

Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of the De Vere Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the society for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on page 2 and 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 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 30 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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22nd January 2024

DVS Accounts 2023									
Bank Accounts		31.12.19		31.12.20		31.12.21		31.12.22	31.12.23
		Close £		Close £		Close £		Close £	Close £
Barclays community		9438.7		4232		535		17,668.06	2,779
Barclays saving		9263.28		88301		170310		139,347	110,492
PayPal \$ & £		6118.19		4379		12033		3,399	2,340
Barclays \$		2368.49		1613		0		-	-
Float									2,119
Consolidated bank balance		27189		98525		182877		160,414	117,730
Bank Movement		1357		71336		84353		(22,463)	(42,684)
Accounts		12m to Dec 2019		12m to dec 2020		12m to dec 2021		12m to dec 2022	12m to Dec 2023
Revenues									
PayPal subs (net of fees)		3151		4263		6818		6,753	10,851
Barclays £ subs		2143		2178		2014		2,714	2,579
Barclays \$ subs		1537		1155		1144		-	0
Over payment/rebate		-30		-225		43		-	-235
Unpaid subs due				5		150		-	0
Gift aid accrued		300		329		350		320	
Total subs		7101		7705		10519		9,787	13,194
book sales									13,808
Shop sales		268				983		7,943	3,799
Event Ticket Sales		0		0					8,783
Interest income		37		16		9		66	1,146
Donations		1000		80967		115380		33,721	35,970
Total Revenues		8406		88688		126891		51,516	76,700

Operating Expenses										
Paid Admin		-		-		(5,172)		(12,907)		(26,707)
Committee expenses		(1,659)		(2,324)		(2,467)		(4,787)		(7,869)
Digital marketing		(524)		(374)		-		-		-
Bank charges		(44)		(7)		-		(30)		(242)
Admin & Accountancy		(80)		(90)		(100)		(110)		(210)
Insurance										(532)
Data privacy		(1)		-		(2,160)		-		
Fx effects		26		200		(327)		(256)		(162)
Total expenses		(2,282)		(2,595)		(10,226)		(18,090)		(35,723)
Operating surplus		6,124		86,093		116,665		33,426		40,977
Exceptional legal fees										(23,879)
Operating surplus after exceptional items		6,124		86,093		116,665		33,426		17,099
Member Services, Research & Dissemination										
Zoom & IT Subs		-		-		(2,251)		(2,724)		(2,643)
Events		(771)		(1,537)		(3,324)		(12,730)		(25,843)
DVS Quarterly : Postage and Printing		(3,122)		(3,949)		(4,515)		(8,068)		(6,228)
Books: Preprint & publishing		-		-		(15,160)		(18,911)		(11,979)
Inventory for shop						(280)		(186)		(3,243)
Research Grants		(575)		-		-		(5,246)		(5,404)
Design, website, social media and SEO		-		(9,758)		(6,900)		(6,961)		(4,443)
Fixtures and hardware		-		(1,288)		(1)		-		-

Total member services etc.		(4,468)		(16,532)		(32,431)		(54,825)		(59,783)
Surplus for Year		1,657		69,560		84,234		(21,399)		(42,684)
Timing adjustments		(300)		1,776		119		(1,064)		
Cash movement		1,357		71,336		84,353		(22,463)		(42,684)