

Yetholm History Society
Financial Statements 2023 to 2024

SC 044596

Receipts and Payments Account
Year to 30 September 2024

Receipts	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Payments	2022/23 £	2023/24 £
General Fund:			General Fund:		
Members' fees and donations	517	461	Speakers	10	0
Raffle receipts	227	110	Insurance	812	656
Visitors / donations	84	210	Electricity	231	277
Exhibition donations and sales	174	515	Publications / signage	64	216
External Visits	198	151	Bookings / Visits	198	105
			Equipment	809	1,252
			Meeting supplies	34	142
			Transfer to Hall Fund		1,287
			Transfer to Archive Fund		383
Publication Fund:			Archive Fund:		
Transfer from General Fund	0	383	Materials	374	6
Hall Fund:			Hall Fund:		
Legacy	6,000	0	Heritage Ctre	3,898	2,675
Transfer from General Fund		1,287	Publication Fund:		
			Publication Costs	0	0
Other donations					
Totals	7,199	3,116		6,429	6,998

Check-list of totals and cash					
General Fund	Archive Fund	Hall Fund (restricted)	Publication Fund	Total of all Funds	
£	£	£	£	2022/23 £	2023/24 £
Total receipts / transfers	1,446	383	1,287	7,460	3,116
Total payments by each Fund	4,317	6	2,675	6,385	6,998
Surplus or (deficit) for the year	-2,871	377	-1,388	1,075	-3,882
Fund at start of year	4,902	-377	1,388	4,871	5,914
Fund at end of year	2,031	0	0	5,946	2,031
		Cash at bank		5,916	1,996
		Cash in hand (floats / unbanked)		30	36
				5,946	2,031

Other assets

Ownership of the Old Mission Hall, Grafton Road, Town Yetholm.

Liabilities

Some owed for annual electricity supply and consumption.

The Treasurer's Notes and Trustees Report on page 2 are part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 4/3 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Treasurer

Trustee

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Treasurer's Notes

1. The annual accounts comprise the Financial Statements, the Treasurer's Notes, the Trustees Report, and the Independent Report. They meet the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as described by the Charity Regulator's Guide. The Treasurer has prepared the Financial Statements on the receipts and payments basis as the Society's income is below the threshold requiring accounts to be prepared on an accruals basis.
2. The Society had a full schedule of physical meetings in the Heritage Centre over the winter months in the year under review and the membership fees and members donations reflect this. Membership fees and members' donations in the year 2023/24 totalled £461 as many members paid more than the £6 minimum annual membership fee. Members' donations of more than their annual membership fee have been treated as part of the support given by members to properly reflect their *valued contribution to the work of the Society*.
3. The principal physical work to the Yetholm Heritage Centre carried out during the financial year was the erection of a fence for security and to ensure privacy. The trustees had decided after inspection and as part of the programme to bring the old Mission Hall into use as the Heritage Centre that the existing boundary fence was insubstantial. It allowed dog fouling of the area around the Heritage Centre which detracted from the presentation of the building and required clearing up every time the grass was cut by one of the trustees. The new fence improves the overall attractiveness of the Heritage Centre for visitors and also facilitates improved maintenance of the grounds. The Society used the balance of the legacy from the estate of the late [REDACTED] for this purpose. That work is detailed in the Trustees' Report below.
4. In addition, although it took place after the financial year end [REDACTED], a trustee of the Society, at his own cost arranged the laying of a beautiful slate memorial in memory of his late wife [REDACTED] who was a long-serving member of the trustees and gave her time selflessly to its work. It can be seen and admired by visitors as they enter by the gate to the Heritage Centre and includes an attractive seat for those who wish to sit and appreciate it.
5. Recognising the need to ensure the Society invested in appropriate technology, a number of purchases were made. A new laptop computer and software was bought for the use of the Society. Previously we had relied on the use of a trustee's laptop for presentations at talks and the storage of archive records. In addition the Society

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invested in a state-of-the art audio-visual device to allow visitors to exhibitions to learn more about the history of Yetholm at their own pace. It can be updated with new materials as the work of the Society develops. In addition, one of our trustees kindly bought for the Society and donated to the Society a SumUp card device which we now use to accept payments by card at our meetings as some members and visitors prefer to make a card payment when that is available.

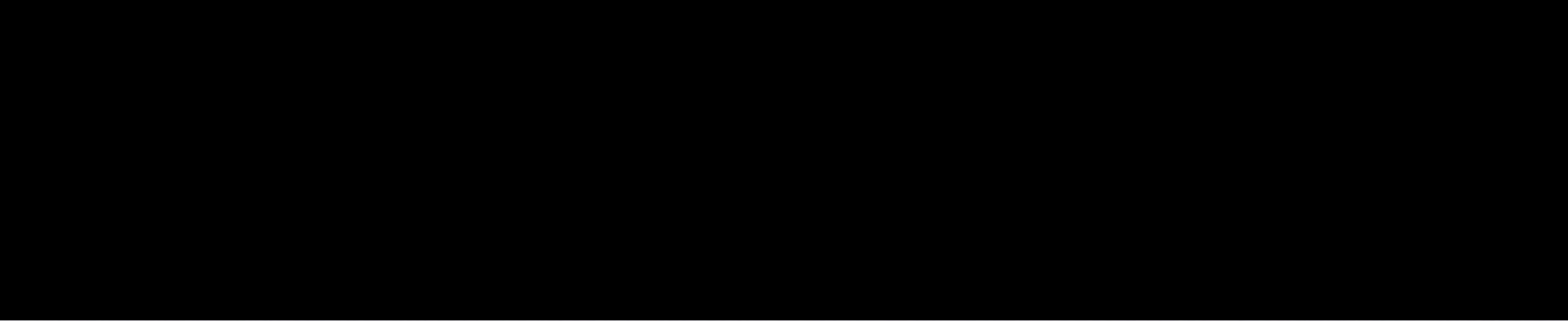
6. Certain additional costs are envisaged to improve exterior storage of chairs to free up space during the exhibitions and discussions are underway obtaining estimates for the work to be done. The Heritage Centre had been a disused chapel which was donated to the Society a few years previously and the trustees intend to ensure it can be used to its maximum benefit for members and visitors. The costs of the works will be substantial and the trustees intend to seek grant funding.
7. The Society did not pay remuneration or expenses to Trustees or any person *connected with a Trustee. There were no transactions with persons connected with a Trustee.*
8. The Society's cash at-bank was lodged at the Bank of Scotland.

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Trustees Report


1. The Yetholm History Society is charity number SC 044596. Its main address is The
[REDACTED]
2. There was a wide-ranging series of six talks during the year 2022/23 by visiting speakers with authority on topics as diverse as the life and works of Lady Grizel Baillie, Mistress of Mellerstain a local historic house; The Union Chain Bridge across the Tweed and its history and restoration; Wooler in World War 2 as a defended village; Irregular Border Marriages that took place to take advantage of the differences in the laws of marriage on either side of the border; the Ad Gefrin, Anglo Saxon Royal Township and the new museum; and the places in Anglo-Saxon history of two well-known local historical figures of national importance namely St Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede. Each of these events was presented by a recognised authority in their respective fields and in many cases included the opportunity to buy a book by the speaker. All were very well attended and each finished with a lively set of questions to the speaker from those present. The Society thus continued to fulfil its purpose set out in paragraph 6 below.
3. The Yetholm Heritage Centre was again open to the public from May 2023 to the end of September between 10am-4.30pm. The exhibition focussed on *'Yetholm as a Town'* and looked at the wide range of shops that had in earlier times been in the village facilitating the supply both of everyday goods and specialist items for the agricultural communities and the servicing on local needs. It attracted a welcome number of visitors. There were very positive comments on the exhibition, verbally and written comments in Visitors' Book. Visitors took time both to listen to the recordings and to read printed materials and displays.
4. In addition the Society as usual took a stand at the Yetholm Border Shepherds' show in October and had a successful day with numerous visitors attracted by the exhibition and the competition open to all visitors of *'Where's That At'* which required participants to correctly identify from two posters the places in Yetholm from which old photographs had been taken and gave an insight into how the villages had developed over time. In addition as a tie-break question asked for thoughts on *'Yetholm is a place which'* The responses to which showed much ingenuity from participants. Four gift cards with a value of £15 each were donated as prizes by one of our trustees and were awarded for the four best entries as judged by a panel of the trustees.

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6. Our constitution is the model one that the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations gives out. On request, Trustees will e-mail a copy, or arrange access to a paper copy. The Society's purpose is to promote understanding of the heritage of Yetholm and its environs by stimulating interest in and the recording of the history and archaeology of the area.
7. Cash reserves held in the General Fund and the Archive Fund are unrestricted. The Archive Fund is to help us acquire, store, protect, display and copy material and at the year-end it had a small deficit which was made good by a transfer from the General Fund. *There is also the Hall Fund and Publication Fund, both are restricted funds in that some of the monies were donated for those purposes only.* The Hall Fund would have had a deficit of £1,287 at the year-end as the costs of the new fence and necessary printing for the Heritage Centre in aggregate exceeded the funds available in the Hall Fund but the shortfall was made good by a transfer from the General Fund. After making the transfers the General Fund had a surplus of £2,031. We see the reserves as seed money to secure grant aid, and to help us meet urgent costs and short-term variations in income or expenditure.

Approved by the Trustees on *14th April* 2025

and signed on their behalf by:



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Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the financial statements of the Yetholm History Society for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on page 1.

Responsibilities

The **Trustees** are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is **my responsibility** to examine the accounts, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

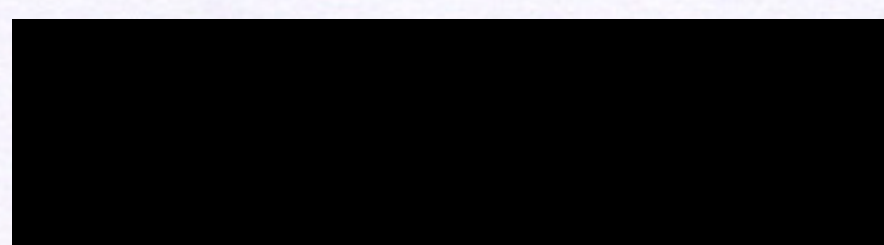
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out under Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. I have reviewed the accounting records and compared them with the financial statements. I have considered items and disclosures in the accounts and obtained the explanations that I needed from the Trustees. The procedures undertaken do not provide the evidence needed in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements.

Report

No matter has come to my attention that gives me reasonable cause to think that the Society has not kept accounting records that comply with the 2006 Regulations, or has not drawn up accounts that match those records and meet the Regulations. No matter has come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements.

Signed:



Independent Examiner

Name:

Address:



Date:

22nd February 2025