

Southwold Museum & Historical Society

STATEMENT OF ASSETS 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Brought forward balances at 1st January 2020		
Unrestricted Funds:		
SM&HS Current Account	2750	3710
COIF deposit account	1976	6136
COIF fixed interest account	7953	7712
COIF income shares	19089	16191
Total Brought forward	31768	33749
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1682	4423
Change of value in investments	10224	2230
Total Funds	40310	31556

Represented by balances at 31st December 2020

Unrestricted Funds:		
SM&HS Current Account	1210	2538
COIF deposit account	10567	1976
COIF fixed interest account	8217	7953
COIF income shares	20316	19089
Total Funds	40310	31556

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 2020

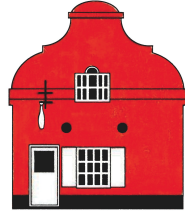
	2020	2019
	£	£
Receipts		
Unrestricted Funds:		
Grants	10000	375
General Donations	812	4006
Sales of Merchandise	360	1295
Interest Received	257	257
Subscriptions	2085	1942
Surplus on Events	307	336
Gift Aid	1342	1495
Total Receipts	15163	9706
Payments		
Unrestricted Funds:		
Insurance	1666	955
Utility Services	2480	2977
Repairs & Maintenance	1613	3922
Printing and Clerical Services	2242	1686
Subscriptions	205	115
Costs of Collection	614	3882
Purchase of Merchandise	25	264
Council Rates	-	328
Transfer to Reserves	8000	-
Total Payments	16845	14129
Surplus/Deficit	1682	4423

Treasurer's Report on the 2020 Accounts

Following 2019 the key issue was the accelerating decline in both donations and membership. Unfortunately, the international emergency of 2020/21 meant that improvement in these matters was effectively rendered impossible, although subscriptions held their own in 2020 but a fall of c. 30% seems likely in 2021. The above matters will return to the priority list once some normality is restored as recent results for the current year demonstrate. Ironically our reserves have increased by 28% during the pandemic due to the support received from East Suffolk Council with their grant of £10,000. £2000 of this money has been used to support our 2020 results, which nevertheless still demonstrated a deficit of **£1682**, whilst a further £2500 has already been drawn down in 2021. These funds have been used appropriately to support our charity following its fall in receipts during the pandemic. Additionally, it is clear from recent surveys, on which we have necessarily expended £1.7k, that the fabric of the museum will require significant remedial work over the coming years and cost estimates, appropriate time frames and impact of future business interruption are currently being reviewed. An ambitious budget plan, given current remaining uncertainties for 2021, designed to achieve a break even position has been agreed by Trustees but a longer term plan including further major fund raising will undoubtedly be required. An additional impact of the pandemic will be to Gift Aid which will fall significantly in 2021 primarily from donations which need to be reinvigorated. To this end we have introduced the facility for online donations given that it has become increasingly the pattern for individuals to undertake cashless transactions during the pandemic, a pattern which we believe is likely to continue.

Costs have been tightly controlled by our curators notwithstanding some long outstanding infrastructure items both in early 2020 and now into 2021 in relation to the aforementioned building works. On the Reserves front our equities improved by 6% with further improvement in value likely this year but the longer term is uncertain.

David Holland 27/05/2021



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WINTER LECTURE SERIES 2021/22

All being well, we hope to welcome the following speakers to our forthcoming winter lecture series. The topics are varied and hopefully many of you will be able to attend. Non members are welcome too, so please do encourage your friends and family to come along as well.

As usual, these will be held at Southwold Methodist Hall, East Green, Southwold with doors opening at 2.00 p.m. for a 2.30 p.m. start. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month, except for January when it will be held on the second Tuesday, January 11th.

Cost for members £3 and guests £5.00

Tuesday 5th October 2021

Dave Steward - The History of Kentwell Hall, Long Melford, Suffolk

Dave Steward, a local historian, will give a talk about the fascinating history of this Tudor moated manor house and its many owners.

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 Charlie Haylock - The History of Spoken English

Charlie Haylock is one of Suffolk's leading entertainer and if you have not been to one of his talks you're in for a treat. He helped Ralph Fiennes perfect his Suffolk accent for his role as the archaeologist Basil Brown in the Netflix film "The Dig".

Charlie will show us how the seeds of spoken English were first set.

He will also show us how each invading force affected the English language, and the different sounds they brought - from the Angles and Saxons to the Vikings and Normans.

How Shakespeare was really spoken, the effect of the Renaissance, the religious input and how England, by being a trading nation creating an Empire, adopted words from across the globe into the English language.

Charlie will include a dialect tour of the British Isles and further afield, and demonstrate the different facial expressions of each dialect . . . and how a deaf person he knows can tell what dialect a person has . . . just by lip reading.

Very informative and highly entertaining.

Tuesday 7th December 2021 Alan Greening - "Lords and Lepers"

We welcome back Alan Greening, who in our last series of lectures gave us a very interesting and informative talk about the restoration of Southwold Church.

He is an architect specialising in historic buildings and is based in Southwold.

In 1995 Alan Greening was invited to become a "Commissioned Architect" consultant to English Heritage advising it on church, industrial and large-house projects. He has also been a tutor and lecturer in many locations in the UK.

This time Alan will give us a talk that relates to research that he undertook on two of his projects in Bungay.

Tuesday xx January 2022 Dr Richard Hoggett - "Viking-Age East Anglia"

We also welcome back Dr Richard Hoggett who has given us many excellent talks in the past. He is a freelance heritage consultant, lecturer and writer with our 20 years' experience in the academic, commercial and local authority heritage sectors



From the middle decades of the 9th century until the Norman Conquest, East Anglia was an integral part of the Viking world which spanned the North Sea basin. Drawing on historical sources, archaeological sites, artefacts and place-names, this lecture explores the evidence for the Viking presence in East Anglia, from the initial campaign of the Great Heathen Army and the martyrdom of King Edmund, to the subsequent settlement and integration under the Danelaw, and the second wave of raids on the region's towns which took place in the 11th century.

Tuesday 1st February 2022 Philip Birkhill - 'The Battle of Sole Bay'

One of our members, Philip Birkhill, has been undertaking a lot of research on The Battle of Sole Bay and will be giving us an insight into this battle. This promises to be a most informative lecture.

Tuesday 1st March 2022 Lawrence Goldman - 'Joseph Hooker and Charles Darwin: A Halesworth Story'

Finally, another welcome return visit, this time Lawrence Goldman. He is a historian and the former director of the Institute of Historical Research. He is a former editor of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Hooker was a British botanist and explorer in the 19th century. Many will know of the Hooker connection to Halesworth but he will add some scientific history to that basis.

He'll start his lecture in Halesworth but voyage with the Beagle and visit Van Diemen's Land before ending up at Downe House in Kent

Helen Jarvis
Secretary
Southwold Museum and Historical Society