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The British Archaeological Trust  
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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 24 June 2023 at 12 noon**

**At Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 6ND (car park access GU21 6NU)**

## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 17 September 2022
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chair's report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report, adoption of accounts and appointment of accounts examiner
7. Elections of Officers and new members of Council
8. Any other business

**The formal AGM will be followed at 1.00pm by talks and a panel discussion about the role of archaeology and heritage in placemaking.** Placemaking can be a part of shaping and improving public spaces and promoting a sense of place, happiness and wellbeing in the process. It involves planning, design and creative approaches to public spaces, and can capitalise on the history – or archaeology – of a place to do so. If done well, it can strengthen connections between people and their communities by creating quality places that people want to live, work, plan and learn in. We explore different ways of thinking about placemaking, and what role archaeology (including an understanding of the past to the local area) might have in it, particularly when a place might not have a rich archaeology.

Surrey History Centre can be reached on public transport via Woking Station or a car park is available immediately behind the building. Further details at:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/history-centre/visit/opening-hours-and-find-us>

## RESCUE The British Archaeological Trust

### Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held online at 12.00 pm on 17 September 2022

In the Chair: Jo Caruth

*Apologies for absence:* Apologies were received from Louise Bacon, Robin Densem, Kif Hopkin and Chris Turner.

1. *Minutes of the previous AGM:* held online on 6th November 2021

These were passed as an accurate record *nem.con.* and signed by the Chair.

2. *Matters Arising:* None.

3. *Chair's Report:* It has been another unusual year with generally quite a bit of bad news, culminating, in the sad death of Queen Elizabeth, for many of us someone whose presence has been there in the background of our whole lives. This event was preceded by the appointment of a new Prime Minister, and a comment by a World Health Organisation official that the pandemic may actually be over. The paralysis in domestic political and social life over last two to three years as a result of Covid and our internal political situation mean that things have been exceptionally quiet for Rescue. The reviewing, monitoring and assessing of new legislation, and attempts to influence its content to protect our heritage, is at the core of what Rescue does but is something we've done relatively little of recently.

Despite this there have been some interesting developments, not least the publication of Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill in May 2022. We were delighted to note a subtle but incredibly important change of emphasis in the wording of some of the paragraphs relating to heritage. In particular it states that Local Authorities 'must' (rather than 'should') maintain an Historic Environment Record (HER). This effectively makes HER's statutory, something we have been pressing for, for many years. We did support some amendments: for example the bill suggests that each London Borough should have its own HER, currently London is more effectively managed by a central service, the Greater London HER and its Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS), currently housed at Historic England. but therelevant amendments were rejected in the most recent reading of the bill. At pretty much the same time we found that the City of London has made their Archaeological Officer post redundant, thus offering no support should the maintenance of an HER be required.

The Stonehenge saga continues to rumble on, our council member Kate Fielden continues to work tirelessly as part of the Stonehenge Alliance of which Rescue is a member, to prevent the short tunnel going ahead. She has recently managed to get enough signatures for the National Trust to include a motion in their upcoming AGM.

We have also been pleased to see the new planning advice guidance notes issued by Historic England, which we reviewed and were happy to endorse. These provide some really useful guidance on the protection of undesignated heritage assets in planning and if adopted nationally will provide robust and consistent advice to those in the local authority heritage protection role.

I cannot finish without thanking all my colleagues who have put effort into Rescue despite being fiercely busy themselves, in particular Hana Morel our Secretary, Diana Friendship Taylor, our Treasurer and Sue Mulligan our Membership secretary and Office manager, who does such a lot behind the scenes. And of course I thank you, the members, for your continued support.

4. *Secretary's Report:* The Secretary, Hana Morel, thanked members for attending the AGM. Council has continued to meet regularly via Zoom. Members received two issues of the RESCUE eNews during 2021 covering a range of topics, including a focus on World Heritage Sites. Our thanks go to Dan Phillips for continuing to produce these.

Rescue is represented on various special interest groups: as well as the Stonehenge Alliance, we are part of the Heritage Alliance, the Archaeology Forum and the Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee (JNAPC). Over the years we have worked with the JNAPC on some major issues with successful outcomes, such as protection for the wreck of the first 'HMS Victory'. Most recently we have supported their response to a DEFRA consultation on marine net gain, attempting to bring attention to the importance of underwater cultural heritage.

A recent initiative by ClfA for Historic England has been about advocacy priorities for archaeology, and they have been canvassing members views on the priorities they see for the future. Rescue has been very pleased to engage with this, and to highlight our priorities which include the retention of (at least) adequate local government archaeological services (to support the required HERs), the removal of VAT on renovation works (new build is VAT free) and a commitment to the preservation of World Heritage Sites within the UK.

Today our Open Meeting addresses the risks to heritage from conflict, much in our minds now. It can seem irrelevant to worry about artefacts and heritage in the face of so much human suffering, but it is these cultural bonds for societies that will help the successful rebuilding of cohesive communities when war is over. This is therefore vital forward thinking that looks to a better future. We are very grateful to our Vice Chair Dan Phillips and Council member Sophie Vigneron who have put so much effort into generating the opportunities to talk about this important topic.

5. *Treasurer's Report:* The Treasurer, Diana Friendship-Taylor, thanked the Membership secretary, Sue Mulligan, for all her hard work on the accounts and membership administration. She presented the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021

On the Income side subscriptions are down on the 2020 figures, by £231, a very similar pattern to the previous year. Membership numbers are slowly declining, currently about 404 members (410 last year). As noted at the last AGM, we are, sadly, losing some of our early members, 50 years on, so we do need to increase new membership. On the plus side, our engagement with people has increased through the website and social media. Donations are also down, but the Gift Aid claim was higher than in 2020. There has been a dramatic leap in the sum from the Publishers' Licensing Society, to £904, in contrast to £62 the previous year. The total income for 2021 was £7,677.

Expenditure on Rescue News and ENews has cost £1,064, against the 2020 outlay of £2,695, reflecting the different pattern of publication. Office service charges, electricity, water etc, have predictably increased, as life returned to normal. Rent, rates and salary have remained fairly stable. The excess of income over expenditure amounts to £1,361. Our total assets are £25,660, of which £20,138 is deposited in the COIF Charities Investment Fund and £4,906 is in the current account.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jo Caruth, seconded Dan Phillips, and carried *nem. con.*

Thanks were expressed to the independent examiner, Timothy Codd, and his re-appointment was proposed by Kate Fielden, seconded Jude Plouviez and carried *nem. con.*

6. *Elections of Officers and new members of Council:* All the existing officers were standing for re-election: Jo Caruth as Chair, Dan Phillips as Vice Chair, Hana Morel as Secretary and Diana Friendship Taylor as Treasurer; they were nominated *en bloc* by Evelyne Godfrey, seconded Kate Fielden and elected, *nem.con.* There were no new members of Council standing for election.

7. *Any other business:* None.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm and was followed by an online open meeting about the impacts of conflict on archaeology. This is now accessible online at: <https://youtu.be/SkheCt7xoGI>

## RESCUE - the British Archaeological Trust

### Foundations for the Future Trading Account Year ending 31st December 2022

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Sales Income	105	29
Cost of Sales ( 4 copies 2022)	-15	-4
Profit on Sales	<b>90</b>	<b>25</b>

### Income & Expenditure Account for the Year ending 31 December 2022

#### Income

Subscriptions	5,078	5,222
Donations	300	410
Gift Aid	745	844
Foundations for the Future Profit on Sales	90	25
First Aid for Finds sales	0	5
Manual of Architectural Field Drawing sales	70	52
Other publications sales	35	23
Post & Packing	48	52
Publishers Licensing Society	756	904
Merchandise	63	137
C.O.I.F. interest	196	2
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>7,677</b>
Excess of expenditure over income	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>7,677</b>

#### Expenditure

Rescue News and eNews	694	1,064
Office & Council expenses	123	319
Postage	122	80
Telephone	627	561
Rent & Rates	1,841	1,641
Salary	1,242	1,412
Insurance	314	307
Office service charges (electricity, water, cleaning)	820	542
Subscriptions & Donations	405	390
Merchandise	0	0
Foundations for the Future	0	0
Meetings incl AGM	0	0
Write off RAFFF	228	0
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>6,416</b>	<b>6,316</b>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<i>965</i>	<i>1,361</i>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>7,677</b>

# RESCUE - the British Archaeological Trust

Charity Commission No. 1064836

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund</b>				
As at 1.1.2021	25,660		24,299	
Profit (Loss) for the year	965		1,361	
	<u>26,625</u>		<u>25,660</u>	
<i>Represented by:</i>				
Current Assets				
Pre paid Insurance	298		287	
Debtors	0		0	
Other Pre payments	0	298	0	287
Sundry Debtors				
Payments outstanding		-400		-714
Taxation recoverable		750		800
Stock of Foundations for the Future		0		243
C.O.I.F Charities Investment Fund		20,335		20,138
Cash at Bank		5,643		4,906
		<u>26,625</u>		<u>25,660</u>

Diana Friendship-Taylor  
Hon. Treasurer

### *Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rescue*

I have examined the accounts of RESCUE The British Archaeological Trust and can confirm that in my opinion they have been prepared in accordance with the Books and other supporting documentation supplied. They provide a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at 31 December 2022



Timothy Codd  
May 2023



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## ***Does archaeology have a role in placemaking? And if so, how?***

**Confirmed Presentations** and a **Panel Discussion** include Tony Howe (Surrey County Council), Ian Kirkpatrick (Contemporary Artist), Chris Miele (Montagu Evans), and Jonathan Last (Historic England).



Renaissance by Ian Kirkpatrick, South Bank, Leeds.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 1pm until 3pm

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All Welcome!

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