



Essex Society for Family History

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Trustees Report for AGM October 2025

This year has presented significant challenges for our Society. Last September, as I think most of you will be already aware, we experienced a cyber-attack on our website. We responded swiftly and comprehensively. We immediately notified the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) and consulted with Thin Thread our cyber security support providers. We established an IT Security Group, bringing in new volunteers with specialist expertise. The first priority was to secure our website by transferring it to a highly secure hosting platform which effectively eliminated the threat.

Earlier this year we had streamlined our operations by merging the IT working group and IT security groups into a unified IT committee, which has been remarkably productive. Their first major initiative was the commissioning of a completely new website that would provide enhanced security features and modern functionality for our members. After thorough research we selected Beachshore-the trusted provider for our Family History Federation and many other family history societies, to develop this new website. Catherine Bentley, a new IT communications member and of course Paul Stirland our Web manager, together with many other members, have been instrumental in this project. Whilst we don't yet have a confirmed launch date, we're prioritizing a smooth transition to minimise disruption during the upcoming membership renewal period, and of course our current website remains fully operational for all of your research needs in the meantime.

We are very grateful to John Young, who stepped down as Data Controller after many years of exemplary service. He passes the role to Jeff Porter and John continues his valuable work on the IT committee. He has also notably expanded our Transcribed Records Archives Collection for Essex, (TRACE) database with over 42,000 new records this year, including marriages, baptisms and monumental inscriptions. These will soon also be available through FindmyPast, generating important revenue for our Society. Well done, John!

Earlier this year we discovered that an American web company had published unauthorized recordings of our educational Zoom meetings. Despite multiple direct requests and a formal 'cease and desist notice', the company initially failed to respond to us. However, working collaboratively with other affected UK family history societies, we successfully secured the removal of all of our content. This experience has led us to implement enhanced Zoom security procedures and spearhead an initiative to our Federation to establish an early warning system to promote best practices for online meetings for us all.

We have also been active in many public events again this year.

Last November we attended the Galleywood Heritage Centre Remembrance event, where we advised visitors, and will be there again on Sunday 16th November, so please put this date in your diaries, as we'd love to see you there!

Sadly, in January Jean-Marc Bazzoni, who was our Hon Secretary and Editor of our magazine, had to resign from both of these roles. He continues to be a member and hopes to volunteer with us again in



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the future. We were delighted when our previous Editor Colleen and our previous Hon Secretary Meryl agreed to return to their former roles.

Also, in January we took part in a virtual family history event hosted by East Surrey FHS, these events are very useful as they give us the opportunity for us to be able to help each other and share ideas, with many other societies.

In April we attended the Suffolk Family History Show in Ipswich. We met with several of our members who came to tell us how much they were enjoying the DNA for Beginners online course. Our DNA 'guru' and Vice Chair Toni Neobard had set this up, and it had been very well supported for many months. Happily, Toni was present to hear these compliments, and we had a productive day talking to all of our visitors. The DNA course is now finished but still available online on our website.

Toni had been working closely with BBC Essex on a fascinating series of interviews. In March she joined presenter Akylah Rodriguez in the studio to discuss her Jamaican heritage and the insights that her DNA testing might bring. Toni returned in June to reveal her findings and discuss Akylah's DNA results, having also researched her family through Jamaican records available in the UK. She uncovered remarkable connections-including links to slavery and slave ownership, African and east Indian ancestry, and even Sephardic Jewish roots-all of which were born out by the DNA results.

The success of these programmes has led to two of the producers also taking DNA tests. Toni was back in the studio in September to reveal some astonishing discoveries for one of them, and will return again, probably in November to share the findings for the other. These interviews have not only demonstrated the power of combining DNA with traditional research, but also provided excellent publicity for our society, by showcasing what we do to a wider audience across Essex.

In June we took part in an online meeting organised by 'Lost Cousins'. Toni and Tanya gave an exceptionally professional presentation to a large audience, where they highlighted our website services for members. Many attending were already our members but admitted they didn't realise what they had been missing! -62 people either joined or re-joined our society following this presentation which was amazing!

We had another very successful day in July when we attended the Essex Archaeology & History Show at Crossing Temple Barns near Braintree. Over 1000 people attended the event and most of us were busy advising visitors all day. We definitely plan to return to their next event.

Our Family Fun Day in August at Galleywood Heritage Centre was poorly attended however those that came said they really enjoyed the event. As a result of this the Events Team have decided to participate in more established large events, in future.

We continue to meet with the Essex Record Office management on a regular basis, and we now already have additional advertising banners on their ground floor. We are discussing the digitisation of 2 sets of records for our unique database, at our next meeting later this month. I have also asked all of our ERO volunteers to give us feedback on how we can improve our service for visitors to our research area there, and their comments will be considered shortly and actioned as soon as possible.



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We have also been in discussion with our branches to see how we can encourage more visitors to come to their meetings. This is taking into consideration venue prices, and the relatively low number of attendees at some locations. The branches have agreed to take action to attract more visitors. Since all speakers and hall hire is paid for from central funds, it was agreed that branches would only need finances for refreshments and any money they held over £60 was transferred to Head Office in April 2025.

Our Annual Student Award of £500 was given to Julie Miller, who sadly can't be here today. Julie has won this award before but I'm sure you'll agree that her case study on two 18th century Essex Quaker women farmers is very worthy of another award. She will present her case study at a date to be arranged, and a copy of it will be added to our website.

We continue to support the Victoria County History Society and have donated £750 to them this year. We joined in Southend earlier in the year at the launch of one of their latest mini books Southend, Victorian Town & Resort, by Ken Crowe. We purchased a copy of this book which you can find in our library.

It has been a very eventful year but thanks to the incredible amount of effort put in by so many members, to support our activities, and indeed each other, to achieve what we have done this year, is fantastic!

I can't thank you all individually, but I am so proud to be the Chairman of our Society today and say thank you to you all.

Andrea Hewitt

Chair

18th October 2025

**ESSEX SOCIETY FOR
FAMILY HISTORY**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

Charity No: 290552

**C Pardoe FCA
Chartered Accountant**

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**TRUSTEES**

Andrea Hewitt – Chair
 Toni Neobard – Vice Chair
 Jean Marc Bazzoni – Secretary Resigned 01/01/2025
 Meryl Rawlings – Acting Secretary appt 02/01/2025
 Tanya Sewell – Treasurer
 Pauline Adlem
 Colleen Devenish
 Jeff Porter – appointed 19/10/24
 Janice Sharpe – resigned 19/10/24
 Denise Somers
 Chris Stringer – appointed 19/10/24
 Paul Stirland
 John Young
 Elizabeth Cox
 Heather Feather
 Gillian Peregrine

David Perkins – co-opted 15/01/25 resigned 16/04/25

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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CHARITY REGISTRATION

290552

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

Constitution and objects

Essex Society for Family History is constituted under a trust deed dated 24th September 1994, revised in minor respects on 20/9/97, 20/2/99, 20/9/03, 27/9/08 and 27/10/20 and 10/02/2024.

The charity's objects are to promote and encourage the public study of British Family History, genealogy, heraldry and local history with particular reference to Essex and to promote the preservation, security and accessibility of archival material.

Organisation

The trustees who have served during the period are set out on page 1. The trustees are elected from fully paid up members of the society. Members of the committee are subject to election or re-election at the Annual General Meeting for one year. The chairman shall be in office for not more than five consecutive years and must have a break of one year before seeking re-election.

Related Parties

The charity has a close relationship with The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS). Details of the financial and other support provided by the Essex Society for Family History is detailed in note 6.

Reserves Policy

The charity's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to cover its operational costs for at least the following 2 years. At the year end, the charity had more than sufficient reserves to comply with this policy. The level of reserves is kept under close scrutiny by the trustees.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major operational, strategic and business risks which the charity faces and confirm that appropriate systems are in place to mitigate the effects of these risks.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission. They have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities as demonstrated above.

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Chair of trustees
Essex Society for Family History

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

THE TRUSTEES OF ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY

This report on the accounts of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 12, is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)9(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether in particular matters have come to my attention.

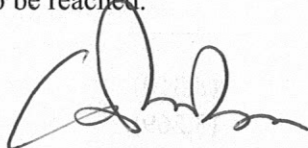
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements;
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



C Pardoe FCA
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Date:

20/11/25

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Incoming resources			
Subscriptions		19,438	19,860
Sales	1	323	378
Services supplied	2	58	41
Donations		1,497	2,921
Interest received	4	1,350	2,275
Investment income		1,908	942
Royalties	5	2,391	3,232
Miscellaneous	6	1,829	1,095
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>28,794</u>	<u>30,744</u>
Resources expended			
Insurance		655	639
Merchandising	7	100	59
Society payments	8	-	-
Depreciation	9	1,570	722
Meetings in Essex	10	1,658	1,834
Hire of accommodation		3,282	2,640
The Essex Family Historian	11	10,449	7,656
Postage, telephone, printing & stationery		612	466
Donations (Victoria CH – Essex)		750	3,967
ESFH Award		500	1,000
Projects		3,213	1,575
Credit card charge (PayPal)		419	410
Internet/computer maintenance		166	220
Bank charges		91	76
Miscellaneous expenses		917	509
Website development		9,916	3,425
Travel		436	261
Zoom		463	144
		<u>35,197</u>	<u>25,603</u>
Examiners fees		1,907	1,451
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>37,104</u>	<u>27,054</u>
Net income/(expenditure before gains & losses on investments)		<u>(8,310)</u>	<u>3,690</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investment		(3,269)	5,824
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR CARRIED TO GENERAL FUND		<u>(11,579)</u>	<u>9,514</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these accounts

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**BALANCE SHEET – 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	13	713	1,182
CURRENT ASSETS			
STOCK			
Library	12	2,141	2,568
Books/CDs	5	461	331
		<u>2,602</u>	<u>2,899</u>
Investments	16	66,897	70,166
Bank balances and cash in hand	14	54,328	62,480
Debtors & Prepayments		403	906
		<u>124,230</u>	<u>136,451</u>
CREDITORS and ACCRUALS			
Amounts falling due within one year			
Sundry creditors and accruals	15	10,668	11,779
		<u></u>	<u></u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		113,562	124,672
NET ASSETS		<u>114,275</u>	<u>125,854</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
GENERAL FUND - UNRESTRICTED			
Balance at 1 April 2024		125,854	116,340
Net Surplus for the year	17	(11,579)	9,514
Balance at 31 March 2025		<u>114,275</u>	<u>125,854</u>

Approved by the Committee of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Chair

Date of approval:

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these accounts

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2025****1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000). In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005.

Fund accounting

The charity's unrestricted funds consist of reserves which the charity may use for its purpose at its own discretion.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources are recognised at their full amount in the period in which they are receivable. Gifts-in-kind are included at a reasonable estimate of market value. When donors specify that grants and gifts be for particular purposes, the amount is included in the appropriate fund (see Fund Accounting above).

Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities ('SOFA') on an accruals basis, inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the categories of the SOFA.

Management and administration costs are those costs incurred in running the charity as an organisation.

Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets or groups of similar assets costing £100 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

The useful economic life of each class of assets is as follows:

Equipment 20% of cost.

Deferred Incoming Resources

Incoming resources received or receivable in the current accounting period but relating to the following one are recorded as "deferred income" and shown as creditors in the balance sheet.

Taxation

The Trust has charitable status and is afforded the tax exemptions set out in the Income Taxes Act 1988.

Stock

Stock has been valued by the Trustees and it has not been subject to external examination.

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2025

1 SALES

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Bookstall – books / cards	151	113
Postal – CDs	172	265
	<u>323</u>	<u>378</u>
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2 SERVICES SUPPLIED

Magazine advertising	58	41
ESFH courier & search service	-	-
	<u>58</u>	<u>41</u>
	—	—

3 MEETINGS IN ESSEX

Refreshments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	—	—

4 INTEREST RECEIVED

Charity Aid Foundation	-	-
COIF Deposit	1,350	2,275
	<u>1,350</u>	<u>2,275</u>
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5 ROYALTIES

Find My Past	2,378	3,199
Parish Church	13	33
	<u>2,391</u>	<u>3,232</u>
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6 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

50 th Anniversary – event income	1,180	406
Refreshments	194	
Sundry Income	259	304
Entry – HQ	177	247
Entry – NE Branch	19	138
	<u>1,829</u>	<u>1,095</u>
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7 MERCHANDISING

Opening stock	331	390
Purchases	229	-
Closing stock at valuation	(460)	331
	<u>100</u>	<u>59</u>
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ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2025**

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
8 SOCIETY PAYMENTS		
Subscriptions payable - FFHS	-	-
Conference and fairs	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
9 DEPRECIATION		
Depreciation - equipment	1,143	395
Library	427	427
	<u>1,570</u>	<u>722</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
10 MEETINGS IN ESSEX		
Teas at meetings	-	-
Speakers at meetings	1,658	1,834
	<u>1,658</u>	<u>1,834</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
11 THE ESSEX FAMILY HISTORIAN		
Printing	7,037	4,909
Postage	3,412	2,747
	<u>10,449</u>	<u>7,656</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
12 LIBRARY		
Opening stock	2,568	2,995
Purchases	-	-
Depreciation of library stock	(427)	(427)
	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2,568</u>
Closing stock	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2,568</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
13 FIXED ASSETS		
	Equipment	
	<u>£</u>	
COST/VALUATION		
At 1 April 2024	13,441	
Additions	674	
	<u>14,115</u>	
At 31 March 2025	<u>14,115</u>	

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2025**

	<u>2025</u>
	£
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	12,259
Charge for the year	1,143
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At 31 March 2025	13,402
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WRITTEN DOWN VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	713
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At 31 March 2024	1,182
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ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2025****14 BANK BALANCES
CASH IN HAND**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Branches: Bank and Building		
Society accounts	2,043	1,471
Cash in hand	59	140
CAF – Current Account	2,064	6,004
CAF – Savings	42,501	46,824
Co-Operative Bank	768	2,578
Paypal	6,893	5,443
	<u>54,328</u>	<u>62,460</u>

15 SUNDRY CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Accruals	1,287	3,373
Subscriptions paid in advance	9,381	8,406
	<u>10,668</u>	<u>11,779</u>

16 INVESTMENT

CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund*		
(3036.06 Income Units @ 1948.06 per unit)**	59,144	62,035
(397.99 Income Units @ 1948.06 per unit)**	7,753	8,131
	<u>66,897</u>	<u>70,166</u>

*Purchased on 21/11/2013 under account no. 101410001T 3036.06 units in the COIF Charities Investment Fund Income Units at a total cost of £35,000.00.

Purchased 02/07/2015 under account no. 101410001T – 397.99 units in the COIF Charities Investment Fund Income Units at a total cost of £5,000.00.

** Selling price valuation at 31/03/2025

17 NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

Headquarters	(12,011)	8,370
S.E. Branch	17	247
W. Branch	18	136
N.E. Branch	19	49
	<u>(11,579)</u>	<u>9,514</u>

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2025**

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
18 SOUTH EAST ESSEX BRANCH		
INCOME		
Donations	221	464
Teas	329	324
Books	117	49
Raffles	144	255
Entrance Fees	532	344
Excess of income over expenditure	(247)	(893)
	<u>1,096</u>	<u>543</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Meetings in Essex (refreshments)	38	40
Speakers	450	400
Postage & Stationery	132	65
Hire of accommodation	-	-
Bank Charges	-	15
Miscellaneous	13	23
Payments to Head Office	463	-
	<u>1,096</u>	<u>543</u>
19 WEST ESSEX BRANCH		
INCOME		
Entrance & Donations	339	344
Excess of income over expenditure	(136)	(213)
	<u>203</u>	<u>131</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Postage, stationery etc	8	5
Refreshments	146	126
Payments to head office	49	-
	<u>203</u>	<u>131</u>
20 NORTH EAST ESSEX BRANCH		
INCOME		
Donations	2	1
Raffles	11	-
Meetings in Essex (refreshments)	78	64
Excess of income over expenditure	(49)	(37)
	<u>42</u>	<u>28</u>

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Meetings in Essex (refreshments)	28	18
Speakers	-	10
Postage and stationery	14	-
	<u>42</u>	<u>28</u>
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Treasurers Report for AGM October 2025

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending 31st March 2025.

Overview

The Society remains in a stable financial position, and we have continued to manage our income and expenditure carefully throughout the year. Our primary sources of income have been membership subscriptions, royalties, donations, investment income, bank interest and any event-related revenue. Our membership numbers have dropped by 75 from 1725 in December 2023 to 1650 in December 2024.

The trustees have reviewed and approved the annual accounts, which are now presented to members for adoption.

Income

Total income for the year was £28,794, which represents a decrease of £1,732 which is approximately 6% compared to the previous year. This change is mainly due to:

- A drop in membership numbers.
- A reduction in donations, interest and royalties

Expenditure

Total expenditure was £37,104 which was higher than last year's figure of £25,385. Major expenses included:

- Website hosting and IT services: £10,175 – now includes payments for Cyber Security and cost for the new website
- Magazine production and distribution: £10,449 – In comparison to last year's figure which was £7,656 where the August 2023 edition was a newsletter and not a magazine.
- Hall hire and meeting costs: £4,940 – hall hire has increased at each venue. We introduced a small attendance fee for members at live meetings (£1 per member and £3 per visitor), starting from 1st November 2024, to help offset increasing venue costs.



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- 50th Anniversary celebrations (Roadshows and events) £3,213
- Depreciation costs £1,570 – these have been amended to bring them into line as under depreciated in previous years

Balance

The net loss for the year was **-£8,310**.

At the end of the financial year, the Society's investment value dropped by £3,269 to £66,897.

The Society held a total balance in its bank accounts of £54,328. This provides us with a healthy reserve and enables us to plan future activities and investments with confidence.

Looking Ahead

While our financial position is sound, we continue to monitor costs carefully and explore ways to sustain income. As ever, we are grateful to all our members and volunteers whose support helps us operate efficiently and effectively.

I now formally present the accounts for your approval and am happy to answer any questions.

Please can I ask the members to approve the Annual Accounts for the year ending 2025.

Please can I also have your agreement to employing the examiner services of Chelmer Company services for the forthcoming year.

Tanya Sewell

Treasurer

10th October 2025