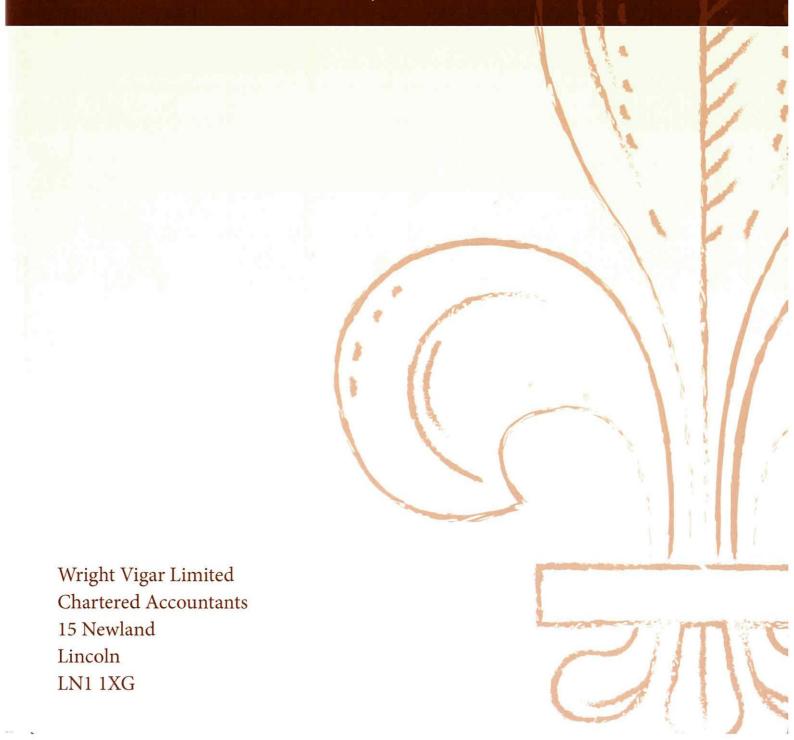


### LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021



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The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in 2019.

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### Registered charity number

513433

### Website

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### President's Introduction

The generous bequest to the Society in 2020 by our former member Nigel Burn has stimulated a review of the Society's anticipated activity during the coming century. Nigel's bequest offers an ideal opportunity to reconsider our role and ambitions, as well as to undertake new programmes and activities. We hope that such future activity will justify his confidence in the Society as a promoter of the value of records in understanding the history of this part of Eastern England. Such programmes and activities will also stand, of course, as a fitting memorial to Nigel's own contribution to local history.

- Following discussion within FPC on 27/7/20, Council members recorded their thoughts about the Society's priorities for the next generation, given its anticipated new resources. These papers were drawn together by the President and the Secretary into a draft 'New Priorities' paper (revised by FPC on 25/9/20). The draft paper was discussed at Council's meeting on 31/10/20, and contributions from trustees were incorporated into a revised and updated final version of the New Priorities paper at the FPC meeting on 22/1/21. The New Priorities paper was adopted by Council, as policy guidance for the Society, at their interim meeting on May Day 2021, to inform expenditure on a range of ambitious new programmes and activities during the coming years.
- This paper states that the Society wishes to embark on an ambitious programme of new work, organised under five headings:
  - Resolving issues with current website and commissioning a new platform that will (at last)
    offer Society members and collaborators a single hub, not only for accessing digitized texts
    of previous LRS volumes, but also access to the outputs of the other work arising from our
    New Priorities programme.
  - A programme of digitisation of key documents for the history of the geographical area within the Society's scope.
  - A programme of 'Outreach' projects to schools, colleges and universities. We anticipate that
    this new programme, in particular, will offer LRS members many opportunities to become
    to become involved in the Society's work.
  - A programme of Large Grants aimed at making edited versions of key documents within the Society's scope available to the public
  - A small Grants scheme, expanding the range of applicants and reconsidering the criteria for awards to students at all levels including bursaries, research and publication.
  - A programme of conservation work on documents that form part of other LRS 'New Priorities' work-streams above.

At its meeting on 13/11/21, Council will be asked to approve the strategy for achieving the Society's New Priorities that they agreed on 31/10/20, as outlined here. Council will also be asked for approval of new procedures for the preparation, approval and management of a suite of projects, under each of the headings above. Finally, they will be asked to give approval for expenditure on selected projects under each heading. Council members will also be asked for further, and closer engagement in the Society's various New Priorities activities.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The Society was founded in 1910 by Canon Charles Wilmer Foster, and subsequently endowed by Kathleen Major, with the object of printing records and documents relating to church, parochial, manorial and family history of the county and ancient diocese of Lincoln.

Policies to enable the Society to achieve its charitable objectives are determined by its Council of trustees, which meets once or twice each year. An annual report and any changes to the governing document are put before members at the Annual General Meeting, usually held in October or early November. The day to day running of the Society is delegated by Council to the Finance and Publications Committee and to its Officers. An annual budget and five year plan is reviewed and approved by Council at its autumn meeting.

Membership is open to all, on payment of the annual subscription, currently set at £25 for all members, in return for which, members are supplied with the annual main series publications of the Society. Subscriptions are due on 1 August each year, but members may join at any time during the year and receive a full year's benefit. Most of the Society's publications deal with Lincolnshire, but some of the volumes include matter relating to the counties of Bedford, Buckingham, part of Hertford, Huntingdon, Leicester, Northampton, Oxford and Rutland, which were in former days included in the diocese of Lincoln. Members are entitled to purchase back volumes and publications in the additional series at a discount.

The governing document is reproduced here.

### The Rules of the Society are:

- 1. The Society shall be called the LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY (hereinafter referred to as the Society).
- 2. The object of the Society shall be the advancement of public education in the history of the ancient diocese of Lincoln and the county of Lincolnshire especially by the transcription, editing and publication of original historical documents. The word 'Diocese' in this clause shall include any counties which have at anytime formed part of the Diocese of Lincoln.
- 3. Membership of the Society shall be constituted by the payment of the annual subscription, or, in the case of life members, of the composition.
- 4. The annual subscription shall be determined from time to time by the trustees and shall be payable on the first day of August in every year. A composition of an amount twenty times that of the annual subscription shall constitute life membership from the date Of composition.
- 5. The management of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Council consisting of the president, secretary, general editor, treasurer and a number of at least seven and not exceeding twenty other members of the Society to be elected at the annual general meeting. Vacancies occurring between annual general meetings may be filled by the Council. Three shall form a quorum.
- 6. Each member shall be entitled to one copy of every work published in the main series by the Society in respect of his year of membership. No person shall receive any such volume until his subscription for the year in respect of which the volume is published has been paid. Provided that any member may be supplied with any of the publications, including the additional series, on such terms as the Council may from time to time determine.

- 7. Persons who are not members of the Society may be supplied with the publications of the Society on such terms as the Council may determine.
- 8. The funds of the Society, including the vouchers or securities for any investments, shall be kept at a Bank to be selected by the Council in the name of the Society. Such investments shall only be dealt with by an authority signed by the Secretary and such other person or persons as the Council may from time to time appoint.
- 9. The accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Society and of its assets and liabilities, up to the 31st July in each year, shall be scrutinised in accordance with relevant legislation for the time being by an appropriate person or body to be appointed by the Society.
- 10. An annual general meeting of the members shall be held in the Autumn, to receive a report upon the work of the Society and the General Editors report, to receive the Treasurers financial statement and to elect an appropriate scrutineer in accordance with Rule 9, to elect officers and a council for the ensuing year, and to transact the general business of the Society.
- 11. The Council may require the accuracy of any transcript, calendar or translation to be tested on their behalf before it is printed.
- 12. The editor of a volume shall be entitled to receive five copies of the work.
- 13. The Secretary shall keep a minute book wherein shall be entered a record of the transactions as well at meetings of the Council as at general meetings of the Society.
- 14. The rules shall only be amended at a General Meeting called for that purpose giving at least 21 days notice of the proposed amendment. No amendment shall be made to the constitution that would cause the Society to cease to be a Charity at Law. Any alteration to the constitution must receive the assent of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting. Any amendment to Clause 2 or Clause 15 or this Clause shall require the prior approval of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.
- 15. The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. In the event of dissolution, any property remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of this Society as the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction may determine.

**Trustees:** The Council members constitute trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity legislation, having due regard to the qualifications, reputation and relevant abilities of the candidates. Explanation of the legal duties and responsibilities of trustees is given by the Secretary to new trustees, and all trustees are advised of any changes to relevant legislation and recommended best practice. From time to time trustees receive training from external providers.

Risks: are identified, determined, evaluated and managed by regular review of operating conditions, and by the maintenance of a risk register, which is reviewed at least annually by the Finance and Publications Committee. The major risks to which the Society is exposed relate to market conditions surrounding its investment portfolio, data loss relating to its financial and administrative records, and the loss of the officers without adequate provision being made for their replacement and the transfer of knowledge. In the trustees' opinion, reasonable steps have been taken to reduce exposure to these risks,

**Data Protection:** In May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force. This regulates the processing of personal data by organisations. In order to ensure the Society's

compliance the officers have drawn up a Data Protection and Information Security Policy. This sets out the personal data the Society collects and the mechanisms by which it seeks to process further, manage (including destruction) and store that data, in order to comply with this legislation and fulfil the contractual agreement between Society and member with regard to the benefits of the subscription. It also outlines procedures for review and revision in line with future legislation. Full details of the policy are available on our website.

### Objectives and Activities

The Society's objects are noted above.

Activities are established by the trustees to meet and accord with the Society's charitable objectives. In addition to the publication of historical documents relating to the diocese and ancient county of Lincolnshire, the Society also makes grants for research and other purposes which, in the opinion of the trustees, will further the Society's objectives. The Society also organises events for its members and the general public which help to achieve its objectives. It also actively communicates with its members via social media and email as well as print publications.

**Public Benefit:** The trustees having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Society should undertake, the Society makes its volumes freely available to the general public by appointment with Lincoln Cathedral Library where two sets of its publications are held. The Society's volumes are also stocked by many public libraries and archives, and are available for sale to non-members on payment of the cover price in force for the time being. The Society's website, Facebook and Twitter pages are available to all Internet users, and contain information about its work, publications, grant-making programme, linked organisations, and events open to the general public.

**Volunteers:** The Society's trustees are all volunteers, and it has not yet needed any other volunteers who are not trustees. It is estimated that the trustees contribute some 1000 - 1500 hours per annum of their time to the running of the Society. The equivalent financial benefit of these hours of professional time may be in the region of £100,000 per annum.

### **Achievements and Performance**

**Membership:** This year the society welcomed 12 new members and notes the resignation of 14 members. We are sorry to report the deaths of Hugh Cooke, Brian Peeps, Michael Poole, Valerie Sodaberg and Roger Whyman. At the end of the year the society had 310 members compared with 317 at the end of last year.

### New members:

Owain Gardener, Co. Durham Ian George, Heighhington Chris Gilham, Bracebridge Heath Caitlin Green, Louth Timothy Holman, Somerset Rebecca Jarvis, Bourne Ian Newton, Dunholme Anna-Primrose Orchard, Derbyshire Alison Ray, Aslackby Holly Shipton, West Sussex Hugh Sutton, Market Rasen Chris Woolgar, Hampshire

**Publications:** During the current year the Society published Volume 109 in the Original Series, *Stukeley and Stamford, Part I: Cakes and Curiosity, The Sociable Antiquary 1710-1737*, edited by Diana and Michael Honeybone. This edition includes three texts from the early part of the

career of William Stukeley, largely relating to the years he spent in the town of Stamford: the Iter Oxoniense (1710), Stanfordia Illustrata (1735-6) and the minute book of the Brazen Nose Society (1736-7). The volume was issued to members in June.

Two other volumes are at an advanced stage. The first of these is Borough Government in Restoration Grantham: The Hall Book of Grantham 1662-1704, edited by John Manterfield and his team of transcribers. This will complete the work of publishing the earliest of Grantham's borough records, begun by the late Bill Couth in 1995 (LRS, Volume 83). The second is Stukeley and Stamford, Part II: The Designs of Stanford Antiquitys 1735, edited by John Smith. This will partner the Honeybones' edition, noted above. The Designs are a series of illustrations planned by Stukeley as a complementary work to Stanfordia Illustrata. In order to do justice to these remarkable drawings, this edition, which will also include an edition of The Historical Part of Stamford Election 1734, Stukeley's account of alleged malpractices during that contest, will be published in a larger format.

Also making steady progress is the third part of Nicholas Bennett's Lincolnshire Parish Clergy series, covering the large deanery of Calcewaith, thirty-nine parishes including Alford and Mablethorpe. A number of other volumes are in active preparation. The Society is most grateful to all those who are preparing future volumes for its series. The publication schedule of the Society is dependent upon the commitments of editors and it is not possible therefore to give definite dates for the publication of volumes in active preparation. A number of other volumes are in active preparation, some of which are intended for the *Kathleen Major Series* and others for the *Occassional Series*.

Other Activities: The global coronavirus pandemic has continued to place severe restrictions upon the activities of the Society and will do for considerable time to come. Nonetheless, there has still been a number of important activities on which to report. The Society is exploring new ways of delivering activities for members in light of the Nigel Burn Bequest.

### Website

The Society continues to work on providing digital access for members to its publications. The website, which last year was placed on a secure platform, is now being redeveloped in association with Townsweb Archiving to provide readable and searchable digital versions of the entire publication list. This will be available to members on a separate platform through the website and will add considerably to the Society's benefits to its members. The Data Series, edited by trustee Dr Rob Wheeler, now has a second volume to add to volume 1 (Fossdyke Toll Accounts, ed. Rob Wheeler). Edited by member Ken Redmore, this is an edition of A Threshing Contractor's Day Book, 1909-16. A third volume has been approved by the Finance and Publications Committee: Witham Navigation Toll Accounts, 1765-1775, ed. Rob Wheeler. It will be available via the website in the course of 2021. The editor welcomes proposals for other potential volumes.

### **Communications**

Two further editions of the Society's News Review, edited by Dr Marianne Wilson, have been published in the year under review. Issue 16 featured an article from Nicholas Bennett on Mary Ann Boole. Professor Michael Burger contributed a piece on his favourite LRS volumes, the Rolls of Bishop Oliver Sutton . A report from Dr Daniella Gonzalez (University of Kent) on the Medieval and Early Modern Studies centre's special Lockdown Library also featured. Professor Philippa Hoskin supplied the introduction. Issue 17 begins with an introduction by trustee Professor Louise Wilkinson. The edition also includes an article from Holly Shipton, winner of the University of

Lincoln MA dissertation prize, on her research into the lands of the earl of Norfolk in medieval Ireland. Ken Redmore introduces the second Data Series edition, and Nicholas Bennett reports on a postcard discovery relating to Kirton in Holland.

### Social Media

The Society's social media profile has gone from strength to strength over the year: our Twitter feed (@LincolnRecSoc) now has 571 followers (an increase of 70 over the year) and allows interactions from interested users worldwide. Our mailshot service to members, Mailchimp, now has over 200 subscribers and allows the Society to share promptly news of upcoming events organized in and around Lincolnshire.

### Collaborations

The Society has worked with the University of Lincoln and the Medieval Studies Research Group to develop new engagement activities during the year in review. The University will now host an annual Medieval Lecture sponsored by the Society. The first in the series was delivered online to an audience of around 100 in April 2021 by trustee Dr Alison McHardy. Entitled 'The Voice of the People: Petitions from Lincolnshire in the Middle Ages, it explored the fascinating contents of volume 108 (Petitions from Lincolnshire, c. 1200-c. 1500, ed. A.K. McHardy & G. Dodd). Similarly, a bi-annual collaborative seminar series is in development. The first paper was presented online to a sizeable audience by Dr Marianne Wilson, LRS Communications Officer, in January 2021 and explored her research into Thomas Burgh of Gainsborough Old Hall. Plans are also underway to support a lunchtime seminar series. During Lincoln's Medieval Week in April 2021, Dr Wilson and Dr Paul Dryburgh, the Honorary Secretary, presented an online workshop revealing the treasures being made available online through the AHRC-funded 'The Northern Way: Archbishops of York and the North of England, 1304-1405' research project (University of York / The National Archives). Dr Wilson and Dr Dryburgh also ran a round table discussion at the Leeds International Medieval Congress in July 2021 with the aim of developing and launching an LRS scholarly Research Network. Members will be invited to contribute as the network progresses.

### Awards

The Lincoln Record Society Prize for the best MA dissertation in Medieval Studies at the University of Lincoln was awarded to Holly Shipton for her dissertation 'Agriculture and Economy of the Old Manor of Ross: a Re-evaluation of the Significance of Roger Bigod's Irish Lands'. The prize for the best MA dissertation in Historical Studies went to Anna-Primrose Orchard for her dissertation; 'The Cultures of Consumerism and the GIs' Search for Identity in Vietnam'. Winners receive £100 and three years' free membership of the Society.

Grants: The grant budget for 2020-2021 was £10,000. A grant of £4,000 was made to Jean Shaftoe towards the cost of her book Henry Winn: The Man and his Words. A grant of £4,659 was made to Professor Anna Marie Roos towards the cost of an edition of the correspondence of Martin Lister. Details of how to apply for a grant are on the society's website.

**Legacies:** We are grateful to our late member, Pat Firman, for a bequest of £500. The Nigel Burn bequest was reported last year. This year we have received £1,209,627. The executors are still working to settle the estate and we expect to receive a further sum in the region of £450,000. Our plans for using this bequest are outlined in the President's Introduction to this report.

Financial Review: Activities and hence income have been severely restricted due to the Covid19 pandemic. Investment income from our portfolio managed by Brewin Dolphin was £17,979 (2020 £14,688). The cost of managing our portfolio was £6,500. As at July 31st the value of the portfolio was £1,280,730. This reflects the investment of part of the Nigel Burn Bequest and the growth in the stock market. Excluding the value of new investments, the increase in the value of the portfolio was £95,986. The investment policy dated January 27th 2014 states The Society's investment managers should avoid where practicable, investments in tobacco, armaments and pornography.

Subscription income was £8,270 compared with £5,492 last year. This reflects the receipt of subscriptions from previous year delayed due to Covid-19.

Book sales were £1,054 (2020 £1,433).

£198,196 was paid to HM Revenue & Customs in relation to the Nigel Burn Bequest.

Total operating expenditure excluding the above was £34,018 (2020 £21,331). This year we published Volume 109 which cost £6,630 plus £1,536 shipping costs.

£16,804 has been invested in website developments to enable members to have fully searchable access to our published volumes and in work related to the Data Series. The digital search project is expected to be completed in the next financial year.

Council agreed that following the receipt of the Nigel Burn Bequest the division of the funds between General and Kathleen Major Funds no longer served a useful purpose. There are no restrictions on how we use either of these bequests and in future all funds will be considered as the General Fund.

Funds are also invested in the Charities Official Investment Fund which is managed by the CCLA. The Finance and Publications Committee undertake regular monitoring and review of investments. Investments held by Brewin Dolphin are in a nominee account.

**Reserves Policy:** The trustees will retain general reserves adequate to fund the average cost of one publication and a certain level of grants to assure the future of the society. The five year plan has been designed with this in mind. This policy will be reviewed as part of the review of our activities following receipt of the Nigel Burn bequest.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Chair or Trustees

Date. 16/11/21

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 00513433) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

### Responsibilities of trustees

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

Law 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, including the income and expenditure, 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 00513433)

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Lincoln Record Society (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 July 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 July 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 Auditors' 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.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### 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 Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 00513433)

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 10, 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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 1443 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 00513433)

Our work is performed to include an assessment of the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including the risk of fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

In identifying and assessing risk of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We plan our work to gain an understanding of the significant laws and regulations that are
  of significance to the entity and the sector in which they operate. We perform our work to
  ensure that the entity is complying with its legal and regulatory framework.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Charity is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to the management and people charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Substantive procedures performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).
- Challenging assumptions and judgments made by management in its significant accounting estimates.
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular material journal entries and an assessment of year end journals.
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

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.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jon O'Hern FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Wright Vigar Limited,

Chartered Accountants

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17/11 2021

# LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

		General Funds £	Major Fund £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
	Votes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Other trading activities				T CC 1 200	
Legacies		1,664,370	-	1,664,370	- - 400
Subscriptions		8,270	:7	8,270	5,492
Charitable activities		8 <u>_ 4.</u> 4.		1054	3 400
Book Sales		1,054	-	1,054	1,433
Income from investments	9	6 POS 0			
Investment income	2	18,015		18,015	14,688
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		1,691,709	-	1,691,709	21,613
	-				50
EXPENDITURE ON					
Expenditure on raising funds					
Investment management fees		6,500	-	6,500	3,027
Legal costs associated with legacy		198,196	1	198,196	F
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Cost of selling books	3	540	-	540	954
Book production costs	3	8,727	-	8,727	8,149
Grants made	3	8,859	1	8,859	1,800
Support costs	3 3 3	5,897	-	5,897	5,746
Other activities	3.	3,495	-	3,495	1,655
	1000				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		232,214	-	232,214	21,331
Net gains/(losses) on investments					
Gains/Losses on investment assets		95,986	_	95,986	(27,059)
Gallis/Losses on investment assets		23,200			(—· , ,
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,555,481	7	1,555,481	(26,777)
Transfer from General Funds	_	300,908	(300,908)	· <u>-</u>	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,856,389	(300,908)	1,555,481	(26,777)
Fund balances brought forward		197,216	300,908	498,124	524,901
		2,053,605		2,053,605	498,124
Fund balances carried forward	-	2,033,003	_	2,000,000	170,121

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

# LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

		2021		2020	
	<b>NT</b> .	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	Notes				
Intangible fixed assets	6		16,718		_;
Investments: Brewin Dolphin	7		1,280,730		331,781
			1,297,448		331,781
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors Current asset investments: COIF Account	8	455,299		374	
Cash at bank and in hand		145,585 164,697		145,552 23,414	
50 0 00	-	765,581		169,340	
				•	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year NET CURRENT ASSETS	9 _	9,424	EEC.150	2,997	2022 2002
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	TIES		756,158 2,053,605	12	166,343
Displace Property of the Prope	LILO		2,033,003		498,124
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	9			-	-
NET ASSETS			2,053,605	-	498,124
FUNDS					
Designated Funds: Major Reserve	10		<b>.</b>		300,908
General Funds	10		2,053,605	_	197,216
TOTAL FUNDS			2,053,605	_	498,124
Approved by the Trustees and signed on		4 -2	16/11	1/21	
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Trustee

Chair of Trustees

# LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
2 2	Notes		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	1,011,47	(8,793)
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,011,47	(8,793)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		36	725
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		(16,804)	=
Purchase of investments		(936,226)	(95,083)
Disposal of investments		83,263	103,745
Net cash used in investing activities		(869,731)	9,387
Change in cash and cash equivalents in			
the reporting period		141,316	594
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	g	168,966	168,372
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		310,283	168,966

### 1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

		2021	2020
		£	£
Net income for the reporting peri	iod (as per the	1,555,481	(26,777)
Statement of Financial Activities)	ķ.		48 E E
Adjustments for:			
Amortisation charges		86	-
(Gains)/loss on investments		(95,986)	18,397
Interest received		(36)	(725)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(454,925)	990
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		6,427	(678)
Net cash provided by operations		1,011,047	(8,793)
		·	
2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN	NET FUNDS		
	At 1.8.20	Cash Flow	At 31.7.21
	£	£	£
Net cash	,		
Cash at bank and in hand	168,966	141,317	310,283
	168,966	141,317	310,283

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the charity's affairs.

### a Basis of accounting

Lincoln Record Society is an unincorporated Charity. The address of the principal office is given in the Charity information page on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements of the charity, 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'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

### b Legacies

Legacies are recognised when the sum to which the charity is entitled is known, the receipt is probable and entitlement has passed to the charity.

### c Subscriptions

Subscriptions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

### d Investment income

Interest on deposits is accounted for in the period when it was earned.

### e Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the year to which it relates rather than the year in which it is paid. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT. Support costs are those costs incurred in running the charity's activities and the strategic overall management of the charity. Expenditure has been presented in line with the alternative method.

### f Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are included at cost less depreciation. There is no formal capitalisation limit. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Digitisation Project over 5 years

### g Investments

Investments are stated at fair value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

### h Stock of books

Book publication costs are written off as incurred. Stock is not valued in the accounts.

### i Funds

Designated funds have been identified by the trustees and set aside for a specific purpose as described in the trustees report. There are no designated funds.

General funds are those funds which are available to the trustees to apply for the general purpose of the charity.

		General Funds £	Designated Fund £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
2	Not	es			
2	INVESTMENT INCOME			3 <b>-</b> 0.00	
	Bank interest on monies held by the charity	36	=	36	725
	Investment income	17,979	. <u> </u>	17,979	13,963
		18,015		18,015	14,688
3	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
	Cost of selling books				
	Storage charges	477	-	477	839
	Other costs	63	_	63	115
		540		540	954
	Book production costs				
	Printing	6,630		6,630	7,080
	Shipping	2,097	-	2,097	1,069
		8,727	_	8,727	8,149
	Support costs	<del> </del>			
	Computer and website	715		715	1,144
	Administration	676	-	676	1,090
	Governance costs 4	4,507	-	4,507	3,512
		5,897		5,897	5,746
	Other activities				
	Conference costs	ı <b>-</b>	Ξ,	L	797
	Future projects	-	_	-	215
	News Review	3,495	-43	3,495	643
		3,495	_	3,495	1,655
	Grants	5 25			
	Grants to Institutions				
	Shaun Tyas	-	<u>.</u> .	<u>.</u>	1,000
	Boydell & Brewer	-	- 1	-	500
	6		**	22	
	Grants to Individuals				
	University of Lincoln Student Awards	200	-	200	200
	Bishop Grosseteste Student Award	-	-		100
	Jean Shaftoe - Henry Winn: The Man				
	and His Words	4,000	F	4,000	-
	Professor Anna Marie Roos - The				
	Correspondence of Martin Lister	4,659		4,659	<u> </u>
	-	8,859		8,859	1,800

			General Funds £	Designated Fund £	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020 £
		Notes				
4	GOVERNANCE COSTS					
	Meetings & Board Development		-	2=2	-	2,028
	Annual Report		2,227		2,227	794
	Independent Examination		-	-	-	690
	Auditor's remuneration		2,280	-	2,280	-
		X	4,507	-	4,507	3,512

### 5 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

The trustees were not entitled to and did not receive any remuneration during the year. Expenses such as stationery and travel costs were reimbursed to 2 trustees during 2021 (3 -2020) totalling £198 (£1,305 - 2020).

6	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	TOTAL £
	Cost	
	at 1 August 2020	58,727
	Additions	16,804
	Disposals	
	at 31 July 2021	75,531
	Depreciation	
	at 1 August 2012-	58,727
	Charge for the year	86
	Eliminated on disposals	
	at 31 July 2021	58,813
	Net Book Value	
	at 31 July 2021	16,718
	at 31 July 2020	-

7	INVESTMENTS		Brewin Dolphin £
	Market Value		
	at 1 August 20120		331,781
	Additions		936,226
	Disposals		(83,263)
	Revaluation		95,986
	At 31 July 2021		1,280,730
	UK Listed Investments		532,282
	Non-UK Listed Investments		749,444
	Cash		8,005
			1,280,730
		2021	2020
		£	£
8	DEBTORS		
	Book Sales	344	278
	Prepayments	762	96
	Legacy receivable	454,192	
		455,299	374
9	CREDITORS		
	Amounts falling due within one year		
	Accruals	2,390	742
	Grants payable	4,659	
	Life memberships	1,780	1,780
	Deferred income	595	475
		9,424	2.997
10	DEFERRED INCOME		
	Deferred income comprises of subscriptions rece	ived in advance.	
	**************************************	The state of the s	£
	Market Value		projectivi
	Balance as at 1 August 2020		475
	Amount released to incoming resources		(475)
	Amount deferred in the year		595
	Balance as at 31 July 2021		595

### 11 FUNDS

### Major Reserve

The nature of the Designated Reserve is discussed in the Trustees' Report. Movements on the Major Reserve in the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

During the year, the trustees determined that all funds were to be considered general funds. The Major Reserve therefore was transferred into the General Fund.

### **Transfers**

The transfer of funds in prior years from General Funds to Designated Funds represents the adjustment of the Major Fund to reflect augmented income derived from 50% of the initial capital sum received from Kathleen Major.

### Movement in Funds

	At 1.8.20 £	Net movement in funds	Transfers £	At 31.7.21 £
Unrestricted funds General fund General fund: Major reserve	197,216 300,908	1,555,481	300,908 (300,908)	2,053,605
, and a second second	498,124	1,555,481	-	2,053,605

### Comparatives for movement in Funds

		Net		
		movement		
	At 1.8.19	in funds	Transfers	At 31.7.20
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	232,271	(26,777)	(8,278)	197,216
General fund: Major reserve	292,630	-	8,278	300,908
	524,901	(26,777)	4.	498,124

### 12 RELATED PARTIES

During the year a grant of £4,659 was paid to Professor Anna Marie Roos, a trustee of the Charity. The grant was approved by the other trustees in line with the grant making policy.

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