

Friends of the Centre for English Local History

(Registered Charity no 1073528)

Annual General Meeting – 19 November 2024

Treasurer's Report

A summary of the accounts for the year 2023-24 is provided on the AGM page of the Friends' Website. Printed copies have been sent by post to those members we cannot contact by email.

The Friends' assets, including investments at market value on 30 September 2024, are £36,509.96, an increase of £2,932.02 (8%) over the year. This increase is largely due to the improved performance of our investments. Money in the bank remains stable at £24,814.81 compared to £23,251.94 at the start of the year.

For the second year, Hoskins Day costs were kept to a minimum as the Centre paid for the refreshments provided. Our two study days, in Wallingford and Spalding, made a small profit. Administrative costs are reduced compared to last year but the Committee agreed to support the Centre by covering the cost of transporting a collection of Victoria County History "Red Books" to the library. A one-off payment for the digitisation of the Friends' Papers is shown as Publications costs. The overall cost of printing and distributing the annual Newsletter has reduced significantly by digital publishing, however, the cost of printing and distribution to those requesting a paper copy has increased.

We received fewer requests for student support compared to last year, with £714 paid out. Research support grants are now available to any University of Leicester MA History student or PhD candidate who is undertaking regional or local history research.

Claims to the HMRC for the Repayment of Gift Aid for the past 3 years have been submitted but will be included in next year's accounts.

Our financial position is sound, and we can meet any financial obligations for the coming year. In view of our lack of contractual commitments, we do not have a reserves policy at the present time – all funds are available for meeting our charity objectives.

Karen L. Donegani

4th October 2024