

Accumulated fund balance carried forward:

Signed Robert Will, Hon Treasurer, May 1997 – present

Auditor's Report to Members of the Medieval Pottery Research Group

I have audited the financial statements of the medieval pottery research grouping accordance with auditing standards. In my opinion it gives a true and far view of the state of the Group's affairs at 31st January 2002

Ann Gow

Notes

1. £797.66 this sales figure includes sales on behalf of Oxbow Books Ltd at the conference and sales of postcards. Journal £71.70, postcards £29.00, Oxbow £594.86.
2. £177.70 from sales of Guide to the Classification of Medieval Ceramic Forms. Sales of the guide have dropped off consider-

ably over the last 18 months.

3. Trondheim Redware

Summary	1999	2000	2001	2002	
Grants received	600	800	840	2692.80	4932.80
Expenditure	669.75	800	1600	2912.40	5982.15

This represents an agreement between L Blackmore and MOLAS over bench fees for her time spent on the publication.

4. This includes £1626.07 postage from Volume 25 which although sent out in the previous year was invoiced this year
5. Costs are still being incurred for the Guide due to the storage and handling charges by the printers.
6. General running costs include £33 for the maintenance of the website.
7. Expenditure on the conference is higher than the income generated by the conference due to slightly lower numbers of members attending. This has been offset by donations raised for the conference from historic Scotland, GUARD, Firat Archaeological services and SUT Ltd.
8. due to VAT being added to the final invoice, £979.84 in the process of being claimed back.
9. This money has come in from sales of 'Cities in Sherds' that have been ordered through MPRG, this money has still to be sent to Michael Bartels.

REGIONAL GROUP REPORTS 2002-2003

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No meetings were held by the London Group in 2002-2003.

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Scottish Group of Medieval Ceramicists

A New Review of medieval pottery imported into Scotland from c 1150-1650

Following the MPRG conference in Edinburgh in 2001 the Scottish Group have been working on producing a new review of medieval pottery imported into Scotland. The City of Edinburgh council have agreed to sponsor this publication and we have been busy raising money from the likes of Historic Scotland, the Hunter Archaeological Trust and the Society for Medieval Archaeology to help cover specialists costs. The publication has been split into areas of production and each of these is being dealt with by a different specialist as follows:

Yorkshire and East Anglia: Charlie Murray
 Stamford and the London area: Derek Hall
 South Western England: Derek Hall
 France: George Haggerty
 Germany: Bob Will
 Low Countries: Naomi Crowley and Sarah Jennings
 Spain and Italy: Julie Franklin

Where feasible we have been visiting museum collections to record the various imported wares present as well as quantifying and checking all published material. This will be the first such survey since Lis Thomas published a list in *Ceramics and Trade* (1982). It is hoped to publish the first section on French, Spanish and Italian imports in early 2004.

Kinlochbervie shipwreck (Spanish Armada?)

Several group members took advantage of Duncan Brown's invitation to view the remarkable collection of Italian mailoicas and Olive jars from a shipwreck off Kinlochbervie in the Highlands. The material was the subject of a Time Team programme.

Imported pottery from 75 High Street, Perth

Derek Hall and George Haggerty are trying to organise the laying out and viewing of all the imported pottery from the excavations at 75 High Street, Perth (Marks and Spencer, PHSE). It is their intention to organise this for late 2003 and contact has already been made with those specialists they would like to invite. Confirmation of funding from HS is awaited.

Unidentified Greywares

A group of greywares from Perth have been compared with material from Jutland, Northern England and East Anglia using ICPS. There is some correlation with sherds from Woodbastwick and Kirstead (both East Anglia). However some material remains unsourced and further sampling needs to be carried out, particularly involving further samples from Denmark.

Ring vase

Ongoing excavations by SUAT Ltd at Horsecross in Perth have recovered a fragment of a glazed ceramic ring vase. This is the first such Scottish example known to the author and appears to be directly associated with the site of the medieval chapel of St Laurence which stood on part of the site until the 16th century.

Minimum Standards

A recent seminar at Historic Scotland addressed several worrying trends identified by members of the Scottish Group during the fieldwork elements of the import review. This includes excavated ceramics not being marked prior to study and a general sloppiness in the naming of fabrics and their dating. The seminar was very successful and several suggestions at the best way forward are in the process of being addressed by the group.

C14 dates from shelly wares at Perth High Street

Derek Hall has now received all the dates from the sherds of carbonised shellyware from this excavation. All of them fall consistently between the 9th and 11th centuries AD and would seem to indicate that the early phases of activity on this site are pre-burgal. The identification of these fabrics as being London Type shelly wares would now seem to be unlikely given such early dates, but further research will be required.

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The South East Midlands Pottery Research Group (SEMPER)

A meeting was held in October 2002 in Aylesbury to discuss pottery from urban contexts. A series of interesting talks was held, with a lively discussion and a pottery display.

In April 2003 a well-attended meeting was held at Harlow Museum to look at pottery from Harlow and the routeway of the rivers Lea, Stort, Cam and Roding. This was our first visit to the new museum at Harlow, and we were all very impressed, both with the building and its displays, and with the gardens. The talks were lively and interesting, and large quantities of pottery were laid out for viewing

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North West Regional Medieval Pottery Research Group

The North West Region Group has held one meeting, in February 2003. The meeting was well-attended and consisted of a round-up of recent ceramic discoveries in the region, plus a presentation on the Regional Research Framework for the North West. The presentation was followed by a discussion on how the group could contribute to the project.

A further meeting has been proposed for September 2003 to be held in Lancaster.

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