

Carshalton Old Rectory Association: Trustees' Report for 2023-4

Registration number 1165834.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of CORA are:

1. To preserve the Old Rectory, a Grade II* listed historic building in the Carshalton Conservation area.
2. To open the building to the public and to promote the arts, heritage and conservation of the area for education and public enjoyment.

CORA does not have any paid staff and is wholly reliant on the work of volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

When news of the proposal to sell the Old Rectory was announced, CORA held various meetings with Council representatives to look for an alternative solution. We also publicised the proposed sale to the wider public on our website and on Facebook as well as at the 2023 Eco Fair and Frost Fair, where information leaflets were distributed.

At our suggestion, the Council approached the Landmark Trust to see if they might be interested in taking on the building. CORA contributed to the Council's submission to the Trust. Landmark expressed interest and sent two representatives to look at the house but despite liking the building, they subsequently decided not to take it on. The Council therefore proposed to test the market and put the house up for sale as a private residence, with the report expected to go to Council committee for approval in the early autumn. We could not support this proposal. There are inherent dangers in selling to a private buyer that would, in our view, put the Grade II* listed building at risk, particularly if the buyer underestimates the costs involved. Should the restoration fail, there would be no way to retrieve the situation once the house is sold.

Throughout the year, CORA continued to monitor the general state of the building and tried to ensure that the Council carried out essential repairs. To keep in touch with the ward Councillors and lobby them where necessary, Sue Kelsall regularly attended the Local Area Committee.

Publicising the Old Rectory has been a priority since CORA began. Consequently, we have reprinted Sue Horne's history of the Old Rectory - *A Respectable Parsonage House* - which is on sale at Honeywood Museum and at any events we attend.

Regular newsletters are also produced by Sue Horne to keep members informed. A range of articles on local history are included for added interest and each new issue is put on the website. The CORA Facebook page is updated when there is news to pass on.

We had a stall at the Coronation Community event at Honeywood, the Eco Fair in August and the Frost Fair in December.

Financial Review

The income for the year was £448 and the expenditure was £211 leaving a surplus of £237. Of the 50 re-printed copies of *A Respectable Parsonage House* we have sold two and given one copy to the Landmark representatives. There was £1277.27 in the bank at the end of the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

CORA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution following the Association Model.

The initial trustees were drawn from other organisations which were active in the local area but they acted on a personal basis and not as representatives of those groups.

Plans for the future

We will continue to oppose the Council's plans to sell the Old Rectory and keep on looking for other ways to save the building. Once the results of the Council's trial marketing of the house are known, we will then decide what we can best do to protect the Old Rectory.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Carshalton Old Rectory Association
Other name the charity uses	CORA
Registered charity number	1165834
Charity's principal address	Flat 5 31 Camden Road Sutton SM1 2SH
Secretary	Sue Horne

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity in 2022-3

John Richard Phillips (Chairman)

Susan Margaret Kelsall (Treasurer)

Susan Horne (Secretary)

Laurence Elliott

Julia Heather Gertz

Jean Carole Knight

Derek Channon Yeo

There are no corporate trustees and there are no trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

CORA does not hold any funds on behalf of other people or organisations.

John Phillips on behalf of the Trustees 28 May 2024

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Income and Expenditure 6 April 2023 – 5 April 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income:		
Subscriptions and donations	385	275
Gift aid	49	44
Book sales	14	149
Total	448	468
Expenditure:		
AGM refreshments	44	45
Website	95	235
Printing, postage and stationery	24	208
Other	30	59
Cost of books sold	18	123
Total	211	672
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	237	(202)

Statement of financial position – 5th April 2024

	Quantity	2024	2023
		£	£
Assets:			
Opening stock	0	-	123
New stock	50	298	-
Cost of sales	(3)	(18)	(123)
Closing stock	47	280	-
Cash at bank		1,277	1,459
Net current assets		1,557	1,459
Creditors		-	(139)
Net Assets		1,557	1,320
Funds:			
Opening funds		1,320	1,522
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		237	(202)
Closing funds		1,557	1,320