

First Annual Report of Trustees of the 1066 Society Charity

This report covers the period from the recognition of the charitable status in January 2016 until April 2017.

Establishing Operating Procedures

Early during the first operational year, meetings were held by the trustees to establish procedures for assessing projects and then how the payments could be made once the work had been completed. So far all monies paid out have been on work that had been completed but a process for ensuring that the relevant work has indeed carried out has been established.

Activities Supported

The key activity was the 2016 excavation which started on 11 July 2016 and continued until 20 September 2016 when the 950th anniversary of the battle at Fulford was commemorated with the construction of a stone cairn using stones from the 1066 layer.

The support from volunteers increased compared with 2015 allowing the length and complexity of the work to be extended. Part of the site was given over to a young people's group for one day, and two organisations asked to visit the site and take part in the work.

In addition to the archaeological work a number of 'brain storms' attended by key volunteers were organised to assess the data recovered during the project and plan the 2017 work.

In addition to the archaeological work, talks and displays were arranged. Further excavations, displays and talks are planned for 2017.

Fund Raising

Fund raising has underachieved, not least because it took second place for the Trustees compared with the urgent need to support the investigation work. This was despite Dan Snow fronting a Crowdfunder appeal.

It has also proved more administratively tricky and time consuming than anticipated to merge the previous accounts, undertaking similar work, into the Charity. However, it is still the plan to incorporate Fulford Battlefield Society and the Fulford Tapestry accounts into the Charity. Plan to integrate with the Stamford Bridge groups have been dropped following the death of their leader.

Over half the amount donated was contributed using the Charity Aid Foundation, so there was no urgency to register with HMRC to administer the refunding of tax. Fundraising will become a higher priority for the Trustees in future years but the priority for now is to use the equipment already bought and continue to engage with the volunteers who some of whom have supported the work for over a decade.

This report has been approved by the Trustees of the 1066 Society Charity.

1066 Society charity

INCOME

description	amount
Opening donation	£ 100.00
Battlefield's Trust	£ 350.00
CAF transfer	£ 2,000.00
Crowdfunding net income	£ 192.11
Donation	£ 50.00
Trustee donation (YAT xrays)	£ 300.00
Trustee donation (C14 dating)	1.00

£ 3,892.11

Expenditure

description	amount
YAT xrays	£ 540.00
Dig expenses repaid	£ 2,190.00
C14 Beta Analytic USA	£ 800.00
YAT xrays	£ 300.00

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3,830.00