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Activities

Objects: 'THE PROMOTION OF THE STUDY OF YORKSHIRE'S PAST THROUGH THE EXAMINATION, PRESERVATION, AND ILLUSTRATION OF THE HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE, ANTIQUITIES, MANNERS, CUSTOMS, ARTS, AND TRADITIONS OF THE COUNTY OF YORK; AND ESPECIALLY THE COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, MANUSCRIPTS, DEEDS, ENGRAVINGS, DRAWINGS, COINS, ANTIQUITIES, AND OTHER OBJECTS RELATING TO OR BEARING UPON THE HISTORY, ANTIQUITIES, OR TOPOGRAPHY OF THE COUNTY. (SEE YAHS MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION FOR FULL DETAILS.)

Activities: EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OF THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE HISTORIC COUNTY OF YORK

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** YORKSHIRE
- Barnsley
- Bradford City
- Calderdale
- City Of Wakefield
- Doncaster
- East Riding Of Yorkshire
- Kirklees
- Leeds City
- North Yorkshire
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£76,657	£52,665	-	-
2023-12-31	£91,075	£80,506	-	-
2022-12-31	£90,770	£75,445	-	-
2021-12-31	£70,702	£74,074	-	-
2020-12-31	£100,069	£48,073	-	-

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr David John Buck	Chair	2024-06-29
Antony Hunt		2024-06-29
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Dr Stephen John Sherlock		2024-06-29
Gillian Ann Eastabrook		2022-06-11
Ian Daniel Roberts		2018-06-30
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Annual Report

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The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, as prepared by the West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service, are attached after the above pages.

The Society

Objects

"The examination, preservation and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs and Traditions of the historic county of York."

Operation

The Society is a charity and a company run by an elected Management Board who are its Trustees and Directors.

Enquiries

Our website provides several ways to contact the Society according to the nature of your particular enquiry. Alternatively please write to:

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

586

COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF OUR FIVE SPECIALIST SECTIONS

444

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OUR JOURNAL AND RECORD SERIES

Review of the year

Like many organisations we faced increased costs and therefore some financial challenges in the past year, but I am pleased to say that we continued to be able to sustain and extend our activities. We had a small but welcome increase in membership, held a successfully extended Annual General Meeting at the Yorkshire Museum and arranged a first Yorkshire History Conference.

As my predecessor said last year, and as has always been the case, we rely on members willing to give up their time and to use their skills in various ways to run the Society. Some new colleagues have kindly taken up that challenge in recent months, but we should be very pleased to hear from anyone else who might be able to help. And although a goodly number of new trustees joined the Society's Management Board in 2024, we still have some vacancies and would welcome further candidates with a commitment to promoting the study of Yorkshire's fascinating past.

David Buck
President@yahs.org.uk

We collect

OUR ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY BOOKS

This year has not been entirely plain sailing for our archives, as the Brotherton Library suffered a flood in Special Collections in early January which necessitated the closure and removal to safety of some of our material. However, swift action was taken to deal with the problem, with no cost to the Society. Repairs to the affected area are expected to be completed shortly and access restored. The items which were removed for safekeeping will be returned in due course, after appropriate inspection and treatment.

Work has been continuing to prepare a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for conservation of up to twenty late eighteenth-century court rolls of the manor of Wakefield. We had a project in the 1990s to restore 100 early rolls written on parchment, but the later rolls, which are on paper, are a much more extensive problem. We will need to raise more than £250,000 to carry out the work, so we will be planning a major fundraising effort in 2025.

We are pleased to report that the cataloguing of our library books has been completed and they are available either on the open shelves in the Brotherton Library or in Special Collections. A guide to how to access them has been placed on our website.



Detail from the Darrington Estate Plan, a new acquisition (see next page)

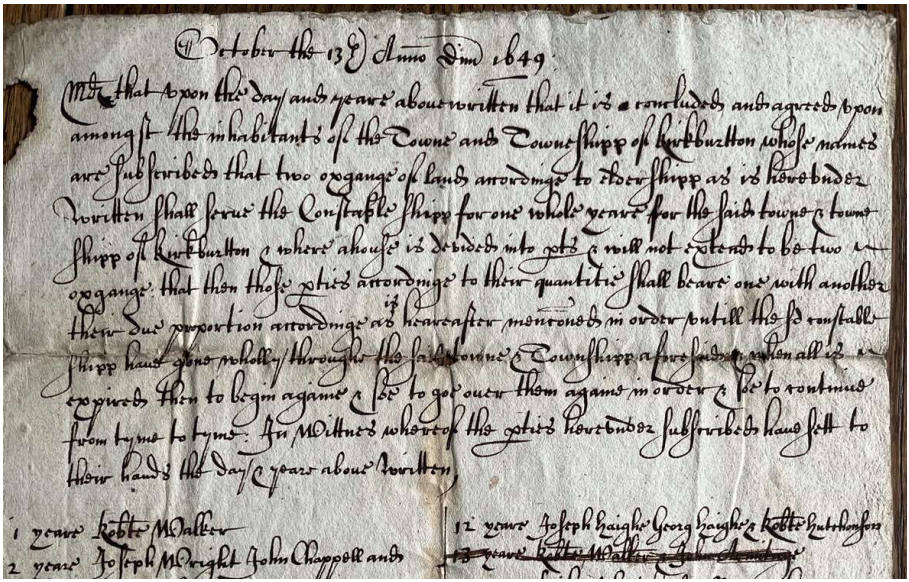
We collect

Our archives and library books continued

A number of welcome additions to the collections have been received, including a fine estate plan of Darrington dating from 1757, with other later items from the estate, two nineteenth-century deeds from Burley in Wharfedale, and a fine collection of drawings, mainly of Yorkshire buildings and landmarks by George Walker of Harrogate (1906-87).

Further reports have also been added to the archive of the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group.

Sylvia Thomas
Honorary Collections Liaison Officer



Agreement as to service as Constable of Kirkburton 13 October 1649
YAHS Collections

We publish

THE SOCIETY RECORD SERIES

As was the case in 2023 regrettably it was not possible to publish a new volume in the Record Series in 2024. However, I am now in the happy position for a general editor of having four volumes (one of which might turn out to be a double volume) in fairly advanced stages of preparation, one of which will likely to go to the press in the latter part of 2025. This will be Professor Jessica Malay's edition of estate and other letters of Lady Anne Clifford. This should appear in the winter of 2025-6. I hope that a second series volume will appear later in 2026.

We need to reinforce the Record Series committee with new members. The work is not onerous, but we do look for individuals with a commitment to (and perhaps experience of) record publication. Committee members with a background in publishing would also be valuable to us. If you would like to join us, or can suggest individuals we should co-opt to our numbers, please get in touch.

There is also the need to do some forward planning for the series and commission (or accept) projects which might come to fruition in the next few years. Record transcription and editing is not a quick business and the series needs to be planning now for volumes appearing in the next decade. During the year the Record Series committee approved a list of areas in which we would welcome volumes. The list isn't prescriptive: it does make suggestions and it certainly indicates the type of proposal we would like to receive. The list can be found at https://www.yas.org.uk/Publications/The-Record-Series

Richard Hoyle
General Editor

We publish

YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL JOURNAL

In addition to circulation to the Society's membership in printed form, the total number of article downloads for 2024 from the Taylor and Francis website was 8874. One Open Access article was funded through Wessex Archaeology. Reports relating to commercial archaeology covered Late Prehistoric and Roman period discoveries in South and North Yorkshire, including a further contribution to developer-funded work in advance of major infrastructure projects in the Rossington area. The breadth of archaeological activity in the county was illustrated by a reappraisal of the twelfth century building at Burton Agnes in East Yorkshire, and research that came into the twentieth century with an HLF-funded community project to examine the Gamekeeper's Cottage on the Harewood estate near Knaresborough. A short note discussed the late-1930s discovery of a rare bone stylus, revealing unique evidence from the antiquarian exploration of caves near Settle, North Yorkshire, for writing during the Roman period.

The three history articles ranged in their coverage from the fourteenth century to the nineteenth. The 1399 inquisition into York's county-wide monopoly of weaving provided rich evidence to locate the spread of textile workers in some detail, and better understand that trade's organisation. A second article unpicks confusion surrounding improvements to navigation on the River Don above Doncaster before statutory measures started in 1726. It concludes that many of the claims for earlier uses are without foundation.

The final piece reinforces the importance of Richard Mitchell's short tenure as first secretary of the Coal Miners' Association, 1858-1864. It highlights in particular the battles to achieve fair pay for miners, which was determined by output, and the bitter relations with owners and other officials.

Three archaeological book reviews considered publications on the activities of independent flint collectors on the North York Moors, a major developer-funded project at Adwick le Street, Doncaster, and a community project to record and interpret the wealth of information that can be gleaned from drystone walls in the uplands, funded by the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership.

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We publish

Yorkshire Archaeological Journal continued

History book reviews include a catalogue of the corpus of medieval stained glass in West Yorkshire; a study of Ogleforth, a neighbourhood in central York; and a re-publication of one of W.B. Crump's lesser-known gems, The Little Hill Farm, along with a biography and bibliography of this great figure of Yorkshire landscape and much else.



Yorkshire Archaeological Journal

A REVIEW OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE COUNTY

Volume 96 2024

Edited by Gillian Cookson and Roger Martlew

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We meet, we learn

PREHISTORY RESEARCH

In March 2024 our AGM was preceded by a talk from Dr Rebecca Ellis-Haken, University of York, on Animals and Humans in the La Tène art of England and Wales, with special reference to Yorkshire. We welcomed Reb along with Debbie Hallam and Paula Ware to join our Committee and Tony Hunt as our new Vice-Chair and Treasurer. A vote of thanks went to John Cruse for stewarding the Section's finances over the last 20 years.

In June our Members' Morning at Swarthmore was well attended to hear Dr Steve Sherlock talk about 'An Introduction to the Neolithic Saltern at Street House', and Tony Hunt, Nova Lee and Tracy Green swayed members to think about their 'Community Investigation - is there a Hammerton Henge?"

In September at our annual joint meeting with The Prehistoric Society, in collaboration with Leeds City Museum, Dr Jake Rowland from Southampton University spoke on 'Beyond Symbols of Power: Life in Middle Neolithic grave goods in Eastern Yorkshire'. The event and museum venue encourages wider public participation and attracted a large audience, which may have influenced the 20 new members who joined the Society and PRS Section this year.

In December members and guests explored the 'Star Carr: Life After Ice' exhibition at the Yorkshire Museum in York, when Dr Adam Parker, Curator of Archaeology, led a tour and shared his knowledge of the site and its artefacts.



Right: Excavation of the Neolithic saltern at Street House in 2019

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We meet, we learn

Preshistory Research continued



Drone image of Street House Late Neolithic - Early Branze Age site 21, excavated in summer 2024

Unfortunately, inclement weather meant our Christmas meeting at Swarthmore had to be cancelled. Weather patterns in Yorkshire Dales National Park earlier in the year also curtailed plans for a fieldtrip, led by Yvonne Luke, to view a prehistoric monument complex and cairn field at Sleights Pasture, Ribblehead.

'Prehistoric Yorkshire No 62' was circulated to section members in the New Year. As the trial availability of a digital version of this volume proved attractive to many members, it was decided that next year, all members will gain access to a digital copy of PY 63, with the printed copy being only available by request.

No grants were requested in 2024, but the budgeted funds have been held over for future applicants. The Yorkshire Quern Survey has now recorded 9,170 stones and dealt with 16 queries from the general public about 84 querns. In addition, 36 objects from six different sites were recorded for commercial units.

Yvonne Boutwood
Chair, Prehistory Research Section

We meet, we learn

ROMAN ANTIQUITIES

Once again this year, we held most of our lectures online with only one live.

- In January 2024 we had Ellie Maw on Harpham Roman Villa.
- In March, Dr. Jane Richardson gave us an update on the Roman cemetery found at Garforth.
- Our live meeting was again in May with Professor Martin Millett updating us on Roman Aldborough, followed by the Annual General Meeting, with the return of the Officers.
- September - Professor James Gerrard (School of History, Classics, and Archaeology Newcastle University) - The Knaresborough Hoard of 1884
- November - Dr Peter Halkon. (Co-Director Petuaria ReVisited Project, Chair ERAS) – Recent Discoveries in Roman Brough.

Jo Heron, Section Secretary



Petuaria 2024
The D shaped bastion projecting from the northeast corner of the main wall, similar to those added at each side of the north gate excavated by Wacher at Brough House (Wacher 1969)

We meet, we learn

MEDIEVAL STUDIES

Our lecture programme for 2024 covered a wide a variety of topics.

- January - Clare Burridge spoke about Historical Medicine.
- February - John Jenkins talked about York's Medieval Guidhall.
- March - Kate Giles on the Medieval Wall Paintings of Pickering Church.
- April - Eleanor Rye spoke about Place-names, language, and early medieval landscapes. The Section AGM followed the lecture, with the existing Section Officers being returned.
- May - Jane Richardson from the West Yorkhire Archaeology Service talked about medieval archaeological finds at Garforth, Leeds.
- October - David Hunter reported on recent work at a manorial site at Micklefield.
- November - Jo Ferris of the Conisborough Research and Archaeology Group, talked about the DMV at Firsby Hall (a community archaeology project).
- The final meeting in December 2024 was led by Peter Brears on Dining in the Hall. Peter set the scene of high class dining in the Medieval period and showed how the table would be set for a dinner.

Issue 10 of '*Medieval Yorkshire' (*2023) was published in late 2024.

Jo Heron
Secretary, Medieval Section

We meet, we learn

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

Six talks were held in 2024 plus a members' session. These were all held in-person at Swarthmore and made available by Zoom. The social aspect of the in-person meetings is most gratifying. The talks were as follows:

- The Builders of Road Steam Engines in Leeds - Derek Rayner
- An Industrial History of Goole in Old Picture Postcards - Stephen Walker
- The History of Rowntrees - Karen Adams
- Wakefield's Railways and their Associated Industries – presented at short notice by Jane Ellis on behalf of Phil Judkins who was indisposed
- Designating Industrial Heritage Sites for Historic England Listing - Eric Branse-Instone
- The History of the English Canals - Eric Jackson

As is often the case, the questions and answers after the talks were as interesting as the talks themselves. Thanks must go to Jane Ellis, as ever, for arranging a good and varied programme and to our Vice-chair, Dr John Suter, for his technical expertise (and patience when all was not well with Zoom!).

Our new Newsletter editor, Andrew Milsom, produced three issues which were sent to members generally by email or in a few cases posted. Articles covered a wide spectrum of industrial topics, as always thanks go to Andrew and the contributors. The Eric Branse-Instone talk was particularly welcome because it linked to the success of member Jane Ellis' campaign to get English Heritage Grade II* listing for the Flockton Wagonway Viaduct (see map on next page) The remains of a wooden industrial line, probably from the 1790s, it is arguably the world's earliest surviving railway viaduct.

Finally, thanks must be given to those who have willingly given their time and expertise to enable the Section to function.

Bill Jagger
Chair, Industrial History Section

(*Additional material on next page*)

We meet, we learn

Industrial History continued

Industrial Heritage Online

A small group of members are actively contributing data to the IHO Project Group, and as of 31st March 2025, the website contained 27,708 records and 7,606 images. This is an increase of 6,448 records (30%) and 1,393 images (22%) during the year. As such, it remains by far **the largest volunteer-created and maintained database of Industrial Heritage Sites in the country,** and this is a major credit to everyone who has contributed. IHO can be explored either via the link on the YAHS website or directly at **https://www.industrialhistoryonline.co.uk/yiho/**

A new release of the website will be going live in the Spring of 2025, and this will give members improved access to the data, which now covers the whole of England, Scotland and Wales. The group has also been invited to present the website at the Association of Industrial Archaeology Annual Conference in Bradford this September.

Dr John Suter, Vice-Chair, Industrial History Section



Map image: National Library of Scotland / Ordnance Survey Six Inch 1830s-1880s

We meet, we learn

FAMILY HISTORY

A small group of members continued to work to keep the Section's activities running, so that an informative lecture programme was once again arranged, and the latest Yorkshire Family Historian issues produced. In addition, a small number of ad hoc enquiries from fellow family historians around the UK and the world were received and help given where possible.

The Section continued its membership of the Family History Federations both in Yorkshire and nationally to maintain a contact with societies, topics and research resources on a wider scale and exchanged journals with a range of other groups.

The Lecture programme during 2024 covered a wide range of topics on local and social history, as well Family History research methods. Subjects included:

- The History of Armley Mills, by Aleks Fagelman, Assistant Community Curator, Leeds Industrial Museum, who linked the development of the Mills and the histories of their occupants
- Preserve Your Memories - Charting the 1960s using one of the top ten for each year - by Malcolm Johnson, who discussed the social changes of the 1960s through the music of the era;
- Interpreting Death Certificates, by Carolyn Huston;
- Family History from Seventeenth Century Woodhouse and the Manor of Leeds, by Janice Heppenstall;
- From Cradle to Grave. A Lifetime of Sources. How many have you used?', by Jackie Depelle;
- A Virtual Tour of Pudsey, by Christine Throp of Pudsey Civic Society;
- A Working Life in Leeds, by Lorraine Harding;
- Send Them Back Home, by Jane Abramson, about how the vital role played by women in WW1 changed their lives forever.
- A Museum Advent Calendar, by Kitty Ross, Curator of Leeds History/ Social History at Leeds Museums & Art Galleries

David Buck,
Family History Section

We give

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2024

New awards to a value of £10,675 were made to eight out of the nine applications made to the Society grants scheme in 2024. Final claims to a value of £2,000 from previous awards are awaited.

A wide range of projects has been funded by the scheme, with 40% of the available fund providing technical support for the fifth season of the community excavations at Roman Brough on Humber (Petruaria ReVisited).

Significant awards have also been made to the Historic Towns Trust, towards the cost of producing an Historical Map of Bradford, in the city's Year of Culture 2025, and to the Aldborough Roman Town Project, for the environmental analysis of soil samples recovered from some of the earliest Roman deposits encountered during the excavations carried out between 2019 and 2023. Funding was also provided for the services of professional illustrators, for an article on Roman pierced spoons, many of which are from Yorkshire, which appears in this year's volume of the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal.

Two awards have been made for radiocarbon dating of material recovered from the recent Neolithic and Bronze Age excavations at Loftus, Cleveland, and the early medieval settlement excavations in Upper Ribblesdale. The remaining two grants have facilitated young academics' attendance and participation at conferences: the Neolithic Salt Conference at Street House, Loftus; and the Neolithic and Early Bronze Age Research Student Symposium at the University of Bradford.

In addition, The Prehistory Research Section has made an award from the Society's Aerial Archaeology Fund towards the cost of the Sheffield conference entitled 'Exploring Archaeological Landscapes: Celebrating the Legacy of Derrick Riley and William Arnold Baker'.

Ian Roberts,
Honorary Grants Officer

We communicate

PROMOTION OF THE SOCIETY

The Society Promotions Group assists in publicising the Society and its activities; membership recruitment, and organising events and activities to complement those of sections. It brings together work on specific communications channels such as Briefing (our members' magazine), our website and our Facebook page.

In 2024, we revived and modernised the 'Programme of Events' booklet that had been discontinued during Covid, produced a new membership leaflet and a new 'pop up' banner. Society representatives attended events including the Yorkshire Heritage Summit in Hull, the Dales Archaeology Day in Grassington, and the International Medieval Congress in Leeds.

During the year Group members worked with others from across the Society to develop the membership offer. Initiatives included setting up a trial members-only section of the website (for the Prehistory Research Section initially); improving guidance on accessing our library and archives; continuing the online summer lecture series; a first annual Yorkshire History Conference; and sharing experience and expertise in running online and hybrid talks. We also conducted a survey to better understand members' experience and to inform future planning.

Gillian Eastabrook
Promotions Group

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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
David Asquith	President (to June 2024)	
Kirsty Anne Louise Cox	Treasurer	
Dr Gillian Cookson		
Gillian Ann Eastabrook		
Professor Richard William Hoyle		
Ian Daniel Roberts		
Sylvia Thomas		
Jan Petrus Maria Costima		
	Company secretary.	
Dr David John Buck	President (from June 2024)	Appointed 29 June 2024
Antony Mark Hunt		Appointed 29 June 2024
Dr Kathryn Mary Streatfield		Appointed 29 June 2024
Dr Stephen John Sherlock		Appointed 29 June 2024
Dr Neil Andrew Cookson		Appointed 29 June 2024
Dr Axel Erhard Wilhelm Muller		Resigned 29 June 2024
David Brear		Resigned 29 June 2024

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 7 March 1893. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association which were amended by special resolutions 25 March 1935, 29 April 1949. 24 October 1970, 19 June 1993, 26 September 2015 and 30 June 2018. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding ten shillings.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also the directors for the purposes of company law and are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects for which the Society is established are:-

(a) The taking over of the property, effects, and liabilities of the present unincorporated Association known as The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Association.

(b) The examination, preservation, and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs, Arts and Traditions of the county of York; and especially the collection and preservation of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, deeds, engravings, drawings, coins, antiquities, and other objects relating to or bearing upon the History, Antiquities, or Topography of the county.

(c) The acquisition by donation, purchase, or otherwise, of a Library and a Museum, and the use, maintenance and extension of such Library and Museum.

(d) The holding of meetings for the reading of papers, the exhibition of antiquities, and other objects, and the discussion of subjects connected with any of the objects of the Society.

(e) The holdings of meetings at, and for the inspection and examination of places rendered interesting by their antiquities, architecture, or associations, or for any other reason.

(f) The acquisition by purchase, taking on lease, tenancy, or otherwise, of lands and buildings, and any other property, real and personal, for any estate, term, or interest, which the Society for the purposes thereof may from time to time think proper to acquire, and which may lawfully be held by them subject to the provisions of the 21st section of the Companies Act, 1862; and the re-sale, leasing, letting, management, surrender, or disposition of any such property for any of the purposes of the Society, or for any purpose which may be thought incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects of the Society.

(g) The transcription, abstracting, reproduction, printing, publication, and sale of books, pamphlets, journals, transactions, prints, engravings, and other matters, by subscription or otherwise, and the payment of all usual and necessary expenses thereof.

(h) The borrowing of money for the purposes of the Society, and the execution of mortgages and other securities to secure the monies so borrowed, with interest thereon.

(i) The granting of money towards the cost of exploring and preserving ancient buildings and other objects of antiquity, or for the furthering of any of the objects of the Society.

(k) The doing of all other lawful things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

The charity's main activities

The primary objective of the YAHS is the promotion of the study of Yorkshire’s past through archaeology and history.

The activities of the Society are aimed at fulfilling its aims and objectives. During 2024 the Society pursued these activities through its programme of conferences, lecture series and other events, through the production of publications, and through the promotion of research into the archaeology and history of the historic county of Yorkshire via the award of grants and directly. Through its special interest Sections, the Society also once again catered for those people interested in studying and researching specific topics and periods. Lecture programmes resumed on an in-person basis, although given the success of the online delivery of lectures in previous years (brought in due to Covid), many sessions continued to be made available online, thereby boosting the reach of the Society's programme.

Public benefit statement

In undertaking their responsibilities as trustees, and therefore in setting objectives and planning and overseeing the Society's activities, the members of the Management Board bear in mind the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, bearing in mind the Society's primary objective to promote the study of Yorkshire's past through archaeology and history, the trustees are confident that appropriate public benefit has accrued in the past year through activities such as the provision of public access to the Society's archives, the promotion of opportunities to learn about archaeology and history via conferences, lectures and exhibitions, and the availability of grant funding to support the archaeological and historical research.

The charity operates to advance the arts, culture, heritage or science and the advancement of education.

Achievements and performance

The Society continued to publish new work in 2024. Volume 96 of the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* was produced in the late summer. Volume 62 of *Prehistoric Yorkshire* was produced, as were further issues of the Society's magazine, *Briefing* (volumes 14 and 15) and an edition of *Roman Yorkshire.*

The lecture programme for 2024 was delivered partly in person and partly online. There was continued reluctance on the part of some members to resume attending lectures in person, so the overall number of people attending physically continued to be fewer than before the Covid pandemic. However, lectures continued to be made available on line as well, and the total number of participants held up well. To build on the general success of online sessions, a third series of online-only summer lectures was arranged on weekday evenings in August 2024 on topics including: *Jewish communities and their role in York's history, Forty Sites covering forty decades over Forty Years, When the American War of Independence came to the Yorkshire Coast, Remembering The Vikings, and Historic Building Mythbusting.*

Grants were awarded by the Society to support the following activities:

1. excavation of sites in Upper Ribblesdale (£2000; not claimed in 2024)
2. bursaries for student attendance at Neolithic Salt Conference (£200)
3. excavation and post-excavation work for the Petuaria Revisited project (£4967; £3967 from the main grants fund and £1000 from the Roman Antiquities Section)
4. contribution to cost of publishing Historic Towns Trust map of Bradford (£2,000)
5. the processing and analysis of environmental samples from excavations at Aldborough (£1,800)
6. post-excavation work carried out by CRAG on material from Firsby House Farm (£1690; second tranche of grant GA-038 awarded in 2023)

Financial review

The net income for the year was £56,307, including net income of £51,105 on unrestricted funds, net income of £2,468 on endowment funds, and net income of £2,734 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £143,910.

The Trustees consider that the Society should retain sufficient Reserves so that they can develop long-term strategies and short-term plans to implement the Society's charitable objectives, without being hampered by financial restraints. The Trustees consider that Unrestricted Reserves at a minimum amount of £60,000 should be retained to cover the above requirements per annum.

The Management Board and its Finance Committee continue actively to seek and take advice on the best way to use the investments and income the Society receives. The major part of the Society's assets are now held in the COIF (Charities Investment Fund) of CCLA, as can be seen in the attached accounts.

Reserves policy (continued)

In terms of the investments and the reserves, the objectives expressed by the Trustees were that the investments held should ensure, as far as is practicable, that the real capital value is at least maintained in the long term whilst also providing a sufficient income to ensure that the Society can adequately finance its **charitable intentions**. As an initial benchmark it was expected that a minimum net return of £20,000 would satisfy future income flow with costs of investment management covered before that net income.

In 2016 the Management Board, following Finance Committee proposals, decided that investments should, where practicable and efficient, be managed by third party experts. This approach continues.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of trustees on 12/5/2025

D J Buck (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Alan Dodd FCCA

13/5/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Endowment funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income from:						
Grants	(2)	-	-	-	-	6,056
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid		5,415	-	-	5,415	6,971
Sales, licence fees and royalties		8,387	-	-	8,387	12,119
Subscriptions		21,221	-	-	21,221	24,678
Investment income		38,900	-	2,734	41,634	41,251
Total income		73,923	-	2,734	76,657	91,075
Expenditure on:						
Main Activities						
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal		4,600	-	-	4,600	8,302
Subscriptions / donations paid		717	-	-	717	1,040
Grants awarded		10,657	-	-	10,657	10,939
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursions		5,536	-	-	5,536	3,424
Library and archive collections		536	-	-	536	12,405
Other professional services		-	-	-	-	3,103
Other printed publications		7,223	-	-	7,223	8,282
Digitisation and web services		4,907	-	-	4,907	16,407
Main Activities total		34,176	-	-	34,176	63,902
Administration						
Administrative assistance		3,612	-	-	3,612	3,104
Rent, rates and utilities		7,985	-	-	7,985	7,192
Insurance		1,555	-	-	1,555	1,313
Telephone and broadband		1,076	-	-	1,076	1,011
Postage and stationery		857	-	-	857	864
Other charges		724	-	-	724	365
Printing and photocopying		39	-	-	39	47
Bank charges		391	-	-	391	345
Independent examination		2,250	-	-	2,250	2,363
Administration total		18,489	-	-	18,489	16,604
Total expenditure		52,665	-	-	52,665	80,506
Net gains/(losses) on investments		29,847	2,468	-	32,315	90,065
Net income / (expenditure)		51,105	2,468	2,734	56,307	100,634
Fund balances brought forward		1,325,995	60,766	8,824	1,395,585	1,294,951
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	1,377,100	63,234	11,558	1,451,892	1,395,585

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2024

		2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Endowment £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fixed assets						
Investments	(4)	1,233,190	53,215	-	1,286,405	1,254,090
Total fixed assets		1,233,190	53,215	-	1,286,405	1,254,090
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	(5)	3,738	-	-	3,738	5,470
Cash at bank and in hand		151,629	10,019	11,558	173,206	146,516
Total current assets		155,367	10,019	11,558	176,944	151,986
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors and accruals	(6)	11,457	-	-	11,457	10,491
Total current liabilities		11,457	-	-	11,457	10,491
Net current assets / (liabilities)		143,910	10,019	11,558	165,487	141,495
Net assets		1,377,100	63,234	11,558	1,451,892	1,395,585
Funds						
Unrestricted funds		1,377,100	-	-	1,377,100	1,325,995
Restricted funds	3a	-	-	11,558	11,558	8,824
Endowment funds	3b	-	63,234	-	63,234	60,766
Total funds		1,377,100	63,234	11,558	1,451,892	1,395,585

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 12/5/2025

D J Buck (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Heritage assets

The Society has in its ownership various books and historical documents whether bought through appeals or gifts to it over the years. These assets, being of a historical nature, have not been included on the balance sheet. It is not practical to obtain valuations of such assets held. Historical books and documents are written off to the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis when they are sold or acquired.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

1 Accounting policies continued

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (other than heritage assets) costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income unless restrictions have been imposed by the donor. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Grants and donations

	2024 Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Marc Fitch Fund	-	-	-	1,504
V&A Museum	-	-	-	1,750
Historic England	-	-	-	2,802
	-	-	-	6,056

3a Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Aerial Archaeology	4,285	-	-	-	4,285
Local History Publications	222	-	-	-	222
Yorkshire Quern Survey	1,591	-	-	-	1,591
J D Hicks endowment fund	532	540	-	-	1,072
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	2,194	2,194	-	-	4,388
	8,824	2,734	-	-	11,558

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Aerial Archaeology	For activities in this speciality.
Local History Publications	To be used for purchases of books on the Tudor and Stuart period from funds provided by Dr R T Spence.
Yorkshire Quern Survey	For activities in this speciality.
J D Hicks endowment fund	Income from J D Hicks endowment fund account, for use under the terms of the endowment.
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	Income from Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust endowment fund account, for use under the terms of the endowment.

3b Endowment funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Revaluation	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
J D Hicks endowment fund	38,836	-	-	1,995	40,831
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	21,930	-	-	473	22,403
	60,766	-	-	2,468	63,234

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
J D Hicks endowment fund	To be used for the purchase or repair of books, maps, pamphlets or computer items.
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	To be used towards purchases for the society's library and new publications in the society's "Record Series"

4a Fixed assets investments

	2024 Listed investments	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Balance b/f	1,254,090	1,254,090	1,164,025
Additions	-	-	-
(Disposals)	-	-	-
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	32,315	32,315	90,065
Income generated	41,634	41,634	41,251
(Income transferred out)	(41,634)	(41,634)	(41,251)
Total	1,286,405	1,286,405	1,254,090

4b Analysis of investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
CCLA COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund	9,686	9,428
CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund	9,759	9,544
Preference shares	166,715	159,179
CCLA Claremont Investment	1,100,245	1,075,939
	1,286,405	1,254,090

5 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors	238	1,970
Accrued income	3,500	3,500
	3,738	5,470

6 Creditors and accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	900	900
Accruals	2,250	2,363
Deferred income (see note below for analysis)	8,307	7,228
	11,457	10,491

Deferred income comprises subscriptions and activities received in advance of their due date.

7 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Endowment funds £	2023 Endowment funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income								
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	6,056	-	6,056
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid	5,415	6,971	-	-	-	-	5,415	6,971
Sales, licence fees and royalties	8,387	12,119	-	-	-	-	8,387	12,119
Subscriptions	21,221	24,678	-	-	-	-	21,221	24,678
Investment income	38,900	38,525	-	-	2,734	2,726	41,634	41,251
Total income	73,923	82,293	-	-	2,734	8,782	76,657	91,075
Expenditure								
Main Activities								
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal	4,600	5,500	-	-	-	2,802	4,600	8,302
Subscriptions / donations paid	717	1,040	-	-	-	-	717	1,040
Grants awarded	10,657	10,939	-	-	-	-	10,657	10,939
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursi	5,536	2,342	-	-	-	1,082	5,536	3,424
Library and archive collections	536	10,655	-	-	-	1,750	536	12,405
Other professional services	-	2,443	-	-	-	660	-	3,103
Other printed publications	7,223	8,282	-	-	-	-	7,223	8,282
Digitisation and web services	4,907	14,903	-	-	-	1,504	4,907	16,407
Main activities total	34,176	56,104	-	-	-	7,798	34,176	63,902

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Endowment funds £	2023 Endowment funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Expenditure (continued)								
Administration								
Administrative assistance	3,612	3,104	-	-	-	-	3,612	3,104
Rent, rates and utilities	7,985	7,192	-	-	-	-	7,985	7,192
Insurance	1,555	1,313	-	-	-	-	1,555	1,313
Telephone and broadband	1,076	1,011	-	-	-	-	1,076	1,011
Postage and stationery	857	864	-	-	-	-	857	864
Other charges	724	365	-	-	-	-	724	365
Printing and photocopying	39	47	-	-	-	-	39	47
Bank charges	391	345	-	-	-	-	391	345
Independent examination	2,250	2,363	-	-	-	-	2,250	2,363
Administration total	18,489	16,604	-	-	-	-	18,489	16,604
Total expenditure	52,665	72,708	-	-	-	7,798	52,665	80,506
Net gains/(losses) on investments	29,847	89,383	2,468	682	-	-	32,315	90,065
Net income / (expenditure)	51,105	98,968	2,468	682	2,734	984	56,307	100,634
Fund balances brought forward	1,325,995	1,227,027	60,766	60,084	8,824	7,840	1,395,585	1,294,951
Fund balances carried forward	1,377,100	1,325,995	63,234	60,766	11,558	8,824	1,451,892	1,395,585

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The Society's Library and Archives are available at the University of Leeds Library, where they are held on long-term loan. The Society's Archives and the books in the Society's Library printed in 1850 or before are accessible in the Special Collections department of the University Library. For details or to search the catalogue go to:https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1500/special_collections
The post-1850 books in the Society's Library are available on the open shelves of the University of Leeds Brotherton Library, and all the other books in the University of Leeds Library are accessible to both YAHS members and members of other groups affiliated to the YAHS. Letters of authorisation to enable application for University of Leeds Library cards may be obtained from the Society's office.

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Details of the location and opening times for the University of Leeds Library may be found via: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/locations
The location and opening hours for Special Collections may be found at: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/locations/special-collections

EVENTS PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the Events Programme Year runs from September to August. Lectures usually take place in Leeds, often at the Swarthmore Education Centre, 2-7 Woodhouse Square, Leeds, LS3 1AD. Where possible these are also made available to an online audience.

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The Membership Year runs from January to December and subscriptions for 2026 are due by 31 December 2025. The Yorkshire Archaeological Journal is published each year in August/September.

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The Society

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"The examination, preservation and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs and Traditions of the historic county of York."

Operation

The Society is a charity and a company run by an elected Management Board who are its Trustees and Directors.

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Review of the year

Once again I am pleased to report that for the time being at least we have sufficient income to support our established and ongoing activities and to carry out one-off projects.

Progress continues to be made in terms of reshaping the way in which the Society pursues its general aims and we can be confident that there are more improvements to come.

The Society relies on people willing and able to give of their time and skill in various ways. Most roles are negotiable so I'd be glad to hear from anyone wishing to discuss all or part of the foregoing.

We also have vacancies for Trustees on our Board and would welcome new candidates with commitment to promoting the study of Yorkshire's fascinating past.

David Asquith
President@yahs.org.uk

496

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

595

COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF OUR FIVE SPECIALIST SECTIONS

440

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OUR JOURNAL AND RECORD SERIES COMBINED

We collect

SOCIETY COLLECTIONS REPORT



In keeping with our charitable objectives, one of the highlights of 2023 was our display in Craven Museum's community showcase in Skipton. For three months from April to June we were able to show items from the Society's collections related to the Craven area, of which we have plenty of examples, and were able to include some original archives as well as photographic copies of others. We also featured the activities of our Sections and the resources of our library and some publications.

Two of the oldest deeds in our collections and the Currer of Kildwick Survey Book of 1771

We are very grateful to Jenny Hill and the staff at the museum for their help, and to Special Collections at the Brotherton Library for preparing the documents and photographs for the display.

Among new material added to our collections this year we have acquired the diary of Cornelius Harrison, of Stubb House, Winston, Co. Durham (1808-1836), an artist. The diary covers the years 1831-33, and relates to his travels in London, France and Italy as well as at home (YAS MS2023). The diary is relevant to the collection given

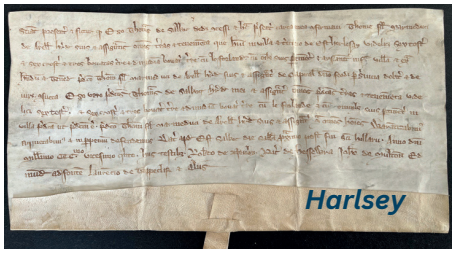
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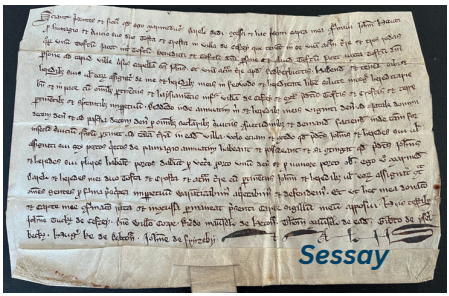
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Society Collections Report (continued)

many years ago which relates to the Stubb House estate and includes a portrait of Cornelius Harrison (YAS MD474).

In November the Society received the generous gift from Mrs Anne Devent of two medieval deeds relating to her paternal family history. One, dated 1324/5, concerns land in 'Est Herlesay' (Harlsey) N. Yorks. The second, which may be pre-1300, relates to land in 'Ceszey' (Sessay), also N. Yorks.


Harlsey


Sessay

We also received a welcome further batch of reports from the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group.

Over the two year period 2022 and 2023 YAHS items held at Leeds University Special Collections were among their most-called for research resources, attracting 1054 requests. This would have included projects undertaken by Society Members Dr Brian Barber and Professor Richard W Hoyle.

Sylvia Thomas
Hon Collections Liaison Officer

We publish

YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL JOURNAL

By 7 March 2024, 6 months after publication, articles in Volume 95 of the Journal had received almost 2,000 online views, in addition to our printed circulation to members.

The significant impact of Open Access publishing is clearly shown by one archaeological and one historical article, with 354 and 426 views respectively. We are grateful to Historic England and the University of Sheffield for support enabling this free access online. Overall, the Journal achieved 10,361 downloads in 2023, increasing by 46% on the previous year; a total of £2202.36 was generated for the Society from royalties.

In addition to commercial reports on prehistoric and Roman-British settlement excavations, archaeological articles in Volume 95 cover the results of radiocarbon dating and ancient DNA analysis of skulls in the collection of the Craven Museum, Skipton, funded by the Society through **the "Dates in Drawers" project**. A report on a metal-detector discovery in the East Riding shares a theme with a commercial report on a cist burial from near Aldborough, in that both discoveries involved considerable quantities of lead. A review article provided a well-illustrated and comprehensive overview of Medieval aisled houses in Yorkshire.

Along with seven history book reviews, there are three history articles. Ian Kershaw returns to the subject of his early-career research on Bolton Priory, asking the question 'What was an Augustinian Grange?'. 'Sophie Forgan investigates the impact of Captain James Cook's early experiences in north-east Yorkshire on his

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We publish

Publications report - YAJ (continued)

subsequent career. Her article is illustrated with superb images, two of them in colour, from mid-eighteenth century Whitby sources. Brian Barber highlights the work of YAHS in making accessible the court rolls of the Manor of Wakefield, the jewel in the crown of the Society's archival collections, inscribed in UNESCO's register of the Memory of the World. The article will itself be an invaluable guide for anyone embarking on research in these records.

An obituary appears of J. Michael Collinson (1929-2022), former co-editor (with his wife, Catherine) of the *YAJ*.

Authors considering writing for the *YAJ* are encouraged to contact the editors for advice: yajeditors@yahs.org.uk .

Roger Martlew
Archaeology Editor

Gillian Cookson
History Editor

RECORD SERIES

No new volume was produced in 2023. In October the Management Board invited Professor Richard Hoyle to take the post of General Editor with the aim of re-energizing the Series. The challenges for the next few years are to issue sufficient volumes to catch up with the subscription years, rebuild the series' subscription membership and attract a pool of editors who wish to contribute to the series. A new web page lists some of the areas (and volumes) in which the Record Series Committee would be interested to receive proposals.

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We publish

Publications report - Record Series (continued)

The Committee would also be interested in hearing from anyone interested in joining the Record Series committee. A commitment to record publication is, of course, essential, but members with a knowledge of current publishing practice and librarianship could also make a valuable contribution as we sail into largely uncharted waters

We hope that *The letters of William Rooth of Wakefield, 1804-29* edited by Philip Riden, will appear late this year or very early next and we have the promise of a further volume for 2025. The next volume to appear would be a suitable occasion on which to relaunch the series.

Richard Hoyle
General Editor

Record Series Sales

In 2023 our publishers continued to sell print copies of the most recent volumes (2021 and 2022). Sales are strongest when first published but a total of 28 were sold in 2023. The Society itself sells small numbers of earlier volumes still in print, some of which are many years old.

Early RS volumes sold as e-books or paperbacks

Cambridge University Press continues to sell reprints of the early volumes republished 10 years ago to mark the Society's 150th anniversary. Since then, 2587 paperbacks have been sold, including 39 in the first half of 2023. In the case of e-books, out of 306 sold since the reprints were first offered, 99 were sold in the first half of 2023.

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We publish

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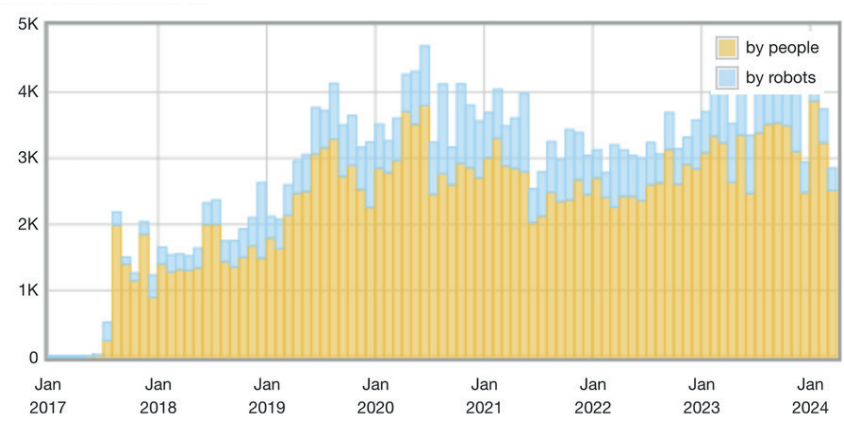
Other printed publications

Our bestselling book continues to be *Life and Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales* was reprinted in 2023.

'Briefing', a magazine for Society members is produced 3 times a year. Section newsletters vary in frequency. Print copies of *Briefing* are available on request but are now outnumbered by *pdf* format.

YAHS on the Internet Archive

In the seven years since the Society began to republish older books and Journals on the Internet Archive, its collection of 274 items has attracted over a quarter of a million views, only a small proportion being by robots.



Internet Archive: Views per month, by people and robots from mid 2017 to early 2024 Total views: 253,048

Ian Roberts
Hon. Publications Officer

We meet, we learn

PREHISTORY RESEARCH SECTION

At our March meeting, held on Zoom, Anna Bloxam spoke on 'Yorkshire's unusual Beaker burials: what can period-atypical funerary practices tell us about British prehistory?' and this was followed by our AGM. A Members' Morning was arranged at Swarthmore in June, where Yvonne Luke spoke on 'A Druid's Circle' between Ingleborough & Ribblehead', Blaise Vyner told us about 'The cross-ridge dykes on John Cross Rigg' and Peter Halkon updated us on 'Kipling House Farm excavations', a project grant-supported by the Section.

In late April we visited Malton Museum, where the Pocklington Iron Age shield was being displayed and Peter Halkon told us about its discovery. In September, we were glad to be able to resume our annual joint public meeting with the Prehistoric Society in Leeds City Museum. Despite a rail strike, an audience of 42 people heard Dr Alex Gibson talk on 'Prehistoric Henges in Yorkshire and beyond: Recent research'.

In August Prehistoric Yorkshire No 61 was published, in recognition of Terry Manby, an Honorary Member, who celebrated his 90th birthday. This edition contained tributes to show our appreciation of his significant contribution to prehistory research in Yorkshire and beyond.

In November, a further two training workshops were organised in collaboration with Historic England, on using aerial photographs and lidar for studying archaeological sites and landscapes. At our Christmas meeting at Swarthmore, Roger Martlew spoke on 'Heartlands or Hinterlands? The Craven Dales in Later Prehistory'.

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We meet, we learn

Prehistory Research Section (continued)

Later in the month, we visited the Danum Gallery, Library and Museum in Doncaster. We were welcomed by Peter Robinson the curator, who guided us around the museum exhibitions and gave us special access to his favourite prehistoric artefacts.





The Section was pleased to grant £1,590 to Spencer Carter for four C14 dates for the Mesolithic/ Neolithic transition site at Esklets on the North York Moors.

The Quern Survey archive now contains 9,000 entries. Assessments were carried out for four contractors, whilst responses were given to 13 enquiries from the public. Work also continued on an important Late Roman assemblage of querns and a millstone from the recent excavations at Aldborough.

John Cruse
Secretary,
Prehistory Research Section

We meet, we learn

MEDIEVAL SECTION

Our lecture programme for 2023 covered a wide a variety of topics.

- In January, Martin Richards on *Archaeogenetics & human ancestry* took us beyond our usual range of topics.
- For February Freya Horsfield explained her work on *Uncovering Rievaulx Abbey's landscapes - Cistercian taskscape and environment change*. The project looked at the work done by the Abbey authorities in reshaping and using the area under their control.



Rievaulx Abbey

- In March, we had Fedor Kiyanenko asking *Who were the Anglo-Saxon urbanites?: a new approach to the archaeology of early medieval urban settlement.* This presentation aimed to put the changes brought about in the post-Roman era into context and was given by one of our youngest presenters.

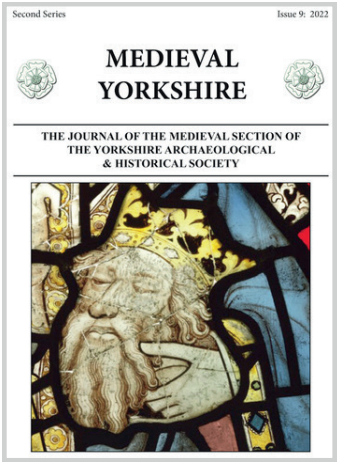
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We meet, we learn

MEDIEVAL SECTION (continued)

- In April Christiane Kroebel spoke about *St Hilda in the later Middle Ages* showing how her legacy continued long after her death, especially across the North.
- The Section AGM followed Christiane's presentation, with the Officers being returned.
- In May Jonathon Clark from the Landmark Trust spoke about Calverley Old Hall

- The 2023-2024 season opened in September with Gary Brannan outlining the information that can be culled from wills written during the period of the Black Death.
- In November, we had George Loffman explaining the excavations at 105-111 Micklegate, York: excavations in the precinct of the Holy Trinity Priory' property owned by the Priory, especially highlighting the difficulties of working in an urban environment extremely close to a very busy road.
- Our final meeting for 2023 was Hanna Vorholt on Illuminated manuscripts, an ideal and interesting topic for the Christmas meeting. Hannah was very happy to join us for this live meeting and enjoyed our hospitality afterwards.



Issue 9 of Medieval Yorkshire was published in late 2023, regretably a year behind schedule.

Medieval Section now has 121 members.

Jo Heron, Secretary

We meet, we learn

ROMAN ANTIQUITIES SECTION

We have tried live meetings again, unsuccessfully - more members joined online as has been the practice over recent years, but we are confident that this will eventually remedy itself. In addition, one of our speakers had technical difficulties although, thankfully, the lecture was given by our Chairman.

Meetings over the year have included

- Paula Ware (subbed by Pete Wilson) on the site at Eastfield,
- Hella Eckardt & Paula Walton on finds from the river at Piercebridge,
- Tony Hunt on the use of drones in surveying, and Richard Brickstock on counterfeit currencies.
- Our Chairman, Pete Wilson also gave a presentation on Roman Norton. All very different and interesting topics. It is hoped that in future years we will be able to hold at least one 'live' meeting.

At the AGM, the Committee was returned to Office, and we would encourage anyone interested in joining it, to let one of us know. It is not a particularly taxing or onerous role and members can do as much or as little as they want, so please feel free to let the Secretary know.

Jo Heron
Secretary

We meet, we learn

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY SECTION

Six talks were held in 2023 plus a members' session. With one exception which was by Zoom only all talks were both in person and by Zoom. The talks were as follows:

- The Craftsman and the Industrial Revolution by Mike Clarke
- War on the Home Front; World War 1 - The Devil's Porridge by Mike Turpin
- The Garforth Mines and the Aberford Railway by Brian Hull
- A History of the Avro Aircraft Factory in Yeadon, 1941 to 1947 by Ken Cothliff
- The Story of Mohair by John Clay
- A Day in the Life of a Yorkshire Miner by Dave Hogg

Thanks must go to Jane Ellis for arranging a good and varied programme and to, John Suter, for his Zoom expertise.

Three Newsletters were produced and emailed to members during the year. There are now very few who need a copy printed and posted. Thanks must go to Andrew Milsom, the editor and the various contributors.

Industrial Heritage Online

The Industrial Heritage Online (IHO) Project Group, led by John Suter, remains very active. IHO now includes a total of 21,260 records and 6,213 images - the largest volunteer-created and maintained database of Industrial Heritage Sites in the country. This is a major credit to everyone who has contributed. IHO can be explored either via the link on the YAHS website or directly at https://www.industrialhistoryonline.co.uk/yiho/

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We meet, we learn

Industrial History Section (continued)

The focus of the project has now shifted slightly from pure data collection to using IHO to help understand, interpret and explain to a non-technical audience specific aspects of the region's Industrial History. The initial results of this work into the industry of Calderdale and the geographic and time distribution of the early iron industry in Yorkshire and adjacent counties are highly encouraging, highlighting aspects that have not been commented on previously and only became apparent through the combination of data from many sources.

The Project Group held two hybrid meetings last year and responded to enquiries from other county industrial archaeology societies. Work is also continuing with Calderdale Industrial Museum into the digital presentation of the region's industrial heritage.

Finally, thanks must be given to those who have willingly given their time and expertise to enable the Section to function. Mention must also be made of those who have contributed to the question-and-answer sessions after the presentations and those who joined in the enjoyable informal discussions afterwards.



Bill Jagger
Chair,
Industrial History Section

We meet, we learn

FAMILY HISTORY SECTION

The operation of the Family History Section proved to be challenging during 2023. Thanks are due the very small team of members who have continued to work to keep the Section's services running. At this time the limited human resources available means we are a provider of lectures, a magazine publisher, and occasionally advice providers to those who are "stuck" in their researches. We need to be more than this if we are to stop the almost relentless contraction in the scope of our activities.

Ancestry and Find my Past have cornered the markets for many Societies' publications such as census data and birth, marriage and death details in civil and parish records, closing off an income source for the Section.

During 2023 the Section managed the direct day-to-day operation of the "Yorkshire Roots" website to raise the profile of the YAHS Family History on the internet, as well as supporting our services to members

The Section continued to exchange copies of its thrice yearly publication "The Yorkshire Family Historian" with other genealogical societies throughout the UK, Canada and Australia. A noticeable feature was that the great majority of our exchange magazine partners now insist on taking delivery of publications electronically rather than as printed materials.

The Section received a slow but steady flow of enquiries during the year, some of them asking for information well beyond our capabilities, many based in very little starting information. A number

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We meet, we learn

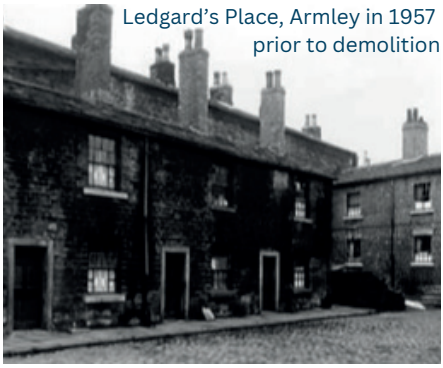
Family History Section (continued)

of the enquirers essentially asked us to carry out a free of charge genealogical research project; these were politely diverted to other providers.

The Section continued its membership of the Family History Federations both in Yorkshire and nationally to maintain a contact with societies, topics and research resources on a wider scale.

The Lecture programme during 2023 covered a wide range of Local History topics and on Family History research methods. During 2023 lectures were delivered live at the Swarthmore Education Centre in central Leeds and by the Zoom meeting facility. There is a growing trend for speakers to use Zoom or charge extra travel costs to present live lectures. Unfortunately this trend reduced the opportunities for monthly social intercourse among those holdinga common interest in Family History.

John Korna, Family History Section



Ledgard's Place, Armley in 1957 prior to demolition



Stonegate Place, Buslingthorpe c. 1949 prior to demolitiont

Victorian Era Housing (Leeds City Libraries Leodis.net)

We give

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023

Awards were made for all five applications to the Society grants fund, a total of £9,439 out of the £10,000 available. 3 community archaeology projects shared 77% of the total:

- Professional and technical support for the fourth season of *Petuaria Revisited* the project investigating Roman Brough on Humber
- The services of a pottery expert to support the investigation of the enigmatic medieval pottery site at Hall Farm, Firsby, excavated by the Conisbrough Research and Archaeology Group.
- Professional supervision of the excavation of earthworks believed to be associated with the medieval village at Hudswell.

Of the remaining two projects,

- one was for expenses incurred in researching the skeletal remains of medieval children.
- the other concerned researching non-conformist religious persecution in the 17th century.

In addition to the above,

- the Prehistoric Research Section awarded £1,590 for the radiocarbon dating of samples from a Mesolithic site at Esklets on the North York Moors.
- the Aerial Archaeology Fund provided £1,209.60 to cover the cost of a training session for community groups in the use of aerial photographs and LiDar.
- Using earlier funding from the Society's 'Dates in drawers' project medieval dates were established for burials at a Roman site at Stancil. Discussions with Doncaster Museum on further investigation of the site are continuing.

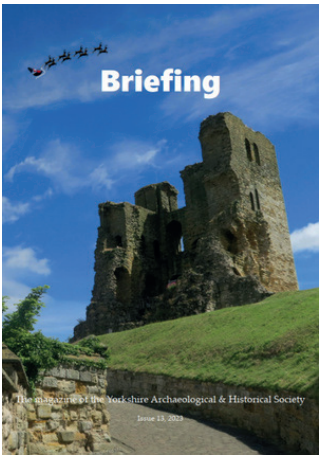
Ian Roberts
Hon Grants Officer

We communicate

SOCIETY PROMOTIONS GROUP

The Group's main role is to devise and implement actions which raise the society's public profile and promote growth in membership numbers. Over the past few years actions included developing the Society's web presence and having old publications scanned on the the Internet Archive. The Group also provides a reporting point for '*Briefing*' and the Society's presence on Facebook. Further information about the extensive use of our collection on the Internet Archive can be found in the Publications section of this report.

The number of full members has grown slowly from 474 in 2017 to almost 500 in 2023. The number of publication subscribers was however lower in 2023 than in previous years largely because the *Wakefield Court Roll Series* closed.



Society display at Craven Museum



In 2023 Society representatives attended events such as *Dales Archaeology Day* at Middleham and the *Roman Festival* at Malton.

Our resources online: 24/7, worldwide, free of charge

ON WWW.YAHS.ORG.UK

- Aerial photographs of historic landscapes by A L Pacitto
- Wakefield Court Rolls Docket Books - a searchable database: 40,000 copyhold transactions from 1559 to 1799
- John Brearley of Wakefield Memorandum Book 1772-3
- A gallery of Yorkshire combatants from the Civil War period
- A video demonstrating the leaf-casting process for conserving fragile paper documents

ON PARTNER WEBSITES

- The Internet Archive: 281 volumes of past YAHS publications
- The Bradfer-Lawrence Collection of historic documents
- Industrial History Online: data for over 11,000 sites with over 5000 photographs
- The Yorkshire Historical Dictionary Online: 4,000 historic terms from 1100 to c.1750
- Catalogues of our archive collections and library books can be searched via https://library.leeds.ac.uk/

We are delighted to record our gratitude to all the institutions and individuals who have helped make this possible.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
David Asquith	President	
Kirsty Anne Louise Cox	Treasurer	
David Brear		
Dr Gillian Cookson		
Gillian Ann Eastabrook		
Professor Richard William Hoyle		
Dr Axel Erhard Wilhelm Muller		
Ian Daniel Roberts		
Sylvia Thomas		
Jan Petrus Maria Costima		Appointed 20 May 2023
Gary Robert Brannan		Resigned 21 April 2023
Terry Michael Drummond		Resigned 14 February 2023
Dr Alexander Myles Gibson		Resigned 20 May 2023

Company secretary	Dr David John Buck	
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Independent examiner

Alan Dodd FCCA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 7 March 1893. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association which were amended by special resolutions 25 March 1935, 29 April 1949. 24 October 1970, 19 June 1993, 26 September 2015 and 30 June 2018. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding ten shillings.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also the directors for the purposes of company law and are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects for which the Society is established are:-

(a) The taking over of the property, effects, and liabilities of the present unincorporated Association known as The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Association.

(b) The examination, preservation, and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs, Arts and Traditions of the county of York; and especially the collection and preservation of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, deeds, engravings, drawings, coins, antiquities, and other objects relating to or bearing upon the History, Antiquities, or Topography of the county.

(c) The acquisition by donation, purchase, or otherwise, of a Library and a Museum, and the use, maintenance and extension of such Library and Museum.

(d) The holding of meetings for the reading of papers, the exhibition of antiquities, and other objects, and the discussion of subjects connected with any of the objects of the Society.

(e) The holdings of meetings at, and for the inspection and examination of places rendered interesting by their antiquities, architecture, or associations, or for any other reason.

(f) The acquisition by purchase, taking on lease, tenancy, or otherwise, of lands and buildings, and any other property, real and personal, for any estate, term, or interest, which the Society for the purposes thereof may from time to time think proper to acquire, and which may lawfully be held by them subject to the provisions of the 21st section of the Companies Act, 1862; and the re-sale, leasing, letting, management, surrender, or disposition of any such property for any of the purposes of the Society, or for any purpose which may be thought incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects of the Society.

(g) The transcription, abstracting, reproduction, printing, publication, and sale of books, pamphlets, journals, transactions, prints, engravings, and other matters, by subscription or otherwise, and the payment of all usual and necessary expenses thereof.

(h) The borrowing of money for the purposes of the Society, and the execution of mortgages and other securities to secure the monies so borrowed, with interest thereon.

(i) The granting of money towards the cost of exploring and preserving ancient buildings and other objects of antiquity, or for the furthering of any of the objects of the Society.

(k) The doing of all other lawful things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

The charity's main activities

The primary objective of the YAHS is the promotion of the study of Yorkshire's past through archaeology and history.

The activities of the Society are aimed at fulfilling its aims and objectives. During 2023 the Society pursued these activities through its programme of lectures and other events, through the production of publications, and through the promotion of research into the archaeology and history of the historic county of Yorkshire via the award of grants and directly. Through its special interest Sections, the Society also once again catered for those people interested in studying and researching specific topics and periods. Lecture programmes resumed on an in-person basis, although given the success of the online delivery of lectures in previous years (brought in due to Covid), many sessions continued to be made available online, thereby boosting the reach of the Society's programme.

Public benefit statement

In undertaking their responsibilities as trustees, and therefore in setting objectives and planning and overseeing the Society's activities, the members of the Management Board bear in mind the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, bearing in mind the Society's primary objective to promote the study of Yorkshire's past through archaeology and history, the trustees are confident that appropriate public benefit has accrued in the past year through activities such as the provision of public access to the Society's archives, the promotion of opportunities to learn about archaeology and history via conferences, lectures and exhibitions, and the availability of grant funding to support the archaeological and historical research.

The charity operates to advance the arts, culture, heritage or science and the advancement of education.

Achievements and performance

The Society continued to publish new work in 2023. After the delay to the production of the preceding issue, Volume 95 of the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal was produced on time in the late summer. Volume 61 of Prehistoric Yorkshire was produced, as were further issues of the Society's magazine, Briefing (volumes 12 and 13) and an edition of Roman Yorkshire.

The lecture programme for 2023 was delivered partly in person and partly online. There was reluctance on the part of some members to resume attending in person, so the overall number of people attending in person was fewer than before the Covid pandemic. However, lectures continued to be made available on line as well, and the total number of participants held up well. To build on the general success of online sessions, a second series of online-only summer lectures was arranged on weekday evenings in August 2023 on topics including Historic Graffiti, the birth of Yorkshire's seaside resorts, the siege of York in 1644, and landscape studies in Upper Wharfedale.

Grants were awarded by the Society to support the following activities:

1. the costs of visits to the British Library in London to facilitate research on religious persecution in 17th century Yorkshire (£500)

2. excavation and post-excavation work for the Petuaria Revisited project (£3150)

3. a community archaeology project at Hudswell, North Yorkshire (£2275)

4. investigation of the site of a possible medieval pottery kiln at Firsby Hall Farm, Conisbrough (£1800)

5. the costs of dating C14 samples from a mesolithic site at Esklets, North Yorkshire (£1590)

6. the costs of a research trip to Sheffield to work on skeletal material from children, adolescents and young adults from medieval York (£1624)

Financial review

The net income for the year was £100,634, including net income of £98,968 on unrestricted funds, net income of £682 on endowment funds, and net expenditure of £-984 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £122,652.

The Trustees consider that the Society should retain sufficient Reserves so that they can develop long-term strategies and short-term plans to implement the Society's charitable objectives, without being hampered by financial restraints. The Trustees consider that Unrestricted Reserves at a minimum amount of £60,000 should be retained to cover the above requirements per annum. The Management Board and its Finance Committee continue actively to seek and take advice on the best way to use the investments and income the Society receives. The major part of the Society's assets are now held in the COIF (Charities Investment Fund) of CCLA, as can be seen in the attached accounts.

In terms of the investments and the reserves, the objectives expressed by the Trustees were that the investments held should ensure, as far as is practicable, that the real capital value is at least maintained in the long term whilst also providing a sufficient income to ensure that the Society can adequately finance its charitable intentions. As an initial benchmark it was expected that a minimum net return of £20,000 would satisfy future income flow with costs of investment management covered before that net income.

In 2016 the Management Board, following Finance Committee proposals, decided that investments should, where practicable and efficient, be managed by third party experts. This approach continues.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of trustees on 18/4/2024

David W Asquith (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Alan Dodd FCCA

3/5/2024

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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Endowment funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income from:						
Grants	(2)	-	-	6,056	6,056	1,250
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid		6,971	-	-	6,971	7,373
Sales, licence fees and royalties		12,119	-	-	12,119	13,026
Subscriptions		24,678	-	-	24,678	28,530
Investment income		38,525	-	2,726	41,251	40,591
Total income		82,293	-	8,782	91,075	90,770
Expenditure on:						
Main Activities						
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal		5,500	-	2,802	8,302	4,645
Subscriptions / donations paid		1,040	-	-	1,040	800
Grants awarded		10,939	-	-	10,939	8,293
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursions		2,342	-	1,082	3,424	4,365
Library and archive collections		10,655	-	1,750	12,405	19,197
Other professional services		2,443	-	660	3,103	391
Other printed publications		8,282	-	-	8,282	12,833
Digitisation and web services		14,903	-	1,504	16,407	8,763
Main Activities total		56,104	-	7,798	63,902	59,287
Administration						
Administrative assistance		3,104	-	-	3,104	3,553
Rent, rates and utilities		7,192	-	-	7,192	5,264
Insurance		1,313	-	-	1,313	1,274
Telephone and broadband		1,011	-	-	1,011	913
Postage and stationery		864	-	-	864	1,381
Other charges		365	-	-	365	368
Printing and photocopying		47	-	-	47	815
Bank charges		345	-	-	345	340
Independent examination		2,363	-	-	2,363	2,250
Administration total		16,604	-	-	16,604	16,158
Total expenditure		72,708	-	7,798	80,506	75,445
Net gains/(losses) on investments		89,383	682	-	90,065	(159,192)
Net income / (expenditure)		98,968	682	984	100,634	(143,867)
Fund balances brought forward		1,227,027	60,084	7,840	1,294,951	1,438,818
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	1,325,995	60,766	8,824	1,395,585	1,294,951

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2023

		2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Endowment £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fixed assets						
Investments	(4)	1,203,343	50,747	-	1,254,090	1,164,025
Total fixed assets		1,203,343	50,747	-	1,254,090	1,164,025
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	(5)	5,470	-	-	5,470	3,697
Cash at bank and in hand		127,673	10,019	8,824	146,516	141,207
Total current assets		133,143	10,019	8,824	151,986	144,904
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors and accruals	(6)	10,491	-	-	10,491	13,978
Total current liabilities		10,491	-	-	10,491	13,978
Net current assets / (liabilities)		122,652	10,019	8,824	141,495	130,926
Net assets		1,325,995	60,766	8,824	1,395,585	1,294,951
Funds						
Unrestricted funds		1,325,995	-	-	1,325,995	1,227,027
Restricted funds		-	-	8,824	8,824	7,840
Endowment funds		-	60,766	-	60,766	60,084
Total funds		1,325,995	60,766	8,824	1,395,585	1,294,951

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 18/4/2024

David W Asquith (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Heritage assets

The Society has in its ownership various books and historical documents whether bought through appeals or gifts to it over the years. These assets, being of a historical nature, have not been included on the balance sheet. It is not practical to obtain valuations of such assets held. Historical books and documents are written off to the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis when they are sold or acquired.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

1 Accounting policies continued

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (other than heritage assets) costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income unless restrictions have been imposed by the donor. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2023

2 Grants

	2023 Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Marc Fitch Fund	-	1,504	1,504	-
V&A Museum	-	1,750	1,750	1,250
Historic England	-	2,802	2,802	-
	-	6,056	6,056	1,250

3a Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Aerial Archaeology	6,027	-	1,742	-	4,285
Local History Publications	222	-	-	-	222
Yorkshire Quern Survey	1,591	-	-	-	1,591
Marc Fitch Fund	-	1,504	1,504	-	-
Historic England	-	2,802	2,802	-	-
V&A Museum	-	1,750	1,750	-	-
J D Hicks	-	2,194	-	-	2,194
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	-	532	-	-	532
	7,840	8,782	7,798	-	8,824

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Aerial Archaeology	For activities in this speciality.
Local History Publications	To be used for purchases of books on the Tudor and Stuart period from funds provided by Dr R T Spence.
Yorkshire Quern Survey	For activities in this speciality.
Marc Fitch Fund	For digitisation of our old publications on Internet Archive.
Historic England	Contextualising metal-detected discoveries: Aldborough Roman Coffin.
V&A Museum	Towards costs of purchasing, from a private bookseller, accounts and other materials of the Busfeild family of Bingley dating from 1766 to 1846.
J D Hicks	Income from J D Hicks endowment fund account, for use under the terms of the endowment.
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	Income from Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust endowment fund endowment fund account, for use under the terms of the endowment.

3b Endowment funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Revaluation	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
J D Hicks endowment fund	39,801	-	-	(965)	38,836
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	20,283	-	-	1,647	21,930
	60,084	-	-	682	60,766

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
J D Hicks endowment fund	To be used for the purchase or repair of books, maps, pamphlets or computer items.
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	To be used towards purchases for the society's library and new publications in the society's "Record Series"

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for the year ended 31 December 2023

4a Fixed assets investments

	2023 Listed investments	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£
Balance b/f	1,164,025	1,164,025	1,248,217
Additions	-	-	75,000
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	90,065	90,065	(159,192)
Income generated	41,251	41,251	40,591
(Income transferred out)	(41,251)	(41,251)	(40,591)
Total	1,254,090	1,254,090	1,164,025

4b Analysis of investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
CCLA COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund	9,428	8,584
CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund	9,544	8,741
Preference shares	159,179	161,309
CCLA Claremont Investment	1,075,939	985,391
	1,254,090	1,164,025

5 Debtors and prepayments

	£	£
Debtors	1,970	197
Accrued income	3,500	3,500
	5,470	3,697

6 Creditors and accruals

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors	900	4,600
Accruals	2,363	2,250
Deferred income	7,228	7,128
	10,491	13,978

Deferred income comprises subscriptions and activities received in advance of their due date.

7 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Endowment funds £	2022 Endowment funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income								
Grants	-	-	-	-	6,056	1,250	6,056	1,250
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid	6,971	7,373	-	-	-	-	6,971	7,373
Sales, licence fees and royalties	12,119	13,026	-	-	-	-	12,119	13,026
Subscriptions	24,678	28,530	-	-	-	-	24,678	28,530
Investment income	38,525	37,869	-	2,722	2,726	-	41,251	40,591
Total income	82,293	86,798	-	2,722	8,782	1,250	91,075	90,770
Expenditure								
Main Activities								
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal	5,500	4,645	-	-	2,802	-	8,302	4,645
Subscriptions / donations paid	1,040	800	-	-	-	-	1,040	800
Grants awarded	10,939	8,293	-	-	-	-	10,939	8,293
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursi	2,342	2,491	-	-	1,082	1,874	3,424	4,365
Library and archive collections	10,655	17,947	-	-	1,750	1,250	12,405	19,197
Other professional services	2,443	391	-	-	660	-	3,103	391
Other printed publications	8,282	12,833	-	-	-	-	8,282	12,833
Digitisation and web services	14,903	8,763	-		1,504		16,407	8,763
Main activities total	56,104	56,163	-	-	7,798	3,124	63,902	59,287

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Endowment funds £	2022 Endowment funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Expenditure (continued)								
Administration								
Administrative assistance	3,104	3,553	-	-	-	-	3,104	3,553
Rent, rates and utilities	7,192	5,264	-	-	-	-	7,192	5,264
Insurance	1,313	1,274	-	-	-	-	1,313	1,274
Telephone and broadband	1,011	913	-	-	-	-	1,011	913
Postage and stationery	864	1,381	-	-	-	-	864	1,381
Other charges	365	368	-	-	-	-	365	368
Printing and photocopying	47	815	-	-	-	-	47	815
Bank charges	345	340	-	-	-	-	345	340
Independent examination	2,363	2,250	-	-	-	-	2,363	2,250
Administration total	16,604	16,158	-	-	-	-	16,604	16,158
Total expenditure	72,708	72,321	-	-	7,798	3,124	80,506	75,445
Net gains/(losses) on investments	89,383	(149,749)	682	(9,443)	-	-	90,065	(159,192)
Net income / (expenditure)	98,968	(135,272)	682	(6,721)	984	(1,874)	100,634	(143,867)
Fund balances brought forward	1,227,027	1,362,299	60,084	66,805	7,840	9,714	1,294,951	1,438,818
Fund balances carried forward	1,325,995	1,227,027	60,766	60,084	8,824	7,840	1,395,585	1,294,951

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LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The Society's Library and Archives are available at the University of Leeds Library, where they are held on long-term loan. The Society's Archives and the books in the Society's Library printed in 1850 or before are accessible in the Special Collections department of the University Library. For details or to search the catalogue go to: **https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1500/special_collections**

The post-1850 books in the Society's Library are available on the open shelves of the University of Leeds Brotherton Library, and all the other books in the University of Leeds Library are accessible to both YAHS members and members of other groups affiliated to the YAHS. Letters of authorisation to enable application for University of Leeds Library cards may be obtained from the Society's office.

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The location and opening hours for Special Collections may be found at: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/locations/special-collections

EVENTS PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the Events Programme Year runs from September to August. Lectures usually take place at the Swarthmore Education Centre, 2-7 Woodhouse Square, Leeds, LS3 1AD. Where possible these are also made available to an online audience.

The Membership Year runs from January to December and subscriptions for 2025 are due by 31 December 2024. The Yorkshire Archaeological Journal is published each year in August/September.

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Objects

"The examination, preservation and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs and Traditions of the historic county of York."

Operation

The Society is a charity and a company run by an elected Management Board who are its Trustees and Directors.

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https://www.yas.org.uk

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Review of the year

As our accounts show, for the time being we remain in the fortunate position of having sufficient income to support our established and ongoing activities and to carry out one-off projects, albeit on a modest scale. However, last year rising prices returned to the economy and began to nibble at the value of the Society's income. Officers have therefore begun to review our overhead costs.

Importantly, we also rely on people willing and able to give of their time and skill - to take on varying degrees of responsibility for tasks such as Society administration, communication with members, or short-term tasks. And there are vacancies for Trustees on our Board. Roles are negotiable so I'd be glad to hear from anyone wishing to discuss all or part of the foregoing.

Meantime, I leave you to read through the rest of this report.

David Asquith
President@yahs.org.uk

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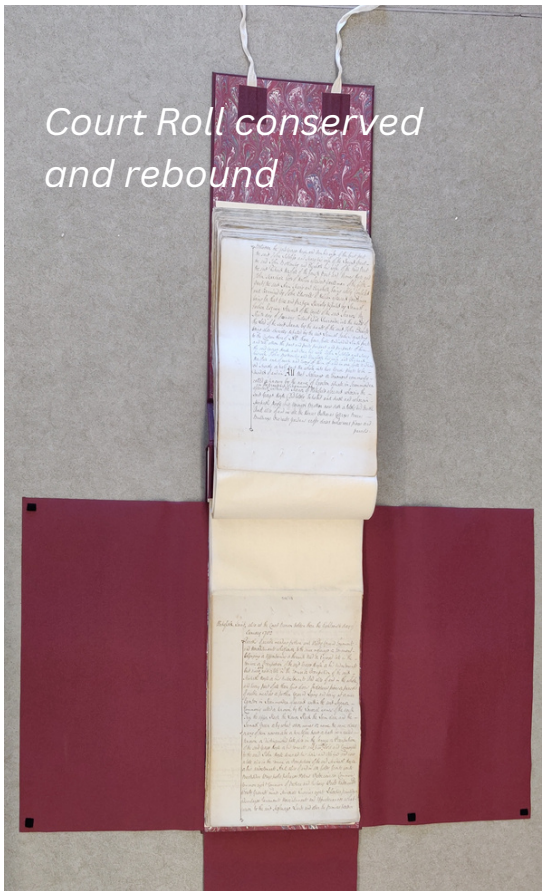
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SOCIETY COLLECTIONS REPORT

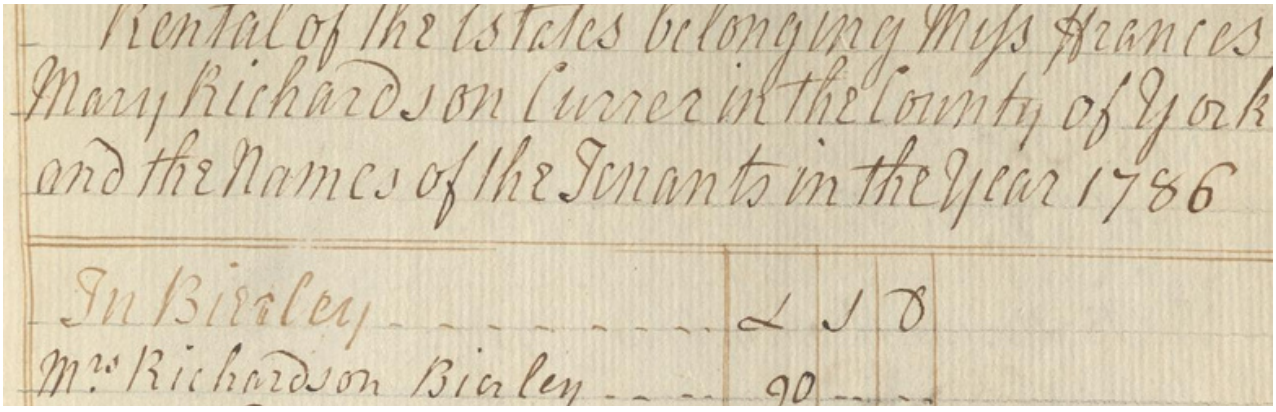
The pilot project begun last year to conserve two of the eighteenth-century court rolls of the manor of Wakefield has been largely completed on our behalf by the conservators of West Yorkshire Archive Service, and has provided very useful information which will enable us to plan a major funding bid to conserve more of the rolls.



Court Roll conserved and rebound

We are very grateful to Shirley Jones and Katie Proctor of WYAS for their invaluable help and advice. A video of the process was made by Society treasurer Kirsty Cox and will appear on our website soon.

We added two new items to our archives: a rental of the estates of Frances Mary Richardson Currer 1786-98 (YAS MD493) with a 50% grant from the Victoria and Albert Purchase Grant Fund. We are also grateful to Professor Richard Hoyle for help to acquire a collection of deeds relating to Hawksworth 1625-1706 (YAS MD494).



Rental of the Estates belonging Mrs Frances Mary Richardson Currer in the County of York and the Names of the Tenants in the Year 1786

In Bierley ..... £ 1 0

Mrs Richardson Bierley 90

We collect

Society Collections Report (continued)

The very good news this year is that the cataloguing of our library books has been completed, and they are now available for use. Those on open access are mostly stored together in the Brotherton Library Main Building, Floor 1, and may be borrowed by members, along with the wider holdings of the Leeds University Library (for more information about how to borrow, contact the Hon General Secretary). Books reserved for reference only may be consulted by appointment in the Library Special Collections department. The catalogue for the whole library is online, and may be accessed via our own website (click on 'University of Leeds Library').



We have also made progress on updating access to the website originally produced in 2004 by the Heritage Lottery funded Bradfer-Lawrence project. The site contains much valuable information, and a complete digitised copy of the Fountains Abbey stock book.

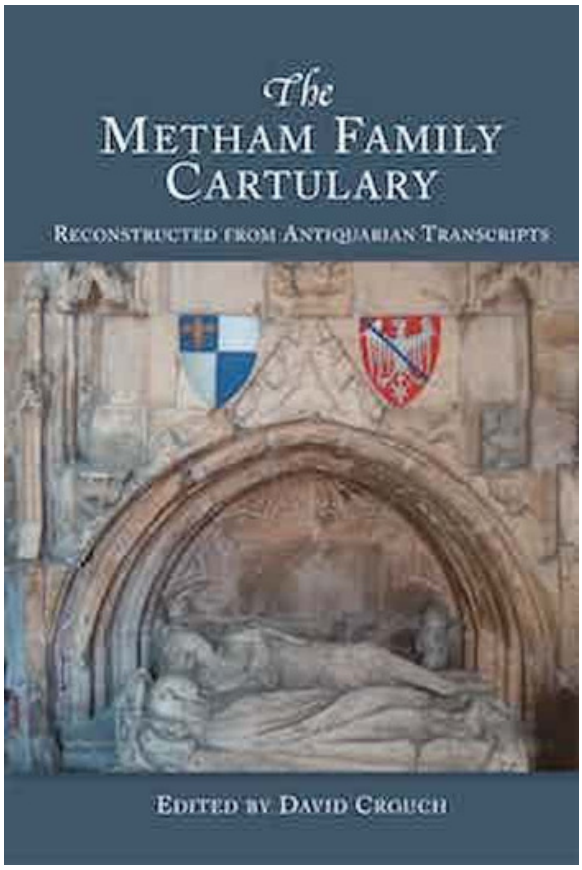
Sylvia Thomas
Hon Collections Liaison Officer

We publish

The Society's publications have continued to sell steadily in 2022, with sales being slightly up on last year. The bestselling volume continues to be Life and Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales.

A new volume relating to Wakefield Manor Court, published in 2022, has also sold well. This volume, 'Transcriptions and Observations touching the Manor of Wakefield', is edited by Brian Barber, and consists of 40 documents compiled c.1630 when the Crown was planning to sell the Manor, with a further 16 documents dating to the 17th and 18th centuries.

The latest publication in the Record Series, The Metham Family Cartulary (Volume 167) edited by David Crouch, was published in December 2022. It presents the cartulary of one of Yorkshire's leading medieval families, which can be traced back to the twelfth century, although the peak of its influence was in the early fifteenth century. This reconstructed version draws upon transcripts of the original cartulary made by the antiquarians Dr Nathaniel Johnston and James Torre in the late seventeenth century.



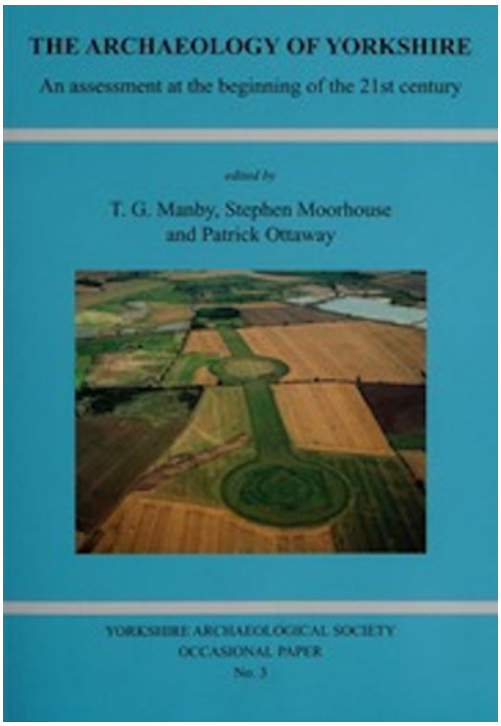
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We publish

Publications report continued

This year has also seen significant additions to the Society's digitized publications, provided free via Internet Archive. As well as a number of additional Record Series volumes, six out-of-print volumes from the monograph series have been made available. These are Volumes 1, 2 and 4 from the Yorkshire Archaeological Reports series, and Volumes 3, 4 and 5 from the Occasional Papers series.

Occasional Paper 3 is a special digital edition of "The Archaeology of Yorkshire - an Assessment at the Beginning of the 21st Century". It contains important updates provided by some of the original authors, and their colleagues and associates.



https://archive.org/details/yorkshirearchaeologicalandhistoricalsociety

Ian Roberts
Hon Publications Officer

We publish

YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL JOURNAL

Archaeology papers in Volume 94 for 2022 reflected a range of topics and approaches, from a Late Prehistoric and Roman excavation report to a broad synthesis on cultural identity in Viking Age Northumbria, via the posthumous publication of important work by our late colleague Professor Jenny Price on Roman glass from Aldborough. We commissioned a further review article from Professor Martin Millett on the latest publication of the major developer-funded excavations along the A1 at Catterick.

There are four history articles. Philip Riden transcribed and contextualised a survey taken of Morthen manor (near Rotherham) in 1579, the original of which is in Nottinghamshire Archives. Drawing on the Bradfer-Lawrence collection in YAHS archives, Peter Holmes explores the career of Henry Newby (1699/1700-1769) as clerk, or steward, to the Currer family of Kildwick and York. Full-page colour portraits accompany Brian Barber's tour of the portraiture on display at Doncaster Mansion House, with accounts of the subjects, and the circumstances in which the pictures were acquired. Edward Royle uses a document signed by a substantial number of Almondbury parishioners in 1866 to estimate literacy levels there, and asks what can be learned from it about literacy rates across that community.

Online access to articles in YAJ continues to grow, from 4027 downloads in 2019 to 7105 in 2022, an increase of 76%.

Authors considering writing for the YAJ are encouraged to contact the editors for advice: **yajeditors@yahs.org.uk** .

Roger Martlew
Archaeology Editor

Gillian Cookson
History Editor

We meet, we learn

PREHISTORY RESEARCH SECTION

In April our member Robert Thorniley-Walker led a walk to explore the landscape at Scarth Wood Moor, above Osmotherley, where Mesolithic flints and surviving earthworks are testament to a rich prehistoric landscape. Many of the sites are scheduled monuments, but the area has its challenges to their preservation from visitor pressure, agriculture, and climate change (Prehistoric Yorkshire No. 59, 2022, 13-29).

In July as a follow up to a talk by Beverley Still from Durham University (Project Director of the community project: 'Exploring the Prehistoric Landscape of Upper Teesdale'), members were led around her excavations at Plover Hall, Gilmonby near Bowes. Her research aims to place the Gilmonby Late Bronze Age metalwork hoard within the context of this rich prehistoric landscape.



Members of several local societies and community groups begin a day of lidar training.

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We meet, we learn

Prehistory Research Section continued

In November, two workshops were organised in collaboration with Historic England, on using aerial photographs and lidar for studying archaeological sites and landscapes. The training, funded by a grant from the YAHS Aerial Photography Fund, was aimed at supporting community groups and local societies in their research projects. The response to this initiative was most encouraging with fourteen groups and local societies participating.

In December our annual Joint Meeting with the Prehistoric Society heard two excellent presentations from Dr Gill Hey and Dr Jodie Lewis on “Recent advances in our understanding of the Neolithic in NW and SW England”. We welcomed Dr Alex Gibson to Chair the session and offer our congratulations to him as this year he received the esteemed award of the Grahame Clark Medal. Members received our annual journal Prehistoric Yorkshire, a special commemorative issue celebrating the Diamond Anniversary of its run, which began in 1963.

Quern Survey activities continued with 200 querns added to the archive - the total has now risen to 8,830. Some 13 queries from the public were answered in 2022 and two contractors requested assessments of their quern assemblages. Preparatory analysis of querns in East Yorkshire has been carried out, in anticipation that the data will be needed for the final report on the querns from Eastfield Farm, near Scarborough.

Yvonne Boutwood
Chair, Prehistory Research Section

We meet, we learn

ROMAN ANTIQUITIES SECTION

We have tried live meetings again, unsuccessfully - more members joined online as has been the practice over recent years, but we are confident that this will eventually remedy itself. In addition, one of our speakers had technical difficulties although, thankfully, the lecture was given by our Chairman.

Meetings over the year have included

- Paula Ware (subbed by Pete Wilson) on the site at Eastfield,
- Hella Eckardt & Paula Walton on finds from the river at Piercebridge,
- Tony Hunt on the use of drones in surveying, and Richard Brickstock on counterfeit currencies.
- Our Chairman, Pete Wilson also gave a presentation on Roman Norton. All very different and interesting topics. It is hoped that in future years we will be able to hold at least one 'live' meeting.

At the AGM, the Committee was returned to Office, and we would encourage anyone interested in joining it, to let one of us know. It is not a particularly taxing or onerous role and members can do as much or as little as they want, so please feel free to let the Secretary know.

Jo Heron
Secretary

We meet, we learn

MEDIEVAL SECTION

During 2022, we continued to hold most of our meetings inline, including the AGM. The Officers were returned and we welcomed Kirsty Cox to the Committee, but we would like to issue an invitation to anyone interested in assisting with the running of the Section to contact the secretary for more information.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to cancel a few meetings, but most went ahead with a wide variety of speakers and topics. These included:

- Alan Murray on Medieval warfare
- Marta Cobb on Medieval fairy tales
- Ian Dyson on Crusades and Yorkshire
- Katherine Cross on The Early Medieval North
- Tony Hunt on Drone surveying
- Sarah Brown on The Medieval stained glass from the St Cuthbert window in York Minster, and,
- Ian Bass on the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

We did, once again, hold our Christmas 'party' and it was very good to welcome a number of members following the December presentation. Section membership numbers grew a little during the year so we look forward with optimism to 2023.

Jo Heron
Secretary

We meet, we learn

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY SECTION

Six talks were held in 2022 plus a members' session. These were a mixture of in-person, Zoom and hybrid. The talks were as follows:

- An Introduction to the Modern Military Archaeology of the North York Moors by Roger Thomas.
- Around the UK in Classic Railway Posters by Jane Ellis. A last-minute substitution due to the unavailability of the booked speaker, Jane gave a history of the advertising and tourist industries.
- R H Greaves, Civil Engineer by Bill Jagger. The history of a Yorkshire born engineer working as a contract manager in the south east of the USA between 1915 and 1920
- What Made Yorkshire Great, by Stuart Hartley. A talk on the impact of people and companies originating in Yorkshire on the world of industry and commerce.
- Feeding the UK: Agriculture's Long Mechanisation by Stephen Caunce. A look at a different industrial revolution and its effects.
- Spinning Through the West Riding by John Cruickshank. An explanation of processes and technology of woollen yarn-production before industrialisation.

Thanks must go to Jane Ellis for arranging a good and varied programme and to our Vice-chair, John Suter, for his technical expertise (and patience when all was not well!) with regard to the Zoom and hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings.

Our new Newsletter editor, Andrew Milsom, produced three issues which were sent to members generally by email or in a few cases posted. Articles covered a wide spectrum of industrial topics, as always thanks go to Andrew and contributors.

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We meet, we learn

Industrial History Section (continued)

Industrial Heritage Online
As of December 2022, 10,624 site records and 4,744 images had been uploaded to IHO and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed site records of images during the past year. This represents a 20% increase in both the number of site records and images during the year.

Of these, 5,365 entries and 3,564 images are of sites in Yorkshire and the adjacent counties and some 88% of these have been reviewed and are available to the public.

During the year we have also had a number of enquiries from potential contributors and at present discussions are ongoing about them joining the project. If you would like to know more about the project and how you can help please contact us either via the web site or via email to John Suter: vicechair.ihs@yahs.org.uk

A new version of the software (2.6) was released in December 2022 and a further update is planned for later this year.

Finally thanks to the members and officials of the Section for their continued support in what has been a year of change but happily the Section continues to thrive.

Bill Jagger
Chair, Industrial History Section

We meet, we learn

FAMILY HISTORY SECTION

Thanks are due the small team of four members who continued to keep the Section running during 2022. The limited human resources available means we are a provider of lectures, a magazine publisher, and occasionally advice providers to those who are “stuck” in their researches. We need to be more than this if we are to stop the almost relentless decline in the scope of our activities.

Ancestry and Find my Past have cornered the markets for many Societies’ publications such as census data and birth marriage and death in civil and parish records, closing off an income source for the Section.

During 2022 the Section managed the direct day-to-day operation of the “Yorkshire Roots” website to raise the profile of the YAHS Family History on the internet, as well as supporting our services to members

The Section continued to exchange copies of its publication “The Yorkshire Family Historian” with other genealogical societies throughout the UK, Canada and Australia. The great majority of our exchange magazine partners now receive and take delivery of publications electronically rather than as printed materials.

The Section received a slow but steady flow of enquiries during the year, some of them asking for information well beyond our capabilities. Many of these were based in very little starting information (for example finding family ancestors back in the 1500 - 1600s). Some of the enquirers essentially asked us to carry out a free of charge genealogical research project; these were politely diverted to other providers.

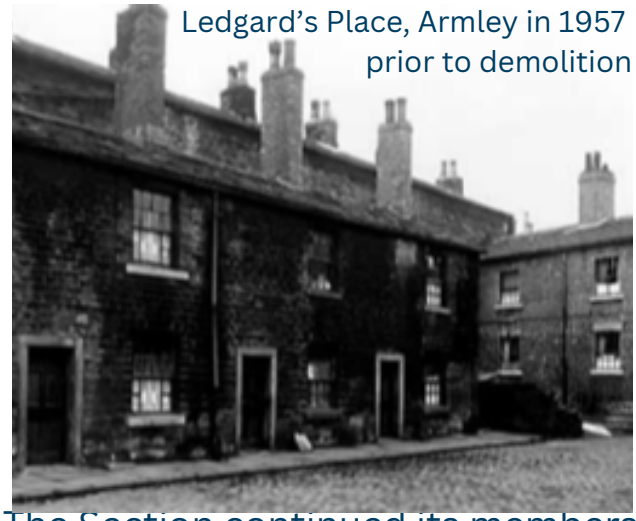
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We meet, we learn

Family History Section (continued)

The Lecture programme during 2022 covered a wide range of topics such as: Life and Death in Leeds's Victorian Slums; Working Class Lives in Edwardian Harrogate; The Story of a Courthouse; and talks on Family History research methods. During 2022 lectures were delivered live at the Swarthmore Education Centre in central Leeds and by the Zoom meeting facility. There is a growing trend for speakers to use Zoom or charge extra travel costs to present live lectures. Unfortunately this trend reduced the opportunities for social intercourse among those holding a common interest in Family History.

Victorian Era Housing (Leeds City Libraries Leodis.net)



Ledgard's Place, Armley in 1957 prior to demolition



Stonegate Place, Buslingthorpe c. 1949 prior to demolitiont

The Section continued its membership of the Family History Federations both in Yorkshire and nationally to maintain a contact with societies, topics and research resources on a wider scale.

J. Korna
Webmaster, Family History Section

We give

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2022

Of nine applications received in the year only one was rejected. A total of £5,858 was subsequently awarded.

Five grants were made from the main Society fund

- the Ilkley Manor House Trust, towards the cost of the presentation of the Verbeia Roman altar stone, and its replica;
- Professor Neil Fleming towards his travelling costs for his research into the Monday Club in the East Riding;
- Christopher Toole, towards his travelling costs to research nonconformist religious persecution in 17th-century Yorkshire.
- Stephen Sherlock for the scientific dating of samples from the earliest phase of the salt manufacturing structure found at Street House, Loftus.

Three grants were made by the Prehistoric Research Section

- Upper Wharfedale History Group for a survey of Kilnsea Hill;
- to fund a lidar and aerial photograph training project led by Yvonne Boutwood;
- Peter Halkon, to pay for archaeobotanical assessment of potential radiocarbon dating samples from the excavation site at Kipling House Farm.

Ian Roberts
Hon Grants Officer

We communicate

SOCIETY PROMOTIONS GROUP

Margaret Tylee, Honorary Promotions Officer, retired from the group; many thanks are due for her many years service and we wish her success in her various other activities.

The Society's two main lines of communication with members are the magazine '*Briefing*', edited by David Brear, and the more frequent emails issued by the Hon. General Secretary containing information of a more urgent nature. 'Briefing' is now issued mainly in digital form in place of print.

Work began to reconfigure the Society's website, driven initially by the need to provide a replacement for the 2004 Bradfer-Lawrence website, but also to include other additions to the range of information available to researchers via yahs.org.uk. This should bear fruit in 2023 and be followed by further developments in future. Limitations to volunteer time meant that action to develop Society membership had to remain in abeyance during the year. We hope to give higher priority to this area of work - not least because having more members would help maintain the value of income from subscriptions currently under pressure from inflation.

David Asquith
President

Our resources online: 24/7, worldwide, free of charge

ON WWW.YAHS.ORG.UK

- Aerial photographs of historic landscapes by A L Pacitto
- Wakefield Court Baron Docket Books - a searchable database: 40,000 copyhold transactions from 1559 to 1799
- John Brearley of Wakefield Memorandum Book 1772-3
- A gallery of Yorkshire combatants from the Civil War period
- A video demonstrating the leaf-casting process for conserving fragile paper documents

ON PARTNER WEBSITES

- The Internet Archive: 281 volumes of past YAHS publications
- The Bradfer-Lawrence Collection of historic documents
- Industrial History Online: data for over 11,000 sites with over 5000 photographs
- The Yorkshire Historical Dictionary Online: 4,000 historic terms from 1100 to c.1750
- Catalogues of our archive collections and library books can be searched via https://library.leeds.ac.uk/

We are delighted to record our gratitude to all the institutions and individuals who have helped make this possible.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Charity number 224083

A company limited by guarantee number 00038346

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2022

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
David Asquith	President	
Kirsty Anne Louise Cox	Treasurer	
Gary Robert Brannan		
David Brear		
Dr Gillian Cookson		
Terry Michael Drummond		Appointed 9 August 2022
Gillian Ann Eastabrook		Appointed 11 June 2022
Dr Alexander Myles Gibson		
Professor Richard William Hoyle		
Dr Axel Erhard Wilhelm Muller		
Ian Daniel Roberts		
Sylvia Thomas		
Margaret Ann Tylee		Resigned 11 June 2022

Company secretary	Dr David John Buck	
Charity number	224083	Registered in England and Wales
Company number	00038346	Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address
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Investment Managers
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Bankers

Virgin Money	Barclays Bank plc	NatWest Bank plc	PayPal
20 Merrion Way	2 Churchill Place	135 Bishopsgate	5 New St. Square
Leeds	Canary Wharf	London	London
LS2 8NZ	London. E14 5RB.	EC2M 3UR	EC4A 3TW

Independent examiner
Alan Dodd FCCA
West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 7 March 1893. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association which were amended by special resolutions 25 March 1935, 29 April 1949. 24 October 1970, 19 June 1993, 26 September 2015 and 30 June 2018. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding ten shillings.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also the directors for the purposes of company law and are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects for which the Society is established are:-

(a) The taking over of the property, effects, and liabilities of the present unincorporated Association known as The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Association.

(b) The examination, preservation, and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs, Arts and Traditions of the county of York; and especially the collection and preservation of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, deeds, engravings, drawings, coins, antiquities, and other objects relating to or bearing upon the History, Antiquities, or Topography of the county.

(c) The acquisition by donation, purchase, or otherwise, of a Library and a Museum, and the use, maintenance and extension of such Library and Museum.

(d) The holding of meetings for the reading of papers, the exhibition of antiquities, and other objects, and the discussion of subjects connected with any of the objects of the Society.

(e) The holdings of meetings at, and for the inspection and examination of places rendered interesting by their antiquities, architecture, or associations, or for any other reason.

(f) The acquisition by purchase, taking on lease, tenancy, or otherwise, of lands and buildings, and any other property, real and personal, for any estate, term, or interest, which the Society for the purposes thereof may from time to time think proper to acquire, and which may lawfully be held by them subject to the provisions of the 21st section of the Companies Act, 1862; and the re-sale, leasing, letting, management, surrender, or disposition of any such property for any of the purposes of the Society, or for any purpose which may be thought incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects of the Society.

(g) The transcription, abstracting, reproduction, printing, publication, and sale of books, pamphlets, journals, transactions, prints, engravings, and other matters, by subscription or otherwise, and the payment of all usual and necessary expenses thereof.

(h) The borrowing of money for the purposes of the Society, and the execution of mortgages and other securities to secure the monies so borrowed, with interest thereon.

(i) The granting of money towards the cost of exploring and preserving ancient buildings and other objects of antiquity, or for the furthering of any of the objects of the Society.

(k) The doing of all other lawful things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

The charity's main activities

The primary objective of the YAHS is the promotion of the study of Yorkshire’s past through archaeology and history.

Public benefit statement

In undertaking their responsibilities as trustees, and therefore in setting objectives and planning and overseeing the Society's activities, the members of the Management Board bear in mind the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, bearing in mind the Society's primary objective to promote the study of Yorkshire’s past through archaeology and history, the trustees are confident that appropriate public benefit has accrued in the past year through activities such as the provision of public access to the Society's archives, the promotion of opportunities to learn about archaeology and history via conferences, lectures and exhibitions, and the availability of grant funding to support the archaeological and historical research.

The charity operates to advance the arts, culture, heritage or science and to advance education.

Achievements and performance

The activities of the Society are aimed at fulfilling its aims and objectives. During 2022 the Society pursued these activities through its programme of lectures and other events, through the production of publications, and through the promotion of research into the archaeology and history of the historic county of Yorkshire via the award of grants and directly. Through its special interest Sections, the Society also once again catered for those people interested in studying and researching specific topics and periods. Many of the Society's activities had to be arranged online in 2022, due to the coronavirus pandemic, although it became possible for some lectures to be offered in person once more in the autumn.

The Society continued to publish new work in 2022. Volume 94 of the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* was prepared, although unexpected delays to the printing process meant that the volume was not issued until January 2023. A volume of *Prehistoric Yorkshire* was produced, as were further issues of the Society's magazine, *Briefing* (volumes 10 and 11) and an edition of *Roman Yorkshire.*

The lecture programme for the first half 2022 was delivered online due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic. These lectures again proved very successful, attracting overall more participants than had previously attended face-to-face sessions. To build on this success, a new series of online-only summer lectures was arranged on weekday evenings in August 2022 on topics including Migration from North Yorkshire to North America in the 18th and 19th centuries, a Later Prehistoric Ringfort and Sanctuary near Middleton on the Wolds and the Ryedale Roman Hoard. In the autumn, when it once again became possible to arrange in person events - almost all lectures were arranged as hybrid events – both online and face to face – to ensure that the new audiences attracted in 2021 continued to be reached.

The Society's Library and Archives are deposited on long-term loan in the Special Collections department of the University of Leeds Brotherton Library. The Archives are open to the general public, as well as to the Society members, but coronavirus pandemic restrictions had to be placed by the University on access to the archive collections, and for the first half of the year material could not be directly accessed. To partly alleviate these limitations, the University made arrangements for the free copying of some material, and online consultations with archivists enabled some research to continue. Access to the Society's library was, perforce, even more limited for the first half of the year for the same reason. Access to both the archives and the library became feasible once more in the autumn.

Grants were awarded by the Society to support the following activities:

1. installation of new interpretation boards for the Roman Verbeia altar stone at Ilkley Manor House Museum (£1,200)

2. costs of research visit to Hull in connection with a study into the history of the Conservative Right in the East Riding (£369)

3. support for costs of obtaining C14 dates for finds from a Neolithic Saltern near Street House, Cleveland (£1,500)

4. to the Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevi (CVMA) at the University of York to assist with final photographic and design costs to publish a catalogue of the medieval stained glass of West Yorkshire (£2,000)

5. costs of charcoal identification and sample selection by archaeo-botanist for Kipling House Farm excavation samples (£200)

6. support for costs of C14 dates for samples from Kipling House Farm and for Nunburnholme hilltop enclosure excavations (£1,512 each).

Financial review

The net expenditure for the year was £143,867, including net expenditure of £135,272 on unrestricted funds, net expenditure of £6,721 on endowment funds. and net expenditure of £1,874 on restricted funds after transfers.

The Management Board and its Finance Committee continue actively to seek and take advice on the best way to use the investments and income the Society receives. The major part of the Society's assets are now held in the COIF (Charities Investment Fund) of CCLA, as can be seen in the attached accounts.

In terms of the investments and the reserves, the objectives expressed by the Trustees was that the investments held should ensure, as far as is practicable, that the real capital value is at least maintained in the long term whilst also providing a sufficient income to ensure that the Society can adequately finance its charitable intentions. As an initial benchmark it was expected that a minimum net return of £20,000 would satisfy future income flow with costs of investment management covered before that net income.

In 2016 the Management Board, following Finance Committee proposals, decided that investments should, where practicable and efficient, be managed by third party experts. This approach continues.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £113,067.

The Trustees consider that the Society should retain sufficient Reserves so that they can develop long-term strategies and short-term plans to implement the Society’s charitable objectives, without being hampered by financial restraints. The Trustees consider that Unrestricted Reserves at a minimum amount of £60,000 should be retained to cover the above requirements per annum.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities
The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

approved by the board of trustees on 24/4/2023

David Asquith (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Alan Dodd FCCA

24/4/2023

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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Endowment funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income from:						
Grants	(2)	-	-	1,250	1,250	4,633
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid		7,373	-	-	7,373	(734)
Sales, licence fees and royalties		13,026	-	-	13,026	5,860
Subscriptions		28,530	-	-	28,530	24,952
Investment income		37,869	2,722	-	40,591	35,982
Other income		-	-	-	-	9
Total income		86,798	2,722	1,250	90,770	70,702
Expenditure on:						
Main Activities						
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal		4,645	-	-	4,645	4,600
Subscriptions / donations paid		800	-	-	800	802
Grants awarded		8,293	-	-	8,293	5,021
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursions		2,491	-	1,874	4,365	1,547
Library and archive collections		17,947	-	1,250	19,197	25,730
Other professional services		391	-	-	391	421
Other printed publications		12,833	-	-	12,833	12,487
Digitisation and web services		8,763	-	-	8,763	6,870
Main Activities total		56,163	-	3,124	59,287	57,478
Administration						
Administrative assistance		3,553	-	-	3,553	4,466
Rent, rates and utilities		5,264	-	-	5,264	4,613
Insurance		1,274	-	-	1,274	1,041
Telephone and broadband		913	-	-	913	820
Postage and stationery		1,381	-	-	1,381	3,031
Other charges		368	-	-	368	35
Printing and photocopying		815	-	-	815	-
Bank charges		340	-	-	340	340
Independent examination		2,250	-	-	2,250	2,250
Administration total		16,158	-	-	16,158	16,596
Total expenditure		72,321	-	3,124	75,445	74,074
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(149,749)	(9,443)	-	(159,192)	136,212
Net income / (expenditure)		(135,272)	(6,721)	(1,874)	(143,867)	132,840
Fund balances brought forward		1,362,299	66,805	9,714	1,438,818	1,305,978
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	1,227,027	60,084	7,840	1,294,951	1,438,818

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2022

		2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Endowment £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fixed assets						
Investments	(4)	1,113,960	50,065	-	1,164,025	1,248,217
Total fixed assets		1,113,960	50,065	-	1,164,025	1,248,217
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	(5)	3,697	-	-	3,697	2,471
Cash at bank and in hand		123,348	10,019	7,840	141,207	207,318
Total current assets		127,045	10,019	7,840	144,904	209,789
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors and accruals	(6)	13,978	-	-	13,978	19,188
Total current liabilities		13,978	-	-	13,978	19,188
Net current assets / (liabilities)		113,067	10,019	7,840	130,926	190,601
Net assets		1,227,027	60,084	7,840	1,294,951	1,438,818
Funds						
Unrestricted funds		1,227,027	-	-	1,227,027	1,362,299
Restricted funds		-	-	7,840	7,840	9,714
Endowment funds		-	60,084	-	60,084	66,805
Total funds		1,227,027	60,084	7,840	1,294,951	1,438,818

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who also the directors for the purposes of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 24/4/2023

David Asquith (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Heritage assets

The Society has in its ownership various books and historical documents whether bought through appeals or gifts to it over the years. These assets, being of a historical nature, have not been included on the balance sheet. It is not practical to obtain valuations of such assets held. Historical books and documents are written off to the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis when they are sold or acquired.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

1 Accounting policies continued

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (other than heritage assets) costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income unless restrictions have been imposed by the donor. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

2 Grants

	2022 Unrestricted funds	2022 Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
V&A Museum	-	1,250	1,250	-
Marc Fitch Fund	-	-	-	4,633
	-	1,250	1,250	4,633

3a Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
V&A Museum	-	1,250	1,250	-	-
Aerial Archaeology	7,901	-	1,874	-	6,027
Local History Publications	222	-	-	-	222
Yorkshire Quern Survey	1,591	-	-	-	1,591
	9,714	1,250	3,124	-	7,840

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
V&A Museum	Towards the acquisition of the Currer Estate rentals book
Aerial Archaeology	For activities in this speciality
Local History Publications	To be used for purchases of books on the Tudor and Stuart period from funds provided by Mr R T Spence
Yorkshire Quern Survey	For activities in this speciality

3b Endowment funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Revaluation and transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
J D Hicks endowment fund	44,682	2,194	-	(7,075)	39,801
Elizabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	22,123	528	-	(2,368)	20,283
	66,805	2,722	-	(9,443)	60,084

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
J D Hicks endowment fund	To be used for the purchase or repair of books, maps, pamphlets or computer items.
Elizabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	To be used towards purchases for the society's library and new publications in the society's "Record Series"

4a Fixed assets investments

	2022 Listed investment	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£
Balance b/f	1,248,217	1,248,217	1,112,005
Additions	75,000	75,000	-
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	(159,192)	(159,192)	136,212
Income generated	40,591	40,591	35,982
(Income transferred out)	(40,591)	(40,591)	(35,982)
Total	1,164,025	1,164,025	1,248,217

4b Analysis of investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
CCLA COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund	8,584	9,802
CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund	8,741	9,891
Preference shares	161,309	196,258
CCLA Claremont Investment	985,391	1,032,266
	1,164,025	1,248,217

5 Debtors and prepayments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors	197	171
Accrued income	3,500	2,300
	3,697	2,471

6 Creditors and accruals

	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors	4,600	6,000
Accruals	2,250	2,250
Deferred income	7,128	10,938
	13,978	19,188

Deferred income comprises subscriptions and activities received in advance of their due date.

7 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other related party transactions

Other transactions with trustees or related parties

Name of trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of transaction	2022 £	2021 £
Professor Richard Hoyle	Trustee	Purchase of a survey of the Estates of the Currer family of Kildwick, Yorkshire by T. Addison and G.Lang, 1771	-	6,000
			-	6,000

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Endowment funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income								
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,250	4,633	1,250	4,633
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid	7,373	(734)	-	-	-	-	7,373	(734)
Sales, licence fees and royalties	13,026	5,860	-	-	-	-	13,026	5,860
Subscriptions	28,530	24,952	-	-	-	-	28,530	24,952
Investment income	37,869	33,399	2,722	2,583	-	-	40,591	35,982
Other income	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	9
Total income	86,798	63,486	2,722	2,583	1,250	4,633	90,770	70,702
Expenditure								
Main Activities								
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal	4,645	4,600	-	-	-	-	4,645	4,600
Subscriptions / donations paid	800	802	-	-	-	-	800	802
Grants awarded	8,293	5,021	-	-	-	-	8,293	5,021
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Main Activities total	56,163	52,845	-	-	3,124	4,633	59,287	57,478

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Endowment funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Expenditure (continued)								
Administration								
Administrative assistance	3,553	4,466	-	-	-	-	3,553	4,466
Rent, rates and utilities	5,264	4,613	-	-	-	-	5,264	4,613
Insurance	1,274	1,041	-	-	-	-	1,274	1,041
Telephone and broadband	913	820	-	-	-	-	913	820
Postage and stationery	1,381	3,031	-	-	-	-	1,381	3,031
Other charges	368	35	-	-	-	-	368	35
Printing and photocopying	815	-	-	-	-	-	815	-
Bank charges	340	340	-	-	-	-	340	340
Independent examination	2,250	2,250	-	-	-	-	2,250	2,250
Administration total	16,158	16,596	-	-	-	-	16,158	16,596
Total expenditure	72,321	69,441	-	-	3,124	4,633	75,445	74,074
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(149,749)	133,655	(9,443)	2,557	-	-	(159,192)	136,212
Net income / (expenditure)	(135,272)	127,700	(6,721)	5,140	(1,874)	-	(143,867)	132,840
Fund balances brought forward	1,362,299	1,234,599	66,805	61,665	9,714	9,714	1,438,818	1,305,978
Fund balances carried forward	1,227,027	1,362,299	60,084	66,805	7,840	9,714	1,294,951	1,438,818

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The Society's Library and Archives are available at the University of Leeds Library, where they are held on long-term loan. The Society's Archives and the books in the Society's Library printed in 1850 or before are accessible in the Special Collections department of the University Library. For details or to search the catalogue go to: **https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1500/special_collections**

The post-1850 books in the Society's Library are available on the open shelves of the University of Leeds Brotherton Library, and all the other books in the University of Leeds Library are accessible to both YAHS members and members of other groups affiliated to the YAHS. Letters of authorisation to enable application for University of Leeds Library cards may be obtained from the Society's office.

OPENING TIMES OF LEEDS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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The location and opening hours for Special Collections may be found at: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/locations/special-collections

EVENTS PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the Events Programme Year runs from September to August. Subject to the relaxation of coronavirus-related restrictions on meetings, almost all the lectures for the 2022-2023 academic year are expected to take place at the Swarthmore Education Centre, 2-7 Woodhouse Square, Leeds, LS3 1AD. The Membership Year runs from January to December and subscriptions for 2023 are due by 31 December 2022. The Yorkshire Archaeological Journal is published each year in August/September.

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The Society

Objects

"The examination, preservation and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs and Traditions of the historic county of York."

Operation

The Society is a charity and a company run by an elected Management Board who are its Trustees and Directors.

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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

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COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF OUR FIVE SPECIALIST SECTIONS

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OUR JOURNAL, RECORD SERIES AND THE WAKEFIELD COURT ROLLS SERIES COMBINED

Review of the year

As serving President of the Society I have pleasure in presenting this our Annual Report and Accounts for 2021.

It is unlikely that anyone will be surprised to learn that our activities in 2021 were restricted as in 2020 by the coronavirus regulations. Again however, the lecture programme continued online, publications were produced, grants given and new material added to the archives. More details are given in later pages of this Report and our thanks are due to all those members of the Society and its sections who made these things happen.

In 2021 the Society was very fortunate to welcome a new Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Kirsty Cox, who is continuing the process of modernising services on which all our other activities depend. The Society closed its financial year with a satisfactory overall balance between income and outgoings.

With an eye to longer term sustainability however, three challenges were evident at the end of the year. Firstly, income from subscriptions is not rising and we cannot assume better returns from investments, and secondly some costs have already begun to rise and others may well follow. The third challenge is to replace Trustees and Honorary Officers standing down. Volunteers remain hard to find and vacancies impair our capacity to maintain and improve services. This is the context in which our shorter-term activities have to be planned and the more effective these are in getting the Society more widely known the better it will be in the longer term.

DAVID ASQUITH
President, Yorkshire Archaeological & Historical Society

We collect

SOCIETY COLLECTIONS REPORT

There have been a number of useful developments for our collections during the year, despite the disruption caused by Covid. Progress was made by the University on cataloguing the open access books from our library, and work is expected to be completed by April 2022. The University has used grant funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Council and other sources to upgrade its research centre, and further work will be undertaken shortly to provide better accommodation for our maps and large format material. Despite the limitations on access entailed, this refurbishment is very welcome news.

A pilot project to conserve two of the eighteenth-century court rolls from the manor of Wakefield (YAS MD225) has begun. The pilot is being carried out on behalf of the Society by conservators of West Yorkshire Archive Service. When completed it will enable us to frame a properly informed funding bid to conserve up to 49 rolls, which will be a major undertaking.





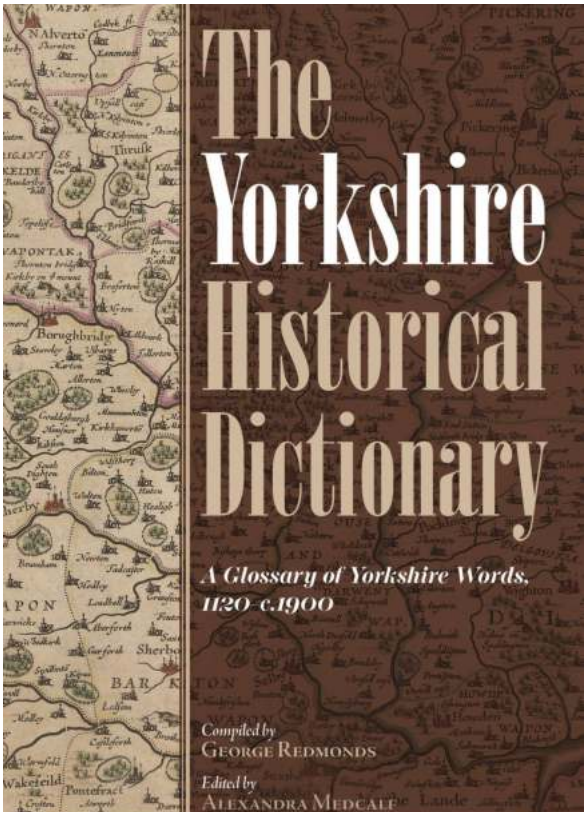
Among this year's accessions we have been fortunate to be able to purchase, via Professor Richard Hoyle, a very fine survey of the estates of the Currer family of Kildwick Hall, near Skipton. The volume, which dates from 1771, includes a number of exquisite maps drawn by Thomas Addison and George Lang, and is an excellent complement to material already in our archives. The volume will have the reference YAS MD492

SYLVIA THOMAS
Hon Collections Liaison Officer

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We publish

THE RECORD SERIES



The substantial achievement of the Record Series for 2021 was the publication of the Yorkshire Historical Dictionary, the final and crowning work of Dr George Redmonds, long well-known as the historian of Yorkshire place-names and surnames. This two-volume work defines the meaning and use of over 4,000 words from the twelfth to the nineteenth century which Dr Redmonds identified in the course of a lifetime of research on Yorkshire records. It will remain unsurpassed as a major reference work on regional history and language.

The Record Series has published over 160 volumes since 1885. Fifty of its publications were reissued by Cambridge University Press in 2013 and now many volumes in the series can be consulted on-line through the Internet Archive website. Access is easily obtained through the 'Our Publications' page of the YAHS website.

A principal aim of the Record Series has always been to publish as wide a spectrum as possible of original records relating to the history of Yorkshire. In recent years, these have ranged from an edition of the archives of the Middleton family of Catholic gentry in the Tudor and Stuart period to the wartime diary of a Dewsbury shop assistant. Future volumes will include an edition of the medieval property deeds of the Metham family of Howdenshire, the record book of Hull corporation in the sixteenth century and the nineteenth century letters of a Yorkshire portrait painter.

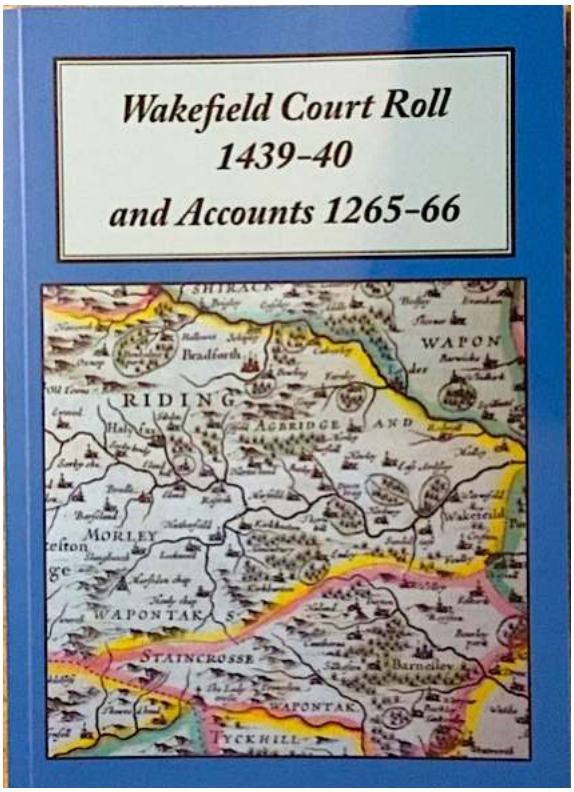
BRIAN BARBER and CHRISTOPHER J WATSON
General Editors

We publish

THE WAKEFIELD COURT ROLLS SERIES

Volume 21 in the series was published in October. It contained the Wakefield manorial court roll for 1439-40 and the court rolls for Sowerbyshire for 1439-41. It also included a recently-identified account roll for 1265-66 for the manors of Wakefield, Conisbrough and Greetwell, Lincolnshire, three northern manors of the Earl of Surrey. This has especial interest as the earl was a major participant in the second Baron's War, as a leading royal supporter opposing the followers of Simon de Montfort. His account roll thus includes details of the expenditure entailed in pursuing skirmishes against his opponents in Yorkshire.

There are two editors involved in this volume. One is the president, David Asquith, previously the editor of volume 18 (2015) for 1658-59. He worked on the Wakefield roll, making use of a Latin transcription generously made available by Celia Parker. The other was Christopher Watson, who edited both the Sowerbyshire roll and the account roll. He was also the editor of volume 20 (2019), the manorial court roll for 1360-61.



As mentioned in the annual report for 2020, the society has now decided that any future manorial court rolls for Wakefield will be published in the society's Record Series, as was the previous practice before a separate publishing section was established for the court rolls in 1974. The society remains keen to provide an opportunity for any potential editor to prepare further court rolls for publication.

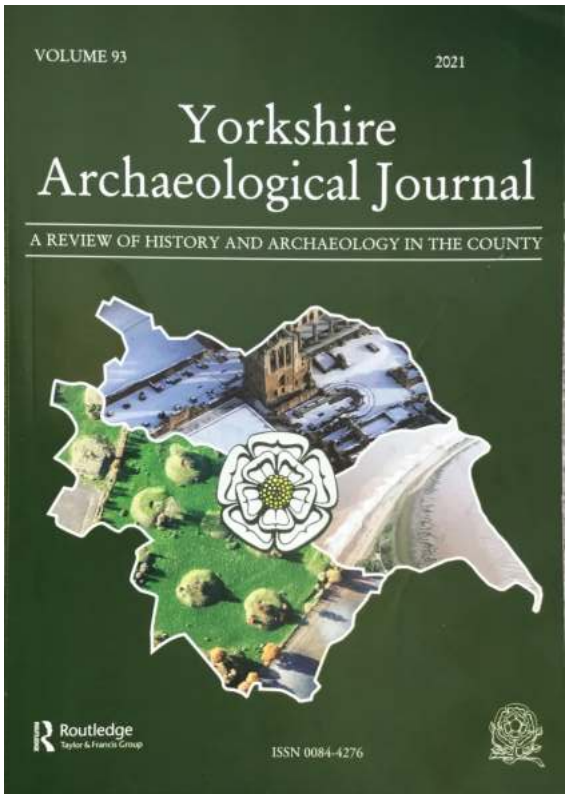
BRIAN BARBER
General Editor

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THE YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL JOURNAL

Volume 93 for 2021 presented an important series of Neolithic radiocarbon dates from the Yorkshire Wolds, and a report on pollen analysis from sites on the Tabular Hills to complement the better-known vegetation history of the North York Moors. An analysis by Richard Brickstock of around three thousand Roman coins from York added to an earlier article (in Vol. 91), and summarised the contribution of coinage to our understanding of Roman Yorkshire. Recent and highly significant developments in this understanding were considered by Professor Martin Millett, in a review of two major publications reporting on continuing work in advance of upgrades to the A1 and at Scotch Corner.

The history content included three articles. Colum Giles explored the changes in how Yorkshire's vernacular buildings have been studied over the course of a century or more, and the potential to use the findings in novel ways. George Newton highlighted the role of Wakefield cloth merchants as lynchpins in an extensive early-modern trade which extended from Kendal and the Dales via Wakefield to London, and to other English regions. Gillian Cookson investigated a pioneering ironworks, Hunslet Foundry, and the part it played in building Leeds as a centre of engineering from 1770.



Overall, the journal publisher Taylor & Francis report that there were 6093 full-text downloads of articles in 2021, which compares with 4584 in the previous calendar year.

ROGER MARTLEW
Archaeology Editor

GILLIAN COOKSON
History Editor

We meet, we learn

PREHISTORY RESEARCH SECTION

During the coronavirus pandemic our membership increased to 141, comprising 101 YAHS, 26 Section-only, 10 Institutional and 4 Hon members.

Our traditional meetings for members were transferred to Zoom, consequently attracting a wider audience. The AGM in March was preceded by Fraser Brown talking about *'The Mesolithic and Neolithic of the north-west'.*



Our joint meeting with the Prehistoric Society heard Dr Mel Giles talk about 'Bog Bodies: face to face with the past'. In December Dr Helen Chittock discussed her research of '*Iron Age Art in East Yorkshire: What did decoration do?*'

Summer visits resumed to see Peter Halkon's ringfort excavations (fig 1) and Steve Sherlock's dig at Loftus. In September, along with YAHS members, we explored the refurbished galleries at Craven Museum (fig 2).

◀ *Figure 1*
The slot dug for the wooden pallisade was later cleared and out filled with animal bones, mainly cattle. Skulls and horns can be seen in situ in the excavated trench.

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Prehistory Research Secton (continued)



Figure 2: At Craven Museum

Grants
Projects supported by our grants were adversely affected by Covid constraint. Payment was made for isotope analysis on an EBA burial on Baildon Moor (£408), but our commitments to C14 dates at a Mesolithic site at Eskletts (£590), to a henge site in Redcar (£315), to the hilltop enclosure at Nunburnholme (£2,268) and to the ringfort at Kipling House (£1,512) have yet to be completed.

Section funds are robust, enabling a further £5k of reserves to be invested into the YAHS's CCLA account.

Prehistoric Yorkshire No 59 was published on schedule and posted to members before Christmas.

Yorkshire Quern Survey
No Quern Survey AGM was held, but an annual report on YQS activity during 2021 will be issued by email to Section members in the Spring.

Research and recording added 110 querns to the archive and 33 queries from the public were answered. YQS reports were included in publications on excavations on the M1 at Catterick and at Malton.

JOHN CRUSE
Secretary

We meet, we learn

ROMAN ANTIQUITIES SECTION

Over the year, meetings have continued to be run online – videos of the meeting may be made available on our website or through another platform in the future.

Interestingly, numbers at meetings have held up despite the lack of face-to-face meetings, especially with some members who would not otherwise be able to attend the meeting being able to log in to the online session. We do not anticipate a change in the situation until well into 2022, depending on the pandemic.

Meetings in 2021 included lectures on:
How wide was the Frontier: Pete Wilson (January), Pandemic on Hadrian's Wall: Nick Hodgson (March); Julia Velva a Roman lady from York: her city revealed: Patrick Ottaway (May); Latest development at Petuaria: Peter Halkon (September): Cataractonium: Supplying the Northern Frontier: Stuart Ross (November). A programme of lectures is being developed by Peter Halkon for 2022.

Also included in the activities was a visit to the celebrated excavation at Eastfield, Scarborough, with the visit led by our Hon. Chairman Dr Pete Wilson.

JO HERON, Secretary



A wet welcome to Eastfield Photo: David Brear

We meet, we learn

MEDIEVAL SECTION

Meetings continued through the year as in 2020, with online lectures. This did mean that some attendees were able to login from distant parts and overseas. It has also meant that membership numbers have largely held up over the year.

The programme covered a wide range of exciting topics with: Sarah Rees-Jones, Hidden in plain sight (January); Brian Worrall, Moated Manor House of Skipwith (February); Elizabeth Craig-Atkins, The Digital Ossuary: New recording and analysis of the medieval charnel house at Rothwell, Northants (March); Helen Caffrey, Almshouses: medieval inspiration, enduring provision (April); Kate Giles, The Writing on the Wall: Graffiti and the Horselads of East Yorkshire (May); Tony Hunt, Seeing the light fantastic: experiments in multispectral imaging in archaeology (June), then restarting with Eric Houlder, Excavating at Sutton Hoo (September); Matthew Townend, Topic on Dialect (October); Stuart Wrathmell, Viking settlements in eastern Yorkshire (November) and Danica Summerlin, Papal ritual & celebration in the Central Middle Ages (December). Attendance at lectures has held up with between 30 and 40 people attending, and including some members who live at a distance from Leeds and would not otherwise attend an in-person lecture.



Maison Dieu, Ripon. Helen Caffrey

In addition Medieval Yorkshire for 2020 and 2021 was produced in two volumes. The journal was a dedicated commemoration of the work of Professor Maurice Beresford. It was published in conjunction with the YAHS and a very successful conference to celebrate his work and the research that has followed in his wake.

JO HERON
Secretary

We meet, we learn

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY SECTION

Lecture programme
Seven talks were held in 2021, a mixture of in-person, Zoom and hybrid, as follows:

- *Malcolm's Military Meanderings* by Malcolm Brooke, an exploration of bunkers, borders and places of military significance;
- *Great Uncle Percy* by Glenda Shaw, which was an illustrated talk about Percy Shaw, inventor of the ubiquitous “Cats-Eye”;
- The *Excavation of The Round Foundry, Holbeck, Leeds* by Richard Jackson, an overview of the archaeological excavations at this historically important site;
- *IK Brunel - Genius or Failure?* by Marian Brockway, a review of the works of this controversial engineer;
- *Reservoir Railways - Visualising the Construction of Hebden Bridge’s Reservoirs (1870 - 1935)* by Dr Michael O'Grady, an image-rich talk featuring old maps, satellite images, recently published LiDAR data and 'then and now' photographs;
- *Rosedale Railway for Iron and Steel Making in 19th Century Teesside and County Durham* by Rob Shorland-Ball, an illustrated talk on the railway, its place in history and the remains of its infrastructure;
- *Not Just the Bouncing Bomb - The Life and Work of Sir Barnes Wallis* by Chris Henderson.

Thanks must go to our Vice-chair, John Suter, for his technical expertise (and patience when all was not well!) with regard to the Zoom and hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings.

Industrial History Online
Work has continued on the Industrial History Online database which now contains 8,680 site records and 3,786 images and we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the continuing success of the website. Interest has been shown in contributing material to the database by a number of other Societies, but due to COVID it has not been possible to meet to explore how we may be able to collaborate. Last year also saw a major development with the introduction of a comprehensive Code of Practice for Contributors and an Agreement that all material on IHO should be available under the Creative Commons Attribution - Non Commercial – Share Alike Licence Agreement (CC-BY-NC-SA 4.0).

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Industrial History Section - Industrial History online, continued

We remain, however, keen to hear from any members who would be interested in photographing Industrial Heritage Sites, particularly in providing up to date photographs of the many sites for which we only have historic images. We would like to thank the YAHS for its continuing support of this project.

Newsletter and site visit
Three issues of the Newsletter were produced and sent to members generally by email or in a few cases posted. The final issue of 2021 was the last edited by Margaret Tylee after many years as editor. Thanks go to Margaret and a welcome to the new editor Andrew Milsom. Jane Ellis also arranged a visit to the mill engines at Bancroft Mill in Barnoldswick on their steaming day. A walk around the one-time industrial sites of the town followed.

Photos by Jane Ellis





Finally thanks to the members and officials of the Section for their continued support in what has been a difficult year, but happily the Section continues to thrive.

BILL JAGGER
Chair, Industrial History Section

We meet, we learn

FAMILY HISTORY SECTION

The operation of the Family History Section has proved again to be challenging during 2021. Thanks are due the very small team of members who have continued to work to keep the Section's services running. At this time the limited human resources available means we are a provider of lectures, a magazine publisher, and occasionally advice providers to those who are "stuck" in their researches. We need to be more than this if we are to stop the almost relentless decline in the scope of our activities.

Ancestry and Find my Past have cornered our former markets for many publications. The section did not attend any fairs in 2021 partly as a result of Covid and declining sales for paper based publications.

During 2021 the Section managed the direct day-to-day operation of the Yorkshire Roots website to raise the profile of the Section on the internet, as well as improving our service to members



The Lecture programme during 2021 covered a wide range of topics such as: The Turnpike Story, What made Yorkshire Great, Before the Census, Headingley's Botanical Gardens and Royal Park, Every Picture tells a Story - Some Lost Leeds Buildings

Old survivors on Briggate included the 1613 residence of Richard Sykes pictured here in c. 1900 as no: 56 F Wallis, hosier and glover.

Illustration courtesy of Leeds Museums & Galleries.

The Section continued to exchange copies of its publication The Yorkshire Family Historian with other genealogical societies throughout the UK, Canada and Australia. A noticeable feature was that the great majority of our exchange magazine partners now insist on receiving and taking delivery of publications electronically rather than as printed copies.

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Family History Section (continued)

The Section received a slow but steady flow of enquiries during the year, some of them asking for information well beyond our capabilities, many based in very little starting information (for example finding family ancestors back in the 1500 - 1600s). Some of the more prosaic enquiries essentially asked us to carry out a free of charge genealogical research project, these were politely refused.

The Section continued its memberships of the Yorkshire and of the National Federations of Family History Societies to maintain contact with Family History societies, topics and resources on a wider scale.

J KORNA
Webmaster

We give

THE SOCIETY GRANTS SCHEME

The Society received 12 applications for grant funding in 2021: nine to the main society fund, and three to the Prehistory Research Section (PrehRS); a total of £11,568 was awarded. Of the nine applications to the main society fund, two were rejected, one remains to be resolved, whilst an offer to help purchase the Kippax Court Roll of 1612–13 at auction was not required.



A subsequent award to North Yorkshire Archives to help secure the Hensall Court Rolls at auction was happily realised.

The largest award was towards a further phase of excavations at the prehistoric hilltop enclosure at Kipling House Farm, directed by Peter Halkon, principally to investigate the rectangular enclosure to the east of the main enclosure. Another archaeological award has been made to Martin Foreman towards his reporting of an unusual Romano-British lead cistern found by metal detectorists near Rudston.

The remaining awards have been made to assist in the cost of the production of illustrations for two significant publications. *Thomas White (c.1736–1811) Redesigning the Northern British Landscape,* by Deborah Turnbull and Louise Wickham, was published in November 2021, whilst *The Medieval Stained Glass of West Yorkshire,* by Brian Sprakes, part of a British Academy research project (*Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevi)*, will be published in late 2022 or early 2023.

It should be noted that Debbie Hallam's trial excavations at Kettlewell, funded in 2020, but postponed due to Covid-19, were successfully undertaken in 2021, with good results and notable public engagement.

The three PrehRS grants awarded in 2021 were all required for radiocarbon dating material from the sites at Kipling House Farm and Nunburnholme (by Peter Halkon), and Kirkleatham (by Stephen Sherlock).

IAN ROBERTS,
Honorary Grants Officer

We communicate

PROMOTIONS GROUP

Briefing is the magazine for Society members, primarily distributed electronically but hard copies are available. Two issues were produced in 2021 and they continue to be well received. Thanks are recorded to the Editor, David Brear, who welcomes contributions for future issues.

The Society continues to send out regular email messages to keep members informed of activities. It is important that members agree to share their email addresses with us to avoid missing this information.

The Society's Facebook page continues to grow with 3,745 followers in November 2021 a 31% increase over November 2020.

The website is kept up to date with information about the Society's collections, activities and publications. An important addition was a scanned copy of John Brearley's Memorandum Book of 1772-3, the original having been acquired in 2020 at auction.

Events
Covid has prevented many events, but a successful visit was made to the newly re-opened Craven Museum in Skipton in September and 23 October saw the delayed celebration of Maurice Beresford's work on deserted medieval villages with an online conference Lost Villages Found. Over 50 attended with a mixture of YAHS members and non-members. A special edition of Medieval Yorkshire was given to those attending as part of their conference fee.

Future Activities
A promotional postcard will be included in a future issue of The Dalesman and a display is booked for the Craven Museum later in 2022. A celebration for Maurice Beresford's work in Leeds is now planned for 2023 to coincide with Leeds City of Culture.

Margaret Tylee,
Chair, Promotions Group

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2021

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
David Asquith	President	
Kirsty Anne Louise Cox	Treasurer	Co-opted 19 June 2021
Gary Robert Brannan		
David Brear		
Dr Gillian Cookson		
Dr Alexander Myles Gibson		
Professor Richard William Hoyle		
Axel Erhard Wilhelm Muller		
Ian Daniel Roberts		
Sylvia Thomas		
Margaret Ann Tylee		
Dr Brian John Barber		Resigned 19 June 2021
Ms Charlotte Dean		Resigned 18 February 2021
Dr David John Buck		Resigned from trustee role 19 June 2021

Company secretary	Dr David John Buck	
Charity number	224083	Registered in England and Wales
Company number	00038346	Registered in England and Wales

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Virgin Money	Barclays Bank plc	NatWest Bank plc	PayPal
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Leeds	Canary Wharf	London	London
LS2 8NZ	London. E14 5RB.	EC2M 3UR	EC4A 3TW

Independent examiner
Claire Welling
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 7 March 1893. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association which were amended by special resolutions 25 March 1935, 29 April 1949. 24 October 1970, 19 June 1993, 26 September 2015 and 30 June 2018. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding ten shillings.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also the directors for the purposes of company law and are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2021

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects for which the Society is established are:-

(a) The taking over of the property, effects, and liabilities of the present unincorporated Association known as The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Association.

(b) The examination, preservation, and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs, Arts and Traditions of the county of York; and especially the collection and preservation of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, deeds, engravings, drawings, coins, antiquities, and other objects relating to or bearing upon the History, Antiquities, or Topography of the county.

(c) The acquisition by donation, purchase, or otherwise, of a Library and a Museum, and the use, maintenance and extension of such Library and Museum.

(d) The holding of meetings for the reading of papers, the exhibition of antiquities, and other objects, and the discussion of subjects connected with any of the objects of the Society.

(e) The holdings of meetings at, and for the inspection and examination of places rendered interesting by their antiquities, architecture, or associations, or for any other reason.

(f) The acquisition by purchase, taking on lease, tenancy, or otherwise, of lands and buildings, and any other property, real and personal, for any estate, term, or interest, which the Society for the purposes thereof may from time to time think proper to acquire, and which may lawfully be held by them subject to the provisions of the 21st section of the Companies Act, 1862; and the re-sale, leasing, letting, management, surrender, or disposition of any such property for any of the purposes of the Society, or for any purpose which may be thought incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects of the Society.

(g) The transcription, abstracting, reproduction, printing, publication, and sale of books, pamphlets, journals, transactions, prints, engravings, and other matters, by subscription or otherwise, and the payment of all usual and necessary expenses thereof.

(h) The borrowing of money for the purposes of the Society, and the execution of mortgages and other securities to secure the monies so borrowed, with interest thereon.

(i) The granting of money towards the cost of exploring and preserving ancient buildings and other objects of antiquity, or for the furthering of any of the objects of the Society.

(k) The doing of all other lawful things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

The charity's main activities

The primary objective of the YAHS is the promotion of the study of Yorkshire’s past through archaeology and history.

Public benefit statement

In undertaking their responsibilities as trustees, and therefore in setting objectives and planning and overseeing the Society's activities, the members of the Management Board bear in mind the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, bearing in mind the Society's primary objective to promote the study of Yorkshire’s past through archaeology and history, the trustees are confident that appropriate public benefit has accrued in the past year through activities such as the provision of public access to the Society's archives, the promotion of opportunities to learn about archaeology and history via conferences, lectures and exhibitions, and the availability of grant funding to support the archaeological and historical research.

The charity operates to advance the arts, culture, heritage or science and to advance education.

Achievements and performance

The activities of the Society are aimed at fulfilling its aims and objectives. During 2021 the Society pursued these activities through its programme of lectures and other events, through the production of publications, and through the promotion of research into the archaeology and history of the historic county of Yorkshire via the award of grants and directly. Through its special interest Sections, the Society also again catered for those people interested in studying and researching specific topics and periods. Although many of the Society's activities had to be arranged online in 2021, due to the coronavirus pandemic, in many instances new audiences were attracted because those activities were available online for the first time.

The Society continued to publish new work in 2021. Volume 93 of the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* was issued, albeit again slightly later than usual due to the effects of the coronavirus and related restrictions. New volumes of *Medieval Yorkshire* and *Prehistoric Yorkshire* were also produced, as were further issues of the Society's magazine, *Briefing* (volumes 8 and 9) and an edition of *Roman Yorkshire*.

The lecture programme for 2021 was almost entirely delivered online. These lectures proved very successful, in some instances attracting markedly more participants than had previously attended face-to-face sessions. A conference to celebrate the former Society member Professor Maurice Beresford (and marking the 100th anniversary of his birth) was also held online and attracted a good attendance.

The Society's Library and Archives are deposited on long-term loan in the Special Collections department of the University of Leeds Brotherton Library. The Archives are open to the general public, as well as to the Society members, but coronavirus pandemic restrictions had to be placed by the University on access to the archive collections, and for much of the year material could not be directly accessed. To partly alleviate these limitations, the University made arrangements for the free copying of some material, and online consultations with archivists enabled some research to continue. Access to the Society's library was, perforce, even more limited for most of 2021 for the same reason.

Grants were awarded by the Society to support the following activities:

1 excavations at Kipling House Farm (£3,434)
2 support for publication of book about T White, Garden Designer (£500)
3 support for costs of obtaining C14 dates for finds from a henge near Redcar (Kirkleatham Howe) (£315), from Kipling House Farm (£1,512) and for material from excavations at Nunburnholme (£2,268).
4 analysis of Rudston Roman lead vessel (£384)
5 contribution to NYCRO towards the cost of purchasing a series of early 17th century court rolls for the manor of Hensall, North Yorkshire (£1,153).

Financial review

The net income for the year was £132,840, including net income of £127,700 on unrestricted funds and net income of £5,140 on endowment funds, with nil net movement on restricted funds.

The Management Board and its Finance Committee continue to actively seek and take advice on the best way to use the investments and income the Society receives. The major part of the Society's assets are now held in the COIF (Charities Investment Fund) of CCLA, as can be seen in the attached accounts.

In 2016 the Management Board, following Finance Committee proposals, decided that investments should, where practicable and efficient, be managed by third party experts. This approach continues.

In terms of the investments and the reserves, the objectives expressed by the Trustees was that the investments held should ensure, as far as is practicable, that the real capital value is at least maintained in the long term whilst also providing a sufficient income to ensure that the Society can adequately finance its charitable intentions. As an initial benchmark it was expected that a minimum net return of £20,000 per annum would satisfy future income flow with costs of investment management covered before that net income.

£5,316 was committed to the completion of the Leeds University post 1850 books cataloguing project at the year end date.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £173,590.

The Trustees consider that the Society should retain sufficient Reserves so that they can develop long-term strategies and short-term plans to implement the Society's charitable objectives, without being hampered by financial restraints. The Trustees consider that Unrestricted Reserves at a minimum amount of £60,000 should be retained to cover the above requirements per annum.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 12 May 2022

David Wilkes Asquith (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Claire Welling

16/5/2022

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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income from:						
Grants	(2)	-	4,633	-	4,633	4,375
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid		(734)	-	-	(734)	11,657
Sales, licence fees and royalties		5,860	-	-	5,860	7,691
Subscriptions		24,952	-	-	24,952	24,508
Investment income		33,399	-	2,583	35,982	43,462
Other income		9	-	-	9	117
Release of prior year's provision		-	-	-	-	8,259
Total income		63,486	4,633	2,583	70,702	100,069
Expenditure on:						
Main Activities						
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal		4,600	-	-	4,600	4,645
Subscriptions / donations paid		802	-	-	802	1,031
Grants awarded		5,021	-	-	5,021	3,381
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursions		1,547	-	-	1,547	4,255
Library and archive collections		25,730	-	-	25,730	9,041
Other professional services		421	-	-	421	1,383
Other printed publications		12,487	-	-	12,487	2,692
Digitisation and web services		2,237	4,633	-	6,870	4,416
Main Activities total		52,845	4,633	-	57,478	30,844
Administration						
Administrative assistance		4,466	-	-	4,466	4,221
Rent, rates and utilities		4,613	-	-	4,613	4,047
Insurance		1,041	-	-	1,041	1,061
Telephone and broadband		820	-	-	820	913
Postage and stationery		3,031	-	-	3,031	2,459
Other charges		35	-	-	35	155
Printing and photocopying		-	-	-	-	1,618
Bank charges		340	-	-	340	355
Independent examination		2,250	-	-	2,250	2,250
AGM		-	-	-	-	150
Administration total		16,596	-	-	16,596	17,229
Total expenditure		69,441	4,633	-	74,074	48,073
Net gains/(losses) on investments		133,655	-	2,557	136,212	57,793
Net income / (expenditure)		127,700	-	5,140	132,840	109,789
Fund balances brought forward		1,234,599	9,714	61,665	1,305,978	1,196,189
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	1,362,299	9,714	66,805	1,438,818	1,305,978

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2021

		2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2022 Endowment £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fixed assets						
Investments	(4)	1,188,709	-	59,508	1,248,217	1,112,005
Total fixed assets		1,188,709	-	59,508	1,248,217	1,112,005
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	(6)	2,471	-	-	2,471	18,648
Cash at bank and in hand	(7)	190,307	9,714	7,297	207,318	183,150
Total current assets		192,778	9,714	7,297	209,789	201,798
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors and accruals	(8)	8,250	-	-	8,250	2,250
Deferred income	(9)	10,938	-	-	10,938	5,575
Total current liabilities		19,188	-	-	19,188	7,825
Net current assets / (liabilities)		173,590	9,714	7,297	190,601	193,973
Net assets		1,362,299	9,714	66,805	1,438,818	1,305,978
Funds						
Unrestricted funds		1,362,299	-	-	1,362,299	1,234,599
Restricted funds		-	9,714	-	9,714	9,714
Endowment funds		-	-	66,805	66,805	61,665
Total funds		1,362,299	9,714	66,805	1,438,818	1,305,978

For the year ending 31 December 2021 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who also the directors for the purposes of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 12 May 2022

David Wilkes Asquith (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Heritage assets

The Society has in its ownership various books and historical documents whether bought through appeals or gifts to it over the years. These assets, being of a historical nature, have not been included on the balance sheet. It is not practical to obtain valuations of such assets held. Historical books and documents are written off to the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis when they are sold or acquired.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

1 Accounting policies continued

Grants payable without performance conditions
Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Taxation
As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets (other than heritage assets) are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income unless restrictions have been imposed by the donor. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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for the year ended 31 December 2021

2 Grants

	2021 Unrestricted funds	2021 Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Marc Fitch Fund	-	4,633	4,633	-
Friends of the National Libraries	-	-	-	3,125
Victoria & Albert Museum	-	-	-	1,250
	-	4,633	4,633	4,375

3a Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Local History Publications	222	-	-	-	222
Aerial Archaeology	7,901	-	-	-	7,901
Yorkshire Quern Survey	1,591	-	-	-	1,591
Marc Fitch Fund	-	4,633	4,633	-	-
	9,714	4,633	4,633	-	9,714

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Local History Publications	To be used for purchases of books on the Tudor and Stuart period from funds provided by Mr R T Spence
Aerial Archaeology	For activities in this speciality
Yorkshire Quern Survey	For activities in this speciality
Marc Fitch Fund	Towards internet archive costs

3b Endowment funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Revaluation and transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
JD Hicks Fund	42,323	2,194	-	165	44,682
Elisabeth Exwood Mem Trust	19,342	389	-	2,392	22,123
	61,665	2,583	-	2,557	66,805

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
JD Hicks Fund	To be used for the purchase or repair of books, maps, pamphlets or computer items.
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	To be used towards purchases for the society's library and new publications in the society's "Record Series"

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2021

4 Fixed assets investments

	2021 Listed investments	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£
Balance b/f	1,112,005	1,112,005	1,054,212
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	136,212	136,212	57,793
Income generated	35,982	35,982	36,814
(Income transferred out)	(35,982)	(35,982)	(36,814)
Total	1,248,217	1,248,217	1,112,005

5 Analysis of investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
CCLA COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund	9,802	8,639
CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund	9,891	8,662
Preference shares	196,258	190,678
CCLA Claremont Investment	1,032,266	904,026
	1,248,217	1,112,005

6 Debtors and prepayments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	171	-
Accrued income	2,300	6,648
Other debtors	-	12,000
	2,471	18,648

7 Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank	207,318	183,015
Cash in hand	-	135
	207,318	183,150

8 Creditors and accruals

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,000	-
Accruals	2,250	2,250
	8,250	2,250

9 Deferred income

	Released from last year	Income received	Expenditure incurred	Deferred to next year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts in advance	5,575	5,363	-	10,938
	5,575	5,363	-	10,938

Item name	Reason for deferral
Receipts in advance	Subscriptions and activities receipts in advance of their due date

10 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other related party transactions

Other transactions with trustees or related parties

Name of trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of transaction	2021 £	2020 £
Professor Richard Hoyle	Trustee	Purchase of a survey of the Estates of the Currer family of Kildwick, Yorkshire by T. Addison and G.Lang, 1771	6,000	-
			6,000	-

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income								
Grants	-	-	4,633	4,375	-	-	4,633	4,375
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid	(734)	11,657	-	-	-	-	(734)	11,657
Sales, licence fees and royalties	5,860	7,691	-	-	-	-	5,860	7,691
Subscriptions	24,952	24,508	-	-	-	-	24,952	24,508
Investment income	33,399	40,762	-	-	2,583	2,700	35,982	43,462
Other income	9	117	-	-	-	-	9	117
Release of prior year's provision	-	8,259	-	-	-	-	-	8,259
Total income	63,486	92,994	4,633	4,375	2,583	2,700	70,702	100,069
Expenditure								
Main Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal	4,600	4,645	-	-	-	-	4,600	4,645
Subscriptions / donations paid	802	1,031	-	-	-	-	802	1,031
Grants awarded	5,021	3,381	-	-	-	-	5,021	3,381
Meeting rooms, lectures, excursions	1,547	4,255	-	-	-	-	1,547	4,255
Library and archive collections	25,730	4,666	-	4,375	-	-	25,730	9,041
Other professional services	421	1,383	-	-	-	-	421	1,383
Other printed publications	12,487	2,692	-	-	-	-	12,487	2,692
Digitisation and web services	2,237	4,416	4,633	-	-	-	6,870	4,416
Main Activities total	52,845	26,469	4,633	4,375	-	-	57,478	30,844

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Expenditure (continued)								
Administration								
Administrative assistance	4,466	4,221	-	-	-	-	4,466	4,221
Rent, rates and utilities	4,613	4,047	-	-	-	-	4,613	4,047
Insurance	1,041	1,061	-	-	-	-	1,041	1,061
Telephone and broadband	820	913	-	-	-	-	820	913
Postage and stationery	3,031	2,459	-	-	-	-	3,031	2,459
Other charges	35	155	-	-	-	-	35	155
Printing and photocopying	-	1,618	-	-	-	-	-	1,618
Bank charges	340	355	-	-	-	-	340	355
Independent examination	2,250	2,250	-	-	-	-	2,250	2,250
AGM	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	150
Administration total	16,596	17,229	-	-	-	-	16,596	17,229
Total expenditure	69,441	43,698	4,633	4,375	-	-	74,074	48,073
Net gains/(losses) on investments	133,655	54,536	-	-	2,557	3,257	136,212	57,793
Net income / (expenditure)	127,700	103,832	-	-	5,140	5,957	132,840	109,789
Net movement in funds	127,700	103,832	-	-	5,140	5,957	132,840	109,789
Fund balances brought forward	1,234,599	1,130,767	9,714	9,714	61,665	55,708	1,305,978	1,196,189
Fund balances carried forward	1,362,299	1,234,599	9,714	9,714	66,805	61,665	1,438,818	1,305,978

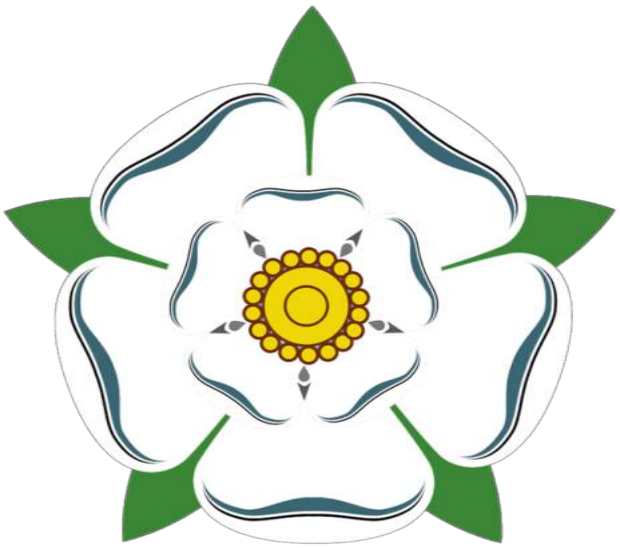
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Charity number 224083

A company limited by guarantee number 00038346

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2021



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
David Asquith	President	
Kirsty Anne Louise Cox	Treasurer	Co-opted 19 June 2021
Gary Robert Brannan		
David Brear		
Dr Gillian Cookson		
Dr Alexander Myles Gibson		
Professor Richard William Hoyle		
Axel Erhard Wilhelm Muller		
Ian Daniel Roberts		
Sylvia Thomas		
Margaret Ann Tylee		
Dr Brian John Barber		Resigned 19 June 2021
Ms Charlotte Dean		Resigned 18 February 2021
Dr David John Buck		Resigned from trustee role 19 June 2021

Company secretary	Dr David John Buck	
Charity number	224083	Registered in England and Wales
Company number	00038346	Registered in England and Wales

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Independent examiner
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 7 March 1893. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association which were amended by special resolutions 25 March 1935, 29 April 1949. 24 October 1970, 19 June 1993, 26 September 2015 and 30 June 2018. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding ten shillings.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also the directors for the purposes of company law and are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2021

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects for which the Society is established are:-

(a) The taking over of the property, effects, and liabilities of the present unincorporated Association known as The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Association.

(b) The examination, preservation, and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs, Arts and Traditions of the county of York; and especially the collection and preservation of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, deeds, engravings, drawings, coins, antiquities, and other objects relating to or bearing upon the History, Antiquities, or Topography of the county.

(c) The acquisition by donation, purchase, or otherwise, of a Library and a Museum, and the use, maintenance and extension of such Library and Museum.

(d) The holding of meetings for the reading of papers, the exhibition of antiquities, and other objects, and the discussion of subjects connected with any of the objects of the Society.

(e) The holdings of meetings at, and for the inspection and examination of places rendered interesting by their antiquities, architecture, or associations, or for any other reason.

(f) The acquisition by purchase, taking on lease, tenancy, or otherwise, of lands and buildings, and any other property, real and personal, for any estate, term, or interest, which the Society for the purposes thereof may from time to time think proper to acquire, and which may lawfully be held by them subject to the provisions of the 21st section of the Companies Act, 1862; and the re-sale, leasing, letting, management, surrender, or disposition of any such property for any of the purposes of the Society, or for any purpose which may be thought incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects of the Society.

(g) The transcription, abstracting, reproduction, printing, publication, and sale of books, pamphlets, journals, transactions, prints, engravings, and other matters, by subscription or otherwise, and the payment of all usual and necessary expenses thereof.

(h) The borrowing of money for the purposes of the Society, and the execution of mortgages and other securities to secure the monies so borrowed, with interest thereon.

(i) The granting of money towards the cost of exploring and preserving ancient buildings and other objects of antiquity, or for the furthering of any of the objects of the Society.

(k) The doing of all other lawful things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

The charity's main activities

The primary objective of the YAHS is the promotion of the study of Yorkshire’s past through archaeology and history.

Public benefit statement

In undertaking their responsibilities as trustees, and therefore in setting objectives and planning and overseeing the Society's activities, the members of the Management Board bear in mind the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, bearing in mind the Society's primary objective to promote the study of Yorkshire’s past through archaeology and history, the trustees are confident that appropriate public benefit has accrued in the past year through activities such as the provision of public access to the Society's archives, the promotion of opportunities to learn about archaeology and history via conferences, lectures and exhibitions, and the availability of grant funding to support the archaeological and historical research.

The charity operates to advance the arts, culture, heritage or science and to advance education.

Achievements and performance

The activities of the Society are aimed at fulfilling its aims and objectives. During 2021 the Society pursued these activities through its programme of lectures and other events, through the production of publications, and through the promotion of research into the archaeology and history of the historic county of Yorkshire via the award of grants and directly. Through its special interest Sections, the Society also again catered for those people interested in studying and researching specific topics and periods. Although many of the Society's activities had to be arranged online in 2021, due to the coronavirus pandemic, in many instances new audiences were attracted because those activities were available online for the first time.

The Society continued to publish new work in 2021. Volume 93 of the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* was issued, albeit again slightly later than usual due to the effects of the coronavirus and related restrictions. New volumes of *Medieval Yorkshire* and *Prehistoric Yorkshire* were also produced, as were further issues of the Society's magazine, *Briefing* (volumes 8 and 9) and an edition of *Roman Yorkshire*.

The lecture programme for 2021 was almost entirely delivered online. These lectures proved very successful, in some instances attracting markedly more participants than had previously attended face-to-face sessions. A conference to celebrate the former Society member Professor Maurice Beresford (and marking the 100th anniversary of his birth) was also held online and attracted a good attendance.

The Society's Library and Archives are deposited on long-term loan in the Special Collections department of the University of Leeds Brotherton Library. The Archives are open to the general public, as well as to the Society members, but coronavirus pandemic restrictions had to be placed by the University on access to the archive collections, and for much of the year material could not be directly accessed. To partly alleviate these limitations, the University made arrangements for the free copying of some material, and online consultations with archivists enabled some research to continue. Access to the Society's library was, perforce, even more limited for most of 2021 for the same reason.

Grants were awarded by the Society to support the following activities:

1 excavations at Kipling House Farm (£3,434)
2 support for publication of book about T White, Garden Designer (£500)
3 support for costs of obtaining C14 dates for finds from a henge near Redcar (Kirkleatham Howe) (£315), from Kipling House Farm (£1,512) and for material from excavations at Nunburnholme (£2,268).
4 analysis of Rudston Roman lead vessel (£384)
5 contribution to NYCRO towards the cost of purchasing a series of early 17th century court rolls for the manor of Hensall, North Yorkshire (£1,153).

Financial review

The net income for the year was £132,840, including net income of £127,700 on unrestricted funds and net income of £5,140 on endowment funds, with nil net movement on restricted funds.

The Management Board and its Finance Committee continue to actively seek and take advice on the best way to use the investments and income the Society receives. The major part of the Society's assets are now held in the COIF (Charities Investment Fund) of CCLA, as can be seen in the attached accounts.

In 2016 the Management Board, following Finance Committee proposals, decided that investments should, where practicable and efficient, be managed by third party experts. This approach continues.

In terms of the investments and the reserves, the objectives expressed by the Trustees was that the investments held should ensure, as far as is practicable, that the real capital value is at least maintained in the long term whilst also providing a sufficient income to ensure that the Society can adequately finance its charitable intentions. As an initial benchmark it was expected that a minimum net return of £20,000 per annum would satisfy future income flow with costs of investment management covered before that net income.

£5,316 was committed to the completion of the Leeds University post 1850 books cataloguing project at the year end date.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £173,590.

The Trustees consider that the Society should retain sufficient Reserves so that they can develop long-term strategies and short-term plans to implement the Society's charitable objectives, without being hampered by financial restraints. The Trustees consider that Unrestricted Reserves at a minimum amount of £60,000 should be retained to cover the above requirements per annum.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 12 May 2022

David Wilkes Asquith (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Claire Welling

16/5/2022

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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income from:						
Grants	(2)	-	4,633	-	4,633	4,375
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid		(734)	-	-	(734)	11,657
Sales, licence fees and royalties		5,860	-	-	5,860	7,691
Subscriptions		24,952	-	-	24,952	24,508
Investment income		33,399	-	2,583	35,982	43,462
Other income		9	-	-	9	117
Release of prior year's provision		-	-	-	-	8,259
Total income		63,486	4,633	2,583	70,702	100,069
Expenditure on:						
Main Activities						
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal		4,600	-	-	4,600	4,645
Subscriptions / donations paid		802	-	-	802	1,031
Grants awarded		5,021	-	-	5,021	3,381
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Library and archive collections		25,730	-	-	25,730	9,041
Other professional services		421	-	-	421	1,383
Other printed publications		12,487	-	-	12,487	2,692
Digitisation and web services		2,237	4,633	-	6,870	4,416
Main Activities total		52,845	4,633	-	57,478	30,844
Administration						
Administrative assistance		4,466	-	-	4,466	4,221
Rent, rates and utilities		4,613	-	-	4,613	4,047
Insurance		1,041	-	-	1,041	1,061
Telephone and broadband		820	-	-	820	913
Postage and stationery		3,031	-	-	3,031	2,459
Other charges		35	-	-	35	155
Printing and photocopying		-	-	-	-	1,618
Bank charges		340	-	-	340	355
Independent examination		2,250	-	-	2,250	2,250
AGM		-	-	-	-	150
Administration total		16,596	-	-	16,596	17,229
Total expenditure		69,441	4,633	-	74,074	48,073
Net gains/(losses) on investments		133,655	-	2,557	136,212	57,793
Net income / (expenditure)		127,700	-	5,140	132,840	109,789
Fund balances brought forward		1,234,599	9,714	61,665	1,305,978	1,196,189
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	1,362,299	9,714	66,805	1,438,818	1,305,978

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2021

		2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2022 Endowment £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fixed assets						
Investments	(4)	1,188,709	-	59,508	1,248,217	1,112,005
Total fixed assets		1,188,709	-	59,508	1,248,217	1,112,005
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	(6)	2,471	-	-	2,471	18,648
Cash at bank and in hand	(7)	190,307	9,714	7,297	207,318	183,150
Total current assets		192,778	9,714	7,297	209,789	201,798
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors and accruals	(8)	8,250	-	-	8,250	2,250
Deferred income	(9)	10,938	-	-	10,938	5,575
Total current liabilities		19,188	-	-	19,188	7,825
Net current assets / (liabilities)		173,590	9,714	7,297	190,601	193,973
Net assets		1,362,299	9,714	66,805	1,438,818	1,305,978
Funds						
Unrestricted funds		1,362,299	-	-	1,362,299	1,234,599
Restricted funds		-	9,714	-	9,714	9,714
Endowment funds		-	-	66,805	66,805	61,665
Total funds		1,362,299	9,714	66,805	1,438,818	1,305,978

For the year ending 31 December 2021 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who also the directors for the purposes of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 12 May 2022

David Wilkes Asquith (Trustee)

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Heritage assets

The Society has in its ownership various books and historical documents whether bought through appeals or gifts to it over the years. These assets, being of a historical nature, have not been included on the balance sheet. It is not practical to obtain valuations of such assets held. Historical books and documents are written off to the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis when they are sold or acquired.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

1 Accounting policies continued

Grants payable without performance conditions
Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Taxation
As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets (other than heritage assets) are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income unless restrictions have been imposed by the donor. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2021

2 Grants

	2021 Unrestricted funds	2021 Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Marc Fitch Fund	-	4,633	4,633	-
Friends of the National Libraries	-	-	-	3,125
Victoria & Albert Museum	-	-	-	1,250
	-	4,633	4,633	4,375

3a Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Local History Publications	222	-	-	-	222
Aerial Archaeology	7,901	-	-	-	7,901
Yorkshire Quern Survey	1,591	-	-	-	1,591
Marc Fitch Fund	-	4,633	4,633	-	-
	9,714	4,633	4,633	-	9,714

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Local History Publications	To be used for purchases of books on the Tudor and Stuart period from funds provided by Mr R T Spence
Aerial Archaeology	For activities in this speciality
Yorkshire Quern Survey	For activities in this speciality
Marc Fitch Fund	Towards internet archive costs

3b Endowment funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Revaluation and transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
JD Hicks Fund	42,323	2,194	-	165	44,682
Elisabeth Exwood Mem Trust	19,342	389	-	2,392	22,123
	61,665	2,583	-	2,557	66,805

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
JD Hicks Fund	To be used for the purchase or repair of books, maps, pamphlets or computer items.
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	To be used towards purchases for the society's library and new publications in the society's "Record Series"

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2021

4 Fixed assets investments

	2021 Listed investments	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£
Balance b/f	1,112,005	1,112,005	1,054,212
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	136,212	136,212	57,793
Income generated	35,982	35,982	36,814
(Income transferred out)	(35,982)	(35,982)	(36,814)
Total	1,248,217	1,248,217	1,112,005

5 Analysis of investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
CCLA COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund	9,802	8,639
CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund	9,891	8,662
Preference shares	196,258	190,678
CCLA Claremont Investment	1,032,266	904,026
	1,248,217	1,112,005

6 Debtors and prepayments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	171	-
Accrued income	2,300	6,648
Other debtors	-	12,000
	2,471	18,648

7 Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank	207,318	183,015
Cash in hand	-	135
	207,318	183,150

8 Creditors and accruals

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,000	-
Accruals	2,250	2,250
	8,250	2,250

9 Deferred income

	Released from last year	Income received	Expenditure incurred	Deferred to next year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts in advance	5,575	5,363	-	10,938
	5,575	5,363	-	10,938

Item name	Reason for deferral
Receipts in advance	Subscriptions and activities receipts in advance of their due date

10 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other related party transactions

Other transactions with trustees or related parties

Name of trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of transaction	2021 £	2020 £
Professor Richard Hoyle	Trustee	Purchase of a survey of the Estates of the Currer family of Kildwick, Yorkshire by T. Addison and G.Lang, 1771	6,000	-
			6,000	-

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income								
Grants	-	-	4,633	4,375	-	-	4,633	4,375
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid	(734)	11,657	-	-	-	-	(734)	11,657
Sales, licence fees and royalties	5,860	7,691	-	-	-	-	5,860	7,691
Subscriptions	24,952	24,508	-	-	-	-	24,952	24,508
Investment income	33,399	40,762	-	-	2,583	2,700	35,982	43,462
Other income	9	117	-	-	-	-	9	117
Release of prior year's provision	-	8,259	-	-	-	-	-	8,259
Total income	63,486	92,994	4,633	4,375	2,583	2,700	70,702	100,069
Expenditure								
Main Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal	4,600	4,645	-	-	-	-	4,600	4,645
Subscriptions / donations paid	802	1,031	-	-	-	-	802	1,031
Grants awarded	5,021	3,381	-	-	-	-	5,021	3,381
Meeting rooms, lectures, excursions	1,547	4,255	-	-	-	-	1,547	4,255
Library and archive collections	25,730	4,666	-	4,375	-	-	25,730	9,041
Other professional services	421	1,383	-	-	-	-	421	1,383
Other printed publications	12,487	2,692	-	-	-	-	12,487	2,692
Digitisation and web services	2,237	4,416	4,633	-	-	-	6,870	4,416
Main Activities total	52,845	26,469	4,633	4,375	-	-	57,478	30,844

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Expenditure (continued)								
Administration								
Administrative assistance	4,466	4,221	-	-	-	-	4,466	4,221
Rent, rates and utilities	4,613	4,047	-	-	-	-	4,613	4,047
Insurance	1,041	1,061	-	-	-	-	1,041	1,061
Telephone and broadband	820	913	-	-	-	-	820	913
Postage and stationery	3,031	2,459	-	-	-	-	3,031	2,459
Other charges	35	155	-	-	-	-	35	155
Printing and photocopying	-	1,618	-	-	-	-	-	1,618
Bank charges	340	355	-	-	-	-	340	355
Independent examination	2,250	2,250	-	-	-	-	2,250	2,250
AGM	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	150
Administration total	16,596	17,229	-	-	-	-	16,596	17,229
Total expenditure	69,441	43,698	4,633	4,375	-	-	74,074	48,073
Net gains/(losses) on investments	133,655	54,536	-	-	2,557	3,257	136,212	57,793
Net income / (expenditure)	127,700	103,832	-	-	5,140	5,957	132,840	109,789
Net movement in funds	127,700	103,832	-	-	5,140	5,957	132,840	109,789
Fund balances brought forward	1,234,599	1,130,767	9,714	9,714	61,665	55,708	1,305,978	1,196,189
Fund balances carried forward	1,362,299	1,234,599	9,714	9,714	66,805	61,665	1,438,818	1,305,978

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LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The Society's Library and Archives are available at the University of Leeds Library, where they are held on long-term loan. The Society's Archives and the books in the Society's Library printed in 1850 or before are accessible in the Special Collections department of the University Library. For details or to search the catalogue go to: **https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1500/special_collections**

The post-1850 books in the Society's Library are available on the open shelves of the University of Leeds Brotherton Library, and all the other books in the University of Leeds Library are accessible to both YAHS members and members of other groups affiliated to the YAHS. Letters of authorisation to enable application for University of Leeds Library cards may be obtained from the Society's office.

OPENING TIMES OF LEEDS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Details of the location and opening times for the University of Leeds Library may be found via: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/locations

The location and opening hours for Special Collections may be found at: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/locations/special-collections

EVENTS PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the Events Programme Year runs from September to August. Subject to the relaxation of coronavirus-related restrictions on meetings, almost all the lectures for the 2022-2023 academic year are expected to take place at the Swarthmore Education Centre, 2-7 Woodhouse Square, Leeds, LS3 1AD. The Membership Year runs from January to December and subscriptions for 2022 are due by 31 December 2021. The Yorkshire Archaeological Journal is published each year in August/September.

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The Society

Objects

"*The examination, preservation and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs and Traditions of the historic county of York.*"

To this end we collect, we publish, we meet, we learn, we communicate and we give

Operation

The Society is a charity run by an elected Management Board who are its Trustees.

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The Society's registered office is in Leeds but is not open to visitors. Our website provides several ways to contact the Society according to the nature of your particular enquiry. Alternatively please write to:

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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

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COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF OUR FIVE SPECIALIST SECTIONS

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PUBLICATIONS (THE SOCIETY'S JOURNAL, THE RECORD SERIES AND THE WAKEFIELD COURT ROLLS SERIES COMBINED)

Review of the year

As serving President of the Society I have pleasure in presenting our Annual Report and Accounts for 2020.

Reluctant as I am to mention what everyone already knows and is probably tired of hearing about, 2020 will go down in history as the year disrupted by Covid-19. As noted repeatedly in other pages of this document, most if not all of our activities were affected adversely. To some degree at least, online lectures and business meetings have saved the day and may become a reagular and convenient feature of life in future, although it has to be acknowledged that the social contact offerred by such events can be sorely missed. Reviving this will be important when public health conditions allow.

Two short conferences due to take place in 2020 at Leeds and Hull to celebrate the centenary of the birth of the late Professor Maurice Beresford, a leading member and benefactor of the Society, had of course to be postponed. Plans are however being laid for alternative events to take place as soon as restrictions are lifted.

An important side-effect of the frustrations of 2020 was a further surplus of income over expenditure, as shown in the Accounts pages of this report. Two major projects relating to our library and archive collections seem unlikely to spring into life even in 2021 so other relatively short term commitments, such as those for which the Grants Scheme is intended, or other activities within the scope of volunteer-power available to the Society, present no financial worries.

Lastly, I should like to record the Society's appreciation of the efforts of all those individuals who give their time and skills freely to sustain its lectures, publications and other activities, and all those others who support the Society through their membership and other subscriptions.

DAVID ASQUITH
President

Membership report

Just under 50 new members joined the Society in 2020 but, sadly, 6 members died.

Despite the continued lack of an Membership Secretary, due to the hard work of the Society's freelance administrative support worker, Cathy Hughes, a new membership database was put in place. This provides a more accurate record of membership but some data for section-only members are not yet held centrally in all cases. One side effect of implementing the new database has been a reduction in the number of fully paid up YAHS members.

In the table below, it is likely that institutions subscribing to the YAJ through publishers Taylor & Francis are under-represented, since the Society has limited direct interaction with the institutions. It is hoped that steps can be taken in the coming year to improve the data in question.

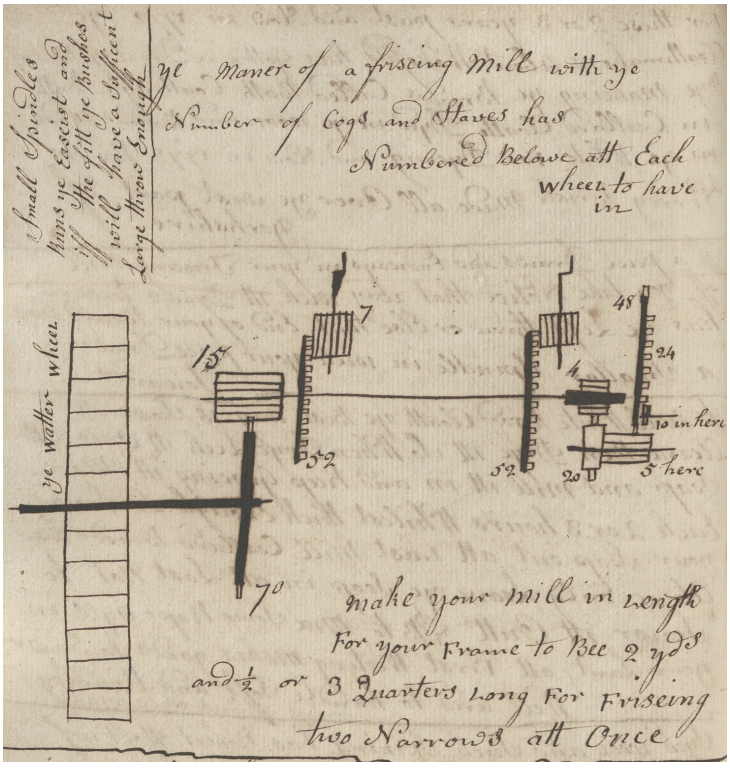
Data is shown below for the first time in relation to subscribers to the Record Series and the Wakefield Court Rolls. Many of these subscribers also subscribe to the main YAHS and the figures are therefore of course not simply additive to the others above them.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS	**31/12/2020**	31/12/2019
Full with YAJ (life)	**10**	15
Full with YAJ	**325**	328
Full without YAJ	**154**	180
Affiliated Societies	**26**	25
Institutions	**57**	61
Record Series	**72**	
Wakefield Court Rolls	**50**	

Dr DAVID BUCK
Honorary General Secretary

We collect

The year began on an encouraging note, as the Brotherton Library appointed a member of staff to continue cataloguing the open access books of the YAHS library, a task for which the Society has agreed to provide the funds. Unfortunately, of course, work came to a temporary halt after a month because of the Covid restrictions. A scoping survey has also been carried out on behalf of the Society by West Yorkshire Archive Service's Chief Conservator in order to assess the extent and potential cost of conserving the remaining court rolls of the manor of Wakefield. This will be a very large undertaking for which major grant aid will be required, and it is intended to begin a fundraising campaign when circumstances permit.

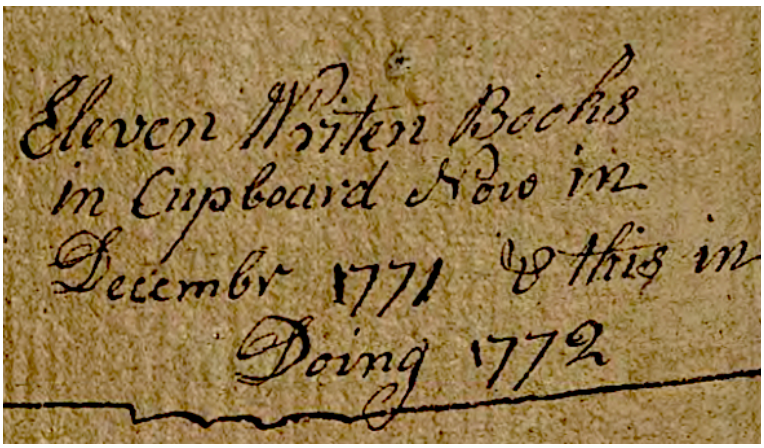


The Society was very fortunate to receive generous support from the Victoria and Albert Purchase Grants Fund and the Friends of the National Libraries, with donations from Society members also, to purchase at auction a memorandum book of John Brearley of Wakefield, cloth frizzer. This important item, dating from 1772-3, complements the two other Brearley memoranda books held by Leeds City Archives and published in the YAHS Record Series (Vol 155).

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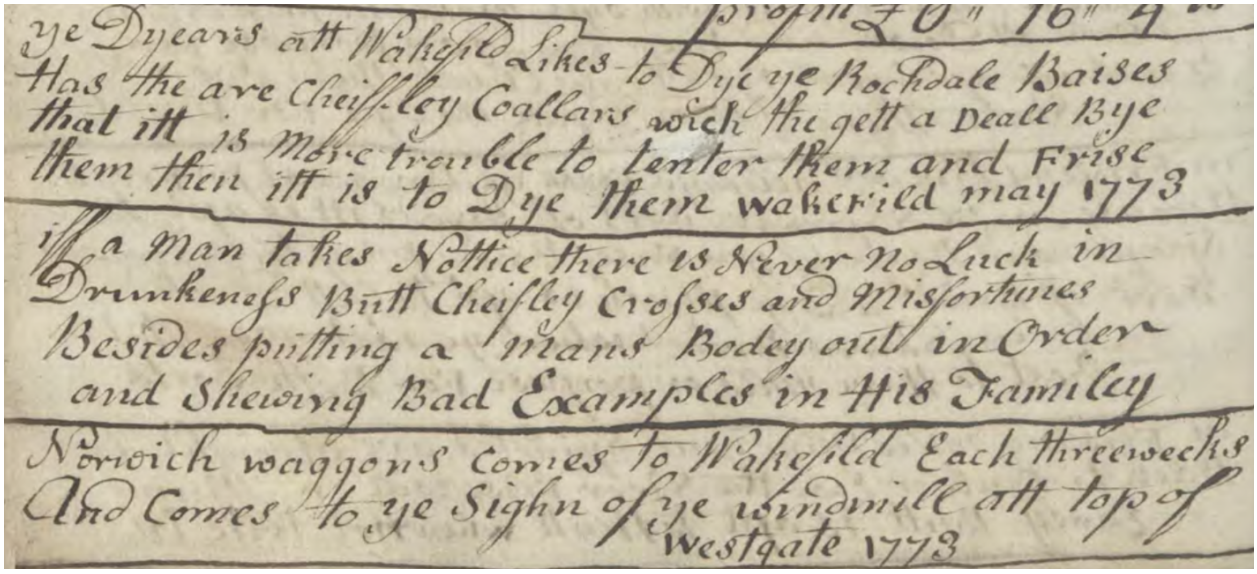
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We collect



Thanks are also due to Professor Richard Hoyle for looking after this purchase, and making digital images.

According to the auctioneers, the vendor told them that the volume had been 'found inside a concealed cupboard behind a fireplace which was discovered during a house demolition' in Leeds, possibly during the 1930's.



Access to the Special Collections has been very limited this year, but the University of Leeds has received funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Council and other grants to extend and improve the research centre, including the storage facilities for our collections. Generous donations to the Society's library holdings were made by a number of members.

SYLVIA THOMAS
Honorary Collections Liaison Officer

We publish

Apart from the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal, only two YAHS volumes are nearing publication: the Yorkshire Historical Dictionary, which will be published in 2021 in the Record Series through Boydell & Brewer, and Volume 21 of the Wakefield Court Rolls for the years 2020-21, also due to be published in 2021.

Publication sales have been steady during the year, but more of the monographs in the Yorkshire Archaeology Reports and Occasional Papers series are now out of print. Perhaps the most notable is Occasional Paper 3, The Archaeology of Yorkshire: an assessment at the beginning of the 21st century, published in 2003. Arrangements are in hand for this to become the first of the out of print monographs to be digitised for free download from the society's website. This volume sprang from the Yorkshire archaeological research framework conference held in Ripon in 1998.

As such, the papers provide baseline assessments and research objectives, as then perceived, for all the main periods and a number of thematic studies. In order to make the digitised research volume more relevant twenty years on, many of the original authors, and a number of proxies (13 in total) have agreed to write short commentaries to be inserted into the original volume. These will detail changes in interpretation and perception over the last 17 years, highlighting key investigations, studies and publications. It is anticipated that the digitisation will be available in the summer of 2021

IAN ROBERTS
Honorary Publications Officer

We publish

The Record Series

Work continued during 2020 to bring the Yorkshire Historical Dictionary closer to publication as volume 166 in the Record Series. This will be a substantial and iconic volume, and a fitting tribute to Dr George Redmonds whose life's work is encapsulated in the dictionary.

Other volumes in preparation include the Metham Chartulary, the Fountains Abbey rental, Letters of William Rooth of Wakefield 1804-1829, Northallerton Court Rolls and the Hull Bench Book.

During the year Dr Brian Barber and Mr Chris Watson took up the posts of honorary editor and honorary assistant editor respectively.

Dr DAVID BUCK
Secretary to the Record Series Committee

The Wakefield Court Rolls Series

Volume 20 in the series appeared in 2019, and preparations for the next volume, scheduled for publication in the autumn of 2021, are well advanced. An important feature of the forthcoming volume will be Christopher Watson's edition of the newly-identified manorial account roll for 1265-66. Its most arresting feature is the references to the baronial wars of the period. An illustration from the account roll appears here which shows several of the entries which create its unusual interest. One reads:

'£6 7s 10 ½ d expenses of the same William and the garrison more than the store, from the aforesaid Monday until the Monday next after St. Michael's day for 20 weeks in the first of which Sir John de Eyvile, John de la Haye, Richard de Seex, Simon son of Simon, John de Sothulle and Robert de Willeby with many others attacked the castle [at Sandal, near Wakefield], on account of fear of whom, there was always afterwards a great garrison in the castle, and moreover on account of Sir John de Sothulle who vigilantly watched over the castle when he was alive'.

We publish

The Wakefield Court Rolls Series continued

Another, just below, itemises the cost of a gruesome outcome:

'£4 15s 2d expenses of Thomas Rag, John de Danesfeud, John de Ecleshille and many others pursuing Sir John de Sothulle to his death'.

Volume 21 in 2021 will be the last in this series of publications as continuing to produce new volumes every two years can no longer be guaranteed. In future, volumes will appear at irregular intervals in the Record Series as editors come forward. The Management Board would like to offer its sincere thanks to the many subscribers, some of very long standing, who have sustained the series in its successful work and will inform them when any future volume appears in the Society's Record Series

Dr BRIAN BARBER
General Editor, Wakefield Court Rolls



Speed, 1610. Suthill, home of the unfortunate Sir John, is near the centre of the map

We meet, we learn

PREHISTORY RESEARCH SECTION

In our 75th year (since our re-founding in 1946), total membership was 129, comprising 98 YAHS, 17 Section-only, 10 Institutional and 4 Honorary members. Coronavirus-related restrictions led to the cancellation of our Spring meeting, our summer visits and Autumn Joint Meeting with The Prehistoric Society. AGM papers were circulated for members' feedback.

Prehistoric Yorkshire No. 58 was circulated in December. Our meeting on 5th December was held using Zoom, and our Web Officer and Chair are to be congratulated for organising this event, registering 53 participants (a record number), and attracting a wider audience than just Section members, to hear a talk by Dr Mike Copper on 'The Mysterious Neolithic Islets of the Outer Hebrides'.

The Unstan Bowl in Loch Arnish, near Stornoway. © Chris Murray



Grants given by the Section supported ADS archiving of six lithic collections (£1,383). In addition, commitments were made for isotope analysis on an EBA burial on Baildon Moor (£408) and for two C14 dates for a Mesolithic site at Esklets (£590) – both projects delayed by Covid-19 limitations

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We meet, we learn

Prehistory Research Section continued

Aerial Photography Committee funds (£1,020) were used to create an interactive map, launched in April 2020 on the YAHS website, to promote the A. L. Pacitto Collection of air photographs. (See: https://www.yas.org.uk/Collections/Aerial-photograph-Collections)

Research and recording added 225 querns to the **Yorkshire Quern Survey** archive and 28 queries from the public were answered. YQS reports were included in two major publications and three other reports are scheduled for publication in 2021. An annual report on YQS activity during 2020 was emailed to Section members in November.

JOHN CRUSE
Section Honorary General Secretary and Treasurer

We meet, we learn

ROMAN ANTIQUITIES SECTION

After our regular meetings in January and March on potential pre-Flavian occupation of Yorkshire and the London Mithraeum, the programme resumed online in the autumn, with a lecture on Petuaria and we look forward to our programme of lectures through 2021. These online lectures attracted a wider than usual audience and we were able to welcome participants from further afield who would not normally be able to attend at Swarthmore.

Our Editor continued to produce regular newsletters, with Roman Yorkshire now up to Issue 9. These are distributed electronically. While the present virus-affected situation lasts, we will continue meeting online, and can only apologise to those members who are unable to join in. It is to be hoped that the situation will resolve itself soon and we can resume live meetings again later in 2021.

JO HERON
Secretary, Roman Antiquities Section

We meet, we learn

MEDIEVAL STUDIES SECTION

2020 began with a varied programme ranging from the English Civil War, Syon House to the Historic Town of York. Our last in-person session was in March and no further meetings were able to take place until the autumn, with online lectures on Mount Grace Priory, Anglo-Saxon finds in Cambridgeshire, and Anchorites. Numbers joining in held up well, and indeed were higher than for some regular meetings, as we attracted members from further afield who otherwise would not be able to get to Leeds and the live meetings.

We are however aware that some members may not have been able to join the online meetings, and we can only apologise to those members who are unable to join in - at least we were able to keep the Section going. The latest issue of Medieval Yorkshire was published during the year, thanks to the stirling efforts of our Editor.

JO HERON
Secretary, Medieval Studies Section

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY SECTION

Individual membership of the Section (both Section only and with main Society) now stands at 68. We were sorry to learn of the death in May of longstanding member John Meredith. Thanks are due to all Section members for their continued support and to those who have ensured that it has been able to function during a difficult year.

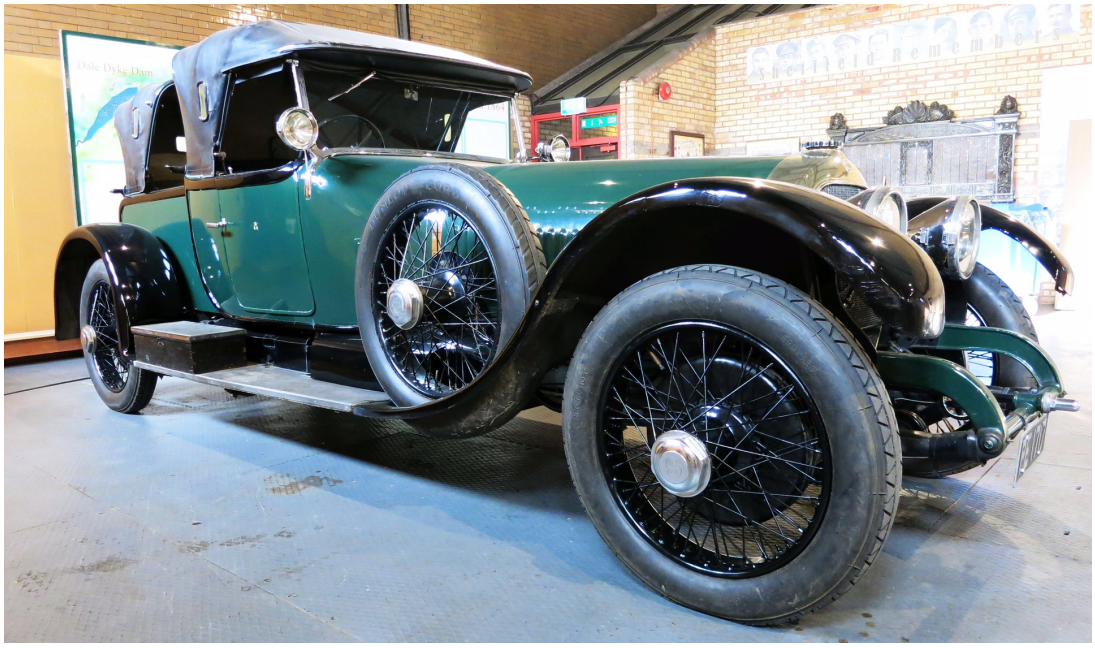
Our January lecture on the Heavy Ceramics Industry in Calderdale was followed in February by a half-day Conference in memory of the late Robert Vickers, an active member of the Section who worked on the Industrial History

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We meet, we learn

Industrial History Section continued

Online website. This event was a successful collaboration with the Leeds Industrial Museum and took place at Armley Mills with over 50 attending to hear about the Sheffield 'Simplex' car.



Our March lecture and the April AGM had to be cancelled and there were no summer excursions. Our programme resumed later via Zoom with the delayed AGM held on 26 September, when the existing officers were re-elected: Chair - Bill Jagger, Vice Chair - John Suter, Treasurer and Membership Secretary - Nick Nelson, Lecture Secretary - Jane Ellis and Newsletter Editor and Section Nominee to Management Board - Margaret Tylee.

Most members were able to join later lectures held via Zoom - Water for Leeds: the Reservoirs of the Washburn Valley; Underground Mining and Surveying, and Things that go Bang in the Night (Industrial Explosives), with the advantages that we were able to extend an invitation to a wider audience; no-one needed to travel to Leeds, and images could be seen more clearly on the screen.

MARGARET TYLEE
IHS Newsletter Editor

We meet, we learn

FAMILY HISTORY SECTION

The administration of the Family History Section proved to be challenging during 2020 as a result of the restrictions consequent on coronavirus. Many thanks are due to those members who kept the Section's services running in these difficult times.

The lecture programme during 2020 covered a wide range of topics including The Story of Titus Salt and Saltaire; How to Organise and Present Research; The Growth of Bramley; The Lost Buildings of Central Leeds; Abide with Me - The emotive story of this famous hymn; Railway Posters; Pantomime in the collections at Leeds Museums.

In the latter half of 2020 the programme was delivered using Zoom to those members with the online access. Although it was regrettable not to be able to hold face-to-face meetings, the use of Zoom had a beneficial side effect in enabling members who had not previously, or in recent years, been able to get to Leeds to attend meetings to join in the Sections' activities.

The Section continued to exchange copies of its publication The Yorkshire Family Historian with other genealogical societies throughout the UK, Canada and Australia. A noticeable feature is that the significant majority of our exchange magazine partners now prefer to receive and deliver publications electronically rather than as print copies.

The Section received a slow but steady flow of enquiries during the year, some of them asking for information well beyond our capabilities, many based in very little starting information (for example, finding family ancestors back in the 1500-1600s). Some of the more prosaic enquiries essentially asked us to carry out a free of charge genealogical research project.

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We meet, we learn

Family History Section continued

The day-to-day operation of the Yorkshire Roots website was also upgraded to raise the profile of the Section, as well as improving the service to members. However, we do need to offer more than this if we are to stop the reduction in the scope of our activities and our membership numbers. The Section planned to exhibit at the York Family History Fair in June 2020 which unfortunately was postponed until 2021, as was the 2020 Huddersfield Local History Fair.

The Section continued its memberships of the Yorkshire and of the National Federations of Family History Societies to maintain contact with family history topics and resources on a wider local and national scale. We need to be more than this if we are to stop the reduction in the scope of our activities and our membership numbers

JOHN KORNA
Section Webmaster

We give

THE SOCIETY GRANTS SCHEME

For full details of the YAHS Grants Scheme visit our website - https://www.yas.org.uk/The-Society/Grants

The Society awarded grants to seven archaeological projects in 2020, although the commencement of three of these was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Altogether the sum of the grants offered came to £10,168, the value of the delayed projects being £3,658.

All but one of the projects are being funded through the Society's scheme, with one of the delayed projects being funded by the Prehistory Research Section (to support the cost of two C14 dates for a Mesolithic site at Esklets).

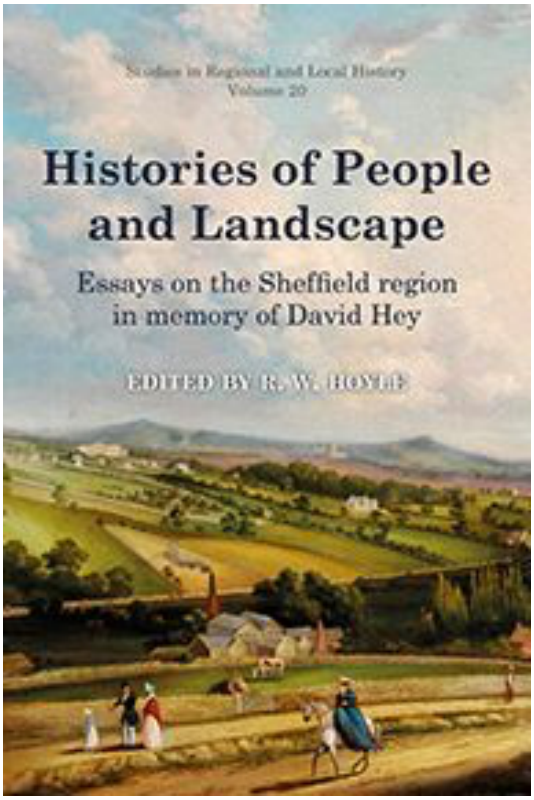
The two other delayed projects are trial trench excavations of potential Bronze Age features near Kettlewell, and a pilot project ('Dates in Drawers') involving working with selected Yorkshire museum curators to radiocarbon date significant artefacts in their collections.

The four active projects during 2020 included a third season of excavation at the prehistoric hilltop enclosure at Kipling House Farm in East Yorkshire, and the geophysical survey of a supposed Iron Age enclosure at Roughbirchworth in South Yorkshire. Neither of these projects, which both have significant community engagement elements, have been reported yet.

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We give

The Society Grants Scheme continued



The Society also provided a contribution towards the cost of publishing a memorial volume of essays entitled

Histories of People and Landscape in memory of David Hey

It is edited by Professor R W Hoyle and to be published in March 2021 by Hertfordshire University Press.

Finally, a grant of £750 helped enable Barnsley Archives to secure at auction the purchase of a collection of historic maps of Barnsley, South Yorkshire, dated to c.1800.

Barnsley maps, first page (detail)



IAN ROBERTS
Honorary Grants Officer

We communicate

BRIEFING

Two issues of *Briefing*, the magazine for Society members, were produced and distributed during the year, primarily electronically. Hard copies are also produced for distribution at events (when they can be held) and past copies are free to download from the website. Thanks are due to the Editor David Brear and also to those who have contributed to this well received publication. An eye-catching new membership leaflet was also produced by David and distributed during the year.

E-MAIL NEWS

Information about Society's and other organisations' activities are shared regularly via email and members are encouraged to allow their email addresses to be used for this purpose.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Society's Facebook page continues to be successful for information sharing, with followers having increased from 2,535 in March to 2,865 in November.

YAHS WEBSITE

The front page design of the Society's website was updated earlier in the year and the site was also enhanced with the addition of images from the Tony Pacitto collection of aerial archaeology images, and a page of engravings of Yorkshire characters from the Civil War period.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Members are invited to bring forward proposals for ways in which the Society and its work can be brought to the attention of a wider public, always bearing in mind that the Society depends largely on volunteer effort to pursue its aims.

MARGARET TYLEE
Chair, Promotions Group

Capital Investments

The value of the Society's capital assets and the income from them are shown in the Accounts, together with a note on reserves policy. The bulk of the capital is invested the Charities Investment Fund of Churches Charities and Local Authorities Investment Management Ltd. (CCLA) . Other investments, mostly in the form of preference shares acquired between 1994 and 2001, make up the rest of the assets.

Income is distributed annually in accordance with the source and purpose of the capital. The larger part of the income from all the Society's investments can be used to support any of its charitable activities but some is deliberately earmarked for particular purposes.

The Grants Fund was created by the Society to be used to make grants. There are no restrictions on the use of the capital or income. The capital is invested in shares in British Petroleum and in Standard Chartered Bank.

The Benefactors Fund was created by the Society from various non-specific financial gifts and there are no restrictions on use of its capital or income. The capital is invested in the Co-operative Group Ltd. and in Standard Chartered Bank.

R. T. Spence Fund This small fund is to be used, as specified by the donor, to purchase books on the Tudor and Stuart period (that is, from 1485 to 1714).

Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust was created by the father of Miss Elisabeth Exwood, a former member of the Society, and the capital is invested with the CCLA, split between their General and Ethical funds. The income is to be divided in equal portions to benefit the Record Series and the Society's library and archives, to which uses it is restricted.

J. D. Hicks Fund The bequest was made under the will of Mr John David Hicks and the use of the income is restricted to use on the Society's library and archives. The capital is invested in preference shares in Lloyds Bank and Northern Electric.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Charity number 224083
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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service



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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Mr David Wilkes Asquith	President	From 13 July 2019
Dr Brian John Barber		
Mr Gary Brannan		Appointed 24 October 2020
Mr David Edward Boyington Brear		
Dr David John Buck	Hon Gen Secretary	
Professor Malcolm Chase		Deceased February 2020
Dr Gillian Cookson		
Ms Charlotte Dean		Appointed 24 October 2020, resigned 21 February 2021
Dr Alexander Gibson		Appointed 24 October 2020
Professor Richard Hoyle		Appointed 24 October 2020
Mr Axel Erhard Wilhelm Muller		
Mr Ian Daniel Roberts		
Mrs Sylvia Thomas		
Mrs Margaret Ann Tylee		

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Bankers

Yorkshire Bank plc	Barclays Bank plc	NatWest Bank plc	PayPal
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Leeds	Canary Wharf	London	London
LS2 8NZ	London. E14 5RB.	EC2M 3UR	EC4A 3TW

Independent examiner
Claire Welling
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 7 March 1893. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association which were amended by special resolutions 25 March 1935, 29 April 1949. 24 October 1970, 19 June 1993, 26 September 2015 and 30 June 2018. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding ten shillings.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also the directors for the purposes of company law and are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2020

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects for which the Society is established are:-

(a) The taking over of the property, effects, and liabilities of the present unincorporated Association known as The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Association.

(b) The examination, preservation, and illustration of the History, Architecture, Antiquities, Manners, Customs, Arts and Traditions of the county of York; and especially the collection and preservation of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, deeds, engravings, drawings, coins, antiquities, and other objects relating to or bearing upon the History, Antiquities, or Topography of the county.

(c) The acquisition by donation, purchase, or otherwise, of a Library and a Museum, and the use, maintenance and extension of such Library and Museum.

(d) The holding of meetings for the reading of papers, the exhibition of antiquities, and other objects, and the discussion of subjects connected with any of the objects of the Society.

(e) The holdings of meetings at, and for the inspection and examination of places rendered interesting by their antiquities, architecture, or associations, or for any other reason.

(f) The acquisition by purchase, taking on lease, tenancy, or otherwise, of lands and buildings, and any other property, real and personal, for any estate, term, or interest, which the Society for the purposes thereof may from time to time think proper to acquire, and which may lawfully be held by them subject to the provisions of the 21st section of the Companies Act, 1862; and the re-sale, leasing, letting, management, surrender, or disposition of any such property for any of the purposes of the Society, or for any purpose which may be thought incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects of the Society.

(g) The transcription, abstracting, reproduction, printing, publication, and sale of books, pamphlets, journals, transactions, prints, engravings, and other matters, by subscription or otherwise, and the payment of all usual and necessary expenses thereof.

(h) The borrowing of money for the purposes of the Society, and the execution of mortgages and other securities to secure the monies so borrowed, with interest thereon.

(i) The granting of money towards the cost of exploring and preserving ancient buildings and other objects of antiquity, or for the furthering of any of the objects of the Society.

(k) The doing of all other lawful things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

The charity's main activities

The primary objective of the YAHS is the promotion of the study of Yorkshire's past through archaeology and history.

The activities of the Society are aimed at fulfilling its aims and objectives. During 2020 the Society pursued these activities through its programme of lectures and other events, through the production of publications, and through the promotion of research into the archaeology and history of the historic county of Yorkshire via the award of grants and directly. Through its special interest Sections, the Society also catered for those people interested in studying and researching specific topics and periods.

The Society continued to publish new work in 2020. Volume 92 of the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* was issued, albeit slightly later than usual due to the effects of the coronavirus and related restrictions. New volumes of *Medieval Yorkshire* and *Prehistoric Yorkshire* were also produced, as were further issues of the Society's magazine, *Briefing* (volumes 6 and 7) and an edition of *Roman Yorkshire*.

Due to the impact of the coronavirus in terms of public meetings becoming no longer feasible, the Society's lecture programme for April to June 2020 had to be cancelled, as did a two day conference on the work of former Society member Professor Maurice Beresford (to mark the 100th anniversary of his birth). The lecture programme for the autumn of 2020 was also slightly reduced, but arrangements were made to start offering lectures online using the Zoom software platform. These lectures proved very successful, in some instances attracting markedly more participants than had previously attended face-to-face sessions.

The charity's main activities (continued)

Grants were awarded by the Society to support the following activities:

1. excavations at Kipling House Farm (£3,434)
2. to obtain a peat radiocarbon date for work at Esklets (£590)
3. to Barnsley Council to assist with the purchase of early 19th century maps for Barnsley Archives (£750)
4. to support community excavations at Kettlewell (£1,069)
5. to enable a geophysical survey at Roughbirchworth (£2,076)
6. to assist with the publication of conference papers (David Hey conference) (£250)

Public benefit statement

In undertaking their responsibilities as trustees, and therefore in setting objectives and planning and overseeing the Society's activities, the members of the Management Board bear in mind the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, bearing in mind the Society's primary objective to promote the study of Yorkshire's past through archaeology and history, the trustees are confident that appropriate public benefit has accrued in the past year through activities such as the provision of public access to the Society's archives, the promotion of opportunities to learn about archaeology and history via conferences, lectures and exhibitions, and the availability of grant funding to support the archaeological and historical research.

The charity operates to advance the arts, culture, heritage or science and to advance education.

Achievements and performance

The Society's Library and Archives are deposited on long-term loan in the Special Collections department of the University of Leeds Brotherton Library. The Archives are open to the general public, as well as to the Society members, and continued to be well-used during the first three months of 2020. Regrettably, thereafter due to the coronavirus pandemic restrictions had to be placed by the University on access to the archive collections, and for much of the rest of the year material could not be directly accessed. To partly alleviate these limitations, the University made arrangements in the latter part of the year for the free copying of material, and online consultations with archivists to enable some research to continue. Access to the Society's library was, perforce, even more limited for most of 2020 for the same reason.

The Society was able to purchase to add to its own archives partly using its own funds and partly with grant aid from the Friends of the National Libraries and the V&A Purchase Fund, a unique memorandum book kept by John Brearley, a cloth frizzer in Wakefield, covering the years 1772-3.

Financial review

The net income for the year was £109,789, including net income of £103,832 on unrestricted funds and net income of £5,957 on endowment funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £179,545.

The Trustees and the Finance Committee continue to seek and take advice on the best way to make use of the investments which the Society has and the income it receives.

Their current policy for capital investments is that these should ensure as far as practicable that their real value (as distinct from their nominal cash value) is at least maintained in the longer term whilst at the same time providing sufficient income to ensure that the Society can adequately sustain its charitable activities. As an initial benchmark it was expected that a net return of 3.2% pa would satisfy this objective and this benchmark remains unchanged.

Cash balances in bank accounts are retained at a level which ensures that the Society can meet its obligations and spending plans for at least one year ahead without needing to draw down capital.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Signed: David Wilkes Asquith (President and Trustee)

Name: David Wilkes Asquith

Date: 12 April 2021

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Signed: Claire Welling Name: Claire Welling

Date: 12/04/2021

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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Income from:						
Grants	(2)	-	4,375	-	4,375	-
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid		11,657	-	-	11,657	15,280
Sales, licence fees and royalties		7,691	-	-	7,691	8,698
Subscriptions		24,508	-	-	24,508	27,627
Investment income		40,762	-	2,700	43,462	36,659
Other income		117	-	-	117	2,305
Release of prior year's provision		8,259	-	-	8,259	-
Total income		92,994	4,375	2,700	100,069	90,569
Expenditure on:						
Main Activities						
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal		4,645	-	-	4,645	4,715
Subscriptions / donations paid		1,031	-	-	1,031	955
Grants awarded		3,381	-	-	3,381	5,000
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursions		4,255	-	-	4,255	5,565
Library and archive collections		4,666	4,375	-	9,041	2,510
Other professional services		1,383	-	-	1,383	-
Other printed publications		2,692	-	-	2,692	8,101
Digitisation and web services		4,416	-	-	4,416	2,784
Main Activities total		26,469	4,375	-	30,844	29,630
Administration						
Administrative assistance		4,221	-	-	4,221	660
Rent, rates and utilities		4,047	-	-	4,047	5,686
Insurance		1,061	-	-	1,061	3,817
Telephone and broadband		913	-	-	913	768
Postage and stationery		2,459	-	-	2,459	2,788
Other charges		155	-	-	155	105
Printing and photocopying		1,618	-	-	1,618	634
Bank charges		355	-	-	355	413
Independent examination		2,250	-	-	2,250	2,250
AGM		150	-	-	150	782
Administration total		17,229	-	-	17,229	17,903
Total expenditure		43,698	4,375	-	48,073	47,533
Net gains/(losses) on investments		54,536	-	3,257	57,793	137,280
Net income / (expenditure)		103,832	-	5,957	109,789	180,316
Fund balances brought forward		1,130,767	9,714	55,708	1,196,189	1,015,873
Fund balances carried forward	(3,4)	1,234,599	9,714	61,665	1,305,978	1,196,189

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2020

		2020 Unrestricted £	2020 Restricted £	2020 Endowment £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Fixed assets						
Investments	(5)	1,055,054	-	56,951	1,112,005	1,054,212
Total fixed assets		1,055,054	-	56,951	1,112,005	1,054,212
Current assets						
Debtors		18,648	-	-	18,648	2,250
Cash at bank and in hand	(6)	168,722	9,714	4,714	183,150	153,910
Total current assets		187,370	9,714	4,714	201,798	156,160
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors and accruals	(7)	2,250	-	-	2,250	11,428
Deferred income		5,575	-	-	5,575	2,755
Total current liabilities		7,825	-	-	7,825	14,183
Net current assets / (liabilities)		179,545	9,714	4,714	193,973	141,977
Total assets less current liabilities		1,234,599	9,714	61,665	1,305,978	1,196,189
Net assets		1,234,599	9,714	61,665	1,305,978	1,196,189
Funds						
Unrestricted funds		1,234,599	-	-	1,234,599	1,130,767
Restricted funds		-	9,714	-	9,714	9,714
Endowment funds		-	-	61,665	61,665	55,708
Total funds		1,234,599	9,714	61,665	1,305,978	1,196,189

For the year ending 31 December 2020 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who also the directors for the purposes of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Date: 25 March 2021

Signed: David Wilkes Asquith (Trustee)

Name David Wilkes Asquith

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Heritage assets

The Society has in its ownership various books and historical documents whether bought through appeals or gifts to it over the years. These assets, being of a historical nature, have not been included on the balance sheet. It is not practical to obtain valuations of such assets held. Historical books and documents are written off to the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis when they are sold or acquired.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Grants payable without performance conditions
Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Taxation
As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets (other than heritage assets) are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income unless restrictions have been imposed by the donor. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

2 Grants

	2020 Unrestricted funds	2020 Restricted funds	2020 Total funds	2019 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Friends of the National Libraries	-	3,125	3,125	-
Victoria & Albert Museum	-	1,250	1,250	-
	-	4,375	4,375	-

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£
Local History Publications	222	-	-	222
Aerial Archaeology	7,901	-	-	7,901
Yorkshire Quern Survey	1,591	-	-	1,591
Friends of the National Libraries	-	3,125	3,125	-
Victoria & Albert Museum	-	1,250	1,250	-
	9,714	4,375	4,375	9,714

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Local History Publications	To be used for purchases of books on the Tudor and Stuart period from funds provided by Mr R T Spence
Aerial Archaeology	For activities in this speciality
Yorkshire Quern Survey	For activities in this speciality
Friends of the National Libraries	Towards Brearley manuscript purchase
Victoria & Albert Museum	Towards Brearley manuscript purchase

4 Endowment funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Revaluation and transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
JD Hicks Fund	37,904	2,194	-	2,225	42,323
Elisabeth Exwood Mem Trust	17,804	506	-	1,032	19,342
	55,708	2,700	-	3,257	61,665

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
JD Hicks Fund	To be used for the purchase or repair of books, maps, pamphlets or computer items. A revaluation of the share portfolio was made at the year end date.
Elisabeth Exwood Memorial Trust	To be used towards purchases for the society's library and new publications in the society's "Record Series" A revaluation of the CCLA investments was made at the year end date.

5 Analysis of investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
CCLA COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund	8,639	8,128
CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund	912,688	857,824
Preference shares	190,678	188,260
	1,112,005	1,054,212

Movement on investments in the year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	1,054,212	889,864
Additions	-	27,067
Net gain / (loss) on revaluations during the year	57,793	137,281
	1,112,005	1,054,212

6 Cash at bank and in hand

	2020	2019
	£	£
Yorkshire Bank	48,880	59,623
Barclays Bank	118,709	79,993
NatWest Bank	13,371	12,926
PayPal	2,055	1,368
Undeposited funds	135	-
	183,150	153,910

7 Creditors and accruals

	2020	2019
	£	£
Loans and overdrafts	-	8,259
Creditors	-	919
Accruals	2,250	2,250
	2,250	11,428

8 Contingent liabilities

The charity has a potential obligation to spend £37,000 for cataloguing its collection of post-1850 books at Leeds University Library. The timing is uncertain due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

9 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel

There are no additional personnel employed by the charity who act as key management other than the Board of Trustees.

Other transactions with trustees or related parties

The Trustees awarded a grant of £2,076 to Roughbirchworth community archaeology group to fund a pre-excavation geophysical survey. The project is being managed by Mr Barry Tylee whose partner Mrs Margaret Tylee is a trustee of the Society.

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2019 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2019 Restricted funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2019 Endowment funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Income								
Grants	-	-	4,375	-	-	-	4,375	-
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid	11,657	15,280	-	-	-	-	11,657	15,280
Sales, licence fees and royalties	7,691	8,698	-	-	-	-	7,691	8,698
Subscriptions	24,508	27,627	-	-	-	-	24,508	27,627
Investment income	40,762	33,969	-	-	2,700	2,690	43,462	36,659
Other income	117	2,305	-	-	-	-	117	2,305
Release of prior year's provision	8,259	-	-	-	-	-	8,259	-
Total income	92,994	87,879	4,375	-	2,700	2,690	100,069	90,569
Expenditure								
Main Activities								
Yorkshire Archaeological Journal	4,645	4,715	-	-	-	-	4,645	4,715
Subscriptions / donations paid	1,031	925	-	-	-	30	1,031	955
Grants awarded	3,381	5,000	-	-	-	-	3,381	5,000
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursi	4,255	5,565	-	-	-	-	4,255	5,565
Library and archive collections	4,666	2,510	4,375	-	-	-	9,041	2,510
Other professional services	1,383	-	-	-	-	-	1,383	-
Other printed publications	2,692	8,101	-	-	-	-	2,692	8,101
Digitisation and web services	4,416	2,784	-	-	-	-	4,416	2,784
Main Activities total	26,469	29,600	4,375	-	-	30	30,844	29,630

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (continued)

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2019 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2019 Restricted funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2019 Endowment funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Expenditure (continued)								
Administration								
Administrative assistance	4,221	660	-	-	-	-	4,221	660
Rent, rates and utilities	4,047	5,686	-	-	-	-	4,047	5,686
Insurance	1,061	3,817	-	-	-	-	1,061	3,817
Telephone and broadband	913	768	-	-	-	-	913	768
Postage and stationery	2,459	2,788	-	-	-	-	2,459	2,788
Other charges	155	105	-	-	-	-	155	105
Printing and photocopying	1,618	634	-	-	-	-	1,618	634
Bank charges	355	413	-	-	-	-	355	413
Independent examination	2,250	2,250	-	-	-	-	2,250	2,250
AGM	150	782	-	-	-	-	150	782
Administration total	17,229	17,903	-	-	-	-	17,229	17,903
Total expenditure	43,698	47,503	4,375	-	-	30	48,073	47,533
Net gains/(losses) on investments	54,536	133,675	-	-	3,257	3,605	57,793	137,280
Net income / (expenditure)	103,832	174,051	-	-	5,957	6,265	109,789	180,316
Net movement in funds	103,832	174,051	-	-	5,957	6,265	109,789	180,316
Fund balances brought forward	1,130,767	956,716	9,714	9,714	55,708	49,443	1,196,189	1,015,873
Fund balances carried forward	1,234,599	1,130,767	9,714	9,714	61,665	55,708	1,305,978	1,196,189

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EVENTS PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the Events Programme Year runs from September to August. Subject to the relaxation of coronavirus-related restrictions on meetings, almost all the lectures for the 2021-2022 academic year are expected to take place at the Swarthmore Education Centre, 2-7 Woodhouse Square, Leeds, LS3 1AD.

The Membership Year runs from January to December and subscriptions for 2021 are due by 31 December 2020. The Yorkshire Archaeological Journal is published each year in August/September.