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General Secretary's Report to AGM on 9 April 2022

The last AGM on 24 April 2022 saw the election of several new officers including Jo Caruth as chair, Jane Carr as excursions secretary and myself as general secretary. I am delighted to report that Jo has stepped into her role with energy and fresh ideas. David Gill, Jude Plouviez and Peter Wain, as new members of Council, have made valuable contributions to our meetings and Council continues to operate efficiently and harmoniously. Our minutes secretary, Peter Reilly, has kept an accurate record of all our doings.

Since the last AGM the Institute has made use of Zoom online conferencing software to continue with its planned winter lecture series. Audience numbers have been consistently high. One live lecture was held on 13 November 2021.

In 2021 the Institute enjoyed virtual excursions to Hitcham and medieval Newmarket, and live excursions to Bury St Edmunds Abbey and Rendlesham.

Jane Carr has arranged a series of excursions for the coming summer and Miriam Stead, our assistant general secretary, has arranged for winter 2022/23 two parallel series of lectures, one (hopefully) live at Elmswell and the other on Zoom.

We aim to host our sixth Wheeler Conference on 24 September 2022 at the Hold in Ipswich and have persuaded an outstanding panel of speakers to attend.

Our *Proceedings* editor, Jo Sear, and our newsletter editors, Jane and Bob Carr, ensured the publication of the Institute's annual *Proceedings* and two editions of its newsletter. The 2016-18 editions of the *Proceedings* were added to those published on-line.

We aim to continue publishing volumes of top quality research into the history and archaeology of the county and two more are in the pipeline.

Mark Bailey, our president, and Keith Briggs, our web secretary, are working with the Suffolk Records Society and Kate Chantry of Suffolk Archives to create a Suffolk history portal and online platform for resources relating to Suffolk history

Thanks to the hard work of our membership secretary, Rosemary Mees, membership numbers and income continue to grow, as evidenced by the annual accounts.

We are in a very strong financial position to continue our activities and also make grants to other organisations pursuing similar ends. Our financial affairs rest in the safe hands of Paul Tatum, assisted by Alison Brown.

Despite the disruption of the Covid pandemic the Institute is in very good health.

Nick Amor
30.03.22

Membership Secretary's Report to the AGM : April 2022

Our membership numbers fluctuate throughout the year due, in part, to members being able to renew throughout as opposed to all together in January. During 2021, 45 new members were elected and a further 13 in January and February this year, so despite resignations and lapses, our membership numbers remain just over 500. Income from membership has risen year on year since 2019 confirming this rising trend.

We flew the flag, literally with our smart banner, at the Societies Day at Blackbourne Hall, Elmswell on 5th March. Our stand attracted quite a few visitors and although I was not able to sign up a new member on the day, I was able to chat to interested persons about the benefits of membership and handed out a number of flyers. Hopefully, some of these will bear fruit.

Thank you.

Rosemary Mees
28.3.22

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 289512

Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History
Unaudited financial statements
31 December 2021

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Financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

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Trustees' annual report

Year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History
Charity registration number	289512
Principal office	Birch Lea 1 Bury Road Stanningfield Bury St Edmunds IP29 4RS

The trustees

The trustees who served during the year and at the date of approval were as follows:

Dr N Amor
L Bradley
Dr K Briggs
A Brown
J Carr
J Caruth (appointed 24/04/2021)
R Mees
P Reilly
Dr J Sear
M Stead
P Tatum

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Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Roles and key positions of council members are:

President	Professor M Bailey BA, PhD
Vice Presidents	Dr D Allen BA, DAA, FRHistS J Carr BA (appointed 24/04/2021) Dr D Dymond MA, HonLittD, FSA, FRHistS (died 20/08/2021) Dr J Fiske JP, BA, PhD E Martin BA, FSA, MIFA Dr J Martin PhD C Paine B Ed B Seward Dr S West MA, PhD, FSA
Chairman of the Council	Dr N Amor MA (Oxon), PhD, Solicitor (retired 24/04/2021) J Caruth MCIfA, FSA (appointed 24/04/2021)
Hon. Secretaries	
General	J Carr BA (retired 24/04/2021) Dr N Amor MA (Oxon), PhD, FRHistS, Solicitor (appointed 24/04/2021)
Assistant Minutes	M Stead BA, MSocSci, PGDip, MA
Excursions	P Reilly BA, Solicitor
Financial	J Carr BA (appointed 24/04/2021)
Assistant Financial	P Tatum BSc, FCA
Field Group	A Brown
Website	L Bradley BA, PGCE
Membership	Dr K Briggs PhD R Mees
Hon. Editor	Dr J Sear BA, MSc, PhD
Hon. Newsletter Editors	R Carr BA & J Carr BA
Ex officio re the Suffolk Archives	K Chantry BA
Ex officio re the University of Suffolk, Ipswich	V Aldous BA, M.Ar.Ad, RMARA
Ex officio re the Archaeological Serv. of SCC	Dr A Antrobus BSc, MA (retired 09/01/2021) F Minter BA, MA, FSA (appointed 09/01/2021)
Ex officio re the Suffolk Records Society	T Christian BA, MPhil
Independent examiner	L Thurston FCCA Lovewell Blake LLP Chartered accountants First Floor Suite 2 Hillside Business Park Bury St Edmunds IP32 7EA

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Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Institute shall be for the advancement of the education of the public:

- to collect and publish information of the archaeology and history of the county of Suffolk,
- to oppose and prevent, as far as may be practicable, any injuries which ancient monuments of every description within the county of Suffolk may from time to time be threatened and to collect accurate drawings, plans and descriptions thereof and;
- to promote interests in local archaeological and historical matters.

Public benefit reporting

The Council confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, in shaping objectives for the year and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

The charity substantially relies on income from membership, publications and legacies, and to a lesser extent grants and investments, to cover its operating costs. In setting the level of fees, charges and concessions, the trustees give careful consideration to the accessibility of its activities for those on low incomes.

During the Covid-19 epidemic the charity made use of Zoom online conferencing software to organise fortnightly discussion groups, many led by eminent academics, for members and other interested members of the public. The charity used the same technology to continue with its planned winter lecture series. Over two hundred people subscribed. One live lecture was held on 13 November 2021.

The charity also worked with the Abbey of St Edmund Heritage Partnership in organising a series of lectures to mark the 1000th anniversary of the founding of Bury St Edmunds Abbey in 1020 by King Cnut.

The charity organised virtual excursions to Hitcham and medieval Newmarket, and live excursions to Bury St Edmunds Abbey and Rendlesham

The charity published and/or launched on Zoom Dr Nicholas Amor's volume on *Keeping the peace in medieval Suffolk* and Edward Martin's volumes on *Hitcham: A landscape, social and ecclesiastical history of a Suffolk clayland parish* and *Great Bricett manor and priory: Lords, saints and canons in a Suffolk landscape*.

The charity also published its annual *Proceedings* and two editions of its newsletter. It added the 2016-18 editions of the *Proceedings* to those published on-line.

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Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows the state of finances at the year end date, which the Council consider to be satisfactory, and has allowed for the development of the various activities during the year. Income for the year amounted to £21,097 (2020: £20,265). Expenditure fell to £22,378 (2020: £28,424) during the reporting period, primarily due to a saving in the cost of publication of the Proceedings, which resulted in net expenditure of £1,281 (2020: £8,159).

Reserves policy

The unrestricted reserves of the charity comprises of readily accessible funds held for immediate use in meeting the charity's recurring day to day activities and funds held in secure term deposit accounts available for future projects and activities. The charity retains the equivalent of 2 years' subscription income currently averaging £15,000 per annum in accounts which are immediately accessible.

Investment policy

Surplus funds not required to meet planned expenditure over the next 12 months are invested in interest bearing deposit accounts with established financial institutions which provide a reasonable return while fully protecting the capital invested.

Risk management

The major risks to the charity have been identified and reviewed. Systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

The charity follows good practice guidance from recognised independent voluntary sector standards and organisations to ensure that its services are of the highest quality and to reduce risk.

Plans for future periods

During 2022, until it is safe to meet again in person, the charity plans to continue using Zoom online conferencing software to organise discussion groups and lectures.

The charity hopes to run a series of live excursions during summer 2022 and on 24 September 2022 to hold the sixth Wheeler Conference on "Travelling through time: Suffolk on the move".

The charity hopes that its field group will recommence activity.

The charity will publish its annual Proceedings and two editions of its newsletter.

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Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated organisation governed by the rules adopted on the 28th April 1984 as amended on the 7th April 2011, 12 April 2014 and 4 April 2020. The unincorporated charity number is 289512.

Key roles of Council members and trustees, whom are referred to as Council members throughout the financial statements, and who served during the year are disclosed on the officers and information page of the financial statements.

Council recruitment and training

Council recruitment follows best practice as outlined within the Governance Code. Council members are chosen to give Suffolk Institute of Archeology and History a range of skills and expertise to ensure the charity is managed effectively. The Council recruits experienced professional people in the relevant field of its aim and objectives.

Potential Council members attend an informal interview. Once appointed they are given an overview of the organisation, a copy of its policies and procedures as well as an up to date set of accounts. Council members are also given a copy of the Charity Commission advice leaflet CC3 'The Essential Trustee' What You Need To Know' 'The Governance Code' and have access to online governance learning materials.

The Archaeological Serv. of SCC, the Suffolk Archives, the University of Suffolk and the Suffolk Record Society are each entitled to appoint one Council member.

True and fair override

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Independent examiner reappointment

A resolution to appoint L Thurston FCCA of Lovewell Blake LLP as independent examiner will be proposed at the next meeting.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 12 March 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

J Caruth
Chair

P Tatum
Hon. Financial Secretary

Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History

Year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

L Thurston FCCA
Independent Examiner

Lovewell Blake LLP
Chartered accountants
First Floor Suite
2 Hillside Business Park
Bury St Edmunds
IP32 7EA

25 March 2022

Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History

Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 December 2021

		2021		2020
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	17,519	17,519	15,863
Charitable activities	5	2,708	2,708	4,243
Investment income		870	870	159
Total income		<u>21,097</u>	<u>21,097</u>	<u>20,265</u>
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	6	<u>22,378</u>	<u>22,378</u>	<u>28,424</u>
Total expenditure		<u>22,378</u>	<u>22,378</u>	<u>28,424</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(1,281)</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>	<u>(8,159)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		300,696	300,696	308,855
Total funds carried forward		<u>299,415</u>	<u>299,415</u>	<u>300,696</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	9	3,483		7,119	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>306,042</u>		<u>297,294</u>	
		309,525		304,413	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(10,110)</u>		<u>(3,717)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>299,415</u>		<u>300,696</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>299,415</u>		<u>300,696</u>
Net assets			<u>299,415</u>		<u>300,696</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			<u>299,415</u>		<u>300,696</u>
Total charity funds	12		<u>299,415</u>		<u>300,696</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 12 March 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

J Caruth
Chair

P Tatum
Hon. Financial Secretary

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Birch Lea, 1 Bury Road, Stanningfield, Bury St Edmunds, IP29 4RS.

2. Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis and the Council believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Council have considered the level of funds held and the expected income and expenditure for the next 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

The Council have taken into account the impact of Covid-19 when assessing going concern.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Council to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds, where relevant are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Council for particular future project or commitments.

Restricted funds, where relevant are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impracticable to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

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4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations				
Donations	672	672	717	717
Gift aid	2,582	2,582	1,350	1,350
Membership subscriptions	14,265	14,265	13,796	13,796
	<u>17,519</u>	<u>17,519</u>	<u>15,863</u>	<u>15,863</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Proceedings	492	492	2,370	2,370
Book sales	2,216	2,216	1,873	1,873
	<u>2,708</u>	<u>2,708</u>	<u>4,243</u>	<u>4,243</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Insurance	410	410	503	503
Subscriptions	304	304	329	329
Administration costs	4,338	4,338	4,138	4,138
Lectures and excursions	748	748	672	672
Proceedings	8,132	8,132	12,060	12,060
Newsletters	2,005	2,005	1,974	1,974
Books and publications	2,391	2,391	4,312	4,312
Conference	–	–	116	116
Grants	2,800	2,800	3,100	3,100
Field group	200	200	200	200
Independent examiners fee	1,050	1,050	1,020	1,020
	<u>22,378</u>	<u>22,378</u>	<u>28,424</u>	<u>28,424</u>

7. Staff costs

Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History has no employees, therefore the average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2020: Nil) and no amounts were paid to key management personnel (2020: Nil).

8. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The charity paid 2 (2020: 4) Trustees whom were members of the Council a total of £1,032 reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Charity (2020: £894). No member of the Council received any remuneration during the year.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

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9. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	1,608	4,368
Other debtors	1,875	2,751
	<u>3,483</u>	<u>7,119</u>

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,550	2,670
Other creditors	7,560	1,047
	<u>10,110</u>	<u>3,717</u>

11. Deferred income

Included in accruals and deferred income are amounts relating to future membership subscription periods amounting to £1,500 (2020: £1,650).

12. Analysis of charitable funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	<u>300,696</u>	<u>21,097</u>	<u>(22,378)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>299,415</u>
	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	<u>308,855</u>	<u>20,265</u>	<u>(28,424)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>300,696</u>

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Net current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	<u>299,415</u>	<u>299,415</u>

Year ended 31 December 2020

	Net current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	<u>300,696</u>	<u>300,696</u>

14. Related parties

There have been no related party transactions in this or the previous reporting period.

SIAH AGM – 9 April 2022

Editor's Report

1. *Proceedings 2021*

Vol. 45, part 1 of the *Proceedings* (2021) was published in December 2021 and circulated to members.

As previously reported, I gave some thought during 2021 to the possibility of using a different print company for the *Proceedings*. However, ultimately, it was agreed that we should stay with Five Castles (the company used previously used), but to revise the print specification. As a result, we have managed to bring down the cost of printing the *Proceedings* quite considerably, from a cost of £16.93 per copy in 2020 to £7.73 per copy in 2021 (not including the cost of the send out [postage, packing and labour]).

2. *Proceedings 2022*

Work on *Proceedings 2022* is going well.

The main papers for this year's journal have now been agreed and finalised and consist of four full papers (three archaeology, one history), and three shorter contributions (three history) (see below). There will also be number of book reviews, 'Excursions' and 'Archaeology in Suffolk', all of which are in progress.

Full papers:-

Excavations at Galloper Wind Farm: a later prehistoric and Romano-British landscape by *Tom Wells and Andrew Souter*

First Inroads: earlier Bronze Age activity on the Suffolk Claylands by *Matt Brudenell and Malgorzata Kwiatkowska*

Late Iron Age, Roman and Saxon Communities at Hanchett End, Haverhill by *Emma West, Alex Smith and Genevieve Shaw*

The Wall Paintings of Little Wenham Church, Suffolk by *Paul Binski*

Shorter contributions:-

Austin Crembell: a medieval Suffolk commuter by *Mark Bailey*

Two Eighteenth-Century Finds of Tudor Coin Hoards from Suffolk by *Murray Andrews*

Silly Suffolk by *Keith Briggs*

3. *Future Proceedings*

A very good number of archaeology papers are either already in the review and editing process, or have been promised. There are probably sufficient in the pipeline for *Proceedings* 2023 and 2024.

A few history papers have been promised, but more are definitely needed.

Joanne Sear, 1 April 2022

SAFG Annual Report for the SIAH April 2022

Although very restricted for most activities throughout 2020 -2021, we were finally able to continue with some geophysical surveying at two sites in late 2021.

Geophysics review for SIAH AGM

Site one; PROJECT NAME Anonymised

Situated west of Barham, north of Manningtree, Suffolk

Geophys surveys have been done on two areas of a very large site. Part one during 2019 and part two late 2021.

What has been clear here is that the area was occupied over millennia from the Mesolithic through all phases of the Bronze age.

There is evidence of possible smelting hearths and circular features, possibly roundhouses and ditch lines or field boundaries.

Site Two; Tattingstone to the East of Alton Water

PROJECT NAME: Land South of Shrub Wood, Tattingstone, Suffolk

HER code: TAT 043

Over 2019 through to 2022 three areas have been surveyed so far.

Area one (part completed); cropmark images were confirmed by magnetometry indicating both ditch lines and field boundaries.

Area two; a large field was surveyed, again ditch lines / field boundary crop marks were confirmed. Some images of possible round houses and smelting furnaces were found.

Area three; Historic evidence of a small chapel was confirmed with a clear image of the single room building together with a possible circular barrow and ditch lines.

Work on sites 1 and 2 will be resumed when the cropping calendar next permits . As well as geophysical surveying these sites were also detected and fieldwalked, allowing volunteers with varying interests to participate.

We were also able to resume excavation at Bulcamp in November 2021 in order to carry out the third phase of our investigation on the site.

A 10x12m trench was opened to investigate a large dark feature on the geophysics which could possibly be a burnt down building or even a kiln. A smaller trench nearby was also opened in order to date one of the ditches showing on the survey.. So far we have uncovered a large clay surface which could be a floor but there are no signs of post holes which would suggest a building. The very dark feature seems to be a deposit which may have come from another part of the site. It is full of charcoal , small pieces of baked clay and some potsherds, ranging in date from Roman tegula to 15thC glazed ware. This investigation is ongoing and the smaller trench has not yet been excavated.

In January 2022, the SAFG received a request from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust for help with the history of their site at Foxburrow Farm, Woodbridge.

Some of the land was being taken out of cultivation to be rewilded and we spent two days detecting and fieldwalking the area, in order to provide a glimpse into the historical use of the land.

Finds will be processed at their education centre by their volunteers, guided by SAFG members and will then be used in their programme for various educational projects. This will probably take place in late Spring.

We were also able to host our AGM in person in November 2021 and although the numbers attending were down, it was an enjoyable occasion, being the first time we had been able to meet since 2019. Gilbert Burroughes gave a very illuminating presentation on Samian ware and its production in Roman Gaul, while Jo Caruth brought us up to date with excavation work at Clare Castle, where several SAFG members have volunteered.

Our membership has continued to grow slowly but surely over the past year, in part due to our involvement with the Rendlesham Revealed Project which enabled our own volunteers to participate in a larger-scale project than our own.

We have as always, been supported in our activities by Faye Minter at the SCCAS and by Jo Caruth at Cotswold Archaeology - our thanks to both, as well as to the landowners of the survey and excavation sites who have continued to be so helpful.

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SIAH AGM 2022 – Webmaster’s report

The SIAH website (<https://www.suffolk institute.org.uk/>) has had only one major change in the last year: a re-arrangement of the online membership application form with a switch to a secure server (https://). This had become necessary as many browsers were blocking the old insecure form. Online membership management is still rather clumsy as regards our internal processes, but as long as there are not too many new members, it seems manageable.

Members will also notice that two obituaries have a prominent place on our homepage. I am planning a new layout in which current news will always appear in this central place, rather than in the small side-bar where news items can easily be missed.

Regarding possible new features, I wonder whether there is any desire to have a page registering interests of members, rather like this one <https://snsbi.org.uk/interests.html> at the Society for Name Studies? It might help members find others of shared interests.

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