

Turvey History Society

Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021

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Ellen Clark: Treasurer

Turvey History Society

Report to the Management Committee for the accounts for year ended 31st December 2021

The Management Committee presents its report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Reference and Administrative Information

Association Name: Turvey History Society

Committee Members

Sara Jenkins (Chair)
Ellen Clark (Treasurer)
Janet Goodland (Secretary)
Jane Brewster
Peter Goodland
Jo Spray

Bankers

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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Documents

The Society is an unregistered small community group and is governed by its constitution dated June 2017.

Appointment of Committee Members

Committee Members are appointed by members in a general meeting. Officers and Committee Members retire each year and are available for re-election with no set period of service.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Committee Members are recruited based on the skills and experience required for successful governance of the organisation.

Organisation

The Committee meets as required and not normally less than 4 times a year.

Risk Management

The Committee has undertaken a review of the major risks to which the Society is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Periodic reviews are made to ensure that the Society continues to identify and mitigate any major risks that may arise.

Objectives and activities

The Society exists to study, research, preserve and disseminate information about the history of Turvey and its surrounding area. The relevant powers granted to it by the constitution to achieve this are:

- To organise workshops, talks and visits that promote the aim of the Society;
- To see sources of finance and organise fund raising events that support the aim of the Society;
- To aid and support other village organisations in events and activities that support the aim of the Society;
- To encourage the community, particularly young people, to become involved;
- To seek to publicise the Turvey History Society, the website and associated events and activities in the media and particularly through Turvey News outlets;
- To provide a forum and contact point for discussion and exchange of information;
- To establish and foster links with other organisations and associations, local or otherwise, which will further the aim of the Society and/or share common purpose and interest.

Public Benefit

In seeking to achieve its objectives the Society has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

Chairs Report

Achievements of The Turvey History Society

Website

We now have 121 articles on the website. A snapshot just of those articles produced since the pandemic struck illustrates the range of our coverage. In these more recent pieces we have wandered from the Black Death in the 14th century, past the Gunpowder Plot in the 17th, through the changing times of the 18th century to a Victorian Christmas, an Edwardian childhood and the 20th century bowls club! We have looked through the eyes of visitors to Turvey and listened in to their conversations, and we have discovered the stories of the lives of some of Turvey's families. Along the way we have explored our familiar buildings - the legal battles over the upkeep of the bridge, the telling of the story of the building of the church and the history of the Mill.

In addition to articles, over 2000 media items (ie documents, images and audio clips) have now been uploaded to the website, over 1600 of which have been fully catalogued in our Archive. The Archive is organised in 34 collections which reflect the source of the items and not only provides a 'virtual museum' of Turvey's past but also has the potential of being a rich source of material for research.

Included in the Archive are transcripts of most of the first phase of our oral history interviews which involved ten village residents speaking about their lives and memories of the village. Transcripts of most of these interviews and 46 audio clips have been recorded on the website.

So how much is the website being used? Over the past twelve months there have been nearly 7,000 different users on the site, with nearly 30,000 separate page views. Before we get too excited about these numbers, we should note that, as is typical for websites, the majority of these people immediately navigate away, presumably as they realise this is not what they are looking for. However, over the past twelve months, over 800 visitor sessions were for at least ten minutes with a quarter of these being for half an hour or more, suggesting a sizeable number of people are finding material of interest. Over 20% of visitors to the site were from outside the UK with the USA, Australia, Canada and New Zealand forming the majority of these.

The website also attracts enquiries and offers of information. Most typically the former involves people researching their family history. Perhaps the most unusual of these was a contact we received earlier this year from the Australian version of the TV genealogy series

'Who Do You Think You Are?'. The researcher was pursuing the Ayres and Garlick families in connection with migration to New Zealand in the 1850's. We were able to share some information and were hoping for a mention, but unfortunately the programme has been shelved for the time being owing to Covid.

One of our intentions in establishing the website was to engage local people, not just in learning about our history by using the website, but also in actively producing the material for it. People have inevitably come and gone over time but we have had articles written by 18 different people, 11 of whom were not members of the Steering Group. Six interviewers and two transcribers were involved in the Voices Project and work involved in photographing material, cataloguing and uploading has engaged several others.

Heritage Walks

One of the most popular ways people engage with local history is by visiting historical places. We therefore wanted to enable people to learn about Turvey's history through the medium of historical walks. We partnered with MK Trails and produced two walks accessible by a mobile phone app. We are in the process of trying to establish from the developer some up to date statistics on the use of the app, but we do know that between January 2020 and mid-November last year there were 86 users of the Turvey trails who accessed the walks 185 times in total.

Of course, not everyone is able or wants to use a mobile phone app so over the past year we have also produced booklet versions of the walks. We cleared our entire initial print run of the West Walk, selling just under 100 copies, and are going to reprint it. The more recently available East booklet is selling well.

Events

One of our initial aims was to organise events on local history. This, of course, has been disrupted over the past eighteen months by the pandemic, but before this in addition to our launch event we had held exhibitions of the John Higgins paintings, a First World War Remembrance event, and a Victorian School Day for Turvey Primary children.

The Future

As we look ahead, and, hopefully, emerge from the disruption of the pandemic, we want to return to two of our initial key aims: enabling access to Turvey's history to as wide an audience as possible, and celebrating our community and its history, contributing to our shared sense of place.

We think that developing a range of events and activities and building on our committed group of volunteers will be important strategies in helping us achieve these aims. As you know, we have already made a start at Apple Pressing Day in seeking the community's feedback on what they would like us to offer in the way of events, and Janet has followed

this up with a survey of those on our email list. We hope that we might engage some volunteers through such events, and the events themselves will open up new possibilities for volunteer roles beyond those we already have. Involving young people, and through them their parents, is particularly valuable, and we have plans to explore the possibility of further initiatives with the school.

Whilst we have sufficient resources to meet our financial commitments, which are primarily the website hosting and maintenance costs, for at least another couple of years, we will need to make fundraising more of a priority. Running events should help with this but we may need to look for other sources of funding too. Related to this, we also intend to think further about whether to develop a more formal membership structure. We currently have about 80 people interested enough to be on our email list.

As well as these plans we need to keep the website alive by regularly producing interesting and wide-ranging content, and exploring new initiatives, for example our recent 'Stories in the Landscape' project and the possibility of an 'On this day' feature.

Wherever all this will take us, we can't do it without the continuing input of yourselves, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed so far to make the initial idea that several of us shared five years ago become a reality and to grow into the fantastic project we have all achieved together.

Sara Jenkins
Chair

Treasurers Report

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net deficit for the year of £714. The Society's reserves total £1,153 of which £0 are restricted funds.

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	Restricted funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2021
		£	£	£
Incoming resources	2			
Grants		-	-	-
Book Sales		-	362	362
Donations		-	25	25
Other		-	10	10
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Total incoming resources		-	397	397
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Resources expended				
Society activities	3	-	1111	1111
Governance costs		-		
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total resources expended		-	1111	1111
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		-	(714)	(714)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-
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Net movement in funds			(714)	(714)
Funds at 31 st December 2020		-	1,867	1,867
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Funds at 31st December 2021			£1,153	£1,153
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All of the Society's operations are classed as continuing from 1 April 2021
Movements on reserves and all recognised surpluses or deficits are shown above
The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet for year ending 31st December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,153	
Creditors: amount falling due in less than one year		-	-
Net current assets			<u>1,153</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>£1,153</u> =====
Reserves			
Unrestricted funds			1,153
Designated Funds			
Restricted funds			
			<u>£1,153</u> =====

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Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. They have been consistently applied during the year.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2008. Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payment basis.

Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, funder or the terms of an appeal.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Society is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial activities when received.
- Investment income is included when and if received.
- Incoming resources from the Society's trading activity are accounted for when and if earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to specific deliverables, are accounted for as the Society earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a payment basis when the liability is paid. The Society is not registered for VAT, any VAT costs are included in expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Individual items costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

Cash flow Statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from preparing Cash Flow Statement on the grounds that it is a small organisation and not a company.

2 Incoming Resources

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £
Grants	-	-	-
Book Sales		362	362
Donations	-	25	25
Events/Other	-	10	10
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	-	397	397
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Incoming Resources		£397	£397
	=====	=====	=====

3 Resources Expended

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £
Society Activities			
IT		19	19
Printing		600	600
Subscriptions		442	442
Other		50	50
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Total Resources Expended		£1111	£1111
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4 Corporation tax

The Society is exempt from corporation tax liability.

5 Staff Costs

The Society did not employ any staff in 2020/21

6 Committee Member remuneration and expenses

No Committee Member received travel and subsistence expenses during the year,

