

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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| Period start date | | | Period end date | | |
| 1st | January | 2023 | 31st | December | 2023 |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Arms and Armour Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1161734

Charity's principal address

17 Wellesley Crescent

Potters Bar

Hertfordshire.

Postcode

EN6 2DG

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 | David Williams | Chairman | | |
| 2 | Thomas Bennett | Secretary | | |
| 3 | Anthony Evans | | | |
| 4 | Guy Wilson. | | | |
| 5 | David Penn | | | |
| 6 | Keith Dowen | | 01/08/2023-31/12/2023 | |
| 7 | Robert Hill | | 01/08/2023-31/12/2023 | |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) | Constitution |
| How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company) | It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation |
| Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by) | Appointed by the Trustees |

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;• relationship with any related parties;• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. | A |
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of the public in the field of arms and armour including making grants for the acquisition and study of relevant artefacts for the public benefit.

The Society was represented at major London antique fairs. These fairs are open to members of the general public and the Society's representatives supply information, advice, and literature on request.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Grants are made to individuals or organisations on application to the trustees. These applications are judged by the Society's Council of Administration on their individual merit.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Society continues with pattern of online and hybrid meetings enabling members and guests outside London to attend meetings more easily. As a consequence of delays due to the pandemic, Professor David Weaver was presented with the Society's 2021 medal for research in Toronto in May 2023. In December 2023 Dr Tobias Capwell was presented with the Society's 2022 research medal in London

An Arms and armour essay competition was piloted in April and May 2023 at a Warwickshire school with the support of the teaching staff. A disappointing response showed that this method of engendering interest has become outmoded and no longer effective. The public, however, are able to access information on arms and armour via the Society's Facebook page and this is becoming increasingly popular

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The Journal of The Arms and Armour Society continues to be published and distributed internationally. It is available to members and non-members on application; in U.K. copyright libraries, and other specialist libraries around the world. Single copies of papers are available to anyone via the Royal Armouries Library.

During 2023 the Society launched a new bi-annual A4 sized Bulletin to replace it's small quarterly newsletter. This includes accessible content complimenting our more scholarly Journal and has been well received by the community. The Society improved it's membership application process during 2023 to make it more accessible. It also began work with the Royal Armouries and others to encourage the Warrior Livery Companies of the City of London to increase their engagement with their arms and armour and traditional craft heritage.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Five thousand pounds are held in reserve to sustain publication of the Society's journal.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) T.G.Bennett

Full name(s) Thomas Gerald Bennett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary

Date 11/09/2024

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2023

| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Subscriptions | £9,408 | £9,628 | Armourers Grant | £0 | £500 |
| Advertisements | 780 | 700 | Post | £4,204 | £2,985 |
| Tie Sales | 137 | 137 | Stationery | 190 | 516 |
| Binder Sales | 299 | 39 | Journal | 5751 | 6857 |
| Back Numbers | 0 | 0 | Prin (+Books) | 909 | 818 |
| Donations | 0 | 40 | HBSA/FESAC | 100 | 100 |
| Bank Interest | 140 | 13 | Audit | 40 | 40 |
| Mem. Sticks etc. | 375 | 68 | Insurance | 816 | 424 |
| Book Sales/Festschrift | 30 | 623 | Computer | 174 | 42 |
| Publishers Licence | 916 | 506 | Web Site | 981 | 500 |
| Stock Adjustment | £1,157 | £0 | Stock Adjustment | 0 | 271 |
| Excess Expenditure | £1,658 | £1,338 | Mem. Sticks/Binders | 0 | 0 |
| | | | Depreciation computer | 39 | 39 |
| | | | Medals | £1,687 | £0 |
| | | | Sundry | £9 | £0 |
| | <u>£14,900</u> | <u>£13,092</u> | | <u>£14,900</u> | <u>£13,092</u> |

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Balance Sheet

31st December 2023

| ASSETS | | | | LIABILITIES | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
| Bank | | | General Fund | £16,742 | £18,080 |
| Santander | £64,474 | £63,875 | Inc. & Exp. Account | -£1,658 | -£1,338 |
| Barclays | <u>£3,566</u> | <u>£5,854</u> | | <u>15084</u> | <u>16742</u> |
| | 68040 | 69729 | | | |
| Cheques o/s | -867 | | T. North | £49,138 | £49,073 |
| | | | Interest | 400 | 65 |
| Stock | 2826 | 1669 | | <u>49538</u> | <u>49138</u> |
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| Computer | 173 | 212 | Creditor | 0 | £500 |
| | | | Journal Reserve | 5000 | 5000 |
| | | | Advance Subs | 550 | 230 |
| | <u>£70,172</u> | <u>£71,610</u> | | <u>£70,172</u> | <u>£71,610</u> |

MEMBERSHIP

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hon | 13 | 23 | 13 | 18 | 17 | 17 |
| Full | 45 | 50 | 61 | 41 | 42 | 171 |
| Corres UK | 126 | 120 | 113 | 126 | 124 | |
| Foreign | <u>44</u> | <u>55</u> | <u>50</u> | <u>71</u> | <u>83</u> | <u>74</u> |
| Total | <u>228</u> | <u>248</u> | <u>237</u> | <u>256</u> | <u>266</u> | <u>262</u> |

STOCK ADJUSTMENT

| | Open | Close | |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Medals | £250 | £1,700 | |
| Binders | 278 | 78 | |
| Ties | 623 | 560 | |
| Mem Sticks | 128 | 128 | |
| Books | 390 | 360 | |
| | <u>£1,669</u> | <u>£2,826</u> | <u>£1,157</u> |

