

Charity registration number: 230888

The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle Upon Tyne

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle Upon Tyne

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Reference and Administrative Details

Holding Trustees	L. Allason-Jones Prof R.N. Bailey Dr E. Cambridge S. T. L. Harbottle D. W. Hide
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Charity Registration Number	230888
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Society of Antiquaries (a registered charity, number 230888) is constituted under the Statutes of the Society, originally dated 1813, as subsequently amended, most recently in 2005.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Charity Trustees are the Members of the Council, who are appointed by election at the Anniversary Meeting in January each year. They are "the persons having the general control and management of the administration of the Charity."

The Holding Trustees are the persons in whose favour any lease, conveyance etc. regarding property to be used by the Society should be made. They are appointed by the Charity Trustees and must act in accordance with their lawful directions. They do not have power or discretion to act without the authority of the Charity Trustees. The Holding Trustees who served the Society during the year are listed above.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

The Council considers that there are no key management personnel other than the trustees themselves who receive no remuneration.

Policies

The Trustees have a policy on Conflicts of Interest and have set up a Register of Interests for Members of the Council. The Trustees also have a Risk Management Policy and have established a Risk Register, which is subject to annual review by the Trustees. At present the Trustees are preparing to address the requirements of the new General Data Protection Regulations to ensure that the Society has arrangements in place to ensure compliance with the new regulations as well as to ensure the secure management of personal data held by the Society.

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Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects of the Society are the study, investigation, description and presentation of antiquities and historical records in general and those in Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle upon Tyne in particular. The Society pursues its objects through:

- its collection of antiquities in the Great North Museum, the Morpeth Chantry Bagpipe Museum and other museums, where they are available to the public;
- acquiring appropriate items for its collection;
- the publication of its refereed journal *Archaeologia Aeliana* which makes a significant contribution to scholarship;
- other publications, especially its definitive Handbook to the Roman Wall;
- its Library in the Great North Museum, which is open on a reference basis to students and members of the public;
- its archive which is held with the Northumberland County Archives at Woodhorn;
- making material of historical interest available on its website for all to use;
- making small grants for research purposes;
- running a monthly lecture series for members and guests;
- running other events such as concerts and research days; and
- offering walks and visits to members.

Public benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and designed the programme of activities so as to ensure a substantial public benefit. A number of students are offered bursaries giving them free membership of the Society and students in general are offered a concessionary membership rate.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Achievements and performance

During the year the Society has run its normal programme of lectures, country meetings and country walks and published the annual volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana*. Work on digitising *Archaeologia Aeliana* has been completed and in due course it will be made available through the Archaeology Data Service at the University of York. In the meantime it is available on-line through the Society's website, with all but the last five years available to the public.

With help from a Heritage Lottery Fund grant a set of archival materials has been digitised by Northumberland Archives at Woodhorn, and has been transcribed by 20 volunteers and will in due course be made available on the website at <http://newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk/uta/>, so that they can be used by interested parties everywhere. The materials in question are the Final Report of the County Durham Flood Relief Committee, a set of papers and drawings relating to the rebuilding of Hexham Bridge and a volume of Hexhamshire wills dating from the period from about 1670 up to the reign of Queen Anne. The Society has been working with Explore Lifelong Learning and Durham Record Office to offer training to the volunteers in palaeography.

In 2017 the Society purchased a collection of items, bound into a single volume, which had lately been in the library of Thomas Davison, a founder member and agent for the Duke of Northumberland. The items included a copy of the Society's First Annual Report and the first part of *Archaeologia Aeliana*. Also bound in was important correspondence between John Bell, John Hodgson, Thomas Davison and the Duke of Northumberland about the founding of the Society. In due course photographs and transcriptions of all the items of correspondence will be made accessible to members and the general public.

The Society's collection of antiquities continues to be on public display in the Great North Museum while its collections of historical items are on loan to other public museums in the region and elsewhere in Britain. Its extensive archive collections are housed at Woodhorn Museum and Northumberland Archives, where they are publically accessible. Additions have been made to the collection and the archives this year with a total value of £24,000. The copy of the First Annual Report of the Society with other documents, referred to above, was purchased from the Sunderland Antiquarian Society. Purchases of treasure have also been made from a Bronze Age Hoard from Stannington, an early medieval silver-gilt pyramid mount from Humshaugh, a Roman coin hoard from Whittington and, at the end of the year, the Dinnington Hoard. For the latter the Society raised £16,000 in grants and made up the balance of £4,050 from fundraising, from its Collections Fund and from the Capital Fund. The Society also continues to invest in its Library in both journals and books, which are available for public reference.

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Financial review

Efforts continue to ensure that the Society runs in a cost-effective way and greater use is being made of digital technology in communications with those members who agree to receive communications in this way.

For the third year in succession the Society generated a modest operating surplus on unrestricted funds. Going forward the Society is now on a sounder financial basis and able to finance activities from annual income.

The Trustees' policy is that the Society should seek to live within its annual income from activities, subscriptions and its investments in the Capital Fund. Its policy is to maintain the real value of the Capital Fund in the medium term and only to spend income and capital in a way which is compatible with this. The Capital Fund is a designated fund, so it remains available to deal with emergencies, and is included in Unrestricted Funds in the financial statements.

The investments in the Capital Fund are professionally managed in line with the Society's instructions with a view to achieving capital growth so as to maintain its real value and generate an increasing annual income. The investments are overseen by the Investment Committee which meets annually with the Society's fund managers.

In the view of the Trustees there are no uncertainties about the Society's ability to continue as a going concern. In 2017 an operating surplus on unrestricted funds of £12,027 was generated, although after taking account of changes in the value of the Society's investments this was £70,433. There were also substantial reserves of £788,579 in the Capital Fund, which is an unrestricted fund.

Key Management Personnel

The Council do not consider that there are any Key Management Personnel, other than the trustees themselves.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

The Society's Council plans to continue its present activities, but hopes soon to be able to make past editions of *Archaeologia Aeliana* available on-line through the Archaeology Data Service at the University of York, as work to scan past editions not already available in digital format has now been completed. The Council also plans to make further archival material available on-line, as has already been done for the Poll Book and the Flood Book, using volunteers to carry out the work, whilst seeking grant aid to subsidise the costs of publishing. The Society also intends to add to its collections as and when suitable artefacts and documents relevant to the history of the North East of England become available. The Council of the Society has also launched a review of the Society's Statutes which should be completed in 2018.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditor

A resolution for the re-appointment of Tait Walker LLP as auditors of the charity is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 28/03/18... and signed on its behalf by:


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Prof S D Pallett
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle Upon Tyne

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle Upon Tyne (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2017, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the charity to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the charity audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Simon Brown ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Tait Walker LLP, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 29/3/18

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	30,830	24,251	55,081	40,884
Charitable activities	3	20	320	340	4,389
Other trading activities	4	1,724	-	1,724	4,711
Investment income	5	26,261	-	26,261	25,069
Other income	6	8	-	8	646
Total Income		<u>58,843</u>	<u>24,571</u>	<u>83,414</u>	<u>75,699</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	(9,298)	-	(9,298)	(11,323)
Charitable activities	8	<u>(37,518)</u>	<u>(27,178)</u>	<u>(64,696)</u>	<u>(54,442)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(46,816)</u>	<u>(27,178)</u>	<u>(73,994)</u>	<u>(65,765)</u>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		<u>58,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,406</u>	<u>70,435</u>
Net movement in funds		70,433	(2,607)	67,826	80,369
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>718,146</u>	<u>33,656</u>	<u>751,802</u>	<u>671,433</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u><u>788,579</u></u>	<u><u>31,049</u></u>	<u><u>819,628</u></u>	<u><u>751,802</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	-	-
Investments	16	<u>735,318</u>	<u>679,678</u>
		<u>735,318</u>	<u>679,678</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	17	22,934	4,570
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>81,301</u>	<u>85,169</u>
		104,235	89,739
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(19,925)</u>	<u>(17,615)</u>
Net current assets		<u>84,310</u>	<u>72,124</u>
Net assets		<u>819,628</u>	<u>751,802</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		31,049	33,656
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>788,579</u>	<u>718,146</u>
Total funds	19	<u>819,628</u>	<u>751,802</u>

The financial statements on pages 12 to 28 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 28/12/18 and signed on their behalf by:

S D Pallett
Prof S D Pallett
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle Upon Tyne meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The functional currency is sterling.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Collections of the society

These are historic assets. These assets are irreplaceable originals to which no reliable cost or value can be attributed and accordingly these have not been capitalised in the financial statements.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Estimation uncertainty and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Management have provided depreciation, prepayments, accruals and other cut-off adjustments. Whilst management believe that these estimates and judgements are accurate, there is every likelihood that they will not be exact.

These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Membership subscriptions are recognised upon receipt.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Support costs

Supports costs have been differentiated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the statutory audit and other costs with an appointment of overhead and support costs.

Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have been appointed as set out in the Support Costs note.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life. The assets within the financial statements have already been written down to a £nil net book value.

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures & fittings	25% to 33% straight line

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Trade debtors

Debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that the will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	General £	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
General donations	158	6,472	6,630	84
Gift aid reclaimed	3,850	-	3,850	3,872
Grants received	-	17,779	17,779	9,625
Members subscriptions	26,822	-	26,822	27,303
	<u>30,830</u>	<u>24,251</u>	<u>55,081</u>	<u>40,884</u>

In 2016, £9,709 of the income received above was restricted.

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2017	Total 2016
	General	Restricted funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Publications	20	10	30	528
Handbook for Roman Wall	-	-	-	3,667
Publications licence	-	310	310	194
	<u>20</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>4,389</u>

In 2016, £4,091 of the income received above was restricted.

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2017	Total 2016
	General	Restricted funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Events income;				
Other events income	1,724		1,724	4,711
	<u>1,724</u>		<u>1,724</u>	<u>4,711</u>

In 2016, none of the income received above was restricted.

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2017	Total 2016
	General	Restricted funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Other investment income	26,261		26,261	25,069
	<u>26,261</u>		<u>26,261</u>	<u>25,069</u>

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2017	2016
		£	£
Other incoming resources	8	8	646
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>646</u>

7 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

		Unrestricted funds		
		General	Total	Total
		£	2017	2016
	Note		£	£
Cost of services		2,121	2,121	4,950
		<u>2,121</u>	<u>2,121</u>	<u>4,950</u>

b) Investment management costs

		Unrestricted funds		
		General	Total	Total
		£	2017	2016
	Note		£	£
Other investment management costs;				
Other portfolio management costs		7,177	7,177	6,373
		<u>7,177</u>	<u>7,177</u>	<u>6,373</u>

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8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	General £	£	£	£
Charitable Activities	16,473	27,178	43,651	27,932
Grant Funding Activities	5,000	-	5,000	8,490
Support Costs	11,550	-	11,550	13,348
Governance Costs	4,495	-	4,495	4,672
	<u>37,518</u>	<u>27,178</u>	<u>64,696</u>	<u>54,442</u>

In 2016 of the total of £54,442, £10,560 was restricted.

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9 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Governance costs £	Other support costs £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Wages and Salaries	686	6,178	6,864	7,615
Monthly meeting costs	-	1,327	1,327	1,475
Insurance	153	1,376	1,529	1,454
Phone, Postage and Stationery	285	2,563	2,848	3,640
Other Establishment	359	-	359	412
Audit Fees	3,000	-	3,000	2,940
Bank Charges	12	106	118	144
Depreciation	-	-	-	340
	<u>4,495</u>	<u>11,550</u>	<u>16,045</u>	<u>18,020</u>

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Staff costs			
Wages and salaries	660	660	723
Social security costs	-	-	10
Pension costs	26	26	29
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	3,000	3,000	2,940
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	-	-	34
Other governance costs	809	809	936
	<u>4,495</u>	<u>4,495</u>	<u>4,672</u>

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10 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2017 £	2016 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>340</u>

11 Trustees remuneration and expenses

Expenses have been paid to 7 trustees totalling £814 (2016 - £775 reimbursed to 9 trustees) for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

12 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	6,600	7,227
Social security costs	-	10
Pension costs	<u>264</u>	<u>118</u>
	<u>6,864</u>	<u>7,355</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2016: 1)

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

13 Auditors' remuneration

	2017 £	2016 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,940</u>

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14 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2017	<u>6,032</u>	<u>6,032</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>6,032</u>	<u>6,032</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2017	<u>6,032</u>	<u>6,032</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>6,032</u>	<u>6,032</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

16 Fixed asset investments

	2017 £	2016 £
Other investments	<u>735,318</u>	<u>679,678</u>

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16 Fixed asset investments (continued)

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2017	679,678	679,678
Revaluation	58,406	58,406
Additions	51,175	51,175
Disposals	<u>(53,941)</u>	<u>(53,941)</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>735,318</u>	<u>735,318</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2017	<u>735,318</u>	<u>735,318</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>679,678</u>	<u>679,678</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

At the year end, there were no investments which represented more than 5% of the value of the investment portfolio.

17 Debtors

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade debtors	16,000	-
Prepayments	<u>6,934</u>	<u>4,570</u>
	<u>22,934</u>	<u>4,570</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Accruals	<u>19,925</u>	<u>17,615</u>

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19 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2017 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2017 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
Capital Fund	718,146	58,843	(46,816)	58,406	788,579
Restricted funds					
Publications Grant	6,742	1,250	(1,250)	-	6,742
Publications	21,754	320	-	-	22,074
Collections	138	23,001	(23,139)	-	-
Unlocking the Archives	5,022	-	(2,789)	-	2,233
Total restricted funds	<u>33,656</u>	<u>24,571</u>	<u>(27,178)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,049</u>
Total funds	<u>751,802</u>	<u>83,414</u>	<u>(73,994)</u>	<u>58,406</u>	<u>819,628</u>

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19 Funds (continued)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The capital fund (formerly known as Endowment Fund) was designated in 1981 out of the proceeds of the sale of items from the society's collections which were not of local importance in order to further the general aims of the Society. Income arising on the Capital Fund is used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on investments form part of the Capital Fund.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

The basis for calculating 'free reserves' are after allowing for all designated funds, fixed assets and other non-current assets and liabilities.

Publications Fund

In the past the society received grants for publications made on the condition that any proceeds received were put into future publications. Therefore all income from publications other than *Archaeologia Aeliana* is paid into this fund, from which expenditure on future publications other than *Archaeologia Aeliana* will be drawn.

Publication Grant Fund

The Publication Grants Fund consists of grants made to society to support the publication of specific articles in *Archaeologia Aeliana*.

Collections

The Collections Fund consists of grants and donations made to support the purchase of items for the Society's collection to put on public display.

Unlocking the Archives

The Unlocking the Archives Fund consists of grants made to the Society to support the digitisation and transcription of documents in its archives.

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Total funds £
	General £	Restricted funds £	
Fixed asset investments	735,318	-	735,318
Current assets	73,186	31,049	104,235
Current liabilities	<u>(19,925)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,925)</u>
Total net assets	<u>788,579</u>	<u>31,049</u>	<u>819,628</u>

204th ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE COUNCIL OF
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**THE TWO HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL,
BEING FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

At the end of 2017 the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne had 591 individual members, including 25 elected this year, 89 institutional subscribers, and exchanged its journal with 40 other institutions.

During the year the Society members have enjoyed a busy programme of lectures, country meetings and country walks and have received the annual volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana*, which maintains its high quality, publishing landmark historical and archaeological research and excavation reports from the region. Work on digitising the entire historical run of *Archaeologia Aeliana* has been completed and in due course, along with the now defunct but historically precious *Proceedings* of the Society ('PSAN') it will be made publicly available through the Archaeology Data Service at the University of York. In the meantime it is available on-line through the Society's website, with all but the last five years available to the public.

With help from a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for our *Unlocking the Archives* project, a set of archival materials is being transcribed by 20 volunteers and will in due course be digitised and made available on the website, so that they can be used by interested parties everywhere. The Society has been working with Explore Lifelong Learning and Durham Record Office to offer training to the volunteers in palaeography. Two courses were run, the first funded by the grant, the second by the Society itself in order to meet the demand for places. The materials in question are the Final Report of the County Durham Flood Relief Committee, a set of papers and drawings relating to the rebuilding of Hexham Bridge and a volume of Hexhamshire wills dating from the period from about 1670 up to the reign of Queen Anne.

In 2017 material from the recently acquired first annual report of the Society, which came with important correspondence between John Bell, John Hodgson, Thomas Davison and the Duke of Northumberland concerning the founding of the Society, has also been made available on the website.

The Society's collection of antiquities continues to be on public display in the Great North Museum while its collections of historical items are on loan to other public museums in the region and elsewhere in Britain. Its extensive archive collections are housed at Woodhorn Museum and Northumberland Archives, where they are publically accessible. Additions have been made to the collection and the archives this year. The copy of the first annual report of the Society referred to above was purchased from the Sunderland Antiquarian Society. Purchases of treasure have also been made from a Bronze Age Hoard from Stannington, an early medieval silver-gilt pyramid mount from Humshaugh and a Roman coin hoard from Whittington. The Society has also striven to secure the Dinnington Hoard for the region and is grateful to all members who have contributed financially to this goal. The Society also continues to invest in its Library in both journals and books, which are available for public reference. The range of work and activities undertaken by the Society requires careful planning and co-ordination not only

by the elected officers and council but more especially by many dedicated volunteers on its committees and by individual members who contribute in many ways. Anyone who can contribute time, ideas or expertise, for example helping in the office at busy times, the library, with publicity, organising activities or representing the Society at events, is welcome to get in touch, via the office or through contact with any committee or Council member.

Deaths notified:

The Society learned with great sadness of the death of the following members in 2017 (date of election in brackets):

Dr J. Allan Biggins	(28.01.1998)
Miss Mary Isobel Telford	(25.10.1961)

THE LIBRARY

The Library continues to be well used by members, students and visitors. Library loans are restricted to Society members, 42 of whom borrowed 379 items, compared to 386 last year. There were two loans to other libraries. Periodicals constituted 55% of the borrowing. This is interesting as students now make less use of the library's periodicals as they have on-line access to many through the University Library. Similarly, Society members have access through our website to an increasing number.

During the year we received a bequest of over 1,100 35mm slides from John Thornborrow and a large collection of maps from Stafford Linsley. 167 books and pamphlets were added to the library by exchange, purchase or donation and we express thanks to the following donors: John Almond bequest, Ian Bower, D.J. Breeze, G. Briggs bequest, D. Henderson, Nick Hodgson, Les Jessop, Stafford Linsley, Natural History Society of Northumberland, and D. Peel. A list of all the above books and the latest full list of the Society's holdings will be found on the website. Of special interest is the purchased bound volume of the first two parts of Volume I of *Archaeologia Aeliana*, the subject of an article by H. Cleeve in the 2017 edition of the journal. The library also purchased a copy of the 2nd edition of "The Roman Wall" by John Collingwood Bruce, with many additional notes by the Scottish antiquary John Buchanan.

The Library Committee, which met twice during the year but also conducted business on line, wishes to thank Ian Bower, the professional librarian who, in addition to looking after the day to day running of the joint library, curated the Library's Heritage Open Day exhibition and arranged several illustrated visits from Local History Societies, and other

interested groups and staff from local libraries. Their thanks are also due to Denis Peel, Honorary Librarian, and Howard Cleeve, Chairman of the Committee, and Society volunteers Mike Barke, Ann Craven, Peter Nicol and Eric Waites. Eric has scanned over 2,000 slides and these are recorded on data bases with the scans now available to view on the library laptop. The original slides are lodged in the store at the Discovery Museum. Ann, Mike and Eric have almost completed a shelf check of all the books and Mike is now sorting the maps, his area of expertise, while Howard keeps a tight rein on borrowing. We also wish to thank library committee member Chris Walton for the donation of an external hard drive to use as an additional security back up of digital material.

Some very large books were repaired commercially and we thank our voluntary binder, Mrs G. Peel, for her work. A bid has been made to a Conservation fund for acid free envelopes and boxes for the storage of our ever growing collections of “tracts.”

Denis Peel, Honorary Librarian, and Howard Cleeve, Library Committee Chairman

THE COLLECTIONS

The Society’s archaeological collections continue to be curated and made accessible to the public on our behalf by the Great North Museum: <https://greatnorthmuseum.org.uk/>, while our archival possessions are held and are publicly accessible at the Northumberland Archives at Woodhorn: (<http://www.experiencewoodhorn.com/archives/>).

This year saw changes at Woodhorn, with Northumberland County Council taking back the running of the Northumberland Archives, which include the Society’s archival possessions, whilst the Woodhorn Trust retains the management of the museum collections, including our holdings at the Bagpipe Museum at Morpeth. Thanks are due to Kim Bibby-Wilson and Anne Moore for assisting with the task of preparing a loan agreement between the Woodhorn Trust and the Society which was signed by all parties in December.

2017 saw a number of Treasure cases emerge from the system simultaneously, which led to a great deal of work on behalf of the Committee to decide on priorities and organize purchase and collection. Thanks are due to Andrew Agate, Finds Liaison Officer for the North East for all his assistance. The acquisitions are listed in the register below. As can be seen, the items vary in date from the Bronze Age Hoard from Stannington to the medieval coin hoard, also from Stannington. The Early Medieval silver-gilt pyramid mount inlaid with garnets, from Matfen, is a particularly interesting piece. We were successful in raising £16,000 from the V & A Purchase Grant Fund and the Headley Museums Archaeological Acquisitions Fund towards the £20,050 required for us to buy the Dinnington Hoard, through the Treasure process. The coins, which were found when a pond was being dug on private property at Dinnington, 9 miles north of Newcastle upon Tyne, consists of one aureus of Vitellius (AD 69) and six silver denarii dating from 32-31 BC to AD 81-96. The aureus is in remarkably good condition. No trace

was found of a container and this suggests the coins were in a leather or cloth bag. The Hoard will enter the Society's collection early in 2018.

The date of the coins implies that the Hoard was dropped or deposited around the time of the Agricolan advance into Scotland. Dinnington lies in a direct line north from the ford crossing the River Tyne near the Hadrianic fort of Benwell. This was the first safe crossing place of the river before the Roman bridge (Pons Aelius) was built at Newcastle upon Tyne and it is presumed that this ford was used during Agricola's sorties north.

The gold aureus is a rare issue. Vitellius was emperor for only eight months and, unusually, the coin depicts Vitellius's children on the reverse. Gold coins of Roman date are very rare finds in the Military Zone as aureii were mostly used as 'coins of account', that is denominations rarely used in everyday transactions because of their value – each aureus was worth 25 denarii, a twelfth of a legionary's annual salary under Domitian. They were also used to pay bonuses to soldiers on the accession of a new emperor, in this case possibly the accession of Domitian.

Accessions 2017

2017.1 Annular silver brooch from Humshaugh, Nd. Medieval. Donated by D. Jackson and C. Dodds

2017.2 Scottish token issued by George Amos (of Haddington) from Berwick-upon-Tweed. 18th cent. Donated by L. Allason-Jones

2017.3 Byzantine pentanummium of Justinian I. AD 482-565. Donated by Newcastle University

2017.4 Gold penannular ring from Humshaugh, Nd. Bronze Age. Purchased through Treasure process.

2017.5 Wax impression of SANT seal. 19th cent. Donated by F. Dendy

2017.10. 1-4 Scottish groats of David II and Robert II from Stannington, Nd. AD 1371-1390. Purchased through Treasure process

2017.11 Gilded silver pyramidal sword mount with garnet inlay from Humshaugh, Nd. c.AD 600-650. Purchased through Treasure process

2017.12.1-21 Coins and trumpet brooch from Whittington, Nd. 2nd cent. AD. Purchased through Treasure process

2017.3.1-4 Bronze objects from Stannington, Nd. Bronze Age. Purchased through Treasure process

Lindsay Allason-Jones

RESEARCH

No research grants were applied for or awarded in 2017. The Society remains committed to funding high quality archaeological and historical research in the region. Although the sums available for research grants are small, they can often be useful as pump-primers to

access larger sums. Members are asked to spread the word that sums up to £1000 are available annually; applications should be sent to the Secretary by 30 November.

Lindsay Allason-Jones

ACTIVITIES

This year was our first full year as an enlarged committee, having merged with the ad-hoc Membership Committee at the end of 2016. Thus, as well as our usual tasks of producing the programme of indoor meetings (listed below), country meetings, summer and country walks, the Anniversary Meeting Social event (in the Wood Memorial Hall, upstairs in the Mining Institute), and the annual President's Evening (now re-branded as the Summer Social event) we are now looking into, and organising, various ways of increasing membership.

The indoor meeting programme encompassed a broad range of periods and interests (archaeological, historical and architectural) and, as usual, these were well attended - as was the Anniversary Meeting Social event held after the January meeting. Here some new members got to mix with our more seasoned members and made to feel welcome over a glass of wine and a buffet.

Country meetings included coach trips to Whitby in May and Sion Hill House, N. Yorks, in September. Around 25 members came along to each trip, though there were a few untaken spaces left on the coaches. Country walks included the Town Moor, Mining Heritage between Fawdon and Gosforth, and a visit to Cocken Hall, Finchale, Co. Durham.

The first 'Summer Social' took place in June with a tour of the Ouseburn by Mike Greatbatch. This included a visit to the Victoria Tunnel (which was on this author's bucket list of things to do), followed by a drinks reception and food at Ernest. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. So much so we have asked Mike to come back in 2018 to lead a tour around St Ann's Church, Newcastle.

Looking toward further opportunities to expand the range of events that the Society undertakes we appointed two new members to the Committee, John Sadler and Marta Alberti, with responsibility for 'Other events'. Both are full of enthusiasm and new ideas, and Marta has also undertaken a membership recruitment event, which involved lots of cake! As Chair I welcome these two new members aboard and also express my heartfelt thanks to all of the Committee for their dedication and hard work during 2017.

INDOOR MEETINGS IN 2017

January 25 Anniversary Meeting

Tynedale North of the Wall Archaeology Group: 'Beyond the Wall'

February 22 Joint lecture with Institute of Physics. Room A003, Ellison Building, Northumbria University

Andrew Beeby: 'Shining Light on Medieval Manuscripts'

March 29

Chris Ferguson: 'Auckland Castle in 2017: the current status of archaeological research on a Bishop's Palace, Garden, and Estate'

April 26 Annual General Meeting

Alastair Fraser: 'A battalion on the learning curve; 18 DLI in training and in war'

May 31

Andrew Breeze: 'Battle of Brunanburh and Cambridge, CCC, MS 183'

June 28

Tatiana Ivleva: 'Romano-British glass bangles: a reappraisal'

July 26

John Malden: 'Death March or Picnic? The aftermath of the Battle of Dunbar'

August 30

Derek Cutts: 'The 15th Century Grey Tomb in Chillingham Church, Northumberland; The Monument in Context'

September 27

Ian Haynes: 'Recent work by Newcastle University on the Hadrian's Wall system'

October 25 Public Lecture. Curtis Auditorium, Newcastle University

Alexander Hutton: 'Putting the People in the Pageant: Visions of People's History and the Industrial Revolution in Historical Pageants in Britain, 1905-2016'

November 29

Tony Barrow: 'Incendiary letters and Iniquitous practices - Smuggling and Customs Evasion on the N.E. Coast 1750-1830'

PUBLICATIONS

Membership of the committee in 2017 was: Alan Beale (Chairman), Grace McCombie, Sue Ward (committee secretary, Editor of the *News Bulletin*), Jenny Proctor (Editor of *Archaeologia Aeliana*), Bill Griffiths (stock and sales), Nick Hodgson, and Roger Fern (Production Editor of *Archaeologia Aeliana*), Denis Peel. Richard Pears has also given his support by attending. We would welcome at least one more member of the committee. A member who can liaise with the City Council would also be beneficial.

Jenny Proctor has had to resign as Editor because of increased workload, and she attended her last meeting of this committee in November. Although her tenure has been relatively short, she has given a great deal of time and brought no little expertise to a very demanding post. We would like to record our gratitude to her for her professionalism and dedication in ensuring that AA has maintained its rigorous standards.

The 2017 issue of *Archaeologia Aeliana* will be issued in Spring 2018.

Internet publishing

Digitisation of *Archaeologia Aeliana* 5th series has made good progress and we are almost ready to put the whole of the 5th series on the ADS website.

News Bulletin

Of the five hundred or so members for whom we have email addresses, over three hundred are now receiving the News Bulletin digitally, including a number of overseas subscribers. Two hundred and seventy get the regular e-circular but they are mostly local, since it covers events in the North East Region. The News Bulletin's redesign seems to have been generally well received.

Website

With help from a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, three volumes from our archives at Woodhorn are being transcribed by a hard-working group of around twenty volunteers. They are being made available on a dedicated section of our website, at <http://newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk/uta/>, so that they can be used by interested parties everywhere. The Final Report of the County Durham Flood Relief Committee, the shortest volume, has been completely transcribed, while a set of papers and drawings relating to the rebuilding of Hexham Bridge in the 1780s, and a volume of Hexhamshire wills dating from the period from about 1670 up to the reign of Queen Anne, are works in progress. The committee wishes to record its thanks to Sue Ward who has invested considerable effort and applied creative thought to both the Bulletin and website, and to the group of volunteers who are working with her.

Roman Wall Handbook

The Handbook is now available from Archaeology Plus (full details on the website). As the Handbook is now 10 years old, the committee will keep this item on its agenda with a view to future updating.

Small publications

Classical Newcastle: we now have a potential designer and printer and a quotation. Provided funding can be found, we agreed that it should be ready for production by the time of the next meeting in February. The committee thought that we should aim to print enough copies to send out to all members, as well as making it available to the public.

Finally, thanks to members of the committee for all their efforts and continued support, with special thanks to Sue Ward for her work on the website and News Bulletin and to Roger Fern for his unstinting efforts as production editor of *Archaeologia Aeliana*. Without these two, the Society's publications would be much harder to produce. I am most grateful for their generous help on this committee.

Alan Beale

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