

# THE BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY

England & Wales · Charity number 505916

## Details

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**Other names** B M S G H

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1977-01-17

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STUDY OF GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY. AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE THE SOCIETY SHALL HAVE POWER: (A) TO PROMOTE, MAINTAIN AND ENCOURAGE THE PRACTISE OF AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY BY MEANS OF EDUCATION OR LECTURES AND OTHERWISE. (B) TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN RESEARCH INTO ALL ASPECTS OF GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION).

**Activities:** Family History Society

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Birmingham City
- Staffordshire
- Warwickshire
- Worcestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£58,863	£63,899	-	-
2023-12-31	£56,693	£75,461	-	-
2022-12-31	£56,915	£70,724	-	-
2021-12-31	£81,682	£76,649	-	-
2020-12-31	£117,075	£57,924	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIAN DE REDMAN		
Bernard Alan McLean		2025-05-03
David Bruce Kerr		2020-07-01
Linda Beilby		2018-05-02
Michael Frederick Sharpe		2019-07-24
PETER WILLIAM MIDDLETON BA		2019-01-14
Stephen Eric Freeman		2025-05-03

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# Accounts

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# Midland Ancestors



Midland Ancestors is the public face of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 505916**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST DECEMBER 2024  
FOR**

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the Period

From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Charity name: Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry

Charity registration number: 505916

### Objectives and Activities

<p><b>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document:</b></p>	<p>The Society's objectives, as stated in the Constitution, are to promote the advancement of public education in the study of Genealogy and Heraldry.</p> <p>In furtherance of these objects, but not otherwise, the Society has power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote, maintain and encourage the practice and dissemination of information</li> <li>• To promote and maintain research into all aspects of Genealogy and Heraldry</li> <li>• To preserve records, archives and any other material by transcription or otherwise</li> <li>• To publish literature, and</li> <li>• To collaborate with similar organisations and with such bodies as churches, libraries and record offices</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts:</b></p>	<p>During the year our activities have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full programme of speakers and events for all groups</li> <li>• The production and distribution of the Society quarterly journal Midland Ancestor.</li> <li>• The publication of material mainly in the form of digital downloads</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The continued work on transcribing and checking of parish registers and other items of genealogical interest for future publication</li> <li>•Photographing, storing and indexing of cemetery registers</li> <li>•Responding to requests for search of indexes</li> <li>•The sale of publications</li> <li>•The maintaining of a Society web site on the Internet giving access to the Society Online Shop, members' interests, calendar of events and a comprehensive family history presence to the public</li> <li>•Society groups running their own websites providing for specific local interest</li> <li>•Responding to members enquiries</li> <li>•Representation at various country-wide family history fairs</li> <li>•Continuing with a programme for the care of reference library books</li> <li>•Maintaining and operating a Family History Centre with weekday access</li> <li>•Maintaining a voluntary exchange of research at record offices by linking members in different locations</li> <li>•Representing the interests of the Society as a member of the Federation of Family History Societies</li> <li>•Offering education courses</li> <li>•Supporting the work of the area County Record Offices</li> </ul>
<b>Statement:</b>	In planning and maintaining activities, the trustees have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance concerning public benefit.

### **Additional information**

<b>Contribution made by volunteers</b>	The work of the Society is supported by the following unsalaried voluntary appointments:
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	<p>Publication Sales Team,</p> <p>Computer Support Team,</p> <p>Journal Editor,</p> <p>Lending Librarian,</p> <p>Reference Librarians,</p> <p>Research Officer,</p> <p>Record Office Liaison Officer</p> <p>Web-site Manager,</p> <p>Subscriptions Secretary,</p> <p>Social Media Officers,</p> <p>Index Holders.</p> <p>To meet the needs of members living outside the Birmingham area, the Society is supported by a network of groups. In 2024 these were based in Kenilworth, London, Stoke-on-Trent, Stourbridge and Wolverhampton. Groups arrange their own events under the organisation of elected officers.</p>
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## Achievements and Performance

<p><b>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to the society</b></p>	<p>The year ended with a membership of just under 1400 a steady increase over the year.</p> <p>The Trustees are pleased to report that a full programme of Birmingham Group physical meetings has taken place. Attendances remain relatively low compared with past years, but it is encouraging that numbers are steadily increasing. The other regional Society groups have made efforts to restore a programme of events to meet members needs in their local area.</p> <p>The Trustees express their satisfaction and thanks to those concerned who have enabled the Midland Ancestors Family History Centre to be open Monday to Friday. This facility is also a FamilySearch Affiliate Library which means that in addition to the comprehensive holding of genealogical, heraldic and local history resources, visitors now have access to millions of records held by the Family History Department</p>
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	<p>of the LDS Church.</p> <p>The Trustees would express their thanks to the dedicated and experienced team of librarians who are available to help and advise researchers.</p> <p>Members can now access monthly news- letters providing education into research and Family History Exchange Journals from both the UK and Overseas.</p> <p>The Trustees are pleased to report that it was possible for another Birmingham Local and Family History Fair to be held in June at the King Edward VI Girls' School Edgbaston. Useful contacts and links were made with groups and individuals sharing the aims of Midland Ancestors</p> <p>A large team of volunteers (35), led by the Warwickshire Project manager continue to transcribe Warwickshire Parish Registers and to make indexes and images available for sale through the Society shop. This project is almost complete, with just three larger parishes for Coventry remaining to be done.</p> <p>The Society's online shop is very popular with both members and non-members. The shop is managed daily by a team of three volunteers. A newsletter is emailed approximately monthly to 3324 shop newsletter subscribers. The Midland Ancestors Shop generated around half of the year's income excluding legacies and donations. This vital source of income relies upon an expanding stock of available items in convenient and flexible format to meet the needs of family historians. There are over 3,636 items in the shop with new items added every week, these include family/local history books, maps, parish registers and monument inscription transcripts, most of our own data is now available as pdf downloads and some of our partners have also converted to pdf downloads rather than producing CDs or books. We also sell a large selection of used books which have been donated to the society for us to resell. We have approximately 15 partners and sell their items in our shop, our biggest partners being Warwickshire County Record Office and Staffordshire Parish Registers Society.</p> <p>The Warwickshire Parish Register project is around 95% complete and will hopefully complete in 2025. This project has been running for 7 years and could not have happened without the massive amount of work done by the Project manager and her team of volunteers based world-wide.</p>
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	<p>Resulting indexes and images are available for sale through the Society shop. Several other projects are also in progress to digitise and index data. Thanks to the Data Manager and two volunteers who process/test this data prior to adding to the shop for sale.</p> <p>All our digitised data is also available via an app called “The Library Data Menu”, which is available in our library in Birmingham and several of our remote Groups, again, many thanks to the Data Manager who developed this app and maintains it with updated data every week.</p> <p>As previously reported, the printing and distribution of the society quarterly journal The Midland Ancestor is the primary benefit to the membership. The Editor continues to oversee the production of a high-quality publication which remains fresh, varied and relevant. The Editor has been keen to encourage reader participation resulting in a greater confidence among our members to submit contributions for consideration. The Trustees recognise with thanks, the considerable time and effort involved.</p> <p>The Trustees can report that the Memorabilia Archives for Midland Ancestors having been created is continuing to be developed.</p> <p>A successful trial was carried out whereby members were invited to an all-day social event. A private guided tour of Warstone Lane and Key Hill Cemetery in Birmingham followed by a guest speaker.</p>
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### Additional information

Achievements against objectives set	The Trustees wish to draw attention to the continuing success regarding running family history classes in both Birmingham the Wolverhampton area. This is a clear indicator that there is a demand to be met for the provision of courses.
Other	The Trustees are pleased to be informed that the free Eventbrite website was being used to promote some major Society events. In particular, the site will be used to promote some upcoming outreach events.

### Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Trustees have a reserves policy which is reviewed and updated annually to inform decision making. There continues to remain the expected significant increase in the Family History Centre room rent. In addition, reserves will be required to enlarge this facility to incorporate a training/seminar room and library extension, once the Midland Institute has decided, funded and completed work to modernise the building in which the library is situated. There have been during the year, and continue to be, general IT improvements to enhance members' and other users' experience and knowledge in addition to maintaining and improving IT security itself. Our reserves are also held for the purpose of satisfying further potential appropriate grant applications from other likeminded charitable organisations.
Amount of reserves held	<b>£159,255</b>

#### **Additional information**

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Regular income to support the Society aims and objectives has been generated in the main, from donations, subscriptions, publications sales, index searches and Gift Aid.
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### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection method	Elected by Annual General Meeting attendees for period of three years.

#### **Additional information**

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Current charity law and advice is shared with the trustees to inform their activities and decisions. To support the trustees in fulfilling their role the Society joined the National Council for Voluntary Organisations
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The Society is a member of The Family History Federation. This gives access to legal, financial and administrative guidance and expertise together with public liability insurance and the opportunity to engage with other like-minded national and

	<p>international groups.</p> <p>The Trustees regret to report the disbanding of the West Midlands Group of Family History Societies.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	The Society seeks close links with the county record offices and local archive repositories through shared projects and sponsorship.
Other	<p>The Trustees meet regularly to consider governance issues and review procedures and policies necessary to fulfil their legal obligations.</p> <p>A detailed questionnaire was delivered to all members, and the responses will inform how the Trustees manage the Society going forward.</p> <p>The Trustees have made themselves aware of GDPR requirements and acted accordingly to achieve regulation compliance.</p> <p>The Trustees can confirm that this charity did not experience any serious incidents in 2024 that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission but were not.</p>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry
Other name the charity uses	Midland Ancestors
Registered charity number	505916
Charity's principal address	Birmingham and Midland Institute 9 Margaret Street Birmingham B3 3BS

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

No.	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1.	Mr Philip Lamb	Chairperson		Members attending AGM
2.	Mr Adrian de	Vice-Chair		Members attending AGM

	Redman	Heraldry		
3.	Mrs Penny Smith	Vice-Chair Genealogy		Members attending AGM
4.	Ms Linda Beilby			Members attending AGM
5.	Mr David Kerr			Members attending AGM
6.	Mr Peter Middleton			Members attending AGM
7.	Mr Michael Sharpe			Members attending AGM
8.	Mr Gareth Pemberton			Members attending AGM
9.				Members attending AGM

There are no corporate trustees involved with the charity. There is no property belonging to the charity. There are no funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

### Additional information

#### Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Tom Williams	TASK, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, Gwynedd.

#### Names of senior staff members

General Secretary (Mrs. K. Walker)
Treasurer (Mr. P. Morris)
Sales Administrator (Mr. S. Freeman)

### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

#### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) MICHAEL SHARPE

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc) ACTING CHAIR

Date 23rd April 2025

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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, the Charities (Accounting and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages eleven and twelve.

**Respective responsibilities of 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's 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 in the statements 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 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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Date: 23rd April 2025

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**


		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		48,146	-	48,146	47,409
Activities for generating funds	2	5,595	-	5,595	6,493
Investment income	3	5,121	-	5,121	2,791
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>58,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,863</b>	<b>56,694</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		9,930	-	9,930	9,032
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Midland ancestor		12,038	-	12,038	14,756
Grants to other organisations		(123)	-	(123)	-
Wages		13,433	-	13,433	13,279
Other expenses		27,794	-	27,794	37,565
<b>Governance costs</b>	4	<b>828</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>828</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>63,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,899</b>	<b>75,461</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>(5,036)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,036)</b>	<b>(18,767)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>164,292</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>164,292</b>	<b>183,059</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>159,255</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159,255</b>	<b>164,292</b>

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	3,320	-	3,320	2,877
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	8	17,122	-	17,122	17,147
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>138,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,813</u>	<u>144,269</u>
		155,935	-	155,935	161,415
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>155,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,935</u>	<u>161,415</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		159,255	-	159,255	164,292
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>159,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,255</u>	<u>164,292</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9			159,255	164,292
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>159,255</u>	<u>164,292</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd Dec 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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Michael Sharpe  
Chairperson

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Plant and machinery - 25% on reducing balance

Office and PC - 25% on reducing balance

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pay to view	5,531	6,347
Sundry income	64	146
	<u>5,595</u>	<u>6,493</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

<b>3. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit account interest	5,121	2,791
<b>4. GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy	828	828
<b>5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS</b>		
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.		
<b>Trustees' expenses</b>		
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.		
<b>6. STAFF COSTS</b>	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	13,433	13,279
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
Governance	3	4
No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.		
<b>7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>		Plant and Machinery £
<b>COST</b>		
At 31 December 2024		28,685
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		
At 1 January 2024		24,257
Charge for year		1,107
At 31 December 2024		25,364
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
At 31 December 2024		3,321
At 31 December 2023		2,877

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**8. STOCKS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Library books	11,300	11,300
Stock of publications	<u>5,822</u>	<u>5,847</u>
	<u>17,122</u>	<u>17,147</u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01/01/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	164,292	(5,036)	159,255
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>164,292</u>	<u>(5,036)</u>	<u>159,255</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	58,863	(63,899)	(5,036)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>58,863</u>	<u>(63,899)</u>	<u>(5,036)</u>

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations and legacies	465	3,016
Publication sales	19,044	21,940
Meetings' fundraising activities	446	630
Ticket and fair sales income	879	-
Subscriptions	21,419	21,823
Gift aid	5,894	-
	<u>48,146</u>	<u>47,409</u>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Pay to view	5,531	6,347
Sundry income	64	146
	<u>5,595</u>	<u>6,493</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	5,121	2,791
	<u>5,121</u>	<u>2,791</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>58,863</b>	<b>56,694</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs</b>		
Publication costs (inc. stock movement)	8,821	8,799
Fair costs	1,108	240
	<u>9,930</u>	<u>9,039</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Honoraria	1,000	2,000
Grants to other organisations	(123)	-
Speakers	2,224	1,947
Subscriptions	1,240	974
Branch running costs	2,061	3,343
Sundries	185	191
Midland ancestor	12,038	14,756
Publicity and advertising	65	97
Repairs and maintenance	25	24
Room hire	1,503	1,164
Postage, stationery and printing	1,403	1,844
Rent	4,506	6,225
Depreciation	1,107	959
	<u>27,233</u>	<u>33,525</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	828	828

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Office salaries	13,433	13,279
Telephone	509	1,136
Travel	488	336
Bank processing	120	120
IT support and web hosting	<u>11,359</u>	<u>17,197</u>
	<u>25,909</u>	<u>32,069</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>63,899</u>	<u>75,461</u>
<b>Net income / loss</b>	<u>(5,036)</u>	<u>(18,767)</u>



**THE BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

England & Wales - Charity number 505916

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# Accounts

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# Midland Ancestors



Midland Ancestors is the public face of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 505916**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST DECEMBER 2023  
FOR**

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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# Midland Ancestors



Midland Ancestors is the public face of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry

## Trustees Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023

<b>Charity Name</b>	<b>Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy &amp; Heraldry</b>
Charity Reg Number	505916
<b>Objectives and Activities</b>	
Summary of the Purposes of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document	<p>The Society's objectives, as stated in the Constitution, are to promote the advancement of public education in the study of Genealogy and Heraldry.</p> <p>In furtherance of these objects, but not otherwise, the Society has power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote, maintain and encourage the practice and dissemination of information</li> <li>• To promote and maintain research into all aspects of Genealogy and Heraldry</li> <li>• To preserve records, archives and any other material by transcription or otherwise</li> <li>• To publish literature, and</li> <li>• To collaborate with similar organisations and with such bodies as churches, libraries and record offices</li> </ul>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full programme of speakers and events for all groups</li> <li>• The production and distribution of the Society quarterly journal The Midland Ancestor.</li> <li>• The publication of material mainly in the form of digital downloads</li> <li>• The continued work on transcribing and checking of parish registers and other items of genealogical interest for future publication</li> <li>• Photographing, storing and indexing of cemetery registers and associated material</li> <li>• Responding to requests for search of indexes</li> <li>• The sale of publications</li> <li>• The maintaining of a Society web site on the Internet giving access to the Society Online Shop, members' interests, calendar of events and a comprehensive family history presence to the general public</li> <li>• Society <i>satellite</i> groups running their own web-sites providing for specific local interest</li> <li>• Responding to members enquiries</li> <li>• Representation at various family history fairs</li> <li>• Continuing with a programme for the care of reference library books</li> <li>• Maintaining and operating a Family History Centre.</li> <li>• Representing the interests of the Society as a member of the Federation of Family History Societies</li> <li>• Offering educational courses</li> <li>• Supporting the work of the area County Record Offices</li> </ul>

Statement	In planning and maintaining activities, the trustees have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance concerning public benefit.	
<b>Additional Information</b>		
Contribution made by Volunteers	The work of the Society is supported by the following unsalaried voluntary appointments:	
	Publication Sales Team, Publications Committee Chairman, Projects and Publications Co-ordinators (vacant) Computer Support Team, Fairs Co-ordinator, Journal Editor, Lending Librarian, Reference Librarians,	Outings Co-ordinator, Record Office Liaison Officers (vacant) Publicity Officer (vacant), Web-site Manager, Gift Aid Officer, Subscriptions Secretary, Social Media Officer, Index Holders
To meet the needs of members living outside the Birmingham area, the Society is supported by a network of groups. In 2023 these were based in Bromsgrove (now closed), Kenilworth, London, Stoke-on-Trent, Stourbridge and Wolverhampton. Groups arrange their own events under the organisation of locally elected officers.		
<b>Achievements &amp; Performance</b>		
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>The year ended with a membership of 1317 which is lower than expected but is thought to be partly explained by historic weaknesses in data handling. The Trustees are satisfied that this issue is being addressed and will be more robust going forward. A major event was the celebration of the Diamond Anniversary of the Society. The Trustees were delighted to welcome self-financing members to a celebration lunch. The Society was one of the first family history societies to be formed.</p> <p>The Trustees are pleased to report that a full programme of Birmingham Group physical meetings has taken place. Attendances have not returned to pre-COVID levels and railway disruption has unfortunately resulted in frequent changes of date which has not helped. The other regional Society groups have made efforts to restore a programme of events to meet members needs in their local area.</p> <p>The Trustees express their satisfaction and thanks to those concerned who have enabled the Midland Ancestors Family History Centre to be open Monday to Friday and selected Saturdays. This facility is also a FamilySearch Affiliate Library which means that in addition to the comprehensive holding of genealogical, heraldic and local history resources, visitors now have access to millions of records held by the Family History Department of the LDS Church. The Trustees would express their thanks to the dedicated and experienced team of librarians who are available to help and advise researchers.</p> <p>The Trustees are grateful for the willingness of those involved to provide a monthly conferencing programme of help and advice. This has provided the opportunity for members and visitors from more</p>	

distant parts of the UK and internationally to have a continuing involvement.

The Trustees are pleased to report that engaging with the various heritage events reported on last year provided ongoing contact opportunities in 2023 with groups and individuals sharing the aims of Midland Ancestors.

The Trustees are grateful to those involved for the continuing monthly members' newsletter which is an invaluable means of communicating current information and encouraging opportunities for member involvement both within the Society and the wider field of family history activity.

A large team of volunteers (60+), led by the Warwickshire Project manager continue to work on the Warwickshire County Record Office project to transcribe Warwickshire Parish Registers and to make indexes and images available for sale through the Society shop. This project is almost complete, with just four of the larger parishes for Warwick and Coventry remaining to be done.

Following on from success of indexing the Societies large collection of very detailed Birmingham maps OS c.1888 made available for sale as downloads in the society shop, the Project Manager has embarked upon a similar project involving our holdings of Staffordshire OS maps.

The Society's online shop is very popular with both members and non-members. The shop is managed daily by a team of three volunteers. A newsletter is emailed approximately monthly to 3400+ shop newsletter subscribers. The Midland Ancestors Shop generated around half of the year's income excluding legacies and donations. This vital source of income relies upon an expanding stock of available items in convenient and flexible format to meet the needs of family historians. There are over 3,600 items in the shop with new items added every week, these include family/local history books, maps, parish registers and monument inscription transcripts, most of our own data is now available as pdf downloads and some of our partners have also converted to pdf downloads rather than producing CDs or books. We also sell a large selection of used books which have been donated to the society for us to resell. We have approximately 15 partners and sell their items in our shop, our biggest partners being Warwickshire County Record Office and Staffordshire Parish Registers Society.

The Warwickshire Parish Register project is around 95% complete and will hopefully complete in 2024. This project has been running for 5+ years and could not have happened without the massive amount of work done by the Project manager and her team of around 60 volunteers. Resulting indexes and images are available for sale through the Society shop. Several other projects are also in progress to digitise and index data. Thanks to the Data Manager and two volunteers who process/test this data prior to adding to the shop for sale.

All our digitised data is also available via an app called "The Library Data Menu", which is available in our Family History Centre in Birmingham and several of our satellite Groups, again, many thanks

	<p>to the Data Manager who developed this app and maintains it with updated data every week.</p> <p>The Trustees were also pleased to learn that The North Staffs group had engaged with the local authority and the Stoke-on-Trent Archives to create a project to record local burial registers.</p> <p>As previously reported, the printing and distribution of the society quarterly journal The Midland Ancestor is the primary benefit to the membership as a whole. The Editor continues to oversee the production of a high-quality publication which remains fresh, varied and relevant. The Editor has been keen to encourage reader participation resulting in a greater confidence among our members to submit contributions for consideration. The trustees recognise with thanks the considerable time and effort involved.</p> <p>The Trustees are able to report that a Memorabilia Archives for Midland Ancestors has been created and is being developed.</p>
<b>Additional Information</b>	
Achievements against objectives set	The Trustees wish to draw attention to the considerable success with regard to running library based family history classes in the Wolverhampton area. This is a clear indicator that there is a demand to be met for the provision of courses such as these.
Other	The Trustees are pleased to be informed that Eventbrite was now being used to promote some major Society events. In particular, the site will be used to promote some upcoming outreach events.
<b>Financial Review</b>	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Trustees have a reserves policy which is reviewed and updated annually to inform decision making. There continues to remain the expected significant increase in the Family History Centre room rent. In addition, reserves will be required to enlarge this facility to incorporate a training/seminar room and library extension, once the Midland Institute has decided, funded and completed work to modernise the building in which the library is situated. There have been during the year, and continue to be, general IT improvements to enhance members' and other users' experience and knowledge in addition to maintaining and improving IT security itself. Our reserves are also held for the purpose of satisfying further potential appropriate grant applications from other likeminded charitable organisations.
Reserves held	£164292.00
<b>Additional Information</b>	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>Regular income to support the Society aims and objectives has been generated in the main from donations, subscriptions, publications sales, index searches and Gift Aid.</p> <p>It became necessary for an increase in the membership subscription which was accepted at the AGM. This was the first increase since 2005.</p>

Other	The Society's application for National Lottery funding for the Family History Centre Library Digitisation Project was unsuccessful but the project still remains a necessary requirement.		
<b>Structure Governance &amp; Management</b>			
Description of charity's trusts:			
Type of governing document	Constitution		
How is the charity constituted?	Unincorporated Association		
Trustee selection method	Elected by Annual General Meeting attendees for period of three years.		
<b>Additional Information</b>			
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Current charity law and advice is shared with the trustees to inform their activities and decisions. To support the trustees in fulfilling their role the Society joined the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.		
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The Society is a member of The Family History Federation. This gives access to legal, financial and administrative guidance and expertise together with public liability insurance and the opportunity to engage with other like-minded national and international groups. The Society is a member of the West Midlands Group of Family History Societies.		
Relationship with any related parties	The Society seeks close links with the county record offices and local archive repositories through shared projects and sponsorship.		
Other	<p>The Trustees meet regularly to consider governance issues and review procedures and policies necessary to fulfil their legal obligations.</p> <p>The Trustees have made themselves aware of GDPR requirements and acted accordingly to achieve regulation compliance. They are assured that the new society membership data-base has much improved security features to further protect sensitive member data.</p> <p>The Trustees are able to confirm that this charity did not experience any serious incidents in 2023 that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission but were not.</p>		
<b>Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity</b>			
Trustee Name	Office (If Any)	Dates Acted if not for the whole Year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint Trustee (if any)
1	Mr Philip Lamb	Chairman	Members attending AGM
2	Mr Adrian de Redman	Vice-Chair Heraldry	
3	Mrs. Penny Smith	Vice-Chair Genealogy	
4	Ms. Linda Beilby		
5	Mr. David Kerr		
6	Mr Peter Middleton		
7	Mr Michael Sharpe		
8	Mr Gareth Pemberton	18 <sup>th</sup> July onwards	

There are no Corporate Trustees involved with the Charity  
 There is no property (real estate) belonging to the Charity  
 There are no funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity name	Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry
Other name the charity uses	Midland Ancestors
Charity Reg. Number	505916
Charity's principal address	Birmingham and Midland Institute 9 Margaret Street Birmingham B3 3BS

**Names and Addresses of Advisers**

Independent Examiner	Tom Williams, TASK Accounting Ltd., Colwyn Bay, Conway, LL29 7AW
The Charities Senior Staff Members	Mrs. K.S Walker - General Secretary Mr P.G. Morris – Treasurer Mr. S.E. Freeman – Sales Administrator
Declarations	The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above
Signed on Behalf of the Charities Trustees	
Signed	P. J. Lamb
Full Name	Philip John Lamb
Position	Chairman
Date	24/04/2024

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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, the Charities (Accounting and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages eleven and twelve.

**Respective responsibilities of 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's 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 in the statements 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 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.

T Williams  
Task Accounting Limited  
Commodore House  
51 Conway Road  
Colwyn Bay  
Conwy  
LL29 7AW

Date: 24/04/2024

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		47,409	-	47,409	49,043
Activities for generating funds	2	6,493	-	6,493	7,069
Investment income	3	<u>2,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,791</u>	<u>802</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		56,694	-	56,694	56,915
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		9,032	-	9,032	7,520
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Midland ancestor		14,756	-	14,756	13,724
Grants to other organisations		-	-	-	7,500
Wages		13,279	-	13,279	13,858
Other expenses		37,565	-	37,565	27,305
<b>Governance costs</b>	4	<u>828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>816</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>75,461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,461</u>	<u>70,724</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		(18,767)	-	(18,767)	(13,809)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>183,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,059</u>	<u>196,868</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>164,292</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>164,292</u></u>	<u><u>183,059</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	2,877	-	2,877	3,836
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	8	17,147	-	17,147	17,527
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>144,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,269</u>	<u>161,696</u>
		161,415	-	161,415	179,223
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>161,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,415</u>	<u>179,223</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		164,292	-	164,292	183,059
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>164,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164,292</u>	<u>183,059</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	9				
Unrestricted funds				164,292	183,059
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>164,292</u>	<u>183,059</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24th April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Philip Lamb

Chairman

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Plant and machinery - 25% on reducing balance

Office and PC - 25% on reducing balance

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Pay to view	6,347	6,813
Sundry income	146	256
	<u>6,493</u>	<u>7,069</u>

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,791</u>	<u>802</u>

**4. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy	<u>828</u>	<u>816</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**6. STAFF COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>13,279</u>	<u>13,858</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Governance	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and Machinery £
<b>COST</b>	
At 31 December 2023	<u>27,134</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2023	23,298
Charge for year	<u>959</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>24,257</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,877</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,836</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**8. STOCKS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Library books	11,300	11,300
Stock of publications	5,847	6,227
	<u>17,147</u>	<u>17,527</u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01/01/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	183,059	(18,767)	164,292
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>183,059</u>	<u>(18,767)</u>	<u>164,292</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	56,694	(75,461)	(18,767)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>56,694</u>	<u>(75,461)</u>	<u>(18,767)</u>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations and legacies	3,016	506
Publication sales	21,940	20,047
Meetings' fundraising activities	630	-
Ticket and fair sales income	-	1,605
Subscriptions	21,823	21,263
Worcester branch bequest	-	-
Gift aid	-	5,622
	47,409	49,043
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Pay to view	6,347	6,813
Sundry income	146	256
	6,493	7,069
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	2,791	802
	2,791	802
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	56,694	56,915
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs</b>		
Publication costs (inc. stock movement)	8,799	6,310
Excursion costs	-	-
Fair costs	240	1,210
	9,039	7,520
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Honoraria	2,000	-
Grants to other organisations	-	7,500
Speakers	1,947	2,196
Subscriptions	974	807
Branch running costs	3,343	3,469
Sundries	191	82
Midland ancestor	14,756	13,724
Publicity and advertising	97	74
Repairs and maintenance	24	-
Room hire	1,164	636
Postage, stationery and printing	1,844	2,721
Rent	6,225	5,243
Depreciation	959	1,279
	33,525	37,730
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	828	816

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Office salaries	13,279	13,858
Telephone	1,136	2,016
Travel	336	109
Bank processing	120	190
IT support and web hosting	<u>17,197</u>	<u>8,484</u>
	<u>32,069</u>	<u>24,657</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>75,461</u>	<u>70,724</u>
<b>Net income / loss</b>	<u><u>(18,767)</u></u>	<u><u>(13,809)</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

England & Wales - Charity number 505916

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 505916**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST DECEMBER 2022  
FOR**

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

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## Trustees Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022 to 31st Dec 2022

Charity Name	Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry
Charity Reg Number	505916
<b>Objectives and Activities</b>	
Summary of the Purposes of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document	<p>The Society's objectives, as stated in the Constitution, are to promote the advancement of public education in the study of Genealogy and Heraldry.</p> <p>In furtherance of these objects, but not otherwise, the Society has power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote, maintain and encourage the practice and dissemination of information</li> <li>• To promote and maintain research into all aspects of Genealogy and Heraldry</li> <li>• To preserve records, archives and any other material by transcription or otherwise</li> <li>• To publish literature, and</li> <li>• To collaborate with similar organisations and with such bodies as churches, libraries and record offices</li> </ul>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>During the year our activities have included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full programme of speakers and events for all groups involving some 55 presentations.</li> <li>• The production and distribution of the Society quarterly journal Midland Ancestor.</li> <li>• The publication of material in the form of compact discs, DVD's and digital downloads.</li> <li>• The continued work on transcribing and checking of parish registers and other items of genealogical interest for future publication</li> <li>• Photographing, storing and indexing of cemetery registers</li> <li>• Responding to requests for search of indexes</li> <li>• The sale of publications</li> <li>• The maintaining of a Society web site on the Internet giving access to the Society Online Shop, members' interests,</li> </ul>

<p><i>Usual activities appearing in italics indicates a temporary suspension in 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions.</i></p>	<p>calendar of events and a comprehensive family history presence to the general public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Society groups running their own web-sites providing for specific local interest</li> <li>• <i>Representation at various country-wide family history fairs</i></li> <li>• Responding to members enquiries</li> <li>• <i>Organising of trips to the National Archives Kew and other venues of interest.</i></li> <li>• Continuing with a programme for the care of reference library books</li> <li>• Maintaining and operating a Family History Centre with weekday access in accordance with Covid-19 socialising restrictions.</li> <li>• Maintaining a voluntary exchange of research at record offices by linking members in different locations</li> <li>• Representing the interests of the Society as a member of the Federation of Family History Societies</li> <li>• Offering education courses</li> <li>• Supporting the work of the area County Record Offices</li> </ul>		
<p>Statement</p>	<p>In planning and maintaining activities, the trustees have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance concerning public benefit.</p>		
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>			
<p>Contribution made by Volunteers</p>	<p>The work of the Society is supported by the following unsalaried voluntary appointments:</p>		
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">           Publication Sales Team,            Publications Committee Chairman,            Projects and Publications Co-ordinators (vacant)            Computer Support Team,            Fairs Co-ordinator,            Journal Editor,            Lending Librarian,            Reference Librarians,         </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">           Outings Co-ordinator,            Record Office Liaison Officers (vacant)            Publicity Officer (vacant),            Web-site Manager,            Gift Aid Officer,            Subscriptions Secretary,            Social Media Officer,            Index Holders         </td> </tr> </table>	Publication Sales Team, Publications Committee Chairman, Projects and Publications Co-ordinators (vacant) Computer Support Team, Fairs Co-ordinator, Journal Editor, Lending Librarian, Reference Librarians,	Outings Co-ordinator, Record Office Liaison Officers (vacant) Publicity Officer (vacant), Web-site Manager, Gift Aid Officer, Subscriptions Secretary, Social Media Officer, Index Holders
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	<p>To meet the needs of members living outside the Birmingham area, the Society is supported by a network of groups. In 2022 these were based in Bromsgrove, Kenilworth, London, Stoke-on-Trent,</p>		

Stourbridge and Wolverhampton. Groups arrange their own events under the organisation of locally elected officers.

## Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

The year began with a membership of 1618 members. 253 members were lost during the year but there were 79 new members.

The planned programme of speakers for Birmingham was greatly disrupted, due mainly to the continuing effects of COVID-19 socialising restrictions and, as the year progressed, a reluctance of members to feel safe enough to attend physical meetings which were resumed in the Autumn. We continued with zoom meetings but the attempts to hold hybrid meetings did not prove technically achievable to meet our requirements. Other regional Society groups endeavoured to make arrangements to suit their member's needs.

The Trustees express their satisfaction and thanks to those concerned with enabling the Midland Ancestors Family History Centre to be open Monday to Friday. This facility has been greatly enhanced by becoming a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. In addition to the comprehensive holding of genealogical, heraldic and local history resources, visitors will now have access to millions of records held by the Family History Department of the LDS Church. The Trustees would wish to express their thanks for the experienced team of librarians who are available to offer help and advice to researchers.

Contact with the membership and public was maintained through the society web-site and included a virtual programme of speakers. The conferencing events programme has provided the opportunity for members and visitors from more distant parts of the UK and internationally to participate. The trustees have sought to encourage a return to physical meetings but have also been mindful that conferencing allows the opportunity to keep in touch with national and international members.

The Trustees are pleased to report that a Midland Ancestors Heritage Event took place in September. The Birmingham Local and Family History Fair held at Cannon Hill Park attracted 176 paying visitors and 27 exhibitors. The event was run by 38 society volunteers and approx. 60 other support volunteers.

The Trustees have been very appreciative of the General Secretary's continuing monthly members' newsletter which has become an invaluable means of communicating current information and encouraging opportunities for member involvement both within the Society and the wider field of family history activity.

A large team of volunteers (60+), led by the Warwickshire Project manager, have worked on the Warwickshire County Record Office

	<p>project to transcribe Warwickshire Parish Registers and to make indexes and images available for sale through the Society shop. This project is now around 85% complete, just some of the larger parishes for Warwick and Coventry, and a few others, remain to be done.</p> <p>The society has a large collection of very detailed Birmingham maps c.1888 and these have all been indexed by the maps Project manager and made available for sale as downloads in the society shop. The maps index has recently been updated by the Project manager.</p> <p>The Society's online shop is very popular with both members and non-members. The shop is managed on a daily basis by a team of four volunteers. A newsletter is emailed approximately monthly to 3300+ shop newsletter subscribers. The Midland Ancestors Shop generated around a third of the year's income excluding legacies and donations. This vital source of income relies upon an expanding stock of available items in convenient and flexible format to meet the needs of family historians. There are over 3,000 items in the shop with new items added every week, including updates to the Warwickshire Parish Registers as they become available. These include family/local history books, maps, parish registers and monument inscription transcripts available as downloads. We also sell a large selection of 2nd hand books which have been donated to the society. We have approximately 12 partners and sell their items in our shop, our biggest partners being Warwickshire County Record Office and Staffordshire Parish Registers Society.</p> <p>The printing and distribution of the society quarterly journal The Midland Ancestor is the primary benefit to the membership as a whole. The Editor continues to oversee the production of a high-quality publication which remains fresh, varied and relevant. The Editor has been keen to encourage reader participation. The trustees recognise with thanks the considerable time and effort involved.</p>
<b>Additional Information</b>	
Achievements against objectives set	Having agreed in 2021 to donate £21k to four separate groups within our area who share our aims and objectives, the trustees are pleased to report successful outcomes. The groups have been able to provide evidence of their achievements and have been willing to acknowledge the Society's sponsorship. In due time it has been agreed that the details and resulting benefits will be shared with members through speaker presentations or journal articles.
<b>Financial Review</b>	

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Trustees have a reserves policy which is reviewed and updated annually to inform decision making. There continues to remain the expected significant increase in the Family History Centre room rent once the Midland Institute has decided, funded and completed work to modernise the building in which the Centre is situated. Additionally, it is the Society's intention to enlarge this facility to incorporate a training/seminar room and library extension to encourage more users. There have been during the year, and continue to be, general IT improvements to enhance members' and other users' experience and knowledge in addition to maintaining and improving IT security itself. Our recently enhanced reserves are held for the purpose of satisfying further potential appropriate grant applications from other likeminded charitable organisations, although without further significant donations in the medium term, they will also be required if losses begin to accumulate whilst we work to generate greater interest in the Society.
Reserves held	£183,059.00
<b>Additional Information</b>	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Regular income to support the Society aims and objectives has been generated in the main from donations, subscriptions, publications sales, index searches and Gift Aid.
<b>Structure Governance &amp; Management</b>	
Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection method	Elected by Annual General Meeting attendees for period of three years.
<b>Additional Information</b>	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Current charity law and advice is shared with the trustees to inform their activities and decisions.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The Society is a member of The Family History Federation. This gives access to legal, financial and administrative guidance and expertise together with public liability insurance and the opportunity to engage with other like-minded national and international groups.

	The Society is a member of the West Midlands Group of Family History Societies.
Relationship with any related parties	The Society seeks close links with the county record offices and local archive repositories through shared projects and sponsorship.
Other	<p>The Trustees meet regularly to consider governance issues and review procedures and policies necessary to fulfil their legal obligations.</p> <p>The Trustees have made themselves aware of GDPR requirements and acted accordingly to achieve regulation compliance. They are assured that the new society membership data-base has much improved security features to further protect sensitive member data.</p> <p>The Trustees are able to confirm that this charity did not experience any serious incidents in 2021 that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission but were not.</p>

### Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office (If Any)	Dates Acted if not for the whole Year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint Trustee (if any)
1 Mr Philip Lamb	Chairman		Members attending AGM
2 Mr Adrian de Redman	Vice-Chair Heraldry		
3 Mrs. Penny Smith	Vice-Chair Genealogy		
4 Dr. Anthony Joseph		Until September	
5 Ms. Linda Beilby			
6 Mr. David Kerr			
7 Mr Peter Middleton			
8 Mr Michael Sharpe			

There are no Corporate Trustees involved with the Charity  
There is no property (real estate) belonging to the Charity  
There are no funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

### Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry
Other name the charity uses	Midland Ancestors
Charity Reg. Number	505916

Charity's principal address	Birmingham and Midland Institute 9 Margaret Street Birmingham B3 3BS
<b>Additional Information</b>	
Names and Addresses of Advisers	
Independent Examiner	Tom Williams, TASK Accounting Ltd., Colwyn Bay, Conway, LL29 7AW
The Charities Senior Staff Members	Mrs. J.D. Cotterill - General Secretary Mr P.G. Morris – Treasurer Mr. S.E. Freeman – Sales Administrator
Declarations	The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above
Signed on Behalf of the Charities Trustees	
Signed	
Full Name	Philip John Lamb
Position	Chairman
Date	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2023

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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, the Charities (Accounting and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages eleven and twelve.

**Respective responsibilities of 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's 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 in the statements 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 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.

T Williams  
Task Accounting Limited  
Commodore House  
51 Conway Road  
Colwyn Bay  
Conwy  
LL29 7AW

Date: 25th April 2023

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		49,043	-	49,043	74,484
Activities for generating funds	2	7,069	-	7,069	6,225
Investment income	3	<u>802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>973</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		56,915	-	56,915	81,682
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		7,520	-	7,520	10,588
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Midland ancestor		13,724	-	13,724	12,436
Grants to other organisations		7,500	-	7,500	13,660
Wages		13,858	-	13,858	13,964
Other expenses		27,305	-	27,305	25,185
<b>Governance costs</b>	4	<u>816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>816</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>70,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,724</u>	<u>76,649</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		(13,809)	-	(13,809)	5,033
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>191,858</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>196,868</u>	<u>186,825</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>183,059</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>183,059</u></u>	<u><u>196,868</u></u>

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**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	3,836	-	3,836	2,524
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	8	17,527	-	17,527	16,890
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>161,696</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,696</u>	<u>177,454</u>
		179,223	-	179,223	194,344
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>179,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,223</u>	<u>194,344</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		183,059	-	183,059	196,868
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>183,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,059</u>	<u>196,868</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	9				
Unrestricted funds				183,059	191,858
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>	<u>5,010</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>183,059</u>	<u>196,868</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Philip Lamb  
Chairman

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Plant and machinery - 25% on reducing balance

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Pay to view	6,813	6,097
Sundry income	256	128
	<u>7,069</u>	<u>6,225</u>

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>802</u>	<u>973</u>

**4. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy	<u>816</u>	<u>816</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**6. STAFF COSTS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>13,858</u>	<u>13,964</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Governance	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and Machinery £
<b>COST</b>	
At 31 December 2022	<u>27,134</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2022	22,019
Charge for year	<u>1,279</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>23,298</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,836</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,524</u>

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**8. STOCKS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Library books	11,300	11,300
Stock of publications	<u>6,227</u>	<u>5,590</u>
	<u><u>17,527</u></u>	<u><u>16,890</u></u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01/01/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	191,858	(8,799)	183,059
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	<u>5,010</u>	<u>(5,010)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>196,868</u></u>	<u><u>(13,809)</u></u>	<u><u>183,059</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	56,915	(70,724)	(13,809)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>56,915</u></u>	<u><u>(70,724)</u></u>	<u><u>(13,809)</u></u>

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations and legacies	506	17,527
Publication sales	20,047	26,507
Excursion income	-	-
Ticket and fair sales income	1,605	35
Subscriptions	21,263	23,979
Gift aid	5,622	6,436
	49,043	74,484
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Pay to view	6,813	6,097
Sundry income	256	128
	7,069	6,225
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	802	973
	56,915	81,682
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs</b>		
Publication costs (inc. stock movement)	6,310	10,918
Excursion costs	-	-
Fair costs	1,210	330
	7,520	10,588
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Honoraria	-	1,000
Grants to other organisations	7,500	13,660
Speakers	2,196	1,010
Subscriptions	807	1,423
Branch running costs	3,469	2,344
Sundries	82	96
Midland ancestor	13,724	12,436
Publicity and advertising	74	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-
Room hire	636	248
Postage, stationery and printing	2,721	2,381
Rent	5,243	6,114
Depreciation	1,279	841
	37,730	41,553
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	816	816

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**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Office salaries	13,858	13,964
Telephone	2,016	1,191
Travel	109	-
Bank processing	190	192
IT support and web hosting	<u>8,484</u>	<u>8,344</u>
	<u>24,657</u>	<u>23,692</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>70,724</u>	<u>76,649</u>
<b>Net income / loss</b>	<u><u>(13,809)</u></u>	<u><u>5,033</u></u>

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 505916



# Midland Ancestors



Midland Ancestors is the public face of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST DECEMBER 2021  
FOR**

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

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## Trustees Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 to 31st Dec 2021

Charity Name	Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry
Charity Reg Number	505916
<b>Objectives and Activities</b>	
Summary of the Purposes of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document	<p>The Society's objectives, as stated in the Constitution, are to promote the advancement of public education in the study of Genealogy and Heraldry. In furtherance of these objects, but not otherwise, the Society has power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote, maintain and encourage the practice and dissemination of information</li> <li>• To promote and maintain research into all aspects of Genealogy and Heraldry</li> <li>• To preserve records, archives and any other material by transcription or otherwise</li> <li>• To publish literature, and</li> <li>• To collaborate with similar organisations and with such bodies as churches, libraries and record offices</li> </ul>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p> <p><i>Usual activities appearing in italics indicates a temporary suspension in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.</i></p>	<p><i>During the year our activities have included</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A restricted programme of speakers for Birmingham, society groups and interest groups via video conferencing and in compliance with COVID-19 socialising restrictions. From October some limited physical meetings were held.</i></li> <li>• <i>The production and distribution of the Society quarterly journal Midland Ancestor.</i></li> <li>• <i>The publication of material in the form of compact discs, DVD's and digital downloads</i></li> <li>• <i>The continued work on transcribing and checking of parish registers and other items of genealogical interest for future publication</i></li> <li>• <i>Photographing, storing and indexing of cemetery registers</i></li> <li>• <i>Responding to requests for search of indexes</i></li> <li>• <i>The sale of publications</i></li> <li>• <i>The maintaining of a Society web site on the Internet giving access to the Society Online Shop, members' interests, calendar of events and a comprehensive family history presence to the general public.</i></li> <li>• <i>Some society groups running their own web-sites providing for specific local interest.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Representation at various country-wide family history fairs.</i></li> <li>• <i>Responding to members enquiries.</i></li> <li>• <i>Organising of trips to the National Archives Kew and other venues of interest.</i></li> <li>• <i>Continuing with a programme for the care of reference library books.</i></li> <li>• <i>Maintaining and operating a Family History Centre with weekday access in accordance with Covid-19 socialising restrictions.</i></li> <li>• <i>Maintaining a voluntary exchange of research at record offices by linking members in different locations.</i></li> <li>• <i>Representing the interests of the Society as a member of the Federation of Family History Societies.</i></li> <li>• <i>Offering education courses.</i></li> <li>• <i>Supporting the work of the area County Record Offices</i></li> </ul>	
Statement	In planning and maintaining activities, the trustees have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance concerning public benefit.	
<b>Additional Information</b>		
Contribution made by Volunteers	The work of the Society is supported by the following unsalaried voluntary appointments:	
	Publication Sales Team, Publications Committee Chairman, Projects and Publications Co-ordinators Computer Support Team, Fairs Co-ordinator, Journal Editor, Lending Librarian, Reference Librarians,	Outings Co-ordinator, Record Office Liaison Officers Publicity Officer (vacant), Web-site Manager, Gift Aid Officer, Subscriptions Secretary, Social Media Officer, Index Holders
	To meet the needs of members living outside the Birmingham area, the Society is supported by a network of groups. In 2021 these were based in Bromsgrove, Kenilworth, London, Stoke-on-Trent, Stourbridge and Wolverhampton. Groups arrange their own events under the organisation of locally elected officers.	

<b>Achievements &amp; Performance</b>	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>The year began with a membership 1743 and ended with 1585. New members numbered 127.</p> <p>Most of the usual physically attended public activities were not able to take place in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The trustees regularly considered the situation and were at all times guided by governmental instruction and advice.</p> <p>Contact with the membership and public was maintained through the society web-site and included a virtual programme of speakers. The conferencing events programme has provided the opportunity for members and visitors from more distant parts of the UK and internationally to participate.</p> <p>The Trustees have been very appreciative for the General Secretary's continuing monthly members' newsletter which has become an invaluable means of communicating current information and encouraging opportunities for member involvement both within the Society and the wider field of family history activity.</p> <p>The Society's online shop is very popular with both members and non-members. The shop is managed on a daily basis by the following volunteers: Caroline Mason, Dawn Alexandre' Grau, Mark Thursfield and Steve Freeman. A newsletter is emailed approximately monthly to 2800+ shop newsletter subscribers. The Midland Ancestors Shop generated around half of the year's income excluding legacies and donations. This vital source of income relies upon an expanding stock of available items in convenient and flexible format to meet the needs of family historians. There are over 3,000 items in the shop with new items added every week, including updates to the Warwickshire Parish Registers as they become available. These include family/local history books, maps, parish registers and monument inscription transcripts available as downloads. We have approximately 12 partners and sell their items in our shop, our biggest partners being Warwickshire County Record Office and Staffordshire Parish Registers Society.</p> <p>The printing and distribution of the society quarterly journal The Midland Ancestor is the primary benefit to the membership as a whole. The Editor continues to oversee the production of a high-quality publication which remains fresh, varied and relevant. There was an increase in the number of colour pages and further opportunities for reader participation. The trustees recognise with thanks the considerable time and effort involved.</p>
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	
<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>A major initiative during the year has involved the channelling of a proportion of legacy received funds into the financial support of organisations within the area who share our aims and objectives. A trustee sub-committee gave considerable time and effort to establish a bidding process in accordance with strict criteria to ensure compliance</p>

	with Charity good practice. As a result, the Trustees were able to approve a grant total of just over £21k in donations to four separate groups.
<b>Financial Review</b>	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Trustees have a reserves policy which is reviewed and updated annually to inform decision making. There continues to remain the expected significant increase in the Family History Centre room rent. In addition, reserves will be required to enlarge this facility to incorporate a training/seminar room and library extension, once the Midland Institute has decided, funded and completed work to modernise the building in which the library is situated. There have been during the year, and continue to be, general IT improvements to enhance members' and other users' experience and knowledge in addition to maintaining and improving IT security itself. Our recently enhanced reserves as noted earlier in this report are held for the purpose of satisfying further potential appropriate grant applications from other likeminded charitable organisations.
<b>Additional Information</b>	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Regular income to support the Society aims and objectives has been generated in the main from donations, subscriptions, publications sales, index searches and Gift Aid.
<b>Structure Governance &amp; Management</b>	
Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Written Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection method	Elected by Annual General Meeting attendees for period of three years.
<b>Additional Information</b>	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	A revised Constitution and Governance Documentation reflecting changing circumstances and ensuring compliance with current charity law and advice was brought to the 2021 AGM for acceptance.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The Society is a member of The Family History Federation. This gives access to legal, financial and administrative guidance and expertise together with public liability insurance and the opportunity to engage with other like-minded national and international groups.  The Society is a member of the West Midlands Group of Family History Societies.

Relationship with any related parties	The Society seeks close links with the county record offices and local archive repositories through shared projects and sponsorship.
Other	<p>The Trustees meet regularly to consider governance issues and review procedures and policies necessary to fulfil their legal obligations.</p> <p>The Trustees have made themselves aware of GDPR requirements and acted accordingly to achieve regulation compliance. They are assured that the new society membership data-base has much improved security features to further protect sensitive member data.</p> <p>The Trustees are able to confirm that this charity did not experience any serious incidents in 2021 that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission but were not.</p>

#### Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office (If Any)	Dates Acted if not for the whole Year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint Trustee (if any)
1 Mr Philip Lamb	Chairman		Members attending AGM
2 Mr Adrian de Redman	Vice-Chair Heraldry		
3 Mrs. Penny Smith	Vice-Chair Genealogy		
4 Dr. Anthony Joseph			
5 Mr. Christopher Evetts		To 30 <sup>th</sup> April	
6 Ms. Linda Beilby			
7 Mr Peter Middleton			
8 Mr Michael Sharpe			
9 Mr. David Kerr			

There are no Corporate Trustees involved with the Charity

There is no property (real estate) belonging to the Charity

There are no funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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#### Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry
Other name the charity uses	Midland Ancestors
Charity Reg. Number	505916
Charity's principal address	Birmingham and Midland Institute 9 Margaret Street Birmingham B3 3BS

<b>Additional Information</b>	
Names and Addresses of Advisers	
Independent Examiner	Tom Williams, TASK Accounting Ltd., Colwyn Bay, Conway, LL29 7AW
The Charities Senior Staff Members	Mrs. J.D. Cotterill - General Secretary Mr P.G. Morris – Treasurer Mr. S.E. Freeman – Sales Administrator
Declarations	The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above
Signed on Behalf of the Charities Trustees	
Signed	
Full Name	Philip John Lamb
Position	Chairman
Date	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2022

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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, the Charities (Accounting and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages eleven and twelve.

**Respective responsibilities of 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's 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 in the statements 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 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.

T Williams  
Task Accounting Limited  
Commodore House  
51 Conway Road  
Colwyn Bay  
Conwy  
LL29 7AW

Date: 9th May 2022

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		74,484	-	74,484	110,017
Activities for generating funds	2	6,225	-	6,225	6,296
Investment income	3	<u>973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>973</u>	<u>762</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		81,682	-	81,682	117,075
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		10,588	-	10,588	10,199
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Midland ancestor		12,436	-	12,436	12,274
Grants to other organisations		13,660	-	13,660	-
Wages		13,964	-	13,964	13,755
Other expenses		25,185	-	25,185	20,880
<b>Governance costs</b>	4	<u>816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>816</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>76,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,649</u>	<u>57,924</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		5,033	-	5,033	59,150
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>186,825</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>191,835</u>	<u>132,685</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>191,858</u></u>	<u><u>5,010</u></u>	<u><u>196,868</u></u>	<u><u>191,835</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	2,524	-	2,524	1,899
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	8	16,890	-	16,890	18,758
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>172,444</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>177,454</u>	<u>171,178</u>
		189,334	5,010	194,344	189,936
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>189,334</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>194,344</u>	<u>189,936</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		191,858	5,010	196,868	191,835
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>191,858</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>196,868</u>	<u>191,835</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	9				
Unrestricted funds				191,858	186,825
Restricted funds				<u>5,010</u>	<u>5,010</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>196,868</u>	<u>191,835</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th April 2022 and were signed on it's behalf by:

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Philip Lamb  
Chairman

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Plant and machinery - 25% on reducing balance

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Pay to view	6,097	6,285
Sundry income	128	11
	<u>6,225</u>	<u>6,296</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
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**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>973</u>	<u>762</u>

**4. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy	<u>816</u>	<u>816</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**6. STAFF COSTS**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>13,964</u>	<u>13,755</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Governance	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and Machinery £
<b>COST</b>	
At 31 December 2021	<u>24,543</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2021	21,178
Charge for year	<u>841</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>22,019</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,524</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,899</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
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**8. STOCKS**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Library books	11,300	11,300
Stock of publications	<u>5,590</u>	<u>7,458</u>
	<u><u>16,890</u></u>	<u><u>18,758</u></u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01/01/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	186,825	5,033	191,858
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	<u>5,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,010</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>191,835</u></u>	<u><u>5,033</u></u>	<u><u>196,868</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	81,682	(76,649)	5,033
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>81,682</u></u>	<u><u>(76,649)</u></u>	<u><u>5,033</u></u>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations and legacies	17,527	54,360
Publication sales	26,507	30,035
Excursion income	-	-
Ticket and fair sales income	35	102
Subscriptions	23,979	25,521
Gift aid	6,436	-
	<u>74,484</u>	<u>110,017</u>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Pay to view	6,097	6,285
Sundry income	128	11
	<u>6,225</u>	<u>6,296</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	973	762
	<u>973</u>	<u>762</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	81,682	117,075
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs</b>		
Publication costs (inc. stock movement)	10,918	9,847
Excursion costs	-	-
Fair costs	(330)	351
	<u>10,588</u>	<u>10,199</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Honoraria	1,000	1,000
Grants to other organisations	13,660	-
Speakers	1,010	668
Subscriptions	1,423	1,037
Branch running costs	2,344	1,034
Sundries	96	34
Midland ancestor	12,436	12,274
Publicity and advertising	-	78
Repairs and maintenance	-	-
Room hire	248	658
Postage, stationery and printing	2,381	2,480
Rent	6,114	6,979
Depreciation	841	633
	<u>41,553</u>	<u>26,874</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	816	816

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Office salaries	13,964	13,755
Telephone	1,191	2,117
Travel	-	-
Bank processing	192	120
IT support and web hosting	<u>8,344</u>	<u>4,044</u>
	<u>23,692</u>	<u>20,035</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>76,649</u>	<u>57,924</u>
<b>Net income / loss</b>	<u><u>5,033</u></u>	<u><u>59,150</u></u>

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**THE BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

England & Wales - Charity number 505916

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period



Period start date			Period end date		
01	January	2020	31	December	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry

**Other name charity is known by** Midland Ancestors

**Registered charity number** 505916

**Charity's principal address**

Birmingham and Midland Institute	
9 Margaret Street	
Birmingham	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>B3 3BS</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr. Philip Lamb	Chairman		Members attending AGM
2	Mr. Adrian de Redman	Vice-Chairman Heraldry		Members attending AGM
3	Mrs. Penny Smith	Vice-Chairman Genealogy		Members attending AGM
4	Dr. Anthony Joseph			Members attending AGM
5	Mr. Christopher Evetts			Members attending AGM
6	Ms. Linda Beilby			Members attending AGM
7	Mr. Peter Middleton			Members attending AGM
8	Mr. Michael Sharpe			Members Attending AGM
9	Mr. David Kerr		Co-opted 24 June 2020	
10				
11				

### Names of the trustees for the charity

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None - the society does not own property	

### Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Tom Williams	TASK, 51 Conway Road, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL29 7AW

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Administered by General Secretary (Mrs. J.D. Cotterill), Treasurer (Mr. P. Morris) and Sales Administrator (Mr. S. Freeman)
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## Section B Structure, governance and management

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Annual General Meeting attendees for period of three years.

## Additional governance issues

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Society is a member of the Federation of Family History Societies. This gives access to legal, financial and administrative guidance and expertise together with public liability insurance and the opportunity to engage with other like-minded national and international groups.

The Society is a member of the West Midlands Group of Family History Societies. The Society seeks close links with the county record offices and local archive repositories through shared projects and sponsorship.

The Trustees meet regularly to consider governance issues and review procedures and policies necessary to fulfil their legal obligations.

The Trustees have made themselves aware of GDPR requirements and acted accordingly to achieve regulatory compliance.

To comply with COVID-19 restrictions, the Trustees were forced to cancel the 2020 AGM as the constitution did not allow for a virtual meeting alternative. A process was then started and continues to make any necessary changes to the Constitution and Governance Documentation to reflect the changed circumstances and ensure compliance with current charity law and advice. It is intended that a revised document be brought to the 2021 AGM for acceptance.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Society's objects, as stated in the Constitution, are to promote the advancement of public education in the study of Genealogy and Heraldry. In furtherance of these objects, but not otherwise, the Society has power:

- To promote, maintain and encourage the practice and dissemination of information
- To promote and maintain research into all aspects of Genealogy and Heraldry
- To preserve records, archives and any other material by transcription or otherwise
- To publish literature, and
- To collaborate with similar organisations and with such bodies as churches, libraries and record offices

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

During the year our planned activities have included (with some necessary curtailment in compliance with CoVID-19 socialising restrictions.)

- A restricted programme of speakers for Birmingham, branches and interest groups, after March being via distant conferencing and
- The production and distribution of the Society quarterly journal Midland Ancestor
- The publication of material in the form of compact discs, DVDs and digital downloads.
- The continued work on transcribing and checking of parish registers and other items of genealogical interest for future publication
- Photographing, storing and indexing of registers, maps, memorial stones and such like
- Responding to requests for search of indexes
- The sale of publications
- The maintaining of a Society web site on the Internet giving access to the Society Online Shop, members' interests, calendar of events and a comprehensive family history presence to the general public
- Society branches running their own websites providing for specific local interest
- Representation at various country-wide family history fairs
- Responding to members enquiries
- Organising of trips to the National Archives Kew and other venues of interest.
- Continuing with a programme for the care of reference library books
- Maintaining and operating a Family History Centre with weekday access.
- Maintaining a voluntary exchange of research at record offices by linking members in different locations
- Representing the interests of the Society as a member of the Federation of Family History Societies
- Offering education courses
- Supporting the work of the area County Record Offices

In planning and maintaining activities, the trustees have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance concerning public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities**

- contribution made by volunteers.

The work of the Society is supported by the following unsalaried voluntary appointments:

Publication Sales Team,  
Publications Committee Chairman,  
Projects and Publications Co-ordinator (vacant),  
Computer Support Team,  
Fairs Co-ordinator,  
Journal Editor,  
Lending Librarian,  
Reference Librarians,  
Outings Secretary,  
Record Office Liaison Officer (vacant),  
Publicity Officer(vacant),  
Web-site Manager,  
Subscriptions Secretary,  
Social Media Officer  
Index Holders.

To meet the needs of members living outside the Birmingham area, the Society is supported by a network of branches. In 2020 these were in Bromsgrove, Kenilworth, London, Stoke-on-Trent, Stourbridge and Wolverhampton. Branches arrange their own events under the organisation of elected officers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

126 new members joined the society during 2020. Total membership is around 1,750.

Most of the physically attended public activities the Trustees reported on in 2019 were not able to take place in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The trustees regularly considered the situation and were at all times guided by governmental instruction and advice.

Contact with the membership and public was maintained through the society website and included a virtual programme of speakers. The Trustees wish to draw attention to the tremendous time and effort given by the Chairman to enable this new arrangement to take place so successfully. One advantage of the conferencing events programme has been the opportunity for members and visitors to join in from Australia and North America as well as other more distant parts of the UK.

The Trustees were very appreciative for the General Secretary's initiative in sending out to members a superb monthly newsletter with information about current matters of interest and opportunities for involvement both within the Society and the wider field of family history activity. This vital link has been very well received and is archived on the website.

The Trustees are greatly relieved to report that the long-awaited new purpose-built membership database finally came into operation in the autumn. It is compliant with data protection requirements and is expected to enable all aspects of administration involving members to benefit from this investment in what should prove to be an efficient reliable system.

The large team of some 60 volunteers continue to transcribe the Warwickshire County Record Office parish registers and make images available for sale through the Society shop. Another team of volunteers have also been working on transcription projects. The data is processed and made available for sale as downloads.

The Society's online shop is very popular with both members and non-members and 2020 was an exceptional year. This was mainly due to our customers finding themselves locked down by COVID-19 restrictions and having a lot of extra time for research from home. The shop has many volunteers who add new items to stock and process orders.

The Midland Ancestors Shop generated around half of the year's income excluding legacies and donations. This vital source of income relies upon an expanding stock of available items in convenient and flexible format to meet the needs of family historians. There are over 3,150 items in the shop with new items added every week. These include family/local history books, maps, parish registers and monument inscription transcripts available as downloads and much more.

Most of the Midland Ancestors items are now available in pdf downloadable format which provides customers with a very convenient, postage free, immediate delivery of requested items.

This service is extended to many of our partners data especially the Warwickshire County Record Office, Staffordshire Parish Registers Society and Midlands Historical Data.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees have a reserves policy which is reviewed and updated annually to inform decision making. There remains an expected significant increase in reference library rent. In addition, reserves will be required to enlarge this facility to incorporate a training/seminar room and library extension, together with the associated and general IT improvements to enhance members' experience and knowledge. There was a significant additional income received from legacies which will now be the subject of a major ongoing initiative to make some of the funds available to groups or organisations with very similar aims and objectives to our own. A sub-committee set up for the purpose will oversee the application administration and the recommendation of appropriate grants before reporting back to the Trustees for approval.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Regular income to support the aims and objectives has been generated in the main from subscriptions, publications sales, index searches and Gift Aid.

Expenditure has allowed:

- the rent of a room as the charity headquarters, family history centre and reference library
- the hire of rooms for meetings and storage
- the engagement of speakers in support of programmes of events
- the maintenance of the society website
- the development of an improved members' database
- a presence at local and national events
- the production of a quarterly magazine
- supporting internal and outside projects
- replacing, updating and maintaining equipment

## Section F

## Other optional information

The Trustees are able to confirm that this charity did not experience any serious incidents in 2020 that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission but were not.

The Society is the principal genealogical and heraldic society for the counties of Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, including the modern metropolitan borough known as the West Midlands which comprises Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full name

Philip John Lamb

Position

Chairman

Date

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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, the Charities (Accounting and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on pages eleven and twelve.

**Respective responsibilities of 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's 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 in the statements 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 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.

T Williams  
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51 Conway Road  
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Conwy  
LL29 7AW

Date:

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2020 Total funds	2019 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		110,017	-	110,017	52,068
Activities for generating funds	2	6,296	-	6,296	7,571
Investment income	3	<u>762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>321</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		117,075	-	117,075	59,960
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		10,199	-	10,199	15,149
<b>Charitable activities</b>				-	
Midland ancestor		12,274	-	12,274	12,349
Wages		13,755	-	13,755	13,892
Other expenses		20,880	-	20,880	27,876
<b>Governance costs</b>	4	<u>816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>804</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>57,924</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,924</u>	<u>70,070</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		59,150	-	59,150	(10,110)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>127,675</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>132,685</u>	<u>142,794</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>186,825</u></u>	<u><u>5,010</u></u>	<u><u>191,835</u></u>	<u><u>132,685</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2020 Total funds	2019 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	1,899	-	1,899	1,845
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	8	18,758	-	18,758	17,647
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>166,168</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>171,178</u>	<u>113,192</u>
		184,926	5,010	189,936	130,840
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>184,926</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>189,936</u>	<u>130,840</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		186,825	5,010	191,835	132,685
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>186,825</u></u>	<u><u>5,010</u></u>	<u><u>191,835</u></u>	<u><u>132,685</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	9				
Unrestricted funds				186,825	127,675
Restricted funds				<u>5,010</u>	<u>5,010</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>191,835</u></u>	<u><u>132,685</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... 2021 and were signed on it's behalf by:

.....  
Philip Lamb  
Chairman



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>762</u>	<u>321</u>

**4. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accountancy	<u>816</u>	<u>804</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**6. STAFF COSTS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>13,755</u>	<u>13,892</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Governance	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and Machinery £
<b>COST</b>	
At 31 December 2020	<u>23,077</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2020	20,545
Charge for year	<u>633</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>21,178</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,899</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,845</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**8. STOCKS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Library books	11,300	11,300
Stock of publications	<u>7,458</u>	<u>6,347</u>
	<u><u>18,758</u></u>	<u><u>17,647</u></u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01/01/20	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	127,675	59,150	186,825
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	<u>5,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,010</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>132,685</u></u>	<u><u>59,150</u></u>	<u><u>191,835</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	117,075	(59,150)	57,924
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Heraldry	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>117,075</u></u>	<u><u>(59,150)</u></u>	<u><u>57,924</u></u>

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR  
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations and legacies	54,360	25
Publication sales	30,035	20,479
Excursion income	-	2,091
Ticket and fair sales income	102	3,172
Subscriptions	<u>25,521</u>	<u>26,301</u>
	110,017	52,068
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Pay to view	6,285	7,191
Sundry income	<u>11</u>	<u>379</u>
	6,296	7,571
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	<u>762</u>	<u>321</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	117,075	59,960
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs</b>		
Publication costs (inc. stock movement)	9,847	11,373
Excursion costs	-	2,196
Fair costs	<u>351</u>	<u>1,581</u>
	10,199	15,149
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Honoraria	1,000	1,000
Speakers	668	2,407
Subscriptions	1,037	1,244
Branch running costs	1,034	2,301
Sundries	34	291
Midland ancestor	12,274	12,349
Publicity and advertising	78	2,873
Room hire	658	2,125
Postage, stationery and printing	2,480	1,531
Rent	6,979	7,240
Depreciation	<u>633</u>	<u>615</u>
	26,874	33,976
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	816	804

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Office salaries	13,755	13,892
Telephone	2,117	1,411
Travel	-	371
Bank processing	120	119
Web Hosting	<u>4,044</u>	<u>4,348</u>
	<u>20,035</u>	<u>20,141</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>57,924</u>	<u>70,070</u>
<b>Net income / loss</b>	<u><u>59,150</u></u>	<u><u>(10,110)</u></u>

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