



## 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Hampshire Field Club

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024: 1930-2010 hours

43 members attended

Apologies: Michael Hicks, Karen Wardley, Anne Aldis, Geraldine Buchanan, Jane Hurst, David Freemantle

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023:

Acceptance of the draft Minutes as a true record was proposed by Chris Sellen and seconded by Julia Sandison; the minutes were duly approved.

2. Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

3. President's Report:

I must start with thanks. First to the membership for their continued loyalty as membership numbers returned to pre-pandemic levels over this year. Secondly to the sections and their leaders for their continued dedication and work in keeping the society active and events diary full. I must particularly thank Mike Hicks for stepping in to lead the Local History Section and the four vice presidents who now manage the Historic Buildings section. I hardly need to say that all four section committees would welcome any volunteers or more assistance.

I must also thank the admin team; Valerie and Philippa have had to put in extra work this year writing and compiling governance documentation to preserve our charitable status. Mike Broderick has conscientiously maintained the website in addition to leading the Landscape Section. Our editorial team has ensured that our excellent publications are relevant and interesting. I am impressed at the production of Hampshire Papers and the volume of new information in the regular newsletter which is a great advertisement for the society thanks to Dick Selwood. Many thanks also to Sam Butcher who has kept us informed with a regular email circular. Unfortunately, Sam has had to step down, but we are grateful to Mark Barden who has agreed to take this task over.

It is good to see that in addition to many visits, HFC has organised conferences on recent archaeological finds and Charlotte Mary Yonge; an exhibition running from September to October 2023 in the Hampshire Record Office, entitled 'Post Holes; Purlins; Pillow Mounds and Parish Records', and a seminar on how to write a 'Hampshire Paper.' These all contribute to advertising the work of our society. My thanks to all who organised and participated.

Our activities and visits are too many to list, but I am particularly glad to highlight the society's contribution to saving the St Mary Bourne Treasure. This valuable acquisition by the Hampshire Cultural Trust will hopefully soon be on permanent display in the county. We have continued to support the Hampshire Graffiti Project, also research and excavation by WARG. Our ongoing website feature on 'Hampshire Historians' was featured at the Institute of Historical Research and hopefully will lead to publication.

Overall, the Society is over the pandemic and in good health for the future. Thank you again for your continued support.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts to 31 December 2023: Valerie Archibald, Treasurer

Valerie drew attention to the accounts she had circulated and highlighted the following items:

(i) Receipts and payments account

Receipts are £2,200 lower than 2022 - Mainly due to fall in Developer Grants because of delay in Hampshire Studies, however with this in mind other receipts are broadly comparable to 2022.

Payments are reduced due to a combination of decisions and delays. Over the last two years there has been a serious effort to reduce the cost of newsletters. Hampshire Studies was delayed to 2024 and the society is no longer using a digital platform for access to Hampshire Studies online. Archaeology in Hampshire was also not completed at year end.

(ii) Section receipts and payments accounts

The section accounts show their receipts and payments. Each section has sufficient funds for its future activities but has been encouraged to open interest earning accounts and thereby increase funds.

(iii) Grants

Grants of £250 were made to the Hampshire Cultural Trust to assist in the purchase of the St Mary Bourne Treasure and £677 to WARG to conserve finds from Hursley Park excavation.

(iv) Royalties from Historic England:

These Accounts do not reflect movements in the HFC Publications bank account in respect of the funds held as an agent for Historic England relating to sales of Monographs nos 2-8. The balance owed to Historic England at 31 December 2023 was £10.50 and at 31 December 2022 was £4.50.

(v) Dendrochronology fund

When the Hampshire Buildings Survey Group was wound up, it transferred its remaining funds to the care of the Historic Buildings section in 2019, to be ring-fenced for dendrochronology grants. During 2023 there was income of £50, leaving a bank balance at 31 December 2023 of £1,665.

These transactions and balances are not included in the funds of the Historic Buildings section.

Valerie thanked Geoff Smith, our Independent Examiner, for his scrutiny of these accounts.

There were no questions so the acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Mike Broderick & seconded by Robin Isles and the Accounts were duly approved.

6. Election of Officers:

(i) Treasurer: Valerie Archibald - Proposed by Chris Sellen; Seconded by Julia Sandison: and duly elected.

(ii) Secretary: Philippa Harrap – Proposed by Jan Bristow; Seconded by Valerie Archibald and duly elected.

7. Election of Ordinary Members of Council:

(i) Ordinary HFC Council Members: These can serve for three years.

Mark Barden has one year left to serve as an Ordinary Member; John Hare has two years

(ii) Jo Bailey- was proposed by Dick Selwood; Seconded by Philippa Harrap and duly elected

8. Motions – None received.

9. Any other business.

I. Barry Shurlock commended the excellent web series of 200 individual 'Hampshire Historians' contributed by the Hampshire Historians research group of Dick Selwood; Dave Allen; Roger Ottewill; edited by Julia Sandison and kept up to date on the website by Mike Broderick. The series is coming to an end but he encouraged all to read it.

II. Robin Isles drew attention to the HFC Facebook Page for anyone interested in the society and requested 'posts' and 'likes.'

The Meeting closed at 2100 - The AGM was followed by the David Johnston Memorial Lecture by Professor Mike Fulford, 'Silchester: its landscape and setting from the Neolithic to the Middle Ages.'