

**The John Hampden
Society**
Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2008

Registered charity 1098314

Foreword

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity company for the year ended 31st December 2008.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are shown below.

Ian Hollenden, Chairman
Sam Hearn, Vice-Chairman *
Anthea Coles, Honorary Secretary
Roger Paynter, Membership Secretary
Roy Bailey
John Gabbitas
Derek Lester
Maurice Kirtland

* acting honorary treasurer

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.

Accounts

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As far as the Trustees are aware they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information.

Funds

The charity currently has no restricted funds. The funds under its control can therefore be used to further any of the Society's objectives.

Activities

Four editions of *The Patriot* newsletter were published in the year. Five illustrated talks were delivered by members to third party organisations. In May, Derek and Gill Lester led a guided walk of the Chalgrove battlefield for members of the Society and the Battlefields Trust. Members manned an information stall for the Society at the Speen Fete in July.

The 2008 AGM was held in April at Hartwell House Hotel. This meeting was followed by a talk from Dr Lucy Worsley on William Cavendish, Duke of Newcastle, the subject of her recent book *Cavalier*. The Annual Dinner held in June at The Spread Eagle Hotel in Thame was addressed by Dr Diane Purkiss author of *The English Civil War: A Peoples' War*.

The Society opened a PayPal account in the year. Visitors to the Society's website can now order and pay for items sold by the Society using the PayPal facility. The Society has also opened a deposit account with Lloyds Bank.

A new batch of Hampden badges were commissioned and purchased.

Members of the Society were sad to learn of the death in Australia of Dr Frank Hansford-Miller a founder member of the Society and the author of *John Hampden of Buckinghamshire – The People's Hero*.

The Future

The trustees have reviewed the membership subscription rates and have agreed not to increase subscription rates in 2010 as had been previously agreed. The trustees took into account the relatively healthy state of the Society's finances and the general economic situation. The subscription rates have not changed for six years and have only been revised once since the organisation was established in 1993.

The trustees are investigating ways of attracting new members. Membership numbers are declining and the trustees believe that this situation must not be allowed to continue. A larger membership base is desirable and would enable the Society to achieve much more.

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**THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008**

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Income			
Members subscriptions	1	1,235	1,254
Income from events		995	2,582
Goods sold		377	727
Donations for <i>Proceedings of the Long Parliament</i>		0	314
Fees for talks		215	125
Other donations		40	55
Interest earned		11	1
		<u>2,863</u>	<u>5,058</u>
Expenditure			
Cost of Events		807	2,472
Goods for sale		523	342
Printing <i>The Patriot</i>		513	405
Postage		315	317
Printing Books (P Hooper / D Lester)		0	400
Ten ISBN numbers		0	99
Printing membership cards		0	35
Internet fees		32	30
Donation		0	29
Wreaths		25	25
Annual Dinner Expenses (net)		75	10
Acquisition for Library		38	0
Stationery and office supplies		82	0
		<u>2,410</u>	<u>3,944</u>
Net surplus / (loss) for the period/year		453	1,114
Opening stamp stock		422	0
Opening accruals		(135)	(20)
Opening debtors		18	70
Closing stamp stock		(336)	(422)
Closing accruals		62	135
Closing debtors		(30)	(18)
Opening bank balance		2,263	1,404
Closing bank balance - 31st December 2008 (2007)		<u>2,717</u>	<u>2,263</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Tangible assets		0	0
Total fixed assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Stock of stamps	2 & 3	336	422
Debtors		30	28
Cash		2,717	2,263
Total current assets		3,083	2,713
Creditors		(62)	(135)
Net current assets		3,021	2,578
Net assets		<u>3,021</u>	<u>2,578</u>
Unrestricted funds		3,021	2,568
Restricted funds		0	0
Total charity funds		<u>3,021</u>	<u>2,568</u>

Notes

1. Includes Gift Aid of £222 (in 2007 £178).
2. Stamp stock is valued at cost. Books etc bought for re-sale are written off in year of purchase.
3. The value at cost of stock held at the year end of items for re-sale was £4,316 (2007 - £4,061).