**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 275891** 

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019
for
Oxfordshire Family History Society

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## Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the charity are to advance public education in family history and genealogy

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 275891

## **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

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M Austen

Chair

S Pickthall

Treasurer (Resigned 3 April 2019)

J Beckerleg

Treasurer (appointed 6 November 2019)

S Honore

Editor

A Trueman

Secretary (Resigned3 April 2019)

Miss G Sturt

Secretary

C Fance

J Cramer

D Broughton

K Poile

S Mattheus

M Walker

T Emptage

Appointed 7 August 2019 Appointed 6 February 2019

Trustees are recruited from the Society's membership and formally appointed at the Society's Annual General meeting. There is no formal induction policy but new trustees are given support and training to enable them to undertake their work.

The Society's affairs are managed by the Board of Trustees which meets on a monthly basis to plan future activities and consider matters relating to membership and finance.

The charity is not formally part of a wider network and has no subsidiaries. It does co-operate with other organisations that have an interest in family and local history.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

#### **ANNUAL REVIEW**

The Society had another successful year.

The Society has no employees in 2019 (2018:None) but relies on a number of volunteers to assist in its work including the provision of advice via local libraries.

At the end of 2019 there were 1533 members (2018:1580).

The Society held its annual fair in October 2019 which was well supported. It also continued to develop and market research information in the form of books and CDs. Members of the Society also attended other exhibitions to promote the work of the Society.

Membership is open to all and the services provided by the Society benefit the public and its understanding of genealogy, family history and local Oxfordshire history. The Trustees have considered this public benefit in accordance with the Charity Commission's published guidance under the Charities Act 2011.

Future plans, in addition to continuing to provide information and support to its members, include the redevelopment of the website to improve access by the Society's membership to the resources available.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

There was a surplus of income over expenditure in 2019 of £4,591 (2081: deficit £8,427). This was achieved in part by a very substantial increase in the royalties etc from other organisations providing family history information.

Income is derived from three principal sources: membership subscriptions, sales of books, CDs and other research information, and royalties from other organisations

The Society has reserves as at December 2019 of £303,033 (2018:£298,224). This funding is held to enable the Society to develop its activities and to undertake investment in research or improving support to the membership (e.g. Improving the society's website). The reserves are invested in a bank savings account and earned 0.4% interest. The investment policy is under review.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

#### **RISKS**

The Society reviews risks as part of its regular meetings and when considering new activities.

The Society is carrying adequate reserves to cope with most financial problems such as a short term reduction in membership numbers or less successful events.

The work of the Society could be disrupted by external events (such as a pandemic) and, over a longer timescale, a shortage to Trustees to continue to lead the Society.

## **BANKERS**

Barclays Bank UK PLC Barclays Leicester LE87 2BB

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

T.K. Hobbs, FCCA Chapman Robinson and Moore Limited 30 Bankside Court Stationfields Kidlington

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on

and signed on its behalf by:

name of trustee to be inserted}

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( JOHN BECKERLEG)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Oxfordshire Family History Society
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Oxfordshire Family History Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2019.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts et 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

2018
£
17,586
,
8,755
851
27,192
11,953
23,666
35,619
-8,427
306,869
298,442
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## Balance Sheet At 31 December 2019

		31/12/2019	31/12/2018
	Notes	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank	5	289,076	298,442
Debtors	6	14,547	_
Stock	7	-	_
CURRENT ASSETS		303,624	298,442
CURRENT Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	8	591	_
CURRENT LIABILITIES		591	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		303,033	298,442
NET ASSETS		303,033	298,442
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		303,033	298,224
TOTAL FUNDS		303,033	298,224

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The Society has no restricted funds.

## Key Judgements and Assumptions

The Society has made judgements about the likelihood of members continuing to take out subscriptions, of continuing sale and ongoing income from royalties. It has estimated outstanding creditors and debtors based on the latest information available. It has formed a view about the adequacy of reserves in the context of planned committed expenditure.

#### 2. OTHER FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

	2019	2018
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,801	465
Sundry receipts	74	103
Publications/bookstall	677	484
Searches	162	472
Sales of CD/fiche	5,614	7,231
	8,328	8,755
3. INVESTMENT INCOME		
	2019	2018
		£
Deposit account interest	1,127	851

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

## 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were trustees' expenses of £3,497 paid for the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018: not available). These relate to travel expenses and miscellaneous costs incurred on behalf of the Society. Eight Trustees received payment.

## 5. CASH AND CASH FOLIVALENTS

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	2019	2018
	£	£
Cash in hand (Current and Deposit accounts)	289,076	-
6. DEBTORS		
The Society receives income from other organisations in the form of sponsorship. The		
debtors shown reflect the amount due to be paid in respect of 2019. royalties.	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade Debtors_	14,547	-
7. STOCK		
The Society holds a limited number of publications and CDs for resale. Book sales are declining with the introduction of digitised alternatives. CDs production costs, once the information has been prepared, are minimal and so the cost of CDs is minimal. For these reasons the Society has taken a prudent view to value its stock as nil (2018:Nil).		
8. CREDITORS		
Creditors at the year end relate to trustee expenses and miscellaneous costs relating		
to 2019.	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade Creditors	190	
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	591	-

## 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2019.

## 10. PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Society is a Public Benefit Entity.