

Orders and Medals Research Society (“OMRS”)  
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (1199514)

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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**ORDERS AND MEDALS RESEARCH SOCIETY  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

Objectives

The object of the OMRS is to “advance the education of the public in the subject of orders, decorations and medals and all matters related thereto, dedicated to the memory and honour of the original recipients, by:

- a) assisting members and general public in their research
- b) actively encouraging and publishing to the general public the results of individual research
- c) arranging lectures and meetings for the benefit of the general public, and
- d) by any other means as the trustees in their discretion shall determine”

Achievements

Following His Majesty The King's accession a major review of more than 1,000 Royal Patronages and charity Presidencies was undertaken. To mark the first anniversary of Their Majesties' Coronation, the conclusions were announced and the OMRS were honoured to have King Charles III remain as its Patron. A “thorough review” was undertaken and some 200 patronages were not retained.

During the year four journals were produced with a wealth of quality articles pertaining to medal research.

Although no new publications were released in the year, the OMRS has 18 publications available to the general public.

No physical convention was held in the year but preparations are underway for one in September 2024. A virtual convention was held in February 2024 and it is hoped this will be a regular event.

After a shaky start the new “virtual” branch is picking up and we hope this will be an alternative to those who cannot make one of the 16 physical branches.

The Research Library, hosted by our partners SDS, has been completely overhauled with improved functionality. Approximately 70% of the Tamplin Archive has been sorted and prepared for scanning, while some 50% has actually been scanned. Additional material will be released to members periodically. The Journals for 2020-2023 inclusive have also been uploaded and made available for members.

Social media platforms continue to grow and provide a platform to share knowledge and assist research.

Finally, a new website and membership system was launched. This was necessitated by the previous platform no longer being supported. The new platform is built with more generic software with a much larger user system so will be more robust and last longer. As with any new systems there are teething problems.

Structure

The OMRS is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”).

The OMRS has no physical address, but correspondence can be sent to 71-75 Shelton Street, London, WC2H 9JQ but much preferably emailed to [generalsecretary@omrs.org](mailto:generalsecretary@omrs.org).

Financial Review

The accounts show the financial position at the end of the year is healthy. The intention is that reserves should be a minimum of 6 months expenditure. Currently the reserves are substantially higher but are being reduced through projects underway to digitise the Tamplin Archives and upgrade the current website and associated software necessitated by the previous version being de-supported – the latter largely been completed in the current year.

It is the intent of the trustees to breakeven before any exceptional items - this was achieved in the current year but made easier by not having a physical convention.

#### Trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual general meeting of the members of the CIO for terms of three years. The trustees appoint from amongst their number the Officer positions of President & Chair, General Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer.

Trustee Name and office	Dates acted if not full year	Re-election
Robin Thomas (Chair & President)	From 10/9/2022	2024
Robert Barltrop	From 10/9/2022 to 18/2/2024	
Steve Butler (Membership Secretary)	From 10/9/2022	2026
Robert Coyle	From 01/7/2023 to 07/1/2024	
Richard Emsley	From 10/9/2022	2024
Graham Grist (General Secretary)	From 10/9/2022	2024
Andrew Mann	From 10/9/2022	2026
Paul Murphy	From 10/9/2022 to 27/7/2024	
Graham Pitchfork	From 10/9/2022	2024
Jonathan Toohey (Treasurer)	From 10/9/2022	2026
Steve Trigger	From 03/8/2024	2024

#### Declarations

Approved by the Trustees on 3 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Robin Thomas – Chair



Graham Grist - Secretary

**ORDERS AND MEDALS RESEARCH SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£	£	£
Subscriptions received			37,489		36,661
Journal	- advertising	9,556		10,312	
	- production	(15,051)		(14,226)	
	- distribution	(11,267)		(11,307)	
	- journal prizes	(800)		(800)	
	- indexing	(400)	(17,962)	(400)	(16,421)
Convention	- income	0		12,327	
	- expenses	(182)	(182)	(27,266)	(14,939)
Books	- income	775		620	
	- expenses	(174)	601	(2,745)	(2,125)
Ribbons	- income	902		1,890	
	- expenses	(242)	660	(883)	1,006
Other	- income	265		625	
	- expenses	(73)	192	(245)	380
Website			(3,781)		(3,785)
Administration (see below)			(7,254)		(9,004)
Bank interest receivable			2,969		997
<b>Result before exceptional items</b>			<u>12,732</u>		<u>(7,229)</u>
Tamplin Archives			0		(22,692)
Website and systems renewal		(9,950)			
Less accrual		<u>2,500</u>	<u>(7,450)</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>NET RESULT to/(from) General Fund</b>			<u><u>5,282</u></u>		<u><u>(29,921)</u></u>
<b>Administration</b>					
Branch grants			0		(200)
Society awards			(252)		(928)
Room hire			(340)		(320)
Printing, stationery and postage			(783)		(989)
IT equip costs			(283)		0
Insurance			(1,264)		(1,055)
Advertising			(1,485)		(2,015)
Travel expenses			(35)		0
Independent Examination			0		(600)
Communications			(623)		(350)
Sundry expenses			0		(511)
Bank charges			<u>(2,189)</u>		<u>(2,036)</u>
			<u><u>(7,254)</u></u>		<u><u>(9,004)</u></u>

**ORDERS AND MEDALS RESEARCH SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tapprell Dorling Group of Medals		4,014		4,014
President's jewel		29		29
Silver Rose Bowl and Pownall Trophy		1,181		1,181
Equipment - cost	1,000		1,000	
Less: depreciation to date	(1,000)	0	(1,000)	0
		5,224		5,224
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stock of awards	8,818		8,973	
Prepayments	3,608		0	
Debtors	0		0	
Cash at bank	129,193		124,581	
	141,619		133,554	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Income received in advance	16,206		10,147	
Accruals	6,900		10,176	
	23,106		20,323	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		118,513		113,231
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		123,737		118,455
<b>GENERAL UNRESTRICTED FUND</b>				
Brought forward 1 July 2023/2022		118,455		148,376
Net surplus for the year		5,282		(29,921)
Balance of fund at 30 June 2024/2023		123,737		118,455

Approved by the trustees on 3 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

President *R Thomas*

Treasurer *J Toohey*

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

FRS 102 is used as the basis for these accounts and prepared with the needs of the charity's stakeholders in mind. As a smaller charity, it has opted, as permitted by FRS 102, to present expenditure by its nature.

The accounts are prepared on the historical cost convention and the accruals basis (except that stocks of ribbons, binders and old journals are expensed when purchased).

**2. FIXED ASSETS**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Certain assets are not depreciated being the Taprell-Dorling medals, presidents jewel and trophies.

**3. TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

No trustees, officers or executive committee members received any remuneration. Expenses incurred by them on behalf of the OMRS are reimbursed. There are no employees.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ORDERS AND MEDALS RESEARCH SOCIETY**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Orders and Medals Research Society (charity no 1199514) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

### **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 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 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.

*Paul Lane*

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4 August 2024