	£	%
UK Equity Funds	230,412	327,032	13,359	4.08%
International Equity Funds	498,612	742,026	13,623	1.84%
Bonds	136,635	141,062	6,465	4.58%
Multi-Asset Funds	-	-	-	-
Alternative Funds	<u>223,150</u>	<u>239,896</u>	<u>7,652</u>	3.19%
Total portfolio	<u>1,088,809</u>	<u>1,450,016</u>	<u>41,099</u>	2.83%

Movements in year

	2026 £ (15 months)	2024 £ (12 months)
Market value at 1st January 2025	1,320,180	1,236,558
Subsequent proceeds of sale	(324,336)	(252,085)
Cost of purchases	311,607	240,301
Realized gains	8,905	9,760
Unrealized gains/(losses)	<u>133,660</u>	<u>85,646</u>
Movement in period	<u>129,836</u>	<u>83,622</u>
Market value at 31st March 2026	<u>1,450,016</u>	<u>1,320,180</u>
Cost at 31st March 2026	<u>1,088,809</u>	<u>1,056,511</u>

8. Creditors

	2026 £	2024 £
<i>Amounts payable within one year</i>		
Other creditors and accrued charges	3,384	8,828
<i>Other creditors</i>		
Life membership fees carried forward	<u>3,180</u>	<u>4,140</u>
	<u>6,564</u>	<u>12,968</u>

9. The funds of the charity

The Operating Fund is an unrestricted fund which records all the income of the Charity that is not subject to a restriction imposed by a donor. The income of the Operating Fund may be expended without restriction in furtherance of the Charity's objectives.

The Endowment Fund was established in 1985 as a permanent fund to provide income to further the objects of the charity. These funds may not be expended, but the income arising from investing the funds is credited to the Operating Fund.

10. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for 2024

The table below is given in compliance with the SORP requirements in order to provide the split between the operating and endowment funds for the previous year.

	Note	Unrestricted Operating Fund 2024 £	Endowment Fund 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from				
Subscriptions, donations & legacies	2	88,118	-	88,118
Investments	3	43,335	-	43,335
Total income		131,453	-	131,453
Expenditure on				
Charitable expenditure		33,897	-	33,897
Raising funds	5	6,202	-	6,202
Support costs	6	11,811	-	11,811
Total expenditure		51,910	-	51,910
Surplus (loss) before investment gains		79,543	-	79,543
Net gains on investments				
realized	7	-	9,760	9,760
unrealized	7	-	85,646	85,646
Net surplus/(loss)		79,543	95,406	174,949
Transfer between funds		-	-	-
Net movement in funds		79,543	95,406	174,949
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		571,215	817,951	1,389,166
Fund balances carried forward		650,758	913,357	1,564,115

11. Endowment Fund

	2026 £ (15 months)	2024 £ (12 months)
At 1st January 2025	913,357	817,951
Realised investment gains	8,905	9,760
Unrealised investment gains	<u>133,660</u>	<u>85,646</u>
At 31st March 2026	<u>1,055,922</u>	<u>913,357</u>

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	<i>Investments</i>	<i>Net current assets</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£
Endowment Fund	1,055,922	-	1,055,922
Operating Fund	<u>394,094</u>	<u>250,296</u>	<u>644,390</u>
Total	<u>1,450,016</u>	<u>250,296</u>	<u>1,700,312</u>

13. Policy on reserves

The Trustees have a balanced investment policy. Capital is retained as free reserves, represented by investments, in order to give rise to a reasonably predictable and regular level of income which the Trustees regard as necessary to maintain and support the Charity's operations.

At 31st March 2026, the Endowment Fund reserves stood at £1,055,922. The expendable Operating Fund stood at £644,390, giving aggregate reserves of £1,700,312 at that date.

14. Related Party Transactions

The trustees received no remuneration and there were no related party transactions during the period (2024: £nil), other than the payment of subscriptions. One trustee was reimbursed £10 for postage costs during the period (2024: £nil).

15. Merger with the Lambeth Palace Library Trust

The merger with the Lambeth Palace Library Trust into the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation completed on 31st March 2026.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the fifteen month period ended 31st March 2026, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of my engagement. My work has been undertaken so that I might carry out an Independent Examination of the financial statements in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees, as a body, for my examination for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements: The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements (under section 145(1)(a) of the Act); to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the Act, and to 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 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me 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 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.

29th June 2026

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