

**The John Hampden
Society**

Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2014

Registered charity 1098314

Foreword

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2014.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are shown below.

Steve Barriff, Chairman
Roy Bailey
Anthea Coles, Honorary Secretary
Brian Cox, Membership Secretary
Beatrice Dobie
Sam Hearn, Honorary Treasurer
Ian Hollenden

Structure, Governance & Management

The Society has been a registered charity since 2003. The structure, governance and management are set out in its constitution agreed by the membership in 2003.

The objects of the charity are to;

- Make the character and achievements of John Hampden better known to the general public.
- Provide a library and archive of materials for research into Hampden's life and works.
- Preserve and conserve and erect monuments and artefacts associated with John Hampden.

Day-to-day responsibility for both restricted and unrestricted funds is delegated to the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.

Charity 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 Trust and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

Bankers The Coop Bank plc Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT	Registered Office 134 Park Road Chiswick W4 3HP
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The Chairman's Annual Report

Accounts

It is the responsibility of the Trustees to ensure proper accounting records are maintained that are able, with reasonable accuracy, to provide the financial position and statements of the charitable company in compliance with the 1993 Charities Act and 1985 Companies Act. The Trustees are also responsible for the safe keeping of all of the Society's assets and for taking all reasonable steps to detect and prevent any fraudulent or other irregular activities.

Concerns were expressed about the security of funds held in in the Society's Coop bank accounts. However, it was agreed at the AGM, that funds will still be held in these accounts but that the financial health of the Bank will be kept under review.

Funds

There are currently no restricted funds held by the Society and Trustees are therefore able to use all the funds under their control to further any of the charitable objectives of the Society. However the Trustees have created a designated reserve specifically for educational purposes with the money received from the estate of Angela Rodda.

Activities

The 2014 AGM was held at the Thame Barns Centre in on 10th May 2014. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond the Trustees' control it was not possible to arrange a speaker for this event.

Talks were given by the Earl of Buckinghamshire at the Chiltern University of the Third Age and Kimble Church, and further talks were given by Roy Bailey to the University of the Third Age at Abingdon and at Chartridge.

A number of improvements to the web site have been undertaken by Roy Bailey that have increased the amount of web space and a number of other technical benefits. Roy Bailey and Anthea Coles continued to produce and distribute the Society's newsletter, ***The Patriot***, which is now printed by Sarsen Press of Winchester. Members have contributed a number of interesting articles and photographs in the year and the Editor continues to welcome contributions from all members.

The sale of books and other Society goods are now administered through the website of the Buckinghamshire Family History Society. This has enabled the Society to improve the security of electronic funds transferred to it by customers and also to reach a wider audience for our books and other products.

The Trustees have formally reviewed the risks faced by the Society and prepared a risk register that is open to review by members at any time.

We were saddened to learn of the death of member Angela Rodda wife of one of the Society's long standing members Jim Rodda. Angela kindly bequeathed a sum to the Society in her Will with which the Trustees plan to establish an educational fund.

It has been a difficult year for the Society with certain particularly disruptive events. It is very much hoped that these issues are now behind us and that the Society will continue to progress from strength to strength.

Members who wish to take a more active part in the Society are encouraged to contact the Secretary or indeed any of the Trustees. The Society has no employees and relies entirely on the work of volunteers to achieve its charitable objectives.

Stephen Barriff – Chairman of The John Hampden Society

**THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014**

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Income			
Members Subscriptions	1	1,607	1,430
Other donations	2	251	369
Goods Sold		94	202
Fees for talks		40	0
Corrected banking error		0	58
Interest earned		4	2
		<u>1,996</u>	<u>2,061</u>
Expenditure			
Cost of Events (room hire)		210	27
Printing		437	387
Postage		403	715
Stationery		135	148
Insurance		65	65
Wreath		0	50
Trustees' expenses		52	39
Miscellaneous (new banner in 2013)		0	148
Website hosting		70	0
		<u>1,372</u>	<u>1,579</u>
Net surplus / (loss) for the period/year		624	482
Opening Stamp Stock		463	878
Opening accruals		-275	-92
Opening debtors		0	58
Closing Stamp & Sash stock		-203	-463
Closing accruals		839	275
Closing debtors		-282	0
Opening bank balance		5,567	4,429
Closing bank balance - 31st December 2014 (2013)		<u>6,733</u>	<u>5,567</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Tangible assets		0	0
Total fixed assets		0	0
Stock of stamps	3	203	463
Debtors		282	0
Cash		6,733	5,567
Total current assets		7,218	6,030
Creditors		-839	-275
Net assets		6,379	5,755
Unrestricted funds	2	6,379	5,755
Total charity funds		6,379	5,755

Notes & Policies

1. The gift aid return for 2013 was been submitted after the year end and £282 has subsequently been received from HMRC. The 2014 gift aid return will be submitted in 2015.
2. A donation of £221 was received in the year from the estate of Angela Rodda and these funds have been designated by The trustees for educational purposes. However, these funds are accounted for as unrestricted reserves.
3. Stamp stock is valued at cost of £203. Books etc bought for re-sale are written off in year of purchase.
4. The Society maintains a reference Library. These books are not held for resale and no value has therefore been placed upon them. The catalogue is on www.johnhampden.org
5. The Society owns a medallion sculpture of John Hampden. It is on permanent loan to Thame Museum.