

THE HERALDRY SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

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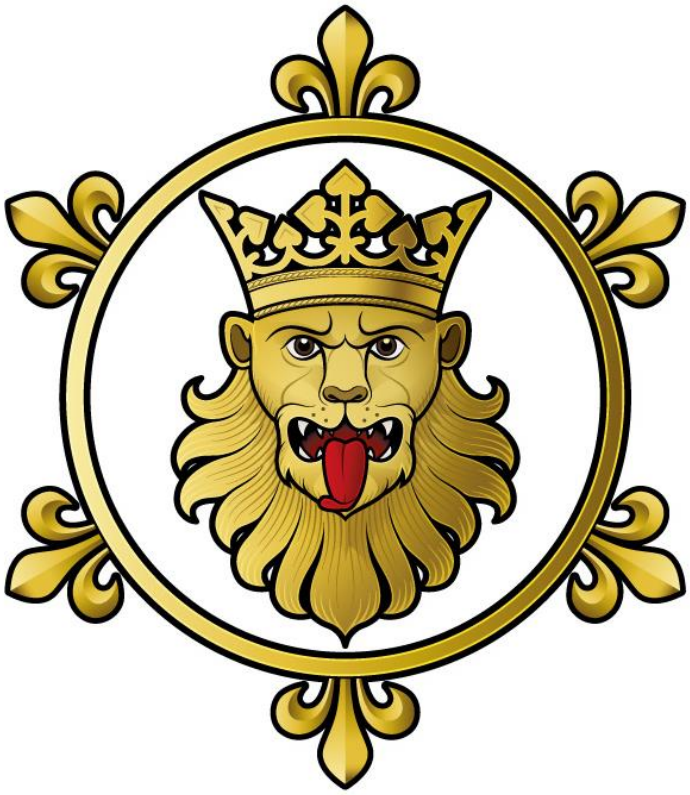
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The Lord Lyon
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The Master of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers
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Mr Keith Lovell, FHS
Mr David V White MA Hon FHS, Garter King of Arms



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REFERENCE DETAILS

Charity Registration Number
241456

Company Registration Number
00572778 England & Wales

Registered office (correspondence address)
53 Hitchin Street, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6AQ

Website
www.theheraldrysociety.com

Secretary John J Tunesi of Liongam

Independent Examiner Natasha Lawrence

The Society's principal bank accounts are maintained at:

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Lloyds Bank plc
1 Bircherley Street
Hertford, SG14 1BU

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Society is a Company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association (last amended November 2022) and is a registered charity. The Council of the Society is the board of directors of the company and the board of Trustees of the charity. For brevity and clarity throughout this report, except where it is necessary to distinguish, the directors and Trustees are referred to only as the Trustees, and the company and charity is referred to as the Society.

Objects

The Society is an educational charity. Its activity for the public benefit is to seek to increase and extend interest in and knowledge of heraldry, armory, chivalry, genealogy and allied subjects.

Trustees – Members of the Society's Council

The Council, as the board of Trustees, manages the whole business of the Society. It usually meets formally at least four times in each year and there is frequent other contact and correspondence between Trustees throughout the year. During the reporting year the Council met online via Zoom.

The Treasurer and Secretary are appointed by the Council, being ex-officio Trustees if not elected Trustees. Other Trustees are elected at an AGM for three years and may stand for re-election. After nine consecutive years an elected Trustee must stand down for at least one year. All members of the Society are eligible for nomination for election as a Trustee if nominated by two other members of the Society, there being an AGM vote if there are more nominations than vacancies. Trustees are made aware of their charity and company law responsibilities and of the Society's recent financial performance.

The Trustees who served between 1 April 2025 and the date of this report were:

Elected Council Members and Trustees:

Peter O'Donoghue	First elected 13 Nov 2017. Chairman from 12 February 2025.
Jenny Baker	Elected 10 November 2022.
Graham Bartram	First elected 13 Nov 2017.
Martin Davies	Co-opted 6 June 2020. Elected 11 November 2020.
Dewdney Drew	Elected 10 November 2022.
David Griffiths	Elected 30 October 2024. Resigned 19 February 2026.
Robert Harrison	First elected 13 Nov 2017.
David Phillips	First elected 18 October 2019.
Mads Prøitz	Co-opted 4 November 2024.
Paul Jagger	Co-opted 10 May 2020. Elected 11 November 2020.

Ex-officio Council Members and Trustees:

John Tunesi of Liongam	Honorary Secretary since 2009.
Colin Lafferty-Smith	Co-opted 5 August 2020. Honorary Treasurer from 11 November 2020.

Trustees are expected to make a practical contribution to the governance, activities and administration of the charity.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees are aware of and confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

As an educational charity, the Society provides a benefit to the public through the dissemination of heraldry-related information via free lectures, *The Coat of Arms* scholarly journal, *The Heraldry Gazette,* and physical and digital libraries. Some of these are described in more detail below.

EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lectures
We have organised many in-person lectures at different venues in London as well as online lectures throughout the year including:

Date	Topic
April 2025	Heraldry on Medieval Civic and Corporate Seals in England
June 2025	Drayton's Agincourt Banners
July 2025	Five Centuries in One Hour and Five Meters: The Pedigree Roll of the Darell Family of England as a Bank of Evidence (1637)
October 2025	Signs and Symbols: Heraldry and Radiology from Röntgen to the Present Day
February 2026	Thomas Tonge and his visitation of the northern counties, 1530
March 2026	The Use of Academic Dress in Heraldry

Anniversary Lunch
The Heraldry Society Anniversary lunch was held at the Royal Air Force Club, London in February 2026. Our principal guest was Phillip Bone, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant at the College of Arms.

PUBLICATIONS

We continue to publish *The Coat of Arms* as an annual full colour publication, which retains its reputation as the premier English-language journal for scholarship in heraldry and related fields. The Honorary Editor is Dr Paul Fox. The Heraldry Gazette, the Society's official newsletter, is produced quarterly.

WEBSITE

The Society's website (www.theheraldrysociety.com) provides an online shop enabling members and others to buy from our large stock of publications (hardcopy and digital media), second-hand books and merchandise, and to pay on-line. It also provides news and information about the Society's events.

The website also enables new members to join the Society and existing members to access their online account.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Society has an active social media presence on Facebook (www.facebook.com/theheraldrysociety) and https://www.facebook.com/groups/theheraldrysociety), Instagram (@theheraldrysociety), LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-heraldry-society/), a blog (https://theheraldrysociety.blogspot.com/), Pinterest and on Reddit in the r/Heraldry community.

EDUCATION

Our two regular publications, *The Coat of Arms* and *The Heraldry Gazette*, and our talks and conferences, are the cornerstones of our education programme, supported by other occasional publications. The *Heraldry Archive* provides access to sources for the scholar of heraldry, such as learned journals, essential reference works, heraldic surveys, and conference proceedings. These are published in digital media. From the Image Library online, some 12,000 image files can be downloaded for private study. Our website shows the remainder of the programme.

The Heraldry Society also has an extensive research library. A small section is at The Society of Antiquaries in London with the majority at The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies in Canterbury. The Library collection, which comprises books and manuscripts, is available to members and scholars by appointment, and is partly catalogued on our website. New items are added to the Library regularly and the catalogue is updated accordingly.

In conjunction with the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, we have a three-tiered education structure for those who wish to study and matriculate with a certificate.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Our Photographic Competition focuses upon heraldry as a source of pleasure and enlightenment.

GRANTS

We support and encourage applications from individual and societies seeking grants to support activities aligned to the Society's areas of interest.

RISKS AND STRATEGY

The Trustees seek to ensure that they provide the necessary direction and control and to organise succession.

The Trustees have a risk register identifying and evaluating risks and their mitigations. They have regard to their terms of office and possible successors as Trustees have been identified.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), effective January 2019.

Results for the year ended 31 March 2026 ("FY26")

Key funding sources
The Society's principal source of income is membership subscriptions (and associated Gift Aid claimed from HMRC). Additional income arises from occasional donations, including legacies, and routine sales of books and merchandise.

Subscription and donation income

Subscription income, including Gift Aid accrued up to 31 March 2026 was £35,454 (2025: £40,196).

Event income and costs

Income and costs associated with events reduced compared to the prior year. We held the Congress at the University of Kent in August 2024 but no congress was held during FY26.

Costs associated with free events (lectures) reduced compared to FY25 due to fewer in-person events being held during FY26.

Grants and prizes

We provided a grant to the Yorkshire Heraldry Society. Prizes included the award for the winner of the photography competition and the costs associated with the certificate for the winner of the Corporate Heraldry Award (The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers).

The FY25 expense described as grants and prices principally related to costs of badges and ribbons for Fellows and Honorary Fellows.

Other expenditure

Other expenditure was broadly consistent with the prior year.

Surplus for the year

The surplus for the year was £9,723 (2025: £14,137).

Reserves

It is the Society's policy to hold in reserves the equivalent of six months of total expenditure. Based on recent financial performance, that amount is approximately £15,000.

Restricted Fund: the Kirby Special Projects Fund is money given by the Kirby family and their Trusts, for projects whose aim is the advancement of heraldry. Given the lack of original documentation it is not clear whether this donation was indeed restricted, but it is treated as such for accounting purposes and so, for the purposes of the reserves policy, the £50,000 is not treated as reserves available for spending. An alternative view could be reached if further information comes to light.

Unrestricted Fund: at 31 March 2026 the balance on the General Reserve amounts to £141,888 (2025: £132,165).

Council acknowledges that, at present, the Society has reserves above the minimum indicated by our policy and intends to use those funds for our charitable objectives in future periods.

Going concern
The financial statements are prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern and will continue its operations for the foreseeable future (being at least twelve months). The Society has no significant short, medium or long-term financial commitments. Council has assessed the reserves of the Society and its future financial commitments and expected expenses and concluded that preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis is reasonable.

Insurance
The Society has "Charity and Social Organisation" insurance, which covers the following business and operational risks: material damage to physical property, public liability, libel and slander, financial and administrative liability.

Banking
The Society maintains current accounts with CAF Bank and Lloyds Bank and savings accounts with Lloyds and Shawbrook Bank. The CAF Bank account is the Society's 'day to day' account. All expenses paid from the CAF Bank are subject to two 'signatures' or 'dual authorisation'. Since most payments are made by internet banking this happens electronically – being initiated in the online banking system by the Treasurer and approved similarly by the Secretary.

Grants
The Society encourages applications from interested parties seeking grant funding to support activities aligned to those of the Society's charitable aims.

Investment policy

The Society does not have a formal investment policy. The Society's funds are kept in cash. The Society seeks to protect its funds against loss in value through inflation by keeping them in higher interest rate accounts (where available) and seeks to protects its funds from the risk of bank failure by not depositing more than the Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit (£120,000 since 1 December 2025, £85,000 before that) within any single banking group.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity and company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society, and of the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Follow acceptable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue to operate.

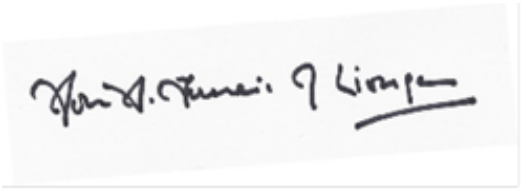
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society, and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DIRECTORS REPORT

The above Report has been prepared in accordance with SORP 2015 and the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. It represents a Directors Report as required by s417 of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report and financial statements were approved by the Council on 7 September 2026.

By Order of the Council



John J Tunesi of Liongam, Hon. Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HERALDRY SOCIETY

I report to the Trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the financial statements of The Heraldry Society ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the Trustees of the charitable company, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees of the charitable company those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable Company and its Trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of a charitable company you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

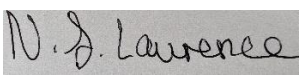
An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Natasha Lawrence Date: 7 September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities including an Income and Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 restricted funds	2026 unrestricted funds	2026 total	2025 total
		£	£	£	**£**
Income					
Members' subscriptions including Gift Aid			35,454	35,416	40,196
Donations and legacies			450	450	1,602
Lecture sponsorship income			0	0	0
Event income			6,956	6,956	14,984
Books, merchandise, advertising and other income			3,198	3,198	3,852
Interest income		1,677	1,904	3,581	4,114
Total income		**1,677**	**47,962**	**49,601**	**64,748**
Expenditure					
Costs of free events			2,359	2,359	3,991
Costs of fundraising events			7,280	7,280	18,108
Printing and posting of publications	3.1	1,677	16,104	17,782	16,457
Grants and prizes			685	685	100
Administrative costs	3.2		11,811	11,811	11,955
Total expenditure		**1,677**	**38,239**	**39,917**	**50,611**
Net movement in funds for the year		0	9,723	**9,684**	**14,137**
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds as at start of period		50,000	132,165	**182,165**	**168,028**
Funds as at end of period		50,000	141,888	**191,849**	**182,165**

The "restricted funds" amount above related to the Kirby Fund.

All operations are continuing.

THE HERALDRY SOCIETY

Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2026

Notes	Account	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
5	Intangible fixed assets	400	800
6	Heritage assets	0	1
Total Fixed Assets		**400**	**801**
Current Assets			
	Cash at bank and in hand	219,448	206,549
7	Debtors and prepayments	0	0
	Gift Aid receivable	3,390	3,729
Total Current Assets		**222,838**	**210,278**
Liabilities			
8	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31,350	28,914
	Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	**191,488**	**181,364**
	Total Assets less Current Liabilities	**191,888**	**182,165**
	Net Assets	**191,888**	**182,165**
Funds			
	General fund	141,888	132,165
	Kirby Fund	50,000	50,000
	Total Funds	**191,888**	**182,165**

The Society is entitled to exemption from audit under the provisions of Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No notice has been given under Section 476 of that Act requiring an audit to be carried out.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company regime.

The Trustees/Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 Companies Act 2006; and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its statement of financial activities for the period in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 Companies Act 2006 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts.

Under the Companies Act 2006 s454, on a voluntary basis, the Trustees can amend the financial statements if they subsequently prove to be defective.

Approved by the Trustees on 7 September 2026 and subsequently signed on the Society's behalf.



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Colin Lafferty-Smith CA
Trustee and Honorary Treasurer

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1. **Accounting Policies**

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the SORP FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', Companies Act 2006 and FRC Abstracts.

The Heraldry Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity.

Preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported as assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported as revenues and expenses during the year. Actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. No judgements made have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Website and computer equipment	33% of cost
Library	5% of cost

The Society's website, library and slide collection have been depreciated fully and are now recorded at nil net book value.

Stock

The Society's stock of publications for resale varies from the very old to the new, but it is all specialist in nature and is held or has been donated primarily to further public education rather than to generate income. Consequently, the Trustees consider that its realisable value should be regarded as negligible.

Income – Subscriptions

Income is recognised once the Society has entitlement to it, it is probable that it will be received, and its amount can be measured reliably. Annual membership subscriptions are due on 1 January in each year for the ensuing calendar year but are only recognised when received in cash, 75% of the subscription cash receipts between January and March being carried forward for the credit of the next financial year and included in creditors as income in advance.

Financial instruments

The Society only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets like trade and other debtors and creditors. Financial instruments are initially measured at transaction value. They are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statements of Financial Activities.

Cash at bank would (if there were such investments) include short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account, if any.

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Society has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Such financial liabilities are recognised at cost, no amortisation being necessary.

Funds

SORP 2015 requires the financial statements to show the funds of the Society divided into unrestricted income funds, income funds which are restricted as to their use, and capital funds. Unrestricted funds include those which have been designated for specific purposes by the charity itself. Restricted funds are those donated for specific purposes.

The Society's funds are classified as follows:

Unrestricted Funds:
General Reserve – represents undesignated income funds retained which provide the working capital to enable the Society to carry out its activities.

Restricted Funds:
The Kirby Special Projects Fund represents a capital sum of £50,000 donated by the Kirby family and their Trusts in around 1989 for projects whose aim is the advancement of heraldry. Whilst there is no formal documentation available relating to this gift, it has been – and continues to be – treated and accounted for as a restricted fund. Only income earned by the Fund had been spent.

Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. The nature of estimation means that the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

2. Status

The Society is a company registered in England under the Companies Act 2006 and is recognised under The Charities Act 2011. It is limited by guarantee with no share capital. Its income is mainly subscriptions from members in the UK and overseas. The surplus for the year is attributable to UK activities.

3. Resources expended

	2026	2025
	£	£
3.1 Costs of generating voluntary income		
Printing and posting publications issued to members		
Printing and posting the Coat of Arms journal	6,525	6,050
Printing and posting the Heraldry Gazette	11,256	10,070
Purchase, postage & distribution of other publications	0	338
Total Printing and posting publications issued to members	**17,782**	**16,458**
3.2 Administrative expenses		
Governance		
Independent examination & accountancy fees	0	(3,030)
Trustees travel	0	0
Other administrative costs		
Insurance	836	796
Website, IT Software and Consumables	1,169	3,104
Storage	5,256	4,535
Secretariat and general office costs	3,289	4,594
Subscriptions paid	0	296
Depreciation	400	660
Finance costs	861	1,000
Total Administrative expenses	**11,811**	**11,955**

4. Payments to Trustees (members of Council) and Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee in the year (2025: nil). There were no related party transactions in the year (2025: none).

No payments were made to any Trustees (2025: nil) to reimburse them for expenses incurred in their role as Trustees.

5. Intangible fixed assets

4. Intangible fixed assets

	Digital emblazonment £
Cost:	
At 1 April 2025	2,000
Additions	0
At 31 March 2026	2,000
Depreciation:	
At 1 April 2025	1,200
Charge for year	400
At 31 March 2026	1,600
Net book value	
At 31 March 2026	400
At 31 March 2025	800

6. Tangible & Heritage assets

The Society's Heritage Assets - the library and slide collection - have been depreciated to nil net book value. As such, further details are not provided.

The Society's Educational Library, a heritage asset, is properly conserved and fully catalogued. Supervised access is available to the public upon application with notice. Most of the library is now kept in the *pro bono* custody of The Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies, Canterbury, though some books are kept at the Society of Antiquaries, London.

7. Debtors and prepayments

	2026	2025
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments		
Prepayments	0	0
Total Debtors and prepayments	**0**	**0**

8. Creditors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Creditors		
Subscription income in advance	20,425	22,420
Accruals and accounts payable	10,925	6,494
Total Creditors	**31,350**	**28,914**

Accruals and accounts payable at March 2026 relates to events costs and publications printing costs incurred but not paid before the balance sheet date.

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

Details of the funds are in note 1.

10. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31 March 2026 (2025: none).

BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND OTHER VOLUNTEER OFFICERS



Jenny Baker

Jenny has an MPhil in Nucleoside Chemistry awarded during her 13 year with ICI Ltd., during which time she started an ongoing passion for Family History. After a few years spent raising three daughters, Jenny trained as a teacher, and then taught Chemistry to A-level. Moving into Adult Education, she worked in this field until gradually retiring in 2016. Jenny has been a member of the Heraldry Society since the early 2000s and since the late 1990s has joined her husband, Richard, at many International Congresses of Heraldic and Genealogical Sciences. She has previously served for six years on Council and has again joined Council to take over responsibility for the organisation of the Society's Corporate Heraldry Award and its Photographic Competition from Clive Alexander.



Graham Bartram

Graham became interested in flags and heraldry when, at age 9, he became the Scottish High Commissioner in Ghana and asked his mum to make a Scottish Saltire for the residence's flagpole! Forty-six years later he is the Chief Vexillologist of the Flag Institute, Secretary-General for Congresses of FIAV (the international flag body), protocol advisor to HM Government, HM Armed Forces and the United Nations and author of *British Flags & Emblems* and *Flying Flags in the United Kingdom*. He is also a professional web developer. He has been a Trustee since 2017 and works with Andrew Gray on the Society's website and email systems.



***Martin Davies** Hon FHS*

Martin is a Barrister and pursued a legal career with the Director of Public Prosecutions and in financial services regulation. He has been a member of the Society for nearly 50 years, has previously served on Council and has lectured and written for the Society's publications. Martin was previously Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers and is a Liveryman of the Scriveners' Company.



Dewdney Drew

Dewdney is a Chartered Trade Mark Attorney for a multinational Patent & Trade Mark Agency headquartered in Scotland. While he has always had an interest in genealogy and heraldry, his training in Scotland brought the world of heraldry to life. Dewdney has a significant client base in the whisky industry, a field where branding and history meet like few others. He is also an attorney to the High Court of South Africa (non-practising role) and a member of the Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA). In his free time, Dewdney enjoys genealogical research, going to the races and training with military fitness in the local park.



Dr Paul A Fox FHS

Appointed as editor of The Coat of Arms in 2017 in succession to Clive Cheesman, being responsible for the New Series, the first volume being published in September 2018. Previously a long serving member of Council and former Chairman of the Society. Took early retirement as a consultant physician and university lecturer in 2017 to focus on heraldic research and lecturing, to complete his first book on heraldry, and to see it through to publication. In a personal capacity, Paul was the Secretary of The International Heraldry and Genealogy Congress held in Cambridge in 2022.



David 'Griff' Griffiths
David is Lance-Sargent in the Welsh Guards and led the Society's social media engagement including the Herald blog. He resigned in February 2026.

Robert Harrison Hon FHS



For many years Robert worked in the House of Lords. He is the Deputy Director of Ceremonies of The Venerable Order of St. John (Priory of England and the Islands) and Assistant Secretary of the Association of Lord-Lieutenants. A member of the Heraldry Society since the early 1970s, a Trustee from 1990 to 1999, at various times serving as Programme Secretary, member of the Development Committee, member of the Fellowship committee, website co-ordinator, and Deputy Chairman. He became a Trustee again in 2017 and Chairman from 2019 to February 2025.

Paul Jagger



A Court of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists' and author of The City of London Freeman's Guide, Paul's interests are at the intersection of technology and tradition. He is a senior managing consultant at IBM, specialising in cognitive digital learning. He lectures at the Judge Business School (Cambridge University) and City University (London) on Information Security and Professional Development in the IT industry. Not content with lecturing on IT topics he is an Accredited Arts Society lecturer on the Treasures and Heraldry of the City of London's Livery Companies. Paul is an advocate of equality in the inheritance and display of armorial bearings – a reforming traditionalist who believes in inclusion and operates at the vanguard of the 21st century.

Colin Lafferty-Smith



Colin is a chartered accountant and chartered tax adviser practicing with a 'Big 4' firm in London. He is a member of the finance committees of the Society of Antiquaries of London and the Energy Institute and was previously treasurer of the Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery and the Sir John Golding Fund. His interest in heraldry was sparked by reading *Simple Heraldry: Cheerfully Illustrated* whilst at school. Colin joined the Society in 2018 and was appointed Honorary Treasurer in November 2020.

Peter O'Donoghue FHS
Peter, York Herald since 2012, is a genealogist and researcher, becoming Bluemantle Pursuivant in 2005. Peter also serves as Registrar of the College of Arms, Honorary Genealogist for the Order of St John and Honorary Genealogist to the Order of St Michael and St George.



He was Joint Editor of *The Coat of Arms* from the 2005 retirement of the late John Brooke-Little (Clarenceux King of Arms, the Society's founder) to 2016. He became a Trustee in 2017, responsible for the Society's relationship with the College of Arms. He became Deputy Chairman of the Heraldry Society in 2020 and Chairman in February 2025.

As Chairman Peter is responsible for leading the Council of Trustees and for the over-all well-being and risk management of the charity as it seeks to fulfil its objects in the public interest while remaining financially sound.



David Phillips Hon FHS
David, the Society's Programme Secretary since May 2019 and a Trustee from September 2019, is an architectural designer. A graduate of the Royal College of Art, he has undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in both fine art and architecture. He first joined the Heraldry Society in 1982. In particular he is interested in heraldry on church memorials and in Japanese heraldry.



Mads Proitz
Mads is a PhD candidate at Oxford, researching ancient shield emblems, and a committee member of Oxford University Numismatic Society, and the Nicolay Archaeological Student Journal, University of Oslo.

Mads is the Society's international liaison officer.



Jane Tunesi of Liongam Hon FHS
Jane, a Chartered Librarian and Qualified Genealogist with an MSt in Local and Regional History from the University of Cambridge (St Catharine's College), was for 16 years the Assistant Librarian at The College of Arms. She is now a Curriculum Administrator at North Hertfordshire College and a part time tutor of family history in the community. Editor of The Heraldry Gazette and Hon. Librarian and Bookshop Manager from 2013, Jane has also been Membership Secretary since 2016.



John Tunesi of Liongam Hon FHS
An MSc in Advanced Professional Studies (Genealogical Studies) of the University of Strathclyde, John is a professional genealogist and researcher in archives and was a research assistant at the College of Arms from 1987 to 1996 and served as Factor to Garter Principal King of Arms (Sir Conrad Swan) 1992 - 95. He is also the Archivist of the Worshipful Company of Scriveners and Chairman of the Suffolk Heraldry Society. John has been our Honorary Secretary and a Trustee since 2009.

