

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT RESEARCH GROUP

Registered Charity No 801634

Objectives

The objective of the Group is the advancement of public education through the promotion of interdisciplinary involvement in the collection, analysis and dissemination of data relating to the history, geography and archaeology of medieval rural settlement.

Trustees' Addresses

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Review of activity during the year

The Group's activities (policymaking, conferences and publication) have continued as before. The range of interests and issues is reflected in the content of the accompanying Report 23 covering the year 2008-2009.

Result of the year

The excess of receipts over payments amounted to £1,180 (2008: £405).

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at a level to enable the long term and other research projects to be sustained in the foreseeable future.

Grant making policy

The charity makes grants towards research projects and other bodies involved in similar areas of education and research in respect of medieval settlement.

Investments policy

The charity's funds are invested in National Savings deposits that are regarded as a safe liquid investment with an adequate return, and suitable for a small charity.

Risk policy

The trustees have reviewed the major risks facing the charity and presently conclude that no specific action is required.

R E Glasscock, Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT RESEARCH GROUP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2009 which are set out overleaf.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the account. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act;
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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10 June 2009

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GENERAL FUNDS – RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Financial Year ended 31 January 2009

Note 1 Accounting policies

Historical Cost Convention

The Receipts and Payments account and Statement of assets and Liabilities are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Stocks of Publications

Stocks of Publications are not valued or included in the Statement of assets and liabilities

Note 2 Funds

All funds of the charity are unrestricted.

	2008–09	2007–08		2008–09	2007–08
	£	£		£	£
RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
Donation, legacies and other similar sources			Charitable Payments		
Donations	–	30	Research Grants	1,000	–
Income tax recovered through gift aid	1,143	1,123	Student Bursaries	–	350
A.L.C.S.	110	100	J. G. Hurst Memorial Prize	200	200
Operating activities to further the charity's objects			<i>Ruralia</i>	–	1,000
Subscriptions	6,324	6,488	Charitable Activity		
Publication Sales	12	253	Annual Report printing	4,710	7,994
Conference receipts	498	–	Conference expenses	1,257	–
<i>Ruralia</i> : repayments	–	1,600	Index	–	400
Grants for publication	–	300	Management and administration		
Postage contributions	–	100	Secretarial & Committee expenses	396	517
Investment Income			AGM & Seminar expenses	–	–
Receipts			Insurance	93	–
Current account interest	–	1	CBA Affiliation Fees	84	84
Deposit account interest	<u>1,626</u>	<u>2,026</u>	Postage	756	1,055
	<u>9,713</u>	<u>12,021</u>	Refund of Subscriptions paid in error	32	16
			Bank Charge	<u>5</u>	<u>–</u>
				<u>8,533</u>	<u>11,616</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Balance of receipts over payments	1,180	405	Current bank account	2,255	2,990
Balance Brought forward	<u>45,817</u>	<u>45,411</u>	National Savings deposit account	44,742	42,826
	<u>46,997</u>	<u>45,816</u>	Creditors	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
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