

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 8th 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.

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024

ACCOUNTS FOR 1st JANUARY 2024 TO 31st DECEMBER 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2023			2024	
		INCOME		
£	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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		EXPENDITURE		
£	-	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

Fiona Smyth, Honorary Treasurer

James Campbell, Chairman

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BALANCE SHEET

2023

£	33,603.67
-£	2,785.38
£	133.99
£	30,952.28

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

2024

£	30,952.28
£	1,097.07
£	32,049.35

ASSETS

£	1,636.39
£	-
£	5,192.62
£	-
£	19,214.36
£	2,301.23
£	2,607.68
£	30,952.28

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
£	32,049.35

*Conference income from years prior

** includes PayPal, 2024

Fiona Smyth, Honorary Treasurer to the Society

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31st 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