

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH  
2005

The Council presents its report with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 March 2005.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Constitution of the Society and the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice — Accounting and Reporting for Charities and complies with applicable law.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

The objective of the Society is the furtherance of the study of unwritten evidences of British history since the Roman period by the publication of a journal and in any way that may be approved from time to time by the Council. The Society is a Registered Charity, no. 216619. The Officers and Council of the Society are listed after the Accounts.

INVESTMENT POWERS AND POLICY

The investment powers are as stated in the Constitution. The Society does not hold any investments currently.

RISK POLICY

The Council periodically reviews the activities of the Society for the purpose of planning and assessing any major risks likely to affect the running of the Society. The Council is satisfied that systems in place would mitigate exposure to major risks.

RESULTS

The results for the year and the Society's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council is required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society at the end of the year and of the incoming and outgoing resources for the year then ended.

In preparing those statements the Council is required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- b) Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent,
- c) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Society will continue its activities.

The Council is responsible for keeping proper financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Monday 6 December 2004 at the Museum of London. The minutes of the 2003 meeting were read and accepted. Dr Richard Hall, President, was in the chair. Dr Andrew Reynolds and Professor John Hines were re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Editor respectively. Professor Roberta Gilchrist was elected President, Professor Rosemary Cramp and Professor Philip Rahtz were elected as Hon. Vice-Presidents. Dr David Griffiths was elected as Hon. Treasurer. Carenza Lewis, David Longley and Dr Stephen Rippon

were elected as ordinary members of Council. Bronsens of 26 Beaumont Street, Oxford, were elected as auditors. The AGM was followed by the Annual Lecture given by Dr Hall, 'St Wilfrid's Legacy: archaeological investigations at Ripon'.

#### RESEARCH GRANTS

The following research grants were awarded:

*From the Research Fund:*

£1,200 to Philip Rahtz and Lorna Watts for the Kirkdale Project

£970 to Aleks Pluskowski for a study of the ecology of the northern crusades

*From the Eric Fletcher Fund:*

£500 to Maureen Mellor on behalf of the Medieval Pottery Research Group towards the Database of European Production Centres

*From the Sudreys Fund:*

£425 to James Pigtaim towards his work on the organic composition of Viking Age turf walls in Iceland

#### EDITORIAL

Volume 48 of *Medieval Archaeology* was published on time and issued to members in November 2004. A series of monographs was published during the year.

#### CONFERENCE

The Society co-organized a three-day conference with the Society for Church Archaeology from 9–12 September 2004.

Professor Roberta Gilchrist F.S.A.  
*President*