

**THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

THE COUNTY'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
FOUNDED 1897

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

**THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

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# **THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The full name of the society is the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire and it is governed by a constitution known as the 'Rules of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire'. These rules are registered with the Charity Commissioners under number 237755.

### **OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY**

Under the rules of the Society, its objects shall be to promote and foster the study of the history, archaeology and antiquities of Nottinghamshire for the public benefit and to promote and foster public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Nottinghamshire's history generally.

### **ADDRESS FOR ENQUIRIES**

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### **TRUSTEES**

The members of Council are considered to be the Trustees of the Society. Details of membership of Council are shown on page 3.

### **MAIN ADVISORS**

Bankers - HSBC Bank plc, 26 Clumber Street, Nottingham NG1 3GA

Auditors - UHY Jackson Bly, 110 Nottingham Road, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 6DQ

### **FUNDS**

The General Fund can be used for the general furtherance of the aims of the charity. In order to achieve the aims of the Record Section, the Society has the power to print original historical materials, records and manuscripts. The income from the Maurice Barley, Nora Witham, Myles Thoroton Hildyard and Neville Hoskins Funds is used for lectures. The Coddington Fund is to be used for the William Senior Record Series volume, the Centenary Fund for the Heritage Gateway and the Davis Bequest to digitise the Nottinghamshire Bibliography.

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

### **INTRODUCTION AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

In introducing this report it is very gratifying to see how much we as a Society achieved in the course of 2010. Not only have we maintained a full and well supported programme of lectures and excursions but, through our *Transactions*, we have maintained our academic profile, and through our Newsletter we have kept in touch with members and provided information on as many topics as we can. In December we had the first Neville Hoskins lecture, and our thanks are due to Ann, Sarah and David for providing funding for this lecture for the future. During the year we also found out a great deal about our members and their interests from the survey undertaken by John Hamilton and we hope, through Council, to implement many of the suggestions which came out of that overview. Thank you to the many members

who responded to the survey which gave us confidence that the findings really did reflect the mind of the Society. Finally, the Annual Report reflects in very considerable measure the work of the Society's officers, and I am grateful to each and every one of them for their hard work and their commitment to the work of the Thoroton Society in 2010.

John Beckett, Chairman

## **PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

Once again this year Council has met at Lenton Grove on three occasions, courtesy of the University of Nottingham. Council oversees the Society's business, finances and development. Reports from Council members who represent the Society on various organisations or have special responsibilities are given each meeting. The Standing Committee, chaired by John Beckett, takes responsibility for day to day work, detailed consideration of developments and the planning of the programme: its activities are also reported to Council each meeting. The Thoroton Response Group continues to make representations on behalf of the Society on matters, national and local, relating to the historic environment and buildings of the County, any representations made being noted in the Newsletter: this year these have included representations on the Southwell Roman site, and on changes to the distribution of lottery proceeds. Members of the Society are requested to draw the group's attention to matters of concern.

Barbara Cast, Honorary Secretary

## **HONORARY TREASURER'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

The news this year is by no means all bad. The income from our investments is down yet again (£216, down from £316 in 2009), but income from Gift-Aid has increased (£1,531, from £1,305 in 2009). Any member who pays income tax but has not completed a Gift-Aid form is requested to do so! Subscription income increased from £10,385 in 2009 to £10,532 in 2010.

This year the Records Section published the Gedling Town Book at a cost of £3,824 for printing. Copies were sent to all subscribers to the Records Section and sales of the remaining copies have been good. Several were sold at a special discount at the book launch, which was held in Gedling Parish Church.

From January 2008, all sales to the public of both the *Transactions* and the Records Section publications have been through the Nottinghamshire Archives, who take a commission of 25%. Books are on display and for sale over the counter in the Search Room at the Archives, and are also advertised on Thoroton Society's website. Income from this source increased to £302 in 2010, up from £246 in 2009.

We received a contribution of £525 towards the printing costs of the paper on the Little Morton Coin Hoard, which appeared in the 2010 *Transactions*.

The general fund of the Society totals £26,097. The total net assets of the Society are £77,799, of which £3,194 is in the stock of books and ties.

John Wilson, Honorary

Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP

<b>Comparative membership numbers</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Individual members	227	211
Individual members - with record series	56	68
Associate members	51	55
Life members	12	12
Student members	5	7
Record series only	3	3
Honorary members	2	2
Total individual members	356	364
Institutional members	19	18
Institutional members - with record series	61	57
Institutional members - record series only	11	11
Total institutional members	91	86
<b>Final total</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>450</b>
Total record series	143	135

Overall membership figures were little changed from the previous year, with the rise in personal members being mostly offset by the loss of a few institutional members. The figures exclude 7 Personal Members who joined late in 2010, who will be included in the 2011 figures.

### Membership Questionnaire

In early summer a questionnaire was circulated to all personal members, probably the first time such a wide-ranging survey of members has been carried out by the Society. Replies were received from no less than 40 per cent of the members, a gratifyingly high response. The survey provided information on members by age, length of membership and so on, and on their views of the importance of the Society's various activities to them and how well they felt they were being provided. Members' replies showed a

very high degree of satisfaction with the way the Society is run and made some suggestions for ways to ensure continued improvement.

John Hamilton, Honorary Membership Secretary

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Transactions**

The 113<sup>th</sup> Volume of *Transactions* was launched at the AGM at Bingham, and contained eight substantial articles and the usual round up of archaeology in Nottinghamshire. The year saw the publication of two excellent archaeology papers. Paul Pettitt's work on the Palaeolithic of Church Hole Cave, Creswell, provides ample evidence for human adaptation to a more extreme climate than today. Malcolm Dolby and Daryl Garton's report on the excavation of a Romano-British coin hoard from Little Morton, near Babworth, provides evidence for one past response to a changing economy.

Of the history articles, three broadly covered topics between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries: these were a record of Judith Mills' well attended Nottinghamshire History Lecture revisiting Nottingham's Borough Records, 1400-1600; a biographical study of Timothy Pusey of Selston Hall, Nottinghamshire, by Clive Leivers; and Peter Seddon's exploration of 'The Impact of the Civil Wars on the Clare Estates in Nottinghamshire' during the English Civil War. John Wilson explored the 'Early Nineteenth Century Weather Records taken at Bromley House, Nottingham', which fully bore out the long-standing national obsession with all things meteorological, whilst a revised version of the Maurice Barley Lecture, by Sir Neil Cossons, explored the life and work of 'A Nottinghamshire Historian: Arthur Cossons (1893-1963)'. Fresh from his five year stint as National Director of the Victoria County History, the Society's Chairman, John Beckett, placed the chequered history of the VCH in Nottinghamshire in its historical context in his exploration of 'The Thoroton Society and the Victoria County History'.

The Archaeological Summaries, edited by Dr Chris Robinson of Nottinghamshire County Council, provided concise details of the full range of archaeological work undertaken in our county over the past twelve months.

Richard Gaunt, Honorary History Editor and  
Keith Challis, Honorary Archaeology Editor

### **Record Series**

Volume 45 of the *Record Series* was published this year. Entitled *Village Government and Taxation in Later Stuart Nottinghamshire : The Gedling 'Town Book' 1664-1714*, it is edited by Society member Edward White and contains a foreword by Professor Martyn Bennett of Nottingham Trent University. It comprises transcripts of the unusually complete financial accounts of the Constables, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of Gedling which were recorded in a single manuscript volume called the 'Town Book'. These provide a rare insight into the actual working of local government at

village level during this period.

Ted White's introduction analyses the accounts in careful detail to show how an ordinary English parish coped with the day-to-day demands of raising taxes for such matters as church repairs, policing, relieving the poor, and national wars. As well as being of interest to Nottinghamshire historians it will serve as an exemplary study of value to parish historians throughout the country.

Further progress has been made with the compact disc edition of the coloured estate maps of William Senior, 1600-1640. The projected edition of the estate accounts of the 2nd Duke of Newcastle relating to Welbeck Abbey and Nottingham Castle, etc. during the 1670s and '80s is well advanced, and the history and gazetteer of Lost Churches and Chapels within the county is also making progress.

Adrian Henstock, Honorary Record Series Editor

## **PLANNING AND CONSERVATION IN THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM**

Throughout the year additions and extensions to houses and work to trees has filled the weekly list of planning applications. There are very few fresh applications of note. What follows is selective.

The highlight of the year has been the completion of the Newton and Arkwright Regeneration Project at the city centre campus of Nottingham Trent University. The Hopkins Architects Partnership elegantly joined the 1877 Arkwright and 1956-8 Newton buildings by filling much of the redundant space between the buildings with an atrium which incorporated a new entrance on Goldsmith Street. In addition the central wing of the Arkwright Building, mainly the impractical Arkwright lecture theatre, was carefully dismantled and replaced with a splendid open space, the Arkwright Quadrangle, where the material from the demolition was reused. This is definitely a redevelopment that is worth a visit, perhaps glimpsed on the way to a Thoroton Lecture at the nearby New Mechanics Institute.

A plan for the redevelopment of the former Odeon site on Angel Row has reappeared, this time as 'superior' accommodation for, as the developers prefer, American post graduate law students studying at Nottingham Trent. There is a worry that the city 'planners' will nod it through but, with luck, a powerful challenge will be mounted stressing that the increased height and bulk will be detrimental to Bromley House and, further, that a change of use should warrant a fresh appraisal. [*outside the period of this report English Heritage has strongly recommended the refusal of this application*]

The neat, but unlisted, building at the corner of Park Row and East Circus Street has been successfully wrenched from demolition and an unsuitable replacement. Franklin Ellis architects are currently converting it into a restaurant.

A dormant planning application for apartments/shops on High Pavement, between the pre Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery and the Pitcher and Piano (Former High

Pavement Unitarian Chapel) was revived during the year. The city's new refusal went to appeal but was lost by the applicants. There is a hope that there will be no follow up.

A proposal to erect a large block on the vacant 1941 blitz site across High Pavement from St. Mary's Church has met with firm opposition. If built it would all but block out that welcoming view of St. Mary's on the approach to the city from London Road. This is an aspect of Nottingham that displays several 'century' layers of Nottingham's development on and below its Saxon plateau.

The City Council carried out the transfer of most of its departments to Loxley House (ex Capital One) on Station Street. Alas not much consideration was given to the fate of the buildings vacated. Thus the Guildhall, the Council House and other interesting but less important buildings architecturally have an uncertain future. Although a little Council use survives, talk is of the offices of the Coroner and the Registrar moving into parts of the Council House. The modern annexe to the Guildhall is already being demolished prior to the building of tall office block for electricity supplier Eon. It is understood that the Fire Service wish to move to the lower part of the city in order to provide a more rapid response. The Police Force could well follow. The future of that block facing onto Shakespeare Street with its specialised use of internal space might well be problematic. Sometime back one developer publicly expressed a wish to redevelop the whole of what could be termed the Guildhall Square in one overall scheme.

Unauthorised work at the listed Walton's Hotel on the northern edge of the Park Estate received an enforcement order to demolish after an appeal was turned down by the Planning Inspector. Rocky Mount on Barrack Lane, also in the Park, will possibly be demolished and replaced by a block of flats. The City tried to overturn approval given two years ago, quoting changed regulations, but the stay of execution was due to disagreement over Section 106 provision. (This is an agreement with the developer for the provision of services and/or infrastructure to make a development acceptable in planning terms).

One of Nottingham's best loved landmarks, the Wilford Suspension Bridge, was reopened after a £1.9m restoration was carried out by Severn Trent Water. Not far away the hostelry known variously as The Town Arms, The Avery and Casa has been refurbished and restyled and opened as The Riverbank. The present proprietors have a good track record so hopefully the building's future is secure.

At one point the former Judges' Lodgings/former County Archive Office on High Pavement was due to be taken over by Merchants Hotel next door who saw it as an ideal location for wedding receptions. The move did not materialise and the building was left to the elements and anybody else who cared to drop in – including fixture strippers. Fortunately legal enforcement has, it is understood, made this important building weather and vandal proof.

Bio City, the Nottingham Science Park, as well as the expansion of Nottingham University's Innovations Park on the Jubilee Campus continue to thrive and point towards a prosperous scientific future for the City.

Finally, there is a hope that soon Nottingham will appoint a permanent Director of City Planning. ‘Temps’ come and go, which obviously prohibits any continuity of policy – “Where does the city see itself in five, ten years?”. The cynic might say that the job is a poisoned chalice!

Ken Brand, City Planning Representative

## COUNTY PLANNING AND CBA PLANNING REPORT

2010 has been a very quiet year for planning application work. This is, of course, due to the current national financial situation and the consequent reduction in both public and private building works. Major issues considered were:-

- A proposal to demolish c1900 and c1950 extensions at Retford Town Hall and the erection of a new block of five retail outlets with apartments above them.
- A resubmission with flood and ecological surveys relating to The Old Mill, Moor Lane, Bestwood Village.
- The demolition of a c20th lean-to and erection of a new bedroom wing at Millbank House, Millgate, Newark.
- The conversion of 23 High Pavement, Nottingham (the old County House and Judges Lodgings) to hotel accommodation.
- Internal alterations at Notintine Place, Sneinton (The Booth Museum complex).
- Alterations at 24-26 Low Pavement, Nottingham as part of an application by Jamie’s Italian Ltd.
- Demolition work and the erection of a new wing at Dunham House, Southwell.

It is noted that work has now commenced in the centre of Newark on the new supermarket site involving demolition of the old Robin Hood hotel and other properties.

No information on planning matters has been received from Society members and I do urge contact with me where sensitive planning matters arise; in such cases I can deal with them and, if necessary, refer them to Council or the Response Group for an official Thoroton Society response. Where necessary I consult people with more local knowledge than I have before sending my advice to CBA.

CBA held one of its study days in autumn 2010 based at Long Eaton. This one related to the textile industries of the East Midlands. I regret missing this event due to my notification being apparently lost in the post and a change of email address.

Howard Fisher, County and Council for British  
Archaeology Planning Representative

## ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeology in Nottinghamshire continues to suffer from the present economic

downturn. The past twelve months have seen cuts in the archaeological staff at Nottinghamshire County Council and the loss of field archaeology units at several regional universities.

The loss in field units, and the wider impact of challenges to the public funding of archaeology, English Heritage have suffered a budget cut in excess of 30%, which has all but eliminated their resources to fund archaeological research, will undoubtedly have significant long-term implications for archaeology in Nottinghamshire. In the short-term this year has seen only a single significant archaeological contribution to *Transactions*, and that is the unravelling of a mysterious forty year old excavation in Nottingham city centre. In part the dearth of reports reflects the depressed state of commercial archaeology, jobs lost, funds scarce and those archaeologists who remain employed more focused on protecting their position than on publication.

Is there any good news? Well, precious little, but one thing worthy of report is the publication of the *Research Agenda and Strategy For The Historic Environment Of The East Midlands*, funded by English Heritage and written by David Knight and Blaise Vyner of Trent & Peak Archaeology. This useful document sets out a five year plan for archaeological research within Nottinghamshire and the wider East Midlands. Whether there will be any archaeologists remaining to implement this strategy is another matter, but a further bright note is the continued resurgence of amateur archaeology (nowadays we call it community archaeology). Often with funds from the Heritage Lottery in its various incarnations, community archaeology groups are at the forefront of much of the most worthwhile research led archaeology in Nottinghamshire, witness for example the work of the Bingham Heritage Trails Association and of the professionals of the Nottinghamshire community archaeology team supporting community groups in the Trent Vale and elsewhere within the county. It seems likely that, for the time being at least, the future of meaningful, research led regional archaeological work lays in the hands of community groups, using public funds to pursue a local and regional agenda.

Keith Challis, Archaeology Representative

## **THE THOROTON SOCIETY WEBSITE**

Website statistics for 2010 show that an average of 1,100 unique visitors viewed 4,225 pages each month. These figures show an encouraging increase up on the 2009 levels. The most popular time for viewing the website seems to be between 9 and 11 in the evening: presumably the TV schedules are less appealing then!

The electronic version of Michael Brook's *Nottinghamshire Bibliography* continues to be the most popular document on the website and is downloaded on a regular basis.

Visitors to the site are predominantly from the United Kingdom but substantial numbers come from the US, Australasia, Canada, Germany and the EU. More exotically, we had 28 Chinese visitors over the course of the year.

As ever, the search terms people use with Google, Bing and Yahoo search engines that lead them to our website are of interest. Most are fairly predictable (e.g., "thoroton society," "flintham hall" and "nottinghamshire history society"); some are unusual but relevant (the Popkess Affair of 1959 and dovecotes in the county appeared more than once in 2010) but the following curiosities attracted my attention: "the tall society of nottingham," "dionysia of linthwaite" and "pupils who attended south axholme school epworth 1979" – as Epworth is over the border in Lincolnshire I've no idea why they found our site!

Andy Nicholson, Thoroton Society Website Manager

## **THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HERITAGE GATEWAY**

The Nottinghamshire Heritage Gateway is designed to provide a guide to the heritage resources of the county, and a history of Nottinghamshire featuring the latest research. The information provided by the Gateway is arranged through a series of research pathways, organised by places, people, themes and events. The pathways provide users with a brief overview of a subject area and a list of key resources for further research, arranged by type of source material. Recent additions to the site are: John Player and Son by Alexandra Hague; Framework Knitters by Denise Amos; World War I by David Nunn (and Andy Nicholson); and Nottingham's caves by Tony Waltham. Andy Nicholson, the Society's web manager, runs the site, and the administration (and recruitment!) is done by Denise Amos. The Gateway can be accessed at <http://www.nottsheritagegateway.org.uk/>.

Professor John Beckett

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST**

Progress continues slowly on the restoration of the dovecote at Thoroton, the only building the Trust currently owns. The Trust continues to comment on planning applications and to monitor developments at buildings considered to be at risk. The Trust also offers advice on request to the owners of historic buildings considering changes prior to application and organises, with the CPRE, the Harry Johnson award for the best restoration or new building in a village setting.

Information about the Trust, with illustrations of past activities, can be seen at [www.nbpt.co.uk](http://www.nbpt.co.uk)

Barbara Cast, NBPT Representative

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

The Association published its usual two issues of *The Nottinghamshire Historian* during the year. It also held two day schools, one in March at Ravenshead, entitled 'What about the workers?' (covering aspects of the working classes in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries), and the other in October at Oxton, entitled 'Ladies Day' (women in local history) (note: men were not excluded from the latter!).

In conjunction with Nottinghamshire Archives it ran a young persons' My Life! diary competition, for which the entrants had to chronicle a memorable day in their life, the prize money being provided by the Association. The competition, which attracted 27 entries, 13 of them in the 11-13 years age group, was later short-listed for, and won, a Renaissance Heritage award.

The Association also provided bursaries to representatives from local history societies to attend a short course entitled 'Make the most of your local history collection' held at the Nottinghamshire Archives in October.

Philip Jones, NLHA Representative

## **SOCIETY EVENTS IN 2010**

Once again this year there was a varied and interesting programme of lectures, excursions and the other regular events. The lectures were interesting and many were thought provoking, such as that by Hugh Matheson on Laxton. The four excursions also proved varied and interesting in different ways and they were all well supported and amazingly all enjoyed lovely sunny weather. The visit to Grimsthorpe Castle and Harlaxton Manor marked a new departure, being held on a Sunday. The June visit to the two great priory churches of north Nottinghamshire, Worksop and Blyth, revealed two glorious remnants of pre-Reformation church architecture and also took in the church at Carlton-in-Lindrick which may lay claim to having some of the oldest remnants of brick, perhaps Roman, in the county. The visit to Winkburn Hall in July, by kind permission of Richard and Jane Craven-Smith-Milnes, demonstrated the careful restoration by the owners after twenty years of neglect. The final visit was to the British Horological Institute at Upton Hall, and those attending were told of the history of the Hall before the Institute took it over in 1972 and enjoyed a tour of the fascinating variety of old time-pieces, including the original speaking clock.

### Programme

Saturday 9 January: *Nora Witham Lecture*, Andrew Barber – Conservation and Decoration in the National Trust; recent work at Hardwick Hall.

Saturday 13 February: *Maurice Barley Lecture*, Hugh Matheson – Laxton: the contemporary significance.

Saturday 13 March: *Myles Thoroton Hildyard Lecture*, Alan Middleton – The Longcase Clock 1675-1900.

Saturday 24 April: *Annual General Meeting*, Bingham

Sunday 23 May: *Excursion to Grimsthorpe Castle and Harlaxton Manor*, led by Peter Smith and Alan Langton.

Saturday 26 June: *Excursion to Worksop and Blyth Priors and North Nottinghamshire*

*Churches*, led by Alan Langton.

Saturday 10 July: *Excursion to Winkburn Hall and Church*, led by John Hamilton.

Thursday 9 September: *Excursion to the British Horological Institute*, led by Margaret Trueman and Penny Messenger.

Saturday 9 October: *Archaeology Lecture*, David Knight – Understanding Nottinghamshire's past: priorities for archaeological research.

Tuesday 12 October: *Keith Train Lecture*, in association with Nottingham Civic Society, Elaine Harwood - Nottinghamshire Schools and their Architecture.

Saturday 6 November: *Annual Luncheon*, Charnwood Hotel, Blyth

Saturday 13 November: *Nottinghamshire History Lecture*, Kate Holland - Harmony and Good Company, the choir-band as a vehicle of sociability in Nottinghamshire.

Saturday 11 December: *Neville Hoskins Lecture*, Michael Austin – Archdeacon George Wilkins of St Mary's, Nottingham.

David Hoskins, Honorary Lecture Secretary  
Alan Langton, Honorary Excursion Secretary

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire and of the financial activities for that period. In preparing these accounts trustees are required to:-

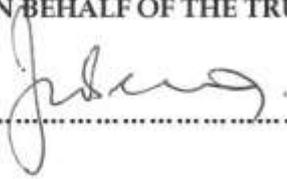
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue.

Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS**

In preparing the annual accounts of the Society, the applicable accounting standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES**

  
.....TRUSTEE

Date.....

THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Note	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2010 total	2009 total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects					
Subscriptions		8381	2151	10532	10385
Sales and sundry income	2	451	590	1041	734
Excursions and other functions	4	-571	0	-571	-291
Other incoming resources					
Tax refund		1531	0	1531	1305
Grants	3	525	0	525	2303
Donations and bequests		0	0	0	1500
Investment income (bank interest)		59	157	216	316
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>10377</b>	<b>2898</b>	<b>13274</b>	<b>16252</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
Transactions		3632	0	3632	7392
Cost of lectures		701	0	701	707
Cost of sales		0	750	750	151
Coddington Fund paid out		0	28	28	0
Centenary fund paid out		0	411	411	268
Other		0	2209	2209	73
Managements and administration	5	6925	0	6925	6612
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>11258</b>	<b>3398</b>	<b>14656</b>	<b>15203</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		<b>-881</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-1381</b>	<b>1049</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-881</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-1381</b>	<b>1049</b>
Total fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2010		26978	52202	79180	78131
<b>Total fund balances carried forward</b>					

at 31 December 2010

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**THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010**

	Note	2010 £	2010 £	2009 £	2009 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	7		-	-	0
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stocks	8	3,194		2,280	
Other debtors	9	506		482	
Bank balances	10	<u>76,847</u>		<u>79,570</u>	
		80,546		82,332	
<b>Creditors</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	2,748		3,152	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			77,799		79,180
<b>Total assets less Current Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>			<u>77,799</u>		<u>79,180</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds			26,097		26,980
Restricted Funds			51,702		52,200
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u>77,799</u>		<u>79,180</u>

# THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice (SORP) on Accounting and Reporting by Charities (March 2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

#### **Fund Accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

#### **Incoming resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for on the accruals basis. No credit is taken for subscriptions not received.

#### **Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Management and administration costs are those costs incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Equipment                      over 3 years.

#### **Stock**

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.



that they had paid out on behalf of the Society. These expenses consisted of postage, stationery, Record Section and Excursion expenses. An honorarium of £500 was paid to Miss VJM Wilson BA ACMA for work done in preparation of these accounts.

## 7 Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Equipment</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January 2010	2,600
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2010	<u>2,600</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2010	2,600
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2010	<u>2,600</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>	
At 31 December 2009	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2010	<u>-</u>

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>8 Stock</b>		
Ties	168	188
Hearth Tax Returns	-	-
Miners' Minute Book	15	35
Upton Constables' Accounts	234	254
Sherwood Forest Map	540	540
Newcastle Diaries	-	-
Notts. Bibliography	1,194	1,194
Gould Diaries	58	70
Gedling Town Book	986	-
	<u>3194</u>	<u>2280</u>

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Debtors</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments	100	200
Other debtors	406	282

	506	482
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	£	£
<b>10 Bank balances</b>		
HSBC current account	4,060	7,108
National Westminster	583	474
National Savings Investment Account	72,204	71,988
	<b>76,847</b>	<b>79,570</b>

	2010	2009
	£	£
<b>11 Creditors</b>		
Accruals	1,026	672
Deferred Income	1,722	2,480
	<b>2,748</b>	<b>3,152</b>

	Balance at 1	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance at 31
	Jan 2010	Resources	Resources	Dec 2010
	£	£	£	£
Records Section	32,154	2,838	2,958	32,033
Nora Witham Fund	748	2		750
Maurice Barley Fund	840	3		843
Coddington Fund	8,928	27	28	8,927
M. Thoroton Hildyard Bequest	1,098	3	-	1,101
Centenary Fund	1,801	5	411	1,395
Davis Bequest	5,132	15		5,148
Neville Hoskins fund	1,500	5		1,505
	<b>52,201</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>51,702</b>

Record Section Funds are used to print original historical materials, records and manuscripts.

The income from the Maurice Barley, Nora Witham, Miles Thoroton Hildyard and Neville Hoskins Funds is used to fund annual lectures. The Coddington Fund is to be used for the William Senior Project covering estate maps of Chatsworth and Welbeck Abbey. The Centenary Fund is to be used to fund the Heritage Gateway. The Davis Bequest is to be used to digitise the Nottinghamshire Bibliography.

### 13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	-
Current assets	28,844	51,702	80,546
Current liabilities	2,748	-	2,748

Total net assets at 31 December  
2010

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26,096	51,702	77,799
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