

**The John Hampden
Society**
Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year
ended 31 December 2017

Registered charity 1098314

Foreword

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2017.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are shown below.

Steve Barriff, Chairman
Anthea Coles, Honorary Secretary
Sam Hearn, Honorary Treasurer
Jim Rodda
Phillip Broomfield
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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| Bankers The Coop Bank plc Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT | Registered Office 134 Park Road Chiswick W4 3HP |
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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 2017 AGM was held in April at the historic Market Hall in Amersham. The existing trustees were re-elected along with Roy Bailey who had stood down at the last AGM. There were no nominations for the post of chairman and Steve Barriff agreed to continue to act as chair until a more permanent chairman could be found. He would not continue as Chair beyond the 2018 AGM.

A series of four well attended talks were given under the auspices of the John Hampden Society and the Battlefield Trust at the Bucks County Museum, in Aylesbury. The speakers included John Hampden Society members, Simon Marsh, and Ian Beckett.

A revised information board is to be erected at the newly refurbished Ship Money Monument at Prestwood, Buckinghamshire and Society members Jim Rodda and Sam Hearn have provided images and written an explanatory text that the Chiltern Society will incorporate into the design of this board.

A Dinner to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Society was held at Hampden House in October, at which local MP, David Liddington, was both our speaker and guest of honour. The splendid seventeenth century food washed down with the inestimable Chiltern Brewery's John Hampden's Ale. It was truly a unique occasion and our thanks must go to Tim Oliver, the current owner of Hampden House.

2017 also saw the long-awaited publication of Pat Claus' excellent book, Conscience is my Crown. It is full of detailed and fascinating research and follows the interconnected lives of four men who played pivotal roles in the religious and political struggles of the sixteenth and seventeenth century England. Pat is a longstanding member of the Society and has worked as a director and curator of a small historical museum on the coast of Maine in the United States.

The John Hampden Society and the Battlefields Trust continue to monitor developments that might threaten the Chalgrove Battlefield. The proposal to allow the construction of a large housing development on the site of the Chalgrove Business Park has been modified. No houses will now be built on the battlefield site itself. A buffer zone with natural screening will be created to protect the setting and the views of the battlefield. The gestation period of plans such as these can extend over many years and we will need to remain vigilant in case any deleterious changes are made in the future.

Stephen Barriff – Acting Chairman of The John Hampden Society

**THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2017**

| | Notes | 2017 £ | 2016 £ |
|---|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Members Subscriptions | | 1,145 | 1,413 |
| 25 th Anniversary Dinner | | 1,305 | 0 |
| Goods Sold | | 0 | 280 |
| Other donations | | 210 | 92 |
| Fees for talks | | 0 | 46 |
| Interest earned | | 2 | 3 |
| | | <u>2,662</u> | <u>1,834</u> |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Legal Fees (recovered in full in 2016) | | 0 | -1,200 |
| New Website | | 31 | 1,281 |
| Cost of AGM (room hire) | | 30 | 22 |
| 25 th Anniversary Event | | 2,196 | 10 |
| Printing | | 88 | 216 |
| Postage | | 0 | 186 |
| Stationery | | 0 | 10 |
| Books bought for resale | | 0 | 9 |
| Insurance | | 65 | 65 |
| Bank charges & adjustments | | 6 | 3 |
| Misc | | 0 | 0 |
| | | <u>2,416</u> | <u>602</u> |
| Net surplus / (loss) for the period/year | | | 1,232 |
| | | 246 | |
| Opening Stamp Stock | | 381 | 529 |
| Opening accruals | | -44 | -716 |
| Opening debtors | | 81 | 38 |
| Closing Stamp | | -533 | -381 |
| Closing accruals | | 246 | 44 |
| Closing debtors | | -30 | -81 |
| Opening bank balance | | 5219 | 4,554 |
| Closing bank balance – 31.12.2017 (2016) | | <u>5,566</u> | <u>5,219</u> |

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2017

| | Notes | 2017 £ | 2016 £ |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| Tangible assets | 1 & 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total fixed assets | | 0 | 0 |
| Stock of stamps | 3 | 533 | 381 |
| Debtors | | 30 | 81 |
| Cash | | 5,566 | 5,219 |
| Total current assets | | 6,129 | 5,681 |
| Creditors | | -246 | -44 |
| Net assets | | 5,883 | 5,637 |
| Unrestricted funds | | 5,883 | 5,637 |
| Total charity funds | | 5,883 | 5,637 |

Notes & Policies

1. The Society owns a medallion sculpture of John Hampden. It is on permanent loan to Thame Museum.
2. 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
3. Year-end values are attributed to the Society's stock of stamps. Books etc bought for resale are written-off in year of purchase.