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Annual Report & Accounts

YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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ANNUAL REPORT

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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.

Enquiries

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

<https://www.yas.org.uk>

Alternatively please write to:

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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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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
OF THE SOCIETY

621

COMBINED
MEMBERSHIP OF OUR
FIVE SPECIALIST
SECTIONS

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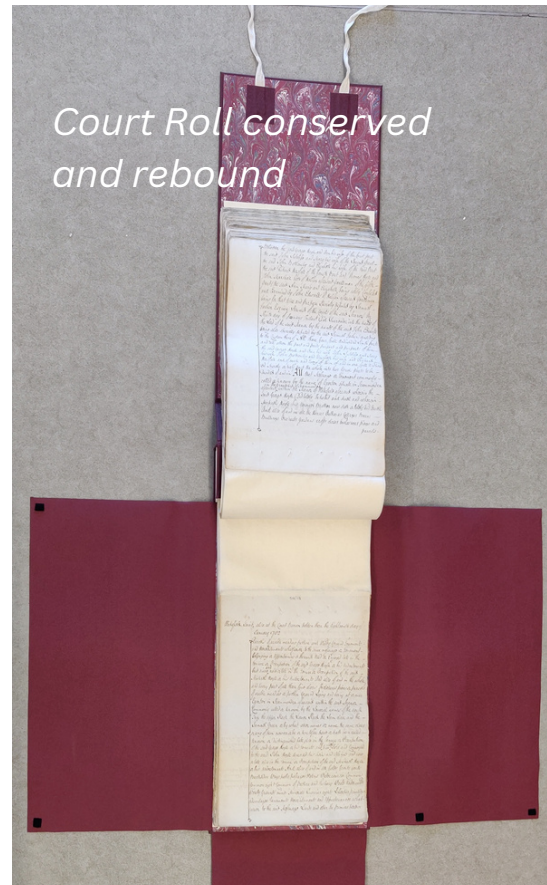
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OUR JOURNAL AND
RECORD SERIES
COMBINED

We collect

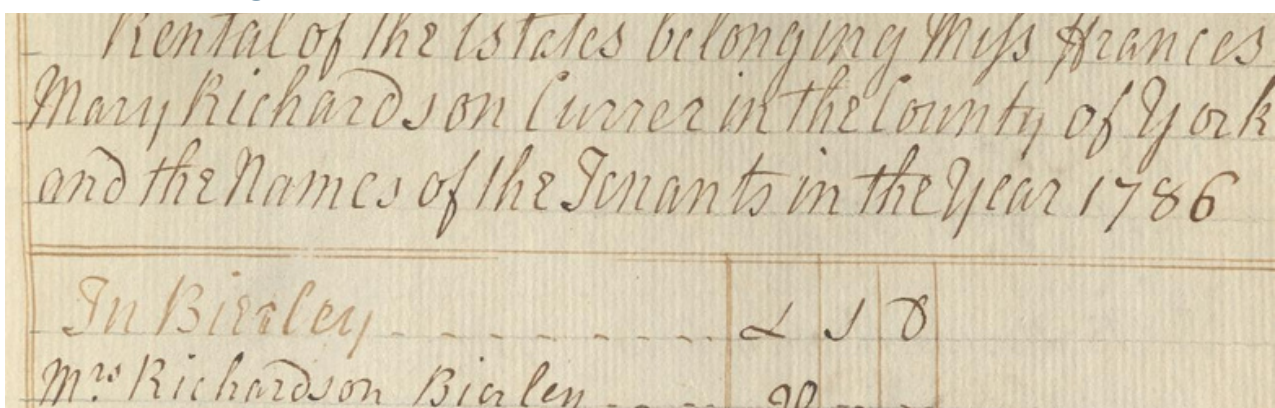
SOCIETY COLLECTIONS REPORT

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.

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).



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.

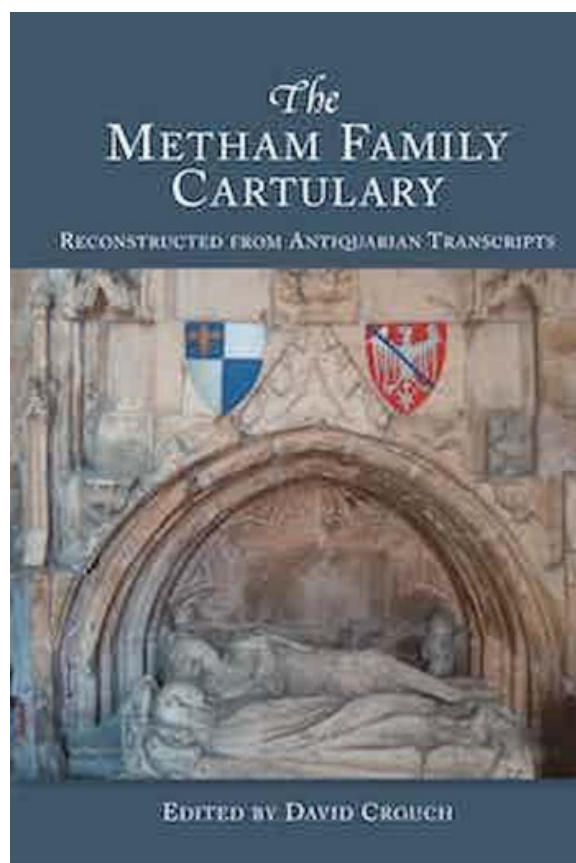
Sylvia Thomas
Hon Collections Liaison Officer

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.



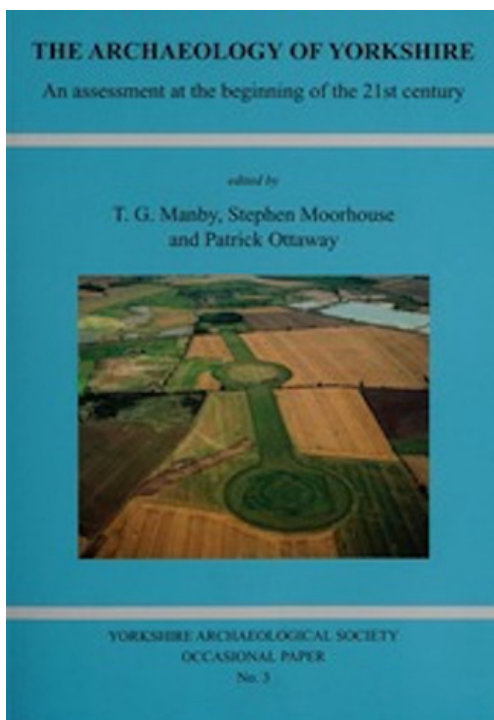
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We publish

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.

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 Counce. 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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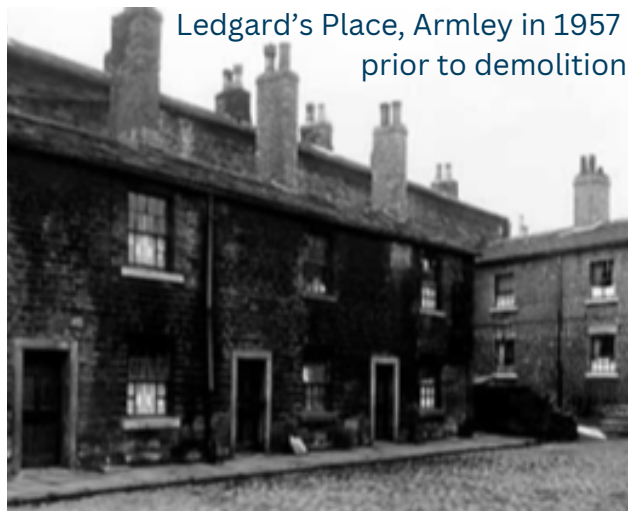
We meet, we learn

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)



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.

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

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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	
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Registered and principal address		Investment Managers	
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20 Merrion Way	2 Churchill Place	135 Bishopsgate	5 New St. Square
Leeds	Canary Wharf	London	London
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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.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2022

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.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2022

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).

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2022

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.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2022

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:						
<u>Main Activities</u>						
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
<u>Administration</u>						
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	2022	2022	2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Investments	(4)	1,113,960	50,065	-	1,164,025	1,248,217
Total fixed assets		<u>1,113,960</u>	<u>50,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,164,025</u>	<u>1,248,217</u>
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		<u>127,045</u>	<u>10,019</u>	<u>7,840</u>	<u>144,904</u>	<u>209,789</u>
Current liabilities:						
amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors and accruals	(6)	13,978	-	-	13,978	19,188
Total current liabilities		<u>13,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,978</u>	<u>19,188</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>113,067</u>	<u>10,019</u>	<u>7,840</u>	<u>130,926</u>	<u>190,601</u>
Net assets		<u>1,227,027</u>	<u>60,084</u>	<u>7,840</u>	<u>1,294,951</u>	<u>1,438,818</u>
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		<u>1,227,027</u>	<u>60,084</u>	<u>7,840</u>	<u>1,294,951</u>	<u>1,438,818</u>

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.

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for the year ended 31 December 2022

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. 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.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2022

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
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>4,633</u>

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
	<u>9,714</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>3,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,840</u>

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
	<u>66,805</u>	<u>2,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,443)</u>	<u>60,084</u>

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	<u>1,164,025</u>	<u>1,164,025</u>	<u>1,248,217</u>

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for the year ended 31 December 2022

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
	<u>1,164,025</u>	<u>1,248,217</u>

5 Debtors and prepayments	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors	197	171
Accrued income	3,500	2,300
	<u>3,697</u>	<u>2,471</u>

6 Creditors and accruals	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors	4,600	6,000
Accruals	2,250	2,250
Deferred income	7,128	10,938
	<u>13,978</u>	<u>19,188</u>

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			2022	2021
			£	£
Name of trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of transaction		
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
			<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>

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for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	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
Meeting rooms, lectures and excursions	2,491	1,547	-	-	1,874	-	4,365	1,547
Library and archive collections	17,947	25,730	-	-	1,250	-	19,197	25,730
Other professional services	391	421	-	-	-	-	391	421
Other printed publications	12,833	12,487	-	-	-	-	12,833	12,487
Digitisation and web services	8,763	2,237	-	-	-	4,633	8,763	6,870
Main Activities total	56,163	52,845	-	-	3,124	4,633	59,287	57,478

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	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	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	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	9,714	9,714	1,294,951	1,438,818

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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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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.