

Chair's report at
AGM of Sutton Walls Conservation Group 5th Nov 2024

This year we have completed the work funded by Historic England for the ongoing maintenance of the East Entrance. Challenges have been getting the contractors to attend the site in the time frames we needed. This was achieved by the stalwart work of Mrs Keating and has built us a good rapport with CRC.

Other challenges were completing the Herefordshire Community Foundation project with a contribution from Sutton St Nicholas Parish Council for the installation of the information board on the Concrete pad at the top of Busy Hill and the interpretation panel by the East Entrance.

With problems with the weather, access to the site, availability of the archaeologist, transporting the cement and water and the schedule monument consent it all got done. Again, thanks to the team and especially Chris Thomas who did all the liaison with the panel producers and templates for the siting of the panels.

This year we started on our Woodland Management Plan which has been picked up by a volunteer committee member, Tony Bramley, which will help us with future funding and a 10 year plan for the management of the walls. Again, we express our thanks to Tony.

It has been unfortunate that this last year we had terrible weather and soggy paths which didn't allow us to do the activities we wanted to do and then by midsummer the southern paths to the walls were practically unpassable and we have repeatedly lobbied the Sutton St Nicholas Parish Council and the County Council who are responsible for keeping foot paths clear but if there are no funds available, the work is not able to be done. This discussion is ongoing with both parties to seek a solution going forward.

Thus ends the report.

Sutton Walls Conservation Group (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation), Charity number 1175194

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 5 April 2024

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Year ended 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	0	6275	6275	2796
Donations, including Giftaid recovery	0	500	500	0
Short-term loan	1000	0	1000	0
Miscellaneous income	601	0	601	1149
Sub-total	1601	6775	8376	3945
Payments				
Legal and professional fees	-350	0	-350	-2192
Estate maintenance	-130	-1310	-1440	-840
Signage	0	-4020	-4020	0
Publicity	0	-695	-695	0
Training	0	-440	-440	0
Insurance	-328	0	-328	-336
Bank charges	-10	0	-10	-64
Miscellaneous expenses	-56	0	-56	-133
Sub-total	-874	-6465	-7339	-3565
Net of receipts/(payments) for year	727	310	1037	380
Cash funds at beginning of year	1592	414	2006	1626
Transfers between funds	-127	127	0	0
Cash funds at end of year	2192	851	3043	2006

Statement of assets and liabilities at 5 April 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	2192	851	3043	2006
Liabilities				
Grass cutting	43	437	480	130
Short-term loan	1000	0	1000	0
	1043	437	1480	130

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06/07/2024. Accounts examined and found correct

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