

**The John Hampden
Society**
Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2015

Registered charity 1098314

Foreword

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2015.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are shown below.

Steve Barriff, Chairman
Roy Bailey,
Anthea Coles, Honorary Secretary
Sam Hearn, Honorary Treasurer
Gerald McGregor

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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The Chairman's Annual Report

General

The aims and objectives of the Society are set out in the Society's constitution which is available to members on our website or from the Secretary. In planning the Society's activities the trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trustees have given due consideration to the major risks that the charity is exposed to and are satisfied that appropriate systems and procedures are in place to manage those risks

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 charity 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.

Funds

There are currently no restricted funds within the Society, and as a consequence the funds under the Trustee's control can be used to further any of the Society's aims and objectives.

Activities

The 2015 AGM was held at Hampden House, Buckinghamshire on 19th April 2015 and was attended by twenty two of the Society's members including three from the United States of America. An excellent speech was given by Gerald McGregor, one the Society's trustees, on London's defences during the English Civil War.

This year for the first time the annual wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the death of John Hampden was held in the Palace of Westminster. The wreath lay for one week at the foot of Hampden's statue close to the Central Lobby. This is a significant step forward in raising the profile of the Society and was only possible due to the good offices of Mr Speaker Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP, one of the Society's Vice Presidents.

Work on developing the new web site is well under way. When fully implemented the new website will offer a number of significant new facilities for both members and casual visitors and it will be easier for us to update and amend the site.

It was unfortunately necessary for the trustees to initiate legal action during the year for the recovery of the Society's book collection from the previous librarian. We can report that the books have now been returned and the Society's legal costs have been recovered in full.

The retirement of the Membership Secretary, Brian Cox, from the Executive Committee has left a significant gap that we have so far been unable to fill. Trustee and founder member, Roy Bailey has advised the Society that he will not be standing for re-election at the 2016 AGM. Roy will be sadly missed by his fellow trustees and alternative ways of producing The Patriot newsletter and managing our website are being actively investigated.

Only three editions of The Patriot were published in 2015 but these were produced to the usual high standard. Members submitted a number of interesting articles and we are always on the lookout for relevant material to publish particularly from new contributors.

The sale of the Society's publications is currently handled by the Buckinghamshire Family History Society. This has proved successful allowing us to reach a wider audience.

Stephen Barriff – Chairman of The John Hampden Society

**THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2015**

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Income			
Members Subscriptions	1	1,175	1,607
Goods Sold		115	150
Other donations		0	251
Fees for talks		0	40
Interest earned		3	4
		<u>1,293</u>	<u>2,052</u>
Expenditure			
Legal Fees (recovered in full in 2016)	2	1,200	0
New Website (40% of final cost)	3	807	0
Cost of Events (room hire)		210	210
Printing		469	437
Postage		332	403
Stationery		54	135
Insurance		65	65
Wreath		100	0
Trustees' expenses		0	52
Website hosting		34	70
Bank charges & adjustments		52	0
		<u>-3,323</u>	<u>1,372</u>
Net surplus / (loss) for the period/year		-2,030	680
Opening Stamp Stock		203	463
Opening accruals		-839	-275
Opening debtors		338	0
Closing Stamp		-529	-203
Closing accruals		716	839
Closing debtors		-38	-338
Opening bank balance		6,733	5,567
Closing bank bal - 31st December 2015 (2014)		<u>4,554</u>	<u>6,733</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Tangible assets	4	0	0
Total fixed assets		0	0
Stock of stamps	5	529	203
Debtors		38	338
Cash		4,554	6,733
Total current assets		5,121	7,274
Creditors		-716	-839
Net assets		4,405	6,435
Unrestricted funds	6	4,405	6,435
Total charity funds		4,405	6,435

Notes & Policies

1. The 2014 and 2015 gift aid returns will be submitted in 2016. The gift aid return for 2013 was been submitted after the year end and £282 was subsequently received from HMRC in 2014
2. Legal costs were incurred by the Society in its successful action to recover possession of the its collection of books from the previous librarian of the Society. These costs were recovered in full by the Society in February 2016.
3. An initial payment was made in the year to the developer creating the Society's new website. The Society will pay the balance of £1,209 on completion of the website.
4. The Society owns a medallion sculpture of John Hampden. It is on permanent loan to Thame Museum.
5. Stamp stock is valued at cost of £529. Books etc bought for re-sale are written off in year of purchase.
6. The Society maintains a reference Library. These books are not held for resale and no value has therefore been placed upon them. The catalogue can be viewed at www.johnhampden.org

