



**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12 SEPTEMBER 2013
FOR
POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY (UK) LIMITED**

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POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY (UK) LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

for the Year Ended 12 September 2013

PATRONS:	The Earl of St. Andrews The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland
PRESIDENT:	Field Marshal the Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank
TRUSTEES:	Dr Mark Stella-Sawicki MBE Mr Philip Bujak Mr Marek Rencki Mrs Malgorzata Alterman Mrs Teresa Stella-Sawicka Mrs Hanka Januszewska
REGISTERED OFFICE:	c/o Widcombe Lodge 2 Brentham Way Ealing London W5 1BJ
REGISTERED NUMBER:	07517923 (England and Wales)
ACCOUNTANTS:	Bramil Associates LLP Rex House 354 Ballards Lane North Finchley London N12 0DD

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 12 September, 2013

The Trustees of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 12 September 2013. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 as amended in 2008.

INCORPORATION

The Charity was incorporated as a limited liability company on 04 February, 2011 and was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 13 September 2011. The Charity began trading on 13 September 2011.

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

The Charity's registered number with the Charity Commission is 1143791

TRUSTEES

Dr Mark Stella-Sawicki MBE
Mr Philip Bujak
Mr Marek Rencki
Mrs Malgorzata Alterman
Mrs Teresa Stella-Sawicka
Mrs Hanka Januszewska

GOVERNING DOCUMENT AND CONSTITUTION

The Charity is governed by and its constitution is its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

TRUSTEES SELECTION

All Trustees since incorporation were appointed by resolution of the existing Trustees. Any new Trustees will be appointed by the existing Trustees.

THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

1. To record for posterity and to promote the care of those memorials, monuments, buildings and other marks of remembrances testifying to the presence of Poles in the United Kingdom.
2. To record and promote the contribution of Polish social organisations and individuals of Polish origin in the United Kingdom to the cultural heritage of the United Kingdom
3. To advocate, preserve and promote the strong historical relationship between the British and Polish nations through greater awareness amongst present and future generations of British citizens of the historical links between the two countries by publishing widely its activities in the public domain.
4. To co-operate in a non-political, transparent manner with any groups, associations, societies and bodies, public and private, and with individuals in the common interest of the maintaining and protecting our common Polish heritage in the United Kingdom.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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MAIN ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES DURING THE YEAR

1. Ognisko Polskie Renovation Project

October-November 2012

After an active role in helping prevent the sale of the Polish Community's iconic building in Kensington, Ognisko Polskie (The Polish Hearth), 2012, the Chairman of the Polish Heritage Society agreed with the Board of the Society to pay for and manage the renovation of the front façade of the building.¹ The Building is a Grade 2 listed building that is subject to English Heritage Guidelines.

This donation represents the Polish Heritage's largest donation to date and the largest donation received by Ognisko Polskie (The Polish Hearth) in recent years.

2. Joseph Conrad Exhibition

November 2012

Polish Heritage Society was delighted to be able to support The Polish Library, based in POSK, to prepare its Joseph Conrad exhibition November 2012. Joseph Conrad is one of Poland's most recognisable authors outside the borders of Poland. Many of the items on display came from his study from his house in Kent.

3. Arnhem Film Premier,² Embassy of the Republic of Poland

November 2012

Jointly promoted with the Polish Embassy. '*A Debt of Dishonour*' shows a fresh insight into the role of Polish Forces under General Sosabowski and his leadership capabilities during '*Operation Market Garden*'. In attendance were the Deputy Head of Mission, Minister Counsellor Mr Dariusz Laska, Mr Michael Sosabowski, the grandson of General Sosabowski and Colonel Mike Russell, Commanding Officer of Aldershot Garrison.

4. Arnhem Film Premier, POSK, London

November 2012

A screening was held for a mainly Polish audience. The film was preceded by a contextual introduction into Arnhem and Driel 1944 battles and was followed by a lively question and answer discussion.

5. General Sosabowski Plaque

February 2013

A plaque to mark the house where General Sosabowski lived was erected in Chiswick, London W4. The unveiling was attended by Mr Michael Sosabowski, grandson of General Sosabowski, the Military Attache and the Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland.

6. Arnhem Film Premiere, Manchester

March 2013

The Screening was in the presence of the Consul General in Manchester, Mr Lukasz *Lutostanski*, and attended by a large British and Polish audience that included a large contingent of the British Legion and UK Association of the Airborne Forces.³

¹The whole of the front façade excepting the balcony and columns, painted by a different contractor.

²The cost of filming and editing was entirely funded by The Embassy of the Republic of Poland.

The cost of DVDs distributed to charities was funded by the Polish Heritage Society.

The DVD was produced by Dr Marek Stella-Sawicki, MBE, Chairman of the Polish Heritage Society.

³The UK Association of the Airborne Forces presented Dr M Stella-Sawicki MBE with their "*Utrinque Paratus*" Medal, which roughly translates as 'Ready for Anything' and is the motto of the Parachute Regiment.

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7. Arnhem Film Premiere, Centre for Jewish Culture, Krakow **May 2013**

The screening took place as the result of a direct invitation of the Centre Director.

8. Arnhem Film Premiere, Warsaw Rising Museum **June 2013**

The Polish premiere of *'Arnhem – A Debt of Dishonour'*, presented by the Chairman of Polish Heritage Society was held at the Warsaw Rising Museum in the Liberator Hall. The Premiere was attended by a large audience including a number of prominent VIPs.

9. Marie Curie Hospice and Dr A Meeson Kielanowski **January 2013**

Marie Skłodowska-Curie was a Polish physicist and chemist. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only woman to date to win the Nobel Prizes in two separate fields (Physics and Chemistry). In 1995 she became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Pantheon in Paris.

The Society presented a bronze bust of Marie Curie Skłodowska to the Marie Curie Hospice in Hampstead on 23rd January 2013 to celebrate the life and work of Dr Andrew Meeson Kielanowski, one of the founders of the Polish Heritage Society and well known in medical circles in Hampstead. The bust was unveiled by his widow Mrs Anita Meeson Kielanowska, on the first anniversary of Dr Meeson Kielanowski's death.

10. Joseph Conrad Society **May 2013**

The Polish Heritage Society has set up a 5 year Bursary programme for the Joseph Conrad Society. In year two, this was awarded to Ms Stanek, studying at University of Surrey. The bursary went towards Ms Stanek's attendance at a Joseph Conrad Conference being held in Rome.

11. Krystyna Skarbek/Christine Granville **May 2013**

A major project for the Polish Heritage Society who renovated the grave of Christine Granville, nee Krystyna Skarbek, at Kensal Green Cemetery in North London and positioned a plaque in St Mary's Church, Kensal Green Cemetery to commemorate her life. A service was celebrated by The Right Reverend Alan Hopes, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, (currently the Bishop of Norwich and East Anglia), in the presence of The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland, H E Witold Sobkow, Maj.Gen. John Drewienkiewicz, the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, as well as British and French Militaries.

The event attracted international press and media coverage of this famous SOE 'Spy' and subject of many books, such as Clare Mulley's *'The Spy Who Loved'*. A celebration lunch was held in POSK.

12. The Polish Heritage Concert **May 2013**

To raise funds for future projects within the Polish Community and to thank supporters throughout the year, the Polish Heritage Society held an evening of popular classical music, followed by a buffet dinner, courtesy of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland on 23rd May 2013.

This was the first event of this type and it was sell out! Mark Dowd played Chopin and the soprano sang arias from, the highlight of the evening Cheryl Enever singing in Polish, a song based on Chopin's music.

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13. Website News

www. polishheritage.co.uk

Polish Queens Honours

The Polish Heritage Society has carried out an analysis of all official honours³. We have identified 182 Polish surnames which, between them, received 186 official Civil Honour Awards (1946 – 2013). This includes 5 Knighthoods as well as 5 individuals who received 2 honours each. The most popular awards included 89 MBE, 46 OBE, 18 BEM and 15 CBE. We also identified 68 Polish surnames which received 83 official Military Honour Awards during this same period. The highest level of awards were given to the Polish officers in the RAF (63), Army (17) and the Royal Navy (3). In addition, we also identified 76 Polish surnames in the Debrett's List, with the highest levels being 19 University Professors, 14 Lawyers, 14 Artists, 9 Medical Doctors & 9 Journalists.

General Elections – Polish Candidates & MPs

The Polish Heritage Society carried out a detailed analysis of every single election since June 1945 (18 General Elections and 489 By-Elections to 01 July 2013)⁴. 69 Polish candidate surnames appeared in 10 General Elections since 1970, the most being Labour (15 candidates), Liberal Democrats (13), Conservative (9), Liberal (8) and UKIP (6). To date, there were 5 elected Polish MPs (3 Labour MPs including Denis MacShane [Matyjaszek], Marek Lazarowicz and Simon Danczuk as well as 2 Conservative MPs including Stefan Terlezki and Daniel Kawczynski). The most successful MP (to date) has been Dennis MacShane who was elected on a By-Election (05 May 1994) and has subsequently won his re-election in the last 4 General Elections.

Polish Links

The Polish Heritage Society has created numerous Recommended Links which have been sub-divided into 5 major categories : Polish Museums (3 links), Polish Clubs (2), Polish Interest (8), Polish Air Force WW2 (8) and Polish Army Records in UK (1). Most of these links are based upon website addresses of Polish-related cultural and social UK-based institutions but, in addition, the majority of the military links include original films of the WW2 as well as the longest known list (20,000+ / 689 pages) of Polish airmen who served in the RAF in WW2.

14. Candles on Graves

November 2012

The Polish Heritage Society has been active in continuing the tradition of commemorating All Saints Day on 1st November, by placing candles on the graves of well known personages in various cemeteries. The Embassy of the Republic of Poland has been supportive of organisations continuing this tradition.

15. Register of Polish Heritage Project

2013

The Polish Heritage Society has what it hopes might become a community wide project - a Register of Polish monuments, important buildings, plaques and other evidence of Polish Heritage in the United Kingdom. We encourage all walks of the Polish Community to work together to compile a unique and inclusive document for our future generations.

³ This research was carried out by Mr M Rencki

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Acknowledgements

Polish Heritage Society would like to thank the following for their valuable support, contributions, donations, collaboration throughout this period.

The Earl of St Andrews
HE The Ambassador Mr W Sobkow, The Embassy of the Republic of Poland
Mr D Laska, Deputy Head of Mission, Minister Counsellor, The Embassy of the Republic of Poland
Mr I Truszkowski, Consul General, The Embassy of the Republic of Poland
Mr L Lukostanski The Polish Consul General in Manchester
The Field Marshal the Lord C Guthrie
Major General S J.Drewienkiewicz
Col R Ciaglinski
Col M Russell
General K Szymanski
Mr and Mrs J Zaborowski (Polish Consul 2012)
Bishop A Hopes, Bishop of Norwich and East Anglia
Mgr Canon W Wyszowadzki
The Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea
Museum Powstania Warszawskiego (Warsaw Uprising Museum)
Director of Warsaw Uprising Museum Mr Pawel Ukielski and Miss Ewelina Bajak
Director of Jewish Cultural Centre Krakow, Dr Joachim Russek
Director of Posklub, Mr A Makulski
Mr Patrick J Kennedy
Mr Stefan Mucha
Mr. Michael Moszynski, London Advertising
Mr K Barbarski, Sikorski Institute and Museum
Ms B Karol
Ms T Ciecierska
Mr A Palka
Mr N Johnson
Montesorri Schools
Mr Andy Penney
Ald. Dr A Parmley
Ms C Enever
Mr M Dowd
Tomasz Maciej Danilewicz, Sculptor

The Committee of Polish Heritage Society

Dr M Stella-Sawicki	Mrs H Januszewski	Mr P Bujak
Mrs T Stella-Sawicka	Mrs M Alterman	Mr C Januszewski
Mr M Rencki	Mrs E Malhomme de la Roche	

RESERVES

The reserves of the Charity as at the end of the period were £46,712. The Trustees consider that all these reserves are required to be carried forward to validate the existence of the Charity.

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:

Dr Mark Stella-Sawicki MBE - Chairman and Trustee

Mr Christopher Marek Rencki – Treasurer and Trustee

7th October, 2013

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the Year Ended 12 September 2013

	Notes	12.9.13 £	12.9.12 £
TURNOVER – SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS		11,326	66,980
Operational Expenditure		<u>17,577</u>	<u>9,595</u>
GROSS DEFICIT/SURPLUS		(6,251)	57,385
Administrative expenses		<u>2,052</u>	<u>2,370</u>
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS AND (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2	(8,303)	55,015
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	-	-
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>(8,303)</u>	<u>55,015</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY (UK) LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07517923)

BALANCE SHEET
12 September 2013

	Notes	12.9.13 £	12.9.12 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		<u>46,712</u>	<u>55,015</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>46,712</u>	<u>55,015</u>
RESERVES			
Surplus	4	<u>46,712</u>	<u>55,015</u>
		<u>46,712</u>	<u>55,015</u>

The Charity is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 12 September 2012.

The members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 12th September 2012 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the Charity keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Charity.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 7th October, 2013 and signed on their behalf by

Dr Mark Stella-Sawicki MBE
- Chairman and Trustee

Mr Christopher Marek Rencki
– Treasurer and Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities 2008.

2. OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

The operating deficit (2012 - operating surplus) is as stated with no disclosures required for the years as below:

	12.9.13 £	12.9.12 £
No Disclosures required	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>

3. TAXATION

Analysis of the tax charge

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 12 September 2013 nor for the year ended 12 September 2012.

4. RESERVES

	Income and expenditure account £
At 13 September 2012	55,015
Deficit for the year	<u>(8,303)</u>
At 12 September 2013	<u>46,712</u>

All of the reserves are unrestricted and can be used utilised at the Discretion of the Board.

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF
POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY (UK) LIMITED**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Polish Heritage Society (UK) Limited

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 13 September 2013, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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 needed.

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;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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.

Simon Brookes Brougham ACA FCCA

Bramil Associates LLP

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Date: 7th October, 2013

POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY (UK) LIMITED

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the Year Ended 12 September 2013**

	12.9.13		12.9.12	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Sponsorship and Donations		11,326		66,980
Operational Expenditure				
Ognisko Polskie Front Facade	13,859		-	
Event Costs	760		830	
Statues, Plaques and Memorials	1,958		7,947	
DVD Costs	750			
Obituaries	-		568	
Awards	250		250	
	<u>17,577</u>		<u>9,595</u>	
GROSS (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		(6,251)		57,385
Administrative Expenditure				
Hire of plant and machinery	-		1,062	
Advertising	-		800	
Travelling	-		179	
Training Costs	1,183		-	
Sundry expenses	-		329	
Donations	-		-	
Insurance	869		-	
	<u>2,052</u>		<u>2,370</u>	
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		<u>(8,303)</u>		<u>55,015</u>