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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 11th May 2024 at 10.30am**

**At Verulamium Museum, Saint Michael's Street, St Albans, AL3 4SW**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 24 June 2023
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 11.30 by talks and on 'Rethinking Historic and Natural Landscapes and Their Management'**

**And at 2.00pm a Guided Walking Tour of Verulamium park with David Thorold (curator)**

## RESCUE The British Archaeological Trust

### Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday 24 June 2023 at 12 noon at Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 6ND

In the Chair: Jo Caruth

*Apologies for absence:* Apologies were received from: Robin Densem, Diana Friendship-Taylor, Evelyne Godfrey, Jude Plouviez, Rebecca Hawkes Reynolds.

1. *Minutes of the previous AGM:* held on 17 September 2022 were passed as an accurate record *nem. con.* and signed by the Chair.
2. *Matters arising from the minutes.* None
3. *Chair's report:* Since our last AGM we have responded to consultations, most recently the government consultation on the change of approach for Environmental Impact Assessments. These are vital documents in the planning process for larger developments which include an assessment of the historic environment. The consultation was looking at ways to make these more relevant and efficient. In our response we were able to respond positively to many of the suggestions, however, as always the success of such innovations lies in the commitment of sufficient resources for suitable trained and qualified professionals to make the relevant decisions and to assess the quality and accuracy of the assessments.

As Rescue Chair I was on the panel for the Archaeological Achievement Awards and it was wonderful to see the range, quality and innovation amongst the nominees.

We continue to operate in an odd political atmosphere, with little legislation in train to impact on archaeology. Two old favourites keep rumbling on: earlier this year a new application was lodged for 83 houses at the foot of Old Oswestry hillfort, so we objected yet again. And the Stonehenge road scheme still awaits a final decision - our Council member Kate Fielden continues to campaign and to report to us.

I must acknowledge the support and help of John Wells who died in 2022. A scientist and academic by profession he helped us organize an AGM meeting in the Ashmolean Museum, and helped us edit and proof issues of Rescue News. His loss is keenly felt.

I can only apologise for the ongoing absence of Rescue News. However, we are immensely grateful to our Vice-Chair Dan Phillips for producing the e-News. And the Rescue website has been revamped by Giles Carey. I'm sure you will agree that the new look is slick and up to date.

Today we also record thanks to Hana Morel as she completes a full five years as Rescue secretary, a very demanding role that she has fulfilled diligently and with commitment. She has taken us in a different direction organising and delivering a whole range of important and interesting conferences. She has delivered this throughout her tenure, starting with the policy conference in London that brought in some top names from across and beyond the world of archaeology to raise Rescue's profile. Last year, with Dan and council member Sophie, they delivered the internationally attended session on heritage and conflict.

Finally, I would like to thank all my colleagues who help to keep Rescue going. The contributions of everyone are appreciated, but as well as those already mentioned I must thank Diana Friendship-Taylor for being both our Treasurer and minutes secretary, and of course Sue Mulligan who does such a sterling job keeping Rescue running. But it is very much a team operation and I am very grateful to everyone on that team, including you as members; whilst we welcome additions to council we are also grateful for any other help or support that you as members can offer.

4. *Secretary's report* : Hana noted she was deeply honoured to have been Rescue Secretary over the past five years and that the journey has been collectively fuelled by passion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to safeguarding archaeology as a study and practice.

Through the tireless commitment of its Officers and Council, Rescue has and continues to accomplish so much. During Hana's term Rescue collectively refined its Policies, developed its 'Rescue Says' campaign, organised the conference 'Engaging with Policy in the UK: Responding to Changes in Planning, Heritage and the Arts', began the online eNews, printed its iconic T-shirts, revamped the Rescue website, became represented on APPAG, and responded to a large amount of consultations and calls for evidence.

Hana noted that Rescue celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary quietly in 2022. We continue to make significant strides in raising awareness about the importance of archaeology policy and practice, and the critical value of civil society organisations and pressure groups in the maintenance of democracy. Together, we have been the voice for archaeology, advocating for its rightful place in our society. She was particularly proud of the collaborative spirit that has defined Rescue's efforts. In the face of overwhelming change and economic pressures, we remain united as a cohesive force, drawing strength from our diverse backgrounds and expertise. Whether in drafting petitions, conducting research, or mobilising grassroots campaigns, each of us play a crucial role in advancing our cause.

She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Rescue council and members for their unwavering support and dedication, and acknowledged the value that the Secretary role played in her own professional and personal life. The tapestry of individuals that have led Rescue over the past 50 years tells a phenomenal story

5. *Treasurer's report*: The report on the accounts was presented in the absence of the Treasurer by the Chair. There were no significant changes to Rescue's financial position which continues healthy in the short term.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jo Caruth and seconded by Valerie Carpenter and passed *nem. con.* Thanks were expressed to the independent examiner, Timothy Codd, and his reappointment was proposed by Valerie Carpenter and seconded by Hana Morel and also carried *nem. con.*

6. *Elections of Officers and new members of Council*: Hana Morel has reached the end of her maximum 5 year term as Secretary and was thanked for her hard work. Valerie Carpenter was proposed for the role of Secretary by Jo Caruth, seconded by Tony Howe and elected *nem. con.* The remaining 3 officers were re-elected *en bloc, nem. con.*

There were four elections to council: Jude Plouviez, Jez Taylor, Sophie Vigneron and Hana Morel. All elected *nem. con.*

7. *AOB*: There was no other business raised.

The date of the next AGM was proposed for 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024, venue TBC but the Verulamium Museum was suggested.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm

## RESCUE - the British Archaeological Trust

### Foundations for the Future Trading Account Year ending 31st December 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Sales Income		105
Cost of Sales		-15
Profit on Sales		<b>90</b>

### Income & Expenditure Account for the Year ending 31 December 2023

#### Income

Subscriptions	4,578	5,078
Donations	696	300
Gift Aid	726	745
Foundations for the Future Profit on Sales	29	90
First Aid for Finds sales	0	0
Manual of Architectural Field Drawing sales	60	70
Other publications sales	26	35
Post & Packing	60	48
Publishers Licensing Society	148	756
Merchandise	13	63
C.O.I.F. interest	891	196
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>7,227</b>	<b>7,381</b>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,227</b>	<b>7,381</b>

#### Expenditure

Rescue News and eNews	0	694
Office & Council expenses	135	123
Postage	70	122
Telephone	723	627
Rent & Rates	1,848	1,841
Salary	912	1,242
Insurance	325	314
Office service charges (electricity, water, cleaning)	127	820
Subscriptions & Donations	595	405
Merchandise	0	0
Foundations for the Future	0	0
Meetings incl AGM	333	0
Write off RAFFF	0	228
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>5,069</b>	<b>6,416</b>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,158	965
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,227</b>	<b>7,381</b>

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Charity Commission No. 1064836

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

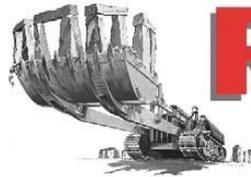
	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund</b>				
As at 1.1.2023	26,625		25,660	
Profit (Loss) for the year	2,158		965	
	<u>28,784</u>		<u>26,625</u>	
<i>Represented by:</i>				
Current Assets				
Pre paid Insurance	305		298	
Debtors			0	
Other Pre payments				298
Sundry Debtors				
Payments outstanding	-300			-400
Taxation recoverable	700			750
Stock of Foundations for the Future				0
C.O.I.F Charities	21,226			20,335
Investment Fund				
Cash at Bank	6,853			5,643
	<u>28,784</u>		<u>26,625</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 2023

Timothy Codd  
March 2024

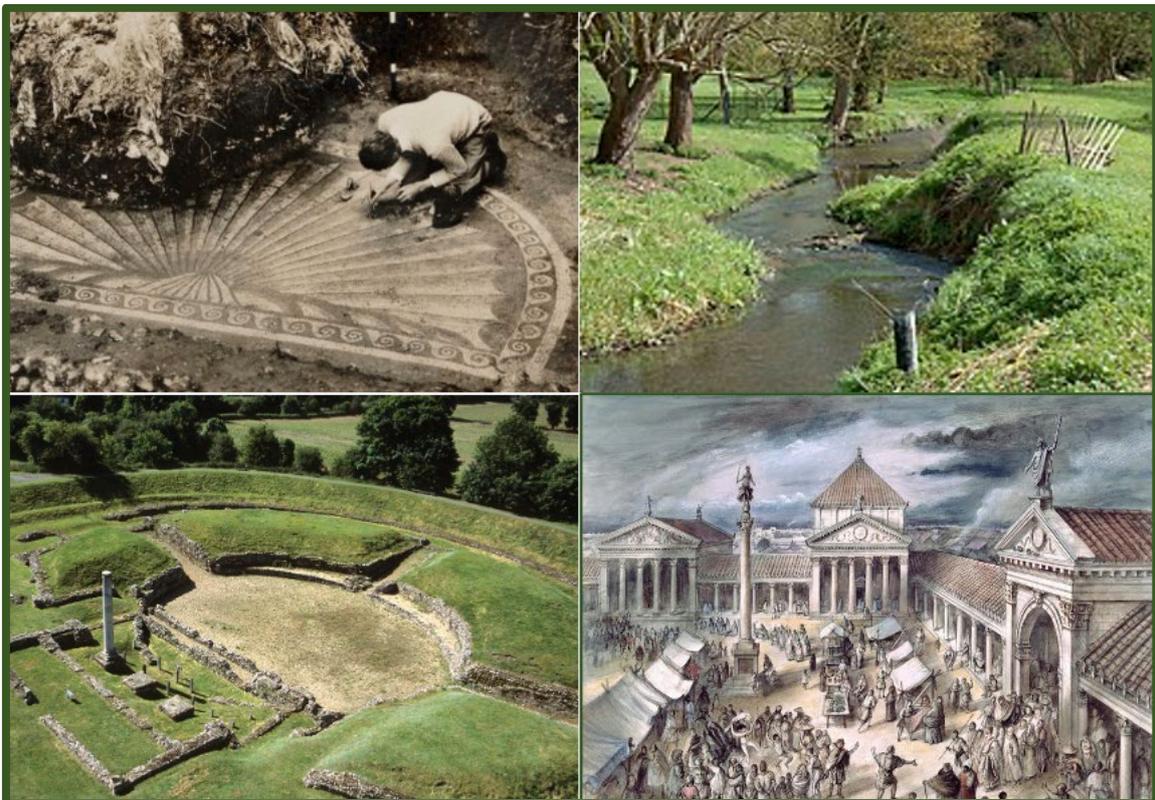


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## ***Rethinking Historic and Natural Landscapes and Their Management***

**Presentations** and a **Panel Discussion** will include Rosalind Niblett (former St. Albans archaeological advisor), Martin Brown (Tetra Tech Europe), Jude Plouviez (RESCUE). Other speakers to be confirmed.



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 10:30pm-3:30pm**  
**Verulamium Museum and Park**

10:30 Rescue AGM

11:30 Public Talks

14:00 Guided Walking Tour with David Thorold (Verulamium Museum Curator)

16:00 Pub n' Chat at the Ye Olde Fighting Cocks

All Welcome!

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