

**The John Hampden
Society**
Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2016

Registered charity 1098314

Foreword

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2016.

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
Jim Rodda (from 9th April 2016)
Phillip Broomfield (from 9th April 2016)

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 - 2016

General

The aims and objectives of the Society are set out in the Society's constitution which is accessible to members on the website. In planning the Society's activities for the year, the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Accounts

It is the responsibility of the Trustees to ensure proper accounting records are maintained which 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.

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 2016 AGM was held at Broughton Castle in Oxfordshire on the 9th April 2016. It was a particularly sad occasion in that after nearly a quarter of century Roy Bailey decided not to seek re-election as a trustee and member of the executive committee. Roy remains plans to remain closely involved with the activities of the Society and we will not be deprived of his incisive comments and wit.

We were happy at the AGM to welcome on to the committee new trustees Philip Broomfield and Jim Rodda, as Membership Secretary and Treasurer. Whilst Jim is a long standing member, Philip is relatively new. Both show a degree of enthusiasm which augers well for the Society's future.

Nevertheless, we continue to actively seek assistance from members willing to take a hands-on role in the running of the Society. I have been a member since the beginning of 1993 and Chairman for the past three years. As I mentioned last year I believe that it is now time to hand over the baton to a younger and wiser head.

Due to the hiatus of the EU Referendum in June the authorities declined our request to repeat the 2015 wreath laying ceremony at the Palace of Westminster on the anniversary of Hampden's death. However members were permitted to lay a wreath at the foot of Hampden's statue close to the Central Lobby on the 375th anniversary of the passing of the Grand Remonstrance by the House of Commons.

A series of four talks on John Hampden's military career were run jointly with the Battlefields Trust. The talks were open to the general public and held at the Buckinghamshire County Museum in Aylesbury. It is possible that the Society may arrange for the talks to be published. The final two talks were held in January and February 2017.

After a great deal of hard work the new web site is now up and running. This new site has received praise from both home and abroad for its clarity and ease of navigation. Members are invited to request access to the members' section of the website. We are grateful to Sarah Large of Websquared for all her practical advice and dedication.

With retirement of the Editor, Roy Bailey, it was clear that we could no longer produce The Patriot newsletter in the same way. The printed version of The Patriot has been replaced by an electronic document using the free "Mail Chimp" software. Not only does it save the Society money but it is also much easier to manage and maintain. We have recently introduced an occasional e-newsletter entitled "Hampden Voice" to keep members informed about the activities of the Society.

Several talks were given by members of the Society during the year, from Tingewick to Chiswick, and well attended battlefield walks were run at Chalgrove, Brentford and Turnham Green.

This year (2017) marks the 25th anniversary of the John Hampden Society and to celebrate the occasion a dinner will be held in the magnificent surroundings of Hampden House in Buckinghamshire on the 7th October.

Stephen Barriff – Chairman of The John Hampden Society

**THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
Income			
Members Subscriptions	1	1,413	1,175
Goods Sold		280	115
Other donations		92	0
Fees for talks		46	0
Interest earned		3	3
		<u>1,834</u>	<u>1,293</u>
Expenditure			
Legal Fees (recovered in full in 2016)	2	-1,200	1,200
New Website (40% of final cost)	3	1,281	807
Cost of Events (room hire)		22	210
25 th Anniversary Event		10	
Printing		216	469
Postage		186	332
Stationery		10	54
Books bought for resale		9	
Insurance		65	65
Wreath		0	100
Website hosting		0	34
Bank charges & adjustments		3	52
		<u>602</u>	<u>-3,323</u>
Net surplus / (loss) for the period/year		1,232	-2,030
Opening Stamp Stock		529	203
Opening accruals		-716	-839
Opening debtors		38	338
Closing Stamp		-381	-529
Closing accruals		44	716
Closing debtors		-81	-38
Opening bank balance		4,554	6,733
Closing bank balance – 31.12.2016 (2014)		<u>5,219</u>	<u>4,554</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
Tangible assets	4	0	0
Total fixed assets		0	0
Stock of stamps	5	381	529
Debtors		81	38
Cash		5219	4,554
Total current assets		5681	5,121
Creditors		-44	-716
Net assets		5,637	4,405
Unrestricted funds	6	5,637	4,405
Total charity funds		5,637	4,405

Notes & Policies

1. The gift aid return for 2014 was submitted in 2016 and £217 was received from HMRC. The gift aid returns 2015 and 2016 will be submitted in 2017.
2. Legal costs were incurred by the Society 2015 in its successful action to recover possession of its collection of books from the previous librarian of the Society. These costs were recovered in full by the Society in February 2016.
3. The Society made a final payment of £1,209 on completion of the new 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 £381. 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

