

Annual Report 2017

Membership

The Trustees set a target at the beginning of 2017 to rebuild membership of the Society to 300 members. We are pleased to report that there are currently 307 members. This is an overall increase of more than 25 over the year, allowing for the inevitable loss of some long standing members. The Trustees hope to carry on adding new members and will continue to actively recruit. We would ask all existing members to promote membership of the Society to friends and acquaintances. Copies of the programme card will be available at all meetings.

Member's Meetings

We've had another successful programme of monthly meetings this year and all have been very well attended, including talks on Neville Shute, the "Winchester Geese" (the Southwark prostitutes licensed and supervised by the Bishops of Winchester), the Ordnance Survey and a wine-tasting evening with a talk on the history of Merchant's House. A similarly full programme is planned for 2018 - details are provided in the current newsletter and are also printed on a small card for wider circulation.

Resident's Meeting

At short notice the Trustees called an open meeting on 1st December at the Jubilee Hall so that residents could find out more about Eastleigh Borough Council's plans for 5,200 new houses north of Fair Oak and Bishopstoke and a proposed new road from the M3 to service the development. Approximately 250 residents attended a presentation by Action against Destructive Development, an action group which opposes the plans. Many members and non-members have subsequently thanked the Society for arranging the event.

Newsletters

The Society published three newsletters during the year: Winter, Summer and Autumn. At the beginning of June we also published, at short notice, a four page guidance leaflet for members about proposals that Bishop's Waltham Palace and its grounds should be purchased on behalf of the community. This also enabled us to run an opinion poll of members on the matter. By 8th June we had received 79 votes - with two thirds of members disagreeing with the public ownership project. We received many thanks and congratulations on the informative nature of the guidance.

Planning

During 2017 the Society's Planning Committee has been very active. Letters with comments and/or objections have been submitted on proposals for: the Abbey Mill site; Chalky Down Equestrian Centre; the Post Mead site; Coppice Hill site; Malt Lane site and the Martin Street Development. They are all detailed responses that seek to be constructive wherever possible although the committee is a staunch defender of the Bishop's Waltham Design Statement.

Finances and Donations

These are covered in the accounts.

Publishing

The Society was pleased to be involved in the revisions to Alan Inder's popular book "The Changing Face of Bishop's Waltham" and the publication of a new edition. We are delighted that this project has already broken even and subsequent sales will provide a return on the investment.

It is planned to continue to publish new informative books, relevant to Bishop's Waltham and its residents, in the coming year(s). The next project is likely to be a book on Bishop's Waltham Servicemen who died in the First World War (which ended 100 years ago this year). There are also plans for a book on Bishop's Waltham High Street in the pipeline. A short book on Gunner's Bank is also under investigation.



| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 30th DECEMBER 2017 | | | BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 30th DECEMBER 2017 | | |
|---|------------------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | | 2017 | 2016 |
| | £ | £ | ASSETS | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | | Bank account | 5584.71 | 5,194 |
| Subscriptions (net of paypal) | 1792.81 | 1574 | | | |
| Donations | 176.50 | 13 | | | |
| Meetings | 444.67 | 227 | | | |
| Publications | 20.00 | 135 | | | |
| Gift Aid | 355.04 | 777 | | | |
| Changing Face of BW (net of paypal) | 5375.60 | 0 | | | |
| Total | £8,164.62 | £2,726 | Total Assets | £5,584.71 | £5,194 |
| EXPENDITURE | £ | £ | REPRESENTED BY | £ | £ |
| Administration | 261.89 | 126 | Brought forward | 5194.04 | 5177 |
| Newsletters | 159.53 | 160 | Excess of income/expenditure | 390.67 | 17 |
| Meetings | 1393.96 | 1,187 | | | |
| Purchases | 201.93 | 54 | | | |
| Grants | 320.00 | 1,182 | | | |
| Changing Face of BW | 5436.64 | 0 | | | |
| Total | £7,773.95 | £2,709 | Total | £5,584.71 | £5,194 |
| Excess of income/expenditure | £390.67 | £17 | Carried forward | £5,584.71 | £5,194 |