

## **DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024**

Registered Charity No. 225031

The Derbyshire Archaeological and Natural History Society was founded at a meeting held at the Midland Hotel in Derby on 25 January 1878 and published the first volume of its Journal in the following year. In 1962 it formally ceased to be a society for the study of Natural History and has subsequently been known as the Derbyshire Archaeological Society. All of the Society's activities are arranged and managed on a voluntary basis by its members. The Society is open to anyone interested in its Objects.

### **CHARITABLE OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Purpose of the Society as set out in its Rules (as amended in 2015)

The objects of the Society shall be the study of the archaeology and history of the County of Derby and allied subjects, the publication of original papers and documents, and the holding of meetings of an educational nature to disseminate information about those subjects. No activity shall be undertaken by the Society in pursuance of these objects which would prejudice its status as a charity.

The objects of the Society also allow the formation of 'such sections as it may from time to time think fit'. The subject areas of the current sections are: Archaeological Research; Architecture; Local History and Industrial Archaeology.

Summary of the Society's main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit

- The Derbyshire Archaeological Journal provides a permanent record of significant archaeological and historical research and is available in the public domain through libraries and online via the Archaeology Data Service.
- Derbyshire Miscellany, a local history magazine, aims to engage a wide range of the public with their local heritage and is available in the public domain through libraries, with back copies available to download on the Society's website.
- Public lectures organised by the Society and by its four constituent sections covering, archaeology, architecture, local history and industrial archaeology. These are mainly in a 'hybrid' format that can be attended in-person or online from anywhere in the world.
- Walks and visits exploring sites of interest in the county and further afield. Members have priority booking for these, but any unfilled places are advertised online to the public.
- A library with an extensive collection of books and journals relevant to the history and archaeology of Derbyshire. The library is open to the public for browsing and research.
- Small grants to members to support volunteer-run research or restoration projects relevant to the Society's objects.
- Ownership, maintenance and interpretation of two historic Scheduled monuments owned by the Society, namely the remains of the medieval chapel at Cromford Bridge and of the Morley Park furnaces and the ownership of the Hill Square, Darley Abbey.
- A website that provides information about all our activities and links to online access to our publications, and to other organisations with relevant interests.
- A collection of historical documents, maps, plans, photographs and illustrations which is deposited at the Derbyshire Record Office and available for public research.

The Trustees believe that in undertaking these activities they have taken due regard of the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### *Public lectures*

Most of the Winter Programme lectures are now presented as ‘hybrid’ events with in person talks held at St Mary’s Church Hall in Derby being shown simultaneously on Zoom. The offer of a number of places on Zoom to the general public, via the Eventbrite online booking platform, continues to improve our public profile and has attracted new members. Where permissible, and with the speakers’ agreement, the lectures are also recorded and made available online through the Society’s website for a limited period. We continue to hold most of our meetings on Friday evenings at St Mary’s Church Hall in Derby but from the beginning of the Winter Programme 2024-2025 have been holding meetings in the morning on the last Saturday of the month at the Strutts Centre in Belper when the Library is also open.

Date	Speaker (* on Zoom)	Subject	Attended in person	Online	Viewed recording	Total
5 January	Gary Lock*	Living with the White Horse: excavations at three Ridgeway hill forts	13	65	30	108
13 January Library Open Day Members talks	Jane Ainsworth  Ian Mitchell  Tony Brookes	Becoming Christian in Midland Britain AD500-1050: an introduction to work on Derbyshire parishes History boards for Long Eaton railway station Littleover and its surrounding landscape: from Ice Age to Domesday – my research and book	62	N/A	N/A	62
26 January	Derek Latham	The trials and tribulations of building an Eco-house	24	N/A	**	24+
2 February	Emma Brownlee	An eternal sleep? Bed burials in early medieval Europe	22	50	48	120
9 February	Julian Henderson	The Silk Road	23	48	66	137
16 February	Trevor James	Historic inn names	26	40	46	112
23 February	Brice Bozier	JCB help reconstruct the Sudbury Gasworks retort bench	19	29	20	68
1 March	James Wright*	The mystery of secret passages running beneath the landscape	11	49	N/A	60
8 March	Sarah Howard*	Repairing the river wall at Matlock and other archaeology on Derbyshire rivers	20	32	72	124
15 March	Tony Wilmot	Two excavations on Roman amphitheatres in Britain	28	49	48	125
23 March	Richard Clark	The Joan D’Arcy Lecture 2024: The seizure of church goods in Derbyshire 1552-3	40	17	14	71
23 March	Richard Clark & Rosemary Annable	The DAS Archives	40	17	24	81
5 April	Cliff Lea	The Riddings oil refinery of 1848 – 175 years ago	27	30	22	79
12 April	Mark Knight*	Mediaeval graffiti in historic buildings	N/A	47	37	84
11 May AGM Members talks	Keith Reedman  Richard Finch	Davis of Derby: instrument makers to the mining industry St Saviour’s Church, Foremark – a restoration survival.	23	N/A	12	35



28 September	Dan Waterfall	Recent archaeological excavations at the site of the Milford bleach and dye works	28	10	81	119
4 October	Anna Cluley & Allan Baxter	The Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust	16	N/A	19	35
11 October	Chris Stone	John Flamsteed and the Flamsteed House	24	35	49	108
26 October	Frank Bagshaw	The history of Crich Tramway Museum	21	11	32	64
1 November	Mike Kingman	Why did people build in brick in the pre-industrial Midlands?	20	26	55	101
8 November	Christopher Kennedy & Aiden Ridyard	'Elegant, well-mannered, and never dull' – the church architecture of Richard Twentyman	18	24	42	66
15 November	David Rudling*	Roman settlements and land use in the Ouse valley, Sussex	17	38	30	85
22 November	Jane Ainsworth	A Roman whodunnit? Curse tablets from Roman Britain in the East Midlands	16	55	46	117
30 November	Jennifer Browning	Seeing the complete picture: discoveries at a Roman villa in Rutland	37	25	41	103
13 December	Philip Dixon*	Castles in the Midlands: Derbyshire and the neighbouring area	N/A	63	51	114
		Total numbers for the year	575	760	867	2202
		Average per event	25	36	39	88

\*\* A film of Derek Latham's project was made available for members after the talk. Numbers viewing this were not recorded.

### *Visits and other activities*

For the summer programme we continued to use online booking which greatly simplifies administration and allows us to make any places not taken by members available to the public.

Date	Location	Participants
10 February	Cromford Bridge 3D recording	14
8 June	Lichfield Cathedral Close	13
27 June	Museum of Timekeeping and Lowdham signalbox	16
6 July	Industrial heritage at the National Stone Centre	12
11 July	Derby Riverboat trip	12
17 July	Dronfield Hall Barn	17
25 July	Georgian Bakewell and the Old House Museum (am & pm)	15
2 August	Derby Riverboat trip	12
6 August	Lumps and bumps in Whitwell Wood	8
13 August	Southwell history tour (am); archaeology tour (pm)	12 (am) & 13 (pm)
20 August	Melbourne Hall and gardens	17
31 August	Aqueduct Cottage and the Cromford canal	11
4 September	Belper North Mill	10
10 September	Darley Abbey mills	28

### *Summer Tour*

The Society's annual summer tours, which began in 2003, provide the opportunity to visit a range of sites too far away from Derbyshire to visit in a day, travelling by coach, with accommodation for 4-5 nights arranged in a suitable hotel.

The Society's 2024 Summer Tour led by David Carder was to Lancashire, based in Blackpool and was attended by 23 members. An account of the Tour was published in the *DAS Newsletter* Issue 99 Winter 2024.

### *Publications*

*The Derbyshire Archaeological Journal* (Editors: Philip Riden and Richard Sheppard)

The Journal is published annually by the Society and is free to members as part of their annual subscription. All volumes from Volume 1, 1879, with the exception of the past five years, have been digitised and are available on the Archaeology Data Service. The ADS website provides a facility to search by author or title, and PDF copies of individual articles can be downloaded free of charge. Five cumulative indexes (for Volumes 1-121, 1879-2001) have also been digitised and are available to download from our own website. Each volume of the Journal is also individually indexed.

In 2024 publication resumed of a summary of archaeological work in the county during the year, under the editorship of Richard Sheppard.



<i>Derbyshire Archaeological Journal</i> Volume 144 (2024) 287 pages	
	Jane Steer 1936-2024
	Derek Broomhead MBE, 1930-2024
Richard Sheppard (ed)	Archaeology in Derbyshire 2020-2023
Tim Cockrell and Tim Birkhead	An incised and pecked sandstone boulder at Longstone Edge, Derbyshire
Caitlin Halton & Reuben Thorpe	A medieval homestead at Brassington Lane, Tupton
Rita Wood	Early twelfth-century sculpture in the Ashbourne area
Christopher Whittick	Saltways near Derby
Jane L Robinson	Three puritan ministers and a conference at the home of Sir William and Lady Bowes: unravelling a myth
David Bostwick	Two chimneypieces supposedly made for Godfrey Foljambe of Walton Hall in 1591
David Bostwick	The tomb of John Bullock of Darley Abbey in St Alkmund's church, Derby
Roger M Bryant	The Bradbury family of Bankhead and early Quakers in New Mills
Philip Riden	The extent of navigation on the Trent and its tributaries before 1700

*Derbyshire Miscellany* (Editor: Rebecca Sheldon)

<i>Derbyshire Miscellany</i> Volume 23: Part 4 (Autumn 2023 published November 2024) 32 pages	
Roger Jennens	The spelter makers who came to Lower Hartshay
Maxwell Craven	Pickford's House: a Georgian architect's home
Jim Sherlock	The Latter-Day Saints in 19 <sup>th</sup> century Derbyshire
Frank Haskew and Helen Livingston	Rediscovering the 'New Railway': a long-lost early railway at Swadlincote

A combined issue of *Miscellany* for 2024 will appear in 2025.

*Derbyshire Archaeological Society Newsletter* (Editor: Maxwell Craven)

The DAS Newsletter is produced twice a year and includes accounts of the Society's activities, news from the Council, library updates and details of forthcoming events. The Newsletter is also available on the Society's website. In 2024 it was decided to minimise costs by providing the Newsletter digitally to members and this began with Issue 98, Summer 2024. Copies continue to be printed and mailed to members who do not have internet access, or who have requested hard copies.

*The Library*

The Library continues to provide a useful and valuable resource for the Society. The decision to have talks on a Saturday morning to coincide with Library opening times has proved successful and this together with opening for special events has increased the footfall. A particular special event was the Joan D'Arcy Lecture in March at which Peter Steer officially presented to the Society James Gibbs' book *Rules for drawing the Several parts of Architecture ...* dated 1736 and signed by Abraham Denston, generously donated by his wife Jane Steer in memory of Joan D'Arcy. The book was on display and very much admired. At Jane's request it is now on loan to Derby Museums and is held in the Joseph Wright Study Room. \*

We were also very pleased to receive a donation of some sixty 19th century engineering drawings, the majority of which are related to the Cromford & High Peak Railway. These are of historic value and have already generated considerable interest and we are hoping they will add much to the history



of the C&HP Railway. They have been fully catalogued by Ian Mitchell and Trevor Griffin and will be deposited at the Derbyshire Record Office.

During 2024 181 books and journals have been issued and 60 books have been added to the collection. Some of these new additions have been donated for which we are grateful. The library produces a digital quarterly newsletter that includes news and reviews of recent acquisitions, information about some of the library's lesser known research resources and contributions by members on their own favourite items in the collection.

We continue to receive enquiries from people outside the Society, the most recent being from a PhD student in Lausanne in Switzerland.

[\* Jane Steer died in November 2024 and an appreciation of her life and contribution to the Society was published in the DAJ Vol. 144, 2024]

#### *The Society's Archives*

The Society's archives are held at the Derbyshire Record Office (reference D369) where they are available for public use. Two talks on items in the archives were given by Richard Clark and Rosemary Annable following the Joan D'Arcy lecture in March. During the year work began to provide fuller descriptions of material which is currently described as 'Unlisted' in the DRO online catalogue. This includes some 900 photographs donated to the Society by the widow of J W. Allen.

#### *Representation on outside bodies*

##### *Derby City Council Conservation and Heritage Advisory Committee*

The Society is currently unable to provide a representative for the Derby City Council Conservation and Heritage Advisory Committee.

The committee advises Derby City Council Planning Committee on applications that affect either: buildings or structures within a conservation area and/or within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS); or statutorily listed or locally listed buildings anywhere within the city. The committee is, from time to time, invited to comment on development proposals ('pre-apps.') before any formal planning applications are submitted. The committee is also asked to award an annual prize – the George Rennie Award – to a recent scheme on the grounds of either appearance, or of sensitivity to the historic environment.

##### *The Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee*

The Society is represented by Chris Wardle on the Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee which offers advice on: planning, research, heritage assets and areas of particular importance worthy of conservation or protective management in the county; and supports the dissemination of knowledge about the heritage of the area and encourages research of high quality. It also provides a forum in which news on archaeological fieldwork in the county can be shared, including developer funded archaeology and has a role in the publication of the magazine ACID (Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire) and in the organisation of the annual Derbyshire Archaeology Day.

##### *Contribution to the publication of ACID*

In 2024 Derbyshire County Council withdrew its contribution to the funding of ACID, the costs of which had previously been shared by them with the Peak Park Authority, leaving a substantial shortfall which would have made it impossible to produce the magazine free of charge for distribution at Derbyshire Archaeology Day and through libraries and heritage outlets. In June the DAS Council resolved to donate £500 to the production of the magazine which, together with other donations, enabled work to proceed on the design and production of ACID to the usual timetable. The costs of



printing were then raised by a successful Crowd Funding appeal and the magazine was printed for distribution as normal at Derbyshire Archaeology Day in January 2025 at Chesterfield.

#### *Representation at outside events*

The Society was represented at the CBA Meeting in May at Bakewell School; in June at a Commemorative Historical Fair held at Palmer Morewood Community Hall in Alfreton; and in July at the CBA Festival of Archaeology Closing Event at Hardwick Hall. Information about the Society, including its winter programme, was also made available at Derbyshire Archaeology Day.

Members of Council participated in online meetings, arranged by the Council for British Archaeology, as part of a review of its aims and objectives.

#### *Research grants*

During the year a grant of £1000 was made from the Monica Pilling Fund to Castleton Historical Society as a contribution to the costs of producing the final pottery report for excavations at New Hall and the medieval Hospital of the Blessed Mary at Castleton. Although the Society had already given two previous grants to the Castleton Historical Society (in 2017 and 2019) and does not normally give repeat grant funding within a certain time limit, it was considered important that this long-running community project, producing substantial results on an important local site should be supported to publish its final conclusions.

### BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS

The Society continues to benefit from the generosity of its benefactors and members. The library is funded from the Pamela Staunton bequest and grants for members' own research are made available from funds bequeathed by Monica Pilling.

As reported previously, in 2023 the Society received a bequest of £5000 from the estate of Mrs Margaret Mallender. The Council resolved that some of these funds would be used to commission 3D laser scanning of the Society's properties, the Morley Park blast furnaces and the remains of the medieval chapel at Cromford Bridge, neither of which has ever been recorded in any detail. This work, which also included recording Cromford bridge and the interior of the adjacent fishing lodge, was undertaken in January 2024 by MSDS Heritage who also demonstrated the equipment to members of the Society. The work provides base line surveys which can be used to monitor the condition of these sites over time. The assistance of members of the Cromford Fly Fishers Club and the owners of Willersley Castle in facilitating access for the work is gratefully acknowledged.

#### *The Repton Fund*

At reported in 2023, the Council has received a generous donation from a member of the Society to establish a fund for the purpose of furthering the analysis and publication of the findings of the archaeological excavations carried out at Repton in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s by Harold McCarter Taylor, Birthe Kjobye-Biddle and Martin Biddle, which are as yet largely unpublished. The finds from the site (with the exception of the human remains) and the bulk of the excavation archive are now held at Derby Museums. The committee established to manage the fund had its first meeting in September 2024 when it defined the outlines of Phase 1 of the Project - a feasibility study - for which a draft brief has been prepared. The work is being carried out by the Society in partnership with Derby Museums.

The Committee comprises: Rosemary Annable, DAS Chair and Jane Heginbotham, DAS Honorary Treasurer; Spencer Bailey, Collections Manager, Derby Museums; Steve Baker, Derbyshire County Council archaeologist; Chris Wardle, DAS member; Andy Austen, Derby Museums Repton volunteers group and Repton resident.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### *Financial position at the year end 31 December 2024*

Income from donations, grants, subscriptions etc	£177,789
Expenses for charitable activities, support and governance costs	£31,889
Net incoming resources	£153,018

### *Reserves policy and amount of reserves held*

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity to a level which will equate to a minimum of 6 months unrestricted expenditure. This is designed to provide sufficient funds to cover ongoing administration costs of the charity. As shown in the balance sheet, unrestricted reserves at £160,136 are well in excess of this policy.

### *Details of any fund materially in deficit*

No fund was in material deficit at end of the year.

### *Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern*

The Trustees are satisfied that the Society remains a going concern in terms of membership and finance, but during the year a review of the governance, management and activities of the society was initiated to determine a strategy for the future.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### *Governing Document*

The Society is an unincorporated association founded in 1878. Its governing document is the Rules as approved at the Annual General Meeting held on 24 April 2015. The Society is a Registered Charity.

### *Governance and management*

The Council continues to keep under review the management of its financial resources in the light of considerably increased costs.

The Council has continued to review the Rules of the Society during the year in order to conform to current legal standards and the recommendations of the Charity Commission. A number of minor changes to the Rules are to be put to members at the Annual General Meeting in May 2025. An explanatory note on governance by the Deputy Chair, Richard Clark was published in the Winter *Newsletter* Issue 99.

### *Data Protection and Privacy Policy*

The Council continues to review its data protection procedures and privacy policy as it adopts new methods of working, including the use of online resources such as Zoom, Eventbrite and Mailchimp. Society email addresses are now being adopted to eliminate any need for those who administer the Society to use personal email addresses.

### *Property ownership*

The Society owns the remains of the Morley Park blast furnaces and of the medieval bridge chapel at Cromford and some land at Darley Abbey all of which properties are vested in the Official Custodian for Charities.



### *Land at Darley Abbey*

In 2015 when an application was being made by the Society's solicitors to register the land at Darley Abbey with the UK Land Registry, uncertainty was expressed by some members of Council about the extent of the curtilage owned by the Society. Since that time this matter has been unresolved, and members of Council have been under the impression that the Society owned only a very small and undefined area adjacent to the Abbey Inn. This property was vested in the Official Custodians for Charities without a plan and with an inadequate and (as has now been discovered) an inaccurate description of the property.

Following an enquiry by the owner of one of the properties on the Hill Square, Darley Abbey, further research was undertaken during the year using records held at the Derbyshire Record Office and the Society's title deeds held by its solicitors. It has now been established conclusively that the Society owns the open area known as The Hill Square. This is the residue of the property that the Society purchased in 1936 in order to save the 'historical stone building', then thought to be a part of the old monastery at Darley Abbey. The building was subsequently sold by the Society in the late 1970s to the architect Mike Wood and his wife who restored and converted it to its present use as the Abbey Inn. The owners of the Abbey Inn and of all of the houses surrounding the Hill Square have a right of way across the area owned by the Society.

To Society has now engaged its solicitors, Elliot Mather:

- to continue the work begun in 2015 to register the Hill Square property with the UK Land Registry;
- to advise the Society on its legal obligations and responsibilities for the property; and
- to advise generally

### *Morley Park furnaces*

During the year the Society became aware of plans for a new National Grid electricity pylon route that may pass close to the Morley Park blast furnaces. Members of the Industrial Archaeology Section attended a preliminary public consultation event for the project and have registered our interest as landowners ensuring that the project is aware of the site's status as a Scheduled Monument.

### *Trustee selection methods*

The charity is a membership organisation and its Honorary Officers and members of the Council of management are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Officers and members of the Council of management are all trustees of the charity.

An investment committee, set up in 2021, advises the Council on suitable investments. The members of this committee are all trustees of the charity.

### *Membership*

The charity is a membership organisation. At the end of the year there were:

- 293 individual memberships, of which 64 are for two or more persons at the same address
- 29 institutions
- 25 new members joined during the year
- 46 members were removed from membership due to resignation, non-renewal, or an inadequate standing order payment (the last category after multiple reminder notices since the subscription increase several years ago).

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name: DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Registered Charity number: 225031 (England and Wales)

Website: [www.derbyshireas.org.uk](http://www.derbyshireas.org.uk)

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Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity during 2024:

Trustee name	Office held	Dates acted if not for whole year
Jane Ainsworth		
Anne Allcock	Honorary Librarian	
Rosemary Annable	Chair	
Tony Brookes		Resigned 29 May 2024
Richard Clark	Deputy Chair	
John D'Arcy		
Denise Grace		
Jane Heginbotham	Honorary Treasurer	
Janette Jackson		
Ian H Mitchell	Web Master and Programme Co- ordinator	
Stuart Ian Mitchell		Resigned at AGM 11 May 2024
Susan Peberdy	Honorary Secretary	
Rebecca Sheldon	Editor of Derbyshire Miscellany	Resigned at AGM 11 May 2024

Approved by the Council on 9 April 2025

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.....



**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 225031**

**DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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## **DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

225031

##### **Principal address**

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##### **Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Derbyshire Archaeological Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Derbyshire Archaeological Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



G S Gilbert FCA

CAMERON HUGHES LTD  
Chartered Accountants  
Derby

Date: 9 April 2025



# DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
Donations and legacies		11,568	150,000	-	161,568	16,063
Other trading activities	2	372	-	-	372	349
Investment income	3	2,284	574	-	2,858	560
Other income		12,991	-	-	12,991	21,177
<b>Total</b>		<u>27,215</u>	<u>150,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,789</u>	<u>38,149</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities</b>						
Publications		3,300	-	-	3,300	12,657
General		27,020	-	-	27,020	25,839
Other		1,569	-	-	1,569	1,279
<b>Total</b>		<u>31,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,889</u>	<u>39,775</u>
Net gains on investments		7,118	-	-	7,118	10,802
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>2,444</u>	<u>150,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,018</u>	<u>9,176</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
Total funds brought forward		157,692	7,563	7,243	172,498	163,322
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>160,136</u>	<u>158,137</u>	<u>7,243</u>	<u>325,516</u>	<u>172,498</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	781	844
Investments	7	108,171	91,054
		<u>108,952</u>	<u>91,898</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	8	3,804	3,804
Cash at bank		225,348	85,215
		<u>229,152</u>	<u>89,019</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(12,588)	(8,419)
		<u>216,564</u>	<u>80,600</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>216,564</u>	<u>80,600</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		325,516	172,498
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>325,516</u>	<u>172,498</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

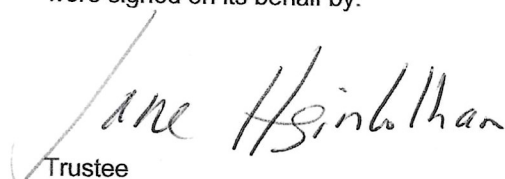


# DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## BALANCE SHEET - continued 31 DECEMBER 2024

FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		4,820	12,929
Monica Pilling Bequest Fund		38,969	31,994
Special Speaker Fund		1,116	816
Pamela Staunton Bequest Fund		115,231	111,953
		<u>160,136</u>	<u>157,692</u>
Restricted funds:			
Ashbourne		7,951	7,563
Repton		150,186	-
		<u>158,137</u>	<u>7,563</u>
Endowment funds:			
Endowment		7,243	7,243
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u>325,516</u></u>	<u><u>172,498</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

##### **Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings                      - 25% on reducing balance

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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



# DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sale of publications and books	283	284
Royalty fees	89	65
	<u>372</u>	<u>349</u>

### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,858</u>	<u>560</u>

### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### 5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies	16,063	-	-	16,063
Other trading activities	349	-	-	349
Investment income	242	318	-	560
Other income	<u>21,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,177</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>37,831</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,149</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Publications	12,657	-	-	12,657
General	<u>25,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,839</u>
Other	1,279	-	-	1,279
<b>Total</b>	<u>39,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,775</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>10,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,802</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
<b>NET INCOME</b>	8,858	318	-	9,176
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward	148,834	7,245	7,243	163,322
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>157,692</u>	<u>7,563</u>	<u>7,243</u>	<u>172,498</u>

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	<u>2,129</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2024	1,285
Charge for year	63
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,348</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2024	<u>781</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>844</u>

**7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2024	91,054
Additions	9,999
Revaluations	7,118
At 31 December 2024	<u>108,171</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2024	<u>108,171</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>91,054</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.



**DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2024	108,171

**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors and prepayments	3,804	3,804

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	12,588	8,419

**10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Fixed assets	187	-	594	781	844
Investments	108,171	-	-	108,171	91,054
Current assets	64,366	158,137	6,649	229,152	89,019
Current liabilities	(12,588)	-	-	(12,588)	(8,419)
	160,136	158,137	7,243	325,516	172,498

**DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	12,929	(2,287)	(5,822)	4,820
Monica Pilling Bequest Fund	31,994	485	6,490	38,969
Special Speaker Fund	816	300	-	1,116
Pamela Staunton Bequest Fund	111,953	3,946	(668)	115,231
	<u>157,692</u>	<u>2,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,136</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Ashbourne	7,563	388	-	7,951
Repton	-	150,186	-	150,186
	<u>7,563</u>	<u>150,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,137</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment	7,243	-	-	7,243
	<u>7,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,243</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>172,498</u>	<u>153,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325,516</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	26,655	(30,314)	1,372	(2,287)
Monica Pilling Bequest Fund	189	(1,062)	1,358	485
Special Speaker Fund	300	-	-	300
Pamela Staunton Bequest Fund	71	(513)	4,388	3,946
	<u>27,215</u>	<u>(31,889)</u>	<u>7,118</u>	<u>2,444</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Ashbourne	388	-	-	388
Repton	150,186	-	-	150,186
	<u>150,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,574</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>177,789</u>	<u>(31,889)</u>	<u>7,118</u>	<u>153,018</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	-	(596)	13,525	12,929
Monica Pilling Bequest Fund	29,130	2,864	-	31,994
Special Speaker Fund	816	-	-	816
Pamela Staunton Bequest Fund	118,888	6,590	(13,525)	111,953
	148,834	8,858	-	157,692
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Ashbourne	7,245	318	-	7,563
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment	7,243	-	-	7,243
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>163,322</u>	<u>9,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,498</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	37,520	(38,116)	-	(596)
Monica Pilling Bequest Fund	156	(263)	2,971	2,864
Pamela Staunton Bequest Fund	155	(1,396)	7,831	6,590
	37,831	(39,775)	10,802	8,858
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Ashbourne	318	-	-	318
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>38,149</u>	<u>(39,775)</u>	<u>10,802</u>	<u>9,176</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	-	(2,883)	7,703	4,820
Monica Pilling Bequest Fund	29,130	3,349	6,490	38,969
Special Speaker Fund	816	300	-	1,116
Pamela Staunton Bequest Fund	118,888	10,536	(14,193)	115,231
	<u>148,834</u>	<u>11,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,136</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Ashbourne	7,245	706	-	7,951
Repton	-	150,186	-	150,186
	<u>7,245</u>	<u>150,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,137</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment	7,243	-	-	7,243
	<u>7,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,243</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>163,322</u>	<u>162,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325,516</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	64,175	(68,430)	1,372	(2,883)
Monica Pilling Bequest Fund	345	(1,325)	4,329	3,349
Special Speaker Fund	300	-	-	300
Pamela Staunton Bequest Fund	226	(1,909)	12,219	10,536
	<u>65,046</u>	<u>(71,664)</u>	<u>17,920</u>	<u>11,302</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Ashbourne	706	-	-	706
Repton	150,186	-	-	150,186
	<u>150,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,892</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>215,938</u>	<u>(71,664)</u>	<u>17,920</u>	<u>162,194</u>

**DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024***

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**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.



## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DERBYSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Derbyshire Archaeological Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Derbyshire Archaeological Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



G S Gilbert FCA

CAMERON HUGHES LTD  
Chartered Accountants  
Derby

Date: 9 APRIL 2025