

Chadderton Historical Society

Fiftieth Annual General Meeting

Thursday 8th May 2024

SECRETARY'S REPORT for the Year June 2024 - May 2025

(1) Programme during the Past Year

The Programme for 2024-2025, as distributed to members was only partly completed as planned. A waterlogged entrance to the football ground caused the December meeting to be postponed. The January meeting also had to be cancelled because the major alterations to the grounds prevented entry to the lounge. The meeting for January was then given in February and that scheduled for February was postponed to the future. The only talk by a visiting speaker was "A Victorian Society" by Christine Widdall. Talks given by Society Members were "Civic Chadderton 1872 to 1974" by Mark Johnson and Michael Lawson; "The Changing Boundary of Chadderton and its Changing Landmarks" by Peter Briggs; "Municipal Magnificence" by Mark Johnson and Michael Lawson. Visits were made to Stockport Parish Church; Greater Manchester Museum of Transport; while a conducted tour of Failsworth Pole Conservation Area was also made. The local history ramble was along the Rochdale Canal to Scowcroft.. A Party to celebrate the centenary of Broadway was held in March.

(2a) Membership and Attendance

Since May 2024, three potential new members have joined the Society and also another who joined but then resigned when she moved out of the area. Full Membership is approximately 31 but this needs to be clarified asap, and also several Full Members now need to be given Honorary Membership because they are no longer able to attend meetings. In addition, there are 8 Associate Members, who don't pay the full subscription, and currently there are 13 Honorary Members who pay no subscription fees.

Attendance at the talk given by the visiting speaker was 19, the same as last year's average., whilst the three talks by Society members also had an average attendance of 19, which was 5 down on last year.

The local history ramble along the Rochdale Canal attracted 11 people which was an increase of 1 on 2023, but a decrease of 6 on 2022. It was a pleasant evening's stroll, enjoyed by all. The three visits to places of interest attracted an average of 12 which was a decrease of 4 on 2023, as it was of 2022.

The themed party held in March attracted 19 members which was a decrease of 5 on 2023., but up 7 on the previous year. Many members attended in costumes of the 1920s, appropriate music was played and a topical quiz was held. An excellent buffet, based on that at the opening of Broadway, was prepared by Christine Dennis.

At the 49th AGM in May 2024, 22 members were present, this being 1 up on that of 2023. The average attendance at the previous ten AGMs (excluding the years 2020 and 2021 when the Corona Virus caused cancellations) was 31. However, the average for the last three years, since the epidemic, has only been 22.

Apologies were received from 5 members in 2024.

(2b) Honorary Membership and Deceased Members

It is sad to report that during the past year we have had the deaths of Leslie Schofield, Arthur Chorley, Mavis Finchett. Plaques in memory of all deceased members are affixed to our Memorial Lectern.

(2c) Members' Celebratory and Condolences Cards

If the Society is notified, Congratulatory Cards are sent to members celebrating special occasions, while Sympathy Cards are sent to families of deceased members. These are also acknowledged in the Society's Newsletter 'The Griffin'.

(2d) Trustees' Meetings

Two meetings of the Trustees have been held. The first on 13th February was also attended by the Membership Secretary. The second was on the 16th April and was mainly concerned with the forthcoming Golden Anniversary Dinner.

(2e) Society Patron, President, Vice-President, Chaplain

Currently, Nicholas Radclyffe, grandson of the last Lord of the Manor, Charles Robert Eustace Radclyffe, continues as Patron; Retired Councillor Jim Greenwood is President, and Councillor Colin McLaren is Vice-President. All routinely receives copies of 'The Griffin' and the Society's Annual Reports. The position of Chaplain remains vacant.

(3a) Society Newsletter 'The Griffin'

'The Griffin' continues to be published quarterly, in February, May, August, and November, and is sent by post to Associate and Honorary Members. It is also distributed to local councillors and to the wider community.

(3b) Society Web Site

We hope to relaunch the Society's website once a person is available to do so. This could be an ideal way of

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"Preserving and promoting the history and heritage of Chadderton."



Income and Expenditure From 16th April 2024 – 3rd April 2025

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Member Subscriptions (Full 29 x £15 = £435) (Associate 5 x £7 = £35)	£470	Speakers Fees	£40.00
Donations (Including £250 from Nicholas Radcliffe)	£482.53	Donations	
Raffles	£161.00	Stockport Heritage Trust	£75.00
Bank Refund	£6.50	Manchester Museum of Transport	£70.00
		Subscriptions	
		British Association for Local History	£90.00
		The Lancashire Local History Association	£8.00
		Rent	
		Rent payments to Chadderton Football Club	£300.00
		Secretarial Expenses	£281.00
		Poppy Wreath	£25.00
		Catering	£184.98
		Bank Charges	£15.10
TOTAL	£1120.03	Total	£1089.08

Expenditure	£1089.08
Income	£1120.03
Excess Income over Expenditure	+ £30.95

Examined and found Correct Independent Examiner <u>(N. DOOLEY)</u>	Chairman: <u>M. J. Johnson</u>
Date: <u>3-5-25</u> <u>N. Dooley</u>	Treasurer: <u>M. Scallan</u>
Balance in the Bank as of the 28 th March 2025 (Including £500.00 on Trust for Foxdenton Hall)	Date: <u>8-5-25</u>
£3533.56	Cash in hand: £27.00
	Grand Total: £3560.56