

**The John Hampden  
Society**  
Annual Report and Financial  
Statements for the year  
ended 31 December 2009

**Registered charity 1098314**

## Foreword

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

## Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are shown below.

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

## 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.

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## **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 and five illustrated talks were delivered by members to third party organisations. The Society's library expanded considerably during the year largely due to generous donations from Dr Paul Hooper.

The 2009 AGM was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Barns Centre in Thame. The meeting was followed by a facilitated strategy workshop for members. The Society's members were the guests of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele on the 6<sup>th</sup> June for a private tour of their home, Broughton Castle. The annual dinner was held at The Spread Eagle Hotel in Thame on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. A wreath was laid by members at the Chalgrove Battlefield Monument on the anniversary of the Patriot's death.

A lecture on John Hampden's Buckinghamshire connections was delivered by Vice-Chairman Roy Bailey at the Bucks Local History Fair on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at RAF Halton. Many members attended a Commemorative Service for John Hampden at Great Hampden Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. The service was followed by a luncheon hosted by members, John and Gillian Goodall.

The Society began a new campaign in the year for 10 Downing Street to be granted the alternative official name of Hampden House. Some local MPs have provided support. Plans to carry out exploratory archaeological field walks, at the site of the Battle of Chalgrove, with members of the Battlefields Trust, have been frustrated by operational difficulties.

## **The Future**

The trustees have kept the membership subscription rate under review during the year and will bring forward a resolution to the AGM proposing a change in membership rates from January 2011. The subscription rates have not changed for seven years and have only been revised once before since the organisation was established in 1993.

**THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2009**

	Notes	2009 £	2008 £
<b>Income</b>			
Members Subscriptions	1	1,345	1,235
Income from events	2	1,384	995
Goods sold		556	380
Fees for talks		190	215
Other donations		0	40
Interest earned		2	11
		<u>3,477</u>	<u>2,876</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Cost of events	2	1,432	807
Goods for sale		0	523
Printing <i>The Patriot</i>		392	513
Postage		303	315
Internet fees		98	32
Wreaths		25	25
AGM (net)		188	75
Acquisition for library		15	38
Stationery and office supplies		5	82
		<u>2,458</u>	<u>2,410</u>
<b>Net surplus / (loss) for the period/year</b>		<b>1,019</b>	<b>466</b>
Opening stamp stock		332	422
Opening accruals		(62)	(135)
Opening debtors		30	1
Closing stamp stock		(470)	(332)
Closing accruals		112	62
Closing debtors		0	(30)
Opening bank balance		2,717	2,263
<b>Closing bank balance - 31st December 2009 (2008)</b>		<b><u>3,678</u></b>	<b><u>2,717</u></b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2009**

	Notes	2009 £	2008 £
Tangible assets		0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Stock of stamps	3 & 4	470	336
Debtors		0	30
Cash		3,678	2,717
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>4,148</b>	<b>3,083</b>
Creditors		(112)	(62)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>4,036</b>	<b>3,021</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>4,036</b>	<b>3,021</b>
Unrestricted funds		4,036	3,021
Restricted funds		0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>4,036</b>	<b>3,021</b>

**Notes & Policies**

1. Includes Gift Aid of £189 (in 2008 £222).
2. The Hampden Memorial Service had a net cost of £82. The Broughton Castle visit broke even and the Annual Dinner produced a surplus of £33.55.
3. Stamp stock is valued at cost. Books etc bought for re-sale are written off in year of purchase.
4. The estimated value at cost of stock for re-sale was, excluding stamps, £3,616 (2008 - £3,896).