

CUMBRIA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY – Charity No. 518393

Treasurer's Report to the Trustees – 31st December 2021

- 1) Attached is a Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year to 31st December 2021 reflecting a surplus on operations of £9,013.90 for the year, at a time when our normal activities were curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and lockdown periods during which the use of the internet and occasional Zoom meetings compensated for our loss of face-to-face meetings.
- 2) Membership at this time is 1171 compared to 1146 in 2020, very encouraging to have maintained interest and support from the membership at this time of disruption. A late upsurge of 58 members joined between October and December, and has continued into 2022.
- 3) Publication sales amounted to £3,065.91, exceeding £3k for the first time and continue to be of great interest to members and the general public. Our Facebook pages have most definitely contributed to increased sales and membership recruitment and now has over 2500 active members.
- 4) Investment with Shawbrook Bank per CAF amounts to £31,213.96 at maturity, and has been reinvested at .70%, (increased from .45% in 2020-1).
- 5) Our reserves currently include the sum of £6,009.00 as advance subscription payments by members for 2022 to 2026.
- 6) HSBC have converted our long-term Community Current Account into what they now term a Charitable Bank Account with the result that we now incur a monthly fee of £5.00 plus a charge of £0.40 for each cheque raised and/or banked. The cost to us for December was £38.60. Whilst this is a moderate cost in the scheme of things, every effort will be made to encourage members joining or renewing to use a direct payment system straight into our current account. PayPal transactions cost us around 3.6p in the pound which is very similar to the HSBC Charges. We had no options but to agree to this arrangement.
- 7) We have benefitted from two donations this year, £250 from the will of Lady Cynthia Barnes and £100 from Mark A Storey, member number 9965, who lives in the United States.
- 8) In conjunction with Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society, we have long continued our joint branch of activities in London and the South East of England, officiated by Helen Conchar, to whom a grateful vote of thanks is due for her efforts in sponsoring regular Zoom meetings in lieu of the normal meetings held bi-monthly in London. I contacted a full list of our London and the SE members who are connected to the internet by email and advised of these meetings and a good response was recorded. The Zoom meetings will continue, but it is hoped that normal meetings will resume again mid-year as well.
- 9) Considering our reserves, and the volume of documentation held by our officers, this may be an opportunity to seek a long-term permanent repository for the undoubtedly large volume of documentation which, perhaps, could also include Margaret Russel's library, other officers' library/collections and items currently held on our behalf at Carlisle Archives etc., that we are all accumulating?
- 10) Many of us family historians have accumulated vast amounts of information, records on our computers, on memory drives, on paper and on trees of value to ourselves, but, of course, of value to others yet to be connected or identified. At Council we have considered this matter without fulfilling the aim of preservation of this important area. As part of maintaining a stronghold repository it may be possible to retain GEDCOM files etc. Perhaps Helen Brookes can advise. (See 11) below.
- 11) Helen and Dave Brookes, Cumbria representatives of the Guild of One-Name Studies, were recipients of the Ruth Geldart Award for the best article published in the 2020 Newsletters and were presented with the award of £25.00 and a certificate at Crooklands in November.
- 12) Restoration of the Crooklands three-day conference in November was widely appreciated by all who attended, we were treated to a varying and intriguing series of talks arranged again by Peter Park, and the usual high quality of hospitality and catering from the hotel staff. At a time of our careful release from lockdown all attendees were delighted to be able to resume their hobby of family history research and exchange of information with other members in a communal environment. Conferences at Seascale, Burton, Carlisle and Crooklands will be restored in 2022.

Ian White
Treasurer
21 January 2022

Cumbria Family History Society
Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet 2021

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Subscriptions Received in 2020	1	13,090.50	13,244.45	12,542.00
Donations		370.00	237.47	485.00
Publications		3,065.91	2,724.67	1,755.45
Gift Aid for 2019	2	2,233.53	1,929.73	2,080.06
Bank Interest and Credit Charges - Nett	3	-235.43	84.86	194.98
Conferences - Seascale			40.00	158.00
Burton				-26.50
Carlisle				147.46
Crooklands		8,964.50		10,997.00
Reheged				-102.00
Huddersfield/Sundries				-25.00
York			-114.00	-114.00
Newsletter Printing		-3,004.00	-3,076.00	-4,162.00
Newslette Distribution Costs		-2,641.60	-2,333.61	-2,839.01
Conferences - Crooklands		-9,012.75		-10,746.00
Officers Expenses		-1,370.72	-1,236.16	-2,556.08
Speakers Costs		-411.00		-822.00
Postages		-457.40	-474.50	-393.03
Printing and Equipment		-249.94	-137.93	-193.92
Stationery		-446.41	-530.27	-603.56
Insurance		-415.41	-488.01	-425.00
Affiliations and London Group		-425.88	-368.28	-705.78
Archive Storage				-1,593.20
Assets		-40.00	-779.00	
		<u>9,013.90</u>	<u>8,723.42</u>	<u>3,052.87</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>£9,013.90</u>	<u>£8,723.42</u>	<u>£3,052.87</u>
Membership		1171	1146	1168
Represented as:				
Opening Balances at 01/01/2021				
HSBC Community Account		19,757.98	11,773.45	35,193.82
HSBC Notice Account		27,340.38	27,314.62	2,262.38
CAF Shawbrook Bank		31,213.96	30,781.83	30,781.83
		<u>78,312.32</u>	<u>69,869.90</u>	<u>68,238.03</u>
Add Surplus		9,013.90	8,723.42	3,052.87
Accruals and Prepayments		-354.00	-281.00	-1,421.00
Total Funds		<u>£86,972.22</u>	<u>£78,312.32</u>	<u>£69,869.90</u>
Closing Balances at 31/12/21				
HSBC Charitable Bank Account		28,415.18	19,757.98	11,773.45
HSBC Business Money Manager		27,343.08	27,340.38	27,314.62
CAF Fixed Saver at Shawbrook Bank		31,213.96	31,213.96	30,781.83
Total Funds	4	<u>£86,972.22</u>	<u>£78,312.32</u>	<u>£69,869.90</u>
Notes				
1 Subscription income includes prepayments for up to 4 years				
2 Gift Aid income relates to previous years				
3 Interest on investments driped from 1.7% to .45% in 2021				
4 Subscriptions paid in advance totalls £6,009.00				
Ian White, Treasurer				
21 January 2022				



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
CUMBRIA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2021

Charity no (if any)

518393

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of 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 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: G. Armstrong

Date: 06.03.2022

Name: GLADYS ARMSTRONG

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

B.A (HONS) LANCASTER ; RSA BOOK KEEPING

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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