

Ascott Martyrs Educational Trust

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 2021-22

Contrary to expectations at the start of the financial year, 2021-22 saw COVID continuing to have a major impact on many aspects of our lives and therefore of the Trust's activities.

Some booked talks were postponed or cancelled as the group to whom they were to be given had not switched to online meetings. Four online lectures were delivered during the year, to Adderbury History Society, Charlbury Society, Fairford WI and the Hexagon Quilting Group in Berkshire.

Further lectures both online and face-to-face have been arranged for 2022-3.

Study Group

Members of the Study Group continued to work independently on various aspects of the story of the Martyrs and the wider context, with occasional meetings taking place online. One live meeting was held with a local historian, who shared the results of his research into religious non-conformity in the Wychwood villages. But with all archives closed, progress was limited to what could be achieved online.

The Trust's link with Reading University has seen a second cohort of History students undertake an independent study of aspects of the Martyrs' story and the wider context, as part of their coursework. The final report on their research has been made available to the Trust and added to our growing online resources library to support and inform future studies and publications.

The Study Group's online shared repository continues to have new material added to it both original material and secondary sources, with the aim of creating a definitive archive.

This database has now been made available to a group of local historians who are planning to publish a collection of essays to mark the 150th anniversary of the Incident. It is also being used to provide answers to questions from members of the public, who are reaching the Trust in increasing numbers through the website and Facebook page.

Martyrs' Meadow

The Trust considered its position at a meeting on 20 March 2021 and submitted a response to the planning application in respect of the Cowsheds site at the end of the High Street in Ascott-under- Wychwood. This response was that the Trust's support of the proposal to create a Martyr's Garden as part of the development, was conditional upon the proposal enjoying community support.

Subsequently a village petition suggested that there was widespread opposition to the development and therefore, by implication to the creation of the Martyrs' Garden as part of this. The planning application

was rejected and has now gone to Appeal, and the Chair has confirmed that the Trust's position remains unchanged.

Trustees

At the 2020-21 AGM Paul Jackson, founding Trustee, stood down as Chair and Trustee, and Carol Anderson was elected as Chair. Officers were confirmed as Andrew Weaver (Treasurer), Cynthia Bryant (Secretary). Paula Nielsen-Tickner and Marilyn Baker continued as Trustees. Sadly, Marilyn Baker resigned in advance of the October meeting of the Trustees. Now that COVID restrictions have been removed the Trust is actively seeking new Trustees, especially in the context of delivering a programme of activities in 2023

Forward Plan

The key focus for the Trust's activities in 2022-3 will be to continue to research and disseminate through talks and online activities, the story of the Martyrs and the social context for the events that led to their imprisonment and to prepare for a modest programme of activities to mark the 150th anniversary of the imprisonment of the Martyrs.

Carol Anderson
Chair Ascott Martyrs Educational Trust
20 February 2022



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending February 5th 2023

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

INCOME

2022-2023

Sales, Lecture Fees & Donations

Donations	0
Grants	0
Book Sales	251
Textile Booklet Sales	0
Leaflet & Postcard Sales	0
Badge & CD Sales	0
Commemorative Wall Hanging	0
Lecture Fees	483
Events	0
	£734

Cost of Sales

Leaflet & Postcards	0
Textile Booklet	0
Badges & CDs	0
Commission/Book purchases	0
	£0

Gross Profit

£734

PAYMENTS

Administration Expenses

Website (yrs 2022-23)	0
Accountancy Fees	0
Printing/Stationery	0
IT Support	0
Insurance	150
Bank Fees	62
Sundries	0
	£212

Project Expenses

Venue Hire	0
Events	0
Commemoration (Interpretative Panels)	0
Video production Fees	0
Performer / Speaker fees	0
Subscriptions	0
Research Group Materials	0
	£0

Total payments

£212

SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD

£522

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BALANCE SHEET

FIXED ASSETS

2022-2023

None 0

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank Balance	1899
Stock of Books (Paid for)	666
Stock of Textile Booklets	306
Stock of CDs	149
Stock of Badges	175
Stock of Postcards	1
Debtors	0

£3,196

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Stock of Books (not paid for)	0
Commemoration Plaques	0
Creditors	0

£0

NET ASSETS

£3,196

REPRESENTED BY:-

ACCUMULATED FUND

Cash funds Brought forward	£1,378
Add SURPLUS for the period	£522
Cash funds this year end	£1,899

Signed & dated

Trustee



18/02/2023

Trustee



10/2/2023