



Collingham & District Local History Society

Charity Number: 1164058

Trustees Report: 2024

Membership: 132 members. The society has one of the largest subscription membership numbers in the Collingham area. It is continually attracting new members, some of whom have recently moved into the villages, and we are also seeing an increasing following from working-age people. We are also keen to attract students and young people.

Finance: Our financial position remains good and stable, and we know from our members that we continue to offer excellent value for money. We charge just £8 for annual membership, which provides access to at least six talks, a guided walk, one outing, plus our stand at two major annual village events. Gift Aid is claimed on subscriptions.

Events: We managed to put on a full and varied programme of talks and other activities over the year. 2024 got off to a good start in January with the *Hands on History* event, where we collaborated with Newark & Sherwood District Council's sponsored *Open Doors* project. This one-day event was very well supported, including by many children and families. Four talks were given, but unfortunately, two others were cancelled due to speaker illness.

Our fifth popular *Village Walk* explored the quiet, pretty, and largely unchanged southern part of the village. This year, the society outing was to the village of Harby, known by historians as the place where Queen Eleanor died in late 1290. Here, we were led by Richard Croft, a Queen Eleanor expert, and were joined by members of the Harby History Society.

Research: Research on various topics has continued throughout the past year. The most important task has been the North Collingham Pre-Enclosure 1790 map drawn by William Attenburrow. We have now reached an agreement with the Nottinghamshire Archives that, while we retain ownership of the map, they will store it in the proper manner. We have paid for it to be restored and for a high-definition scan to be made. We have then performed some exacting work on the scan to iron out many of the discrepancies and blemishes. Recently, we have purchased a full-size, high-quality print of the map using this data file and will now purchase additional copies, which will be unveiled and presented to the public at our 2025 AGM. As in past years, our team is constantly fielding questions from the public, usually on a wide range of topics. Enquiries continue to come in from far and wide via our website and other links.

Archaeology: Two more exciting digs this year. One at John Blow School on the sports field. This annual event is greatly enjoyed by the children who take part in class groups over the day. The village test pit this year was at High House, South End Collingham, and we are most grateful to our hosts, Sean and Erica, where several fascinating objects were unearthed.

Archive News: Our core task is to provide a safe and enduring depository for historical artefacts from the area we serve. We only have provision for documents and quite small items, such as photographic plates and pictures by notable local artists. Our important *Living History Project* continues, as it ensures we collect the memories of local people now as a resource for generations to come and build a picture of life in Collingham and district over the last 60 or 70 years. Our team working on digitisation has made significant progress, and we are now close to being able to put some of the archives online. Please get in touch with one of the trustees if you have something you wish to donate or if you wish to talk about your memories of times past.

Website and Journal: The website has received a high number of hits over the year and is shortly to be revised. We are also on Google and have our own Facebook page. *The Irregular* is our highly sought-after journal, and the next issue, Number 7, is planned for publication in the Spring, 2025. Well over 800 copies of the six already published editions have been sold.

Nigel Priestley (Chair) and all CDLHS Trustees.



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	1034.00	828.00
Irregular Sales	75.00	365.00
Raffle-net	266.00	313.00
Visitors, Meetings & refreshments	257.33	170.45
Donations	144.73	223.48
Bank Interest on Savings	103.06	37.83
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1880.12	1939.84
PAYMENTS		
Archive materials & Exhibitions	550.86	305.07
Hire of Hall	204.00	231.00
Cost of Speakers including Wassail 1685 Music	150.00	320.00
Administration	384.10	181.02
'Irregular'		
Jubilee Room - electric	180.00	171.00
Gazebos		410.95
Dig Insurance		190.54
Other: Postcrete, Gratuity	25.94	70.39
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1494.90	1879.97
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	385.22	59.87
BANK BALANCE CURRENT ACCOUNT	2,496.05	2,241.11
BANK BALANCE SAVINGS ACCOUNT	10,145.01	10,041.95
BANK BALANCE TOTAL 31st December	12,641.06	12,283.06

N E PRIESTLEY TREASURER: 23rd January 2025

AUDIT CERTIFICATE- Having examined the cashbook and limited available documentation, I am of the opinion that based upon this evidence, the above accounts give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Collingham & District Local History Society for the year ending 31 December 2024.

D E BRODELL: AUDITOR:

DATE: 28 January 2025