

BEWDLEY CIVIC SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 700898

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1989-01-05

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 IN THE GEORGRAPHY, HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT. (III) TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: Conservation within the Area of Benefit (Borough of Bewdley on 31 March 1974).Promotion of civic pride in The Area of Benefit.Preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in The Area of Benefit.Promotion of research into subjects connected with the above.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOROUGH OF BEWDLEY AND ITS ENVIRONS
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£27,358	£27,138	-	-
2023-12-31	£12,780	£14,165	-	-
2022-12-31	£12,746	£19,130	-	-
2021-12-31	£9,894	£10,323	-	-
2020-12-31	£16,605	£18,173	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAMES RICHARD PERRIN	Chair	
Anthony Edward Leach		2019-04-30
BARBARA MARY LONGMORE		2012-09-13
Catherine Hilda Banks		2025-04-28
David William Thursfield		2022-10-14
Edna Elizabeth Burton		2024-04-30
GRAHAM LUXFORD		
Jane Mcdonagh		2025-04-28
KENNETH JOHN HADLEY		2023-04-25
Martin John GUARD		2014-04-09
Martin Shaun Fisher		2024-07-29
PETER ARCHER		
PETER WALDRON		
ROBERT WILLIAM LIMBRICK		2015-04-15
Richard John Willetts		2025-04-28
Robert Charles Ireland		2025-07-15
STEVEN CLIVE BENT		
SUSAN PERRIN		
Sharon Harvey BSc		2022-04-26
WILLIAM DEWAR		2015-04-15

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**BEWDLEY CIVIC SOCIETY
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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BEWDLEY CIVIC SOCIETY
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and accounts comply with the current statutory requirements, the Constitution and the guidance of the Charity Commission on receipts and payments.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Constitution.

The charity was constituted on the 16th November 1988 and is a registered charity No 700898.

The Trustees during the Year ended 31.12.24 were:

J R Perrin – Chairman
P Archer – Vice President and Honorary Treasurer
P Crane – Vice President
J Y Gallagher – Vice President
M J Guard – Vice Chairman
Ms B M Longmore - Vice President and Honorary Secretary
S C Bent
W Dewar
M Fisher (resigned 30th April 2024, co-opted 29.07.24)
K Hadley (appointed 25.04.23)
Ms S Harvey
A E Leach
R Limbrick
G Luxford
Mrs S K Perrin
D W Thursfield
P M Waldron
Councillor Mrs S. Billett, Mayor of Bewdley (ex officio) (resigned 13th May 2024)
Councillor I Latimer, Mayor of Bewdley (ex officio) appointed 13th May 2024

Mrs Beatrice Grant Lord Lieutenant of the County of Worcestershire was President throughout the year but is not a Trustee.

The principal address of the charity is:
The Kenneth Hobson Room
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80th Anniversary

2024 was certainly a busy year for the Society, celebrating in many ways the 80th (Oak) anniversary. As we did, we acknowledged our founder members who, in May 1944, were still experiencing the difficulties arising from World War II but who nonetheless had the foresight to anticipate the special need for vigilance as a mood of change threatened the cultural and architectural heritage of our lovely town. We also celebrated the Society's significant achievements of the past 80 years.

Sadly, our first major anniversary event, a Keynote lecture by Lord Digby Jones, had to be cancelled owing to a heart complaint Digby had suffered just prior to the date arranged in June. However, we followed up in July with a Garden Party at Sue and Richard's house in Park Lane when, out of the blue, the weather was perfect. I was able to recount to the large attendance a history of the Society following which we gave a toast to the Society. An anniversary cake was then cut by the Mayor, Councillor Ian Latimer. I was later presented by Jim Parker with a beautifully handcrafted plaque fashioned by him from Wyre Forest Oak to mark my 22 years as Chairman.

Celebration Daze

The undoubted pièce de résistance in our celebrations was a collaboration with life member, Robert Plant, for a concert which took place in St. Anne's Church over two nights in September. On the Friday impressionist Alastair McGowan headlined the evening with a virtuoso performance of mimicry and music. He was supported by the fiddle player, Ruth Angel and the folk singer songwriter, Deborah Rose. On the Saturday night, Robert Plant and his band, Saving Grace, featuring Suzi Dian, played to a sold-out audience. They were supported by a musical trio from London called Burr Island. The whole evening was universally held to be sensational and, thanks to Robert's generosity in his support for the event, the concert raised £9,500 which was donated on Robert's instruction to various local charities. The accompanying financial accounts show the donations in detail.

Annual Dinner

This event in November served as a finale to the anniversary celebrations and with 98 attending it marked a record since St. Georges Hall was refurbished in 2013. We were delighted that our President, Beatrice Grant, and her husband Andrew, could attend. Also attending were the High Sherrif of Worcestershire, Charles Moyle JP and his wife Henrietta and our MP Mark Garnier OBE. Also attending were our members, John Byng, Chairman, Wyre Forest District Council, and his wife, Barbara. Our honoured guests were the Mayor, Ian Latimer JP, and his Mayoress, Cat Banks. During the proceedings our member, Robert Smith, was named the Society's first Community Champion, and in recognition of this award was presented with a gold medal and a framed citation from the President. There was also a surprise for myself when the President handed me with a second gold medal in recognition of my time as Chairman for which I was deeply honoured. There then followed an interesting and amusing talk by retired judge, Bill Barry. The evening concluded with the presentation of a bouquet to Sue Perrin, organizer of the dinner.

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The Wribbenhall Flood Defences

Work continued apace during the year, but not without disruption to the town caused by the one-way traffic system over the bridge. We understand that, notwithstanding considerable disruption caused by a number of floods and lots of uncharted subterranean obstacles, completion remains scheduled for Autumn 2025.

Cherry trees at Sainsbury's

In keeping with the policy of promoting cherries as part of the town heritage the Society donated and planted four fruiting cherry trees within the perimeter of the newly completed Sainsbury's store in Dog Lane car park.

Town Centre Audit

Under Graham Luxford's leadership we undertook another close look at the townscape. Since the previous audit in 2018, we noted a general worsening in the appearance of some properties, but it's very pleasing to report that subsequent to the audit several properties received some major attention, particularly 15 Load Street (Ex. Grape Tree), 54 Load Street (Wyre Forest Books), 8 Load Street, (Rajah Restaurant) 3 Severnside South (ex. Fishing Tackle shop) and St. Anne's Church. We were also pleased that some paving repairs were carried out by the County Council (although more are required).

St. Anne's Church

As part of the Government levelling up agenda, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was awarded £167,000 from the Shared Prosperity Fund to undertake repair works, some cleaning of the church's exterior (the east elevation) and to start feasibility design work on the interior community hub proposals. Much of the former work was completed during the year and the visual improvement is a joy to be held. It must be said that the Society has long been lobbying for this to happen, and we salute the PCC and in particular, Rob Smith, for finding a solution to a very problematic exercise, both in physical and financial terms. More funding is required to complete the above projects, but we remain optimistic.

Buildings at Risk

Progress in the restoration of properties identified by the Society and others as being at risk is mixed. The excellent refurbishment of the former fishing tackle shop is most pleasing and work at Ribbesford House continues albeit there is a long way to go yet. Lack of any progress at all at the Old Workhouse in High Street and at Bewdley's Telford Bridge is most disappointing.

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Bewdley Museum, Guildhall and Jubilee Gardens

After the turmoil surrounding the above facilities, it is pleasing to note that the Museum is going from strength to strength following WFDC's most welcome commitment by the new administration. Indeed, the Trustees of the Friends of Bewdley Museum decided during the year that, such was the support now being given, they had no longer an active role to play in the Museum's future and resolved to wind up the group. Well, this is all good news but our experience over the years, tells us not to be complacent and the recent news that Worcestershire is likely to move to a unitary council regime is perhaps an indicator that we must remain vigilant for unwelcome developments.

Dowles Graveyard

The working group, which is co-ordinated by Bill Goodall, continued to do excellent work in improving the appearance of this little gem. I would like to thank Bill and his helpers for their considerable efforts and for the support of the PCC. It is testament to their work that we see many complimentary remarks about the graveyard on social media demonstrating that it is now a beautiful and peaceful place to visit. During the year, the Society committed £500 to help with maintenance and equipment most of which will be spent in 2025.

Balsam Bashing

The ninth annual bash took place over several days in the summer. This year, in response to notable changing environmental patterns, a different strategic approach was adopted with signal success. A perennial challenge is to deal with reseeding from winter flooding. Relying primarily on a committed group of seasoned volunteers this year we were able to increase the number of our bashing sessions and target them at short notice where most needed. The result was that Himalayan Balsam was largely removed from priority areas central to the town. The extent of our reach now includes both banks of the river down to the bypass and upstream a little way beyond Dowles Bridge. It also includes Dowles Brook below Dry Mill Lane. The cumulative effect of our efforts over the years is plain to see in the relative absence of the accursed weed in that area, which is starkly apparent in contrast to the rest of the middle Severn. We thank Steve Bent and his fellow volunteers for their hard work.

Summer Outings

In July Sharon Harvey organized a somewhat ambitious excursion to Highclere Castle in Berkshire to help celebrate the 80th anniversary. She was rewarded, however, with a full coach attendance of 51 members and friends. Despite heavy rainfall which curtailed tours of the garden, the guided tours of the wonderful castle and the Lord Caernarvon/Howard Carter Egyptian exhibition easily made up for that. We were generously presented with a signed copy of Countess Caernarvon's book *At home at Highclere*. Entertaining at the real Downton Abbey, to mark our anniversary.

In September, we visited (not for the first time) Powis Castle, on this occasion organized by Eddie Burton. Once again, a full coach enjoyed the treasures and wonderful artwork the castle had to offer as well as the impressive Clive of India museum.

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The Wyre Retinue

Following on from the success of the event in 2023 we again sponsored a two-day free-to-the-public historical event in Bewdley Museum in September to mark National Heritage weekend. The Wyre Retinue, a local re-enactment group, entertained with demonstrations of life during the War of the Roses.

Cherry Fayre

This annual event in conjunction with Bewdley Museum was once again organized by Sharon Harvey and, as usual, attracted much attention. Our Stall showcased the history of our cherry orchards and our cherry trees, nurtured in Sharon's Garden, sold well.

The Stall

At the Christmas Lights Festival, the Society's stall organised by Sharon Harvey was once again located in St. Anne's church and it proved to be a successful occasion for us. Bill Dewar took the stall to an exhibition of local community organisations organised by the University of the Third Age at the Harriers Club in Kidderminster.

Lectures

During the year the following lectures were held in St. George's Hall. They were all well attended and much enjoyed.

15th January	"On the Weaving: Life in the Carpet Factories of Kidderminster"	By Dave Laverty
15th February	"Richard Baxter's Civil War"	By John Chester
11th March	"More Light on Bewdley's Buildings"	By John Chester
9th April	"Georgian Bewdley, a Lesson in Classical Architecture"	By Francis Mohan
16th September	"Simon Evans of Cleobury Mortimer; his Life and Legacy"	By Dr Mark Baldwin
16th October	"Himley Hall: Past and Present & Future"	By Alan Peace

In October, as a partner of Bewdley Festival, we provided sponsorship which helped to promote some interesting talks.

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The Bewdley School Foundation

The Society now has two directors on the Bewdley School Foundation. In 2024 Martin Guard joined Barbara Longmore as a representative on the Board. Foundation Schools are different from community schools in that they are run by their own governing body, which employs the staff and sets the admissions criteria. The land and buildings of the Bewdley School are owned by the charitable Foundation. During this year the main issues the Foundation has addressed were related to the transfer of the land and buildings of the old Bewdley Leisure Centre from Worcestershire County Council to the School Foundation, and the siting of the proposed Bewdley Heating Energy Centre at the school. If the proposed energy scheme goes ahead, the schools on the Stourport Road and the Leisure Centre will be the first to benefit from it.

Development Control

Bewdley Town Council Neighbourhood Plan

Good progress was made during the year; in particular the additional public consultation survey was carried out in February/March, which generated over 700 replies, a very good number. Disappointingly, however, was a weighting in the responses from the more elderly residents of Bewdley. Later in the year, the Town Council voted in favour of continuing the exercise and allocated an additional budget of £7000 to cover further consultancy work, which was considered necessary to produce a definitive piece of work acceptable to the Government's appointed inspector. Completion is now anticipated in 2026, 11 years after the work on this commenced. The Society is represented on the Town Council's Steering group by Tony Leach, Jock Gallagher, Richard Brine and myself.

Ribbesford House

Plans submitted by the owners to substantially increase the number of flats and cottages in the development (21 flats, 4 cottages) caused some alarm to the local residents and we were invited to attend a meeting they called. We recommended that the residents form a residents' association and an objection to the plans as they stand was lodged by the Society.

Catchem's End, Habberley Road and Stourport Triangle developments (212 units)

Construction on the first two sites mentioned above gathered pace during the year. The triangle development commenced in December. The historic wall on the Kidderminster Road was partially rebuilt in accordance with the agreement we reached with WFDC and the developer but it was disappointing that the original Bewdley coping bricks manufactured by Skey were deemed to be unusable.

Rowing Club

Ambitious plans to expand the clubhouse and facilities were unveiled and viewed by the Society. No formal application has been submitted as yet.

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20 mph Zone

County Councillor Dan Morehead kindly accepted the Executive Committee's invitation to address us in March to discuss the traffic scenario in Bewdley and in particular proposals for a 20-mph zone in the town centre. It's been getting on for 10 years since the idea was first promulgated and at last the Council has obtained the necessary approvals. Public consultation took place in early 2025 and implementation is expected later in the year. Some feel that the zone should be extended in places beyond the Conservation Area, but the Society's view was to get this in place and to, perhaps, lobby for extensions at a later date. Dan also discussed the problematical traffic problems in High Street and the Council's pledge to instal EV charging points.

Other developments

All planning applications affecting the Conservation Area, plus some others, were examined, and our views communicated to the relevant authorities, where appropriate. We are also vigilant in looking for breaches of planning permission and lobby accordingly. I'm grateful to Tony Leach for being our lead on the Planning and Town Centre Sub-Committee; Tony often attends either in person or digitally the District Council Planning Committee and Cabinet meetings. Sue Perrin and I attend some Town Council and Town Council Planning Committee meetings.

The Hobson Room

We continue to enjoy the use of this facility at 18 Load Street thanks to the generosity of Paul Crane who lets us have it rent free.

Newsletter

Jock Gallagher continues to produce excellent Newsletters four times a year. His skills were particularly useful when it came to reporting on the Celebrity Daze events. I continue to receive lots of compliments from our members.

Floodlighting of the Baldwin Statue

This project has proved to be much more problematical than envisaged and progress unfortunately is slow. We hope that an approach via a new contractor will speed things up.

Civic Voice (CV)

The good news is that the £90,000 stolen from CV was recovered from the thief through process of law, putting our umbrella organization on a much better financial footing. It is recalled the Society paid 5 years of subscriptions in advance (£2,500) in 2022 to assist with CV's precarious cash flow. It is admitted however that resources have been limited and made worse by the resignation of the founder CEO, Ian Harvey, who moved on during the year. A replacement has been appointed in 2025. As regards the West Midlands Amenity Societies'

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Association (WestMasa), Barbara Longmore and I attended the March meeting in Moseley and I attended the November meeting in Pershore.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held as usual in April in St. George's Hall and was presided over by our President. Opportunity was taken to make this a special occasion by kick starting the Anniversary celebrations with the help of some light refreshments. With the exception of Lord Watson, who had moved away from Bewdley, and Martin Fisher, the members of the Executive Committee (EC) and the Officers were duly re-elected. Martin was subsequently co-opted back on the EC while Eddie Burton our Minute Secretary was elected to the EC at the AGM.

Financial

Our figures in 2024 were inflated somewhat by the Celebrity Daze transactions. While the surplus arising from this event was fully dissipated in most worthwhile charitable donations a surplus of £950 from the Bar, which offered very reasonable prices, and which was run by the Society, contributed to the Society's resources. I am most grateful to my son-in-law, William Stelling and his immediate family for working jolly hard on the two nights to achieve this. With the ever-increasing cost of postage we contacted members who live outside of Bewdley and do not therefore have their Newsletter delivered by hand and asked them if they would in future receive it electronically by email. We are grateful to those who either agreed or who kindly made a cash donation. Overall there was a trading break even position although our investments gained in value by £557. Restricted funds of £10,194 are earmarked for flood lighting of the Baldwin statue and other community projects. At the year-end total unrestricted funds were £13,263 evidencing that the Society's finances are in good shape.

Obituary

We were saddened by the news that our member, Louise Edginton, had passed away in May at the age of 94. Louise had an amazing record of public service having served long spells on all three local authorities. She was one of only a handful of people in modern times to receive the Freedom of the Town/Borough of Bewdley.

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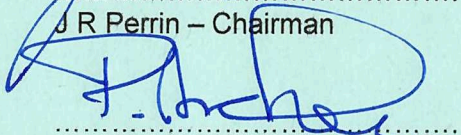
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Thanks

I have mentioned and thanked some of our members in this report who have supported us and I would especially like to thank our Hon Secretary, Barbara Longmore, our Hon. Treasurer, Peter Archer and his partner Margaret Gillam, Sheelah Bolam, Membership Secretary and Eddie Burton, Minute Secretary and Jock Gallagher, Newsletter Editor; they all work very hard for the Society. There are many more to thank including the Executive Committee members and a small army of Newsletter deliverers, we are grateful to them and to all the members for supporting us.

Richard Perrin


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J R Perrin – Chairman


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P Archer – Hon Treasurer

Date:

28th April 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEWDLEY CIVIC SOCIETY

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages six to ten.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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.

Helen Blundell LLB FCA FCIE DChA
Crowe U.K. LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 1 May 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts	1	3,744	-	3,744	4,569
Charitable Activities	2	12,353	11,050	23,403	8,060
Investment Income	3	<u>-</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>151</u>
		16,097	11,261	27,358	12,780
PAYMENTS					
Charitable Activities	5	9,109	11,036	20,145	8,384
Other	6	<u>6,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,993</u>	<u>5,781</u>
		16,102	11,036	27,138	14,165
Excess (payments)/receipts		<u>(5)</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>(1,385)</u>
Cash Funds at 1 January 2024		<u>1,767</u>	<u>9,969</u>	<u>11,736</u>	<u>13,121</u>
Cash Funds at 31 December 2024		<u>1,762</u>	<u>10,194</u>	<u>11,956</u>	<u>11,736</u>

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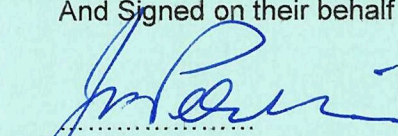
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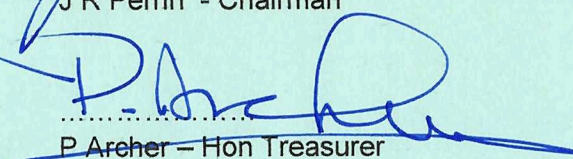
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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investments	4	<u>11,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,501</u>	<u>10,944</u>
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>1,762</u>	<u>10,194</u>	<u>11,956</u>	<u>11,736</u>

Approved by the Committee

And Signed on their behalf


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J R Perrin - Chairman


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P Archer - Hon Treasurer

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £
1. <u>Voluntary Receipts</u>				
Membership subscriptions, Life				
Membership subscriptions & Gift Aid	3,113	-	4,127	-
Donations & Legacies	631	-	442	-
BCARA	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
	<u>3,744</u>	-	<u>4,569</u>	-
2. <u>Charitable Activities Receipts</u>				
Annual Dinner	4,032	-	3,181	-
Merchandise Sales	369	-	684	-
Lectures and Events	1,715	-	1,908	-
Outings	2,712	-	1,307	-
Cherry Fair	590	-	430	-
Green Theatre	-	-	550	-
Celebration Daze	-	11,050	-	-
Bar Takings	1,555	-	-	-
Garden Party	<u>1,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,353</u>	<u>11,050</u>	<u>8,060</u>	<u>-</u>
3. <u>Investment Receipts</u>				
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest HSBC	<u>-</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151</u>
4. <u>Quoted Investment</u>				
The Society has held COIF Accumulation Units since 2001				
Cost	<u>3,930</u>	-	<u>3,930</u>	-
Market Value at 31.12.2023	10,944	-	9,739	-
Unrealised Gain (loss)	557	-	1,205	-
Market Value at 31.12.2024	<u>11,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,944</u>	<u>-</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £
5. <u>Charitable Activities Payments</u>				
Bewdley Festival Limited	450	-	300	-
Bewdley Cherry Fair	122	-	189	-
Sundry Donations	60	-	50	-
Museum Heritage Event**	-	-	400	-
Annual Dinner	3,450	-	3,097	-
Merchandise	258	-	190	-
Outings	2,556	-	1,228	-
Bridge Roller & St. Signs	-	-	95	-
Sainsburys Cherry Trees	-	-	284	-
Baldwin Exhibition	-	-	580	-
Bewdley Guides	-	-	500	-
Crochet Crew	-	-	200	-
Green Theatre	-	-	550	-
Dowles Churchyard Renovation	-	-	75	-
Dementia Group	-	2,000	54	-
Nightstop (Bryony Moore Memorial	-	-	250	-
Beech Tree replacement	-	-	-	242
Bewdley Marching Band	-	-	100	-
Celebration Daze	-	1,536*	-	-
Bar Expenses	613	-	-	-
Bewdley School	250	-	-	-
Bewdley Almhouses	210	1,000	-	-
W.Mercia Womens Aid	-	3,250	-	-
St Basil's	-	3,250	-	-
Garden Party	<u>1140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,109</u>	<u>11,036</u>	<u>8,142</u>	<u>242</u>

*See Note 9

**See Note 10

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £
6. <u>Payments – Other</u>				
Room hire	971	-	987	-
Advertising and displays	165	-	468	-
Annual Report and Printing	2,237	-	2,015	-
Insurance	372	-	308	-
Sundry costs, Secretarial and Postage	949	-	760	-
Bank charges	122	-	116	-
Speakers fees	347	-	341	-
Kenneth Hobson Room	353	-	703	-
Flowers & gifts	-	-	83	-
Champion Medals	924	-	-	-
AGM Refreshments	221	-	-	-
Other printing	269	-	-	-
Lecture sundry costs	33	-	-	-
Balsam Bashing	<u>30</u>	-	-	-
	<u>6,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,781</u>	<u>-</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £
7. <u>Membership Receipts</u>				
Life Memberships Subscriptions	75	-	587	-
	-	-	-	-
Annual Memberships Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
	<u>*2,452</u>	-	<u>2,644</u>	-
	<u>2,527</u>	-	<u>3,231</u>	-

* Includes subscriptions in advance of £375 (£990)

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8. Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds relate mainly to the Society's fundraising appeal towards the erection of a statue of Stanley Baldwin plus bank interest received.

9. Celebrity Daze

<u>Income</u>	<u>Net Ticket Sales</u>	<u>£</u>
		<u>11,050</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Music license		306
Event insurance		106
Sundry equipment		368
Church Hire		406
Wheatsheaf room hire		200
Flowers		150
		<u>1,536</u>
<u>Surplus</u>		<u>9,514</u>

9. **The Museum Event sponsorship** of the Wythe Retinue took place in 2024 but not paid for until 2025.