

# THE THOROTON SOCIETY

Nottinghamshire's History and Archaeology Society



**ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS**  
**For the year ending 31st December 2022**  
**AND THE SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER.**



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## **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.

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**FUNDS:** The General Fund is 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 residue from the Maurice Barley, Nora Williams, Myles Thoroton Hildyard and Neville Hoskins funds is incorporated into the General Fund. The Coddington Fund supported the William Senior Record Series volume, the Centenary Fund, the Heritage Gateway and the Davis Bequest enabled accessibility to the Nottinghamshire Bibliography. Now that all the above funds are expended all necessary expenditure is met now from the General Fund.

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

### **INTRODUCTION AND CHAIR'S REPORT**

2022 was a memorable year for us all – the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September marked a fundamental change in the lives of most people, who have never known any other monarch. Politically, the events of the year were

not unprecedented (the year 1827 also saw three prime ministers in quick succession!) but were certainly dramatic. For the Thoroton Society, as I noted in the last newsletter, the events of the year focused on our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations. Nor is our commemorative activity at an end. 2023 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr Robert Thoroton's birth. We look forward to meeting at Flintham Hall for our AGM and Spring Meeting and commemorating our eponymous 'founder'.

I offer my sincere thanks for the work of all members of Council during the past year. I would also like to acknowledge those members of the Society who responded to last year's membership survey. This generated a range of interesting comments, which are informing our discussions in Council as we move into 2023. You will already have received a survey from Ruth Strong about excursions, with the last newsletter, whilst the possibility of some sort of Thoroton Society research project or activity (mentioned below) is under active review.

The results of the survey can be summarised as follows. Of 47 people who responded, nearly 70% were over 60 years of age, and retired, whilst a little over a quarter were in work. Most respondents (over 60%) were ordinary members of the Society, but the next largest group were also members of the Record Section. Nearly half of all respondents had been members of the Society for more than ten years, with the remainder evenly divided between the 1-5 or 6-10 years categories. The most popular social media platforms cited by respondents were Facebook and WhatsApp. Two-thirds of respondents thought the content of *Transactions* was excellent, and nine-tenths were happy with the range of topics covered and thought the number of articles was about right. However, only about one in five respondents read all of *Transactions*, with the majority stating that they read 'most' articles. Over 60% of respondents thought the newsletter 'excellent' and supported making it a forum for 'less academic (but still well researched) articles with a wider appeal'. Fewer respondents took the Record Series volumes or knew about them, and gave various reasons for this, but were attracted by the idea of digital publication as a potential addition to hard copy. The Saturday afternoon lecture programme was widely appreciated, even if there were different views about the timing and location of lectures. Nearly 70% of respondents would welcome an additional online event, hosted on Zoom. There were welcome comments in support of our summer excursions, tempered by a recognition that the increasing cost of coaches and the persistence of post-COVID anxieties about social mixing had affected these somewhat. The majority of respondents did not attend either the Spring

Meeting or Annual Lunch and cited various reasons for this, including location and transport. One respondent said that members 'should not have to pay to attend the AGM' – in fact the Society only charges those who wish to have refreshments (which is not unreasonable for a voluntary society). Large numbers of respondents would like to participate in some sort of research project – preferably one which can be pursued individually, at home, in their own time. A number of respondents also talked about the barriers to research for those without access to academic institutions, libraries, or the internet. Clearly, there is plenty of food for thought in these comments. Whilst the overwhelming response to questions about the quality and value of what we offer our members was usually 'excellent' or 'good', and many encouraging comments were made in free-text boxes, there are ongoing issues for this, as any other, Society – not least the need to attract a new generation of members with the time and willingness to get involved, including the necessary business of administration and organisation. Some understandable wariness over returning to in-person events (as a result of the COVID pandemic), offset by a realisation of how important such events are, was also apparent. A number of responses concentrated on the 'academic' flavour of the Society and wondered if this could be off-putting to new (or even existing) members. These are important and necessary reflections for us to consider, as we seek to secure the Society's future and to maintain its relevance.

I would like to reiterate my appreciation to all members of the Society for their continuing support during the past year and my hopes that 2023 will allow us to pursue as many of our usual activities as possible. The aftermath of COVID-19 has probably been far longer than most people anticipated, and there is still some understandable nervousness about attending in-person events. I hope that those members who have not already done so, may be able to join us in person during the year ahead. We look forward to welcoming those of you who may be returning to us after an interval or joining us for the first time. If you have never been to a Saturday afternoon lecture, or attended our Spring Meeting or Annual Lunch, why not give them a try? They are a good chance to make – and renew – friendships with like-minded members. Similarly, if any of you would be willing to get involved in a potential research project or activity or would like to contribute to the Society in any other way, I would be delighted to hear from you.

*Richard Gaunt, Chair of Council.*

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

The Society's Council has responsibility for overseeing the Society's business, finance and development. The Council's officers, and those representing the Society on various organisations, report to the Council at meetings. The Standing Committee, established by Council and consisting of officers, meets on a regular basis and reports to Council at each meeting of the Council. It has responsibility for the day to day business of the Society, the planning of its programme and detailed consideration of any initiatives. Members of Council and its officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period as set down in the constitution; it is anticipated that all members of Council will be involved in the business of the Society and, to this end, many of them take on specific roles and attend all meetings of Council. Council generally meets three times a year, and has done so in 2022, on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> October. Happily, this year, these meetings have been able to be in person at the University of Nottingham. The Standing Committee met five times in 2022, on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> November. These meetings have continued to be online, for the convenience of the eleven members of the committee.

*Rosemary Muge, Honorary Administration Secretary*

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Transactions.**

2022-23 has been a rather uneventful year. The members' survey revealed that by-and-large the majority are happy with the current format of the *Transactions*. Some want more archaeology; some want less! Ultimately, of course, we are not masters of our own fortune. The shape of any annual volume is dictated by what contributions come in. There were those who suggested that the tone of many contributions was too scholarly; yet for others they were not scholarly enough! All that can be said is that we encourage authors to write with clarity, but also to provide all the necessary academic apparatus so that those who wish to follow trails into the archives can do so. We received a steady flow of submissions for publication in the *Transactions* vol 126. As ever we are at the mercy of contributors for the balance of the volume. But delighted to say that this year's volume covers the prehistoric through to the 1970s. One cannot claim 'and everything in between', of course. Yet there is a strong early modern showing alongside articles which explore



aspects of Roman and medieval Nottinghamshire.

In the background, Andy Nicholson has quietly been getting on with the digitisation of past volumes of *Transactions*. This has been a monumental task and we must thank Andy for all his efforts. We are not quite there yet, to go 'live', and there are one or two technical issues that need resolving first, but we are very nearly there. Without submissions there would be no volume. So my annual call to arms to those in the process of writing or simply pondering whether to pen a note or more extended study: sally forth and do get in touch. Chris and I are happy to offer advice at all stages in the preparation of materials for the journal.

*Richard Jones, Honorary Transactions Editor*

### **Record Series. Future Publications :**

*Stapleford Constables Accounts of 1650 - 1685.* A full transcription of the financial accounts of the village constables of Stapleford during Cromwell's Commonwealth and the royal Restoration is being prepared by Graham Crisp. Such accounts are comparatively rare and provide insight into the wide variety of constables' duties, ranging from apprehending criminals to raising taxes and troops for the army, providing overnight accommodation and refreshments for passing strangers - vagrants, soldiers (often 'maimed') and victims of disasters and piracy, etc - as well as rewarding villagers for killing moles, polecats and other 'vermin'. This will be published during 2023.

### *Diaries of Ichabod Wright of Nottingham 1814-1862.*

Ichabod Wright (1767-1862) was a member of a prominent banking family and lived at Mapperley Hall. His diaries are mainly concerned with his private social life as a wealthy Nottingham gentleman. They record references of both local and national events, including for example the dramatic consequences of the 1831 Reform Act riots leading to the burning of Nottingham Castle, when his own house and family were in danger of an arson attack. He also records economic and political events such as the activities of Napoleon, as well as the state of the harvests. As a philanthropist he provided substantial funds towards the building of St John's Church at Carrington near to his Mapperley home. The volume will be edited by Ruth Imeson and be printed in an experimental digital format in 2023.

## *Nottinghamshire Surveyed: a Descriptive Catalogue of pre-1700 Maps and Plans of Nottinghamshire Estates.*

This is being compiled by Stephanos Mastoris, editor of the recent edition of *The Welbeck Atlas* (vol 47), and will be a detailed catalogue of over eighty early manuscript maps held by archives repositories throughout the country. This is expected in 2025.

*Adrian Henstock*

### **Newsletter**

Three editions of the separate Newsletter were published and the Spring edition was included at the end of the 2021 Annual Report. This saved postage and printing costs and was a successful development. Our very successful relationship with Adlard Printing continued throughout the year and we continue to look at cost saving developments. My thanks go to Calvin and his team at Adlards, for the advice and support they have given. It was good that during Covid restrictions we were able to keep in phone contact and as restrictions were reduced we were able to visit Adlards in Ruddington again. The main concern is the cost of postage and although we wish to continue posting the Newsletters to members, we are looking at other ways of distributing the Newsletter. More details will appear in the Summer Newsletter, once I have finished costing ways of distributing publications. During the year Hannah Nicholson and I have held a series of 'Newsletter Publication' meetings. We also attend on line all the Thoroton Publication Committee Meetings chaired by Richard Jones. I am very grateful to the proof readers. John Wilson edited the Newsletter for many years and his death in October meant that we lost an expert proof reader who had supported me over the years I have been Editor. I am delighted that Janet Wilson will continue the role as a proof reader. Barbara Cast , Rosemary Muge , and Hannah Nicholson will also continue to be proof readers. My apologies however must go to Nick Molyneux for missing out a sub heading in his 'Willow Worship in Willoughby on the Wolds' article , in the Autumn 2022 edition. As Editor this was my mistake and I am still not sure how this was missed. However the good responses I got for this article obviously did not recognise the omission. It is always good to have responses to the Newsletter and find out what readers have especially enjoyed. Our thanks go to the 55 members who have been in contact with me during the 2022 series of Newsletters. Hannah Nicholson's important role of providing ideas and

helping with the publications continues. We are grateful to all the contributors to the Newsletter in 2022 and please keep the contributions coming in 2023. I am especially looking for more Archaeology contributions from members. Scott Lomax and Chris King have been great supporters since I became Editor and it was really great that Hannah Chilton aged 17, John Wilson's granddaughter, contributed to the Autumn Edition with her report on the Archaeological dig in Southwell. Our aim for 2023 is to continue providing a variety of written contributions. 2022 marked 60 years since Professor John Beckett introduced the biannual newsletter. Since then it has developed with a wide variety of reports.

*Paul Baker, Honorary Editor of the Newsletter*

### **THE THOROTON SOCIETY WEBSITE AND THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BIBLIOGRAPHY ONLINE**

Website statistics for the period January - December 2022 show that every month an average of 1,732 unique visitors viewed 16,544 pages. The number of visitors is up from last year (the figure was an average of 1,954 per month) but they are viewing fewer pages (in 2021 it was an average of 18,677 per month).

The most viewed sections of the website continue to be 'News', 'About Us' and 'Publications'.

*The Nottinghamshire Bibliography Online* continues to increase in size and now holds around 12,750 entries (Michael Brook's original bibliography published in 2022 has around 8,700).

*Andy Nicholson, Thoroton Society Website Manager*

### **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HERITAGE GATEWAY**

The Nottinghamshire Heritage Gateway continues to attract attention and questions and queries are often sent to Andy Nicholson and are answered either by him or myself.

This year has been a quiet year with only two entries. The 6th Duchess of Portland was added in January 2022 and the second in August 2022. This was on Dr Robert Thoroton. I am not sure why he was never written about before but the excellent entry has put that to right! As well as trying to put new material on the site, we try to update the present entries whenever we find material. I have been working on the Dukeries and Professor John Beckett has promised one on Sutton Bonington Prisoner of War Camp. Anyone who has a

subject that they think would be suitable should get in touch with either myself or Andy Nicholson.

*Denise Amos, Heritage Gateway Coordinator.*

## **THOROTON RESPONSE GROUP**

Major planning applications have taken time to deal with this year, some ongoing from last year. The outcome of the appeal regarding the Halloughton (Cotmoor) Solar Farm proposal was not available by last year's annual report but the decision of the Inspector was to allow it to go ahead, a decision which has been greatly regretted by the many who made their objections to such an installation in this largely unspoiled conservation village. Since the decision the company put in an application, described as minor amendments, for two 29 metre connection masts. It was considered by objectors, including the Society, that the masts would have a significantly increased impact on views from the ancient Stubbins Lane and the district round about than even the infrastructure which was already, regrettably, previously approved. Due to the Inspector's decision and in light of the conditions he had imposed, the application was approved by the planning authority, the amendments proposed not being considered to result in any greater adverse effect than the scheme as originally approved.

A further application with fundamental issues for Southwell which has received many objections from town organisations, nearby parish councils and countless individuals is the proposal to construct a Sainsbury Food Store on raised land overlooking the town. A flow of further amendments have been made to the application requiring six letters of objection from the Society to be written to the planning authority. The fundamental objections to the site have not been addressed, including the impact on the aspect of Southwell as one approaches the town, the likelihood of archaeological importance of the site, the need for customers to use cars to shop there, resulting in considerable traffic along a narrow lane of some antiquity. Having considered the latest papers from the applicants and responses from bodies with responsibility for the issues in question, the Thoroton Society is still of the firm opinion that this application should be refused for these multiple reasons. Who could possibly think it acceptable to place a foodstore, or any other kind of modern building, on the same eye level as the towers of the magnificent Minster which are in view as one descends the hill towards Southwell. Another less dramatic but important application was for the development of land behind Ulllyatts Farm, Rolleston, the house associated with the artist Kate Greenaway, was refused. A

further, less intrusive application was submitted – no further action by the Society was deemed necessary.

The former Elms School site in Nottingham has yet to be determined; there were a considerable number of objections to this application, including a lack of consultation with nearby residents – it's apparently still under consideration.

A fine 19<sup>th</sup> century house in Beeston called Oban House, then in medical use, sited in a conservation area near to the parish church, was proposed to be demolished but the application was refused.

The Response Group endeavours, when alerted, to make appropriate comments to the planning authorities where it is deemed to be a planning issue which will be of significant detriment to the historic and/or archaeological interest of the county. Members bringing matters of concern to our attention will be required to forward information on the proposal and the reasons for objection in order that a case can be made.

*Barbara Cast, Response Group Coordinator*

### **GEOFFREY BOND AND THOROTON RESEARCH AWARD**

Now in its eighth year, the Research Award continues to attract some interesting and worthwhile applications. The Society is most grateful for Mr Geoffrey Bond's support in generously assisting the funding of this award which he most kindly continued in 2022/23. The Society continues to make provision for an equal amount from its own funds – any funds not used in any year are carried over for future projects. Previous award recipients, having faced Covid access difficulties, were given a further period to complete their projects and progress has been monitored on those who received awards during that time. Most have now been able to resume their research and some have presented papers. Scott Lomax's report arising from his research on Nottingham horn cores made a welcome appearance in the 2021 edition of the Transactions. A report on progress on the research and conservation project on the painted wall plaster from Roman Southwell appeared in the winter 2022 edition of the Newsletter and an outline of another project, Nottinghamshire: Becoming Christian in Midland Britain AD500-1050, is on page 50 of in the Spring Newsletter portion of this publication..

In 2022 there was just one application for an award and this was to continue research on a biographical study of the Savile family in Nottinghamshire: the panel determined that the project should receive the full amount of £1371.

There is a requirement for those receiving grants to provide articles on the outcomes of their research for the newsletter and, subject to editorial processes, these may develop into papers for the Transactions. The terms and conditions for the awards have been amended to emphasise the need to ensure publication is primarily within Thoroton publications, with any other prior publication plans requiring consultation with the society. Applications from members undertaking research are most welcome.

*Richard Gaunt, Barbara Cast, and John Beckett.*  
(Adjudication panel)

## **THE THOROTON RESEARCH GROUP**

The Thoroton Research Group remains on line for those researching history and archaeology in Nottinghamshire. This continues to provide a space for researchers to make contact with others and relay news and advertise events. More details can be obtained from me.

*Richard Jones, (ricj@le.ac.uk)*

## **LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND EXCURSIONS**

We opened 2022 with the disappointing news that our regular venue, Nottingham Mechanics, would still not be available to us so we ended up with no presentation in January. However, by February, we had negotiated an alternative room at the Mechanics and were able to invite members to a 'Welcome Back' meeting, where we viewed a collection of slides from the Neville Hoskins collection and reminisced about places and people from the past. In March we made the best of the arrangements with Dr Richard Jones giving us his thoughts and interpretations as to the origins of the two villages in Nottinghamshire named Upton, one near Southwell and one near Tuxford. With the arrival of April, our hopes for a resumption of face-to-face meetings were realised and we held a full Spring Meeting & AGM at Epperstone, supported by an excellent tea from the local WI. This also gave us the opportunity to remember the centenary of our late President and resident of Epperstone, Rosalys Coope, along with her interests at Newstead and Hardwick. The continuing uncertainty and restrictions through the successive eras of lockdown meant that it was not possible to plan or book any excursions during the Summer of 2022, although the Jubilee and the (generally) good weather helped to fill the gaps. In July we managed to hold a joint celebration with St Mary's Church at Car Colston to mark the Society's

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and to include a performance from the Lincoln Waites that had been held over from 2020. In August, courtesy of St Laurence's Church and Michael & Elizabeth Jones, we were also able to hold a small event at Norwell to launch of the Society's Record Series publication, *The Nottinghamshire Church Notes of Sir Stephen Glynnne*, edited by Lawrence Butler, with additional input by Professor John Beckett. Our Autumn season resumed with the *Nottinghamshire History Lecture* given by Mike Noble of Nottingham University and his views on the influences on scientific culture following the establishment of University College, Nottingham in the 1840s. In November we held our Annual Lunch at the Belgrave Rooms in Nottingham, overshadowed by thoughts of our Treasurer and Vice-President, John Wilson, who had recently passed away.

November also saw the *Myles Thoroton Hildyard Lecture*, given by Dr Richard Gaunt, covering the activities of the 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Newcastle, electioneer and patron, when he was at his most influential. We closed 2022 in December with Prof. John Beckett delivering the *Neville Hoskins Lecture* on the subject of Sir Louis Pearson, the local industrialist and benefactor.

Despite the challenges of the past two years we have continued to provide the best programme that we could and look forward to a full resumption of excursions and presentations in 2023.

*David Hoskins, Vice-Chair & Hon. Events Secretary*

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY**

Brief details of the most significant archaeological investigations conducted in Nottinghamshire during 2022 are provided in this summary, which complements Scott Lomax's report on archaeological activity in Nottingham City. It has been compiled in consultation with Dr Christopher King, Honorary Editor (Archaeology) of the Society's *Transactions*. Additional information on the projects listed below is provided in the summary of recent archaeological projects that is contained in Volume 126 of the Society's *Transactions*.

### **Clipstone**

Mercian Archaeological Services CIC's annual training field school excavation at Clipstone took place in July and August 2022. Excavation of the road frontage in the village revealed extensive post-medieval disturbance, including the terminal of a gully and a pit. The gully contained a few small sherds of Cistercian Ware and a riveted copper alloy lace tag of a type

occurring principally in 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>-century contexts. It is intended to continue the excavations in 2023.

#### **Halloughton: Cotmoor Solar Farm**

An evaluation was carried out by Cotswold Archaeology prior to construction work. The excavations identified several ditches correlating with former field boundaries depicted on historic mapping from 1884. Undated furrows and a probable marl pit were also recorded.

#### **Harworth: Blythe Road**

A watching brief and excavation were conducted by Cotswold Archaeology on land at Sunny Nook Farm. The investigations focused upon a ditched enclosure identified during earlier geophysical survey and evaluation trenching. A small collection of pottery dated to the late prehistoric and late Roman periods was recovered from ditches truncating the enclosure. Internal sub-divisions were recorded within the enclosure, but no domestic features, and its function remains uncertain.

#### **Newark: Air and Space Institute**

Geoarchaeological and archaeological monitoring of ground investigations were carried out by York Archaeology prior to building construction on the former site of Newark Cattle Market. 16 window samples were added to an existing deposit model for the site, alongside the course of the Old Trent Dyke. The sub-surface sedimentary sequence comprised basal sands and gravels underlying organic sandy clays. An assessment of pollen preserved in the organic sediments demonstrated a low abundance and diversity of floral species, the poor state of preservation of the pollen grains suggesting fluviially reworked sediment. Radiocarbon dating proved challenging, but it appears from the available dates that the organic sedimentary sequence originated in the Neolithic to Bronze Age period. Paleoenvironmental studies have revealed evidence for extensive lateral reworking of river channels during this period, due at least partially to the impacts of woodland clearance for agriculture, and the reworked sediment recorded by this study is most likely a reflection of this process.

#### **Sherwood Forest: Miner 2 Major Veiled Landscape Project**

York Archaeology conducted a hand-auger survey across four sites in Sherwood Forest as part of the Nottinghamshire County Council *Miner 2 Major: Veiled Landscapes* project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. All sites follow the course of the Rainworth Water Channel and were



located at Harlow Wood, Inkersall Dam, Robin Dam, and Cutt's Wood. The survey recorded the sedimentary sequences at each site and highlighted where further investigation could provide further archaeological and palaeoenvironmental insights. The sedimentary sequences at each site revealed fine-grained deposits overlying coarse-grained material indicating probably the top of the weathered sandstone bedrock. At Harlow Wood, close to the source of Rainworth Water, shallow deposits of silty peats and organic silts were recorded within the shallow, narrow river valley. Evidence was also uncovered for a series of former channels of Rainworth Water, while former organic sediment-filled channels were recorded at Inkersall Dam, close to the present-day Rainworth Water. The age of the organic deposits recorded at each site has yet to be established, but most are likely to be post-medieval in date.

### **Sherwood Forest Archaeology Survey**

Mercian Archaeological Services CIC continued their survey of archaeological remains in Sherwood Forest, building upon work described in several recent volumes of the Society's *Transactions*. The project focused in 2022 upon recording World War II remains surviving in the National Nature Reserve as part of Sherwood Forest Trust's *Spirit of Wartime Sherwood* project, sponsored by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project trains volunteers in archaeological surveying and continued its programme of recording the more than 500 archaeological features that have been discovered during lidar and ground survey in the Nature Reserve. Highlights in 2022 included a detailed survey of the remains of a military immersion tank, known locally as the Tank Wash; this was built during World War II for the training of soldiers in driving tanks and other military vehicles through water and was probably used for the washing of these vehicles. A survey was also undertaken of archaeological earthworks in the Buckgates area of Thoresby Park: an area of ancient oak woodland that was emparked in 1680 by the Earl of Kingston. The survey focused on earthworks relating to parkland features from the 17<sup>th</sup> century onwards, including rides, avenues and trackways, remnants of landscape garden features dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, possible ancient field systems and 20<sup>th</sup> century military features and other remains. Fieldwork will continue in 2023.

### **Southwell: Nottingham Road**

An evaluation and watching brief carried out by Cotswold Archaeology recorded several undated ditches and pits of uncertain function. The

ploughed-out remains of medieval or post-medieval ridge and furrow cultivation were also revealed.

### **Sutton-in-Ashfield: Beck Lane**

Geophysical survey, trenching and larger scale excavations were conducted by University of Leicester Archaeological Services on behalf of RPS in advance of housing development. Three enclosures, interpreted as components of a later prehistoric ceremonial landscape, were recorded in two excavation areas.

**Area A** preserved a truncated ring-ditch, originally with opposing entrances, which was interpreted as possibly a small hengiform monument of later Neolithic origin. A small pit was found in the centre of the enclosure, but no evidence of burials and no associated artefacts were recovered. A C-shaped enclosure with central cremation was revealed to the west of the possible hengiform monument. The cremation was represented by large fragments of bone and was associated with an area of burnt bedrock that could have marked the site of a funerary pyre. At least six cremations, contained in collared urns, were placed around the C-shaped enclosure during a later phase of activity; most urns had been laid on their side and three contained decorated accessory vessels. The pottery and associated radiocarbon dates suggest an Early Bronze Age date for this monument.

**Area B** preserved a ring-ditch with at least one external and four internal cremations. None of these cremations was associated with pottery or other artefacts, but radiocarbon dating suggests an Early Bronze Age date. Stony material which had slumped into the ditch from the interior of the monument was interpreted as material excavated from the ditch and perhaps derived from an eroded internal round barrow. Northwards of these structures, cropmarks of another ring-ditch, together with a pit alignment that may signify activity from the first millennium BC, indicate an extension of prehistoric activity beyond the development area.

### **Sutton Bonington: Park Lane**

York Archaeology was commissioned on behalf of William Davis Ltd to conduct archaeological evaluations, followed by a strip, map and sample excavation and archaeological monitoring during construction. A complex series of Romano-British features was found, truncated by medieval or post-medieval furrows. The Romano-British remains included ditches, some demarcating circular enclosures, a cobbled trackway, and concentrations of stone, slate roof-tiles and hypocaust bricks and tiles; other features included a stone-lined well, pits and post-holes. The finds assemblage was dominated by

pottery deriving from the Late Iron Age/early Roman period to the later 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries AD. Other Romano-British finds included ten copper coins, mostly of mid-4<sup>th</sup> century date, boot hobnails, part of a copper alloy bracelet, a possible iron blade, metalworking slag, animal bone and a small glass bead.

*David Knight, Archaeology Rapporteur*

## **ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE CITY REPORT**

A number of sites have been the subject of archaeological fieldwork in 2022, with eight archaeological contractors undertaking the work: Allen Archaeology; AOC Archaeology; Contour Geophysics; Past to Present Archaeology; PCAS Archaeology; Pre-Construct Archaeology; Wessex Archaeology; York Archaeology.

### **Caves work**

The implementation of Nottingham City Council's caves policy (HE2) has resulted in a large amount of cave related work. Although this policy was introduced in 2019, owing to the pandemic there was little cave related work until late 2021 and in particular 2022. The policy places an emphasis on the preservation of caves during the planning process. The caves policy requires applicants to submit a caves assessment with their application. This assesses the significance of a cave and the potential impact of development upon a cave. Such assessment enables me to request particular investigation, recording and mitigation works so that the cave is preserved. Consequently, there has been a significant increase in casework, especially with major developments proposed on sites with known caves. There is also a greater requirement for investigations to locate caves in advance of development. Caves continues to be identified, with an 18<sup>th</sup> century cellar found during renovation work at a property on Derby Road. When caves are identified, they are visited and recorded by me. In the case of the Derby Road cave, I have been advising the developer regarding the cave so that through very minimal interventions it can be converted into a games/entertainment room. This will bring an important heritage asset, which had been sealed off for several decades, back into use. A planning application is currently being considered for a major development at the former police/fire station site to the north of the Guildhall on South Sherwood Street. There are two issues relating to archaeology: the designated (Grade II Listed) cave system and subsurface archaeological remains (which should include a Civil War defensive ditch). With regards to the cave, I have been working with the applicant and their archaeological consultant to reduce the level of harm to the cave to negligible. I have also been working with the applicant to ensure that the cave is

eventually opened to the public, on an occasional basis, having never been open to the public before. The cave dates to 1860 and was substantially enlarged in 1870. It was used as an air raid shelter during the Second World War and contains many features from its wartime use. It was then modified to act as a Cold War bunker. It is unique in the city and of high significance.

### **Fieldwork**

The number of archaeological fieldwork projects has increased, after a reduction during the pandemic, though it has not returned to pre-COVID levels. Although the current economic crisis is resulting in a notable decrease in planning applications, applications requiring archaeological work are still being submitted. The following sites were excavated in 2022. Excavations at other sites, including Wollaton Hall, have taken place but no details have been made available at the time of writing.

### **Broad Marsh**

Demolition of the western half of the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre has been completed. The works in the western part of the site involved demolition of the structure, removal of pile caps, removal of services and other subsurface elements of the infrastructure and a general ground reduction of 2m across the whole site. Due to the potential for archaeological remains (including human remains buried at the Greyfriars Friary between the 13<sup>th</sup> and early 16<sup>th</sup> centuries) I have been closely involved and have had archaeologists from Allen Archaeology monitoring all works involving the breaking of ground. Remains of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Collins Hospital, foundations of houses and above ground elements of houses (including internal features) as well as yard surfaces and roads such as Chesterfield Road have been found. Other than a very small number of disarticulated human bones, disturbed when the shopping centre was built, no evidence of burials has been found. The burials are demonstrably at a greater depth but the works undertaken by Allen Archaeology have demonstrated the very high potential for surviving remains of medieval and early modern date.

Discussions between myself, colleagues within the council and Historic England are ongoing regarding the caves at the shopping centre. All caves in the city are subject to our caves policy. The Broad Marsh caves have additional, national, protection as Scheduled Monuments and so no harm will be permitted. Although the council is yet to have secured funding for demolition works around the caves, discussions are taking place about the extent to which demolition may be allowed in order to ensure no damage is caused. When it was constructed in the 1970s, the shopping centre was essentially wrapped around the caves and built through them. This places

significant challenges on works in this area and large amounts of the structure will need to stay in place to ensure the caves are not harmed during or following demolition.

### **55 Main Street, Wilford**

There was potential at this site for remains of prehistoric and medieval date. An evaluation by Past to Present Archaeology demonstrated extensive disturbance of the site. No remains of archaeological interest were found.

### **Clifton West**

There was potential at this site for remains of prehistoric date. An evaluation consisting of 21 trenches, undertaken by Allen Archaeology, demonstrated there were no surviving remains of archaeological interest at the site, with anomalies identified through geophysical survey being found to be of 20<sup>th</sup> century date.

### **Goose Gate**

An evaluation at Goose Gate by PCAS Archaeology has revealed a large pit of 13<sup>th</sup> century date. Further excavation at the site will take place. It is a very small development, but there is still some potential that the outer edge of the ditch of the pre-Norman Conquest burh may be present within the site.

### **15-17 Stoney Street**

An evaluation by York Archaeology has revealed extensive disturbance of this site. However, between areas of disturbance very small areas of archaeological survival, in the form of deposits believed to be of medieval date, do survive. Monitoring will take place of groundworks associated with the new development.

### **The Former Fruitmarket site (Bath Street/Brook Street)**

Monitoring of groundworks associated with the development of housing at this site has been undertaken by York Archaeology. Part of the site was excavated a few years ago, when two ditches of early medieval date were found. The recent monitoring, however, only identified a post medieval field boundary.

### **18 Gregory Street**

Monitoring of groundworks associated with construction of two houses was undertaken by York Archaeology. Previous evaluation at the site had revealed remains of a medieval building. However, the monitoring failed to identify any further remains of this building, or anything of medieval date.

### **Lower Parliament Street**

There have been a number of small excavations and monitoring projects, in particular on Lower Parliament Street, close to the medieval town ditch. Sadly,

these have all been rather disappointing, with very substantial foundations having destroyed any archaeological remains which may have survived.

### **Nottingham Castle**

Small monitoring works have taken place at Nottingham castle, within the Middle Bailey. These works, associated with the reinstallation of a water supply, have exposed a very short length of wall believed to be shown on John Smythson's plan of the castle (1617). Although very little of the wall was revealed, it again highlights the high level of preservation of medieval remains at the site, in particular within the Middle Bailey.

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## **NOTTINGHAM HERITAGE PANEL**

The Heritage Panel is no longer meeting regularly and may be regarded as effectively moribund. There was a meeting at Loxley House during the summer of 2022 at which it was noted that the current financial situation of the City Council makes it difficult for it to support anything other than statutory activities. This means that much of what is envisaged needs to be taken forward voluntarily by willing groups and individuals. The City Council has already helped to establish a Nottingham Buildings Preservation Trust, which is attempting to secure the financial stability required to promote its objectives. The Thoroton Society will continue to respond proactively to initiatives in support of the Heritage Strategy, which will be remembered was designed to continue through to 2030

*Richard Gaunt, Nottingham Heritage Panel Representative*

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST REPORT**

For this year the trustees have continued to hold their quarterly Council of Management meetings by Zoom. Combined projects and marketing & communications meetings are held once a month to review projects more closely. The Trust seeks to encourage sympathetic treatment of historic buildings of local significance in Nottinghamshire. We seek to do this by commenting on applications for Listed Building Consent to alter or repair them, we monitor lack of maintenance of prominent buildings and advise

improvement, and we advise members on suitable treatment to buildings and fixtures.

During the year Tuxford has continued to be the major focus for the Trust, working with the Tuxford Regeneration Group. Tuxford has many interesting and historic features. The Walks of Life Museum is home to a unique collection of hand-pushed vehicles collected by the late Dorothy Harrison, housed in barns at her home on Lincoln Road on the outskirts of Tuxford. By the end of this year the museum was getting more visitors, and work is progressing on the schedule of repairs for the timber-framed house on the site. As well as hand carts of many types, there is also a collection of a variety of rural artifacts. The museum owns more items than it currently has space to display. It featured in December on the BBC Bargain Hunt programme. The Old Grammar School in Tuxford, dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century, previously housed various local services including the library. But the lack of up to date facilities and its increasingly poor state of upkeep means that it is now not suitable for such use. The original owners were the Read's Exhibition Foundation, established in the 1690s to provide educational facilities for children. NBPT were invited for advice on the present situation. The present trustees were faced with an almost empty building and a potential high cost for bringing it up to a standard to attract new users. They were inclined to sell it. However, it has now been accepted as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) by Bassetlaw District Council. After a meeting between NBPT and representatives of Historic England in March, with the keen involvement of the Bassetlaw District Council Conservation Officer, we added the Old Grammar School to the Buildings at risk Register because of its poor condition. The trustees and local residents now have to apply for funding to update the building appropriately and in a way which will ensure its future.

NBPT organised a visit to Tuxford in May, in which over 20 members and guests were able to visit the school and read the original Old Grammar School rules, dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. During the May visit to Tuxford, attendees also saw the Tuxford Lock-up, one of only two in Nottinghamshire and visited the Walks of Life Museum. They also visited the Museum of the Horse with its superb displays, gallery, and courtyard café. A visit to the Nottinghamshire Archives was organised in September, with a guided tour to the collections and facilities by an archivist.

A grant from the Heritage Trust Network enabled NBPT to engage the services of a Digital Hero, who brought a much needed younger input to our work and representations. She got to grips with the website, social media presence, and made moves towards enabling an easier and simpler way of

joining, volunteering and securing the work of the NBPT. The Trust was, as usual, represented at the Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair, held at Mansfield Library on 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Fair was well attended and many enquiries were made about the work of NBPT and one enquiry subsequently came on the visit to Tuxford. Another potential project is the Old Manor House at Bingham. Rushcliffe Borough Council were looking to compulsorily purchase it and turn it into housing. Several years ago NBPT did a Feasibility Study for conversion into three or four separate units. Different alternatives were also put forward. The Trust continues to monitor the situation and a response from RBC is currently awaited. The Trust had decided to defer the judging on the bi-annual Harry Johnson Award until July 2022. The awards are sponsored jointly by NBPT and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). There are four judges, two from NBPT and two from CPRE. They assess the knowledge and skills in traditional building practice on restoration work and imaginative and appropriate design in new work. Any new or converted building that has recently been completed and enhances the street or village may be entered by the owners or builders, or nominated by someone else. The closing date for entries was June, and the winners were announced at the AGM in December. There was no entry under the new build categories, and all eight entries were restorations. The Harry Johnson Award 2022 was presented to Auld Cottage in Norwell. The AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> December was held in Norwell village hall, and attendees had been able to visit Auld Cottage immediately before. Lorna Morgan-Glanfield and Peter Morgan, the cottage owners, gave a powerpoint presentation on the work at Auld Cottage after the AGM. A Commendation was awarded to Graham and Lynne Johnson, the owners of The Old School and Norwell, and a second Commendation to Ed and Izzie Marshall for the work carried out on The Chapel, Scrooby.

Retiring trustees were re-elected at the AGM. Alan Wahlers continues as Secretary for the trust, but a new Chair is sought as the current Chair, David Atkins, has just enjoyed a 90th Birthday celebration and is still looking to a well-deserved retirement! New trustees would also be welcome to continue the work of the charity, established in 1967.

*Rosemary Muge, Thoroton Society Representative to NBPT.*



## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

2022 was a successful year for Nottinghamshire Local History Association (NLHA). Like many organisations it had been unable to hold face-to-face meetings for two years, so was delighted to be able to host its first *Local History Forum* (previously NLHA Day School, but renamed following feedback from a members' survey) in March. Numbers had been limited to allow for some social distancing, nevertheless all tickets were taken and there were nine book stalls/displays available for attendees to browse. The October *History Forum* was also a success with 60 attendees and eight bookstalls/displays. Both meetings exemplified the breadth of history and heritage interest in the county with talks ranging from medieval wall painting to archaeological digs, lost footpaths and city caves, memorials to Nottinghamshire women and shedding new light on an almost unknown artist. NLHA has received a number of applications for grants; £800 has been awarded to assist individuals and groups with printing their work and a further £200 has been given to Nonsuch Studios, Nottingham for an exhibition and other work relating to their research on Hockley.

*Judith Mills*

## NOTTINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

In January 2022 Nottingham Civic Society lost a renowned champion of the city's history and heritage with the sad death of Ken Brand. Ken's scholarship and knowledge played an enormous part in building the Civic Society's reputation for promoting and celebrating the work of local architects and the special places they created. He will be sadly missed for his self-effacing erudition and the generosity with which he shared his knowledge. His legacy will be, not only the bookshelf full of publications about Nottingham's eminent Victorians which he authored, but also the generations of enthusiasts who he inspired.

NCS members continue the research, producing works of local history and disseminating their knowledge and enthusiasm through the Society's successful programme of Walks and Talks. The skills and experience of some of the Board Members were marshalled to help with the AGM of the Victorian Society that was held in Nottingham in September, by leading walking tours of the city centre and the Park Estate and acting as couriers on the coaches visiting more distant Victorian delights including Hucknall church (Kempe

stained glass), Papplewick Pumping Station (in steam for the occasion) and Bestwood Lodge.

**BROAD MARSH** We understand from a meeting that some NCS Board Members had with the City Council in December, that a green public open space at the centre of the cleared site is to be created in 2023 when we also hope that the ideas of the wider Masterplan will be published and consulted upon.

In the meantime, we are enjoying the prospect of open-air routes into the city centre from the Station direction, enabling a better understanding of the topography of the city centre which was buried by the former shopping centre early in the 1970s. The re-emergence of the remnants of the 'cliff-edge' which previously distinguished the higher, developed land from the marshes below presents the opportunity to better appreciate the Broad Marsh Caves from an entrance at the foot of the cliff. This has been promised as part of the eagerly awaited Masterplan and is part of the Council's bid for the Levelling Up Fund. St Nicholas's Church with its churchyard, retained by a substantial brick wall, is now much easier to appreciate from the new link connecting Lister Gate with Carrington Street. This is one reason why the Civic Society is concerned about the latest plans for the Church Centre extension – a large, blank, metal-clad box positioned behind the domestic frontage to the Church Centre on Maid Marian Way. The design of the proposed extension will make a very unfortunate close neighbour to the churchyard setting of St Nicholas's Church (listed Grade II\*).

Whilst thinking about inappropriate neighbours, the proposed redevelopment of **THE FORMER POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS IN SHAKESPEARE STREET** is controversial for its impact upon historic buildings and streets nearby. The Civic Society has objected strongly to the proposed demolition of both the former Police and Fire Station buildings, arguing that a more sustainable approach would be to keep the dignified stone facades and redevelop the courtyard behind to create additional floorspace for the student accommodation proposed. The scale and bulk of the new buildings would compromise the setting of six listed buildings which surround the site including the Grade II\* Arkwright Building opposite. We are also very concerned about the impact of the scheme upon the Guildhall Caves which are listed (Grade II). The well-preserved caves beneath the Guildhall Yard have been identified as having national significance, because they show the evolution of the caves from commercial Victorian wine cellars into Second World War Air Raid Shelters and their subsequent Cold War adaption in the 1950s.

We were unsuccessful in getting the Police and Fire Stations listed back in 2017 but have tried again recently, adding the historical significance of the direct access from the Firefighters' Dormitory within the Fire Station down into the cave air raid shelters, an adaptation with potential life-saving and city-saving consequences during Nottingham's bombardment in 1941, to the architectural merits of the buildings already described. We await a response to our latest listing request from DCMS.

**STOP PRESS:** The Police & Fire Station buildings have just been listed Grade II – so we are hoping for a serious re-think, leading to a scheme of adaptation rather than demolition of the buildings.

In other significant developments, the long-awaited mixed-use regeneration of THE ISLAND SITE has, at last, begun. An interesting new building has been completed next to the canal at the 'Turnover' canal bridge at the former industrial site on London Road, vacated by Boots thirty years ago. The restaurant / bar just opened at 'Binks Yard' is to be joined by a hotel tower, and blocks of apartments, with student accommodation at the Manvers Street end of the site in the east, also now under construction. It is understood that the Council has included in its bid for 'Levelling Up' finance, funds to restore the Great Northern Warehouse complex – probably one of the most derelict listed buildings at risk within Nottingham city.

There continue to be controversial schemes for tall buildings which challenge the historic environment.

At **3 WILFORD ROAD / TRAFFIC STREET** the tall building (originally 19 storeys but now 16) would challenge the view looking from Nottingham Castle – protruding above the horizon in the foreground whilst blocking out distant views of Wilford Hill and Sharp Hill Woods on the skyline. The symbolic character of the Castle's setting as dominating the Trent Valley, is undermined when tall buildings nearby are seen to be looming up in the view from the Upper Terrace and the effect is even worse from the Lower Bailey vantage points. The Civic Society has objected to the development as detrimental to the setting of the Grade 1 listed building and Ancient Monument and damaging to the character and appearance of the Castle Conservation Area.

Within the same view from the Castle at **QUEENS ROAD/LONDON ROAD CORNER** a proposed 22 storey residential tower failed to get past the Planning Committee because of its effect on the city centre skyline including views of the Castle and St Marys and its impact on the nearby listed Nottingham Station. The tower element of the scheme has since been withdrawn ..... for the moment at

least. Currently, we are in two minds about how to react to the recent highly publicised artwork on the commercial buildings in **BRIDLESMITH GATE AND BYARD LANE**. Opinion is divided as to whether the startling results brighten up the shopping streets to encourage increased business, or whether the artwork detracts from the appearance of listed Georgian and Victorian buildings in the Old Market Square Conservation Area for which, it was expected, applications for listed building consent would have been sought.

On a positive note, we have objected, with considerable success, to the siting of a significant number of intrusive mobile phone masts located in various Conservation Areas across Nottingham. Often these masts are sighted near to listed buildings which consequently spoils the view of them. Throughout the year the Civic Society monitors submitted planning applications commenting (sometimes in support) on about 250 of them in 2022. The “success” of this approach is measured by reviewing the Planning Officers’ reports when the final decision is made and we are pleased to report that in a significant number of cases our suggested changes have been taken on board.

*Hilary Brindley*

## **VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

There is little to report about Victoria County History in Nottinghamshire in 2022. Work has been continuing on revising the text of the proposed Volume III. When that process is complete the new version will be submitted to the general editor. It remains to be seen whether this version will be any more acceptable for publication by VCH than the one that was rejected several years ago.

I remain extremely grateful to Sheila Leeds and Alan Thacker for their help in making the revisions

*Philip Riden, County Editor VCH Nottinghamshire*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership for 2022 is slightly down from 2021, with the society having lost several members as well as others who have decided, for a variety of reasons, not to renew their membership. We have however welcomed a number of new members over the course of the year, including new student members.

The total membership figures are as follows:

	2022	2021
Individual members	165	182
Individual members with Record Series	84	85
Associate members	51	52
Life members	5	5
Life members with Record Series	4	4
Student members	8	8
Student members with Record Series	1	1
Honorary members	2	2
Record Series only	2	2
Total Individual members	322	338
Institutional members	14	14
Institutional members with Record Series	50	52
Institutional-Record Series only	2	2
Total Institutional	66	68
Fine Total	388	406

**Hannah Nicholson**

THE THOROTON SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Charity number 237765  
 Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1 January 2022

DRAFT: Not yet inspected.

	General			Records			Payments		
	Fund	Section	Total	2021	General Fund	Section	Total	2021	
<b>Receipts</b>									
Subscriptions 2022	8,222.00	1,842.00	10,064.00	8,266.00	Printing - Transactions		4,775.00	5,498.00	
Next year's subs in advance	675.00	22.00	697.00	692.00	Printing - Newsletter		1,531.80	1,571.80	
Sales - Record Series		234.00	234.00	567.40	Printing - other and stationery		17.45	132.07	
Sales - Bookstall		17.00	17.00	0.00	Printing - Annual Report +AGM		-	423.00	
Sales - Transactions	621.50		621.50	63.20	Record Series expenses		-	0.00	
Sales - other	25.00		25.00	181.00	Cost of Lectures		380.00	250.00	
Excursions			-	662.90	Cost of Thoroton Excursions		-	699.50	
Geoffrey Bond Research Award	1,000.00		1,000.00	2,000.00	Bookings for next year		100.00	0.00	
Spring Meeting and AGM	430.00		430.00	0.00	Cost of Spring Meeting and AGM		390.00	0.00	
Summer Event Car Colston	630.00		630.00		Cost of Summer Event (2021=Cust)			1,102.43	
Nonwell Event	233.00		233.00		Cost of Annual Luncheon		1,138.95	992.30	
Annual Luncheon	1,025.00		1,025.00	1,232.00	Geoffrey Bond Research Award		1,371.00	1,000.00	
Interest on NS&I account	1.00	3.53	4.53	368.11	Postage &c		3,596.30	4,512.84	
Refund from Southwell Minister	235.00		235.00		Car Colston Summer Event		310.00	310.00	
Gift-Aid			-	1,545.21	Nonwell Summer Event		235.00	235.00	
PLS fees	119.46		119.46	136.49	Joint History Event with FONA		21.78	21.78	
Cust Lecture	5.00		5.00	1,112.00	Website, NHG, Online Bibliography		345.46	385.16	
Publication grants			-	0.00	Authors' Book Royalties (bookstall)		-	-	
Miscellaneous incl. donations	65.10		65.10	2.00	Research Group		-	-	
VCH Grant held on a/c	1,200.00		1,200.00		VCH Payments				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,504.06</b>	<b>2,101.53</b>	<b>16,605.59</b>	<b>16,818.31</b>	Accountant 2021 accounts		372.00	372.00	
					BALH including Insurance		75.00	75.00	
					Honoraria		850.00	750.00	
					Membership fees other bodies		25.00	50.00	
					Equipment hire		276.74	276.74	
					Bank charges		130.40	130.40	
					Miscellaneous		146.12	146.12	
					Refunds of subscriptions		-	-	
					<b>Totals</b>		<b>16,098.00</b>	<b>18,072.79</b>	
<b>Total receipts</b>			<b>16,605.59</b>						
<b>Total payments</b>			<b>16,098.00</b>						
<b>Nett movements in accounts</b>			<b>517.59</b>						
<b>Less NS&amp;I interest</b>			<b>-4.53</b>						
<b>Nett movement HSBC</b>			<b>513.06</b>						

## Account Summary

At 1 January 2022	General Fund	Records Section	Total
HSBC current account	287.35	6,023.21	6,310.56
NS&I savings account	13,487.40	31,790.65	45,278.05
	<u>13,774.75</u>	<u>37,813.86</u>	<u>51,588.61</u>
less uncleared 2021 cheques			-
opening balance =			<u>51,588.61</u>
Receipts into HSBC a/c	14,503.06	2,098.00	16,601.06
NS&I Interest	1.00	3.53	4.53
Payments ex HSBC a/c	16,088.00	-	16,088.00
Surplus/deficit	- 1,583.94	2,101.53	517.59
tr from NS&I to HSBC a/c			
At 31 December 2022			
HSBC current account	- 1,297.59	8,121.21	6,823.62
NS&I savings account	13,488.40	31,794.18	45,282.58
			<u>52,106.20</u>
less uncleared 2022 cheques			
Closing balance=			<u><u>52,106.20</u></u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### **Accounting policies**

#### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting standards required by the Charities Commission for the Receipts and Payments method of accounting by charities. The requirements of the Charities Commission document CC16b (September 2010) are complied with.

#### 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.

The only Restricted fund is the Records Section fund.

#### Incoming and outgoing resources

Incoming and outgoing resources are accounted for on the Receipts and Payments basis.

#### Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on the Receipts and Payments 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

#### **Trustees' remuneration**

Four Trustees were reimbursed an amount of £1381 (2021 - £938) in respect of expenses that they had paid out on behalf of the Society. These expenses consisted of postage, stationery, meetings and miscellaneous expenses.

#### **Records Section**

	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	37,814
Incoming resources	2,101
Outgoing resources -	
Balance at 31 December 2022	39,915

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