

**The John Hampden  
Society**  
Annual Report and Financial  
Statements for the year  
ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**Registered charity 1098314**

## **Foreword**

The Trustees hereby present their report and the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## **Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the year are shown below.

Elizabeth Rogers, Chair  
Anthea Coles, Honorary Secretary  
Sam Hearn, Honorary Treasurer  
Phillip Broomfield, Membership Secretary  
Peter Osborne Trustee  
Richard Howell (formally appointed 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

## **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 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.

## **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees conducted a Strategic Risk Review in 2022 and have subsequently prepared a Risk Register. Both the Review and Risk Register will be regularly reassessed.

# **The Chairman's Annual Report – 2022**

## **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 that 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**

The Society held £500 of restricted funds at the year-end. These have subsequently been paid over. All the Society's remaining funds can be used to further any of the Society's aims and objectives.

## **Trustees**

In addition to their financial responsibilities the trustees are also collectively responsible for the policies, strategy and management of the Society. The trustees are appointed annually at the AGM from within the membership. There is provision in the constitution for the trustees to co-opt additional trustees during the year. New trustee (Richard Howell) was co-opted in March 2022.

## **Membership**

The total number of members at the end of the year was 93 compared with 87 at the end of 2021. This is net increase of 7% in the year.

## **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance and confirm that its activities provide a public benefit and are aligned to its objects (as stated in its governing documents) for the preservation, interpretation and presentation of educational and heritage resources. The Trust works with other organisations with shared concerns and interests so that resources and effort can be pooled and used to maximum effect.

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## **Activities**

The year started with the publication of the bumper 100<sup>th</sup> edition of the Society's newsletter. It included amongst other things an article by Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons. There have been three further-editions of the Patriot in 2022. This is your publication, and it is always a joy when members offer their own research for publication, such as Bob Hammond's Letitia Hampden article in Patriot 103.

We urgently need a new editor for The Patriot. Long serving editor Roy Bailey indicated his desire to retire some time ago. If no one comes forward to fill this role it will no longer be possible to produce a high-quality format newsletter. The trustees will however endeavour to communicate regularly with members.

In February, Dr Ismini Pells gave a fascinating on-line talk on medical treatments in the Civil War. It was not particularly well-attended but technical Zoom issues may have been a factor.

We were delighted in 2022 that the AGM could be held at Hampden House and that members were able to join us and contribute remotely as well as in person.

A key showcase for JHS in 2022 was the Sealed Knot re-enactments of Civil War military activity at Chinnor and Chalgrove. We are grateful to the Sealed Knot involving the Society. We had a stall at the re-enactments on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June. The Sealed Knot's Simon Weir played John Hampden on both days.

Members ran a stall at the Thame History Fair on the Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The Sealed Knot provided an honour guard at our wreath laying ceremony in Thame. We also supported the wreath-laying ceremony by the Greencoats at the Chalgrove Battlefield Monument. On the same day a number of members attended the re-hanging of the replica letter Great Kimble Church and unveiling of the pub sign. Our patron Miles Buckinghamshire gave the address.

Another key event was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Simon Marsh and Colin Cordell of the Battlefields Trust led the annual tours of the battlefields of Brentford and Turnham Green and in the evening members and guests enjoyed a dinner at The Pilot pub in Chiswick to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Society. Former Attorney General Dominic Grieve was our speaker and guest of honour.

Peter Osborne and Jim Rodda have continued to work with the Chiltern Society on the visibility and accessibility of the Prestwood Ship Money Monument. Visitors to the monument, including many walkers, take leaflets from our container. The inscription continues to erode. Jim Rodda had the excellent idea of offering framed transcripts of the inscription for display to organisations associated with John Hampden. Jim has presented these to three schools named after John Hampden, a college, two churches, one museum, one pub and Hampden House. We are grateful to Jim and Elizabeth for this initiative.

The Society had a stall at the Bucks Local History Conference in September. In addition, talks were given to local organisations, by Sam Hearn and Peter Osborne. We need more members to help with the running of stalls at other society's events and at talks. Please let us know if you can help at future events.

The British Civil Wars Memorial Register will be launched in 2023. The Project is being led by the Battlefields Trust and is actively supported by the John Hampden Society and six other organisations. The aim is to record all forms of memorials, plaques and information boards associated with the events of the Civil Wars.

During the year committee members have had productive meetings with Wycombe, Thame and Amersham Museums.

As recommended by the Charity Commission, the trustees have conducted a Strategic Risk Review and have subsequently prepared a Risk Register. These will be discussed at the AGM.

The trustees work on the risk register and a strategic plan will be discussed at the AGM. Several trustees have had health issues in 2022, and none of us are getting any younger! If the Society is to continue its good work and it is vital that members come forward to take on committee roles.

The Society's activities depend on the team of trustees and volunteers I am very grateful to Hon. Secretary Anthea Coles, Hon. Treasurer and Webmaster Sam Hearn, Membership Secretary Phil Broomfield, Peter Osborne, Roy Bailey, Richard Howell and our Patron, Miles Buckinghamshire. We welcome other members to join us. There are always opportunities to support the Society and explore and extend your own skills.

**Beth Rogers - Chair**

**THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income</b>			
Members Subscriptions (2022 gift-aid £221)		1,276	1,225
30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner		989	0
Other donations		82	21
Goods Sold		48	57
Fees for talks		38	50
Interest earned		1	1
Milton's Cottage visit		0	116
Great Kimble / Hampden Locket		0	200
		<u>2,436</u>	<u>1,670</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner (catering)		906	0
Printing		526	156
British Civil War Monuments Register	1	500	0
AGM		240	0
Great Kimble donation / Purchase of locket		0	375
Postage		213	159
Website related expenses		146	0
Insurance		75	75
Cost of goods sold (books)	2	42	0
Travel and meetings		28	35
Bank charges & adjustments		13	12
Milton's Cottage visit		0	101
		<u>2,689</u>	<u>913</u>
<b>Net surplus / (loss) for the year</b>		<b>-255</b>	<b>757</b>
Opening Stamp Stock		305	426
Opening accruals		-428	-154
Opening debtors		32	50
Closing Stamp Stock		-136	-305
Closing accruals		565	428
Closing debtors		-107	-32
Opening bank balance		8,582	7,412
		<u>8,558</u>	<u>8,582</u>
<b>Closing bank balance – 31.12.2022 (2021)</b>		<b>8,558</b>	<b>8,582</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible assets	3 & 4	0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Stock of stamps	5	136	305
Debtors		108	32
Cash at Bank		8,558	8,582
		8,802	8,919
Creditors		-565	-375
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>8,237</b>	<b>8,576</b>
Unrestricted funds		7,737	8,201
Restricted funds	6	500	375
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>8,237</b>	<b>8,576</b>

1. The Society has supported the project to create a publicly available register of the location, condition and ownership of memorials associated with the British Civil Wars of the seventeenth century.
2. Books etc bought for re-sale are written-off in year of purchase (In 2022 £42)
3. The Society owns a medallion sculpture of John Hampden. It is on permanent loan to Thame Museum. The Society purchased a locket of Hampden's hair in 2020. These assets are not for sale and would be hard to value.
4. 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](http://www.johnhampden.org)
5. The stock of postage stamps held at year end are valued at current prices.
6. The Society collected donations to help fund the Great Kimble Hampden artefacts restoration work (2021) and the Civil War Monuments Register (2022). These restricted funds were paid out after the year end.