



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1 January 2024 Period start date**

**To 31 December 2024 Period end date**

**Charity name: History Workshop Journal**

**Charity registration number: 1081686**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	HWJ's objectives are to advance the education of the public in history and related subjects, in particular by promoting research and disseminating the useful results of such research.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The objects of the charity are pursued through the following activities for the public benefit:</p> <p>i. Publication of twice-yearly journal of historical writing and sources. The publication made as accessible to as wide a readership as possible through content, style, organisation and distribution.</p> <p>ii. Access to historical writing broadened through access via the website, History Workshop (<a href="http://historyworkshop.org.uk">historyworkshop.org.uk</a>), and via social media campaigns.</p> <p>iii. Encouragement of historical enquiry in the public domain by provision of advice and grants for conferences, archival research, seminar series, and occasional publications.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have satisfied themselves that HWJ has abided by that guidance.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>1) Publication of historical research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publication of <i>History Workshop Journal</i> issues 97 and 98 in the Spring and Autumn of 2024.</li> <li>- Access to the journal has broadened, with 2,513 institutional subscriptions via consortia and "read and publish" agreements</li> </ul> <p>2) Broadening of access to historical writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued investment in our digital magazine, <i>History Workshop</i> (formerly <i>History Workshop Online</i>). HW is committed to making historical writing accessible and engaging for both historians and the public. Investment in the past year includes appointment of three new HW Editorial Fellows (in addition to one continuing) and investment in technology, web hosting and the creation of podcasts. Since January 2025, our website visitors have reached an all-time high, topping 28,500 per month. Across all our platforms we reach international audiences, with especially large numbers in the US. Our podcast continues to draw high numbers of listeners, upwards of 10,000,</li> <li>- Periodic production of Virtual Special Issues making HWJ content freely accessible for six months.</li> <li>- Collaboration with and support for the Raphael Samuel History Centre's regular events in public history</li> <li>- OUP's philanthropic initiatives have meant that upwards of 7000 institutions in developing nations have access to the journal.</li> </ul>

		- Number of monthly viewers of journal articles has been steadily increasing since 2017, and the journal's articles are being accessed by readers in countries around the globe.
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	In 2018, the charity determined that our reserves were larger than was required to meet our financial obligations and we should use these funds in order to better meet our charitable objectives, primarily by broadening access to history through further investment in our online presence. In recent years this has meant that we have run a slight deficit; however we ended 2023 with a surplus of £11,759 and 2024 with a surplus of £4,653. We retain healthy reserves of £105,798.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	2012 AGM agreed that some accumulated surplus should be maintained in case of emergency.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£105,798
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted on 27th November 1999
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association: private individuals come together in order to promote the journal and other historical initiatives.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	History Workshop Journal
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1081686
Charity's principal address	Heron Quay Bar Creek Bar Meadows Malpas Cornwall TR1 1SS

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rob Priest	Treasurer		
2	Bill Schwarz			
3	David Feldman			
4	Sally Alexander			
5	Mark Pendleton			
6	Laura Gowing			
7	Gareth Stedman Jones			
8	Lyndal Roper			
9	Alex Potts			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information



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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Rob Priest	Mark Pendleton
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Treasurer	Trustee
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Date

8 October 2025
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## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/01/2024


To

31/12/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Royalties received	34,268	-	-	34,268	33,406
Expenses Reimbursed	18,574	-	-	18,574	21,038
Interest Received	2,670	-	-	2,670	1,807
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>55,512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,512</b>	<b>56,251</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,512</b>	<b>56,251</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	27,273	-	-	27,273	22,873
Website, design and expenses	2,700	-	-	2,700	4,513
Postage/Travel/IT expenses	536	-	-	536	144
Catering	-	-	-	-	146
Accountants costs	2,266	-	-	2,266	2,486
HWO Fellowship Honarium	14,584	-	-	14,584	10,807
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	3,500	-	-	3,500	3,500
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>50,859</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,859</b>	<b>44,468</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>50,859</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,859</b>	<b>44,468</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,653</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,653</b>	<b>11,783</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>101,645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,645</b>	<b>89,862</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>106,298</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,298</b>	<b>101,645</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Cash Account	500	-	-
	CAF Gold Account	55,689	-	-
	CAF Platinum Account	50,109	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>106,298</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-
				-
				-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ROBERT PRIEST	15/6/25	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

History Workshop Journal

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/24

Charity no  
(if any)

1081686

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Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Date: 4 July 2025

Name:

Colin Mills of Gravita Audit Oxford LLP

<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)
<b>Address:</b>	First Floor, Park Central, 40-41 Park End Street, Oxford, OX1 1JD

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Name:

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<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)
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