

## **Third Annual Report of Trustees of the 1066 Society Charity**

This report covers the period from 2 April 2018 until April 2019.

### **Activities Supported**

The key activities in 2018/19 were

1. The excavation during July 2018 and April 2019
2. Activities to conserve the collection of metal objects recovered in previous years.
3. Placing the Battle of Fulford Tapestry on display at fairs and festivals.
4. A major effort was devoted to preparing a plan for making the exception piece of heritage which is all on land to which the public has access, and this work is ongoing.

The charity is also sponsored the creation of reference collections for many other history and heritage societies. This project has expanded and is due to roll out during 2020.

Planning for further archaeological work has continued with digs and further work planned which will be reported next year, including the uncovering of an enigmatic crossing of the marchland that dates to the time when the Romans left York.

### **Fund Raising**

Fundraising is still not the most important activity required to pursue the purposes of the Charity because various private donors continue to pay the costs directly for the activities being sponsored by the Charity and these do not appear as funds raised by the Charity (as set out later).

Fund raising has again underachieved, not least because it took second place for the Trustees compared with the need to organising the works listed above.

The pool of reusable equipment that has been bought by the charity , when not in use is held by the Community archaeologist for use by other groups and this has led others to reciprocate, creating an excellent community resource, reducing the need to raise funds in order to continue pursuing the aims of the Charity.

The Mick Aston Archaeology Fund has paid for the Carbon dating of the wood samples found and this again was a direct payment so is not recorded as funds raised by the Charity.

Fundraising will certainly become a higher priority for the Trustees in future with the need to finance and maintain the heritage trail planned on public land.

### **Charity Accounts**

As explained in the report above, it has been possible to pursue an active programme in accordance with the aims of the Charity because on each occasion a private donor stepped forward to pay whatever costs arose. Therefore the activities, although promoted by the Charity, did not have the money passing through the Charity's accounts. (The possible tax benefit of donating via the charity or using the CAF was explained to the donors.)

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