THE ORWELL SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31st December 2018

The Orwell Society is a registered charity in England and Wales (no. 1159072)

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All committee members are also trustees of the UK registered charity.

POLICIES

The committee has adopted policies in the following areas:

- Reserves
- Financial controls
- Liquidity risk and investment
- Risk management
- Data protection
- Conflicts of interest
- Complaints

CHAIR'S REPORT
For the Year ended 31st December 2018

The ssociety was formed in 2011 to promote the understanding and appreciation of the life and work of George Orwell. Orwell's writing continues to be relevant. The committee believes that the society is well positioned to encourage interest in Orwell's life and works.

Society membership has increased from 148 at the end of 2015 to 180 at the end of 2016 to 219 at the end of 2017 to 243 at the end of 2018. Of these 48 are based outside the UK. The society has a website www.orwellsociety.com and is furthering its educational purpose through initiatives such as a dystopian fiction prize for students and an Orwell conference.

The society is a registered charity in the UK with a charitable educational purpose. This means that the society is able to claim tax relief on subscriptions and donations from UK taxpayers.

The ssociety held its 2018 annual general meeting for members in April with guest speaker D.J.Taylor who gave a fascinating talk on newly discovered letters by Orwell. The society also organised several member events, all funded by attendees and providing a surplus towards the society's charitable activities. The society awarded its first bursary – for journalism.

The society's finances continue to be in good health. Net assets are £25,000 and there was an excess of income over expenditure in 2018 of £1,000.

I am confident the society will continue to prosper both as a community for Orwell lovers and as an educational charity promoting understanding of Orwell's life and work.

Richard Keeble

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the Year ended 31st December 2018

	2018	2017
INCOME (*note 1 (a)*)		
Subscriptions - Life	400	-
-Annual	4,409	3,420
Donations	345	2,088
Poetry Book Sales	-	944
Other income	3,441	2,688
Total Income	8,595	9,140
EXPENSES		
Website costs	-	144
Bursaries	500	0
Purchase of Barnhill Slates	871	594
Newsletters, Printing & Postage	3,406	2,710
Advertising and Promotion of Orwell	300	1,752
Hire of hall/AGM costs	1,327	303
Professional fees	-	-
Bank and credit card charges	72	47
Insurance	258	253
Sundry expenses	417	164
Prize Money Paid out	500	500
Total Administrative Expenses	7,651	6,467
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**£944**	**£2,673**

Total recognised gains and losses
The Society has no recognised gains and losses other than the Income and Expenditure account for the above two financial years.

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BALANCE SHEET
at 31st December 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1(b)	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	5	1,617	-
Debtors	4	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		29,797	28,109
CREDITORS — amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors	2	(6,151)	(3,790)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		25,262	24,319
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		25,262	24,319
CREDITORS — amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
RESTRICTED RESERVES	3	-	-
NET ASSETS		**£25,262**	**£24,319**
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Reserves brought forward		24,319	21,646
Profit and Loss Account		944	2,673
TOTAL RESERVES		**£25,262**	**£24,319**

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Committee at their meeting on 9 February 2019.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
For the Year ended 31st December 2018

1. **Accounting convention**
The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a going concern basis and in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The principal accounting policies of the Society are:

(a) **Income**
Income is the amount derived from subscriptions and donations received from members of the Society and credited in the period in which they are received.

(b) **Tangible Fixed Assets**

There are no fixed assets held by the Society

	2018	**2017**
	£	**£**
2. **Creditors** Amounts falling due within one year		
Deposits from members	(3,746)	(3,200)
Trade creditors	(1,743)	-
Subscriptions paid in advance	(162)	(90)
Accruals	(500)	(500)
	(6,151)	(3,790)

3. Restricted Reserves – there are no restricted reserves at 31 December 2018.

4. There are no monies due from debtors at the balance sheet date. All cash in respect of Poetry Book sales due from Scarthins Books have been paid.

5. Prepayments as at 31 December 2018 were £1,617- this comprises £1,425 deposit paid in advance for a Jura trip in 2019 and £192 deposit paid for an event at RAF Cosford in 2019.

6. Other Income comprises:

	2018 £	2017 £
Surplus from events	987	799
Sales of Barnhill slates	345	627
Other sales	382	344
Speaker fees	602	-
Gift aid	627	496
Bank interest	81	53
Other	417	369
Total Other Income	3,441	2,688