



Registered Charity 1188392

Chairman's Report 2023/24

Introduction

It is my great pleasure to write the ninth Chairman's report for NAP.

Trustees and Membership

For the past year, the Trustees have been: Patrick Candler, (Chairman); David Newport, (Vice-Chairman); Sue Longden, (Treasurer); Stephen Walker and Anne Garfoot. Emma Terry is our Secretary.

The City Council has been represented by Rachael Evans, Mick Smurthwaite, Ron Inglis and Sophie Hollinshead.

NAP members have participated in several of the fund-raising meetings held during the course of the year.

Governance

NAP is formally registered as a Charity. Our Governance model is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which will help us with fund raising and give us greater credence with potential sponsors and funders.

World Monuments Fund

During the course of the past year, we have remained in contact with the WMF. Our main link, John Darlington, is no longer the Chief Executive, but he remains supportive of the work that we do.

Fund Raising

During the course of the year, a key interest has been to determine what we could do to support the work of the City Council with its repairs and funding programme for the 'Roof Appeal'. We have been in discussions with the Council as they are in the process of submitting a new capital bid under the MEND programme to invest in significant improvements to the Abbey, and, as part of their funding application, they will need to evidence community support.

This is part of a longer term commitment on behalf of the Partnership, and assuming that applications are approved, a notional target of £40k has been indicated for NAP to achieve over a four year period.

We organised several meetings to discuss a range of fundraising ideas and options and early activities included a plant and bookstall held over the week-end of the Byron Bash in April and then a stand at the Gedling Summer Fair in June. We have acquired a Sum-Up card reader to allow for electronic payments.

Furthermore, NAP has commissioned some certificated wood carvings from the Byron Oak and David Newport has got his Shades of Heroes book re-printed as new fund raising memorabilia.

April 2024 – bi-centenary of Byron's Death

As part of the commemorative events, NAP members were present for a musical performance at St. Mary's Church in Hucknall and laid a wreath. David Newport re-worked the format of the Life of Byron which was performed at the Bromley House Library, who kindly donated part of their entrance fee to the 'Life and Death of Lord Byron ' event.

Communications

This is still an area that requires some improvement, and consideration has been given to how best this can be achieved. We need to think of ways of getting the NAP message out and meeting the requirements and aspirations of NAP members and non-members.

The Future

We recognise that there is still a lot of work to do and there is very good potential for NAP to be at the forefront of developing a greater protection, preservation and promotion of Newstead Abbey.

Thanks

It is always appropriate at this juncture to thank all those who have supported the work of the NAP in whatever way they can.

The Executive Committee has worked throughout the year to keep the organisation going, but a number of colleagues have now indicated that they would wish to stand down from their positions. Sue Longden is leaving the Partnership as our Treasurer and I would like to say a special word of thanks for all she has done on our behalf. Similarly, Emma Terry (Secretary) and Anne Garfoot (Minute taker) who have been great supporters will also be moving on. We wish them all well in whatever they may be doing.

We are grateful for the support of the City Council and staff at the Abbey who give us constructive advice and guidance.

Our funder, the World Monuments Fund, remains influential and without whose support we would not be where we are today.

Special thanks must go to all the volunteer helpers who have staffed the stalls at events and those readers who have given up a lot of time for rehearsals and the performances.

And finally, to all Members of NAP who have been part of the group in their support for the improvements to Newstead Abbey.

Dr Patrick Candler
Chairman, NAP.
2.9.24



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1st SEPTEMBER 2023 - 31st AUGUST 2024

INCOME

Membership Fees	£120
Donations	£686.22
Hucknall Tourism (£100)	
S. Freeman (£500)	
Miscellaneous (£86.22)	
Book & Plant Sales	£392
Byron 200 Stall (£313)	
Arnott Hill Park Stall (79)	
Bromley House	£187.23
Ticket Sales from Byron Poetry Reading	
Sale of Books	£250
(Shades of Heroes)	

EXPENDITURE

September 2023 AGM Expenses	£60
N.L.H.A Annual Membership	£15
Byron 200 Wreath	£25
(Laid at the Byron Tomb)	
Zurich Insurance	£96
Newstead Abbey Partnership Public Liability Insurance	
Sumup Card Reader	£94.80

TOTAL INCOME **£1635.45**

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **£290.80**

OPENING BALANCE 1/9/2023

£1785.13

CLOSING BALANCE 31/8/2024

£3129.78