

**The John Hampden
Society**
Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2012

Registered charity 1098314

Foreword

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity company for the year ended 31st December 2012.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are shown below.

Sam Hearn, Chairman
Anthea Coles, Honorary Secretary
Derek Lester, Honorary Treasurer
Roy Bailey
John Gabbitas (resigned)
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.

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| Bankers The Coop Bank plc PO Box 250, Delft House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6NT | Registered Office 134 Park Road Chiswick W4 3HP |
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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

The AGM was held at Broughton Castle on 14th April. Once again the Society is grateful to the generosity and hospitality of Lord and Lady Saye & Sele. The new membership subscription rates were discussed and agreed by members. These took effect on 1st January 2013. This is the first increase in a decade. The meeting ended with a tour of the Castle and a talk by Dr Vivienne Larminie.

Members gathered in Aylesbury on 23rd June to mark the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the statue of John Hampden in Aylesbury's Market Square. Wreaths were laid by Countess Howe of Penn and The Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr John Bercow MP. The Deputy Mayor of Aylesbury, Steve Patrick, was also in attendance.

Later, following a buffet lunch in the Gatehouse Room of the historic Kings Head inn, the two wreath layers gave short addresses to members and their guests. The Society was pleased to recall the links between Hampden and the Women's Tax resistance League and the part that they played in the original unveiling ceremony. At the start of the year the Society sponsored the Buckinghamshire Suffragettes Trail leaflet containing references to John Hampden.

The Society rounded off the year with a commemorative church service at Great Hampden on Sunday 14th October. The address was given by lay reader Alan Machacek. Short speeches were made by the Earl of Buckinghamshire and the Chairman. Members then travelled the short distance to The Gate Inn at Bryant's Bottom for an excellent lunch.

The Society produced four editions of *The Patriot* quarterly newsletter. Thanks are due to The Editor, Anthea Coles, ably assisted by Roy Bailey and Derek Lester. Only two talks were given to outside bodies this year but both were judged to be successful. The Executive Committee is considering new ways of both promoting the talks and identifying new speakers.

Thanks are also due to Brian Cox, for consolidating the Society's stock of publications, weeding out obsolete items and making our publications better known to Booksellers.

The change in subscription rates, accompanied by a change in the Society's bankers and a refreshing of members' gift-aid declarations proved a significant administrative task. The Membership Secretary, Brian Cox, and the Treasurer, Derek Lester, are to be congratulated on the hard work that has gone into implementing these changes. Some members did end up paying twice and we are grateful for those who agreed to convert these into donations.

These changes and the problems experienced with the PayPal elements of the website have engendered much debate amongst members of the Executive Committee. Whilst the Committee is agreed that a new website is needed, detailed work is needed to specify the Society's essential requirements and to select a designer/provider. A new website will form an important part of the Society's drive to secure new members.

**THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2012**

| | Notes | 2012 £ | 2011 £ |
|---|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Members Subscriptions | 1 | 1,323 | 1,301 |
| Income from events | 2 | 509 | 1562 |
| Goods Sold | | 137 | 250 |
| Fees for talks | | 90 | 25 |
| Other donations | | 30 | 25 |
| Library Deposits & Rent | | 0 | 20 |
| Interest earned | | 2 | 2 |
| | | <u>2,091</u> | <u>3,185</u> |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Cost of Events | 2 | 767 | 1,624 |
| Printing | | 525 | 414 |
| Postage | | 152 | 79 |
| Sponsorship – Suffragette Trail Leaflet | | 330 | 0 |
| IT Consultant | | 132 | 0 |
| Insurance | | 58 | 0 |
| Wreaths | | 25 | 50 |
| Donation | | 17 | 0 |
| PayPal Charges | | 3 | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | | 126 | 200 |
| | | <u>2,135</u> | <u>2370</u> |
| Net surplus / (loss) for the period/year | | -44 | 815 |
| Opening stamp stock | | 414 | 582 |
| Opening accruals | | -131 | 0 |
| Opening debtors | | 0 | 0 |
| Closing stamp & sash stock | | -878 | -414 |
| Closing accruals | | 92 | 131 |
| Closing debtors | | -58 | 0 |
| Opening bank balance | | 5,034 | 4,087 |
| Closing bank balance - 31st December 2012 (2011) | | <u>4,429</u> | <u>5,034</u> |

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2012

| | Notes | 2012 £ | 2011 £ |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| Tangible assets | | 0 | 0 |
| Total fixed assets | | 0 | 0 |
| Stock of stamps | 3 | 878 | 414 |
| Debtors | | 59 | 0 |
| Cash | | 4,429 | 5,034 |
| Total current assets | | 5,366 | 5,448 |
| Creditors | | -92 | -131 |
| Net current assets | | | |
| Net assets | | 5,274 | 5,317 |
| Unrestricted funds | | 5,274 | 5,317 |
| Restricted funds | | 0 | 0 |
| Total charity funds | | 5,274 | 5,317 |

Notes & Policies

1. Includes Gift Aid of £203 (in 2011 £207).
2. The AGM at Broughton had a net cost of £80. The Aylesbury Event had a net cost of £ 200 and there was net income from prior year events of £22.
3. Stamp stock is valued at cost of £728. Suffragette sashes made for the Aylesbury Event are valued at £149 Books etc bought for re-sale are written off in year of purchase.
4. The Society maintains a reference library. The catalogue is on www.johnhampden.org
5. The Society owns a medallion sculpture of John Hampden. It is loaned to & displayed by Thame Museum.