Canterbury Commemoration Society

Registered Charity No 1057977

Report and Accounts
For the year ended 29 February 2024

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Administrative information

Charity registration

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 1057977) on 11 September 1996.

Trustees during the year

Mr Stewart Ross	Chair
Ms Charlotte Cornell	Vice Chair
Rev'd Brian McHenry	Secretary
Mr Alan Turner	Treasurer
Ms Hilary Brian	
MrTimothy Fox	Appinted 8 March 2023 Resigned 4 July 2023
Ms Helen Gillis	Resigned 12 October 2023
Mr Patrick McKeating	Appointed 8 March 2023 resigned 9 October 2023
Councillor Connie Nolan	Appointed 3 October 2023
Professor Carolyn Oulton	
Mr Christopher Palmer	Resigned 29 August 2023
Ms Jane Plumptre	Resigned 4 July 2023
Dr Stephanie Rudgard-Redsell	Appointed 4 July 2023 resigned 24 October 2023
Mr Julian Waltho	Resigned 26 September 2023
Mr Andrew Webster	

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
West Malling
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Independent Examiner

Mr Tim Birse MA, FIA
8 Keswick Road
Orpington BR6 0EU

Trustees' Report

for the year ended 29 February 2024

Objectives and Performance

The Society has seen considerable progress with the various projects it has in hand.

The Model of Whitstable Harbour in 1923 was completed and handed over to the Harbour Board in a fine ceremony, attended by many local dignitaries, on 23 February 2024.

The statue of Aphra Behn has been finished and cast in bronze. It is now in storage awaiting a Council decision on its precise position in front of the Beaney House of Art and Knowledge. It is hoped that a person of considerable national standing will be free to officiate in the unveiling later in the year.

We have raised the funds and made arrangements for Jason de Caires Taylor's Alluvia statues in the river Stour to be repaired, refurbished and re-lit. The work will take place later in the year.

The plan for a memorial to all Tudor martyrs has been widened to include all those who were killed for their faith over the centuries. Working with the City Council, a site for the memorial has been found inside the grounds of the castle.

A small team head by our secretary has undertaken to renew the information board about Alderman Simmons, a key figure in the City's history, at St Mildred's Church.

Our work with the Canterbury Society has resulted in the placement of a dozen new blue plaques commemorating key figures from the City's past. We have also taken a keen interest in the Canterbury's Tales of England project and the City Council's espousal of many of its features in its Levelling Up through tourism and heritage programme. Our many other activities have included a series of readings of the plays of Aphra Behn, social fundraising events, and open talks on significant local topics.

The Society's key personnel have remained unchanged, though there has been some churn among the trustees occasioned by volunteers realising that membership of our committee involved more than they had realised. The wider membership has remained steady at 100+ and the number of corporate sponsors has grown. Following the death of our Honorary President, Michael Steed, we are delighted to report that Paul Roberts, a prominent local businessman and benefactor, has agreed to take up the role. We are equally delighted to report that George Metcalf, a former Lord Mayor, has agreed to join the ranks of our Honorary Vive-Presidents.

In summary, during the period 2023-24 the Society has been as active as ever in meeting the aims and purposes outlined in its constitution.

Financial Review

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Aphra Benn Project financial commitment.

The Trustees have entered into a commitment with Christine Charlesworth for the production of the full-size statue of Aphra Benn. The agreed cost is £55,668 of which £43,002 has been paid of which £36,077 is included in the outgo on the project in the current year. Amounts in the restricted fund for this project are sufficient to finance the contracted outgo. Further donations and fund-raising will be sought to cover any additional costs in relation to this project.

Accounting responsibilities of the trustees.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the receipts and payments of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts the trustees:

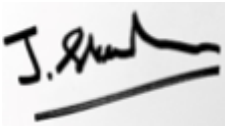
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 7th May 2024
and signed on their behalf by



Stewart Ross Chair 8th May 2024

HONORARY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CANTERBURY COMMEMORATION SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the Trustees of the Canterbury Commemoraation Society ("the Trustees") for the year ended 29 February 2024. These are set out on pages 5 to 8 and have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), and that an independent examination is needed. As Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Trustees, 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 the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts. This report is limited to the matters in the Statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

(1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- to prepare accounts that accord with the accounting records

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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8 Keswick Road
Orpington
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8th May 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 29 February 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	*TOTAL*
			2024	*2023*
	£	**£**	**£**	*£*
RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS				
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Subscriptions and Donations	1,639	11,116	**12,755**	*16,953*
Income from events	749	-	**749**	*37,475*
Gift Aid	2,078	-	**2,078**	*754*
Bank and Building Society Interest	1,425	-	**1,425**	*354*
Total Incoming Resources	**5,891**	**11,116**	**17,007**	*55,536*
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Donations	250	-	**250**	*50*
Administrative expenses	741	-	**741**	*1,279*
Bank charges	84	-	**84**	*100*
Computer Support	878	-	**878**	*1,949*
Insurance	-	-	**-**	*54*
Aphra Behn Project	-	36,077	**36,077**	*16,830*
Whitstable Harbour Project	-	27,694	**27,694**	*9,062*
Other projects - expenses	-	-	**-**	*1,645*
Total Resources Expended	**1,953**	**63,771**	**65,724**	*30,969*
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	**3,938**	**-52,655**	**-48,717**	*24,567*
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 March 2023	10,107	86,911	**97,018**	*72,451*
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 29 February 2024	**14,045**	**34,256**	**48,301**	*97,018*

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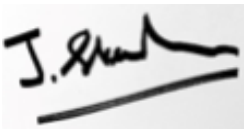
Balance Sheet
As at 29 February 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
			2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
BALANCES AT BANK				
CAF Gold	12,812	34,256	**47,068**	*94,416*
CAF Cash	1,125	-	**1,125**	*2,602*
Wine	108	-	**108**	-
	14,045	**34,256**	**48,301**	*97,018*
FUNDS				
General Fund	14,045	-	**14,045**	*10,107*
Brian Porter Bequest	-	11,166	**11,166**	*38,860*
Canterbury Tudor Martyrs Fund	-	4,500	**4,500**	*4,500*
Aphra Behn Project	-	18,590	**18,590**	*43,551*
	£ 14,045	**34,256**	**48,301**	**£** *97,018*

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 7th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Stewart Ross - Chairman

Alan Turner - Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements at 29 February 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounting statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 2) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The name and use of each designated fund, if any, is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been received by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised when it is received.

Income Tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is also recognised at the time that it is received from HMRC.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised at the time that the payments are made.

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Notes to the Financial Statements at 29 February 2024

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is accounted for when received.

1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

2 Restricted Funds

Brian Porter Bequest

This fund represents the bequest of £50,000 received from the estate of the late Brian Porter. The purpose of the bequest was, if possible, to re-erect the chimney of the winding house of the 'Crab and Winkle' line which formerly stood at Whitstable Harbour and was later used as a mounting for the harbour lights now displayed in Whitstable Museum. However the amount of the fund was found to be considerably less than that which would be necessary to complete the donor's wishes. It was agreed therefore that the funds should used to create a model of Whitstable Harbour as it was in 1923 to be displayed in the Harbour. The project was completed in February 2024 and handed over to the Whitstable Harbour Board.

The Aphra Behn Project

The purpose of this fund is to raise a statue of Aphra Behn in Canterbury and is treated by the trustees as restricted to this purpose. Funds are raised for this project by donations and fund raising activities. During the year further instalments for the creation of the statue were paid.

The Canterbury Tudor Martyrs' Memorial Project

The purpose of the fund is to riase a memorial to those of all faiths who were martyred in Canterbury in the Tudor period. The nature of the memorial is under consideration.

Movement in Restricted Funds

	Alpha Behn Project	Brian Potter Bequest	Tudor Martyrs Memorial
Balance 1 March 2023	43,551	38,860	4,500
Income			
Donations	11,116	-	-
	54,667	38,860	4,500
Expenditure	-36,077	-27,694	-
Balance 28 February 2024	18,590	11,166	4,500