

THE NORTHERN CERAMIC SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 287630

Details

Other names NCS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1983-09-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY AND MANUFACTURE OF POTTERY AND PORCELAIN.

Activities: The Society holds regular lecture meetings, residential seminars, and organises a summer visit to reserve &/or private collections not normally open to the public. It also publishes Newsletters, a Journal (usually annually), and other additional occasional publications when appropriate material becomes available.

Classification

- **How:** Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£50,630	£52,269	-	-
2023-09-30	£35,373	£35,449	-	-
2022-09-30	£38,499	£32,978	-	-
2021-09-30	£19,737	£21,048	-	-
2020-09-30	£34,673	£36,148	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gaye Blake-Roberts	Chair	2019-06-01
Benjamin Miller		2023-07-13
DEBORAH SHEILA SKINNER		
David Barker		2022-05-21
JESSICA DAVIES		2011-03-15
Jill Newsham		2024-05-25
Julie Edwards		2025-05-31
Kate Turner		2023-05-27
MIRANDA FRANCES GOODBY		2017-05-20
Mrs Pat Halfpenny		2014-06-21
Nicola Scott		2018-05-19
Richard Allman		2024-05-25

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024
CHARITY NO: 287630



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THE NORTHERN CERAMIC SOCIETY
Annual Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 30 September 2024

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission’s publication “Financial Reporting Standard 102 (“FRS 102”) and “Update Bulletin 1”, applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2016”.

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 Virgin Money plc, Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4PL
Independent Examiner:
 Peter Rodwell, Solihull, West Midlands
Trustees: See Section 2 below
Financial Year: 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

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The following persons served as Trustees throughout the financial year and are the Trustees at the date of this report, having been appointed at a previous Annual General Meeting and reappointed at the Annual General Meeting on 25 May 2024, or co-opted to fill a vacancy.

President	Paul Atterbury	Newsletter Editors	Claire Blakey, Rebecca Wallis
Vice President	Patricia Halfpenny	Website Officer	Patricia Halfpenny
Elected Officers		Publications Officer	Jessica Davies
Chair Rachel Conroy	Gaye Blake Roberts from 25.5.2024	Programme Secretary	Deb Skinner
Treasurer	Brian Allaker	Elected Members	
Secretary Deborah Skinner	Nicola Scott from 25.5.24	Nicola Scott (until 25.5.2024)	Kate Turner
Membership Secretary	Jessica Davies	Gaye Blake Roberts (until 25.5.2024)	Ben Miller
Appointed officers		Rod Jellicoe (until 3.2.2024)	Miranda Goodby
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SECTION 4: ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Regular Publications

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Journal 39 was published, comprising 182 pages in 248 x 210mm format, with seven papers. This compares with 154 pages and six papers in Vol. 38 (2023).

Meetings

Attendance at meetings has reduced from post-Covid numbers and averages 35-40 members, with more at collaborative meetings. The October meeting at Keele university looked at aspects of the ceramics trade: in the UK prior to WW1 and the Anglo-American market. A joint meeting was held at Middleport Pottery with the Tiles & Architectural Ceramics Society (TACS) in November, with speakers from both societies. The Liverpool meeting in February was re-located to a nearby hotel from museum premises and former and current museum staff members made presentations. A return to Keele in March saw presentations about Charlotte Rhead and the Bevington family of potters by two new members. The Yorkshire meeting in April was held at Cannon Hall, Barnsley. The meeting was held jointly with TACS and was hosted by the Ceramics Curator and the De Morgan Foundation which is based at Cannon Hall. The AGM in May returned to the V&A Wedgwood Collection, with Mike Ruddy, Assistant Curator and our Chairman, Gaye Blake Roberts as speakers, followed by a ‘show and tell’ of members’ pots. The planned summer visit to Tabley House and Tatton Park, Cheshire was cancelled for a second time due to staff at Tatton favouring a film location contract over a booked, specialist group visit. The September meeting at the Spode Museum presented an opportunity for members to see further buildings and collections developments and to hear a presentation by NCS Vice-President, Pat Halfpenny.

E-News

The NCS continued to stay in touch with members through E-News, sent via email between our regular Newsletter publications. From September 2023 to August 2024, we distributed 18 E-News updates, notices of Zoom lectures, seminar announcements, and more. If any member is not receiving the E-News, they should send their email details to the webmaster at the address below.

Residential Seminars

The Winter Weekend Seminar 2024 was held at a new venue, the Hilton Garden Inn Stoke-on-Trent. It proved to be a popular choice, with the seminar programme including lectures followed by practical handling sessions at the nearby Potteries Museum & Art Gallery. Summer School 2024 took place at our regular venue, Chester University. It was well attended and proved very successful. In addition to excellent presentations in the lecture theatre, we spent half a day at the National Trust's Erddig, which houses one of the largest collections of decorative arts of any National Trust property. We look forward to continuing the tradition of NCS Summer and Winter Seminars.

Website

The NCS website continued to grow, particularly in the members-only section, with new galleries and updated information. Be sure to check back regularly to stay up to date with the latest research. The members' section has expanded not only with additional galleries, but also with updates to existing content. Over the next year, we hope to see even more resources contributed by members for the benefit of fellow members. All these resources are updatable, and we encourage further contributions from members. If any member does not have login credentials to access the members-only section, please contact the webmaster, who will be happy to assist. If you are interested in helping with the website, we would be pleased to hear from you. webmaster@northernceramicsociety.org

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that this charity meets the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011 in three different ways: (1) its publications are available to the public through the copyright libraries and at the libraries of over 30 institutional members; (2) the Society offers bursaries for its residential events for the benefit of those who are unable to afford to attend; (3) visitors are welcome at all lecture meetings, though for security reasons at most meetings they are required to give advance notice of their intention to attend to the Secretary; however, we are specifically advertising some lecture meetings as open meetings without prior notice of attendance. The Society also actively promotes its relationships with museums that have significant ceramic collections. The Society's Newsletters include a regular feature of 'Museum News' to which all relevant museums are invited to send contributions to publicise their forthcoming programmes. The archive of the Society's late President, Dr Geoffrey Godden, which he gave to the Society, continues to be publicly available at Stoke City Archives subject to their usual arrangements for public access.

Membership

On 30th September 2024, there were 379 memberships including dual and institutional memberships. This is down 45 from 424 in 2023. This figure includes organisations who receive publications but do not pay a subscription, a few members who joined late in the year and whose memberships will roll on to the following year, and paid-up members who had informed us that they would not be renewing in the forthcoming year. 22 new members joined the society, 67 members resigned, died, did not renew, or underpaid their subscription and could not be contacted. 60 of the subscriptions were overseas memberships; a reduction of 10 since the previous year.

Membership breakdown for end September 2024

UK	319
USA & CANADA	45
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND	10
EUROPE	5

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Year ended 30 September 2024

The attached financial statements show the current state of finances. The Trustees consider the situation to be financially sound.

During the year under review, the ordinary activities of the Society, i.e., meeting costs, administration costs and the production of the Newsletters and Journal, resulted in a deficit of £3,413 compared to a deficit of £622 last year mainly due to a reduction in membership subscriptions and an increase in the Journal and Newsletter production costs. The total income was down by nearly £2,000 on the previous year.

In the year under review, the two seminars together resulted in a surplus of £1,692 and we received a small income from the Godden Copyright Bequest.

The Society recorded an overall deficit of £1,639. The Society's reserve funds stand at £49,521 on 30th September 2024 of which £11,349 is designated as the balance of the Harold Blakey Bequest Fund leaving unrestricted funds of £38,172.

The Statement of the Financial Activities on the next page gives details on the year's income and expenditure.

Reserves Policy

After a significant reduction in the Society's reserves during the last few years, the trustees consider that the current level of reserves is appropriate, prudent, and necessary to be able to respond to appropriate opportunities to fund future projects to promote the Society's charitable objectives, and they are actively looking for such opportunities.

SECTION 6: FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees continue to plan the Society's activities along the pattern which has been successful in recent years, namely, (1) publication of Newsletters and a Journal when appropriate, usually annually, (2) regular lecture meetings and (3) residential seminars, normally two held annually. Within the ongoing challenging financial climate, the Trustees will be looking to review our residential programme and print publications, to ensure that they are both sustainable and retain high quality. We will also consider the benefits and opportunities of working digitally.

On behalf of the Trustees

Gaye Blake Roberts (Chair)

Brian Allaker (Treasurer)

March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 30 September 2024

	Note	2023-24		2022-23	
	s	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2				
Subscriptions		16,567		18,066	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed		2,686		2,516	
Godden Copyright		82		128	
Sundry Donations		493		750	
			19,828		21,460
Investment Income:	3				
Bank Interest			587		219
Income from Charitable Activities:	4				
Publication Sales		569		922	
Residential Events		28,702		12,541	
Meetings and Events		945		231	
			30,216		13,694
Total Incoming Resources:			50,630		35,373
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income:					
Website Maintenance			889		1,103
Website Enhancement			0		0
Costs of Charitable Activities:	4				
Printed Publications		20,975		18,039	
Residential Events		27,009		12,355	
Meetings and Events		1,923		1,856	
Donations to Museums		0		252	
Office Support Costs		1,134		1,459	
			51,041		33,960
Governance Costs:	5				
Committee Expenses		0		24	
Printing Annual Report		241		246	
Bank Fees		98		117	
			339		387
Total Resources Expended			52,269		35,449
Net Income/Expenditure for the Year			-1,639		-76
Fund Balance Brought Forward			51,160		51,236
Fund Balance Carried Forward			49,521		51,160

Balance Sheet
as of 30 September 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets					
Computer Equipment Cost		4,539		4,539	
less Depreciation		<u>4,539</u>		<u>4,539</u>	
	7		0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	3,048		454	
Cash in Virgin Money Notice Account		0		42,587	
Cash in Virgin Money Deposit Accounts		47,279		4,242	
Cash in Bank & PayPal Current Accounts		<u>20,888</u>		<u>19,289</u>	
		71,215		66,572	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	9	<u>21,694</u>		<u>15,413</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>49,521</u>		<u>51,160</u>
Net Assets			<u>49,521</u>		<u>51,160</u>
Represented by:					
Designated Funds	10	11,349		11,349	
Unrestricted Funds		<u>38,172</u>		<u>39,811</u>	
Total Funds			<u>49,521</u>		<u>51,160</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of the Financial Statements

The Financial Statements on pages 6-11 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gaye Blake Roberts (Chair)

Brian Allaker (Treasurer)

March 2025

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards for accrual accounting, and with the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and "Update Bulletin 1"". There are two exceptions to the SORP in the timing of the reporting of income and expenditure in the Statement of Financial Affairs, namely, (i) subscriptions are reported in the financial year to which they relate, and (ii) deposits and prepayments for residential events are reported in the financial year in which the events take place. The effects of this policy can be seen in the analysis of the relevant balance sheet items in Notes 8 and 9 below.

(b) Depreciation

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

Computer, Video and Audio Equipment : 33½% of cost

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

(a) Subscriptions

Members of the Society pay an annual subscription. All subscriptions are received in £ sterling.

(b) Donations

Donations include occasional donations from members of the public, Society members, or other bodies.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income comprises interest on bank deposit accounts, namely, the Society's two deposit accounts with Virgin Money.

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

(a) Publications

The Society publishes its own educational publications in accordance with the aims of the Society, which are either primarily for distribution free of charge to the Society's registered subscribers, and/or are for sale to the general public. The total cost of production, (including the Editor's costs), and the initial distribution costs of any publication, are charged to the year of production. These costs are treated as **Costs of Charitable Activities**. Any copies of publications that remain undistributed or unsold at the end of a financial year are retained by the Society for sale, or for further free distribution. These copies are valued at zero and are not accounted for as assets. The income from the sale of publications is accounted for as **Income from Charitable Activities** in the year in which they are sold.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

(b) Residential Events

From time to time, the Society may organise residential events such as a weekend seminar or Summer School. Such events are accounted for as charitable activities as they comprise primary purpose trading. The income from residential events is accounted for as **Income from Charitable Activities**, and the costs of organising such events is accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

(c) Meetings and Other Events

The costs of lecture meetings and other educational events run by the Society are accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**. Speakers at these meetings may claim reimbursement of direct expenses, but no fees are paid. The regular scheduled meetings of the Society are free of charge to members and their guests. From time to time, the Society holds one-day events in addition to this regular programme, and extra costs are incurred. Those attending are asked to contribute towards defraying these costs. Such contributions are treated as **Income from Charitable Activities**, under the heading of “special event donations.” Residential events are accounted for separately as described in Note 4 (b) above.

(d) Donations Made

Under Rule 2(v), the Society may make donations to other non-commercial organisations involved in ceramic display or research, subject to financial limits. Such donations are accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

(e) 3rd Party Mailings

From time to time, the Society may include in its mailings to members leaflets from 3rd parties promoting publications and events relating to the charitable objectives of the Society. Income received for this service is accounted for as **Income from Charitable Activities**. The costs associated with the handling of these leaflets are accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

(f) Support Costs

The Society is managed and run by a voluntary, unpaid committee. Each committee member can be reimbursed for the direct cost of office supplies, printing, postage and telecom usage that are used exclusively to carry out their duties on behalf of the Society. These reimbursements are made against expense claims. Such expenditure, and other stationery bought directly by the Society solely for its charitable activities, is accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

(g) Depreciation

The fixed assets owned by the Society are used exclusively for the charitable objectives of the Society, and their depreciation is accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Committee Expenses comprise costs of room hire for committee meetings and reimbursed direct costs of attending committee meetings and the AGM, which committee members may claim.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2024

6. REIMBURSEMENT OF TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

During the year, no expenses were reimbursed to Trustees of the Charity. Further explanations of the types of expenses are given elsewhere in these Notes.

Type of Expense	Value £	No.of Trustees Claiming
Travel to committee meeting	0	0

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets comprise computer hardware and software for use by the Editors of the Society's Journal and Newsletter and video and audio equipment for use at meetings. All are depreciated and written off over 3 years. Movements in fixed assets during the year are shown in the following table:

Balance at 30 September 2023	4,539	4,539
Acquisitions	0	0
	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
less Disposals	0	0
Balance at 30 September 2024	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>

Depreciation

Balance at 30 September 2023	4,539	4,539
Depreciation charged this year	0	0
	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
less Depreciation on Disposals	0	0
Balance at 30 September 2024	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
Net Book Value at 30 September 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2024

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Debtors – Inland Revenue Gift Aid	2,686	0
Debtors - Accrued Interest (Virgin Money)	213	76
Debtors – Donation – FOB Website Costs	0	220
Prepayments - re. Seminars	149	158
Total	<u>3,048</u>	<u>454</u>

9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Amounts falling due within one year.	This year £	Last year £
Trade creditors	15,265	10,253
Deferred income - Subscriptions.	3,519	3,961
Deferred income - Seminar Deposits	2,910	1,198
Total	<u>21,694</u>	<u>15,412</u>

10. HAROLD BLAKEY BEQUEST FUND

	Debit £	Credit £
Transport of Collection	2,400	
Auction Result After Commission		24,852
Further Income from Non-Sale Items		230
Redevelopment of the Society's Website	4,062	
Winter Seminar 2016 Bursaries	505	
Summer Seminar 2019 Bursary	325	
2022 Exhibition Flyer 21/04/21	175	
2022 Exhibition Expenses PMAG	300	
2022 Exhibition Catalogue 20/06/22	5966	
	<u>13,733</u>	<u>25,082</u>
Available Balance		<u>11,349</u>

**Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of The Northern Ceramic Society
For the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Northern Ceramic Society (“The Society”) for the year ended 30 September 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society, 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 Society’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner’s statement

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

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

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

Peter Rodwell
Solihull
West Midlands

March 2025

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Secretary	Deborah Skinner	Gaye Blake-Roberts	
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Attendance at meetings has returned to pre-Covid levels, although over 70 people came to the October event which saw a return to the Potteries Museum where curator Miranda Goodby spoke about Majolica, the subject of a major exhibition. Exhibition viewing made up the second half of the programme. The November meeting was hosted by staff of the V&A Wedgwood Collection at the Wedgwood Museum, World of Wedgwood, Barlaston. The regular February meeting at the Walker, National Museums Liverpool featured two contrasting presentations: Peter Hyland on Conrad Dressler and Jill Newsham on ceramics retail in the early/mid-20th century. The Godden Lecture and Open meeting were held at Keele University in March where President Paul Atterbury spoke about Colour in Victorian Ceramics and Ray Johnson presented The Potteries on film: archive film from the Staffordshire Pottery Industry from the Media Archive for Central England (MACE). A smaller group of members attended the April Yorkshire meeting at the Brotherton Library and special Collections, Leeds University where Melissa Gallimore and University staff gave presentations. The AGM returned to its regular place in the calendar in May at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester. Chair Dr Rachel Conroy addressed members on the ceramics of Beatrix Potter, followed by a ‘show and tell’ of members’ pots. In September at Coalport China Museum and YHA members heard the talk, Caughley Connections with The Potteries by Allan Smith, followed by a local walk and museum visit led by Kate Cadman.

E-News

The NCS continued to keep in touch with members through E-News emailed between our regular Newsletter publications. Between September 2022 – August 2023, we sent out 15 emails with E-News, notices of Zoom lectures and seminar announcements etc. If any member is not receiving the E-News, they should send their email details which will be added to the mailing list.

Residential Seminars

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold a Winter Weekend in 2023 but plans were consolidated for its return in 2024. For Summer School 2023 we returned to Chester University and once more our intrepid NCS members overcame rail strikes and other unforeseen challenges to attend a most successful seminar. In addition to some excellent presentations in the lecture theatre, we also spent a day at the Spode Museum where, in addition to the regular displays we were privileged to be able to handle wares from the reserve collections. We look forward to continuing this NCS Summer and Winter Seminar tradition.

Website

The NCS website continued to grow especially in the members' only section with new galleries and updated information- check back regularly to keep up with the latest research. We are currently in the process of compiling more galleries and during the next year we hope to see more resources provided by members for members. All these resources are updatable, and we encourage further members' contributions. If any member does not have login credentials to access the members' only section of the website, contact the webmaster at webmaster@northernceramicsociety.org

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that this charity meets the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011 in three different ways: (1) its publications are available to the public through the copyright libraries and at the libraries of over 30 institutional members; (2) the Society offers bursaries for its residential events for the benefit of those who are unable to afford to attend; (3) visitors are welcome at all lecture meetings, though for security reasons at most meetings they are required to give advance notice of their intention to attend to the Secretary; however, we are specifically advertising some lecture meetings as open meetings without prior notice of attendance. The Society also actively promotes its relationships with museums that have significant ceramic collections. The Society's Newsletters include a regular feature of 'Museum News' to which all relevant museums are invited to send contributions to publicise their forthcoming programmes. The archive of the Society's late President, Dr Geoffrey Godden, which he gave to the Society, continues to be publicly available at Stoke City Archives subject to their usual arrangements for public access.

Membership

On 30th September 2023, there were 424 memberships including dual and institutional memberships. This is down 59 from 483 in 2022. This figure includes organisations who receive publications but do not pay a subscription and a few members who joined late in the year and whose memberships will roll on to the following year, or paid up members who have informed us that they would not be renewing in the forthcoming year. 25 new members joined the society, 84 members resigned, died, or did not renew and could not be contacted. 70 of the subscriptions were overseas memberships.

Membership breakdown for end September 2023

UK	354
USA & CANADA	53
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND	13
EUROPE	6

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Year ended 30 September 2023

The attached financial statements show the current state of finances. The Trustees consider the situation to be financially sound.

During the year under review, the ordinary activities of the Society, i.e., meeting costs, administration costs and the production of the Newsletters and Journal, resulted in a deficit of £622 compared to a surplus of £8,800 last year mainly due to there not being a Journal produced in that year. However, the total income exceeded the previous year by £1,400. An increase in membership subscriptions had been passed at the previous AGM, which resulted in a larger income even though the membership numbers were down.

In the year under review, the two seminars and summer visit together resulted in a surplus of £417 and we received a small income from the Godden Copyright Bequest.

The Society recorded an overall deficit of £76 which is the smallest deficit recorded for some years. The Society's reserve funds stand at £51,160 on 30th September 2023 of which £11,349 is designated as the balance of the Harold Blakey Bequest Fund leaving unrestricted funds of £39,811.

The Statement of the Financial Activities on the next page gives details on the year's income and expenditure.

Reserves Policy

After a significant reduction in the Society's reserves during the last few years, the trustees consider that the current level of reserves is appropriate, prudent, and necessary to be able to respond to appropriate opportunities to fund future projects to promote the Society's charitable objectives, and they are actively looking for such opportunities.

SECTION 6: FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees continue to plan the Society's activities along the pattern which has been successful in recent years, namely, (1) publication of Newsletters and a Journal when appropriate, usually annually, (2) regular lecture meetings and (3) residential seminars, normally two held annually. Within the ongoing challenging financial climate, the Trustees will be looking to review our residential programme and print publications, to ensure that they are both sustainable and retain high quality. We will also consider the benefits and opportunities of working digitally.

On behalf of the Trustees

Rachel Conroy (Chair)

Brian Allaker (Treasurer)

March 2024

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

	Notes	2022-23		2021-22	
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2				
Subscriptions		18,066		15,935	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed		2,516		2,539	
Godden Copyright		128		173	
Sundry Donations		750		1,229	
			21,460		19,876
Investment Income:	3				
Bank Interest			219		133
Income from Charitable Activities:	4				
Publication Sales		922		1,419	
Residential Events		12,541		16,218	
Special Event Donations		231		853	
Mailing fees					
			13,694		18,490
Total Incoming Resources:			35,373		38,499
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income:					
Website Maintenance			1,103		481
Website Enhancement			0		0
Costs of Charitable Activities:	4				
Printed Publications		18,039		8,784	
Residential Events		12,355		13,708	
Meetings and Events		1,856		1,904	
Donations to Museums		252		0	
Office Support Costs		1,459		1,305	
2022 Exhibition		0		6,266	
			33,960		31,967
Governance Costs:	5				
Committee Expenses		24		144	
Printing Annual Report		246		302	
Bank Fees		117		84	
			387		530
Total Resources Expended			35,449		32,978
Net Income/Expenditure for the Year			-76		5,521
Fund Balance Brought Forward			51,236		45,715
Fund Balance Carried Forward			51,160		51,236

**Balance Sheet
as of 30 September 2023**

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets					
Computer Equipment Cost		4,539		4,539	
less Depreciation		4,539		4,539	
	7		0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	454		44	
Cash in Virgin Money Notice Account		42,587		42,418	
Cash in Virgin Money Deposit Accounts		4,242		4,225	
Cash in Bank & PayPal Current Accounts		19,289		22,697	
		66,572		69,384	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	9	15,413		18,148	
Net Current Assets			51,160		51,236
Net Assets			51,160		51,236
Represented by:					
Designated Funds	10		11,349		11,349
Unrestricted Funds			39,811		39,887
Total Funds			51,160		51,236

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of the Financial Statements

The Financial Statements on pages 6-11 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Rachel Conroy (Chair)

Brian Allaker (Treasurer)

March 2024

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards for accrual accounting, and with the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and "Update Bulletin 1"". There are two exceptions to the SORP in the timing of the reporting of income and expenditure in the Statement of Financial Affairs, namely, (i) subscriptions are reported in the financial year to which they relate, and (ii) deposits and prepayments for residential events are reported in the financial year in which the events take place. The effects of this policy can be seen in the analysis of the relevant balance sheet items in Notes 8 and 9 below.

(b) Depreciation

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

Computer, Video and Audio Equipment : 33⅓% of cost

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

(a) Subscriptions

Members of the Society pay an annual subscription. All subscriptions are received in £ sterling.

(b) Donations

Donations include occasional donations from members of the public, Society members, or other bodies.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income comprises interest on bank deposit accounts, namely, the Society's two deposit accounts with Virgin Money.

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

(a) Publications

The Society publishes its own educational publications in accordance with the aims of the Society, which are either primarily for distribution free of charge to the Society's registered subscribers, and/or are for sale to the general public. The total cost of production, (including the Editor's costs), and the initial distribution costs of any publication, are charged to the year of production. These costs are treated as **Costs of Charitable Activities**. Any copies of publications that remain undistributed or unsold at the end of a financial year are retained by the Society for sale, or for further free distribution. These copies are valued at zero and are not accounted for as assets. The income from the sale of publications is accounted for as **Income from Charitable Activities** in the year in which they are sold.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

(b) Residential Events

From time to time, the Society may organise residential events such as a weekend seminar or Summer School. Such events are accounted for as charitable activities as they comprise primary purpose trading. The income from residential events is accounted for as **Income from Charitable Activities**, and the costs of organising such events is accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

(c) Meetings and Other Events

The costs of lecture meetings and other educational events run by the Society are accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**. Speakers at these meetings may claim reimbursement of direct expenses, but no fees are paid. The regular scheduled meetings of the Society are free of charge to members and their guests. From time to time, the Society holds one-day events in addition to this regular programme, and extra costs are incurred. Those attending are asked to contribute towards defraying these costs. Such contributions are treated as **Income from Charitable Activities**, under the heading of “special event donations.” Residential events are accounted for separately as described in Note 4 (b) above.

(d) Donations Made

Under Rule 2(v), the Society may make donations to other non-commercial organisations involved in ceramic display or research, subject to financial limits. Such donations are accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

(e) 3rd Party Mailings

From time to time, the Society may include in its mailings to members leaflets from 3rd parties promoting publications and events relating to the charitable objectives of the Society. Income received for this service is accounted for as **Income from Charitable Activities**. The costs associated with the handling of these leaflets are accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

(f) Support Costs

The Society is managed and run by a voluntary, unpaid committee. Each committee member can be reimbursed for the direct cost of office supplies, printing, postage and telecom usage that are used exclusively to carry out their duties on behalf of the Society. These reimbursements are made against expense claims. Such expenditure, and other stationery bought directly by the Society solely for its charitable activities, is accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

(g) Depreciation

The fixed assets owned by the Society are used exclusively for the charitable objectives of the Society, and their depreciation is accounted for as **Costs of Charitable Activities**.

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Committee Expenses comprise costs of room hire for committee meetings and reimbursed direct costs of attending committee meetings and the AGM, which committee members may claim.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

6. REIMBURSEMENT OF TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

During the year, no expenses were reimbursed to Trustees of the Charity. Further explanations of the types of expenses are given elsewhere in these Notes.

Type of Expense	Value £	No. of Trustees Claiming
Travel to committee meeting	0	0

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets comprise computer hardware and software for use by the Editors of the Society's Journal and Newsletter and video and audio equipment for use at meetings. All are depreciated and written off over 3 years. Movements in fixed assets during the year are shown in the following table:

Cost of Fixed Assets	This year £	Last year £
Balance at 30 September 2022	4,539	4,539
Acquisitions	0	0
	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
less Disposals	0	0
Balance at 30 September 2023	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
 Depreciation		
Balance at 30 September 2022	4,539	4,402
Depreciation charged this year	0	137
	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
less Depreciation on Disposals	0	0
Balance at 30 September 2023	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
 Net Book Value at 30 September 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Amounts falling due within one year	This year	Last year
	£	£
Debtors - Membership Subscriptions		
Debtors - Accrued Interest (Virgin Money)	76	44
Debtors – Donation – FOB Website Costs	220	0
Prepayments - re. Seminars	158	0
Total	<u>454</u>	<u>44</u>

9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Amounts falling due within one year.	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade creditors	10,253	13,758
Deferred income - Subscriptions in advance.	3,961	4,390
Deferred income - Seminar Deposits in advance	1,198	0
Total	<u>15,412</u>	<u>18,148</u>

10. HAROLD BLAKEY BEQUEST FUND

	Debit	Credit
	£	£
Transport of Collection	2,400	
Auction Result After Commission		24,852
Further Income from Non-Sale Items		230
Redevelopment of the Society's Website	4,062	
Winter Seminar 2016 Bursaries	505	
Summer Seminar 2019 Bursary	325	
2022 Exhibition Flyer 21/04/21	175	
2022 Exhibition Expenses PMAG	300	
2022 Exhibition Catalogue 20/06/22	5966	
	<u>13,733</u>	<u>25,082</u>
 Available Balance		 <u>11,349</u>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Northern Ceramic Society
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Northern Ceramic Society ("The Society") for the year ended 30 September 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society, 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 Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Peter Rodwell
Solihull
West Midlands

March 2024

THE NORTHERN CERAMIC SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 287630

Accounts

THE NORTHERN CERAMIC SOCIETY
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022
CHARITY NO: 287630



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THE NORTHERN CERAMIC SOCIETY

Annual Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and "Update Bulletin 1", applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2016".

SECTION 1: REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: The Northern Ceramic Society (also known as the NCS)
Registered Charity Number: 287630
Charity's Principal Address:
The Treasurer; 2 Petton Hall, Burlton, Shropshire, SY4 5TH
Bankers:
HSBC Bank plc, 5 Great Underback, Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 1LH
Virgin Money plc, Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4PL
Independent Examiner:
Peter Rodwell, Solihull, West Midlands
Trustees: see Section 2 below
Financial Year: 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

SECTION 2: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Charity is an unincorporated association, governed by the current Rules of The Northern Ceramic Society ('The Rules'), which were revised and adopted unanimously at the Annual General Meeting held on 1 June 2019.

The Trustees of the Charity are its Management Committee, elected or appointed under The Rules, and comprise five elected Officers and six elected ordinary members. In addition, the Editors for the time being of the Society's Journal and Newsletter respectively, who are appointed by the Management Committee, are also ex-officio members of the Management Committee, and thus also Trustees of the Charity.

The following persons served as Trustees throughout the financial year and are the Trustees at the date of this report, having been appointed at a previous Annual General Meeting and reappointed at the Annual General Meeting on 21 June 2022, or co-opted to fill a vacancy.

Elected Officers		Website Officer Patricia Halfpenny
Chairman	Patricia Halfpenny (to 21 May 2022)	Publications Officer Jessica Davies
	Rachel Conroy (from 21 May 2022)	Programme Secretary (position vacant)
Secretary	Deborah Skinner	Elected Members
Treasurer	Brian Allaker	Nicola Scott
Membership Secretary	Jessica Davies	Rachel Conroy (to 21 May 2022)
Appointed Officers		Miranda Goodby
Journal Editor	Peter Hyland (to January 2022)	Gaye Blake-Roberts
	David Barker (from January 2022)	Julie Edwards (to 21 May 2022)
Joint Newsletter Editors	Clare & Alan Walker	Rod Jellicoe (from 21 May 2022)

The Charity has no employees and its Officers, as and when authorised by the Management Committee, act to administer the charity. In their administrative capacity, they are reimbursed their expenses, as detailed in Note 6 to the Financial Statements. None of the Trustees, nor any people connected with them, receive any remuneration. All trustees are subscribing members of the Society, but none receive any benefits from the Society other than those benefits which are available to all other members.

The Charity is not subject to a statutory audit, (as defined in Section 144 of The Charities Act 2011), and accordingly the Trustees wish to clarify that they interpret the word “Audited” contained in Section 6a of The Rules as meaning “subject to Independent Examination as required by Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and described in CC31 & CC32 - Independent Examination of Charity Accounts”.

The trustees have adopted a policy of Accrual Accounting and have documented their Customs and Practices for controlling expenditure.

The Presidency was vacant until Paul Atterbury was appointed at the AGM on 21 May 2022. Patricia Halfpenny was appointed Vice President for a period of 3 years at the same AGM.

The Charity’s website is: www.northernceramicsociety.org

The Charity has no formal subcommittees.

SECTION 3: OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the Charity, as defined in section 2 of The Rules, are:

- 2.1 The objects of the Society shall be the advancement of the education of the public in the study of the manufacture of ceramics and the history of the ceramics industry.
- 2.2 In furtherance of this purpose but not otherwise the Society may-
 - 2.2.1 promote research into such history and manufactures;
 - 2.2.2 publish such material relating thereto as the Committee of the Society (‘the Committee’) may deem appropriate;
 - 2.2.3 hold lectures, events and exhibitions about ceramics and the history of the ceramics industry, whether alone or in conjunction with other organisations;
 - 2.2.4 exchange and disseminate relevant information;
 - 2.2.5 finance in whole or part the activity or publication of any other non-commercial organisation involved in ceramic research or display provided that expenditure under this sub-clause shall not exceed in one subscription year 15% of the Society’s last published reserves without the authorisation of the Society in General Meeting.

SECTION 4: ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Regular Publications

During the year, the Society published three Newsletter numbers 202–204 comprising 76, 72, and 80 A5 pages respectively, in total 228 pages (compared with 216 pages in 2020-21), but there was no Journal produced, the Exhibition Catalogue being distributed in its place.

Meetings

Attendance at meetings has been extremely good post-Covid. October saw the re-scheduled 2021 AGM at Keele University with guest Godden Lecturer Prof Timothy Wilson. November’s planned meeting at Temple Newsam. Leeds was postponed due to snow and took place successfully in April. The regular Liverpool meeting at the Walker in February was hosted and featured presentations by NML staff. A second Keele meeting in March featured presentations about Wedgwood and Derby artist Leonard Lead. The AGM 2022 was scheduled in May as normal, held at the Potteries Museum where Godden Lecturer Eric Knowles gave an impassioned address in support of the City’s Museum Service and it’s ceramic curators, threatened with redundancy. The public lecture was attended by over 80 members and about 75 further attendees including the Lord Mayor and Councillors. Online events via Zoom continued with a Winter series of three, featuring US speakers Angelika R. Kuetner and Susan Webber & Earl Martin and UK speaker Steven Dixon. The August 2022 Summer Visit to Waddesdon Manor saw 15 members hosted by Mia Jackson at one of the National Trust’s most spectacular properties.

E-News

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Website

The NCS website continues to grow and change to meet members' needs. As promised last year, we have added a new members' section which can only be accessed as a benefit of membership. Resources that have been added include, galleries of porcelain, a detailed diamond registration search, and updated captions for useful pottery directories. Other resources available to all users include an updated "a Dealers List" which is an extensive list of "China-men", their customers and associates in 17th, 18th and 19th Century Britain, and a gallery of chrysanthemum pad-marked stoneware. All these resources are updatable, and we encourage members' contributions.

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37 new members joined the society, 41 members resigned, died, or did not renew and could not be contacted.

82 of the subscriptions are overseas memberships: this represents a slight increase in the proportion of overseas members.

USA & Canada	59
Australia & New Zealand	13
Europe	9
Japan	1
UK	401

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Year ended 30 September 2022

The attached financial statements show the current state of finances. The Trustees consider the situation to be financially sound.

During the year under review, the ordinary activities of the Society, i.e., meeting costs, administration costs and the production of the Newsletters, resulted in a surplus of £8,800 due to the 2022 Journal being replaced by the Exhibition Catalogue which was funded through the Blakey Bequest. However, this was still an unusual year with few meetings and costs were superficially low. In the year under review, the Summer School resulted in a surplus of £2500 being due to cautious budgeting and more delegates than anticipated. We continue to receive a small income from the Godden Copyright Bequest and pay for any website enhancement from the Blakey Bequest.

The Society recorded an overall surplus of £5,624. This was mainly due to the Summer School surplus, larger donations being received and the Exhibition Catalogue production costing less than previous Journals. The Statement of the Financial Activities on the next page gives details on the year's income and expenditure.

This again was an unusual year, and the surplus is unlikely to be repeated without the reviews mentioned under Section 6. The AGM held on 21 May 2022 passed an increase to the membership subscriptions for the 2022/2023 year starting on 1st October 2022.

Reserves Policy

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On behalf of the Trustees

Rachel Conroy (Chairman)

Brian Allaker (Treasurer)

March 2023

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For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

		2020-2021		2019-20	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income :	2				
Subscriptions		15,935		15,741	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed		2,539		2,431	
Godden Copyright		173		420	
Sundry Donations		1,229		269	
			19,876		18,861
Investment Income :	3				
Bank Interest			133		172
Refund of Foreign Cheque Fees					34
Income from Charitable Activities :	4				
Publication Sales		1,419		550	
Residential Events		16,218		0	
Special Event Donations		853		120	
Mailing fees		0		0	
			18,490		670
Total Incoming Resources :			38,499		19,737
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income :					
Website Maintenance			481		517
Website Enhancement			0		0
Costs of Charitable Activities:	4				
Printed Publications		8,784		18,890	
Residential Events		13,708		0	
Meetings and Events		1,904		240	
Donations to Museums		0		0	
Office Support Costs		1,305		784	
2022 Exhibition		6,266		175	
			31,967		20,089
Governance Costs:	5				
Committee Expenses		144		144	
Bank Fees		84			
Printing Annual Report		302		298	
			530		442
Total Resources Expended			32,978		21,048
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year			5,521		(1,311)
Fund Balance Brought Forward			45,715		47,026
Fund Balance Carried Forward			51,236		45,715

Balance Sheet
as of 30 September 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets					
Computer Equipment Cost		4,539		4,539	
less Depreciation		4,539		4,539	
	7		0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	44		57	
Cash in Virgin Money Notice Account		42,418		42,276	
Cash in Virgin Money Deposit Accounts		4,225		4,220	
Cash in Bank & PayPal Current Accounts		22,697		2,645	
		69,384		49,199	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	9	18,148		3,484	
Net Current Assets			51,236		45,715
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Represented by:					
Designated Funds	10		11,349		17,615
Unrestricted Funds			39,887		28,100
Total Funds			51,236		45,715

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of the financial statements

The Financial Statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Rachel Conroy (Chairman)

Brian Allaker (Treasurer)

March 2023

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	4,539	4,539
less Disposals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance at 30 September 2022	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
 Depreciation		
Balance at 30 September 2021	4,539	4,402
Depreciation charged this year	<u>0</u>	<u>137</u>
	4,539	4,539
less Depreciation on Disposals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance at 30 September 2022	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
 Net Book Value at 30 September 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Debtors - Membership Subscriptions		
Debtors - Accrued Interest (Virgin Money)	44	57
Mailing Fees	0	0
Prepayments - re. Seminars	0	0
Total	<u>44</u>	<u>57</u>

9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Amounts falling due within one year	This year £	Last year £
Trade creditors	13,758	0
Deferred income - Subscriptions paid in advance	4,390	3,484
Deferred income - Seminar Deposits paid in advance	0	0
Total	<u>18,148</u>	<u>3,484</u>

10. HAROLD BLAKEY BEQUEST FUND

	Debit £	Credit £
Transport of Collection	2,400	
Auction Result After Commission		24,852
Further Income from Non-Sale Items		230
Redevelopment of the Society's Website	4,062	
Winter Seminar 2016 Bursaries	505	
Summer Seminar 2019 Bursary	325	
2022 Exhibition Flyer 21/04/21	175	
2022 Exhibition Expenses PMAG	300	
2022 Exhibition Catalogue 20/06/22	<u>5966</u>	
	13,733	<u>25,082</u>
Available Balance		<u>11,349</u>

**Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of
The Northern Ceramic Society
For the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

Awaiting appointment of examiner.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Northern Ceramic Society (“The Society”) for the year ended 30 September 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society, 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 Society’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner’s statement

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

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

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

Peter Rodwell
Solihull
West Midlands

March 2023

THE NORTHERN CERAMIC SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 287630

Accounts

THE NORTHERN CERAMIC SOCIETY
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020
CHARITY NO: 287630



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THE NORTHERN CERAMIC SOCIETY

Annual Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's publication "Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and "Update Bulletin 1", applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2016".

SECTION 1: REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: The Northern Ceramic Society (also known as the NCS)

Registered Charity Number: 287630

Charity's Principal Address:

The Treasurer; 2 Petton Hall, Burlton, Shropshire, SY4 5TH

Bankers:

HSBC Bank plc, Bramhall branch, 42 Woodford Road, Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire, SK7 1PA,

Virgin Money plc, Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4PL

Independent Examiner:

Mr Alan Walden, Sandy, Bedfordshire

Trustees: see Section 2 below

Financial Year: 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020

SECTION 2: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Charity is an unincorporated association, governed by the current Rules of The Northern Ceramic Society ('The Rules'), which were revised and adopted unanimously at the Annual General Meeting held on 1 June 2019.

The Trustees of the Charity are its Management Committee, elected or appointed under The Rules, and comprise five elected Officers and six elected ordinary members. In addition, the Editors for the time being of the Society's Journal and Newsletter respectively, who are appointed by the Management Committee, are also ex-officio members of the Management Committee, and thus also Trustees of the Charity.

The following persons served as Trustees throughout the financial year and are the Trustees at the date of this report, having been appointed at a previous Annual General Meeting and reappointed at the Annual General Meeting on 1 June 2019, or co-opted to fill a vacancy.

Elected Officers		Website Officer Patricia Halfpenny
Chairman	Patricia Halfpenny	Publications Officer Jessica Davies
Secretary	Deborah Skinner	Programme Secretary (position vacant)
Treasurer	Brian Allaker	Elected Members
Membership Secretary	Jessica Davies	Nicola Scott
Appointed Officers		Rachel Conroy
Journal Editor	Peter Hyland	Miranda Goodby
Joint Newsletter Editors	Clare & Alan Walker	Julie Edwards
		Gaye Blake-Roberts

The Charity has no employees and its Officers, as and when authorised by the Management Committee, act to administer the charity. In their administrative capacity, they are reimbursed their expenses, as detailed in Note 6 to the Financial Statements. None of the Trustees, nor any people connected with them, receive any remuneration. All trustees are subscribing members of the Society, but none receive any benefits from the Society other than those benefits which are available to all other members.

The Charity is not subject to a statutory audit, (as defined in Section 144 of The Charities Act 2011), and accordingly the Trustees wish to clarify that they interpret the word “Audited” contained in Section 6a of The Rules as meaning “subject to Independent Examination as required by Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and described in CC31 & CC32 - Independent Examination of Charity Accounts”.

The trustees have adopted a policy of Accrual Accounting, (though not obliged to do so by Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011) and have documented their Customs and Practices for controlling expenditure.

Dr Maurice Hillis served as our President throughout the year, having been appointed by the Management Committee under Rule 3(e).

The Charity’s website is: www.northernceramicsociety.org

The Charity has no formal subcommittees.

SECTION 3: OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the Charity, as defined in section 2 of The Rules, are:

- (a) The advancement of the education of the public in the study of the manufacture of ceramics and the history of the ceramics industry.
- (b) In furtherance of this purpose, but not otherwise, the Society may
 - (i) promote research into such history and manufactures
 - (ii) publish such material relating thereto as the Committee of the Society may deem appropriate
 - (iii) hold lectures, events and exhibitions about ceramics and the history of the ceramics industry, whether alone or in conjunction with other organisations
 - (iv) exchange and disseminate relevant information
 - (v) finance in whole or part the activity or publication of any other non-commercial organisation involved in ceramic research or display (subject to financial limits given in the Rules of the Society).

SECTION 4: ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Regular Publications

During the year, the Society published three Newsletter numbers 196 – 198 comprising 64, 80, and 60 A5 pages respectively, in total 204 pages (compared with 276 pages in 2018-19), and Journal 36 comprising 168 pages in 10 x 8 inches format (compared to 144 pages in the same format last year).

Meetings

Three regular meetings were held during the year with a further four and the Summer Visit cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Venues were the Spode Museum Trust Heritage Centre, the Raven Mason Collection at Keele University, and the Walker Art Gallery Liverpool. Average attendance was about 36 people and 8 people made presentations at these meetings on a wide range of subjects covering British and European ceramics of the 18th to the 21st century and Chinese Yixing stoneware. Planned meetings for the remainder of the year, the Summer visit and the AGM were rolled over into the next and following years’ programme.

Seminar and Summer School

The Society organised one residential event during the year. Winter Weekend was held at Pendulum Hotel, Manchester, from 24 to 26 January 2020 on the theme *Ceramic Beginnings*. Eight lectures were given. The event gave participants the opportunity to discuss and share their interests in ceramics as well as enjoy the presentations. 52 people attended the weekend seminar. The normal Summer School was not held this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Webmaster Report

As promised in last year's report we have upgraded the website to better facilitate the purchase of publications and enable payments for memberships, renewals and fees for conferences and seminars. We are pleased that this has been seen as a useful addition for new and renewing members.

During this difficult year, the NCS has added more content to the website and tried to maintain contact with members through a series of electronic communications.

The website now has additional papers written by members offering many new resources for members wishing to do research. These include: Allbut's 1802 Directory & Map of the Staffordshire Potteries; Notes from Scottish Custom Port Records; A guide to Dudson's Ebony Jetware; A list of "China-men", their customers and associates in 17th, 18th, and 19th century Britain and abroad; and a pdf of a catalogue of a private collection entitled *An English Pottery Heritage*. The list of Alcock mould numbers has been updated and new papers include an article about William Littler's Marriage, information about Anthony Ammatt, and a discussion of the Stevenson Brothers – Potters of Cobridge.

We have used Mailchimp as our email server as it offers GDPR compliance and manages our list of 400 members' addresses for each mailing. In the 12 months March 2019 to March 2020 the NCS sent out 7 editions of E-News in between the regular hardcopy Newsletters, and 35 e-invitations to various Zoom lectures. If you are not receiving these E-News and E-Invites and would like to, let us have your email address.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that this charity meets the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011 in three different ways: (1) its publications are available to the public through the copyright libraries and at the libraries of over 30 institutional members; (2) the Society offers bursaries for its residential events for the benefit of those who are unable to afford to attend; (3) visitors are welcome at all lecture meetings, though for security reasons at most meetings they are required to give advance notice of their intention to attend to the Secretary; however, we are specifically advertising some lecture meetings as open meetings without prior notice of attendance.

The Society also actively promotes its relationships with museums that have significant ceramic collections. The Society's Newsletters include a regular feature of 'Museum News' to which all relevant museums are invited to send contributions to publicise their forthcoming programmes.

The proceeds of the sale of Harold Blakey's collection, which he generously bequeathed to the Society, are designated as the Harold Blakey Bequest and are to be spent over the next six years on the Society's charitable objectives; part of the Bequest has been ring-fenced for a major exhibition at the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery in 2022, the Society's 50th anniversary year.

The archive of the Society's late President, Dr Geoffrey Godden, which he gave to the Society, continues to be publicly available at Stoke City Archives subject to their usual arrangements for public access.

Membership

On 30th September 2020, there were 490 memberships including dual and institutional memberships. This is down 38 from 528 the previous year. This figure includes any organisations who receive publications but do not pay a membership subscription: i.e., legal deposit agencies.

22 new members joined the Society, less than half of the previous year. 60 members resigned, died, or did not renew and could not be contacted. We lost a similar number of members to the previous year but failed to recruit as many new members.

76 of the subscriptions are overseas memberships:

USA & Canada	58
Australia & New Zealand	11
Europe	6
Japan	1

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Year ended 30 September 2020

The attached financial statements show the current state of finances. The Trustees consider the situation to be financially sound.

During the year under review, the ordinary activities of the Society, i.e., meeting costs, administration costs and the production of the Journal and Newsletters, resulted in a deficit of £2,382, considerably less than the previous year largely due to one less Newsletter being produced. Expenditure was down by £3,600, but against this, income was also down by £2,000, mainly due to a continuing reduction in the number of membership subscriptions.

In the year under review, the Summer School was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Winter Weekend ended financially in balance so there was no excess income to help offset the ordinary activity deficit as there was last year.

We continue to receive a small income from the Godden Copyright Bequest and pay for the website enhancement from the Blakey Bequest.

The Society recorded an overall deficit of £1,475, down from £1,810 the previous year.

The Statement of the Financial Activities on the next page gives details on the year's income and expenditure.

Reserves Policy

After a significant reduction in the Society's reserves during the last three years, the trustees consider that the current level of reserves is appropriate, prudent, and necessary to be able to respond to appropriate opportunities to fund future projects to promote the Society's charitable objectives, and they are actively looking for such opportunities.

SECTION 6: FUTURE PLANS

The trustees continued to plan the Society's activities along the pattern which has been successful in recent years, namely, (1) publication of Newsletters and a Journal when appropriate, usually annually, (2) regular lecture meetings, which for the 2020-21 programme were cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions on live events, therefore an alternative programme of collaborative online presentations was made available to members, and (3) residential seminars, normally two held annually, which were also postponed until a future programme when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Future programmes will include lecture meetings held over from 2020-21.

On behalf of the Trustees

Patricia Halfpenny (Chairman)

Brian Allaker (Treasurer)

20 May 2021

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020**

		2019-20		2018-19	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income :	2				
Subscriptions		15,520		17,116	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed		2,327		2,488	
Blakey Bequest		0		0	
Godden Copyright		422		460	
Sundry Donations		414		373	
			18,683		20,437
Investment Income :	3				
Bank Interest			509		579
Income from Charitable Activities :	4				
Publication Sales		657		894	
Residential Events		14,714		34,961	
Special Event Donations		110		726	
Mailing fees		0		120	
			15,481		36,701
Total Incoming Resources :			34,673		57,717
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income :					
Website Maintenance			1,256		750
Website Enhancement			0		325
Costs of Charitable Activities:	4				
Printed Publications		19,126		20,876	
Residential Events		14,395		32,623	
Meetings and Events		335		1,930	
Donations to Museums		0		100	
Office Support Costs		472		1,346	
NCS & Blakey Manchester Bursaries		0		650	
Godden Archive		0		0	
Depreciation of Fixed Assets		138		305	
			34,466		57,830
Governance Costs:	5				
Committee Expenses		128		330	
Printing Annual Report		298		292	
			426		622
Total Resources Expended			36,148		59,527
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year			(1,475)		(1,810)
Fund Balance Brought Forward			48,502		50,312
Fund Balance Carried Forward			47,027		48,502

Balance Sheet
as at 30 September 2020

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
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Current Liabilities					
Creditors	9	4,000		6,788	
Net Current Assets			47,027		48,364
Net Assets			47,027		48,502
Represented by:					
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

6. REIMBURSEMENT OF TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

During the year, a total of £56 of expenses was reimbursed to Trustees of the Charity. Further explanations of the types of expenses are given elsewhere in these Notes.

Type of Expense	Value £	No.of Trustees Claiming
Travel to committee meeting	56	2

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Cost of Fixed Assets	This year £	Last year £
Balance at 30 September 2019	4,539	4,539
Acquisitions	0	0
	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
less Disposals	0	0
Balance at 30 September 2020	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,539</u>
 Depreciation		
Balance at 30 September 2019	4,402	4,097
Depreciation charged this year	137	305
	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,402</u>
less Depreciation on Disposals	0	0
Balance at 30 September 2020	<u>4,539</u>	<u>4,402</u>
 Net Book Value at 30 September 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>137</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020**

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Amounts falling due within one year	This year	Last year
	£	£
Debtors - Membership Subscriptions		
Debtors - Accrued Interest (Virgin Money)	138	186
Mailing Fees	0	0
Prepayments - re. Seminars	0	0
Total	<u>138</u>	<u>186</u>

9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Amounts falling due within one year	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade creditors	0	3,252
Deferred income - Subscriptions paid in advance	4,000	3,415
Deferred income - Seminar Deposits paid in advance	0	120
Total	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,787</u>

10. HAROLD BLAKEY BEQUEST FUND

	Debit	Credit
	£	£
Transport of Collection	2,400	
Auction Result After Commission		24,852
Further Income from Non-Sale Items		230
Redevelopment of the Society's Website	4,062	
Winter Seminar 2016 Bursaries	505	
Summer Seminar 2019 Bursary	<u>325</u>	
	7,292	<u>25,082</u>
Designated Towards Future Exhibition		10,000
Available Balance		<u>7,790</u>
		<u>17,790</u>

**Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of
The Northern Ceramic Society
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Northern Ceramic Society (“The Society”) for the year ended 30 September 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society, 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 Society’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner’s statement

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

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

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

Alan Walden,
Sandy,
Bedfordshire,

4 July 2021