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Annual Report 2022/2023

Looking back - Looking forward

A brief account for the Annual General Meeting of the Society's activities during the year 2022/2023 with a glance ahead to the coming year

The Chairman's review of the year, and the issues we face going forward

Apart from the very welcome abatement in Covid concerns, the major issues affecting our town and the Harpenden Society spelled out a year ago by my predecessor Phil Waters, are still with us.

We continue to await St Albans District Council's definitive Local Plan, in relation to housing provision in particular. It is now not expected to be finalised and approved until the end of 2025. Earlier drafts of the Plan were rejected by Government inspectors, whose guidelines have made its subsequent redrafting a substantially more complex and time-consuming exercise, because it is required to review every site offered for development.

Nevertheless, we welcome the direction set by the council, focusing on so-called brownfield sites and strategic infill, rather than very large developments.



Taking advantage of the ongoing absence of a statutorily-approved Local Plan, a number of developers are now putting Green Belt-located schemes forward – including four sites around Harpenden – which ignore that indicative direction. The L&G proposal for 550 homes on the Cooters End site on the A1081 is perhaps the most blatant example.

The overall consequence of such large developments on the local community is, perhaps unsurprisingly, barely touched upon in the developers' promotional material, largely failing to cover the impact most notably on

transport/traffic infrastructure or on the increased demands on health facilities and school places, as well as on basic utilities, especially water and sewage provision.

In the light of such serious environmental issues, the Harpenden Society has commissioned a traffic study by the Urban Transport Unit of the University of Hertfordshire to undertake an analysis of the impact of, potentially, over a thousand extra vehicles coming into and out of Harpenden, should the L&G development go ahead. The UoH study will also assess the impact on parking facilities (and the enforcement of restrictions) in the town centre. And in a follow-up to the findings of a 2021 Harpenden Town Council survey, the study will look at the potential benefits and shortcomings of some timetable of selective pedestrianisation of the Lower High Street.

A key role of the Harpenden Society is to ensure the town remains an attractive place to live – and to visit. To that end we are working to progress a revision of the currently-designated Conservation Area, with a team now in place, led by the Town Council, and with involvement of the Harpenden Local History Society. As reported in detail in the Society newsletter, a makeover of the area around the railway station and Harding Parade is proposed by Herts County Council in collaboration with Network Rail. The Society is very positive about this project, though there is further need to improve access to the east side of the station



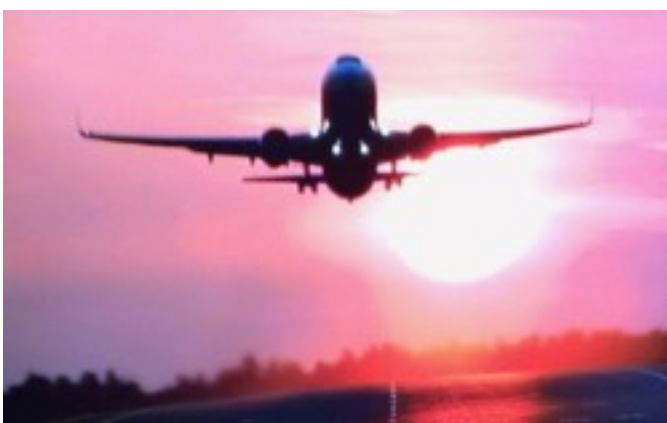
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The Chairman's review continued.

Nevertheless, the battle continues to retain a spread of retail units as well and food and drink outlets in our town centre. Meanwhile bank closures remain a serious concern. We are fortunate in having Harpenden Society member Derek French as a leading figure in the movement – nationally as well as locally – to create banking hubs that can continue providing customers with face-to-face contact with bank staff. It is good to see that the Town Council is fully supportive of this initiative.



On health matters, the Society is pleased to see the extension of services provided at the Red House, with a hopeful expectation that more will follow. In addition, the creation of the Primary Care Network, bringing coordination in the services provided by our three GP surgeries, is also a welcome step, and we hope to organise a Harpenden Society public meeting in the autumn to present its aims and hear townspeople's views. Meanwhile the ongoing role of Watford General Hospital for patients in Harpenden remains a crucial issue hedged by uncertainty.



So, on to the contentious issue of Luton Airport's aspirational growth. The recent public inquiry into the application to increase passenger numbers from 18 to 19 passengers per annum (ppa) has been completed and the inspectors' report is expected in a few months' time.

But at the end of March we learned that the airport's further application, for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to take passenger numbers up to a horrendous 32 million

ppa, has been accepted and now moves on to what is being called 'the examination stage'. Given the airport's environmental impact on Harpenden, the Society continues to be heavily involved in both applications, through our membership of LADACAN, and our own representative Karl Wingfield's presentation at the public inquiry

We are liaising with members of other bodies equally strongly opposed to the further expansion of the airport, including three Hertfordshire local authorities (the County Council, North Herts and St Albans District Councils), as well as local MPs Bim Afolami and Daisy Cooper, aimed at coordinating our efforts. Our intention is to have a Harpenden Society public meeting later in the year at which our members and other townspeople can become better informed about the threat of what would be a staggering 100% increase on the current level of passenger throughput.

It is clear that the Harpenden Society has a very full agenda and workload, and I must thank all my colleagues on the committee for their diligence, commitment and contribution throughout the year. Our thanks go to Chris Armitage for his service on the committee; we are keen to find a replacement to handle the schools/education brief. And we welcome Paul Gloess, who has joined us in the important role of membership secretary.



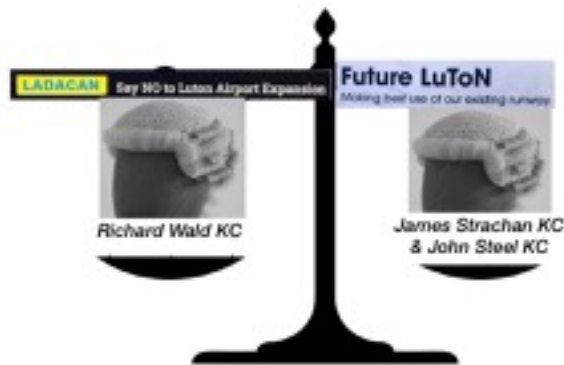
Top Society award plaque presentation in front of the EMC. June 2022. Left-to right, Cllr Robert Donald; Society Awards judge John Lowe; Harpenden Society chairman Jeff Phillips; EMC's manager Jo Ditch; Society Awards secretary Penny Ayres.

I sincerely hope that the Society will continue to make a positive contribution to our community, as it has done successfully since its founding in 1930!

Jeff Phillips

Transport - Looking back

During 2022 the Society attended the Public Inquiry into Luton Airport's proposed expansion to 19 million passengers per annum (mppa) and argued that application was unjustified as the economic benefits were minimal and insufficient to offset the clear costs associated with increased carbon emissions and relaxed noise limits. The Inquiry Inspectors report has not been published yet but we expect it to appear very soon.



Separately, Luton Rising, the Luton Borough Council company that owns the airport freehold carried out a second (post-Covid) consultation on its plans to expand the airport from 18mppa to 32mppa. The Society's response to the consultation echoed those of local government and other campaign groups, highlighting the lack of detail in some key areas such as measures to mitigate climate change, toxic gases and noise and the absence of a strategy for getting passengers to and from the airport. The Society also questioned the viability of Luton's expansion plans.

Locally, St Albans District Council (SADC) carried out a parking survey which attracted over 3,000 responses (a high response rate). Subsequently, SADC issued a new parking strategy designed to tackle climate change, improve enforcement and make the best use of available parking space, improve access to services and make good use of digital technology. Some obvious measures mentioned in the strategy to address climate change included discouraging engine idling and charging for parking permits according to vehicle emissions. Nothing concrete was offered re: enforcement despite problems with parking inconsiderately (e.g. across dropped curbs and on yellow lines) being the two most popular responses to the survey. Charges, of course, will be going up to "ensure the best use of available parking space". The Society was among many local residents who questioned the (subsequently rescinded) decision to charge leisure users and the proposal to extend the charging period for key car parks into the evening (which is being implemented). In relation to the latter, it appears that short term budgetary



pressures overrode the need to encourage use of the car parks rather than residential streets for evening parking.

There was a welcome proposal from Herts County Council (supported by the railway companies) to redevelop Station Approach and Station Road from the high street to the railway bridge. The Society supports the proposals but would like to see a broader scheme put in place that addresses the bottleneck at the entrance to the east of the railway bridge opposite Carlton Road.

Very recently, SADC has conducted a survey on its proposals to encourage local walking and cycling. Again, the Society welcomed the proposals but questioned whether some of the proposals were likely to deliver any tangible benefits.

Other areas that we addressed in 2022 included:

Luton flightpaths (no progress in 2022 as Luton Airport waited for other airports to reach the same stage)

The Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transit running from just south of St Albans to Stansted Airport (public consultation closed January 2022 – findings expect to be reported spring 2023 – Harpenden is not expected to be served directly by this transit system).

Looking forward

2023 will, again, be dominated by Luton Airport's expansion plans. Very recently, despite widespread concerns that the two statutory consultations were deficient, the Planning Inspectorate has accepted Luton Rising's application to expand the airport from 18mppa to 32mppa for examination. The examination is expected to take place over the summer and autumn of 2023. The Society will submit written evidence and may be invited to appear at the public Examination. As with the 19mppa application, we will highlight the climate change impact, the increase in toxic gases and noise and the surface access difficulties that expansion will bring to our community. We will argue that this application is unwarranted.

Following a recent meeting we've had (alongside HarpendenSky) with Luton Airport's operator, it's possible, because other airports are a long way behind, the operator will consult on revised flight path proposals that can be implemented without affecting other airports.

The Society will continue to monitor the position and will inform members as soon as there is clarity over the operator's plans.

We will continue to press SADC on local parking. We are concerned that SADC's strategy is weak so far as anti-social parking is concerned (and the practical evidence is that what limited enforcement activity is taking place is having no discernible effect).

We will continue to monitor the proposed Station Road improvements and the local walking and cycling initiative.

Karl Wingfield

Health & Welfare - Looking back

The NHS has had a turbulent year. At a National level, there have been major difficulties dealing with the backlog of planned investigations and treatments delayed by the pandemic. These problems have been exacerbated by the extra time needed to ensure that diagnostic units and operating theatres are 'COVID safe', effectively reducing overall capacity. This has been reflected in the longer waiting times at our local hospitals, (typical of the whole NHS), both for outpatient appointments and elective care.

West Hertfordshire University NHS Trust

The proposed new build is in Cohort 3 of the National New Hospital Programme- still waiting for financial approval of the outline business case. The outline plans include a possible relocation of the Mount Vernon cancer centre to the West Herts site.

In September 2022, the Trust announced new £12 million funding for enhanced diagnostic services at St Albans City Hospital, including new MRI and CT scanners, due to open in 2024.

The new urgent care hub opened at St Albans City Hospital in October 2022. (see below)



Luton and Dunstable Hospital

The upgrading of the Emergency Department and main ward blocks continues. (see below)



Looking forward

Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care System

The new Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care System went live in July 2022, and has recently published its strategy for the next three years.

(<https://hertsandwestessexics.org.uk/integrated-care-partnership-icp/hertfordshire-west-essex-integrated-care-strategy/3>).



The mission statement for the ICS is 'responsible for commissioning the right services for the communities we serve'.

The ICS has a budget of £2.8 billion.

An important part of the Integrated Care System is:
THE SOUTH AND WEST HERTFORDSHIRE HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP



The South and West Hertfordshire HCP covers the following areas. Click on each location to gain more details.

- Dacorum
- Hertsmere
- St Albans and Harpenden
- Three Rivers
- Watford

To support priorities in our area, the HCP has been delivering change in several areas. One of these areas is the virtual hospital, where patients who would ordinarily require hospital care, are monitored with digital support at home. The virtual hospital was started at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, by West Herts.

This initiative has been implemented across England. The hospital has since evolved into a highly successful integrated service, run by the HCP. The care it provides now extends to people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and heart failure. Over 7000 people have been treated overall, so far, with good feedback from patients

Local Health

Primary Care Networks, (PCNs), are groups of healthcare professionals who work together to provide coordinated and comprehensive care to patients in a community.

Harpenden Health PCN is the collaboration of **Davenport House Surgery, The Village Surgery and Elms Medical Practice**. The PCN staff includes GPs, nurse practitioners, pharmacists and other healthcare providers, who collaborate to offer services such as chronic disease management, mental health support, and preventative care.

The goal of PCNs is to improve access to healthcare and enhance the quality of care for patients by offering more coordinated, patient-centred and more personalised services.

The Network is building on the excellent collaboration with local organisations which developed during the pandemic. One example is the partnership with the Harpenden Trust and MIND providing a local well being hub.

The Harpenden Health Network will be the focus of the autumn meeting of the Society on October 19th.

The Harpenden Memorial Hospital

What Services are available?

Connect, an independent company, continue to deliver MSK, (musculoskeletal) services. There are on site Pulmonary and Cardiac rehabilitation face to face programmes, running for patients in the St Albans and Harpenden locality.

Podiatry clinics are still running and the neuro rehabilitation service is continuing . Diabetic eye screening is available. There are lymphoedema, speech and language therapy and sleep (respiratory) clinics ,and the long standing phlebotomy service,

The clinical and office areas have had a substantial upgrade.



Ian Barrison

Secretary's report

We held our AGM on the 21st April 2022 followed by a talk by Dr Abigail Whitehouse, one of the country's leading researchers in respiratory medicine, on Air Pollution & Health. (pictured below with Ian Barrison) Full details of this talk can be found on the Society's website.



The legacy of the Covid pandemic has made it difficult to arrange public meetings but we are now hoping to restart our meetings covering a range of topics of local interest in the Spring of 2023 and into the Autumn.

In addition to the Society's website the Society publishes two other websites containing topics of interest to members and Harpenden residents in general.

The websites are:

<https://www.volunteerforharpenden.org.uk> - a website containing the volunteering opportunities from over 30 local Harpenden organisations.

<https://connectingharpenden.org.uk> - Connecting Harpenden is a website enabling anyone to find out which groups, clubs and services are available in Harpenden. The contact details of over 300 organisations are listed on the website

Bob Fletcher

Built Environment - Looking back

The number of planning applications for residential extension and alteration continues albeit at a lower volume than last year, probably due to the increase costs households are now facing plus the increase in mortgage interest rates. However, the economic cold wind does not seem to have reduced the number of new cafes opening up or dissuaded the owners of 6 High Street (former M & Co) from applying for consent to create a 200 plus seater pub/restaurant with a roof top pavilion. We await the Councils decision to their application.

The Society does have concern that the District Council is not upholding the Policies of the adopted Neighbourhood Plan by granting consent for homes in the Conservation Area to be demolished. This could put at risk many homes that make a positive contribution to the character of the town.

A new Care Home is currently under construction in Coldharbour Lane (below) on the site of the former Chelford Fabrics premises after a successful planning appeal against the District Councils refusal. Another Care Home is also proposed for the former Pan-Auto garage site in Grove Road, even though the applicants had previously obtained consent for a residential flat development which included affordable housing. The size and huge scale of the proposed building has resulted in many objections being lodged, and at the time of writing, we are awaiting the Council's decision.



Another application which attracted many objections from the public was the redevelopment of the part of Southdown Industrial Estate to build new commercial premises and a Builders Merchant's Trade Centre. Concerns about HGV traffic movement and noise were the principal issues. The Council have granted consent but they have imposed restrictions on vehicle movement times and require noise reduction measures to be incorporated.

Community Safety

Looking back

Harpenden continues to be a low crime area and NHW/OWL messages continued to give useful information and warnings of scams and crimes.

Looking forward

The town now faces new challenges from planned large and medium sized residential schemes which could add up to approx. 850 new homes. The largest of these is the Legal & General scheme on the North West side of the town where they want to build 550 new homes. Wimpey want to construct about 220 new homes on the Eastern outskirts near Pipers Lane, while smaller schemes are planned for 31 homes on the edge of Harpenden Common at Cross Lane and 40 homes next to Aldwickbury Golf Club.

All the sites are in the Green Belt and would result in the loss of valuable farmland. If they are given the go-ahead, they will have a significant impact on the town due to the lack of adequate infrastructure and supporting services, and not forgetting the increase in traffic pollution and pressure on schooling. Three of the planned developments are currently being considered by the Council.



After many years of deliberation, the District Council have decided to withdraw their planning application to develop the Public Halls site at Southdown Road (above) due to lack of funding. Instead of developing the site themselves they are now proposing to sell the site in the open market. This is an important site as it occupies a very prominent location overlooking the Common and also next to some of the oldest historic buildings in the town. The Society will be keeping a watching brief on the anticipated application.

It is clear that the town will be facing significant challenges over the next year. The Society has made representations against the erosion of the Green Belt but it remains to be seen how the District Council will re-act. Whilst the Society will support well-conceived development in the right place, it will continue to lobby against inappropriate schemes that have the potential to impact on the many desirable features of the town.

John Lowe

Looking forward

Beware of relationship fraud with online friendships used as a means of taking your money. Also TV licensing email scams and fraudsters posing as police or bank officials. So to receive warnings and information sign up at www.OWL.co.uk.

Paul Gardiner

Publicity Looking back

Key aspects of the Society's activities are recorded as press releases and issued with photographs or printed images announcing issues affecting the town or reports following an event. Coverage has been achieved in traditional media like the Herts Advertiser and social media like Harpendia; The Harpenden Network; Next Door; Harpenden Shopping; as well as the Society web site and Facebook platform. Additionally a limited number of retail shops, the Library and Town Council notice boards feature posters. Items referenced in the Chairman's report have all been covered.



The Summer carnival stand (above) where a painting competition was held provided visibility both before and after the event in June.

Looking forward

The same procedure will continue to be used in 2023 with the additional new St Albans Times, an on line magazine. The Society will continue its media campaigns across all subjects and in particular the opposition to the over expansion of Luton Airport and the threat of more large scale housing developments

The Economy Looking back

The loss of 70 jobs at Jarvis Construction (below) in Feb 2023 came as a shock with that section of the Jarvis Group going into administration. The Homes section continues.



The High Street has also suffered significant losses with the closure of three independent retailers in Feb/March all due to significant issues with increased rent and rates compounded by tough trading conditions. Coppers Boots and Shoes; Parker & Vine; (above right) Creature Comforts. Phase 8 a Ladies Boutique also closed in 2022. The trend in Bank closures has escalated with the Lloyds closure



and the imminent closure of HSBC in July. However trend of closures hasn't deterred new businesses moving in. Clarendon Fine Art, Harris + Hoole, Jessica Wilson Jewellers, Main Hairdressers and on April 4 Majestic Wines. Southdown Shops were equally busy with a new Emilios restaurant, the return of Jelley's Meats, and the new Lazy Bear coffee bar owned by celebrity chef Theo Michaels. (below)



The Lyndhurst Personal Financial Conference on October 14 at Rothamsted Conference attracted a large audience which featured speakers from a wide range of high profile companies like JP Morgan, Mishcon de Reya, Foresight and Just Group.

Coldharbour Lane had two new additions with the Small Removal company who moved from Southdown Industrial Estate and Pan Autos .



The Queen's Jubilee in June gave a welcome boost to the local economy.

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Looking forward

The Herts Business Growth Show at Rothamsted Conference Centre on April 27 is a new venture to provide local companies with business insight, ideas and networking opportunities going forward.

Rothamsted Enterprises and Rothamsted Research continue to dominate as employers with links to national and international operations. Also on the international front, Cisco, one of the world's biggest tech companies has an engineering division here in Harpenden town centre. The new 63 bed care home development in Coldharbour Lane for Porthaven Properties should be completed later in the year. (artist's impression below)



Adjacent to the new Chelford House it will make for a busy section of Harpenden employment.

Other small businesses continue to trade almost unnoticed in a number of small developments around the town

EMC is now hosting more shows after record audience of over 10,000 at the Xmas panto.

The High Street (inc Southdown) will be looking for a Coronation boost in May and whilst some shops are finding business tough going a number of categories appear to be booming. Estate Agents with nine units, eleven Hair Dressers, nine Barbers, eleven Charity Shops. The Hospitality sector shows no sign of decline with a new Persian restaurant open in Harpenden and a new Sushi bar in Southdown.



With interest rates remaining at a high level it will put pressure on rent increases. Inflation is also showing little sign of falling which will impact household budgets and resulting consumer spend. A year of uncertainty ahead?

Ron Taylor

Newsletter - Looking back

Over the last three or four years the newsletter has grown – from an initial six pages, then to eight and now to twelve, without, we'd like to think, any dilution in 'reader value'.

It continues to receive plaudits for its coverage, of not only issues directly concerning Harpenden Society members, but of matters of wider interest to everyone living in the town. We now get regular comments from readers telling us they nowadays learn more from our newsletter than from the local press – particularly the increasingly meagre editorial offerings of the Herts Advertiser – about important local affairs. It was recently even likened appreciatively to an informative 'magazine'.

Less controversial content in our newsletter pages includes a regular look back at the history of what was a quite small Hertfordshire village, together with a focus on local, often historic, typically family-run retail businesses.

Looking forward

As a key priority we strive to keep a watching brief and duly report in the newsletter on developers' often over-ambitious building proposals, in advance of submission of formal planning applications that affect Harpenden and its precious rural surroundings.

Among other environmental concerns which will continue to be aired through the columns of our newsletter is the regrettably ongoing saga of proposals to greatly expand Luton Airport's operations, to the potential detriment of life in Harpenden by way of increased aircraft noise, traffic congestion and air quality.

A page in each issue entitled 'Editor's View' is, almost by definition, likely to prompt dissenting – but welcome – responses from Society members, to which we say 'keep them coming'!

Maintaining the standard we need to emphasise the exhortation on the back page, that is 'Please send comments on articles or any other issue raised in this edition to editor@harpendsociety.org'

Alan Bunting



The thumbnail shows a newsletter page with the Harpenden Society logo at the top. The main headline is "Public Halls site: SADC rethinks its strategy Sell-off to private developer now on the cards". Below the headline, there are two columns of text. The left column discusses the council's plan for the site and the council's decision to sell it to a private developer. The right column discusses the council's plan to build 28 dwellings on the site and the council's decision to sell the site to a private developer. There is also a small diagram of the site layout.

Membership – Looking back

Overall membership has stabilised over the last year with the 18 'leavers' being replaced by 'joiners'. Several members have resigned as they have moved away from Harpenden. I am also very sad to report that unfortunately some members have died in the last year. Our stall at Harpenden Carnival generated 13 members which was a good result considering the awful weather of that day compared to the day before and day after. Fingers crossed for better weather next time! We had 522 memberships covering 764 people at end of March

Looking forward

The programme of public meetings, which are now back on track, will provide opportunities for recruitment, and some of the activity streams in hand should also generate interest by demonstrating the reach and influence of the society.

Paul Gloess

Treasurer's report on the accounts to 31 December 2022

The Society earned an overall surplus for 2022 of £18,155.83 compared to a surplus of £2,036.08 in 2021.

During the year, the society benefited from two legacies each of £10,000, one of which was mentioned in the 2021 report. A small additional residual legacy was also listed in one of these wills so I would expect a small further legacy to be received in 2023. These legacies have been allocated to a newly formed and designated Civic Development Fund which is unrestricted in nature whilst specific as to its purpose. As there were no restrictions in the wills governing these bequests, trustees will meet to discuss how the funds could be used to further the aims and objectives of the Society in the longer term. The committee has already decided to donate £2,000 of this fund to LADACAN as a contribution to their legal expenses in their continuing battle against

Luton Airport expansion.



It has also recently been decided by the committee that the fund would pay for a transport study being undertaken by the University of Hertfordshire and this is expected to cost £2,000+.

Other income was down by £384 due to a reduction in membership.

Other expenditure was up by £1,496. The newsletter continues to grow and cost an extra £580. The AGM was held on-line so had no cost but public meetings were able to be held which incurred additional costs of £190. Prompted by our falling membership, an additional £600 was spent on Advertising & Promotion and other publications.

As a charity with a considerable range of activities, the Society aims to hold sufficient liquid reserves in the unrestricted Accumulated Fund to cover up to twelve month's expenditure of a non-discretionary nature. In framing this policy, trustees are mindful of establishing the correct balance between financial prudence and properly expending funds raised for the Society's charitable objectives.

At 31 December 2022, the unrestricted Accumulated Fund balance (after transfers) at £20,143 is more than in line with that required by this Financial Reserves policy and the Society is therefore in a strong financial position.

Harry Downie

**The Harpenden Society
Income and Expenditure Account
for the 12 months to
31st December 2022**

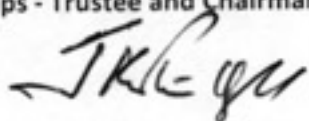
		Unrestricted Funds			
		Accumulated Fund	Civic Dev Fund	Total	Year to 31/12/2021
		£		£	£
INCOME					
	Subscriptions and donations	4,516.79		4,516.79	4,848.80
	Legacies	20000.00		20,000.00	0
	Interest received	66.35		66.35	2.12
	Gift aid refund	927.38		927.38	1,043.43
		25,510.52	0.00	25,510.52	5,894.35
EXPENDITURE					
	Newsletters	1,991.12		1,991.12	1,410.43
	Other Publications	406.80		406.80	0.00
	Public Meetings	195.10		195.10	4.70
	Economic Activity	130.20		130.20	0.00
	AGM expenses	0.00		0.00	538.82
	School Arts competition	781.83		781.83	185.50
	The Harpenden plaque	251.27		251.27	270.58
	<u>Donations, gratuities and gifts</u>			0.00	
	Harpenden in Bloom	192.00		192.00	192.00
	Subscriptions to other societies	40.00	2,000.00	2,040.00	40.00
	Without whom award	0.00		0.00	195.94
	Jubilee Seat	0.00		0.00	336.00
	Adverising & Promotion	807.00		807.00	71.20
	Committee Meetings	240.00		240.00	44.00
	Office expenses, postage, telephone etc.	115.87		115.87	146.26
	Insurance	203.50		203.50	183.91
	Depreciation	0.00		0.00	238.93
		5,354.69	2,000.00	7,354.69	3,858.27
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus/-Deficit for the period		155.83	18,000.00	18,155.83	2,036.08
	Funds b/f	19,987.53	0.00	19,987.53	17,951.45
	Surplus/deficit	155.83	18,000.00	18,155.83	2,036.08
	Funds c/f	20,143.36	18,000.00	38,143.36	19,987.53

Balance Sheet
31st December 2022

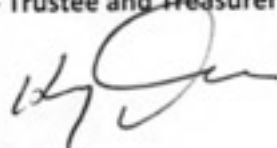
FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds			
	Accumulated Fund	Civic Dev Fund	Total	Year to 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1st January 2022	19,987.53	0.00	19,987.53	17,951.45
Surplus/Deficit for the period	155.83	18000.00	18,155.83	2,036.08
	<u>20,143.36</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>38,143.36</u>	<u>19,987.53</u>
Represented by:				
FIXED ASSETS				
Display boards, etc.	1,551.69		1,551.69	1,551.69
Deduct depreciation	-1,551.69		-1,551.69	-1,551.69
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash on deposit at bank and in hand	38,143.36	0.00	38,143.36	19,987.53
	<u>38,143.36</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>38,143.36</u>	<u>19,987.53</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Subscriptions received in advance	0.00		0.00	0
Inter fund balances	-18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>-18,000.00</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>20,143.36</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>38,143.36</u>	<u>19,987.53</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>20,143.36</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>38,143.36</u>	<u>19,987.53</u>

The above Income and Expenditure Account were approved by the Trustees and authorised for signature on 15th March 2023 and signed by:

Jeff Philips - Trustee and Chairman



H Downie - Trustee and Treasurer



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Harpenden Society

I report on the accounts of the Harpenden Society for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 and 2 above.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that neither an audit nor an independent examination is required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but in the interests of good governance that an independent examination should be conducted as though it were required.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts prepared pursuant to section 145 of the 2011 Act
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Harpenden Society and
- c) to 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding accounts to be reached.

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