

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Details

Other names LAMAS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER SOCIETIES AND INSTITUTIONS, THE STUDY OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY, LOCAL HISTORY AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF GREATER LONDON AND THE LONDON REGION. (B) TO PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF SUCH STUDIES IN "TRANSACTIONS" OR OTHERWISE. (C) TO STIMULATE THE STUDY OR ARCHAEOLOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY THROUGH LECTURES, VISITS, THE MAINTENANCE OF A LIBRARY AND OTHER MEANS, AND TO ASSIST LOCAL SOCIETIES FORMED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (D) TO UNDERTAKE AND ENCOURAGE RESEARCH AND EXCAVATIONS. (E) TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION AND RECORDING OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS, ANCIENT MONUMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER REMAINS.

Activities: Programme of lectures and walks/visits. Publishes Newsletter and Transactions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON AREA
- Throughout London

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-09-30 | £76,783 | £35,430 | - | - |
| 2024-09-30 | £34,237 | £30,911 | - | - |
| 2023-09-30 | £36,330 | £28,351 | - | - |
| 2022-09-30 | £36,019 | £30,536 | - | - |
| 2021-09-30 | £23,503 | £26,688 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| HARVEY LEWIS SHELDON | Chair | 2017-02-14 |
| Alexander Paul Davidson Werner | | 2023-02-21 |
| Colin Hugh Southall MSc | | 2025-02-11 |
| David Charles Gordon | | 2025-02-11 |
| Dr Elizabeth Jane Sidell | | 2015-02-10 |
| Jane Wheeler MA MSc PhD | | 2023-02-21 |
| John Michael Shemilt PhD | | 2023-02-21 |
| KAREN LINDA THOMAS | | |
| KATHRYN ELIZABETH STUBBS | | 2013-06-10 |
| Margaret Elizabeth Bolton MA | | 2024-02-13 |
| Richard Stuart Ward MA | | 2026-02-10 |
| Robin Guy Densem FSA | | 2026-02-10 |
| Roy Stephenson MIFA FSA | | 2022-02-08 |
| Stephanie Ostrich MA | | 2024-02-13 |
| Stephen William Gill DMS | | 2026-02-10 |

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170th ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

All five Council meetings held during this year were online via the Zoom platform. The Society's Committees have continued to function either online via Zoom or have returned to in person meetings. The joint Working Party continues to look at the Future of LAMAS and ways to increase the Membership.

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Lecture meetings (report by Kathryn Stubbs)

The lecture programme ran from October 2024 - May 2025. The lectures are announced in the Newsletter, on the website, on social media and the Diary page of *London Archaeologist*. The lectures were hybrid, held in person at the London Office of Historic England and the Institute of Archaeology, UCL and on-line. Lectures are recorded, with the agreement of the lecturer and are available on YouTube after the event. Lectures were well attended and attracted a wide audience including attendees from outside London and the UK, helping to raise and widen the profile of London's archaeology and history.

The first lecture in the series, in October, was given by Les Capon, AOC Archaeology, on "Friends, Romans, Country House: lend me your labour! Preliminary results from a series of community excavations at Cranford Park, London Borough of Hillingdon". Community excavations were undertaken at Cranford Park over the course of four years by AOC Archaeology on behalf of the London Borough of Hillingdon's Community Archaeologist, Paul McGarrity. The excavations took place in the grounds of a former country estate associated with a post-medieval stately home - the below ground remains of which were investigated during this project. The history and archaeology of Cranford extends well beyond this time period however, the earliest written reference to the settlement dates to the late Saxon period, whilst excavations revealed evidence of an even deeper past that includes earlier prehistoric, Iron Age and Roman activity.

In November, Tim Allen, Oxford Archaeology, gave a lecture on "New light on the medieval and post-medieval manor at Headstone, Middlesex". An archaeological watching brief at the Scheduled Monument of Headstone Manor by Oxford Archaeology provided unexpected evidence of the medieval kitchen and a range of other demolished buildings on the moated island. In the Outer Court, the watching brief uncovered buildings known from historic maps of the site, and also ponds and waterlogged timbers that were previously unknown. December's lecture was given by Dr Chris Constable on "The Southwark Deep Shelter from tube line to nuclear Armageddon". This talk presented the history of the Southwark deep shelter, possibly the largest civilian deep shelter constructed during WW2 using disused tube tunnels under Borough High Street. The talk examined the development, planning and use of the shelter during the war, proposals for its post-war use as a nuclear shelter and its fate. The rediscovery of the shelter has been somewhat of a surprise that an enterprise of this scale had been forgotten, and its rediscovery as archaeology on two sites and the survival of fabric within a prominent listed building adds to its interest. In January, Nathalie Cohen, National Trust, gave a lecture on "The Fishful Thames": Fish and Fishing on the River Thames". Decades of investigation on the banks of the Thames have revealed evidence for fishing practice along the river over hundreds of years. The talk discussed the archaeological evidence for this activity through time and examined the iconography and presentation of fish and fishing, focussed on the medieval period. The March lecture was given by Andrew Mayfield, Community Archaeologist, The Royal Parks, on "Community Archaeology in a Royal Park (Greenwich)". Andrew focussed on his role as community archaeologist for the Greenwich Park Revealed project. This is a multi-million pound National Heritage Fund scheme to restore and conserve Greenwich Park. It involves working on sites across the park, from Saxon barrows to a Magnetic Observatory and from an air raid shelter to a Charles II landscape, including community

engagement and open days. The talk covered the history and archaeology of this much-loved park. The lecture in April by Jacqui Pearce, Senior Specialist - Medieval and Later Ceramics and Finds, MOLA, was on "Bartmann Goes Global! How German stoneware travelled round the known world in the 16th/17th century". The phenomenon of the Rhenish stoneware Bartmann jug is the subject of a major collaborative Anglo-German research project. This talk highlighted the wealth of information that can be derived from their study, throwing light on their development, typology, trade networks, marketing, influence, usage and global reach. The final lecture of the programme was given in May by Shane Maher, Pre-Construct Archaeology, on "Hunter Gatherers in Tottenham". Pre-Construct Archaeology undertook excavations on land at the Welbourne Site (Plot C), Tottenham Hale Centre, LB Harringay, between November 2019 and March 2020, in challenging winter conditions. Three early Mesolithic lithic scatters of high density were found stratified in the upper horizon of the Enfield Silt brickearth. Each scatter sub-assembly appeared to be of Deepcar type, a chrono-cultural tradition with a floruit in the 9th millennium BC. There is a notable association of typical Deepcar type microliths with rarer forms of isosceles triangle and this may point towards a distinct facies of the Deepcar chrono-cultural grouping. Each scatter comprised discrete areas of flint knapping, the working of nodules into cores and production of blade/bladelet/flake tool blanks and their waste, as well as production of core tools, axes/picks. Much of the activity seemed to have occurred around surface hearths evident from dense areas of burnt worked flint in each scatter. Tools were manufactured and/or maintained at the site with identifiable activity zones for hunting toolkit maintenance, probable butchery and other resource processing and wood working. Recent excavations at the Ferry Island site, 400m to the south east, have revealed similar scatters suggesting that this part of the Lea Valley may have been a possible focal area for Mesolithic activity.

The AGM and Presidential Address was held in February. Our President, Vanessa Harding, Emeritus Professor of London History, Birkbeck, University of London, gave a lecture on "Mapping early Tudor London". The lecture followed on from the 2022 Presidential Address where Vanessa explored mapping medieval London, with special reference to the Historic Towns Trust's map of London c.1300, published in 2019. This year, Vanessa discussed early Tudor London using HTT's map published in 2018. This shows London c.1520 when it was still a 'medieval' city: the monasteries and friaries had reached their final form, before the destruction and repurposing of the Dissolution; the Guilds or Livery Companies had flourished and put down roots, building impressive halls for entertainment and business; the growing legal profession had colonised the city's western suburb. Visitors marvelled at London's wealth, and especially its famous bridge. Mapping early Tudor London is a question of navigating the profusion of written and archaeological sources, and establishing what was there before the dramatic changes brought by the Reformation and enormous economic and population growth in the later 16th century.

LAMAS Lates (report by Jane Sidell)

Last year the Lates series was a little affected by illness, and only two events took place. In June, our president, Vanessa Harding led a tour based on the Tudor Map, in the Clerkenwell/Charterhouse area, really revealing how the current street scene is overprinted on the historic layout. In August, our regular guide to mortuary sites, Robert Stephenson guided us around a series of City churchyards including St Pauls and Christchurch Greyfriars, the final resting place of a number of medieval queens. We ended in the ever-popular Postman's Park, a burial ground and home to the wonderful memorial to the heroic dead.

Newsletter, Website and Publicity (report by Jane Wheeler, John Shemilt and Karen Thomas)

Three editions of the LAMAS Newsletter were published in 2025. All editions were well-received and feedback on content is good. Comments included: enjoyable and informative editorials; well-balanced across archaeology, buildings, local history, and information regarding LAMAS and other society activities (including grants and awards, exhibitions, and book reviews etc.). The number of posted paper copies remains relatively unchanged. The majority of copies are

distributed electronically in PDF format. The current Editor has been in this honorary post since May 2022 and is looking to stand down and handover the role. To date there has been no interest shown by a prospective replacement.

Our YouTube channel continues to attract both members and non-members to view our conference talks and lectures after the event. The new LAMAS website, finally went live at the end of June 2025. The new website gives members access to the last 3 years' LAMAS Transactions and their membership record. A more vibrant and dynamic website will help increase LAMAS's effectiveness and membership numbers in the longer term. The effectiveness of the new website will be dependent on sufficient support from LAMAS members.

Richard Hebblethwaite became our new Publicity Officer in September and has begun by developing our Social Media platforms starting with Facebook and Linked In. In the future he will be looking at other ways to publicise all the activities of the Society to as wide an audience as possible.

Membership (report by John Shemilt)

The increase in membership reported for the previous two years has stalled with 2024/25 showing a very slight decrease of 4 in the total paid-up membership. As Joint membership increased by 3 and Student by 2 but Individual membership was down by 7. The nett effect is the total numbers of individuals who are members increased by 1. The paid-up membership of Affiliated and Corporate/Institutional members decreased by 1. The number of personal members consenting to Gift Aid their subscription by the end of the year had increased to 230 from 214 last year.

Work on the website through the year diverted attention from membership development. This effect is likely to continue for the coming year as membership and other processes associated with the new website are developed.

Working Party on the Future of LAMAS (report by John Schofield and Kathryn Stubbs, Chairs)

The Working Party met several times during the year. Issues discussed included membership categories and benefits, revisions to the LAMAS Research Fund, the appointment of a Publicity Officer (now Richard Hebblethwaite), the beginning of work on the society's archives, the development and launch of the new LAMAS website (largely the work of Jane Sidell and John Shemilt), and monitoring major redevelopments (the proposed Chinese embassy at the Royal mint, Liverpool Street station).

Research Fund (report by Karen Thomas)

The Research Grant Committee has now been expanded and a new grant has been advertised for 2026.

Publications Committee (report by John Schofield, Chair, and committee members)

The Committee met twice during the year. Volume 74 of Transactions was published in November 2024. It has 448 pages and a superb reconstruction of the western end of Fleet Lane in 1612 by the late Peter Jackson on the front cover. It contains eleven articles, twenty two reviews and a tribute to Brian Hobley, first head of the Department of Urban Archaeology of the Museum of London from 1973 to 1989. The subjects of the articles range from prehistoric and Roman excavations in Kensington to the investigation of a 19th-century burial ground at Mare Street Baptist Church in Hackney. History articles consist of a biography of Lionel Cranfield and a revised version of Professor Vanessa Harding's 2021 John Stow Memorial lecture.

Archaeology Committee (report by Jon Cotton, Secretary)

The Committee met remotely via Zoom on three occasions during the year: in January, April and September. Reports on fieldwork and other matters were tabled from MOLA, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd, the AOC Archaeology Group, and from GLAAS.

Issues of concern placed before the Committee included the proposed new Chinese Embassy, St Mary Axe, and the Cranwood (Highgate) site. In addition, the Committee maintained a keen interest in the new GLAAS archaeological guidelines, and ways in which the LAMAS membership might be increased.

As usual, the Committee organised the 61st Annual Conference of London Archaeologists, which was staged as a hybrid event at the London Museum Docklands on March 15th. Particular thanks are extended to Jenny Hall, Karen Thomas and Jane Sidell for ensuring the smooth delivery of the programme on the day.

The 2024 Ralph Merrifield Award was presented to Jane Sidell for her outstanding contribution to London archaeology and the built heritage over many years, firstly as a member of MOLA and currently as Inspector of Ancient Monuments for London at Historic England. Following this the morning session included presentations on Jubilee House, Stratford; Elysing Palace; Lambeth Palace; the GLHCR; 50 Fenchurch Street; and the Liberty site, Southwark.

The afternoon session was devoted to *Mudlarking the Thames Foreshore* and acted as a tie-in to the major exhibition in the Museum's gallery. This was introduced by Jon Cotton and addressed by Pamela Greenwood; Tom Chivers; Claire Harris; and John Clark.

Local History Committee (report by John Price, Chair)

The Committee met on three occasions, October 2024, and January and April 2025 at 11 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3RE. The members of the Committee are John Price (Chair), Maggie Bolton, Pat Gough, Oliver Harris, Mike Marriott, and Lorraine Woodleigh.

The Annual Local History Conference took place at the London Museum in Docklands, in November 2024 on the theme of 'Fashion, Clothing, and Textiles in London History'.

Papers presented were as follows:

- Advertising Corsets: Dress Advertisements in the Late Nineteenth-Century Feminist Periodical the Women's Penny Paper / Woman's Herald (Artemis Alexiou)
- Vinted in London (Dr Liz Tregenza)
- Selling British Fashion: The Rise and Fall of The British Model House (Hannah Wroe)
- The Uncovering Dressmakers Project (Sage Foley and Steph Haire)
- A History of textiles in the London Borough of Newham (Laura Wilson)
- Selling Mid-Twentieth Century London Couture: 'Mattli of Mayfair' (Caroline Ness)

The 2024 Local History Publication awards were presented during the annual conference and the winners were as follows:

- Best Newsletter (£50 prize): Barnes and Mortlake History Society
- Best Journal (£100 prize): *Richmond History: Journal of the Richmond Local History Society* edited by Robert Smith.
- Best book (£100 prize): Merton Historical Society for, Peter Hopkins, *Medieval Morden: Neighbourhood and Community* (London: Merton Historical Society, 2023)
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Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee (report by John Ricketts, Chair)

At the end of 2024 we welcomed four new members to the Committee – Richard Hebblethwaite, David Lakin, Andrew Smith and Suzanne Snowden – who have been valuable contributors to our work. Richard has also recently taken on the role of LAMAS's Publicity Officer. We remain on the look-out for additional new members, so we would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining us.

HBCC responded in writing to 25 planning applications received by London boroughs over the 12 months, representing around 4% of the total applications considered by the Committee. This is approximately half of the numbers recorded over the past couple of years, though we are confident this does not reflect a lowering of standards. The majority of our responses continue to be objections, focussing on the harmful impact of proposed alterations to individual listed buildings or, in the case of larger schemes, to the setting of these listed buildings and/or surrounding conservation areas.

As regards the larger applications, plans for the proposed redevelopment of Liverpool Street station continue to evolve in a somewhat confusing manner. In November 2024, the original Herzog & De Meuron scheme - to which we objected in 2023 - was superseded by a revised plan by architects ACME, whose planning application was submitted in April 2025. However, the H&DeM planning application remains live and they submitted changes to their scheme in July 2025, two months after the submission of the application for the new ACME scheme. HBCC and other members of campaigning group LISSCA submitted objections to the ACME application in June 2025, on the principal grounds that, whilst the revised scheme reduced the overall height from 108m (21 floors) to 97m (19 floors), the height and massing remained totally out of scale with the surrounding heritage assets. In August 2025, a carbon report commissioned by campaigning LISSCA from sustainability expert Simon Sturgis concluded that the ACME scheme breaches a significant number of national and local environmental policies. A final decision by the City of London planning committee on the planning applications is not expected until the first half of 2026.

Another major planning application which appeared in last year's accounts is the proposed redevelopment of Royal Mint Court as the new Chinese Embassy. This continues to generate substantial controversy and a decision by the Secretary of State, who called the application in in October 2024, was again put back. A public inquiry by the planning inspector into the application was held in February 2025, though LAMAS did not formally participate.

Other planning applications we commented on for high profile schemes included two in the City of London: firstly, in October 2024 we reiterated our objection to the application for a tower block of 43 storeys in Bury Street, EC3, on the grounds of the adverse impact on nearby heritage assets including the Grade I Bevis Marks Synagogue. The application was rejected in December 2024. Secondly, we objected to the proposed new rooftop extensions to the Grade II listed Winchester House on Throgmorton Street, EC2, and adjacent listed buildings in Great Winchester Street, as they would lead to a loss of significance of the listed buildings far from outweighed by the negligible public benefits of the scheme.

We also objected to the addition of five storeys to the New City Court office block in St Thomas Street, Southwark, which would greatly harm the setting of Southwark Cathedral. In March 2025 an examination was held into the draft City of London 2040 Local Plan, which HBCC had responded to in June 2024. We decided not to apply to attend the inquiry as our earlier comments would be taken into account.

Finally, we were deeply saddened by the death on 1 October 2025 of the author Gillian Tindall, a longstanding member of the Committee who brought to bear her deep knowledge of the London history she had written so much about to her analysis of the planning applications received by HBCC. She will be sorely missed.

BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL

Harvey Sheldon

Chairman of Council

Karen Thomas

Honorary Secretary

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

| <i>2024</i> | Incoming resources | 2025 | <i>2024</i> | Resources Expended | 2025 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ | | £ | |
| <i>10,399</i> | Subscriptions | 10,214 | <i>18,828</i> | LAMAS Transactions | 20,980 |
| <i>1,080</i> | Gift Aid | 1,049 | <i>1,102</i> | Newsletter | 1,616 |
| <i>140</i> | Sale of Publications | 20 | <i>1,848</i> | Archaeology Conference | 2,705 |
| <i>256</i> | Royalties and Licensing | 299 | <i>1,988</i> | Local History Conference | 2,606 |
| <i>15,895</i> | Grants for LAMAS Transactions | 20,595 | <i>300</i> | Publication Awards | 250 |
| <i>2,690</i> | Archaeology Conference | 2,780 | <i>0</i> | Research Grants | 0 |
| <i>730</i> | Local History Conference | 962 | <i>459</i> | Lecture Series Expenses | 276 |
| <i>458</i> | Lecture Series Income | 215 | <i>214</i> | Postage, Printing, Stationery | 174 |
| <i>2,524</i> | Interest | 1,891 | <i>60</i> | Bank Charges | 60 |
| <i>65</i> | Donations | 185 | <i>605</i> | Eventbrite Charges | 511 |
| <i>0</i> | Legacies | 35,188 | <i>109</i> | PayPal Charges | 85 |
| <i>0</i> | Liabilities written off | 3,385 | <i>100</i> | Ralph Merrifield Award | 100 |
| | | | <i>4,606</i> | Website, Computing | 5,043 |
| | | | <i>540</i> | ZOOM annual charge | 540 |
| | | | <i>152</i> | Miscellaneous Costs | 484 |
| <i>34,237</i> | Total Incoming Resources | 76,783 | | | |
| <i>3,326</i> | Net Incoming Resources | 41,353 | | | |
| <u><i>30,911</i></u> | | <u>35,430</u> | <u><i>30,911</i></u> | Total Resources Expended | <u>35,430</u> |

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

| <i>2024</i> | ASSETS | <i>2025</i> | <i>2024</i> | FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY | <i>2025</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| £ | | £ | £ | | £ |
| 5,965 | Bank Balances | 2,108 | | Restricted funds | |
| 101,154 | Deposit Accounts | 140,033 | 7,105 | Publications Fund | 7,105 |
| 0 | Payments in advance | 2,239 | | | |
| 107,119 | Total Assets | 144,380 | | | |
| | Less: LIABILITIES | | | Unrestricted Funds | |
| 2,283 | Subscriptions in advance | 1,126 | 74,076 | Funds brought forward | 77,402 |
| 3,385 | Creditors | 450 | 3,326 | Funds movement for the period | 41,353 |
| 3,964 | Future Publications | 3,964 | 77,402 | Total Unrestricted Funds | 118,755 |
| 12,980 | Research Grants | 12,980 | | | |
| 22,612 | Total Liabilities | 18,520 | | | |
| 84,507 | Total Net Assets | 125,860 | 84,507 | Total Funds | 125,860 |

Notes to the Accounts:

1. The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet have been prepared using the 'natural classification' as permitted by the Charities Act 2011.
2. Research Grants represent amounts set aside to promote non-corporate members' research interests, and at 30th September 2025 grants of £12,980 had been allocated but not yet paid pending completion of outstanding projects.
3. Use of the Publications Fund requires the sanction of the donor, Historic England.

Signed: H L Sheldon Chairman

Signed D. C. Gordon Hon. Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW.

The state of the Society's finances at the end of the LAMAS year 1st October 2024 – 30th September 2025 was healthy. We ended the year with a surplus of £37,968 of incoming resources over expenditure, much increased over the previous year following receipt of two legacies. The Society's current net assets of £125,860 are sufficient to cover expenditure presently envisaged, including production of the Society's Transactions, current and prospective research grants, further expenditure on information technology and the (restricted) publications fund. There is also a largely predictable income from Members' subscriptions. The Society does not currently hold designated reserves, but a proportion of Society funds (currently £40,000) is invested in longer-term deposit accounts. A sub-committee of Council is currently investigating ways in which the recent legacies may be employed to further the charitable aims of the Society.

David Gordon (Honorary Treasurer)

Additional Notes for Council and Examiner.

Incoming Resources includes legacies of £5,000 from S Letch and £30,188 from H Thomas.

Bank charges: I have separated out Eventbrite and PayPal charges for clarity. As a result of the new booking system on the new website, the former should be much lower during the current year, and the latter correspondingly higher.

Miscellaneous Costs (£):

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|---|-----|
| Grant to Young Archaeologists Club | 252 |
| Purchase of banner | 64 |
| Purchase of tablecloth | 96 |
| Purchase of SQUARE payment device | 23 |
| Charity payment in lieu of Examiner's fee | 50 |

Payments in advance: Represents payments to MoL for November 2025 Local History Conference

Creditors: Two longstanding liabilities have been written out of the accounts, as agreed at the January Council meeting. The remaining sum represents advance bookings for the Local History Conference.

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the
London and Middlesex Archaeological Society
on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025**

Registered Charity no 267552

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of London & Middlesex Archaeological Society ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2025 set out on pages 1 and 2

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


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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Date:

20 Jan 2026

Edward Lee-Smith MA

19 Lawrie Park Crescent, London SE26 6HH

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Lectures were well attended and attracted a wide audience including attendees from, and outside London, and from Europe, helping to raise the profile of London's archaeology and history.

The first lecture, in October, was given by Sadie Watson and Damian Goodburn, MOLA, on 'Stamped Roman timbers from London and elsewhere: tracing evidence of economy and emperors'. Recent excavations on London's Roman waterfront revealed many examples of rare branded stamps on the timber quay structures. The stamps are useful evidence of the timber trade that served the port. They were compared with other examples across London and in the western Roman Empire. The lecture drew together this evidence and discussed what the stamps tell us about London, the construction of its quay and its place in the wider Empire. In November, Becky Haslam gave a lecture on 'A Tale of Two Fords? An alternative model of Roman road infrastructure in Southwark and beyond' This described evidence for revisions to the current model of Roman road infrastructure to the south of Southwark's Borough Channel. Discoveries from sites at Brandon House and Harper Road were considered with a reappraisal of the existing corpus of evidence to make a case that the current model is modified, including a revision to the route of Stane Street and a new location for its junction with Watling Street. It is suggested that a hitherto unknown Roman road extended westwards from Watling Street in the direction of modern Vauxhall. The implications of this revised model were discussed with emphasis on the location of the 'ritual shafts' of the site at Swan Street and potential regional implications. December's lecture was given by Dominic Perring, UCL, Institute of Archaeology, entitled 'The failure of London: the long fourth century'. This talk, based in large part on the concluding chapters of his recent book, *London in the Roman World*, set the archaeological evidence for later Roman London within its wider historical context. At the end of the third century, London remained a place of considerable importance in the western empire, but this ceased to be the case during the fourth century. Cycles of urban investment, followed by periods of disrepair and redundancy were described, in relation to London's changing importance to the provincial administration. Why, when and how did this important bastion of Roman power change, and to what extent can this change be characterised as 'decline and fall' was discussed. The January lecture was given by Alfred Hawkins, Historic Royal Palaces, on 'Life, Death and Worship at HM Tower of London'. The lecture discussed the history and archaeology of the Chapel Royal and Royal Peculiar of Saint Peter ad Vincula, the parish church of HM Palace and Fortress of the Tower of London. The talk covered the chronology and development of the church and the impact of its designation of 'Royal Peculiar' upon archaeological excavations. The results of excavations in 2019 including analysis of the skeletal remains exhumed, which was funded by a LAMAS Research Grant in 2022/23, was discussed.

In March, Peter Jones, Brunel Museum, stepping in for the Director, Katherine MacAlpine, gave a lecture on 'The Thames Tunnel'. The story of the tunnel, which became the world's first subterranean river crossing and underwater 'shopping arcade' was described. Details of Marc Brunel's engineering designs, and the construction methods were outlined as well as how the tunnel became a train line, still in use today. The lecture in April was given by Bob Cowie on 'Syon Abbey revisited: reconstructing late medieval England's wealthiest nunnery'. Syon Abbey was the last great religious house to be built in the London region during the medieval period, and by the time of its closure in 1539 it was the tenth richest in Europe. Founded by Henry V and built by Henry VI, it was home to segregated female and male communities of the Bridgettine order. The lecture outlined how archaeological investigations since the late 1990's have begun to shed light on the abbey and its long forgotten layout and appearance. The Joint Prehistoric Society and LAMAS lecture was given in May by Dr Matt Pope, UCL, on 'Paleo-London, Thinking about the Ice Age Archaeology and Environments of the Capital'. The landscape of Greater London preserves a rich record of our Ice Age past, including a large area of Ice Age geology, environmental records of now lost landscapes as well as stone artefacts and bones of now extinct mammalian fauna. From the first recorded discovery of a Palaeolithic tool through to professional commercial excavations, the lecture considered how the London landscape was shaped by ice and water and how early human populations adapted, or not, to cycles of climate change, evidenced in the gravels and clays of the city.

The AGM and Presidential Address was held in February. Our President, Vanessa Harding, Emeritus Professor of London History, Birkbeck, University of London gave a talk on 'Mapping medieval London', exploring mapping the medieval city with special reference to the Historic Towns Trust's map of London c 1300 published in 2019. The talk described how new historical and archaeological research, was brought together and designed to illustrate London at this time. The map gives a fascinating insight to the character, buildings, street plan, churches and religious houses of London, some of which are still evident in the modern city.

LAMAS Lates (report by Jane Sidell)

We held several Late events this year starting with a visit to the Vine Street Roman Wall in December, led by Jane Sidell and Kathryn Stubbs, viewing the wonderful new presentation of the wall and hearing about the development. Additionally, the exceptional finds display was seen, and the cafe was patronised! This was followed in April by a walk around the Northern elements of London Wall, including the S-N Noble Street stretch from the corner turret up to Bastion 12, via the Fort Gate, recently conserved. In May a small group visited the Mithraeum, In June, our President Vanessa Harding led a wonderful tour of medieval London, looking at surviving existing fabric, the street layout and sites of many key elements of medieval London. The Lates season ended in August at West Norwood, with Robert Stephenson continuing our tradition of visiting one of the Magnificent Seven cemeteries.

Newsletter, Website and Publicity (report by Jane Wheeler and Karen Thomas)

Three editions of the LAMAS Newsletter were published in 2024. All editions were well-received by our members – the majority of whom now received an electronic colour PDF version. However, a small proportion of members still received black and white printed A5 size versions. It is hoped that the numbers of printed and posted Newsletter will gradually reduce over the next 23 months due to rising printing and postage costs. The usual information regarding LAMAS events from both archaeology and local history branches of the organisation, along with lectures, Lates, on-going threats to historic building/planning etc., along with articles of interest covering a multitude of disciplines under the umbrella of LAMAS, awards, details of grants, book reviews, and exhibitions, were disseminated. This includes a youth section subsuming the Young Archaeologists Club. Affiliated society details and their events are also included in the 3-yearly Newsletter.

Our YouTube channel continues to attract both members and non-members to view our conference talks and lectures after the event. Work on revamping our website is coming along

well with the help of designers Link Digital and input from Jane Sidell and John Shemilt from the Working Party team.

Our Social Media platforms (Facebook, Twitter (X) and Instagram are all still helping to bring LAMAS and London's history and archaeology to a larger audience. If anyone would be interested in helping us with our Facebook page we would love to hear from you!

Membership report by John Shemilt.

The increase in membership reported last year has continued for the year 2023/24. Historic practice has been to count members who paid the previous year but have not paid for the current year as defaulting members and include them in the membership figures. The table below gives the membership figures using both methods:

| LAMAS year | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Paid-up | 408 | 488 | 496 |
| % change | | 19.6% | 1.6% |
| Inc defaulters | 471 | 513 | 535 |
| % change | | 8.2% | 4.1% |

The large increase in paid up members for 2022/23 was partially due to a number of members not paying for 2021/22. The number of personal members consenting to Gift Aid being collected on their subscription has increased from 199 to 214.

65 members who had not paid their 23/24 subscriptions by the 1st November and had provided contact email addresses were sent reminder emails. This resulted in 41 membership renewals.

Council approved the development of a new website following the March meeting, which will include a membership area. This will allow members to update their contact details, as well as access to the last three years volumes of Transactions online.

At the beginning of September, emails were sent to all members who have provided contact email addresses with details of their membership. This resulted in some 50+ members renewing their membership before 1st October for 2024/25 year.

Working Party on the Future of LAMAS (report by John Schofield and Kathryn Stubbs, Chairs)

The working party met several times. The Speaking Out policy for the society was refined and finished. Jane Sidell of the group is managing the redesign of the LAMAS website. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) policy of the society is also finished. Links with students at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, are being explored, and how to widen the involvement of historians in the work of the society discussed. Another priority is to be reconsideration of the membership subscription rates and related initiatives to increase membership.

Research Fund (report by Karen Thomas)

The Society has not awarded a Research Grant for this year but instead is looking to update its terms and conditions and expand the committee with the aim of attracting more applications in the coming years.

Publications Committee (report by John Schofield, Chair, and committee members)

The Committee is now meeting twice a year, as it conducts most of its business by email. Volume 73 of *Transactions* was published in November 2023. It has 336 pages and a very striking photograph of the Mercers' sculpture of the dead Christ on the cover. It contains nine articles and reviews; the subjects range from Early Neolithic pits at Shoreditch to examples of iconoclasm and

the concealment of religious goods in London during the Reformation. The amount of colour photography in the journal is notable and no doubt standard for the future.

Archaeology Committee (report by Jon Cotton, Secretary)

The Committee met remotely via Zoom four times during the year, in October, January, April and July. Reports on fieldwork and other matters were regularly received from MOLA, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd, the AOC Archaeology Group, and from GLAAS.

Issues of concern to the Committee over the year include the future of the London Archaeological Archive. Initial meetings have been held to address the situation. Another issue exercising the Committee is how best to reach out to the 40 or more affiliated societies (and other non-affiliated societies) across London.

Finally, the Committee organised the 60th Annual Archaeology Conference staged as a hybrid event at the Museum in Docklands on March 23rd. Clearly, many people were pleased to be able to attend a live event once again, although there were also a significant number who chose the remote option.

The 2023 Ralph Merrifield Award was presented to John Schofield in recognition of his long service to the capital's built and buried heritage, initially through the Museum's Department of Urban Archaeology and latterly via the City of London Archaeological Trust.

Following this the morning session contained presentations on Landmark Court, Southwark; the former GPO site in Newgate Street; 67-71 Tanner Street, Southwark; Stationer's Hall; and the Greater London Historic Environment Record.

The afternoon session was devoted to a celebration of the work of the DUA and the DGLA on their 50th and 40th anniversaries, respectively. This was addressed by senior former members of staff: John Schofield, Dominic Perring and Gustav Milne of the DUA; and Robert Cowie and Harvey Sheldon of the DGLA.

Local History Committee (report by John Price, Chair)

The Committee met on two occasions, January 2024 and June 2024 at 11 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3RE. The members of the Committee are John Price (Chair), Maggie Bolton, Pat Gough, Oliver Harris, Mike Marriott, and Lorraine Woodleigh.

The Annual Local History Conference took place at the Docklands, Museum of London in November 2023 on the theme of 'The London Menagerie: Animals in London History'.

Papers presented were as follows:

- From Cockney sparrers to the parakeeting of London; the changing cultural values of the city's birds (Mathew Frith)
- Animals, a Soho church, and cultures of prayer and worship in twentieth-century London (Dr Joseph Hardwick)
- Keynote Lecture: Fantastic Beasts: regal gifts of exotic animals (Aidan Jones)
- Regulating Performing Animals in London, 1889-1965 (Charlotte Hopkins)
- Bears and Bear Baiting in early modern London (Prof. Hannah O'Regan)
- 'Not wholly beneath the dignity of a pig': the provision of Turkish baths for animals in Victorian London (Malcolm Shifrin)
- The Ninth Earl of Northumberland's Construction of an Haute Ecole Riding Arena in London, circa. 1610 (Rob Jackson)

The winners of the 2023 Local History Publication awards were presented during the annual conference and were as follows:

- Best Newsletter (£50 prize): The Edmonton Hundred Historical Society for their newsletters edited by Kate Godfrey.
- Best Journal (£100 prize): *Richmond History: Journal of the Richmond Local History Society* edited by Robert Smith.
- Best book (£100 prize): Hornsey Historical Society for *100 Stories from the Archive* edited by Janet Owen.

Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee (report by John Ricketts, HBCC representative to LAMAS Council)

During the 12-month period HBCC submitted 46 responses to local planning authorities in relation to planning applications reviewed by the Committee, representing around 8% of applications reviewed. These applications relate mainly to the proposed alteration to individual listed buildings or their settings in the Greater London area, although we are also concerned with the impact of larger development schemes on the settings of listed buildings and/or conservation areas.

We had particular concerns over two large high-profile planning applications during the year:

The planning application for the redevelopment of Liverpool Street station, which we reported on last year, finally went live in October 2023. HBCC and LAMAS issued a joint letter of objection to the proposed scheme, which would have caused serious harm to nearby listed buildings, the surrounding conservation areas and protected views, particularly from St Paul's. We were but one of over 2,000 objectors to the scheme and in May 2024, the developers announced they would be making some major, at that time unspecified changes to the scheme in light of the volume of objections. As at the end of September 2024 there was no further news, though there have been major changes to the scheme and the project team since then. LAMAS remains a member of the Liverpool Street Campaign (LISSCA) which is leading the campaign against the current proposals.

In August 2024 HBCC submitted an objection to the proposed redevelopment of the Royal Mint Court complex near the Tower of London into a new Chinese embassy. A previous, essentially identical application had been refused by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) in early 2023 and this new application, submitted in July 2024, argued that the decision to refuse had been flawed. We supported LBTH's 2023 refusal on the grounds of the adverse impact on heritage assets flowing from the effect of potential protests, acts of terrorism and related security mitigation measures. The application has since (October 2023) been called in by the Secretary of State.

Other applications which we objected to included the proposal to make a six-storey addition to the Grade II listed former Saville Theatre building in Shaftesbury Avenue; and the proposal to add a 'contemporary' saw-toothed black metal roof extension to the former Whitbread Brewery in Chiswell Street, EC1, which would lead to a major loss of significance to a number of Grade II and Grade II* listed buildings on the site.

HBCC took part in several consultations in the City of London during the year - plans for a new Creechurch Conservation Area in October 2023, when we argued strongly for a specific, appropriate boundary to be adopted; and the draft City of London 2040 Plan in June 2024, when we argued that the provisions for the protection of heritage assets were insufficiently robust.

In February 2024 we welcomed onto the Committee a new member, Alice Shackleton, who has proved an admirable addition to the team. We remain on the look-out for additional new members who have an interest in some of the London boroughs where our coverage is thin, so would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining us.

BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL

Harvey Sheldon
Chairman of Council

Karen Thomas
Honorary Secretary

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

| <i>2023</i> | Incoming Resources | <i>2024</i> | <i>2023</i> | Resources Expended | <i>2024</i> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| £ | | £ | £ | | £ |
| <i>10,182</i> | Subscriptions | 10,399 | | Publications: | |
| <i>2,100</i> | Gift Aid | 1,080 | <i>20,414</i> | - LAMAS Transactions | 18,828 |
| <i>221</i> | Sale of Publications | 140 | <i>2,072</i> | - Newsletter | 1,102 |
| <i>81</i> | Royalties and Licensing | 256 | <i>1,521</i> | Archaeology Conference | 1,848 |
| <i>19,110</i> | Grants for LAMAS Transactions | 15,895 | <i>1,991</i> | Local History Conference | 1,988 |
| <i>1,080</i> | Archaeology Conference | 2,690 | <i>150</i> | Publication Awards | 300 |
| <i>1,683</i> | Local History Conference | 730 | <i>0</i> | Research Grants | 0 |
| <i>362</i> | Lecture Series Income | 458 | <i>327</i> | Lecture Series Expenses | 459 |
| <i>1,456</i> | Interest | 2,524 | <i>673</i> | Postage, Printing and Stationery | 214 |
| <i>55</i> | Donations | 65 | <i>185</i> | Bank Charges | 774 |
| | | | <i>0</i> | Ralph Merrifield Award | 100 |
| | | | <i>888</i> | Computing | 5,146 |
| | | | <i>130</i> | Miscellaneous Costs | 152 |
| <hr/> <i>36,330</i> | Total Incoming Resources | <hr/> 34,237 | | | |
| <i>7,979</i> | Net Incoming Resources | 3,326 | | | |
| <hr/> <i>28,351</i> | | <hr/> 30,911 | <hr/> <i>28,351</i> | Total Resources Expended | <hr/> 30,911 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

| 2023 | ASSETS | 2024 | 2023 | FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY | 2024 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| £ | | £ | £ | | £ |
| 14,094 | Bank and Cash Balances | 5,965 | | Restricted Funds | |
| 95,649 | Savings Accounts | 101,154 | <u>7,105</u> | Publications Fund ³ | <u>7,105</u> |
| 1,500 | Payments in advance | 0 | | | |
| <u>111,243</u> | Total Assets | <u>107,119</u> | | Unrestricted Funds | |
| | Less: LIABILITIES | | 66,097 | Funds brought forward | 74,076 |
| 1,987 | Subscriptions in advance | 2,283 | 7,979 | Funds movement for the period | 3,326 |
| 3,385 | Creditors | 3,385 | <u>74,076</u> | Total Unrestricted Funds | <u>77,402</u> |
| 3,964 | Future Publications | 3,964 | | | |
| 20,726 | Research Grants ² | 12,980 | | | |
| <u>30,062</u> | Total Liabilities | <u>22,612</u> | <u>81,181</u> | Total Funds | <u>84,507</u> |
| <u>81,181</u> | Total Net Assets | <u>84,507</u> | | | |

Notes to the Accounts:

1. The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet have been prepared using the 'natural classification' as permitted by the Charities Act 2011.
2. Research Grants represent amounts set aside to promote non-corporate members' research interests, and at 30th September 2024 grants of £12,980 had been allocated but not yet paid pending completion of outstanding projects.
3. Use of the Publications Fund requires the sanction of the donor, Historic England.

Signed: H. L. Sheldon Chairman

Signed D. C. Gordon Hon. Treasurer

23rd January 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW.

The state of the finances at the end of the LAMAS year 1st October 2023 – 30th September 2024 was healthy. We ended the year with a surplus of £3,326 of incoming resources over expenditure. The comparable figure for the LAMAS year 2021-22 was a surplus of £7,979. The surplus was lower this year largely the result of expenditure on a new website.

The Society's current net assets of £84,507 are sufficient to cover expenditure presently envisaged, including production of the Society's Transactions, current and prospective research grants, further expenditure on information technology and the (restricted) publications fund. There is also a largely predictable income from Members' subscriptions. As a result the Society does not currently hold designated reserves.

David Gordon (Honorary Treasurer).

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society (Registered Charity No. 267552)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of London & Middlesex Archaeological Society ('the Trust') for the year ended 30 September 2024.

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

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Edward Lee-Smith

Date:

25th January 2025

19 Lawrie Park Crescent
London SE26 8HH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of London & Middlesex Archaeological Society ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2024.set out on pagesand

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

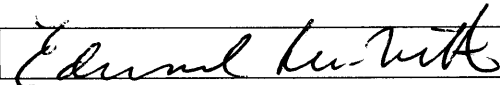
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Signed:



Date:

25-Jan-2025

Edward Lee-Smith

19 Lawrie Park Crescent, London SE26 6HH

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 267552

Accounts

168th ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

All five Council meetings held during this year were online via the Zoom platform. The Society's Committees have continued to function either online via Zoom or have returned to in person meetings in respect of the Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee and the Publications Committee. The Society has also set up a joint Working Party to look at the Future of LAMAS and ways to increase the Membership.

The Society continues to be represented at meetings of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee and the Council for British Archaeology London.

Lecture meetings (report by Kathryn Stubbs)

The lecture series programme ran from October 2022 to May 2023 and included a joint lecture with the Prehistoric Society, held in conjunction with CifA London Archaeological Group. The lectures are announced in the Newsletter, on the website, social media and the diary page of *London Archaeologist*. On-going concerns about the COVID 19 pandemic meant that the lectures, with the exception of the AGM and Presidential Address and the May lecture, were held on Zoom, booked through Eventbrite. Council would like to thank lecturers and members for their understanding at this time. Lectures are recorded, on agreement with the lecturer, and are available on YouTube after the event.

Lectures were well attended and attracted a wide audience including attendees from and outside London, Europe and the US, helping to raise the profile of London's archaeology and history.

The October lecture was given by Claire Cogar, Director, Archaeology, Icenii Projects, on 'Middlesex Annex: Excavating the Cleveland Street Workhouse and the anatomisation of London's Poor'. The Workhouse building, part of the former Middlesex Hospital, was closed in 2010, and is to be reused as part of the site. In the archaeological evaluation and subsequent excavation, over 1,000 skeletons were recovered, with many of the burials having evidence of extensive dissection and autopsy, which has fundamentally changed understanding of early medical practices in central London. Also recorded were structural remains relating to earlier phases of the workhouse buildings, including kitchens and the chapel. An oral history project 'Social Memory and Oral Histories of the Middlesex Hospital Annex' is being carried out. Unfortunately we were unable to hold the lecture in November due to difficulties with internet connections. In December, Harvey Sheldon gave a lecture on 'The Roman Pottery Manufacturing Site in Highgate Wood'. A series of excavations in the 1960's and 1970's revealed evidence of pottery production with remains of kilns and a range of cooking, eating and drinking vessels. Production appears to have begun in the mid-1st century AD and continued for a century or more. Examples of pots similar in form and fabric have been found on sites in Roman London leading to adoption of terms such as the "Highgate Wood pottery industry'. Reconstruction of a kiln was described and the lecture was amply illustrated with images from the 1960's and 1970's excavations. The January lecture was given by Professor Dominic Perring, UCL, Institute of Archaeology, on 'London in the Roman World'. The lecture, based on his new book, described the growth and character of London, shedding new light on its history and that of the Roman Empire. This was illustrated by a wealth of images of recent and past archaeological excavations and supported by details of the precision of dendrochronological dating. In March, Hazel Forsyth, Museum of London, gave a lecture on 'A Work in Progress: a new display for the Cheapside Hoard'. The London Museum, which will open in West Smithfield, will have a dedicated permanent gallery to house the Cheapside Hoard. It will be displayed alongside historic items from the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' collection to provide context to the goldsmithing and jewellery trades. The design process for the new gallery and its place within the new museum was described as well as new evidence for this significant collection. The April lecture was given by Jane Sidell on A Virtual Tour of the Maritime Greenwich

World Heritage Site'. The history and significance of Greenwich and its Royal Park were described with a wealth of historic maps, images and photographs. The long royal associations have transformed the landscape from a deer hunting park to the Palace of Greenwich, of which the Queens House is the last surviving building. The palace was altered and became the Royal Hospital of Seamen as part of master plan by Christopher Wren. Wren also designed the Royal Observatory, the earliest purpose built scientific building in Britain. The challenges of making adaptations in a sensitive historic setting were also described, for example, the park was a spectacular setting for the equestrian events of the 2012 London Olympics. The Joint Prehistoric Society and LAMAS lecture in May was held in conjunction with ClfA London Archaeological Group. This lecture was held on Zoom and in person, thanks to the kind assistance of Jacobs. Andy Daykin, MOLA, gave a lecture on the 'Excavation of a Roman Cemetery, hoard and prehistoric remains and post-medieval remains at Principal Place, London'. Excavations carried out between 2011 and 2016 revealed two areas of Roman cemetery with inhumations, cremations and a large hoard of late Roman coins. There was a rare and significant find of remains of pits containing prehistoric pottery. The post medieval evidence included remains of 17th-18th century buildings and yards and remains of the early 19th century Curtain Road gasworks.

The AGM and Presidential Address was held in person at The Gallery, Alan Baxter Associates. Our President, Gillian Tindall gave a fascinating and richly illustrated account of 'The Long History of Conservation', covering the interest in 'relics' and ruins from the 17th century onwards. This was an updated version of her address which was given on Zoom in 2021.

LAMAS Lates (report by Jane Sidell)

A series of well-attended LAMAS Late events were held over the year, starting with a Halloween trip to the Spitalfields Charnel House in October 2022, a 14th century building preserved in Bishops Square close to Liverpool Street station. This was followed in 2023 with a walk in the City of London celebrating Kathy Ross' new book, *Bollardology!* A visit to the newly presented Vine St Roman Wall followed and finally at the end of August, Robert Stephenson lead a fascinating tour of Kensal Green cemetery.

Newsletter, Website and Publicity (report by Jane Wheeler and Karen Thomas)

The three editions of the Newsletter published in 2023 were well-received by our members. The usual information on LAMAS events was published, including conferences, Lates, and the lecture series. A number of contributions dealt with historical and archaeological topics. As potential planning changes and the associated threat to the historical environment (below and above ground) begins to become increasingly probable (with legislation pending), the Newsletter is becoming a vehicle to disseminate details of development and projects that require objection and the input of an organisation such as LAMAS. The Newsletter is going from strength to strength.

Our YouTube channel is proving very popular with members and we endeavour to add as many of our conference talks and lectures as possible for anyone who couldn't make the actual event. The Society has also begun to look at revamping its website (see the Working Party report below) with the aim of updating the software and refreshing its design and structure.

Our Social Media platforms (Facebook, Twitter (X) and Instagram are all still helping to bring LAMAS and London's history and archaeology to a larger audience. If anyone would be interested in helping us with our Facebook page we would love to hear from you!

Membership (report by John Shemilt)

I took over as Membership Secretary from Fiona Haughey in December 2022 and got to work creating a definitive membership spreadsheet based on the information from Fiona and information and help provided by the Treasurer and the Secretary. Fiona had kindly produced the Transaction mailing list for Transactions Vol. 72 just before the handover. The revised membership spreadsheet meant that by late January I could start chasing members who had not paid for the previous and current years and for whom we had e-mail addresses. By the end of September 2023

this resulted in a 7% increase in the 21/22 membership and along with new members a 31% increase in the number of paid-up members since the end of January 2023, ending the 22/23 year with 488 members. This number exceeds the 477 reported in *Transactions* vol. 72 for 20/21 and marks the first increase in members since the membership peak in 2002/03.

At the start of September 2023, all members were written to either by e-mail or by letter with the LAMAS Newsletter, providing information about their membership. This resulted in more than 70 early payments for 23/24. Several other changes to help improve communications with members and improve the administration of membership have been looked at and will continue to be considered. This includes making it simpler for members to Gift Aid their subscriptions. The Working Party on the Future of LAMAS is actively looking at the possibility of a replacement website that will provide further opportunities to improve interactions with our members.

Working Party on the Future of LAMAS (report by John Schofield and Kathryn Stubbs, Chairs)

This working party met several times during the year. It discussed the need for a more explicit LAMAS mechanism to handle pronouncements on external matters, particularly high profile planning applications and threats to heritage matters, archaeological and built heritage; a Speaking Out policy paper was prepared in draft. A society policy on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion was drafted and agreed at Council in November 2022. The working party also discussed improvement to the Society website and ideas for increasing the membership. Students at the Institute of Archaeology of University College London are to be introduced to LAMAS membership and activities.

Research Fund (report by Karen Thomas)

The Research Fund for this year was launched late in 2022 and we decided to offer the Grant to 2 very different projects. The first is 'The Roman Gardens of Londinium', a collaborative research project on the botanical landscape of Roman London which will hopefully lead into a larger community project aimed at designing, planting and maintaining a small Roman garden in London. The second was for scientific analysis of skeletal remains of two individuals uncovered at The Chapel Royal and Royal Peculiar of St Peter ad Vincula at HM Tower of London to try to date the remains and find out more about these individuals. We look forward to seeing the results of both projects in the coming year.

Publications Committee (report by John Schofield, Chair, and committee members)

The Committee met three times during the year. Volume 72 of *Transactions* was published in November 2022. It has xiv + 375 pages, the largest number for many years, and contained ten articles, a reviews section, and a tribute to the late Derek Keene, an eminent London historian who was also a former President of the Society. The wide range of papers included reports on excavations in the City of London, West Ham, Camden and Clerkenwell; and a research paper funded by the City of London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT) on Roman lead-alloy spoons from Londinium which provides a new corpus of this material. History articles discussed the attempts of Richard Whittington (Lord Mayor of London three times between 1397 and 1420) to regulate the London brewers and a newly discovered Ralph Treswell survey of part of Clerkenwell in 1587.

Archaeology Committee (report by Jon Cotton, Secretary)

The Committee met remotely via Zoom four times during the year, in October, January, April and August. Reports on fieldwork and other matters were regularly received from MOLA, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd, the AOC Archaeology Group, and from GLAAS.

Issues of concern to the Committee over the year include the abolition by the Corporation of London of its Assistant Director: Historic Environment post. Letters written to the Corporation drew a positive response, and it is encouraging to know that GLAAS are now in a position to provide formal independent advice to the City regarding its built and buried heritage.

Another issue that has exercised the Committee is the future of the London Archaeological Archive. The difficulties facing LAC are also widespread nationally and the Committee has offered

LAMAS's support to the Museum of London in seeking to achieve a workable solution. Discussions are ongoing, and we look forward to a positive outcome.

In other matters, the Committee has responded to LAMAS's Speaking Out Policy document. A sub-group of the Committee has continued to meet to examine various options for a conference on Roman London, in conjunction with King's College London, and The London Archaeologist magazine.

Finally, the Committee organised the 59th Annual Archaeology Conference, which was held via Zoom in March 2023. Once again this was professionally facilitated by SyncSkills and featured a series of 'live' and recorded presentations.

At the start of the meeting the 2022 Ralph Merrifield Award was given to Kathryn Stubbs for her long service to the capital's built and buried heritage. Following this the morning session contained presentations on Bronze Age barrows excavated at Spelthorne Leisure Centre, Staines; Medieval and later land use beyond Aldgate; excavations at 4-5 Frederick's Place, City; and work undertaken at Coleman Street and Moorgate, City.

The afternoon session was devoted to Recent Work in Roman Towns and was addressed by Jake Weekes (Canterbury); Glynn Davis (Colchester); Kris Lockyear (St Albans); Mike Fulford (Silchester); and Dominic Perring (London).

The Committee is keen to revert to a live format for the 60th Annual Conference, and this will be staged as a hybrid event at the Museum in Docklands in March 2024.

Local History Committee (report by John Price, Chair)

The Committee met on three occasions, October, February, and May. The members of the Committee were John Price (Chair), Maggie Bolton, Pat Gough, Oliver Harris, Mike Marriott, and Lorraine Woodleigh. Alex Werner stepped down from the Committee in November 2022.

Committee meetings have moved from the Museum of London to 11 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3RE.

The Annual Local History Conference took place at the Museum of London in November 2022 on the theme of 'The Museum of London: A Celebration'.

Papers presented were as follows:

'Curating Modern London' (Dr Cathy Ross); 'The Museum and its early galleries' (Dr Chris Ellmers); 'History, Archaeology, and the Museum of London' (Harvey Sheldon); 'Conserving the Museum of London's collections' (Helen Ganiaris); 'Ever Changing London: the Museum of London's temporary exhibitions' (Alex Werner); 'Looking back and looking forward' (Sharon Ament)

The winners of the 2022 Local History Publication awards were presented during the annual conference and were as follows:

Best Newsletter (£50 prize): Borough of Twickenham Local History Society for their newsletters edited by John Sheaf.

Best Journal (£100 prize): *Richmond History: Journal of the Richmond Local History Society* edited by Robert Smith.

Best book (£100 prize): Hornsey Historical Society for *The Hornsey Enclosure Act 1813* by David Frith.

Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee (report by John Ricketts, HBCC representative to LAMAS Council)

HBCC responded in writing to 42 planning applications received by London boroughs over the 12 months, an approximately similar number to the previous year and representing around 7% of the total applications considered by the Committee. The majority of our responses were objections, focussing on the harmful impact of proposed alterations to individual listed buildings or, in the case of larger schemes, to the setting of these listed buildings and/or surrounding conservation areas.

The most high profile and largest of the planning proposals considered was the redevelopment of Liverpool Street Station and the former Great Eastern Hotel, which would involve the cantilevering of a 16-storey tower block over the Grade II* listed hotel building and inappropriate alterations to

the Grade II listed station. The campaign against the proposal - the Liverpool Street Station Campaign (LISSCA), of which LAMAS is a member - was launched by The Victorian Society in February 2023. A planning application was submitted for the scheme in May 2023, though planning documents have not been uploaded to the City of London website for inspection as yet. HBCC continues to represent LAMAS on the LISSCA committee. In early May 2023 LAMAS and LISSCA wrote separately to the Secretary of State requesting that he call in the proposed scheme, but at that time the planning application had not yet been validated by the City of London and the Secretary of State declined to consider intervening.

Along with 366 others including The Victorian Society, HBCC also objected in August 2023 to a nearby scheme - 55-65 Broad Street, EC2 - which would involve the construction of a 23-storey tower block cantilevered over the Grade II listed bath house, which it would completely overwhelm and drastically impact the setting of.

On the Committee membership front, we said goodbye (with many thanks) to our Chair, Rob Briggs, who stepped down in December, and to longstanding Committee member Pat Clarke, who stepped down for health reasons. In September 2023 we welcomed on to the Committee John Schofield, Chair of the LAMAS Publications Committee and Secretary of the City of London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT). We remain on the lookout for new members, particularly those who are familiar with London boroughs for which we have no current coverage, so please do get in touch if you are interested in joining us.

BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL

Harvey Sheldon
Chairman of Council

Karen Thomas
Honorary Secretary

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

| 2022 | Incoming Resources | 2023 | 2022 | Resources Expended | 2023 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| £ | | £ | £ | | £ |
| 7,734 | Subscriptions | 10,182 | | Publications | |
| 766 | Gift Aid | 2,100 | 24,714 | - LAMAS <i>Transactions</i> | 20,414 |
| 59 | Sale of Publications | 221 | 1,026 | - Newsletter | 2,072 |
| 26 | Royalties and Licensing | 81 | 1,424 | Archaeology Conference | 1,521 |
| 18,500 | Grants for LAMAS <i>Transactions</i> | 19,110 | 1,337 | Local History Conference | 1,991 |
| 1,395 | Archaeology Conference | 1,080 | 550 | - Publication Awards | 150 |
| 560 | Local History Conference | 1,683 | 288 | Lecture Series Expense | 327 |
| 560 | Lecture Series Income | 362 | 247 | Postage, Printing and Stationer | 673 |
| 154 | Interest | 1,456 | 167 | Bank Charges | 185 |
| 5,005 | Donations | 55 | 773 | Computing | 888 |
| 1,260 | Sale of LAMAS library books | - | 10 | Miscellaneous Costs | 130 |
| 36,019 | Total Incoming Resources | 36,330 | | | |
| -5,483 | Net (Incoming) Resources | -7,979 | | | |
| <u>£30,536</u> | | <u>£28,351</u> | <u>£30,536</u> | Total Resources Expended | <u>£28,351</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

| 2022 | ASSETS | 2023 | 2022 | FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY | 2023 | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| £ | | £ | £ | | £ | |
| 13,147 | Bank and Cash Balances | 14,094 | | Restricted Funds | | |
| 88,215 | Savings Accounts | 95,649 | 7,105 | Publications Fund | 7,105 | |
| | - Payments in Advance | 1,500 | | Unrestricted Funds | | |
| 101,362 | Total Assets | 111,243 | | 60,614 | Funds brought forward | 66,097 |
| | Less: LIABILITIES | | | | Net Incoming Resources | |
| | - Subscriptions in advance | 1,987 | 5,483 | | for the Year | 7,979 |
| 3,470 | Creditors | 3,385 | 66,097 | Total Unrestricted Funds | | 74,076 |
| 3,964 | Future Publications | 3,964 | | | | |
| 20,726 | Research Grants | 20,726 | | | | |
| 28,160 | Total Liabilities | 30,062 | | | | |
| <u>£73,202</u> | Total Net Assets | <u>£81,181</u> | <u>£73,202</u> | Total Funds | <u>£81,181</u> | |

Notes to the Accounts

1. The *Statement of Financial Activities* and *Balance Sheet* have been prepared using the 'natural classification' as permitted by the Charities Act 2011.
2. Research Grants represent amounts set aside to promote non-corporate members' research interests, and at 30th September 2023 grants of £16,716 had been allocated but not yet paid pending completion of outstanding projects.
3. Use of the Publications Fund requires the sanction of the donor, Historic England.

Signed: HL Sheldon
Chairman

Signed: RG Densem
Hon. Treasurer
18th January 2024

Treasury (Report by Robin Densem, honorary treasurer)

The state of the finances at the end of the LAMAS year 1st October 2022 – 30th September 2023 was satisfactory. We ended the LAMAS year 2022-23 with a surplus of £7,979 of incoming resources over expenditure for the year. The comparable figure for the LAMAS year 2021-22 was a surplus of £5,483.

Our 2022-23 figures were greatly helped by the efforts of our membership secretary which saw subscription income rise to £10,182, against £7,734 in 2021-22.

Our income in 2022-23 benefitted from gift aid at £2,100 compared with £766 the previous year. The rise reflects gift aid claimed in 2022-23 on the generous donation of £5,000 given in memory of our late member, Mrs Lorraine Piercy, by her husband Keith Piercy in March 2022.

Our total net financial assets were £81,181 at the end of 2022-23, compared with £73,202 at the end of 2021-22.

We are very likely to need to spend money on a new website in 2023-24 and on its increased running costs thereafter (our present website platform provider charges us c. £37.31 a month at present, up from £20.44 a month last year).

The work of preparing statements of income and expenditure and balance sheets has been greatly aided and on many occasions actually carried out by Stuart Forbes. LAMAS's financial records from which the accounts are drawn are held in a 'cash book', comprising an Excel table with many rows and columns.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
London and Middlesex Archaeological Society
(Registered Charity No. 267552)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the London & Middlesex Archaeological Society ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2023 set out on page one.

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

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

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

- * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- * the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- * the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Date:

28 Jan. 2024

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LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 267552

Accounts

167th ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

All five Council meetings held during this year were online via the Zoom platform. Both Council and the Society's Committees have largely continued to function either online via Zoom or are gradually returning to in person meetings.

The Society continues to be represented at meetings of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee and the Council for British Archaeology London.

Lecture meetings (report by Kathryn Stubbs)

The lecture series programme ran from October 2021 to May 2022 and included a joint lecture with the Prehistoric Society. The lectures are announced in the Newsletter, on the website, social media and the diary page of *London Archaeologist*. The COVID 19 pandemic and ongoing restrictions meant that all lectures were held via Zoom, booked through Eventbrite, as we were unable to hold the lectures at the Clore Centre, Museum of London. Lectures are recorded and available on YouTube after the event.

The lectures were well attended and continued to attract a wide audience, including attendees from outside London, Europe and the US, which has helped to raise the profile of LAMAS and London's archaeology and history. Council would like to thank lecturers and members for their understanding at this time and it is hoped that physical meetings can be held again soon.

The October lecture was given by John Schofield on 'London's Waterfront 1666 to 1800: an introduction to a large project'. This was a comprehensive account of the post Great Fire archaeology recorded at Billingsgate in 1982, with links to slavery. A wealth of structures and finds from the site, including the 14th century Billingsgate Trumpet, were described as well as a wider view of the archaeology of both banks of the Thames, as far as Deptford. In November, Dr Martin Dearn, Fieldwork/Research Director, Enfield Archaeology Society gave a lecture on 'The EAS and Elysing Tudor royal palace'. The activities of the Society were summarised, particularly the long term excavations at, and research into the fifteenth to seventeenth century courtiers's and later royal palace of Elysing, now in the grounds of Forty Hall in Enfield. Recent work has been carried out on one of the service wings, uncovering the history of this large but little known house. The December lecture was given by Helen Chittock and Les Capon, AOC Archaeology, entitled 'Where practice trenches meet Roman ditches: Roman and wartime archaeology at Royal Liberty School, Havering'. The excavations revealed evidence of the parklands and gardens of Hare Hall, built 1769-70, now occupied by the school, remains of the zig-zag shaped practice trench from its World War I use as a training camp for the Artists Rifles Regiment, World War II civilian shelters and Roman linear features, adding to understanding of Roman occupation in this area. In January, Emma Tetlow, Skanska-Costain, gave a lecture on 'Hillingdon's Hidden History' describing excavations along the line of HS2, where a large Late Iron Age potin (tin rich bronze) coin hoard was found. The hoard comprised about 300 coins dating from the 1st century BC and appeared to have been buried in an organic container such as a bag. They were apparently not buried near a settlement and may have been deposited in a sacred place, along a tribal boundary or concealed secretly. The March lecture was given by Peter Mills and Michael Hutchinson, Mills Whipp Projects, on 'The Civil War Defences of London: Rewriting History (and Archaeology)'. Their recent work on the archaeological and documentary evidence has led to a revision of defensive lines and forts, which were previously based on an 18th century map. The form and function of the defences was also reassessed. In April, the lecture by Danny Harrison, MOLA, on 'The Icehouse at Park Crescent West' was unfortunately cancelled due to illness. The Joint Prehistoric and LAMAS lecture 'Hidden depths - revealing new insights into the archaeological remains from the London reaches of the River Thames' took place in May, given by Nichola Arthur. Recent research has been carried out on a large number of human skeletal remains, many of Late Bronze Age or Iron Age date, recovered from the river over the last two centuries. Previous debates have focussed on

whether their presence is due to ritual deposition practices or fluvial processes. New work, including radiocarbon dating, osteological analysis and stable isotope analysis has revealed new insights into the assemblage and its deposition.

At the AGM in February, in a departure from our usual Presidential Address, Council was pleased to introduce Alex Werner, Museum of London, who gave a talk on the proposals for the Museum of London's move to the new site at West Smithfield, including a history of the buildings and plans for the new galleries.

LAMAS Lates (report by Jane Sidell)

The warmer summer months gave us the opportunity to start the Lates again with a walk in May led by Jane Sidell around the north-west elements of the London Wall. Jane took a small group around the surviving above ground sections of wall (and one section skulking in an underground car park!) pointing out interesting features and recounting the intricacies of their conservation.

In June Chris Constable led a walk through Roman Southwark giving members the opportunity to see Landmark Court, the site of the recent important mosaic finds (although these had already been lifted) and putting these new findings in the context of what we already know about this part of Roman Southwark. The highlight was a privileged trip up close to the statue of King Alfred, revealed by Chris at last year's Archaeology Conference, as containing a large chunk of a Roman statue!

If anyone has any good ideas about places to visit on future Late outings please do let Jane know.

Newsletter, Website and Publicity (report by Jane Wheeler and Karen Thomas)

Three issues of the Newsletter were published (in PDF and print formats) during 2022. Karen Thomas supporting Richard Gilpin in his last edition (number 164), and continuing to support the new Honorary Newsletter Editor (Jane Wheeler) who took over in time for the May edition (number 165), and for the September issue (number 166). The majority of digital copies are slowly increasing as the PDF format becomes requested by members. Printed versions are still being published for postal distribution to members without an email (or known email) address.

The Society's continuing presence on social media has helped to attract new members and attendees to our lectures and conferences, including several from overseas.

We continue to upload lectures and talks from the online conferences (where it has been agreed with the speaker) onto our YouTube channel where they are proving quite popular.

Membership (report by Karen Thomas)

Membership numbers stayed fairly constant during the year but were markedly down on pre-pandemic levels so it was decided by Council to set up a Membership Working Party looking at recruitment of new and retention of existing members, including the range of benefits available. In September, Fiona Haughey expressed her wish to stand down from the role as continuing ill health was making it difficult for her to carry on. Council would like to thank Fiona for her work during a very difficult time and has begun the search for a new Membership Secretary.

Working Party on the Future of LAMAS (report by John Schofield, Chair)

This Working Party was set up to look at what the Society should be doing differently going forward to reflect the current heritage situation. They have started work on an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and will be looking at the circumstances under which LAMAS might seek to express views in public on heritage issues in London.

Research Fund (report by Karen Thomas)

As we still had 2 ongoing projects which had suffered delays due to the covid restrictions, it was decided not to offer a new grant for 2021/22. It is hoped that a new grant for 2022/23 will be made available.

Publications Committee (report by John Schofield, Chair)

The Committee met three times during the year. Volume 71 of *Transactions* was published in November 2021. It has ix + 392 pages, so significantly larger than previous volumes, and contained ten articles and a reviews section; including the important excavation report on Syon Abbey by Robert Cowie. The project to make security copies of Peter Marsden's 35mm slide collection, funded by CoLAT, was completed. We welcomed Jane Wheeler as the new editor of the society's newsletter. John Schofield is helping to organise the disposal of the former members' library, by a combination of offering antiquarian titles to a dealer for sale, donations of books and journals to other London-based libraries, and offering British archaeological journals to archaeological units for their own libraries. Work continues by the editorial team.

Archaeology Committee (report by Jon Cotton, Secretary)

The Committee met remotely via Zoom three times during the year, in January, May, and September, welcoming Sian Anthony of AOC Archaeology Group onto the Committee in May. Regular reports on fieldwork and other matters were received from MOLA, Pre-Construct Archaeology, AOC Archaeology Group, and from GLAAS.

The Committee responded to a request from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for comment on the proposed new Chinese Embassy at Royal Mint Court, along with other bodies such as GLAAS and Historic Royal Palaces. Projects such as this underlined the importance of maintaining an independent archaeological voice within the capital.

Other issues that continue to concern the Committee include the mooted Government Levelling Up Bill; the abolition by the Corporation of London of its Assistant Director: Historic Environment post; and the future of the London Archaeological Archive.

A sub-group of the Committee has met regularly to plan for a major conference on Roman London, in conjunction with King's College London, and The London Archaeologist magazine.

The Committee organised the 58th Annual Archaeology Conference, which was held via Zoom in March 2022. Once again this was professionally facilitated by SyncSkills and featured a series of 'live' and recorded presentations.

The 2021 Ralph Merrifield Award was given jointly to the Museum of London and to Archaeological Solutions Ltd for delivering the *Secrets of the Havering Hoard* exhibition under lockdown conditions at the Museum in Docklands, following which the morning session contained presentations on the Alfred Statue in Trinity Square; the excavations at St Lawrence's Church, Brentford; the Roman cemetery at Great Suffolk Street; excavations at Park Street, Southwark; and the site at Landmark Court in Southwark Street.

The afternoon session was devoted to the archaeology of High Speed 2 and was addressed by John Halsted and Emma Hopla (HS2 Historic Environment overview); Iain Williamson (the Dews Farm area); Emma Tetlow (Iron Age potin hoard from west Ruislip); Guy Hunt (St Mary's, Stoke Mandeville) and Louise Fowler (St James's Gardens, Euston).

Local History Committee (report by John Price, Chair)

The Committee met on three occasions, October, February, and May. The members of the Committee were John Price (Chair), Richard Gilpin, Pat Gough, Oliver Harris, Mike Marriott, Alex Werner and Lorraine Woodleigh. Richard Gilpin resigned from the Committee in June 2022 due to ill health.

The Annual Local History Conference took place online via Zoom in November 2021 on the theme of 'London Overcomes: Resilience and Recovery in the History of the Capital'.

Papers presented were as follows: 'Lost angels of a ruin'd paradise' (Dr Peter Coles); 'Casualty Services and Civil Defence within London' (Nathan Hazlehurst); 'Shamefaced No More: Pauper Letter Writers, Resilience and the Workhouse Experience in Poplar and Bethnal Green, ca.1860-1890' (Dr Peter Jones & Professor Steven King); 'The Brentford Flood of 1841' (Val Bott); 'Who hid the Cheapside Hoard?' (Dr Rosemary Weinstein).

The keynote address was: 'Modernist Visions vs. Reality in Postwar Rebuilding' (Dr Catherine Flinn)

The winners of the Local History Publication awards, presented during the annual conference, were as follows:

LAMAS Publication Awards for 2020: newsletter winner, Chadwell Heath Historical Society; journal winner, Camden History Society; book winner; winner: *How Hampstead Heath was Saved: a story of 'people power'* by Helen Lawrence published by the Camden History Society.

LAMAS Publication Awards for 2021: newsletter winner, Pinner Local History Society; journal winner, Richmond Local History Society; book winner, *Medieval Morden: The Manorial Economy 1280-1500* by Peter Hopkins published by the Merton Historical Society.

Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee (report by Robert Briggs, HBCC representative to LAMAS Council)

The most significant and positive development over the 12 months was the return to monthly in-person meetings at 75 Cowcross Street, recommencing in March 2022. Not only did this give meetings a more convivial atmosphere but also an environment that permitted greater engagement with and discussion of the cases that give cause for concern.

In recognition of the resumption of in-person meetings, Dr William Filmer-Sankey, Director of Alan Baxter Associates (operator of the Cowcross Street venue), joined us prior to our April 2022 meeting to discuss the work of the HBCC and how this could be brought to the attention of those who work and use the building. This led to the submission of a piece about HBCC for the in-house e-newsletter.

In July 2022, we welcomed Neil Redfern, Executive Director of the Council for British Archaeology, to speak to the HBCC about his vision for the roles that organisations like LAMAS can play in securing the best outcomes through the planning system for heritage assets at risk from inappropriate development.

A total of 44 responses were written and sent by HBCC in the 12 months, all logged in a spreadsheet implemented to improve tracking of our responses and their outcomes. As in every year, the proposals in question ranged from very small to very large. One case that stood out was the proposed conversion of the Grade I-listed Custom House in the City of London to a hotel, which was refused consent in October 2021, leading to a high-profile planning inquiry in January—February 2022 and eventually a decision at the end of July 2022 that dismissed the appeal and upheld the original decision (this was documented in greater detail in a LAMAS Newsletter piece).

The year brought some disappointments but also a considerable number of successes for the HBCC in the cases it took an interest in across Greater London. LAMAS HBCC again perceived its impact often to be greatest in places which lack Conservation Area Advisory Committees or local amenity societies active in reviewing planning applications. It remains on the look out for new members, especially in the boroughs which currently lack a person or people who review applications every month as part of “their beat”, using knowledge of and/or interest in the historic buildings and archaeology of the locality.

BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL

Harvey Sheldon
Chairman of Council

Karen Thomas
Honorary Secretary

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

| 2021 | Incoming Resources | 2022 | 2021 | Resources Expended | 2022 |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| £ | | £ | £ | | £ |
| | | | | Publications | |
| 7,505 | Subscriptions | 7,734 | 17,598 | - LAMAS <i>Transactions</i> | 24,714 |
| - | Gift Aid | 766 | 3,939 | - Digitising <i>Transactions</i> | - |
| 60 | Sale of Publications | 59 | 1,570 | - Newsletter | 1,026 |
| 185 | Royalties and Licensing | 26 | 1,136 | Archaeology Conference | 1,424 |
| 14,065 | Grants for LAMAS <i>Transactions</i> | 18,500 | - | Local History Conference | 1,337 |
| (1,898) | Grant for <i>Transactions</i> received twice | - | - | Publication Awards | 550 |
| 2,730 | Archaeology Conference | 1,395 | 364 | Lecture Series Expense | 288 |
| - | Local History Conference | 560 | 301 | Postage, Printing and Stationery | 247 |
| 688 | Lecture Series Income | 560 | 158 | Bank Charges | 167 |
| 8 | Interest | 154 | 100 | Ralph Merrifield Award | - |
| 160 | Donations | 5,005 | 754 | Computing | 773 |
| - | Sale of LAMAS library books | 1,260 | 294 | Miscellaneous Costs | 10 |
| | | | 474 | Gift Aid debtor write off | - |
| 23,503 | Total Incoming Resources | 36,019 | | | |
| 3,185 | Net Outgoing/(Incoming) Resources | (5,483) | | | |
| <u>£26,688</u> | | <u>£30,536</u> | <u>£26,688</u> | Total Resources Expended | <u>£30,536</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

| 2021 | ASSETS | 2022 | 2021 | FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY | 2022 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| £ | | £ | £ | | £ |
| 5,365 | Bank and Cash Balances | 13,147 | | Restricted Funds | |
| 85,117 | Savings Accounts | 88,215 | 7,105 | Publications Fund | 7,105 |
| 4,930 | Payments in Advance | - | | | |
| 4,397 | Debtors | - | | Unrestricted Funds | |
| 99,809 | Total Assets | 101,362 | 63,799 | Funds brought forward | 60,614 |
| | | | | Net (Outgoing)/Incoming | |
| | Less: LIABILITIES | | (3,185) | Resources for the Year | 5,483 |
| 7,400 | Creditors | 3,470 | 60,614 | Total Unrestricted Funds | 66,097 |
| 3,964 | Future Publications | 3,964 | | | |
| 20,726 | Research Grants | 20,726 | | | |
| 32,090 | Total Liabilities | 28,160 | | | |
| <u>£67,719</u> | Total Net Assets | <u>£73,202</u> | <u>£67,719</u> | Total Funds | <u>£73,202</u> |

Notes to the Accounts

- The *Statement of Financial Activities* and *Balance Sheet* have been prepared using the 'natural classification' as permitted by the Charities Act 2011.
- The treatment of the costs of publishing *Transactions* has changed. Costs of £4,929 incurred and paid in the year but which relate to the publication of next year's edition have been charged in this year's accounts instead of being carried forward to next year.
- Research Grants represent amounts set aside to promote non-corporate members' research interests, and at 30th September 2022 grants of £8,970 had been allocated but not yet paid pending completion of outstanding projects.
- Use of the Publications Fund requires the sanction of the donor, Historic England.

Signed:

H L Sheldon

Trustee

Signed:

R G Densem

Trustee

19th January 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
London and Middlesex Archaeological Society
(Registered Charity No. 267552)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the London & Middlesex Archaeological Society ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2022 set out on page one.

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

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Date:



Edward Lee-Smith
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
London and Middlesex Archaeological Society
(Registered Charity No. 267552)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the London & Middlesex Archaeological Society ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2022 set out on page one.

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

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



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