

THE ERMINE STREET GUARD

England & Wales · Charity number 1183802

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY:1) THE STUDY OF THE ROMAN ARMY2) THE PRODUCTION OF ACCURATE COPIES OF ROMAN ARMOUR AND EQUIPMENT AND THEIR USE TO FACILITATE AND SUPPORT FURTHER ACADEMIC RESEARCH3) PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AT HISTORICAL SITES, MUSEUMS, SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Activities: The advancement of education for the public benefit by the study of the roman army, the production of roman armour and equipment and providing educational displays to the general public at historical sites museums schools and colleges

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- France
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£18,615	£15,464	-	-
2023-10-31	£12,109	£15,932	-	-
2022-10-31	£21,784	£16,315	-	-
2021-10-31	£12,126	£6,647	-	-
2020-10-31	£7,551	£6,579	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Haines MBE	Chair	2021-03-22
Anthony Segalini		2021-03-22
DAVID HARE		2021-03-22
Hilary Fleming		2021-03-22
Roderick Sayers		2021-03-22
Timothy Haines		2021-03-22

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 Nov 2023** Period start date To **31 Oct 2024**
Period end date

Charity name: **The Ermine Street Guard**

Charity registration number: **1183802**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance education for the benefit of the public in the field of Roman history and to promote research by practical reconstruction of Roman equipment
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Research into and reconstruction of armour and equipment of the Roman Army in 1st century CE. Public displays of military tactics, armour and equipment. Presentations to schools and museums.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Attendance at displays, engaging with the public and students in talking about Roman military life and related research, contributing to the manufacture and maintenance of armour and equipment. Maintaining the website and undertaking research projects
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Guard met to produce and maintain equipment. Displays were given to the public at several venues across the UK. Responses have been made to email enquiries from interested members of the public and students requesting information. The website has been maintained and updated as a resource for wider society. Educational videos have also been created accessible on the website and YouTube. A Facebook site also informs the public.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	English Heritage has been a major source for displays at significant roman sites in the UK but has materially reduced the number of events they hold at their sites. This has impacted on the financial position of the charity. Monies received primarily came from displays and subscriptions. Expenditure is still being carefully controlled.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	As a small charity income and expenditure are normally predictable and ongoing cash balances sufficient to meet any unexpected costs
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fees from public displays and filming. Members' subscriptions
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Accidents on displays – mitigated by health and safety policies and public liability insurance
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	See Article 12 of the CIO constitution

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The CIO was set up to replace an existing charity.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Ermine Street Guard
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183802
Charity's principal address	Oakland Farm House Dog Lane Witcombe Gloucester GL3 4UG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Christopher Haines MBE	Chair		
2	Roderick Sayers	Treasurer		
3	Hilary Fleming	Secretary		
4	Timothy Haines			
5	David Hare			
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7	Jeremy Mayes			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Roderick P Sayers</i>	
Full name(s)	Roderick Paul Sayers	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	23/08/2025	

Income & Expenditure Statement for the period to 31.10.24

	2023	2024
Income	£	£
Displays and Filming	9,642.30	16,150.00
Donations	240.00	
Interest		
Sales	403.89	666.00
Schools		
Other	117.50	58.90
Subscriptions and Social	1,705.40	1,739.60
	<u>12,109.09</u>	<u>18,614.50</u>
Expenditure		
Computer	181.76	411.28
AGM	1,912.83	588.25
Charges		
Internet	-	
Display Equipment	-	
Insurance	1,711.87	2,066.38
Materials	1,784.83	1,257.09
Stock of sales	401.28	
Utilities	1,138.26	1,016.52
Travel Costs	4,510.39	5,131.08
Vehicle Costs	3,845.40	4,566.10
Other display costs	254.15	406.10
Awards	-	
Miscellaneous	191.17	21.25
	<u>15,931.94</u>	<u>15,464.05</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,822.85)	3,150.45
Bank Position at 1.10.2023	11,920.91	8,098.06
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,822.85)	3,150.45
Bank Position at 31.10.2024	<u>8,098.06</u>	<u>11,248.51</u>
Bank Accounts as at 31.10.24	2023	2024
Treasurers Account	7,838.88	10,196.89
Deposit Account	1.14	1.14
Current Account	258.04	1,050.48
	<u>8,098.06</u>	<u>11,248.51</u>
Assets		
Land Rover Discovery	10,000.00	
Trailers	1,800.00	
Armour and Equipment	45,000.00	
Workshop Tools	150.00	
Office and Bunk Room Items	250.00	
Books	250.00	

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Other optional information

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Full name(s)	Roderick Paul Sayers	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	15/08/2024	

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Income & Expenditure Statement for the period to 31.10.23

	2022	2023
	£	£
Income		
Displays and Filming	13,277.00	9,642.30
Donations	870.00	240.00
Interest		
Sales	1,655.50	403.89
Schools		
Other	131.00	117.50
Subscriptions and Social	5,850.90	1,705.40
	<u>21,784.40</u>	<u>12,109.09</u>
Expenditure		
Computer	94.99	181.76
AGM	1,778.11	1,912.83
Charges	-	
Internet		-
Display Equipment		-
Insurance	1,743.21	1,711.87
Materials	1,859.35	1,784.83
Stock of sales	421.11	401.28
Telephone	289.35	308.86
Travel Costs	5,215.07	4,510.39
Vehicle Costs	3,471.84	3,845.40
Electricity	636.28	829.40
Other display costs	266.02	254.15
Awards	487.36	-
Miscellaneous	51.98	191.17
	<u>16,314.67</u>	<u>15,931.94</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,469.73	(3,822.85)
Bank Position at 1.10.2022	6,451.18	11,920.91
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,469.73	(3,822.85)
Bank Position at 31.10.2023	<u>11,920.91</u>	<u>8,098.06</u>
Bank Accounts as at 31.10.23	2022	2023
Treasurers Account	10,900.13	7,838.88
Deposit Account	1.14	1.14
Current Account	1,019.64	258.04
	<u>11,920.91</u>	<u>8,098.06</u>
Assets		
Land Rover Discovery	10,000.00	
Trailers	1,800.00	
Armour and Equipment	45,000.00	
Workshop Tools	150.00	
Office and Bunk Room Items	250.00	
Books	250.00	

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1183802

Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting held at Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall on Saturday 29th October 2022 at 3pm

Present: Prof Simon James (President), Chris Haines MBE (Chair), Sharon Bittner, John Blakesley, Jim Buckle, John Burdon, Matt Coggins, John Cosh, Eric Dinwoodie, Joe Dolenc, Hilary Fleming, Mike Garlick, Richard Gibbons, Tim Haines, David Hare, Brian Jacobs, Peter Johnson, Jeremy Mayes, Paul North, Martin Oates, Matt Preen, Andy Ross, Rod Sayers, Karl Schneider, Cameron Scott, Fraser Scott, Tony Segalini, Tom Seward, Tony Shaw, Anthony Stansfield, Paul Wheat, Keith Yorkston

In Attendance: Tony Blake, Val Blake, Barbara Connolly, Clive Constable, Barbara Giles, Howard Giles, Chris Jowett, Richard Morris, Prof Sarah Scott, Graham Sumner

- 1) **Welcome and Apologies for Absence:** The Chairman welcomed everyone, especially our late President Peter Connolly's wife Barbara and Professor Sarah Scott, our President's colleague at the University of Leicester and director of excavations at Roman Irchester, Chester House Estate. Apologies were received from Mike Farrell, Derek Forrest, Greig Watson, Lindsay Powell, Zack Valiadis, Marcus Davys.
- 2) **Minutes of 2021 AGM:** Mike Farrell had indicated that he had received his 10 year award in 2017, not as reported in the minutes. With this correction the minutes were unanimously accepted.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** Rod Sayers reported that the assets of the old charity had been transferred to our present Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). 2022 had been a more normal year with usual charges being made and greater income received. Costs had increased, especially transport and fuel. We were now in a much better position financially as was demonstrated by the balance sheet and congratulated everyone on their hard work. The Chairman remarked that one member was giving a regular monthly donation of £40 for which we were very grateful. It was good to have a sizeable amount in the funds as very often payment had to be made before a fee was received.
- 4) **Secretary's Report:** Hilary Fleming reported on the work of the Management Committee (Officium) and the year's events (Report attached).
- 5) **Chairman's Remarks:** Chris observed that it was good have a more normal year and a successful one. It had been noticeable that in the 1900th year of Hadrian's Wall, English Heritage had not asked the largest Roman re-enactment group to perform at a Wall venue. We had already accepted an invitation to our Birthday Bash at Vindolanda in August. Caerleon, a once regular venue with whom we had a close relationship, now seemed off the venue list. Organisation seemed non-existent and the Events Officer had been deployed elsewhere with no funds were available to employ us. A visit to Xanten in Germany had fallen through this year but maybe there was the possibility of a visit in 2023. We had now reached the situation where as in 1983 a large amount of paperwork declaring our non-intention of selling any of our equipment was required and also an extra fee of £500 would be payable to Customs

and Excise. This year we had decided to terminate the Associate Membership branch of the society as numbers had dwindled to around 20 and the Associate Member Secretary Jane Weir had expressed her wish to retire from the post. We remain very grateful to her for her work over the years. Among our jobs this year two were outstanding, Vindolanda who hosted our birthday celebration (our only plea is please move further south and level the site!) and Chester House Estate on the site of Roman Irchester near Wellingborough where we have had the pleasure of meeting Prof Sarah Scott, director of excavations, who has kindly liaised with the team over details of our visit and for which we thank her very much, It had been unfortunate that two members, one of 27 years standing, had chosen to break rules and form a new group whilst still members. Congratulations were expressed to founder member Mike Garlick and to Jeremy Mayes who had been a member since near the inception of the society and after a 17 year sabbatical was still displaying with the group. The Chairman's final observation was "Here's to another 50 years!"

- 6) **Trustees' Report:** Rod Sayers explained that under the new CIO, trustees were no longer financially liable for debts incurred by the society, which had been the main reason for changing status. John Hindle had resigned from the group during the season and had therefore ceased to be a Trustee.
- 7) **Appointment of Trustees:** Three members were required to retire by rotation each year. This year it was Hilary Fleming, Richard Odell and Rod Sayers. Hilary and Rod were willing to stand for reappointment. All were in agreement and they were reappointed. **Therefore the Trustees are Chris Haines, Rod Sayers, Hilary Fleming, Tim Haines, David Hare, Jeremy Mayes, Tony Segalini, Greig Watson.** Discussion took place as to whether the vacant spaces should be filled but it was unanimously agreed that the present number of trustees was sufficient.
- 8) **Election of Management Committee (Officium):** The Trustees appointed the following: Chair – Chris Haines, Treasurer – Rod Sayers, Secretary – Hilary Fleming. Nominations for the remaining six places were:

<i>John Cosh</i>	<i>Prop Jeremy Mayes</i>	<i>Sec David Hare</i>
<i>Jeremy Mayes</i>	<i>Prop David Hare</i>	<i>Sec Tony Segalini</i>
<i>David Hare</i>	<i>Prop Tim Haines</i>	<i>Sec Tony Segalini</i>
<i>Greig Watson</i>	<i>Prop Richard Gibbons</i>	<i>Sec Anthony Stansfield</i>
<i>Tony Segalini</i>	<i>Prop Jeremy Mayes</i>	<i>Sec Mike Garlick</i>
<i>Tim Haines</i>	<i>Prop David Hare</i>	<i>Sec Jim Buckle</i>

Further nominations were invited but none received, therefore the above six people were declared elected to the Management Committee.

- 9) **Election of Contubernium Leaders and Deputies:** Each contubernium met separately and held their elections, supervised by President Prof Simon James, Chris Haines Chairman/Centurio and Optio Tim Haines. There was only one nomination for each position so the nominee was appointed as follows:

1st Contubernium:

<i>CL. Tony Segalini</i>	<i>Prop: Jim Buckle</i>	<i>Sec: Jeremy Mayes</i>
<i>DCL: Jeremy Mayes</i>	<i>Prop: Anthony Stansfield</i>	<i>Sec: Brian Jacobs</i>

2nd Contubernium:

CL: John Cosh Prop: Matt Coggins Sec: Tom Seward

DCL: Matt Coggins Prop: Paul Wheat Sec: Paul North

Auxilia:

CL: Andy Ross Prop: Karl Schneider Sec: Fraser Scott

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10) Presentation of Awards: The following awards were presented by President Prof Simon James.

5 Years

Jim Buckle

Paul Fitzpatrick

Fraser Scott

Cameron Scott

Brian Jacobs

20 Years

Paul North

40 Years

Tony Shaw (award to be decided)

50 Years

Chris Haines

Mike Garlick

11) Any Other Business: There was none.

Meeting closed at 4.10pm

At the 50th Anniversary Dinner held later that evening at the Delta Marriott Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Chris and Mike were presented with tokens of appreciation from the membership including a portrait of Chris as Centurio by former member Graham Sumner.

A tribute from Prof Simon James, who was unable to attend, was given by Prof Sarah Scott who added her own tribute to the work of the Guard. Sonya Galloway of The Vindolanda Trust gave greetings and an appreciation from the trust. Greetings and congratulations were received from the Roman Legionary Museum in Caerleon and former member Lindsay Powell from America.

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	2021	2022
	£	£
Income		
Displays and Filming	6,937.00	13,277.00
Donations	3,948.16	870.00
Interest	-	
Sales	15.00	1,655.50
Schools	0.00	
Other	320.63	131.00
Subscriptions and Social	905.00	5,850.90
	<u>12,125.79</u>	<u>21,784.40</u>
Expenditure		
Computer	94.99	94.99
AGM	-	1,778.11
Charges	-	-
Internet	176.00	
Display Equipment	138.00	
Insurance	1,947.43	1,743.21
Materials	183.02	1,859.35
Stock of sales	-	421.11
Telephone	98.50	289.35
Travel Costs	1,369.10	5,215.07
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Other display costs	-	266.02
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, activities have been severely curtailed. The Guard met to produce and maintain equipment and take part in filming for educational TV programmes. Displays were given to the public at the British Museum and Vindolanda on Hadrian's Wall. The Guard also took part in the opening weekend of Chester House Estate, a site adjacent to the Roman town of Irchester. As Covid restrictions permitted several work weekends took place and individual members made and maintained equipment at home. Responses have been made to email enquiries from interested members of the public and students requesting information. The website has been maintained and updated as a resource for wider society.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Due to Covid 19 the number of displays were limited in 2021. Monies received primarily came from displays, filming, subscriptions and a donation from the original Guard charity that is being closed down. Expenditure is being carefully controlled until such time as displays can fully restart. The assets of the original Guard charity (800014) were transferred to this charity on 1 October 2020.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	As a small charity income and expenditure are normally predictable and ongoing cash balances sufficient to meet any unexpected costs
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Covid 19 pandemic has impacted the ability of the charity to raise funds from conducting displays. Currently it is uncertain how many displays will be possible in 2022, although a full programme is anticipated at the moment. In the meantime costs will be tightly controlled.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fees from public displays and Filming. Members' subscriptions
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Loss of public display availability due to Covid-19 Accidents on displays – mitigated by health and safety policies and public liability insurance
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	See Article 12 of the CIO constitution

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The CIO was set up to replace an existing charity. This charity has transferred its assets to the CIO and will be dissolved.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Ermine Street Guard
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183802
Charity's principal address	Oakland Farm House Dog Lane Witcombe Gloucester GL3 4UG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Christopher Haines MBE	Chair		
2	Roderick Sayers	Treasurer		
3	Hilary Fleming	Secretary		
4	Timothy Haines			
5	David Hare			
6	John Hindle			
7	Jeremy Mayes			
8	Richard Odell			
9	Anthony Segalini			
10	Greig Watson			
11	Richard Gibbons			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

The Ermine Street Guard - Charity Number 1183802

Income & Expenditure Statement for the period to 31.10.21

	2020	2021
	£	£
Income		
Displays and Filming	400.00	6,937.00
Donations	4,644.54	3,948.16
Interest	-	-
Sales	70.00	15.00
Schools	0.00	0.00
Other	110.81	320.63
Subscriptions and Social	2,325.50	905.00
	<u>7,550.85</u>	<u>12,125.79</u>
Expenditure		
Administration	-	-
Computer	89.99	94.99
AGM	-	-
Charges	-	-
Internet	37.00	176.00
Display Equipment	75.00	138.00
HQ week end	-	-
Insurance	1,853.65	1,947.43
Materials	626.22	183.02
Stock of sales	-	-
Subscriptions (YHA)	-	-
Sweat Shirts	-	-
Telephone	647.06	98.50
Travel Costs	1,364.30	1,369.10
Vehicle Costs	1,255.70	1,843.71
Electricity	474.00	756.12
Donations	-	-
Other display costs	93.61	-
Awards	-	-
Miscellaneous	62.06	40.00
	<u>6,578.59</u>	<u>6,646.87</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	972.26	5,478.92
Bank Position at 1.10.2020	-	972.26
Surplus/(Deficit)	972.26	5,478.92
Bank Position at 31.10.2021	<u>972.26</u>	<u>6,451.18</u>
Bank Accounts as at 31.10.21		
Treasurers Account	0	4016.68
Deposit Account		1.14
Current Account	972.26	2,433.36
	<u>972.26</u>	<u>6,451.18</u>

On 1 October 2020 the following assets were gifted to the charity by the original Ermine Street Guard Charity No 800014

	£
Land Rover Discovery	10,000.00
Trailers	1,800.00
Armour and Equipment	45,000.00
Workshop Tools	150.00
Office and Bunk Room Items	250.00
Books	250.00

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Annual General Meeting 2020

Secretary's Report

Our 2020 season began normally enough with four members making a return visit to Weston Super Mare Museum. This was a job very well done with a good public attendance representing greater visitor numbers than previously.

Following that the usual weekend for full and prospective members took place at HQ on the 29th Feb/1st March. Some filming involving legionaries and cavalry for Corinium Museum's revamped galleries took place. Unfortunately, one of the new recruits managed to slip and break his hip. On the Saturday evening members enjoyed a meal at the Cheese Rollers pub in Shurdington. One of the topics of conversation was the flu like outbreak spreading across Europe from China. On Sunday, the membership voted on the position of Vexillarius and David Hare was duly appointed. Members not able to attend the weekend had previously been invited to vote by email. A mandate was also granted to Centurio to exercise his choice in the appointment of Optio, as had been the practice in the Roman Army.

After that things rapidly went downhill following the national lockdown as, one by one, our planned events were cancelled. Thus, our visits to Vindolanda for the opening of the Robin Birley Archaeological Centre and later in the season for the Trust's 50th Anniversary, to Wrest Park, Cirencester Amphitheatre and "Schwerter, Brot und Spiele" at Xanten all became casualties to the pandemic. The Committee made the decision to postpone the AGM until early 2021.

However, the group was not completely inactive as lockdown was eased and the Tier system came into place. Centurio and Brian Jacobs made a promotional video for visitors to the reopened Corinium Museum. Several members helped with the preparation and construction of new storage facilities for the large trailer and artillery equipment. This was to be situated in the old Solari pig pens. Work took place over a period of a few weeks when contact and travel regulations allowed, so that the work progressed with a minimum of members at any one time. Those involved were Chris Haines, Tim Haines, Tony Segalini, Tom James, Andy Ross, John Hindle, John Cosh, Karl Schneider and Eric

Dinwoodie. Grateful thanks to all for helping with a very worthwhile project which will certainly ease the tasks of loading and unloading and enable better storage for our large equipment. The new facilities came into use in mid-November.

Income for the season was obviously minimal with so few events but several members sent in excess of their requested subscription dues and for this generosity we are very grateful.

Our Celtic kit was loaned to a film company with whom Jez Marren has a connection and this has brought in revenue.

We continue to be grateful to Chris Haines for his diligent administration of the society which has meant that we have had no serious concerns over the viability of the group in these uncertain times.

Even now plans for the new season are very uncertain. We have confirmed bookings for Vindolanda on Aug 7/8th and Xanten for the Limes anniversary on Oct 2nd/3rd. We have had a tentative enquiry from Chalke Valley History Festival in June and last year's hosts are to be contacted. How the season will pan out still remains to be seen!

Hilary Fleming - Secretary

Treasurers Report

Please see attached the accounts for the period ended 31 October 2020.

The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) took over the activities of the old charity (charity number 800014) from 1 November 2019. As such the new CIO paid for the insurance for the displays and all the other operating costs of The Ermine Street Guard from that date. Because of delays caused by the Covid 19 pandemic it was not possible to complete the transfer of assets including the cash, vehicle, and equipment from the old charity before the end of the accounting period.

The lack of fee income reflects the severe curtailment of the charities ability to do displays in 2020 due to Covid 19. The donation of £4,644.54 was made by the old charity to enable the new charity to function while the transfer of assets is completed.

Travel costs in 2020 include a trip made by Chris Haines and Rod Sayers to meet with the senior management team at Xanten, Germany to agree the arrangements for the display in 2020 that was subsequently cancelled. Other costs reflect the ongoing expenditure of the CIO that needed to be met irrespective of whether displays take place.

It is expected that the cash, vehicle, and asset transfer will take place shortly, following charity commission approval. However, it is unclear how much cash will be gifted because the old charity still has outstanding invoices to meet.

In view of the uncertain position for the 2021 season the CIO will continue to keep a tight control over costs and review what expenditure needs to be made especially as insurance for displays is such a significant cost.

Rod Sayers - Treasurer

Chairman's Remarks

When members gathered at Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall in November 2019 no one had a clue as to what lay ahead. The HQ weekend took place at the end of February 2020 and once again members did not have much idea of what was in store. Very soon the first lock down started and I for one thought we would be displaying again by August. That was not to be and here we are a year later and still in lock down.

The vaccine programme, hopefully, shows there is light at the end of the tunnel. The more of us who are vaccinated the closer comes the day we can resume our activities.

Financially we are holding our own. However, by the time we get going again there will not be much in the kitty. Some members have still to pay their subscription for the coming year and one member still owes for last year. I remind members that anyone not up to date with their subscription are not able to vote for trustees or committee members.

At present we have two venues on this year's programme which are far enough ahead for us to hope they will happen. The first is a part turnout at Vindolanda on August the 7th and 8th. The second is at Xanten on the 1st and 2nd of October to support the opening of a Limes Exhibition. As expected, going abroad after Brexit will involve a load of extra paperwork which we could have done without. You will have seen the problems musicians and others are having with visas. We will have to get an ATA carnet and prove what we take abroad we

will bring back again. Hopefully, things will be a lot easier and clearer by October.

This is our 49th year and we must start thinking what we will do to mark our 50th year. Over the years we have overcome many problems, although none on the scale of Covid. I am sure we will overcome this latest problem and will be marching again later in 2021.

Chris Haines MBE - Chairman

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Income & Expenditure Statement for the period to 31.10.20

	2020
	£
Income	
Deposits	
Displays	400.00
Bad Debt	
Donations	4,644.54
Filming	-
Interest	-
Sales	70.00
Schools	0.00
Other	110.81
Subscriptions and Social	2,325.50
	<u>7,550.85</u>
Expenditure	
Administration	-
Computer	89.99
AGM	-
Charges	-
Internet	37.00
Display Equipment	75.00
HQ week end	-
Insurance	1,853.65
Materials	626.22
Rent & Salary	-
Stock of sales	-
Subscriptions (YHA)	-
Sweat Shirts	-
Telephone	647.06
Travel Costs	1,364.30
Vehicle Costs	1,255.70
Electricity	474.00
Donations	-
Exercitus and Newsletter	-
Other display costs	93.61
Awards	-
Miscellaneous	62.06
	<u>6,578.59</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	972.26
Bank Position at Commencement	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	972.26
Bank Position at 31.10.20	<u>972.26</u>
Bank Accounts as at 31.10.20	
Current Account	972.26
	<u>972.26</u>