

The Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology

Registered Charity: 1182569

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

Statement of Financial Activity for the Period Ended 31 March 2023					Total
					2021/22
Actual					
	£	£	£	£	£
	Income	Expenditure			
Membership Services					
Subscriptions	19,242	(72)		19,170	16,609
Gift Aid Refunds	1,579			1,579	2,441
Donations & Grants	4,135			4,135	1,409
Room Hire	110			110	0
Sleaford History Group Meetings	0	0		0	0
Lincs Past & Present		(2,795)		(2,795)	(2,656)
Annual Journal		(239)		(239)	(9)
AGM	91	(21)		70	0
Volunteers Christmas Party		0		0	0
Christmas Party	0	0		0	0
Mid Week Lectures & Sunday Specials	742	(222)		520	70
Buildings Recording Group	0	0		0	0
Speakers		0		0	0
	25,900	(3,350)	22,550		17,865
Administration					
Exhibitions and Displays	0			0	0
Interest	1,772			1,772	44
Royalties	371			371	223
Advertising	0	0		0	0
Salaries		(13,907)		(13,907)	(13,560)
Training/Conferences		0		0	0
Office Expenses	11	(13,725)		(13,714)	(9,016)
		(525)		(525)	(268)
	0	(619)		(619)	(569)
		(1,404)		(1,404)	(857)
		(1,852)		(1,852)	(1,212)
		(3,154)		(3,154)	(3,159)
		0		0	0
		(35)		(35)	(35)
		(204)		(204)	(1,026)
		(2,075)		(2,075)	(2,687)
		(211)		(211)	0
		(1,599)		(1,599)	(726)
Subscriptions	0	(429)		(429)	(445)
Accounting & Audit	0	(275)		(275)	(300)
Legal Fees		0		0	0
Bank Charges		(220)		(220)	(161)
Awards & Grants		(200)		(200)	(300)
Insurance		(2,048)		(2,048)	(2,446)
Depreciation		0		0	(3,492)
Miscellaneous	7,270	(7,403)		(134)	(346)
	9,424	(49,884)	(40,459)		(40,338)
Lincolnshire Heritage Ltd					
Bookshop Surplus	23,194	(63)		23,131	11,102
	23,194	(63)	23,131		11,102
Events					
	38	0		38	134
				0	0
	208	(152)		55	0
	148	(90)		58	0
	212	(149)		63	0
	0	0		0	0
	1,861	(1,357)		505	0
	1,033	(780)		253	0
	465	0		465	1,130
	177	(113)		64	0
	101	(95)		6	0
	69			69	0
	46			46	0
	0	0		0	0
	2,068	(1,744)		324	(16)
	6,425	(4,480)	1,946		1,248
History of Lincolnshire					
	1,760			1,760	0
		(119)		(119)	114
	215			215	19
		(804)		(804)	(189)
	1,974	(923)	1,052		(56)
			8,219	8,219	(10,179)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)					

Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	This Year		Last Year	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Office Equipment				
Cost @ 1/4/2022	21,439		21,439	
Additions	0		0	
	<u>21,439</u>		<u>21,439</u>	
Buildings				
Cost @ 1/4/2022	4,186		4,186	
Additions	0		0	
	<u>4,186</u>		<u>4,186</u>	
Depreciation				
Allowed @ 1/4/2022	25,625		22,133	
Charge for period	0		3,492	
	<u>25,625</u>		<u>25,625</u>	
Opening Net Book Value @ 1/4/2022	0		3,492	
Closing Net Book Value @ 31/3/2023		0		0
Current Assets				
Lincs Heritage Loan	0		0	
COIF Account	98,001		96,294	
CAF Current Account	38,082		37,741	
Nat West Current Account (HOL)	4,219		4,219	
Skipton Building Society (HOL)	38,553		38,338	
PayPal (HOL)	1,496		0	
Petty Cash	5		71	
PayPal	0		0	
Sleaford History Group Current Account	859		859	
Sleaford History Group Petty Cash	10		10	
HOL Stocks	81		200	
Prepayments	1,763		1,502	
Debtors	<u>24,258</u>	207,325	<u>17,348</u>	196,582
Current Liabilities				
Creditors				
Receipts in Advance	1,372		1,308	
Sundry Creditors	<u>1,308</u>	2,680	<u>3,347</u>	4,655
Net Assets		204,646		191,927
Represented by:				
SLHA Accumulated Fund brought forward		148,063		162,245
Prior Year Adjustment		(4,060)		0
Transferred to Earmarked Reserves		(48,267)		(4,000)
Earmarked Reserves				
EMAC		0		0
Brian Dawson Legacy		3,348		3,348
Bricks Website		8,560		0
History of Lincolnshire Committee		44,267		0
Buildings Reserve		34,516		30,516
Winding Up Reserve		10,000		10,000
Profit & Loss Account				
SLHA General Surplus/(Deficit) for year		8,219		(10,182)
Accumulated Fund carried forward		204,646		191,927

SOCIETY FOR LINCOLNSHIRE HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY FOR LINCOLNSHIRE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

I, *Faith Searston*, report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, set out in the following pages.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Act), and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act
- (ii) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

Have not been met or

- (iii) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

For and on behalf of Calcul8 Limited, 57 High Street, Saxilby, Lincoln, LN1 2HA

Faith Searston

29th September 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SOCIETY FOR LINCOLNSHIRE HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1182569

Set out on pages

1-4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

FES

Date:

29/9/23

Name:

FAITH SEARSTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS, CIMA ADV DIP MA

(if any):

Address:

57 HIGH STREET, SAXILBY, LINCOLN, LN1 2HA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

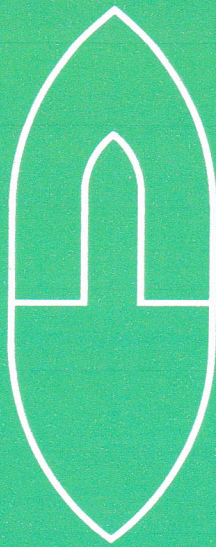
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No material matters of concern.

Materiality level set at 1% of total revenues or expenses

Total revenues - £667.00

Total expenses - £585.00



SOCIETY FOR LINCOLNSHIRE HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Patron : Ursula Lidbetter
 President : Naomi Field
 Chair : Andrew Walker
 Vice Chairman : Mike Daly

Treasurer : Chris Hewis
 Secretary : Kathy Holland
 Charity Number : 1182569
 Total Membership : 611

Chair's Report

Firstly, I'd like to thank my predecessor, Ian George, for all his work chairing the Society, especially in the challenging days of the Covid epidemic and its immediate aftermath. The Society is now operating on a more 'normal' footing, post-Covid. As the accounts from the various SLHA groups within this report indicate, a host of face-to-face activities have taken place through the year, though some innovations introduced during the Covid period have continued, notably the programme of Zoom talks, for which there remains an appetite, particularly in the winter. During the year we have continued to work on enhancing the Society's infrastructure. In the early part of 2023-24 we hope to have improved the Society's IT provision significantly, and we are in discussions with a web developer regarding the replacement of our current website, which has served us well, but now requires technical updating. Particular thanks are due to Steve Stefaniuk for his work leading this initiative. Thanks to everyone who completed the Society's membership survey. We are working on an action plan linked to this, which we will share with members. Many of the 90+ responses were very positive. However, there were points raised suggesting aspects of our work that needed further attention and improvement, including regular production of the Society's journal. We are working on these matters.

In last year's report, Ian mentioned the need to make progress with Bardney Abbey, a site for which we have responsibility. In May, a group of us undertook an assessment visit. Subsequently, a Bardney Abbey Working Party has been formed which, in the first instance, will develop a vision for the site and explore ways of implementing it, drawing upon the help of other bodies as appropriate. I hope that more progress on this can be reported during the forthcoming year.

The year 2024 will be a significant one for the SLHA, marking 50 years since its founding, (though of course its predecessor organisations themselves have longer histories). We will be organising a range of Golden Jubilee activities, including a conference on Saturday 20 April 2024, and an exhibition. We are keen to involve as many of our members as possible in these activities.

The following reports provide details of the various groups within the society. If you'd like to become more involved with any of these, please do contact Kathy Holland. I'd like to finish by thanking all members for their ongoing commitment to the SLHA, especially our many volunteers, and to Kathy in particular for her tremendous work supporting all of the Society's activities – and for helping me get to grips with chairing this wonderful organisation.

Andrew Walker, Chair of the Society

Property

Cyclical maintenance continues to be carried out at Jews' Court including, boiler maintenance, annual asbestos check, PAT Testing, radon monitoring, plus intruder and fire alarm servicing. Weekly/monthly checks and monitoring are carried out at approved intervals to the fire alarm call

points, emergency lighting, the Intruder Alarm system and smoke and heat detection.

Further to the Fire Risk Assessment Report produced in 2022, fire stopping work has been carried out including the installation of a new smoke detector and emergency light in the attic. Training of new volunteers in Fire Safety Awareness has been completed and will continue to be carried out in-house as required.

Plans are in place for monitoring of the stone façade to the front of the building which is due to be carried out shortly. Discussions have taken place regarding the appointment of a Conservation Care Structural Engineer to carry out an assessment of Jews' Court.

Members of the Property Team participated in the site visit and discussions regarding the future of the Bardney Abbey site which is in the care of the Society.

Maintenance of the gardens at Jews' Court has continued with grateful thanks to Dave Mellows.

Colin Holland for the Property Team

Industrial Archaeology

The annual Industrial Archaeology Conference Lincolnshire Railways was held in Grantham. The five talks successfully described examples of the range of applications for railways that once existed, and to some extent still apply in the County.

The talk *The Night of 24th October 1942; The Last Air Raid on Grantham* was held in person on 15th February 2023 and described this raid and what happened to the speaker and his family together with the reasons for the Raid and those who conducted it. An in-person talk on Associated British Ports and Rail Transport included a history of the port of Immingham and the changes needed to meet the ever-changing requirements of those using the port. Fieldwork included visits to the surviving buildings and other structures associated with the East Lincolnshire Line and "New Line" together with other nearby locations of industrial archaeological interest. Other field work included a visit to Gunby Hall to assist the National Trust with the interpretation of the use of the Robey engine.

The Society picnic at Oxcombe Farm was a success despite the threat of inclement weather. I.A. Team members took the lead in organising this event. The project to celebrate Lincolnshire's Bricks and Brickmakers in conjunction with Alford Manor House continues to make progress. The Team is greatly saddened by the recent death of Eric Newton. Eric was a much-respected member of the Team. His knowledge of Lincolnshire's water supplies was very comprehensive.

Stephen Betteridge, Chairman of the Industrial Archaeology Team

Local History

Our flagship event of 2023 was the well-received conference on 'Reimagining Lincolnshire' which was organised in conjunction with the University of Lincoln and held at Welton village hall. It consisted of thought-provoking talks & a finale of songs and music. My

thanks go to Professor Heather Hughes for her help in the planning of this event. Our affiliated churches group held its first conference in Epworth Memorial Church. We were given guided tours of the Memorial Church and the Parish Church of St Andrew. There will be another church conference in 2024 which is expected to take place in Tattershall. Two guided tours of churches have also taken place – one to Tathwell and Haugham under Jean Howard whilst John Manterfield led a visit to Allington and Sedgfield. Further church trips are being planned along with the possibility of Zoom tours. My thanks to Jean Howard for leading the churches group. Chris Hewis continues to help arrange events for Heritage Open Days. Our team still monitors the heritage activities of Lincolnshire County Council and the future of Raithby Methodist chapel. Team members also answer queries and questions from around the world. We welcomed SLHA vice-chair Mike Daly to our ranks and would welcome any SLHA member who has an interest in our work.

Mark Acton, Chairman of the Local History Team

Building Recording Group (RUBL)

We have made steady progress during the year on a number of projects. Fieldwork is taking place in South Willingham for the RUBL element of The Lincolnshire Hearth Tax volume which will be published by the Lincoln Record Society and the British Records Society in 2026. Work continues at Kirkstead and Stixwold as part of our contribution to the Sacred Landscapes of the Witham Valley project based at the University of Wales Lampeter. A society visit was made to look at the buildings in Barton-Upon-Humber. A new member has joined the team who is researching the village of Stragglethorpe. Members of RUBL have joined the working party looking at the future of Bardney Abbey. RUBL members continue to play a leading role in the Lincoln Local List project. The Local List is scheduled for adoption by the City Council in 2024. Discussions continue with East Lindsey District Council on the conservation of mud and stud buildings. The Guide to Jews' Court for use by guides to the building is making good progress. The Grantham team continue to monitor developments in the town. There have been regular Zoom meetings throughout the year.

Ken Hollamby, Secretary for David Stocker, Chairman of the Building Recording Team

SLHA Study Tour to SW Scotland

After missing a year for logistical reasons the delayed Study Tour to SW Scotland took place in July. The original plan had been to stay in Dumfries but the hotel was not available and we were moved to the Gretna Hall Hotel at Gretna Green. There were 30 passengers on the trip. The packed weekend started on the journey out at the Devil's Porridge Museum and Ruthwell Cross. On day two there were visits to Dumfries House and the Museum of Lead Mining at Wanlockhead. On day three we had a long drive to medieval Whithorn Abbey and a visit to the nearby book-town of Wigtown. On the last day we visited the National Trust for Scotland's Threave Gardens followed by Sweetheart Abbey and New Abbey Cornmill. On the way home we had a morning in Carlisle. Next year we plan to visit the Isle of Anglesey.

Ken Hollamby

Lincolnshire Heritage Ltd (Booksales)

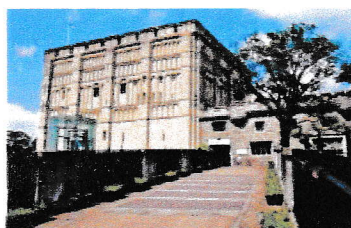
The Directors of Lincolnshire Heritage remain the same. The bookshop continues to make regular sales and Lincolnshire Heritage transferred £23000 to the Society, but we are hampered by the lack of high-quality donations of books, both fiction and non-fiction. From Easter we were able to open for an extra day. We are now open Wednesday to Saturday. This is due to several new volunteers coming forward. They have integrated well with the existing volunteers and are helping both in the shop and behind the scenes. We do still need more volunteers as we are very stretched over the holiday period and doing outside events and would like to open an extra day. Apart from having stands at the various group conferences we also had a stand at Sparks in Lincoln Cathedral and at the Heckington Show. Both these events were useful for raising the profile of the Society, as well as bringing in a good income. Roz Mellows is now in charge of the Volunteers rota and has also been changing the windows every few weeks to reflect events and lectures. Chris Gilham has taken over postal sales and ordering new books. During the year we published M Miller's book on Pinfolds, doing it via Amazon, which proved quite successful, but was a steep learning curve.

Eva and Nick Moore, Bookshop Managers

Trustees

The Trustees have continued their valuable work via zoom meetings for the last year, a format that is unlikely to change. This does offer the advantage of avoiding travelling time and costs to our members, something particularly welcomed during the winter months. Our primary responsibilities are ensuring that the Society has a clear strategy for the future, and to safeguard the Society's assets; property, reputation and finances. Nick Moore has resigned as a Trustee but continues to support the Society in the bookshop and in many other capacities, and I would like to thank him for his valuable contribution. We have been joined by Chris Gilham, and recently Ian Newton has also attended our meetings. Our minutes are now routinely shared with The Executive, and the Trustees receive theirs, part of an initiative to improve communication within our various bodies. Our work covers a wide variety of topics. This year it has included our annual Trustees Skills review, reports from the Publications Review Group, receiving a report from Nick on the conservation of Jews' Court, as well as matters such as budgeting and succession planning. All of this is in addition to our regular updates covering developments in our bookshop, a report from our Treasurer and an update from the Chair of the Executive. Please consider joining us. Our meetings, only four each year, are interesting and varied, and contribute greatly to the wellbeing of the Society.

Steve Stefaniuk, Chair of the Trustees



Norwich Castle, the subject of the first 'live talk' of 2023.

Archaeology Team

The Archaeology Team meets at Bishop Grosseteste University, and I am grateful to Dr Derwin Gregory for facilitating this. The 2022 Conference was held in Welton with over 80 people attending. We heard about recent finds from Lisa Brundle the Finds Liaison Officer and the recent project on historic towns. For many the highlight of the day was a personal reflection of her time with Time Team by Prof Carenza Lewis. The afternoon began with an entertaining talk by John Thomas of the University of Leicester Archaeology Service on the famous recent discovery of the Trojan War mosaic at the Roman site in Rutland. The theme of Roman archaeology continued with talks about the pottery industry of Market Rasen and the discoveries on the line of the Grantham Southern Relief Road.

Evening lectures at St Hugh's Hall in Lincoln have included Professor Martin Millet talking about Roman Aldborough, Alice Beasley of Allen Archaeology about the works done for the Cathedral Connected project in Lincoln and Tim Pestell speaking about Norwich Castle. The Archaeology Team continues to be involved in the City of Lincoln Local Listing initiative and work around Norton Disney Roman Villa. The Team made a representation on the plans for and continues to monitor developments on Lincoln's Greyfriars. The Team has also been involved in meetings about the management and future for the Bardney Abbey site. The Team also responds to on-going enquiries, helping people learn more about the archaeology of the county.

Ian George, Chairman of the Archaeology Team

History of Lincolnshire Committee

The Committee met three times during the year online. It continues to monitor the progress of a number of potential publications exploring the history of the historic county. Works currently in preparation range chronologically from prehistoric Lincolnshire to some aspects of the county's twentieth-century history.

During the year, a number of book proposals have been received and discussions are ongoing with these prospective authors.

One manuscript has been received and externally reviewed; another has very recently been received. We expect the first of these volumes to be published within the next twelve months.

The History of Lincolnshire Committee now also has oversight of the Society's academic journal, *Lincolnshire History & Archaeology*. Volume 53 (for 2019) will be dedicated to the memory of Dr Dennis Mills and is due to be published in Autumn 2023. It is hoped that a subsequent volume will be published shortly afterwards as ongoing attempts are made to 'catch up'.

Potential authors undertaking academic research into the history of the county are encouraged to contact members of the Committee to discuss the possibilities of publishing books under the Committee's auspices, or to contact Dave Start, the editor of *Lincolnshire History & Archaeology* with regard to the future publication of potential journal articles.

Andrew Walker

Chair of the History of Lincolnshire Committee

Events and Activities

Following requests for more events from members, a number of visits and activities have taken place in addition to the Conferences and Talks Programme organised by the teams. These have included a visit 'behind the scenes' at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life, a visit to Mrs Smith's Cottage, and a full day Conference with a focus on Sleaford which included presentations by local organisations. The Society plans to continue to develop a diverse programme of events and activities inspired by information collected from the recent Members' Survey.

Kathy Holland

Treasurer's Report

The Society showed a surplus for the year of £8,219. Subscription income was 15% (£2,500) higher than the previous year, and donations were £2,700 higher. A doubling of the Bookshop surplus on the previous year to £23,500, together with an increase in bank interest, resulted in a year-on-year increase of income by 12% to a total of £59,500.

We have been successful in maintaining administration costs to the levels of the previous year, other than postage costs, which have risen 52% to £13,700, which is now one of the largest items of expenditure. The Trustees and Executive Committee are currently examining ways of reducing this cost with a move to online communication with those members willing to make this change.

Chris Hewis ACMA, Society Treasurer

Sleaford History Group

During the year, planning occurred for a Sleaford conference in August 2023 and discussions took place regarding the future of the Sleaford History Group. Whilst the Society remains committed to exploring the town's history and archaeology it is felt that this is best done in co-operation with Sleaford's other history and heritage groups. We will continue to schedule events and activities in and about Sleaford but at the moment will no longer be running a separate group. Thanks are due to David Boutle for his work chairing the Sleaford History Group and for engaging in discussions about the future direction of the Society's presence in Sleaford.

Andrew Walker, Chair of the SLHA



Speakers at the 'Lincolnshire Reimagined Conference' held at Welton Village Hall.

Special Interest Teams

Information about the Special Interest Teams can be found on the www.slha.org.uk. If you are interested in joining any of the Teams please contact the Society Office and your details will be passed to the relevant Team.