



Notice

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Hampshire Field Club

Wednesday 21st May 2025: 1900- 1935 hours

44 members attended

Apologies: Mike Broderick; Michael Hicks; Paul Russell; Gill Rushton, Alison Deveson Patricia and Stephen Silver-Warner

The meeting started at 1900.

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2024:
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: Mike Fulford, President

I am delighted to report on another successful year for HFC in fulfilling its objectives.

Our Publications team have worked hard to complete three volumes of Hampshire Proceedings (78,79,) with vol 80 ready to go also. The latest Hampshire Paper on 'The Experience of Conscientious Objectors in Hampshire during the First World War' has been published. A joint launch with our next paper on volunteering in Winchester in 1914-1916, is being planned. I must also thank Dick Selwood for his Hampshire Papers Study Day, held in association with the History Department MA Course at the University of Winchester. This event featured authors of Hampshire Papers discussing how they approached researching and writing their papers with our future historians. This engagement can only help introduce the Society to a new audience for the future.

Our Hampshire Graffiti Research project has proceeded thanks to Karen Wardley and from Jan-March an exhibition in the Foyer of the HRO was a great opportunity to raise awareness of medieval graffiti and to promote the work of both the group and the HFC. The Hampshire Historian of the Month, started to celebrate the centenary of the IHR, and originally limited to 200 historians, now has four years of records for you to browse online. Hampshire Studies and Archaeology in Hampshire are also available on the website still updated by Mike Broderick.

Over the past year we have received no requests for grants but were able to make a donation of £1000 to the King John's House Appeal in aid of the restoration fund after the devastating fire earlier this year. We have also received a very welcome bequest from the estate of a former member, Susan Kenyon. Council is still deliberating how this should be appropriately allocated.

Lectures, Visits and Conferences are too many to list. The inaugural Edward Roberts Memorial Lecture organised by the Historic Buildings Section took place in October. The excellent David Johnston Memorial lecture in March, organised by the Archaeology Section was attended by members of the Ermine St Guard. I must thank Chris Sellen and his section for its tireless efforts to organise visits to all archaeology sites in Hampshire and beyond.

However, I must also mention that our membership has slowly declined as time catches up with us all and younger people are so very busy. Our participation in September Local History Symposium led by Michael Hicks attracted some new members and may indicate a way forward. We are keen to welcome new members and start actively recruiting.

None of this achieved without the work of the many members of council. They all deserve a mention but I have two people to particularly thank. Julia Sandison, our Publications Officer, who is stepping down as when a replacement is found. She has done a wonderful job so thank you Julia we will miss you when you go, and we really need to find your successor. Valerie Archibald, our excellent Treasurer has also given notice that she will step down at the next AGM in 2026. We have to find another replacement. We need volunteers to come forward for these important roles. So I must thank James Thomas who joined the Council as Section head for Historic Buildings in December. We also have spaces for ordinary members on Council. I would encourage volunteers to join us.

On a sad note, we wish our fellow member of Council, John Hare, who has been ill for some time and is now in hospital in Basingstoke a speedy recovery. Thank you, Dick Selwood, for keeping us posted and please send our best wishes.

We need more people and more participation but I must thank all members of Council for their continuing dedication and willingness to carry on.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts to 31 December 2024: Valerie Archibald, Treasurer
Valerie thanked Geoff Smith, our Independent Examiner, for his scrutiny of these accounts for the calendar year of 2024. She drew attention to the accounts (Appendix (1)) previously circulated noting the following items.

(i) Receipts and payments account

The differences in receipts between 2023 and 2024 reflect the developer grant for Hampshire Studies and the Susan Kenyon bequest of £10,067. Payments include effectively two volumes of Hampshire Studies plus the payment for the 2022 edition of Archaeology in Hampshire.

(ii) Section receipts and payments accounts

Section finances are healthy and each fund is well set up for the future

(iii) Royalties from Historic England:

The accounts do not reflect in the HFC publications in respect of funds held as an agent for Historic England relating to sales of monographs nos 2-8. Valerie has negotiated with HE. The balance owed at 31st December 2024 was £nil and at 31st December 2023 £10.50. No further payments will be due.

(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.

There were no questions

The acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Dick Selwood & seconded by Techer Jones. The Accounts were duly approved.

6. Election of Officers:

(i) Treasurer: Valerie Archibald - Proposed by Dick Selwood; Seconded by Tony King: and duly elected.

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

7. Election of Ordinary Members of Council: - Karen Wardley - Proposed by Julia Sandison; Seconded by Mary South and duly elected. (There are two Vacancies for ordinary members of Council)

8. Election of co-opted member of Council: - Mark Barden - Proposed by Chris Sellen; Seconded by Julia Sandison and duly elected.
9. Any other business.
 1. Techer Jones proposed that membership of HFCAS is made free for young people in full-time education to encourage participation and introduce younger members who might continue their involvement with the society into adulthood. This idea was supported by Tony King
 2. A member moved from the floor that the meeting thank the members of Council and section for their dedication and efficiency in running the Society. He requested they keep up the good work.

The Meeting was closed at 1935

The AGM was followed by a lecture by Dave Allen commemorating Railway 200 anniversary 'Brassey, Locke and Tite; Brief lives of the men who brought the Railway to Winchester.'