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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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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. 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)

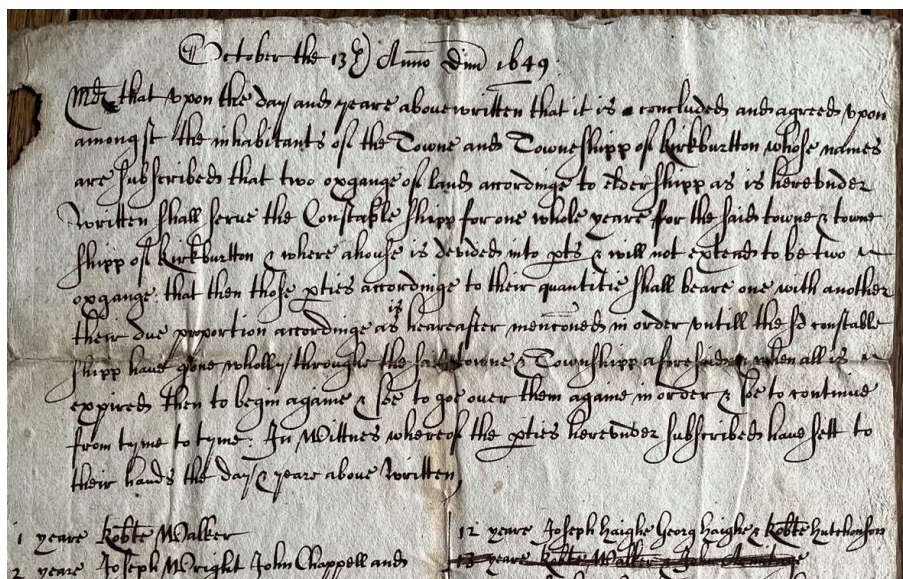
We collect

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 republication 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.

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Edited by Gillian Cookson and Roger Martlew	
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Dr Roger Martlew, Archaeology Editor
Dr Gillian Cookson, History Editor

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

Prehistory Research continued



*Drone image of
Street House Late
Neolithic - Early
Bronze 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, Ribbleshead.

‘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.

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 Wachter at Brough House (Wachter 1969)



We meet, we learn

MEDIEVAL STUDIES

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

- January - Clare Burrridge spoke about Historical Medicine.
- February - John Jenkins talked about York's Medieval Guildhall.
- 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 Yorkshire 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.

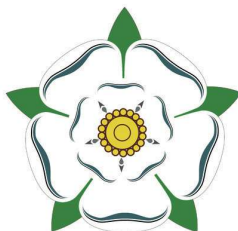
During the year Group members worked with others from across the Society to develop the membership offer. Initiatives included setting up a trial members-only section of the website (for the Prehistory Research Section initially); improving guidance on accessing our library and archives; continuing the 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

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

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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.	
	President (from June 2024)	
Dr David John Buck		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.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

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.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

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.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

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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Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society
Statement of Financial Activities
(including summary income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds	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:						
<u>Main Activities</u>						
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
<u>Administration</u>						
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	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Investments	(4)	1,233,190	53,215	-	1,286,405	1,254,090
Total fixed assets		<u>1,233,190</u>	<u>53,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,286,405</u>	<u>1,254,090</u>
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		<u>155,367</u>	<u>10,019</u>	<u>11,558</u>	<u>176,944</u>	<u>151,986</u>
Current liabilities:						
amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors and accruals	(6)	11,457	-	-	11,457	10,491
Total current liabilities		<u>11,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,457</u>	<u>10,491</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>143,910</u>	<u>10,019</u>	<u>11,558</u>	<u>165,487</u>	<u>141,495</u>
Net assets		<u>1,377,100</u>	<u>63,234</u>	<u>11,558</u>	<u>1,451,892</u>	<u>1,395,585</u>
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		<u>1,377,100</u>	<u>63,234</u>	<u>11,558</u>	<u>1,451,892</u>	<u>1,395,585</u>

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.

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,056</u>

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
	<u>8,824</u>	<u>2,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,558</u>

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
	<u>60,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,468</u>	<u>63,234</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.

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 2024

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)	<u>(41,634)</u>	<u>(41,634)</u>	<u>(41,251)</u>
Total	<u>1,286,405</u>	<u>1,286,405</u>	<u>1,254,090</u>

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	<u>1,100,245</u>	<u>1,075,939</u>
	<u>1,286,405</u>	<u>1,254,090</u>

5 Debtors and prepayments	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	238	1,970
Accrued income	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	<u>3,738</u>	<u>5,470</u>

6 Creditors and accruals	2024 £	2023 £
Creditors	900	900
Accruals	2,250	2,363
Deferred income (see note below for analysis)	<u>8,307</u>	<u>7,228</u>
	<u>11,457</u>	<u>10,491</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.

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 2024**

	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	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 excursions	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

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society
Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds
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	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Endowment funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure (continued)										
<u>Administration</u>										
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	682	984	-	56,307	100,634
Fund balances brought forward	1,325,995	1,227,027	60,766	60,084	8,824	7,840	7,840	1,395,585	1,395,585	1,294,951
Fund balances carried forward	1,377,100	1,325,995	63,234	60,766	11,558	8,824	8,824	1,451,892	1,451,892	1,395,585

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