## Report of the Council and

Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

for

Harleian Society Incorporated 1902 (The)

CHARITY COMMISSION FIRST CONTACT

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# Report of the Council For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

The Council who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Council have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### Objectives and aims

The principal activity of the Society is the transcribing, printing and publishing of the heraldic visitations of counties, parish registers or any manuscripts relating to genealogy, family history and heraldry. It is the intention of the Council that there will be no change in this activity for the foreseeable future. The Council has complied with the duty to consider the objectives of the Charity in the light of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit.

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

At the beginning of the year the Society issued *The Visitation of Hertfordshire 1669*, edited by Alan Dickins, sometime Arundel Herald Extraordinary. Two other works are in the course of editing for future publication: *Berkshire Church Notes, 1665* (by Dr Adrian Ailes, FSA) and *Robert Glover, Somerset Herald - Letters and Papers of a Tudor Herald and Scholar* (by Dr Nigel Ramsay, FSA). Alan Dickins is considering the preparation of an edition of The Visitation of Bedfordshire 1669, which would complement his recent publication.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Financial position

Subscription income fell by £11 to £4,436, and income from the sale of publications fell by £291 to £1,360. The continuing prevailing low level of interest rates resulted in only a small amount of bank interest income. Cash at bank and in hand has decreased during the year to £32,929 (2019: £35,147), and the retained funds have fallen by £3,021 to £31,541 as a result of the excess of expenditure over income.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

## Governing document

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is a registered charity and its governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### Recruitment and appointment of new Council Members

Council Members are selected and invited to join the Council by existing Council Members and the appointment of Council Members is vested in the Council.

## Organisational structure

The Council administers the charity and meets annually. Day to day running of the Society is conducted by the Honorary Secretary and an Assistant Secretary.

#### Induction and training of new Council Members

Council Members are appointed as having particular expertise and experience of the Society's work.

#### Risk management

The Council has a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to give reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Council has a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan;
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

## Report of the Council For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number 00072647 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

253659

Registered office

The College of Arms 130 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4BT

**Council Members** 

Dr A P Ailes

Dr N J Bell Prof R P Cust

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A R Dickins

T H S Duke (Honorary Secretary and Treasurer)

J A Edwards

Miss C P Hartley

G H Mandelbrote

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T Woodcock (Chairman)

## Independent Examiner

Fuller Spurling

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the Council on 30 th June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

T H S Duke (Honorary Secretary and Treasurer) - Council member

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Council of Harleian Society Incorporated 1902 (The)

Independent examiner's report to the Council of Harleian Society Incorporated 1902 (The) ('the Company')

I report to the charity Council on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Council (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Susan Keane FCA Fuller Spurling Mill House 58 Guildford Street Chertsey Surrey KT16 9BE

Date: 7 July 2021.

# Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

ÿ		31.12.20 Unrestricted	31.12.19 Total
•	Notes	fund £	funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Subscriptions and donations		4,808	5,204
Charitable activities Charitable activities		1,360	1,651
Investment income	2	52	113
Total	•	6,220	6,968
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities Charitable activities	3	8,479	1,781
Other		762	1,006
Total		9,241	2,787
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,021)	4,181
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		34,562	30,381
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		31,541	34,562

## Balance Sheet 31 December 2020

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CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank	7	410 32,929	465 35,147
		33,339	35,612
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,798)	(1,050)
Amounts faming due within one year	0		(1,030)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		31,541	34,562
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		21 541	24.562
LIABILITIES		31,541	34,562
NET ASSETS		31,541	34,562
FUNDS Unrestricted funds	9	31,541	34,562
TOTAL FUNDS		31,541	34,562

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Council acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

# Balance Sheet - continued 31 December 2020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Council and authorised for issue on 30 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Sir Thomas Woodcock (Chairman) - Council member

T H S Duke (Honorary Secretary and Treasurer) - Council member

# Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Council. Under the terms of its Memorandum of Association, the Society is prohibited from distributing any of its income to its Council Members, except with the prior written approval of the Charity Commissioners.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

## **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### Creditors

Creditors, provisions and accrued costs are recognised where the company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### **Financial Instruments**

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### **Publications Expenditure**

It is the policy of the Society to write off expenditure on the production of publications in the year in which it is incurred. Consequently, there is no figure for stock of unsold publications in the Balance Sheet. In the opinion of the members, the value of unsold publications at £1 per volume is £843 (2019: £832).

## 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	•	31.12.20	31.12.19
		£	£
Deposit account interest		52	113

#### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct		
	Costs (see	Support	
	note 4)	costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	7,498	<u>981</u>	8,479

## 4. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Publication costs - The Visitation of Hertfordshire 1669	5,640	-
Warehousing and despatch costs	1,858	811
Bank charges	63	70
Independent Examination fees	918	900
	£8,479	£1,781

### 5. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No council members received remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

## Council/Members' expenses

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Council/Members' expenses	90	160

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

## 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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		Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Subscriptions and donations		5,204
Charitable activities Charitable activities		1,651
Investment income		113
Total		6,968
EXPENDITURE ON		
Charitable activities Charitable activities		1,781
Other		1,006
Total		2,787
NET INCOME		4,181
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward		30,381
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		34,562
DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Trade debtors	410	<u>465</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

8.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE	YEAR			
			31.12.20	31.12.19	
	Accrued expenses		£ 1,798	£ 1,050	
9.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Net		
		At 1.1.20	movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £	
	Unrestricted funds General fund	34,562	(3,021)	31,541	
	TOTAL FUNDS	34,562	(3,021)	31,541	
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:				
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £	
	Unrestricted funds General fund	6,220	(9,241)	(3,021)	
	TOTAL FUNDS	6,220	<u>(9,241)</u>	(3,021)	
	Comparatives for movement in funds				
		At 1.1.19	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £	
	Unrestricted funds General fund	30,381	4,181	34,562	
	TOTAL FUNDS	30,381	4,181	34,562	
	Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are	as follows:			
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £	
	Unrestricted funds General fund	6,968	(2,787)	4,181	
	TOTAL FUNDS	6,968	(2,787)	4,181	

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

## 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.