THE LEATHER CONSERVATION CENTRE
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Company number: 1370507
Charity number: 276485

Trustees/Directors:
J.G.F. Cooke OBE (Chairman)
Ms. H. Richardson (Hon. Secretary)
D. Snowden (Hon. Treasurer) – (Resigned 28.02.14)
M. Bradly Russell (Hon. Treasurer) – (Appointed 28.02.14)
K. Bechkourrl – (Resigned 30.07.14)
A. Collinson
Ms. C. De Stefani – (Appointed 28.02.14)
P.M. Farmar – (Appointed 28.02.14)
Ms. M. Kite
Ms. T.J. Meade
M.S. Pearson
M. Pebody
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Ms. C. Rogerson
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W. Tusting

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2014  

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THE LEATHER CONSERVATION CENTRE
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2014.

Directors and Trustees
The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its Trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Trustees.

Government Document
The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. There is no share capital and every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company while she/he is a member or within one year after she/he ceases to be a member, such amounts as may be required, not exceeding £1.00 in the event of winding up. The company is registered under the Charities Act 2011 and as such is not liable to income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax.

Objects of the Charity
The Centre was established as a permanent organisation to co-ordinate and improve the knowledge, methods and working standards needed to protect and preserve leather objects for the benefit of the public, to promote research into leather conservation and to disperse knowledge through education and training. It has the more general aim to promote the conservation and restoration of leather objects for the public benefit.

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

Appointment of Trustees
Members of the organisation can be co-opted during the year and nominated for election to the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Trustees consists of not more than 20 members who can serve for a period of three years before being nominated for re-election. Recruitment of Trustees is undertaken according to the skill mix required for the Committee and in accordance with the nomination process for the organisation.

Trustee Induction and Training
New Trustees are issued with an induction pack including a copy of the Articles of Association, Trustee Code of Conduct Guidelines, a list of current trustees and staff, a brief history of the Centre, current publicity material and financial statements. This includes a briefing of legal objections under charity and company law.
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014

Organisation
The Board of Trustees administers the charity. The board meets three or four times a year and there are sub-committees covering finance and marketing which can meet more frequently if required. The Head of Conservation manages the Centre on a day to day basis with delegated authority for operational matters including administrative and conservation activities, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees.

Risk review
The Board of Trustees continues to review the risks to which the charity is exposed and systems are in place to mitigate these risks. Awareness of significant risks to funding has led to the development of a longer term strategic plan to diversify sources of funding and fee earning activities.

Achievements and Performance

Yvette Fletcher is the Head of Conservation responsible for the day-to-day running of the Centre, assisted by Lara Meredith a part time, book conservator employed on contractual basis. Jessica Trevett, who holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Conservation of Historic Objects has been assisting Yvette Fletcher on a part time, short term contract basis.

Conservation: Significant projects during the year included:

- Further conservation to gilt leather wall hangings at Salsta Castle, Sweden
- Large suite of Regency Seating (20 pieces)
- 1902 Steam driving Toledo automobile
- 1907 Lanchester automobile
- 1899 Wolsey automobile
- 1953 Landrover automobile used by HM The Queen during Commonwealth Tour
- Painted Gilt Leather Screen
- Continuation of work on archive materials from The Leathersellers' Company
- Two parchments deeds with the Great Seal of Elizabeth I attached
- Four large, leather bound volumes from a private library

Training: A three day leather conservation training course was held at West Dean College and two one day courses in collections care (leather) for museum volunteers at The Museum of London

The Centre and ICLT ran a course entitled 'Understanding Leather' for ten conservators.

During the year the Centre hosted an intern, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund though the United Kingdom Institute of Conservation.

CVS Community Finance Service
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014

Financial Review
The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached accounts.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net surplus of £25,888

Investments, Powers and Policy
Under the Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest in any way the Trustees wish.

Plans for the Future
Every endeavour continues to be made to increase the flow of conservation work through the studio. It is anticipated that further work will be carried out at Salsta Castle in Sweden promoting the Centre's name within the European conservation world.

A newsletter is planned to be sent out to clients and prospective clients; it is hoped that newsletters will go out approximately every 8-9 months.

Public Benefits Statement
The Centre benefits the public in a number of ways. The long term preservation and conservation of historic objects made wholly or partly of leather ensures that these items are available for the public to view, and in some cases use, both now and in the future. The Centre advances knowledge and education in conservation by providing guidance, advocacy, training and education opportunities for the conservation profession and the wider heritage community. The Centre is also committed to public benefit through promoting public understanding of and access to the conservation of cultural heritage by giving talks to interested parties to further the public's understanding and awareness of conservation.

Related Parties
The Centre has close relationships with the Worshipful Company of Leathersellers, the Worshipful Company of Saddlers and the University of Northampton. All three organisations nominate a representative to serve on the Board of Trustees.
DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30\textsuperscript{TH} SEPTEMBER 2014

Company law requires the members of the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the Executive Committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue its activities.

The members of the Executive Committee are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Presented and approved by the board of trustees on 20\textsuperscript{th} February 2015 and signed on their behalf.

\[\text{Jonathan Cooke Director/Trustee}\]

\[20 \text{ Feb 2015}\]
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
THE LEATHER CONSERVATION CENTRE
Registered Charity Number: 276485
I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th September 2014, which are set out on the attached pages 7 to 13.

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 144(1)(a) of the Act;

- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended; and

- 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 of 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 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.

B. Peers-Ross
FMAAT, ACIE
3rd March 2015

Brenda Peers-Ross
# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2014**

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<td><strong>Incoming resources from generated funds</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>- Investment Income</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td><strong>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>- Grants &amp; Donations</td>
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<td>4,000</td>
<td>32,600</td>
<td>36,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Charitable Activities</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>83,240</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>83,240</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>87,245</td>
<td>32,600</td>
<td>119,845</td>
<td>119,804</td>
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| Resources Expended | | | | |
| **Cost of generating funds** | | | | |
| - Costs of generating voluntary income | - | - | - | - |
| **Charitable activities** | | | | |
| - Charitable activities | 4 | 60,740 | 32,600 | 93,340 | 87,749 |
| **Governance costs** | 6 | 617 | - | 617 | 625 |
| **Total Resources Expended** | 61,357 | 32,600 | 93,957 | 88,374 |

| **Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources** | | | | |
| **before transfers** | 25,888 | - | 25,888 | 31,430 |
| **Transfer between funds** | - | - | - | - |
| **Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources** | 25,888 | - | 25,888 | 31,430 |
| **after transfers** | | | | |
| **Total funds brought forward 1 October 2013** | 20,194 | 22,660 | 42,854 | 11,424 |

| **Balance at 30 September 2014** | 46,082 | 22,660 | 68,742 | 42,854 |

All of the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities shown above.
## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

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| Fixed Assets | 7 | - | - | - |

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<th>Current Assets</th>
<th>8</th>
<th>4,226</th>
<th>-</th>
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<th>4,419</th>
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<td>45,065</td>
<td>22,660</td>
<td>67,725</td>
<td>45,876</td>
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<td>Cash at bank and in hand</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>49,291</td>
<td>22,660</td>
<td>71,951</td>
<td>50,295</td>
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| Creditors | 9 | (3,209) | - | (3,209) | (7,441) |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 9 | (3,209) | - | (3,209) | (7,441) |

| Net Current Assets | 46,082 | 22,660 | 68,742 | 42,854 |

| NET ASSETS | 48,082 | 22,660 | 68,742 | 42,854 |

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<th>FUNDS</th>
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| Unrestricted funds | 10 | 46,082 | - | 46,082 | 20,194 |
| Restricted         | 11 | -       | 22,660 | 22,660 | 22,660 |

| 46,082 | 22,660 | 68,742 | 42,854 |

For the year ending 30th September 2014, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors are aware that:

(i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

(ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

(iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees at a committee meeting held on 20th February 2015 and signed on their behalf by:

Jonathan Cooke  
Director  
20 Feb 2015
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

Accounting Policies
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005, and applicable UK Accounting Standards the Charities Act 2011, and the Companies Act 2006.

Format
The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fund accounting
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants are brought into account on a receivable basis.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Resources expended
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax:
- Cost of Generating Funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable Activities include expenditure associated with direct services and membership support.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost.
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets by instalments over the expected useful lives. The period generally applicable are:

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<td>Computer/IT equipment</td>
<td>33% straight line basis</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fixtures and fittings</td>
<td>25% straight line basis</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alterations</td>
<td>12.5% straight line basis</td>
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Intangible income
Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

Reserves
The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets. Not all grants are received at the beginning of the financial year; others are received in arrears.

Risk
The directors/trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts. The organisation has employer and public liability insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

Pension costs:
The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from the Charity. The annual contributions payable are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities.
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

Unrestricted  Restricted  2014  2013
£  £  £  £

2 Voluntary Income
Grants and donations
Worshipful Company of Saddlers  4,000  2,000  6,000  6,000
Worshipful Company of Leathersellers  -  30,600  30,600  30,000
Worshipful Company of Curriers  -  -  -  2,000
Barbara Whatmore Charitable Trust  -  -  -  2,400

4,000  32,600  36,600  40,400

3 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities
The income was primarily from the conservation and restoration of leather objects, together with associated research and teaching projects.
Sale of chemical and waxes  2,973  -  2,973  3,802
Sale of monographs  130  -  130  760
Conservation fees  73,500  -  73,500  73,604
Training Courses  4,070  -  4,070  -
Other income  2,584  -  2,584  1,238

83,240  -  83,240  79,404
Overseas sales amounted to £14,236 (2013: £10,422)

4 Resources Expended - Charitable Activities
Employment costs  5
Self employed  33,227  2,000  35,227  20,638
Office/running costs  3,202  -  3,202  2,506
Publicity  2,545  -  2,545  2,306
Insurance  4,033  -  4,033  4,034
Other costs  58  -  58  879
Training  2,155  -  2,155  -
Conservation materials & equipment  5,273  -  5,273  6,498

60,740  32,600  93,340  87,749

5 Trustees and Employment
Wages and salaries  3,441  29,009  32,450  41,510
NIER  -  1,591  1,591  3,107
Pension costs  3,360  -  3,360  3,410
Travel  3,446  -  3,446  2,860

10,247  30,600  40,847  50,888

There are no employee being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum. (2013: £nil)
The average number of full time employees during the year was: 1.5. (2013: 2)
During the year the trustees received £nil in remuneration. (2013 £nil)
The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil. (2013 £nil)
## Notes to the Accounts

### For the Year Ending 30th September 2014

#### Governance Costs

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#### Fixed Assets

There are currently no Fixed Assets.

#### Debtors

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<td>Trade Debtors</td>
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<td>1,617</td>
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<td>Prepayments</td>
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#### Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year

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<td>Sundry/Trade creditors</td>
<td>(139</td>
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<td>Accruals</td>
<td>(750</td>
<td>(750)</td>
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<td>Tax &amp; Social security costs</td>
<td>(2,320</td>
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#### Unrestricted Reserves

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#### Restricted Funds

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<td>The Leche Trust</td>
<td>993</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Leathersellers’ Company</td>
<td>19,667</td>
<td>30,600</td>
<td>(30,600)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charitable Trust</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>(2,000)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Worshipful Company of Saddlers</td>
<td>22,660</td>
<td>32,600</td>
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The Leche Trust - funds to cover ICOM conference.
The Leathersellers’ Company Charitable Trust - provide a contribution towards Leather Conservator salary costs.
The Worshipful Company of Saddlers - For repair of items in conjunction with Museum of Leather Craft in Northampton.
12 Defined contribution pension scheme
The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £3,360 including employees contributions. (2013:£3,410)

13 Ultimate Controlling Party
The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, who are also the directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.