

# CONSTRUCTION HISTORY SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 291453

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1985-05-02

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE STUDY OF CONSTRUCTION HISTORY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

**Activities:** The Society's object is to promote the study of construction history for the public benefit. The Society organizes seminars and meetings, sponsors publications, assists the identification and preservation of archives, artifacts and records, co-ordinates and disseminates information in respect of construction, raises funds by way of subscriptions, sale of publications and seminars and conferences

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£38,053	£36,956	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,088	£20,873	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,021	£26,582	-	-
2021-12-31	£18,940	£20,006	-	-
2020-12-31	£23,644	£27,596	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr JAMES CAMPBELL</b>	Chair	
Dr Alexandrina Buchanen		2024-09-25
Dr DAVID YEOMANS		
Dr Fiona Smyth		2022-09-15
MICHAEL HEATON		
NINA BAKER		
Nicholas Aaron Bill		2022-09-15
Nick von Behr		2021-08-02
YITING PAN		2022-09-15

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# Accounts

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## **Construction History Society Annual Report for year ending 31 December 2024**

### **Activities**

The 39th volume of the Journal was published in two issues, and the magazine was circulated to members.

No conference was held in 2024 as the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Construction History was held in Zurich in June. The AGM of the CHS was held at this meeting on 27 June 2024.

### **Finances**

CHS finances are improving little by little and assets at the end of the last financial year totalled a little over £32,000 across various accounts.

Income and expenditure both increased this year. Subscription income was boosted by recouped costs from years prior. Other income relates to recouped costs from conferences held in years prior. No conference was held in the 2024 financial year. Publication sales were a good source of revenue this year. However, publication costs remained the biggest outlay, and these increased substantially this year. The CHS has moved to combine printing and postage for the magazine and journal which will bring costs down.

### **Membership**

At the AGM on 27 June 2024 there were 341 individual members (378 in 2023), 60% international (48% in 2022). The Membership Secretary is slowly recouping arrears and getting to grips with institutional subscriptions.

### **Trustees and Management**

At the AGM Mike Driver stood down as Secretary and was subsequently replaced by Alex Buchanan. Tom Peters became a Trustee.

The Management Committee met by ZOOM 4 times.

Charity Commissioners returns were submitted by the deadline and accounts were audited. Jonathan Spence, Senior Bursar of Queen's College Cambridge was re-appointed as Auditor.

*Alexandrina Buchanan (Secretary), 23 October 2025.*

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024

ACCOUNTS FOR 1st JANUARY 2024 TO 31st DECEMBER 2024

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

2023			2024	
<b>INCOME</b>				
£	11,039.25	SUBSCRIPTIONS	£	17,201.23
-		DONATIONS	£	-
£	6,468.68	PUBLICATION SALES	£	10,716.47
£	245.11	DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST	£	121.70
£	335.00	OTHER INCOME*	£	10,013.99
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£	18,088.04	TOTAL	£	38,053.39
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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
£	-	MEETING EXPENSES	£	545.54
£	17,594.40	COST OF PUBLICATIONS	£	28,034.23
£	739.00	PUBLICITY AND DEVELOPMENT	£	1,703.60
£	2,103.91	ADMINISTRATION	£	929.01
£	-	GRANTS SUBSCRIPTIONS	£	-
£	-	& DONATIONS	£	-
£	-	SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES	£	-
£	436.11	INSURANCE	£	551.32
		PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	£	5,192.62
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£	20,873.42	TOTAL	£	36,956.32
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£	18,088.04	TOTAL INCOME	£	38,053.39
-£	20,873.42	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£	36,956.32
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-£	2,785.38	SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£	1,097.07
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Fiona Smyth, Honorary Treasurer

James Campbell, Chairman

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ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

**BALANCE SHEET**

**2023**

£	33,603.67
-£	2,785.38
£	133.99
£	<u>30,952.28</u>

Accumulated funds b/f  
Plus surplus/less deficit  
Unrealised gain/loss\*

**2024**

£	30,952.28
£	1,097.07
£	<u>32,049.35</u>

**ASSETS**

£	1,636.39
£	-
£	5,192.62
£	-
£	19,214.36
£	2,301.23
£	2,607.68
£	<u>30,952.28</u>

Sundry debtors less creditors\*\*  
CAF BANK current account  
CAF Investment funds  
CAF Gold account  
CAF Shawbrook 60 day a/c  
HSBC current account  
HSBC deposit account

-£	6,458.79
£	-
£	-
£	-
£	19,214.67
£	6,602.40
£	12,691.07
£	<u>32,049.35</u>

\*Conference income from years prior

\*\* includes PayPal, 2024

Fiona Smyth, Honorary Treasurer to the Society

James Campbell, Chairman

**Jonathan Spence, DL, MA (Oxon), MA**  
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31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

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Dear Trustees

Having undertaken a review of the Construction History Society's accounts, I have reasonable cause to believe that

- proper accounting records were kept; and
- the accounts accord with the accounting records; and
- The accruals accounts comply with the legal requirements and the applicable SORP.

And additionally that

- No significant concerns identified

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Spence'.

Jonathan Spence, DL  
Senior Bursar