

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES 2022

Changes during the 2022 membership year are set out below. Members are asked to send any changes of address, corrections, information, etc. to Dr Helen Fenwick (Membership Secretary MSR), School of Humanities, University of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX. Email: h.fenwick@hull.ac.uk.

NEW FULL MEMBERS

A. Curtis <i>York</i>	K. Dempsey <i>Dublin</i>	R. Fosberry <i>Cambridge</i>	M. Harding <i>Ansty</i>
P. Harding <i>Chipping Norton</i>	K. Johnson <i>Scarborough</i>	D. Jones <i>Pen-y-Bont Ar Ogwr</i>	D. Leach <i>York</i>
C. Merrony <i>Sheffield</i>	J. Mobbs <i>Halesworth</i>	P. Sarris <i>Shepreth</i>	J. Townsend <i>Newark</i>

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS

R. Kahlenberg <i>Durham</i>	M. Leake <i>Morpeth</i>
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DECEASED

F. Day	M. Morris	V. Proudfoot
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RESIGNATIONS

D. Barker	J. Earley	C. Foster	C. Gibbons	D. Gulland
C. Reedman	D. Robinson	T. Sly	C. Starr	L. Weston
M. Wise				

CURRENT POSTAL ADDRESSES WANTED

D.M. Griffiths	(was in Exeter)	S. Harrison	
N. Instone	(was Southampton)	B.E.A Jones	(was in London)
J.P. Northover	(was in Oxford)	S.A. Pinter-Bellows	(was in Canewdon)
C.J. Wright	(was in Salisbury)		

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR 2023

MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT RESEARCH GROUP

Registered Charity No. 801634

Objectives

The objective of the Group is the advancement of public education by promoting interdisciplinary involvement in the collection, analysis and dissemination of data relating to the history, geography and archaeology of medieval rural settlement, primarily in Great Britain and Ireland from the fifth to the sixteenth centuries.

Trustees' addresses

Prof Carezza Lewis (President), School of History and Heritage, University of Lincoln, Brayford Pool, Lincoln, LN6 7TS

Dr Susan Kilby (Secretary), 4 Main Street, Tansor, Peterborough, PE8 5HS

Dr Andy Seaman (Treasurer), School of History, Archaeology and Religion, Cardiff University, John Percival Building, Column Drive, Cardiff, CF10 3EU

Dr Mark McKerracher (Editor), 2 Channels Farm Court, 8 Channels Farm Road, Southampton, SO16 2PL

Review of activity during the year

The Group's activities (policy making, conferences and publication) have continued as before. The range of interests and issues is reflected in the content of the journal (*Medieval Settlement Research* 38) covering the year 2023.

Result of the year

There was an excess of expenditure over income of £4,244 (excess of £6,781 in 2021-22).

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at a level that will enable the Group to perform its core activities for the foreseeable future. The minimum sum to be held in unrestricted reserves is £12,500 and the maximum sum is £250,000. Should reserves rise above the maximum sum or below the minimum sum the trustees will review the activities of the Group and consider such changes as are deemed to be appropriate.

Grant-making policy

The charity makes grants towards research projects and to other bodies involved in similar areas of education and research in respect of medieval settlement.

Investments policy

The charity's funds are invested in National Savings and a bank bond, deposits that are regarded as a safe liquid investment with an adequate return, and suitable for a small charity.

Risk policy

The trustees have reviewed the major risks facing the charity and presently conclude that no specific action is required.

A P Seaman, Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT RESEARCH GROUP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023 which are set out on the following page.

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 145 (1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5) (b) of the Act;
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures

undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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 Act; and
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirements of the 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.

Anthony Bourne
Maritime Operations Officer
Her Majesty's Coastguard,
Langdon Battery, Dover, Kent, CT15 5NA

11 August 2023

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GENERAL FUNDS – RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Financial Year ended 31 January 2023

Note 1 Accounting policies

Historical Cost Convention

The Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Stocks of Publications

Stocks of Publications are not valued or included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Note 2 Funds

All funds of the charity are unrestricted.

RECEIPTS	2022-23	2021-22	PAYMENTS	2022-23	2021-22
Donations, and other similar sources			Charitable Payments		
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	£ -	£ -	Grants	£ 6,301	£ 7,077
Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society	£ 208	£ 266	J. G. Hurst Memorial Prize	£ -	£ -
Public Lending Right	£ 12	£ -	Student bursaries	£ 140	£ -
Donations	£ -	£ 559	Charitable Activity		
Operating activities to further the charity's objectives			Journal: printing and postage	£ 4,580	£ 6,137
Subscriptions	£ 7,246	£ 6,721	Spring Conference	£ -	£ -
Conferences	£ 2,211	£ -	ADS upload	£ 120	£ -
Publication Grants	£ 280	£ 497	Management and Administration		
Investment Income Receipts			Secretarial and Committee	£ 274	£ 593
Current account Interest	£ -	£ -	AGM and Seminar	£ 2,213	£ -
Deposit account Interest	£ 34	£ 5	Insurance	£ 263	£ 360
	£ 9,991	£ 8,047	CBA Affiliation Fees	£ -	£ 125
Statement of Assets and Liabilities			Postage	£ 232	£ 152
Balance Brought forward	£ 37,544	£ 44,326	Refunds	£ -	£ -
Balance of payments over receipts	-£ 4,244	-£ 6,781	Website	£ 36	£ 337
	£ 33,301	£ 37,544	Bank Charges	£ 77	£ 47
				£ 14,235	£ 14,829
Pettit Legacy					
Brought forward	£ 64,975	£ 64,139	Current bank account	£ 1,451	£ 149
Added Interest	£ 845	£ 836	National Savings Deposit Account	£ 36,430*	£ 37,396
	£ 65,820	£ 64,975		£ 37,881	£ 37,544

* £4,580 debit on 25/01/2023 was not visible on NS&I statement by end of financial year.