

THE OXTON SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 511130

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1981-04-06

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

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Activities

Objects: (i) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.(ii) To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit.(iii) To secure the preservation protection development and improvement of features of public interest in or affecting the area of benefit.

Activities: Conservation Advise Environment Heritage Village Focus

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£54,322	£60,652	-	-
2024-02-29	£58,536	£52,220	-	-
2023-02-28	£22,035	£12,315	-	-
2022-02-28	£11,419	£11,923	-	-
2021-02-28	£7,758	£13,850	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher David Jarrey	Chair	2022-09-29
ALAN CHAPE		
GRIFF Round		2018-09-13
J WILLIS		2018-09-13
John Heathman		2021-09-29

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The Oxton Society

21st October 2025



Dear Oxton Society Member

Notification of Society Annual General Meeting 2025

The Oxton Society's AGM will be held at the St Saviour's Parish Centre starting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th November 2025.

A copy of the Annual Report for 2024-2025 is included with your newsletter pack and is also on our web site. The agenda for the AGM is overleaf. Any other supporting documents are also on the society's website. <https://theoxtonsociety.co.uk/>

Our actual meeting will start at 7pm, but a welcome drink will be available from 6.30pm and the society's committee members will be in attendance should you wish to meet them.

We currently have vacancies for new members of our Committee. Please contact myself should you be interested in being nominated to join the committee. Our email address is info@theoxtonsociety.co.uk

Hope to see you at the AGM.

With best wishes,

John Heathman

(Secretary, The Oxton Society)

Agenda for Oxton Society Annual General Meeting

St. Saviour's Parish Centre, 30 Bidston Road CH43 2JZ

Wednesday 12th November 2025 starting at 7pm

1. Chair's Welcome
2. Approval of minutes of last AGM held November 7th 2024
3. Matters arising
4. Guest presentation from Wirral Borough Council Planning Team
"Heritage and Conservation now and the future"
5. Presentation and Approval of Chair's Annual Report
6. Discussion on Society future strategy and projects
7. Accounts and Approval of Treasurer's Report
8. Nomination and election of Officers and Executive Committee
Members
9. Presentation of Design Awards
10. Presentation of Community awards
11. Questions from the floor

Close

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Annual Report for year 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025

Introduction from Chris Jarrey, Chairman

Welcome to the Chairman's report for the year 2024-2025, my third annual report as chair of the society; another year has gone by in the blink of an eye! Much has been achieved and much planned for the future, all in all yet another excellent year for the society and its members.

Our beautiful village continues to thrive thanks to the wonderful mixture of residential and business properties, all lending themselves to the special environment that is Oxton village and the unique vibe of the whole Oxton area.

Our core conservation work continues to deal with a plethora of interesting planning applications for building and tree work throughout the year for which our busy officers should be heartily thanked for the time and work they put in keeping on top of things.

Other positive results can be seen in the maintenance of our uniquely varied boundary walls and the work of the tree group, all of which goes towards retaining, nourishing and replenishing the feel of the village. It's often the little nudges and willing knowledgeable advice which the society is able to gently give that can make a big difference in sustaining our village as a delightful place to live and work and thanks must go to all in the society whose expertise and devotion to the cause makes this happen.

Once more our main fundraising event of the year, the Oxton Secret Gardens, has flourished and advanced in its offering under the leadership of Kirsty Cotton and Lisa Stafford, along with the excellent stewardship of a small army of local volunteers, most of which who go mainly unheralded but to whom on behalf of the society and I hope the village in general I would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude. Kirsty and Lisa, as event managers have continued to build and develop the success of the event and I hope they know they are especially appreciated by all members of the society.

I know that many of our members also work with or are members of the Callister Gardens Trust and The Friends Of The Arno, so it was great to act on our renewed constitution and be able to make a financial contribution to both these organisations to help them develop and improve on their own activities. The enhancement of the immediately adjacent areas of the Oxton Conservation area is important to us, and obviously we can ourselves, enjoy the gardens they manage and the services they provide. Details can be seen in the annual accounts statement in this report.

I would like to pay tribute to three retiring committee members. Firstly, George Harrison has been with us for many years and has been an active member of our tree planning group. His knowledge and calming advice over the years has been very important to the committee.

Two retiring executive officers from the committee and long-term stalwarts of the Oxton Society in Alan Chape and Jeff Willis, will also be retiring at this AGM. The time and effort they have put into every activity we partake within

the Oxton Society over many years is impossible to quantify. Their dedication and unapparelled expertise will be greatly missed, so a huge thank you on behalf of everyone involved with the society both past and present is totally warranted. Alan and Jeff, the society would not be what it is today without your colossal efforts. Thank you

Coupled with the loss of committee members and a common theme in 2024-2025 is in the availability of volunteers to organize and help with running our projects and events, and I believe we are reaching a critical period of change. It is hoped that over the remaining months of 2025, moving into 2026 will see a new band of volunteers joining our ranks who can keep the vibrancy of our village alive. If you, or anyone you know of can help in this important task, please contact us.

Further below are some more detailed statements of our activities, and most importantly, our financial report. Thank you, as members, for your support to the society.

Chris Jarrey
Chair

Report of Partnership Officer: Alan Chape

This has been a year of developing an effective partnership with Conservation Areas Wirral (CAW) and this has focused on ensuring that Wirral Borough Council has an effective programme for protecting the region's 26 Conservation Areas. Oxton CA is regarded as one of the most active areas and is in a position to provide assistance to other areas not as blessed. As such, I have tried to bring our approach to other CAs in my capacity as Chair of CAW. This is especially in relation to how you should relate to the Council's conservation section and keep abreast of changing and new policy. An important element has been how the topic of climate change should be addressed especially in relation to solar panels and other aspects of climate change. In addition, climate change is starting to impact on Oxton's treescape which leads to addressing the possible danger of very large trees which have outgrown their original setting. It is important that we share the expertise of the Oxton society committee with other conservation areas not as well represented as Oxton. Sharing our knowledge and practice will become even more important as the conservation and heritage agenda brings new challenges and new policy requirements.

Report on conservation, heritage and building and property planning regulations.

We have continued to liaise with and try to influence Wirral council where necessary in the protection of the conservation area's building assets. For the official period of the report this involved mainly ensuring that the new Council Local Plan, for development over the next 25 years, was considerate to conservation areas. Fortunately, we believe the finally approved plan allows for no detriment to heritage and conservation assets in the whole Wirral area. As we move further into 2025, we are engaging with the council as part of their 'Local Listing' project and seeking enhanced protection status to worthy buildings.

Trees and treescape

Being an important asset to the conservation area, our treescape needs constant attention and management. Our concern in this regard is that many trees have become overgrown and are now quite old which can lead to the need for severe growth removal due to public safety concerns. We are, again keen that we encourage residents to manage their tree assets according to the council's regulations and in this we have attended many properties during the year to offer our advice to the property owners, and formal recommendations back to the Council's tree department for planning decisions to be made.

Report from the Membership Secretary, Hugh Owen

The Oxton Society is a membership organisation. Our members are the lifeblood of the Society and play a key role in terms of:

- running the Society on a day-to-day basis and organising all of our activities.

We have no paid staff.

- providing the core funding for the Society through paying an annual subscription, and

- giving legitimacy to the Society as the main voice of conservation in Oxton.

We are extremely grateful to all members for your continuing support, and for the hard work of those who help run the Society – whether through delivering newsletters, researching our local history, reviewing planning issues or helping organise our events. In turn, we hope that we are accountable to you through our regular emails and newsletters, publishing this annual report and inviting you to open events such as the annual general meeting. We have also recently undertaken a membership survey to canvass your views on our priorities over the next few years, and we look forward to sharing the results.

At the end of our financial year (February 2025) we had 457 residential members, and over 60 community and business partners. Of those residential members 42 were life members – usually in recognition of their exceptional service to Oxton – and 415 paid by regular subscription. However subsequently we have reviewed our records, and around 50 memberships have lapsed as a result of non-payment of subscriptions, following reminders being sent to the individuals and households concerned. This gives a ‘true’ membership figure of around 410.

The primary payment method for subscriptions is now standing order, and this has simplified administration for both members and the Society, with annual membership renewal now automatic, unless the standing order is cancelled. At the end of the year, around 85% of members paid by standing order, and this continues to rise with the current proportion now over 90%. In addition, a similar proportion of members have opted to enable the society to claim ‘gift aid’ on their subscriptions, an important source of additional income. We are very grateful to those who have already made this choice, and for any member who is a taxpayer and has not, we would encourage you to do likewise as there is no additional cost to yourself. If you would like to ‘gift aid’ your subscription, or are not sure whether you have or not, please contact the Membership Secretary at membership@theoxtonsociety.co.uk.

We are delighted to continue to welcome new members at the rate of around two per month and will continue to encourage local residents to join the Society to support our important work and help make Oxton a better place to live. We’d appreciate any support you can give in promoting membership to your friends and neighbours. The more members we have, the bigger the voice! We also have a small number of members who live ‘out of the area’ – around 5% of our membership – normally former residents who like to use their membership to keep in touch with a place which clearly still matters to them. It is a testimony to the continued pulling power of Oxton.

Secret Gardens

The SG event continues to be the key method for ensuring the society can operate on a sound financial footing. It also means that the society has been able to continue to engage with and financially support local charities in the area who volunteer to help us run the event. This is such an important aspect to both the society committee and the SG organizing team which greatly helps the motivation required to manage a 5000 person invasion of the village! That the event continues to run efficiently and smoothly is a huge tribute to the leadership of Lisa Stafford and Kirsty Cotton.

Christmas Lights

The society made a significant financial investment in upgrading the lights and switches, which ensured we had a smoothly run operation and a great display of festive lights for the season. The event continues on and has proven an important diary date for many residents (and non-residents). Marie and Dave Pennington, again led the volunteer team which with some last-minute offers of help, effected a great Switch-On party. Some of that organizing team including their leader, Marie, have decided to hand over to a new team. A big thank you to Marie for her volunteering over the years.

Hanging Baskets

Amazingly, and thankfully, the ever-stalwart John Booth still took the lead role again and ensured a fabulous display of flowers was installed in the village. Finding a volunteer to take over this task has been seemingly impossible and with John not continuing beyond 2025's baskets project, if no one is found to take on this lead role the whole project is in danger. The society continues to fund the entire cost of the hanging baskets project annually which runs to approximately £2500+.

Finance Report from the Treasurer, Griff Round.

2024/5 was a year where we made use of reserves in specific strategic ways. Money was provided to Callister Garden and Friends of the Arno, as sister organisations important to the Oxtan community. Funds were also invested in the Christmas lights and the conservation of heritage lampposts within the village centre. At year end nearly £30,000 remained in reserves. Although ticket sales for the Secret Gardens were down slightly, increases in other income and a reduction in expenses of the event reduced any impact on funds raised for charities and for the Oxtan Society. A summary of our published accounts is overleaf.

Summary of the annual accounts for 2024-2025				
Year ended 29 Feb 2024			Year ended 28 Feb 2025	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
Administration				
£4,024		Memberships & donations	£4,009	
	£542	Accountancy		£596
	£296	AGM		£176
	£169	Website/Software		£159
	£1,311	Newsletters		£1,762
£163	£1,178	Other	£197	£594
£4,187	£3,495		£4,206	£3,287
Strategic aims				
£12,063		OxSoc Secret Gardens	£11,172	
	£0	Blue plaque		£0
	£3,291	Hanging baskets		£3,347
£156	£1,219	History group & periodical	£127	£658
£4,823	£6,605	Xmas lights	£5,524	£9,209
		Community		£8,350
	£304	Conservation		£2,508
£17,042	£11,418		£16,823	£24,072
£21,229	£14,913	Totals for the year	£21,029	£27,359
£36,069		Carried forward	£29,739	
Secret Gardens				
Secret Gardens 2024			Secret Gardens 2025	
£22,480		£8 Programmes (pre- sales)	£21,596	
£12,687		£10 Programmes (on the day)	£10,275	
£9,298		Other income	£10,080	
	£8,835	Expenses		£8,451
	£24,941	Payments to charities		£23,450
	£10,689	Balance to Oxsoc		£10,050
£44,465	£44,465		£41,951	£41,951
Programme numbers				
2810		£8 Programmes (pre- sales)	2700	
1268		£10 Programmes (on the day)	1027	
4078		Total programmes sold	3727	

Ends

The Oxton Society

Financial Statements
for the year ended
28 February 2025

The Oxton Society
Financial Statements
for the year ended 28 February 2025

Honorary Secretary	Mr John Heathman
Treasurer	Mr Griff Round
Address	142 Grosvenor Road Prenton Wirral CH43 1UD
Independent Examiner	Horner Downey & Co Ltd Chartered Accountants 10 Stadium Court, Stadium Road Bromborough Wirral CH62 3RP

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts
Report to the Members of The Oxtan Society

We report to the Members of The Oxtan Society on accounts for the year ended 28 February 2025 set out on pages 3 to 4.

The charity's members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our 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 our attention.

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

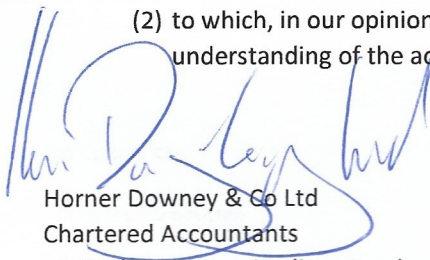
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have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Horner Downey & Co Ltd
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10 Stadium Court, Stadium Road
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Dated 8/5/25

The Oxton Society
Balance Sheet As At 28th February 2025

	Year ended 28 February 2025		Year ended 29 February 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets				
Freehold land				
Equipment	1		1	
	762		1,015	
Computer Software				
As per last account	-		-	
Less: Provision for Depreciation	-		-	
	-		-	
Total Fixed Assets		763		1,016
Current Assets				
Stock	-		-	
Cash at Bank - General Account	14,995		11,104	
Savings Account - Hampshire Trust Bank	16,459		26,262	
Petty Cash	1,803		1,548	
	33,257		38,914	
	34,020		39,930	
Creditors				
Accruals		550		1,000
Unearned Income		3,731		2,861
		4,281		3,861
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		29,739		36,069
Reserves				
Unrestricted				
Surplus for the year	-	6,330	6,316	
Reserve Brought Forward	36,069		29,753	
	36,069	29,739	36,069	
Restricted				
Net Surplus for the year	-		-	
Reserve Brought Forward	-		-	
	-	-	-	
		29,739		36,069

Approved by the Committee

Signed on behalf of the committee

Mr John Heathman



Date

8/5/25

Mr Griff Round



Date

8/5/25

The Oxton Society
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 28th February 2025

	Year ended 28 February 2025			Year ended 29 February 2024		
	£ Secret Garden	£ Other	£ Total	£ Secret Garden	£ Other	£ Total
Income						
Secret Gardens	44,465		44,465	49,370		49,370
Memberships		3,676	3,676		3,778	3,778
Xmas Lights		5,524	5,524		4,823	4,823
Donations		333	333		246	246
Periodicals		127	127		156	156
	<u>44,465</u>	<u>9,660</u>	<u>54,125</u>	<u>49,370</u>	<u>9,003</u>	<u>58,373</u>
Expenses						
Secret Garden Exp						
Secret Garden Exp	(8,352)		(8,352)	(11,659)		(11,659)
Secret Garden Charities	(24,941)		(24,941)	(25,648)		(25,648)
	<u>(33,293)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,293)</u>	<u>(37,307)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(37,307)</u>
Administration						
Administration Expenses		-	-		(604)	(604)
Accountancy		(596)	(596)		(542)	(542)
AGM		(176)	(176)		(296)	(296)
Website/Software		(159)	(159)		(169)	(169)
Newsletters		(1,762)	(1,762)		(1,311)	(1,311)
Room rental		(180)	(180)		-	-
Bank charges		(57)	(57)		(66)	(66)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,930)</u>	<u>(2,930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>
Strategic Aims						
Hanging Baskets		(3,347)	(3,347)		(3,291)	(3,291)
History Group		(658)	(658)		(1,219)	(1,219)
Xmas Lights		(9,209)	(9,209)		(6,604)	(6,604)
Conservation		(2,508)	(2,508)		(304)	(304)
Community		(8,350)	(8,350)		-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,072)</u>	<u>(24,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,418)</u>	<u>(11,418)</u>
Depreciation						
Depreciation		(357)	(357)		(507)	(507)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(357)</u>	<u>(357)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(507)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>(33,293)</u>	<u>(27,359)</u>	<u>(60,652)</u>	<u>(37,307)</u>	<u>(14,913)</u>	<u>(52,220)</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>11,172</u>	<u>(17,699)</u>	<u>(6,527)</u>	<u>12,063</u>	<u>(5,910)</u>	<u>6,153</u>
Other Income						
Interest received		197	197		163	163
	<u>-</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>11,172</u>	<u>(17,502)</u>	<u>(6,330)</u>	<u>12,063</u>	<u>(5,747)</u>	<u>6,316</u>
Surplus to General Reserves						
Surplus Brought Forward	<u>70,932</u>	<u>(34,863)</u>	<u>36,069</u>	<u>58,869</u>	<u>(29,116)</u>	<u>29,753</u>
Surplus carried Forward	<u>82,104</u>	<u>(52,365)</u>	<u>29,739</u>	<u>70,932</u>	<u>(34,863)</u>	<u>36,069</u>

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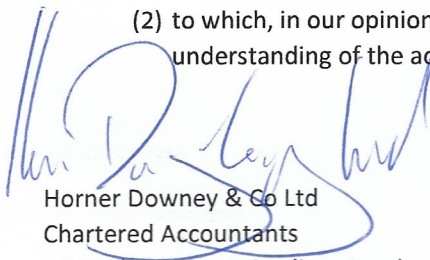
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Mr Griff Round



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Hanging Baskets		(3,347)	(3,347)		(3,291)	(3,291)
History Group		(658)	(658)		(1,219)	(1,219)
Xmas Lights		(9,209)	(9,209)		(6,604)	(6,604)
Conservation		(2,508)	(2,508)		(304)	(304)
Community		(8,350)	(8,350)		-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,072)</u>	<u>(24,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,418)</u>	<u>(11,418)</u>
Depreciation						
Depreciation		(357)	(357)		(507)	(507)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(357)</u>	<u>(357)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(507)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>(33,293)</u>	<u>(27,359)</u>	<u>(60,652)</u>	<u>(37,307)</u>	<u>(14,913)</u>	<u>(52,220)</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>11,172</u>	<u>(17,699)</u>	<u>(6,527)</u>	<u>12,063</u>	<u>(5,910)</u>	<u>6,153</u>
Other Income						
Interest received		197	197		163	163
	<u>-</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>11,172</u>	<u>(17,502)</u>	<u>(6,330)</u>	<u>12,063</u>	<u>(5,747)</u>	<u>6,316</u>
Surplus to General Reserves						
Surplus Brought Forward	<u>70,932</u>	<u>(34,863)</u>	<u>36,069</u>	<u>58,869</u>	<u>(29,116)</u>	<u>29,753</u>
Surplus carried Forward	<u>82,104</u>	<u>(52,365)</u>	<u>29,739</u>	<u>70,932</u>	<u>(34,863)</u>	<u>36,069</u>

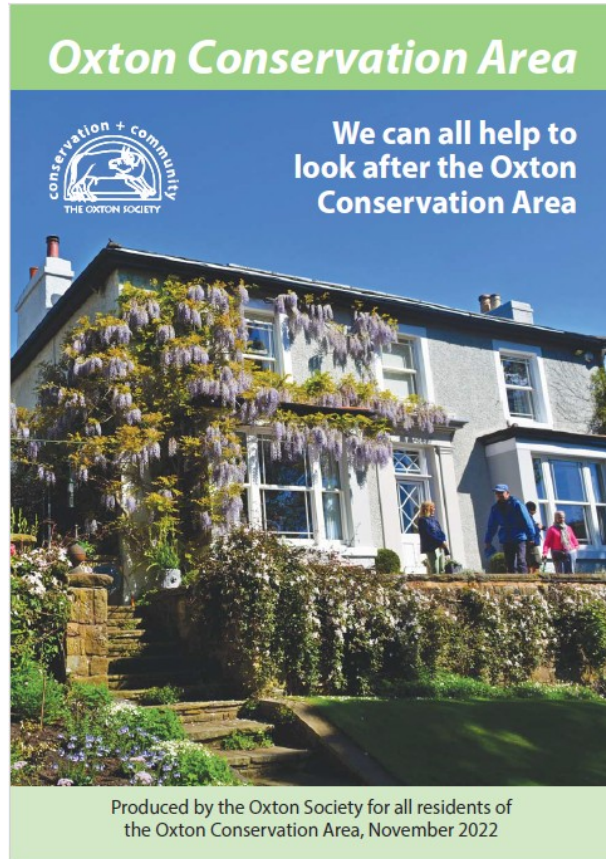
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Annual Report for year 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024



We can all help to look after the Oxton Conservation Area



Introduction from Chris Jarrey, Chairman

Welcome to this annual report for the year 2023-2024; my second annual report as chairman and I have to say it feels like 2024 has raced by at least partly due to it being such a productive period of time for the Oxton Society. We have seen progress in many areas of our operations and some important progression in filling vacancies within our excellent team but with more to fill ongoing, details of which can be found in our newsletters and on the society website.

The village has flourished both environmentally and economically with few premises without tenants for any meaningful period and the new 'social' area outside of the shops on what was the bank site now attracting all generations as a new centre point of the village. The businesses on the site have diversified the retail offering in the village in a positive and possibly more 'continental' way.

The conservation work has been fruitful and special thanks must go to John Heathman for organizing the repainting of our heritage lamp posts, funded by the society and hopefully giving them many more years of life. Other positive results can be seen in the maintenance of our uniquely varied boundary walls and the work of the tree group, all of which goes towards retaining, nourishing and replenishing the feel of the village. It's often the little nudges and willing knowledgeable advice which the society is able to gently give that can make a big difference in sustaining our village as a delightful place to live and work and thanks must go to all in the society whose expertise and devotion to the cause allows that to happen. Thanks must also go to all of our members without whom the Oxton conservation area could not function.

As you know our main fundraising event of the year, the Oxton Secret Gardens, has continued to flourish and grow under the stewardship of a large number of local volunteers, most of whom go personally unheralded but to whom on behalf of the society and I hope the village in general I would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude. Our event managers Kirsty and Lisa have continued to develop and enhance the success of the event and I am sure they know they are equally appreciated by all in the society.

So many individuals go into making our society and local environment such a success that it is not possible to name them all individually, but please know that however you contribute to the society, no matter how small the contribution, it is greatly appreciated and please accept my thanks on behalf of the committee.

The following pages detail our main activities over the year. I think you will agree that the society is in a very good place; our plan for the next 12 months is to focus on management of the tree scape and to ensure that the large planning issues currently still in consideration by Wirral Borough Council are dealt with in a manner in accordance with our founding principles.

Conservation and Planning Group

The former Planning Sub-Group of the Committee was renamed as the Conservation/Planning Group. This was to reflect its wider responsibilities and our renewed attempts to do more conservation work rather than community projects. The aims of the group are to help preserve and enhance the conservation area, including:

- Send comment on planning applications to Wirral Borough Council (WBC)
- Keep a watching brief on likely developments within the area
- Represent our interests to the Council and Conservation Areas Wirral (CAW) regarding the Local Plan and the role of heritage in council policy.
- To monitor the Oxton Character Appraisal and Oxton Management Plan
- To oversee the Oxton Design Award scheme
- To undertake conservation projects that reflect these aims

The main conservation project for the year was to produce a conservation leaflet on “Looking after the conservation area” which was distributed to every residence within the conservation area (over 800 properties).

The message was that whereas the iconic trees and sandstone walls in Oxton are well protected by planning rules, most houses, apart from our listed buildings, but including our “heritage houses” that contribute to Oxton’s special charm, have little or no protection from alterations that could damage their character. This means that the preservation of the area depends on householders ensuring that any changes they make are in keeping with the character of their property. Following this, we launched the idea of putting forward Oxton as an Article 4 pilot area via the Conservation Areas Wirral group. This was to introduce more protection for heritage housing. The Council has accepted the idea in principle but, to date, it has not progressed this initiative due to competing priorities.

There was one major planning application to consider, which was for the redevelopment of the former NHS site at Ashton House, bordered by Village Road, Columbia Road, Alton Road and Kent Street. We largely welcomed the proposals, including retention of trees and the design and layout of the houses, but were disappointed in the lack of green elements such as electric vehicle (EV) charging, solar panels, heat pumps etc. We also emphasised the need for a strong management plan to be put in place for the sandstone boundary walls. The decision on the planning application has been repeatedly delayed but now seems imminent. We have also commented on ten other applications – making minor comments on three of these and “no comment” or “support” for the rest.

The pair of Victorian semi-detached houses at the junction of Palm Hill/Shrewsbury Road came on the market as a potential development site. So far, no planning application has been received.

There were no nominations for the 2023/24 Design Award.

Tree Group

After 6 months of shadowing existing Tree group members, Duane Chong took over responsibility for the co-ordination of tree work applications within the Oxton conservation area in May 2024. Long standing tree group member George Harrison, together with David Coombes, who rejoined the group during the summer, make up the tree group.

The role of the Tree Group is to cast an eye over applications for tree work in the conservation area and to offer our observations to the Wirral Council's tree officers. Though the Oxton Society doesn't have decision making powers (only the Council does), we are able to offer our thoughts on whether we believe the application proposals are reasonable and justified. In this time of nature and climate crisis, the Council's (and our) first thought is to prevent the felling of a tree if it can simply be managed better through crown reduction, crown lifting, or limb removal. However, there are times when both we and the council agree that a dead, dying or diseased tree may best be felled and replaced.

The trees of Oxton are wonderful, and provide significant benefits to the local community by reducing flood risk (through ground water absorption), cooling the air, biodiversity enhancement and wildlife habitat, reduce air pollutants and mitigate climate change, through carbon capture. Spending time near trees also provides physical and mental health benefits enhancing energy levels while decreasing blood pressure and relieving stress. Landscaping with trees can also potentially increase property prices by as much as 20%! The trees of Oxton provide us with a legacy too, having social, aesthetic, sensory and leisure value in our community, providing stability and consistency to our lives, and are the subject of folklore, memories, and storytelling.

There have been recent discussions in the Oxton Society committee about the health, maturity and size of the tree population within the conservation area, and the committee is agreed that we should undertake a survey of the trees, involving local residents, through a citizen science approach. Following this, we will engage residents in learning activities to identify and age the trees in their road, notice whether trees are in good health, and improve the capacity of local children, young people and adults to assist with the survey data collection. By doing this, we hope to assist residents to better manage their tree assets.

More information about the survey and how residents can get involved will be provided through future Oxton Society newsletters.

Finance

The financial balance sheet for year end 2023/4 appears at the end of this report.

With thanks to our treasurer Griff Round and his excellent stewardship of the accounts has ensured a closing balance of £36,069, and an uplift of £6,316 from our previous end of year balance.

Membership

The year unfortunately saw the tragic loss of our Membership Secretary, Dave Barden, who was killed in the Moroccan earthquake whilst on the last leg of his world cycle trip. Jeff Willis agreed to take on the role on a temporary basis, and, with the help of Frances Barden, the membership database was recovered. We decided to overhaul the system and streamline it ready for a new secretary to take it over. This work was completed by 31st March 2024, pro bono, by Chris Malpas, a friend of the Society. Part of the modernisation plan was to press on with the use of Standing Orders for membership subscriptions in order to minimise administrative work.

The new streamlined membership database is now fully operational and the backlog of all changes since Sept 2023 is now cleared. At that time there were still 52 members who were due to renew for 23/24. They have been sent “final reminders” but we are assuming that about 50 memberships will be lapsed.

There are 35 members still to renew for the current year 2024/25. Since October 2023 we have had 27 new members, all paying by standing order or have become life members.

The membership, assuming 50 lapsed from 23/24 and 30 renewals for 24/25 still outstanding is, at the time of writing, a total of 451, made up of: 41 Life Members, 246 Household Members and 164 Individual Members. Of these, there are 376 who are paid up to date and 328 of these pay by standing order. The remainder have still to renew or have paid multiple years in advance.

We also have 73 corporate members with a free subscription – mainly the local Oxton businesses as well as partners that we liaise with, for example, other Charities and Conservation Areas, CAW, Wirral Borough Council, our local MP's office.

We have, for the first time successfully applied for Gift Aid from our 2023/24 membership subscriptions and this generated a further £500 (approx.) for the Society.

Secret Gardens

Another highly successful event was held, brilliantly managed by our two key organisers and local residents, Kirsty Cotton and Lisa Stafford. We sold over 4,000 tickets for the event and after costs, were able to distribute more than £24,000 to our 3 participating partner charities (The Terral Morgan Memorial Fund, Sundowns and Birkenhead Youth Club). The Society itself received the remainder of the profits (approx. £11,000). It was agreed that moving forward for the event in 2024 onwards, that the profit split would increase in favour of the partner charities assisting us, each receiving 25%. The Secret Gardens event remains the main income project for the Society; without it the Society would be severely restricted in its operations and ability to carry out its conservation work.

Christmas Lights

This important community event continues to attract what seems like the entire residents of Oxton plus others from the wider area. Bringing the event back to a Saturday in 2023 meant that there was less crowding, although it was still very well attended with the dry weather bringing people out. The usual mix of local choirs, Salvation Army Band, kid's activities, Father Christmas grotto and mulled wine stalls made the event a huge success. A late response from an appeal for more volunteers to help run the event meant that the event could go ahead, as this was in doubt, but the issue of a lack of volunteers continually remains a problem. Thanks must go to the organising group led by Marie and Dave Pennington.

The finance to run this event still creates an issue for the society. This year the society backed the event with £1,781 to help pay for the road closure and the electrical contractor's installation costs. With this in mind we have decided, starting in 2024, to install the Christmas lights strings on a permanent basis with a one-off payment to the contractor that will see us able to effectively recoup that investment after 2-3 years.

We continue to try to engage with the local businesses in putting on this event. This had little success in 2023, but we are hopeful that the businesses will engage more and take up their responsibilities in helping us deal with rubbish disposal and the overall cost. It is noted that the money income from the Xmas raffle, (>£1000), is entirely due to the prizes that the businesses provide, but more actual investment, both physically and financially by the local businesses would make running this event more pleasurable and financially less onerous.

Hanging Baskets

2023 saw the last year that John Booth officially organised the hanging baskets project. A fabulous display was again brought to the village (repeated by John again in 2024!) Finding a volunteer to take over this task has been difficult – an offer from a local gardens landscape company has been received, but no firm agreement is yet in place for them to take over. In the meantime we continue on with the small posse of helpers who always turn out to assist with putting up and taking down the baskets. For 2025 we will have to find a new supplier of the flowers, so there is further change ahead. Hopefully this will not be an issue. The society funds the entire cost of the hanging baskets project annually which runs to approximately £2,500+.

History Group

Over the year the History Research Group has continued its various works. In addition to our four history walks, to the east, to the west, from the Arno and from the Williamson Art Gallery, we added a fifth walk, The Women of Oxton, informing people of the talented and courageous women residents of old.

In March 2024 the Group presented a display at the annual Wirral History and Heritage Fair at Hulme Hall. We also provided five walks as our contribution to the national Heritage Open Days programme in September.

The History Periodical, published quarterly, reached its 45th edition, and we look forward to maintaining its quality of original research into the year leading to our 50th edition, and the consequent publication of our second hardback compilation early in 2025.

We continued to research and answer individual questions sent to us by interested Oxtonians and others, including the Frick Museum in New York.

The paper history archive has been put in store after the regrettable closing of the Oxton Bookshop at the Williamson. We extend thanks to Moira Young for the valuable service she provided in running the archive for many years, selling our booklets and managing our walks.

Summary of the annual accounts for 2023-2024

Year ended 28 Feb 2023			Year ended 29 Feb 2024	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
£3,374		Administration		
	£472	Memberships & donations	£4,024	
	£199	Accountancy		£542
	£129	AGM		£296
	£1,137	Website/Software		£169
£99	£431	Newsletters		£1,311
£3,473	£2,368	Other	£163	£1,178
			£4,187	£3,495
		Strategic aims		
£15,228	£0	OxSoc Secret Gardens	£12,063	
	£2,760	Blue plaque		£0
£220	£807	Hanging baskets		£3,291
	£0	History group & periodical	£156	£1,219
£3,114	£5,921	Tree planting		£0
	£459	Xmas lights	£4,823	£6,605
£18,562	£9,947	Other		£304
			£17,042	£11,418
£22,035	£12,315	Totals for the year	£21,229	£14,913
£29,753		Carried forward	£36,069	

		Secret Gardens		
Secret Gardens 2023			Secret Gardens 2024	
£21,688		£8 Programmes (pre- sales)	£22,480	
£13,760		£10 Programmes (on the day)	£12,687	
£13,922		Other income	£9,298	
	£11,659	Expenses		£8,835
	£25,648	Payments to charities		£24,941
	£12,063	Balance to Oxsoc		£10,689
£49,370	£49,370		£44,465	£44,465
		Programme numbers		
2711		£8 Programmes (pre- sales)	2810	
1376		£10 Programmes (on the day)	1268	
4087		Total programmes sold	4078	

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Financial Statements
for the year ended
29 February 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts
Report to the Members of The Oxton Society

We report to the Members of The Oxton Society on accounts for the year ended 29 February 2024 set out on pages 3 to 4.

The charity's members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our 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 our attention.

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

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Dated

The Oxton Society
Balance Sheet As At 29th February 2024

	Year ended 29 February 2024		Year ended 28 February 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets				
Freehold land	1		1	
Equipment	1,015		317	
Computer Software				
As per last account	-		-	
Less: Provision for Depreciation	-		-	
Total Fixed Assets		1,016		318
Current Assets				
Stock	-		-	
Cash at Bank - General Account	11,104		11,194	
Savings Account - Hampshire Trust Bank	26,262		20,099	
Petty Cash	1,548		690	
		38,914		31,983
		39,930		32,301
Creditors				
Accruals		1,000	-	12
Unearned Income		2,861		2,560
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		36,069		29,753
Reserves				
Unrestricted				
Surplus for the year	6,316		9,720	
Reserve Brought Forward	29,753		20,033	
		36,069		29,753
Restricted				
Net Surplus for the year	-		-	
Reserve Brought Forward	-		-	
		-		-
		36,069		29,753

Approved by the Committee

Signed on behalf of the committee

Mr John Heathman

Date

Mr Griff Round

Date

The Oxton Society
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 29th February 2024

	Year ended 29 February 2024			Year ended 28 February 2023		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Secret Garden	Other	Total	Secret Garden	Other	Total
Income						
Secret Gardens	49,370		49,370	44,135		44,135
Memberships		3,778	3,778		3,319	3,319
Xmas Lights		4,823	4,823		3,114	3,114
Donations		246	246		55	55
Periodicals		156	156		220	220
	<u>49,370</u>	<u>9,003</u>	<u>58,373</u>	<u>44,135</u>	<u>6,708</u>	<u>50,843</u>
Expenses						
Secret Garden Exp						
Secret Garden Exp	(11,659)		(11,659)	(6,265)		(6,265)
Secret Garden Charities	(25,648)		(25,648)	(22,642)		(22,642)
	<u>(37,307)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(37,307)</u>	<u>(28,907)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(28,907)</u>
Administration						
Administration Expenses		(604)	(604)		(92)	(92)
Accountancy		(542)	(542)		(472)	(472)
AGM		(296)	(296)		(199)	(199)
Website/Software		(169)	(169)		(129)	(129)
Newsletters		(1,311)	(1,311)		(1,137)	(1,137)
Room rental		0	0		(270)	(270)
Bank charges		(66)	(66)		(69)	(69)
	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,368)</u>	<u>(2,368)</u>
Strategic Aims						
Hanging Baskets		(3,291)	(3,291)		(2,760)	(2,760)
History Group		(1,219)	(1,219)		(807)	(807)
Xmas Lights		(6,604)	(6,604)		(5,921)	(5,921)
Conservation		(304)	(304)		(300)	(300)
	<u>0</u>	<u>(11,418)</u>	<u>(11,418)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,788)</u>	<u>(9,788)</u>
Depreciation						
Depreciation		(507)	(507)		(159)	(159)
	<u>0</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(159)</u>	<u>(159)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>(37,307)</u>	<u>(14,913)</u>	<u>(52,220)</u>	<u>(28,907)</u>	<u>(12,315)</u>	<u>(41,222)</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	12,063	(5,910)	6,153	15,228	(5,607)	9,621
Other Income						
Interest received		163	163		99	99
	<u>0</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	12,063	(5,747)	6,316	15,228	(5,508)	9,720
Surplus to General Reserves						
Surplus Brought Forward	58,869	(29,116)	29,753	43,641	(23,608)	20,033
Surplus carried Forward	<u>70,932</u>	<u>(34,863)</u>	<u>36,069</u>	<u>58,869</u>	<u>(29,116)</u>	<u>29,753</u>

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The Oxton Society
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Tangible Assets				
Freehold land		1		1
Equipment		1,015		317
Computer Software				
As per last account		-		-
Less: Provision for Depreciation		-		-
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Creditors				
Accruals		1,000		-
Unearned Income		2,861		12
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Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>36,069</u>		<u>29,753</u>
Reserves				
Unrestricted				
Surplus for the year		6,316		9,720
Reserve Brought Forward		29,753		20,033
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		36,069		29,753
Restricted				
Net Surplus for the year		-		-
Reserve Brought Forward		-		-
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		36,069		29,753

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Signed on behalf of the committee

Mr John Heathman

Date

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The Oxton Society
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 29th February 2024

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	<u>49,370</u>	<u>9,003</u>	<u>58,373</u>	<u>44,135</u>	<u>6,708</u>	<u>50,843</u>
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AGM		(296)	(296)		(199)	(199)
Website/Software		(169)	(169)		(129)	(129)
Newsletters		(1,311)	(1,311)		(1,137)	(1,137)
Room rental		0	0		(270)	(270)
Bank charges		(66)	(66)		(69)	(69)
	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,368)</u>	<u>(2,368)</u>
Strategic Aims						
Hanging Baskets		(3,291)	(3,291)		(2,760)	(2,760)
History Group		(1,219)	(1,219)		(807)	(807)
Xmas Lights		(6,604)	(6,604)		(5,921)	(5,921)
Conservation		(304)	(304)		(300)	(300)
	<u>0</u>	<u>(11,418)</u>	<u>(11,418)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,788)</u>	<u>(9,788)</u>
Depreciation						
Depreciation		(507)	(507)		(159)	(159)
	<u>0</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(159)</u>	<u>(159)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>(37,307)</u>	<u>(14,913)</u>	<u>(52,220)</u>	<u>(28,907)</u>	<u>(12,315)</u>	<u>(41,222)</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>12,063</u>	<u>(5,910)</u>	<u>6,153</u>	<u>15,228</u>	<u>(5,607)</u>	<u>9,621</u>
Other Income						
Interest received		163	163		99	99
	<u>0</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>12,063</u>	<u>(5,747)</u>	<u>6,316</u>	<u>15,228</u>	<u>(5,508)</u>	<u>9,720</u>
Surplus to General Reserves						
Surplus Brought Forward	<u>58,869</u>	<u>(29,116)</u>	<u>29,753</u>	<u>43,641</u>	<u>(23,608)</u>	<u>20,033</u>
Surplus carried Forward	<u>70,932</u>	<u>(34,863)</u>	<u>36,069</u>	<u>58,869</u>	<u>(29,116)</u>	<u>29,753</u>