

1066 SOCIETY CHARITY Reg no 1165028

Trustees' Annual Report and accounts

The charity had another busy year which is still not reflected in its monetary transactions.

The bidding for funding is still being addressed by working with other organisations and a heritage consultant. All the public activities being planned are waiting for public bodies to organise their own plans. Work to excavate two sites endangered by planned local changes are progressing but still await the public funding and necessary permissions. The joint negotiations are complex to enable members of the public to be engaged in a meaningful way with appropriate facilities and funding.

The projects to create new tapestries has been successful in launching three projects which were funded on a cost recovery basis mainly by French organisations. Threads were spun and dyed for these projects. The scope of further public participation project in the UK are under discussion building towards the planned 2027 commemoration of William the Conquerors birth. Sample threads have been provided for the pending display of the Bayeux Tapestry in this country.

Negotiations for the interpretive trail for the public have been extended to include another national charity since those responsible for funding this work are failing to respond to proposals. The possibility of virtual signage accessible via smartphones is being discussed.

Behind the scenes much of the previous archaeological work undertaken before and after the establishment of the charity in 2016 is being published while the field activities remain pending and it is hoped that the awareness of the previous work undertaken, and what it has revealed, will help to push the plans forward.

Governance

The trustees carried out its annual review of their in-place procedures and agreed they were still appropriate. One of the trustees has undergone SIB certification and another undertook safeguarding training followed by the necessary checks through a CAB-run programme.

Financial statement

The bank account for the charity was closed after the responsible branch was shut. The trustees had previously agreed with those running other accounts related to the work undertaken by the charity would transfer all their funds to the charity account so that in the future all transaction would operate through the charity. This happened just at the moment when the bank closed the account after some unexplained miscommunications. A meeting is planned to address this but there is an agreement in principle to open a new account at the bank where the other, non-charity funds are held. These funds should appear as a donation next year.

As in previous years in place of a null income and expenditure statement this simple declaration is provided. The Charity remains very active in promoting its purposes. None of the limited physical equipment of the charity have been sold.

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