

# **COBHAM CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE TRUST**

Charity No. 1158625

## **Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

### **Summary of Objectives**

- To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting Cobham
- To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Cobham
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest of Surrey
- To develop our heritage and promote civic pride and community awareness in Cobham

### **Officers serving as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Sir Gerald Acher (CBE, LVO), David Tipping, Dr David Cooke and Sue Graves

### **Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

At the year end, subscriptions plus donations were similar to 2020 levels, taking advance payments into account (see note to accounts). As a result of Covid, Heritage Day was cancelled for a second year running. The net result for the year was a small cash surplus, which has increased our reserves slightly, to just over £45,000. Out of this total, we have reserved £3,000 for future maintenance of Riverhill and the riverside path, £20,000 for Green Belt and planning support, and £10,000 for other projects. This leaves a general reserve to cover other expenses and future project work. I would like to record sincere thanks to all of our members, supporters and donors for their continuing, loyal generosity, which is very much appreciated by your committee. The accounts are subject to scrutiny by an Independent Examiner, and will be submitted for approval at the AGM.

*Sue Graves – Treasurer*

*February 2021*

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23rd March 2022** at 8.00pm either in the Cobham Village Hall or virtually via Zoom to transact the following business:

1. To receive the notice of the meeting and apologies
2. To receive and if thought fit adopt the minutes of the last AGM (these are on our website)
3. To receive the Chairman's report
4. To receive the Treasurer's report and if thought fit to adopt the Annual Report
5. To re-elect the following trustees retiring by rotation who have signified their wish to stand for re-election (note 1): Sir Gerald Acher, Lady Acher, Sally Ollett, Sue Graves
6. To appoint the examiner of the accounts
7. To consider any other formal business

Note 1: Under our constitution 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Trustees are required to retire and offer themselves for re-election each year.

# COBHAM CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE TRUST

Registered Charity number 1158625

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Subscriptions and donations	8,494 # note		8,899 * note	
Other donations	150		1,200	
Heritage Day receipts and donations	250		292	
Book sales	686		3,716	
Newsletter advertising	2,776		952	
Gift Aid receipts	0		3,818	
CIL receipt from EBC	0		3,426	
Other receipts	810		877	
		<b>13,166</b>		<b>23,180</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Heritage Day expenses	356		694	
Riverhill tree and path maintenance	2,832		2,574	
Book publishing and postage	483		1,796	
Newsletter printing and distribution	4,756		6,085	
Office, equipment, website and printing	2,020		2,546	
Liability Insurance	506		473	
Donations and subscriptions	236		1,336	
Projects	0		3,426	
Museum membership (4 schools)	0		420	
Other expenses	817		859	
		<b>12,007</b>		<b>20,209</b>
<b>Surplus for period</b>		<b><u>1,159</u></b>		<b><u>2,971</u></b>

# note: £2,214 relates to 2022 but £2,552 was received in 2020, making a net £8,832 in 2021

\* note: £2,552 relates to 2021 but £2,424 was received in 2019, making a net £8,771 in 2020

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

<b>Funds as at 31/12/21</b>		<b><u>45,194</u></b>	<b><u>44,035</u></b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Bank accounts, petty cash and PayPal	45,194		44,035
		<b><u>45,194</u></b>	<b><u>44,035</u></b>
<b>Analysis of reserves</b>			
Reserve for River path and Riverhill repairs		3,000	3,000
Local Plan, Green Belt and planning support		20,000	20,000
Other projects		10,000	10,000
Unallocated reserves		12,194	11,035
		<b><u>45,194</u></b>	<b><u>44,035</u></b>

February 2022

# Our Annual Report Impact Statement – year to 31st December 2021

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Despite another challenging year due to the restrictions caused by COVID-19, with Heritage Day and other events cancelled, the Trust has continued during 2021 to make good progress against our 4 objectives:

## OBJECTIVE 1. Ensure high standards of planning and architecture

- a) Continued involvement in the Elmbridge Local Plan. We have continued to comment on policy and strategic consultations and have worked hard to lobby our Councillors and reinforce our commitment to no building on Green Belt. We have continued to discuss and lobby our local MP Dominic Raab to reinforce this message. We anticipate the Local Plan finally being published in early 2022
- b) We have continued to be an active consultee of the Taylor Wimpey development of the former Wisley Airfield which may result in over 2100 dwellings and have a serious impact on Cobham and the surrounding villages. We will challenge and call out issues that we believe will negatively impact our area
- c) We successfully influenced the dismissal of a 70-bed care home facility at Painshill Farm on the grounds of inappropriate development on Green Belt
- d) We continue to object to loss of character and increased density of housing eg 4 Fairmile Lane, 2 Stoke Rd, 32 Green Lane
- e) We have successfully influenced the re-siting of the footpath that crosses the new carpark at Painshill Park to achieve a better outcome for local residents

## OBJECTIVE 2. Preserve, protect and improve our history and features of public interest

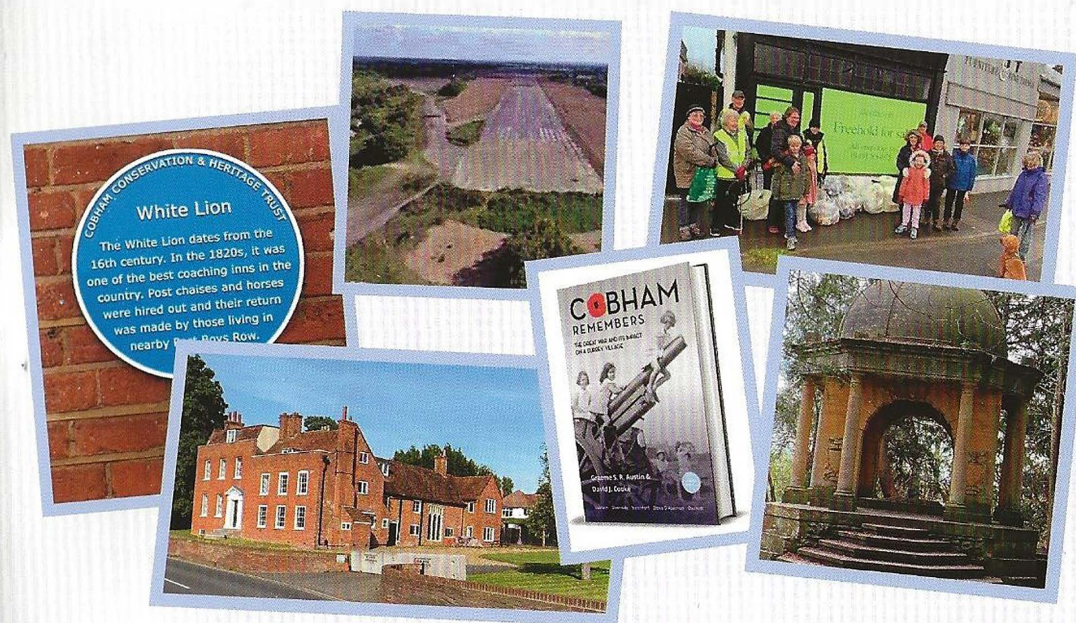
- a) We have continued to influence plans for the future use and redevelopment of Cedar House, and whilst having some concerns are supportive of a planning application that is proposing conversion of the existing house and a new build near the eastern boundary. We are keen to see a productive use for this Landmark building
- b) Continued maintenance and upkeep of Riverhill and the trees along the footpath, working closely with EBC
- c) We were successfully awarded a CIL grant for the improvement and re-surfacing of the public footpath running behind Reeds School from Fairmile Park Copse to Oxshott Heath. We are working with Reeds School on this and aiming for the work to be completed in 2022
- d) We have successfully influenced and worked with Surrey County Council to rescue and restore the Samuelson Memorial on Chatley Heath

## OBJECTIVE 3. Develop our heritage and promote our community's civic pride and sense of belonging

- a) Support, including wreath laying, for the Remembrance Service at the Tilt Memorial
- b) Continuing support for litter picking working groups and other environmental activities
- c) Continuing support and promotion of the sale of Duck food in the Princess Alice Hospice shop at Riverhill
- d) We have now installed our 8th blue plaque; the most recent one on the old White Lion Coaching Inn at the bottom of the Portsmouth Rd

## OBJECTIVE 4. Educate our community regarding our heritage, natural history and geography

- a) Continued promotion of the 'World War I Cobham Remembers' book, commemorating the fallen and their families
- b) Championing and supporting the writing and production of a 'World War II Cobham Remembers' book written by Graeme Austin and David Cooke, which will be ready for printing in early 2022
- c) Continued sponsorship of the Elmbridge Museum Schools Scheme for our 4 local schools
- d) Continued publication of our Quarterly Newsletter covering local history, conservation, heritage and natural history topics
- e) We have adopted new technology with our AGM in March 2021 broadcast on zoom, and all our Open Meetings as well as our monthly Committee meetings held virtually via zoom.







Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Cobham Conservation & Heritage Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1158625

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

26 March 2022

Name:

V J Eyles

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**