

## **Annual Report and Accounts of Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society 2014-2015**

This Annual Report covers the Society's 'year' of 1 April 2014 until 31 March 2015

### **Registered Charity Number**

1108962

### **Address**

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### **Administration**

The Society and its property are administered and managed in accordance with the Constitution adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 4 April 2005. The Society is administered by members of the Committee, constituted in clause 6.0 of the Constitution, and by the Trustees.

#### Trustees

Trevor Pearson (Chairman of the Trustees), Martin Bland, Farrell Burnett, Christopher Hall, Keith Johnston, Vanessa Milner, Sue Ogilvy

#### Committee 2014-2015

President Trevor Pearson Vice-Presidents Farrell Burnett, Christopher Hall

Executive Officers: Chairman Keith Johnston Vice-Chairmen Vanessa Milner, Mark Vesey Secretary Lynda Henley-Welch Treasurer Martin Bland

Committee: Gareth Davies, Gill Hodgson, Linda Kemp, Geoff Milner, Vanessa Milner, Sue Ogilvy, Jane Peutrell, Dr Brian Rahn, Emma Temlett, Simon Temlett

The Committee appointed members to the following posts:

Editor of Transactions: Keith Johnston  
Fieldwork: Christopher Hall  
Membership: Sue Ogilvy  
Minutes: Lynda Henley-Welch  
Programme: Trevor Pearson  
Publications: Geoff Milner  
Publicity: Mark Vesey  
Social Media: Gareth Davies

Web master: Linda Kemp

The Committee met formally on five occasions during the year.

## **Objects**

The Society's objects are set out in clause 3.1 of the Constitution and are:

To advance the education for the public benefit in the archaeological and local history of Scarborough and the surrounding area by the following:

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## **How we carried out our objects**

### **a) Dissemination of knowledge**

#### **i) Lectures**

During the autumn of 2014 six lectures were delivered on a variety of archaeological and historical topics and since the new year began a further five have taken place. All the lectures were well attended.

There has been something of a focus on the First World War, with three lectures on it, including two in connection with the centenary of the bombardment of Scarborough in December 1914.

In February Members' Evening took place, and talks were given on a variety of topics:

Vanessa and Geoff Milner: Victorian costume.

Julie Baxter and Jennifer Dunne: The Scarborough Museums Trust and its collection.

Mark Franklin: Wykeham Abbey.

Derek Green: South Cliff conservation area.

#### **ii) Field excursions and other activities**

On Saturday 7 June we joined with the Rotunda Geology Group for a joint field excursion to the Eston Hills to look at the geology and archaeology (both Iron Age and industrial) of the area. Despite very wet weather this was well attended. This field excursion was led by Chris Hall for SAHS and Steve Livera for RGG.

A number of events took place as part of the summer programme:

- 14 June 2014: a number of members represented the Society at the Pop-up Museum in Scarborough Library;

- 13 July: the Society organised a display at the Rotunda Museum and a walk on the theme of medieval and early modern Scarborough as part of National Archaeology Week;
- 9 August: a walk, jointly organised with the Scarborough Maritime Heritage Centre, on the theme of Scarborough harbour and its community;
- 13 August: Scarborough's forgotten seaside attractions walk.

In September several members of the society participated in the Seamer Open Days organised by the Friends of Seamer Village.

### iii) Publications

The editing of the latest volume of *Transactions* has been completed and it will soon be printed.

The Society worked with the Scarborough Museums Trust on the production of a booklet of walks connected with the bombardment of Scarborough in December 1914. The booklet has been published and is currently on sale.

A great deal of work has been put into the development of the Society's website. A new version will be launched during 2015. [Could do with help to add more detail here.]

The Society has continued to develop its social media side. The Facebook page is used to publicise Society events and to draw attention to articles of archaeological and historical significance. The number of 'likes' has increased greatly during the last few months and now totals over 400. The Society looks forward to the further development of its social media activities, including the launch of a Twitter account and a YouTube account.

### b) Research

The field team carried out only one small excavation, which was in the upper field of Falsgrave Park in conjunction with the Friends of Falsgrave Park. This excavation was designed to determine whether undulations in the ground which are said to be World War One practice trenches were in fact a result of such activity – they proved to be geological.

A report was published on the archaeological work at Ravenscar referred to in the 2012-13 Annual Report.

Working with Scarborough Museums Trust, the post excavation group has recently been carrying out the processing and indexing of finds from the Balmoral Hotel excavation carried out by Peter Farmer in 1972/73 which had not been adequately indexed when deposited at the Museum.

### c) Sites and archives

The Society has continued to work closely with the Scarborough Library Archives Group, continuing to catalogue its collection of local history resources. There has also been some exploration of the newspaper collection of the Scarborough Museums Trust.

## **Partnership working**

Working in partnership with other organisations and community groups is important in the delivery of our Objects. During the year we worked in partnership with:

Friends of Falsgrave Park – excavation

Friends of Seamer Village – Seamer History Weekend

North Yorkshire County Library and the Friends of Scarborough Library – Archives Group

Rotunda Geology Group – joint field excursion to Eston Hills

Scarborough Maritime Heritage Centre – jointly organised walk on the theme of Scarborough’s harbour and old town

Scarborough Museums Trust – excavation archive, Remember Scarborough project

## **Trustees Fund**

The Society received one application for financial assistance, but the timescale for the project concerned was too short to enable such assistance to be given.

## **Membership**

The Society has 108 paid up members at present. There are 7 life members and 3 institutional members. 129 paid in 2013, 137 in 2012 and 151 in 2011 & 2010, so there has been a gradual decline. However, we have had 81 visitors to lectures to date.

Signed.....

Trevor Pearson  
President of the Society  
Chairman of the Trustees

Keith Johnston  
Chairman of the Committee

## **Annex 1 – Lectures**

14 April 2014

**The John Rushton MBE memorial lecture**

Mark Vesey

6 October 2014

**Fairfax House, York and the Noel Terry Collection**

Julia Mander

20 October 2014

**Collecting Prehistoric Yorkshire: The Lamplough-Lidster Collection**

Natalie McCaul

[This lecture was cancelled at short notice because of illness and replaced by one on **World War One in Yorkshire** by Ali Bodley]

3 November 2014

**Southburn Museum, Driffield and the Iron-Age and Roman collections**

Bill Coultard

17 November 2014

**Scarborough's 'New Town': Building the late Georgian and Regency Resort**

Trevor Pearson

1 December 2014

**Excavations at the First World War Burial Site at Fromelles, Northern France**

Paul Backhouse

15 December 2014

**The bombardment of Scarborough, 1914 (part one)**

Keith Johnston

5 January 2015

**The bombardment of Scarborough, 1914 (part two)**

Keith Johnston

19 January 2015

**From Rurik to Putin: archaeology in St Petersburg and its region**

John Oxley

2 February 2015

**Members' evening**

16 February 2015

**Roman Malton and Norton: a fort and 'small town' and their context**

Dr Pete Wilson

2 March 2015

**The Vernacular Architecture of the East Riding**

David Neave

16 March 2015

The John Rushton Memorial Lecture: **Dynamic, Energetic Coast: the East Riding, its people and the sea**

Robb Robinson

**The Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society**

**Annual Accounts for the financial year  
1 Sept 2013 – 31 August 2014**

Examined by the Auditors 18 November 2014

Agreed by the Trustees 12 January 2015 and recommended to the AGM for adoption



## Reserves Statement

In accordance with Charity Commission guidance as set out in CC19 'Charities and Reserves', SAHS is required to include a statement on Reserves to accompany the Annual Report and Accounts. The statement needs to distinguish between Restricted and Unrestricted funds and to set out those Unrestricted funds which are classed as Designated Funds.

The statement for the financial year ending August 2014 is as follows.

**Restricted funds** – the Society has no Restricted Funds.

**Unrestricted Funds** are income or funds which can be spent at the discretion of the Society in furtherance of any of the charity's objects. Some Unrestricted Funds may be declared **Designated Funds** for use for specific purposes.

The Society has declared the following to be Designated Funds with the relevant sum at the end of the financial year 2013-14 indicated:-

Trustees Fund	£ 2867.87
Archaeology	£ 4347.73
Publications Fund – held in a separate account	£20689.44
Total Designated Funds	£27905.04

All other funds are Unrestricted & Undesignated £5209.19

### Policy on Designated Funds

The purpose of the Designated Funds is to provide funds for certain specific purposes in order to help the Society meet its objects which are:-

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#### Trustees Fund

This fund was specifically set up to disburse monies donated to the Society by former President John Rushton towards a possible meeting room and for the prize essay competition and also old reserves. The Trustees Fund has not been topped up since it was first set up in 2009.

This fund is designed to grant aid individuals and organisations, whether members of the Society or not, who are carrying out projects which the Society sees as meeting its objectives as set out above. Detailed Guidelines setting out the criteria by which applications to this fund will be assessed have been published separately. Decisions on applications are made by the Trustees.

#### Archaeology Fund

This fund consists of monies received by the Society in the form of donations from individuals, organisations and companies to support excavations which have been carried out by the Society. Most of the fund consists of a sum received from one donor (a commercial enterprise) in acknowledgement of work carried out at a particular site. This fund is used to further the Society's objects, particularly but not exclusively Object b) by facilitating further archaeological investigation and fieldwork such as excavation and non-invasive survey. To these ends, it is also used to support post excavation analysis for example by funding Carbon 14 dating, Environmental Analysis and expert assessment of finds such as ceramics, wood etc. The fund is used to cover a portion of the costs of rental of storage space so as to provide safe storage for excavation equipment and archives.

The fund will be topped up from time to time when further donations are received or by a specific allocation of other Unrestricted funds by the Committee.

#### Publications Fund/Account

This fund consists of income received from the sale of the Society's publications and grants received towards specific publications. The fund is used for the printing, design, composition and publication of Transactions and for the printing and publication of Research Reports and other books. The fund is used for the re-printing of the Society's publications where they have sold out.

The fund is used to cover a portion of the costs of rental of storage space so as to provide safe storage for the Society's book stock and publications archive.