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**144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society for the year 2014 will be held in the David Sweet Hall at East Croydon United Reformed Church – Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015, commencing at 19:45.

The AGENDA is printed opposite.

After the formal business meeting refreshments will be served. There will then follow the Presidential Address given by Ian G. Payne, entitled:

**“History and Circumstance”**

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## AGENDA for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive, consider, and (if approved) to adopt the Directors' Report, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Accounts, and the Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts for the year 2014, all of which documents are included herewith
3. To consider and (if approved) to adopt the motion 'that nominations for election be considered *en bloc*' [Should the number of valid nominations received exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, this motion will be withdrawn; in that case, or if the motion be put but not carried, names will be considered individually]
4. To elect the President, the four Vice-Presidents, the several Officers, and no fewer than five nor more than ten Ordinary Members of Council for 2015 / 2016 [Officers and Members of the Council are Directors of the Company under the Companies Acts, and Trustees of the Charity under the Charities Acts]. Nominations, which may be made only for and by fully paid up Ordinary, Life, or Honorary Members, should reach the Secretary at the Society's Office no fewer than seven days before the meeting; each such nomination should be accompanied by a statement signed by the nominee certifying her or his willingness to stand for election; non-members, Associates, and Group Members may neither nominate nor be nominated, nor may they take any part in the formal business of the meeting; a list of all validly nominated eligible candidates for election will be circulated at the meeting; should the number of nominations be equal to or fewer than the number of vacancies, those persons validly nominated and eligible to serve will be declared elected unopposed]
5. To appoint an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2015 / 2016, and to authorise the Council to fix his or her remuneration
6. To consider, and (if approved) to adopt the motion 'that the Society increase subscriptions from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to £18 for ordinary and group members, £10 for associate members and £175 for life membership'.

John B GREIG  
Hon. General Secretary

Paul W SOWAN  
Company Secretary &  
Charity Commissioner's Correspondent

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR 2014

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. The Society is one of the oldest cultural societies in Croydon and was incorporated on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1967, under the Companies Acts, as consolidated by the Companies Act 1985, as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital, registered in England (922278). The Society is also registered in England as a charity (260739). It traces its history continuously from the Croydon Microscopical Club (1870–1877), the Croydon Microscopical and Natural History Club (1877–1901), and the unincorporated Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society (1902–1967). The principal activity of the Society is, for the public benefit, the encouragement of the study of the natural and local history and archaeology of the Croydon area, by organising lectures, talks, discussions, exhibitions, field-excursions, and surveys; by issuing publications; by maintaining a library; and by maintaining or participating in the maintenance of a museum. The Society is unusual in owning property, a library and museum in one of the outer London Boroughs, and continuing to maintain a vigorous publishing programme.

The Society's aims have been pursued, during the year, chiefly through our library accessions and information services, cataloguing and curation of the John Gent Collection, meetings and excursions, museum work, publishing programme and website. The Society's responsibilities as a charity to benefit the public at large are met by, for example, collecting and arranging for the publication of biological records (primarily botanical and entomological); publishing materials of local historical interest; maintaining the *Museum without Walls* displays at selected Croydon Tramlink tram-stops; allowing access for researchers to materials held in the Society's library and museum; answering enquiries; responding to consultations by Croydon Council and other bodies; and delivering lectures for other charitable organisations.

There still appears to be no immediate prospect of enabling legislation coming into force that would allow the Society to change its legal status to that of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Brian Lancaster stood down as General Secretary at the Annual General Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April, Dr John Greig being elected to succeed him.

Council meetings of the Directors of the Company, who are also Trustees of the Charity, are held on the third Friday of the months of January, February, March, May, July, September and November. Reports to Council are now all circulated in advance and filed with the minutes.

A conflicts of interest policy, agreed in 2013, has led to the establishment of a register of Directors' potential conflicts of interest with reference to the Society's administration.

### **PREMISES**

The Society owns freehold premises containing the registered office and part of the library in Brighton Road, South Croydon; occupies a building of its own on a leasehold site in Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon; and rents rooms for meetings at East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, and Purley United Reformed Church, at Brighton Road, Purley. It also has the use of storage facilities at several further addresses. We are grateful to the Whitgift Foundation for continued use of some storage space in central Croydon. The materials stored are primarily stocks of publications, and bulky museum objects, including a number of industrial archaeology artefacts on loan to the Wealden Cave and Mine Society and on display at Reigate Caves, where members of the public can view them on five summer Saturdays each year, and to the Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre in West Sussex.

Our freehold building was purchased in 1966, and since then has been reconfigured internally, re-roofed, and re-wired. Also a WC has been installed, and a timber and glass lean-to rebuilt in more sturdy fashion. At the time of purchase it was felt the building would accommodate us for ten years. However, although the museum materials have since been re-located to a separate building, the library is now too small for its purpose, for which planning permission was granted as a 'library and records store'.

The Society's renewed lease from Croydon Council of the Museum site, formally agreed in 2014, relates to a 10 year term from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Under the new lease we are now required to have public liability insurance for £10m. The Society is also now required, from that date, to reimburse the Chipstead Valley Primary School for the cost of electricity used. Current used is metered on the school premises, and the Society is invoiced quarterly. A retrospective payment for 2010 to 2014 has been made.

### **LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND INFORMATION SERVICES**

The accumulation of printed materials and archives, initially the Society's own minute books but within a few years after 1870 also printed books, periodicals, and other materials, commenced in 1870 and has continued ever since. For most of the 144 years of our existence, accessions were almost exclusively bequests, donations, and by exchange agreements with other publishing bodies, although from the early 1960s we have also purchased both antiquarian and new works. From time to time and especially after 1963 we sold much irrelevant (especially foreign) material

and re-invested the proceeds in having important volumes bound or re-bound, and purchasing key works required to make our library as complete as possible with all important works relative to our area and fields of study.

The library and archives contain printed materials from the 17<sup>th</sup> and succeeding centuries up to the present time, as well as our own administrative archives and the personal papers of a number of prominent former members such as Christopher Charles Fagg [1883–1965], John Bannister Gent [1932–2011], Stanley Baines Hamilton [1889–1977], Doris Courtney Helmke Hobbs [1917–1987], Muriel Huitson [1915–1987], Herbert Thomas Shaw [1912–2002], and Muriel Elsie Shaw [1916–2006]. Because of insufficient space, parts of the library stock are housed at the Museum (primarily archaeology and palaeontology) and parts at the Librarian's home (including applied and economic geology, civil engineering, legal texts, and conflict studies).

Considerable collections of archival materials are deposited on long term loan at the Museum of Croydon and at the Surrey History Centre at Woking. The John Gent Collection of photographic prints, postcards, slides, etc., is also deposited on long term loan at the Museum of Croydon.

The primary catalogue consists of some thousands of record cards, cross-referenced by locations and subject matter, from which the most important bibliographical data is progressively being stored electronically and thus made more readily accessible.

The scope of the collection reflects the Society's designated Regional Survey Area of some 200 square miles of the London Borough of Croydon, the adjoining London Boroughs of Bromley and Sutton, and parts of the administrative counties of Kent and Surrey. Inner London material, other than for the Crystal Palace area, is not systematically collected. The geographical scope of the collection, subject area by subject area, is in practice narrower than Croydon (for example for local history material, as there are other local history collections and societies in adjoining local authority areas) or wider (for example for geology and other subjects less well provided for).

Access to the library is by arrangement with the Librarian, who appreciates advance notice of what information is sought, and advises on available resources in our own collection or elsewhere.

All library accessions during the year have been by donation rather than by purchase. We are grateful, especially, to the executors of the late Alan

Frank Daniel Donovan for the gift of books on architectural and other subjects. Books added to stock have included both newly published and second-hand archaeological, botanical, geological and local history titles. Numerous periodicals have been accessioned, including those to which the Society subscribes, those received by way of exchange agreements with other societies, and those donated.

Pamphlets and ephemera from the bequest of John Gent [1932–2011] have now been catalogued and added to the library and museum collections.

Images and text were supplied for one of twelve information boards intended to be erected at various places on the river Wandle between Croydon and Wandsworth.

Details of previous finds of buried human remains at Riddlesdown were supplied to enquirers including the local press and the Metropolitan Police as a result of further such remains coming to light in April 2014. As expected, radiocarbon dating showed the bones to be of Saxon date. They are now displayed at the Museum of Croydon.

Other requests for information responded to have concerned the former Addington water pumping station, Brockham limeworks, the Croydon Canal, Ordnance Survey town plans for Croydon at the scale of 1:500 (10.56 feet to 1 mile), biographical information for Ernest Taberner (former Town Clerk of Croydon), railway history in Croydon, the ecology of Croham Hurst, Daniel Cooper's *Flora Metropolitana*, fullers' earth mining at Redhill, the headsprings of the river Wandle, biographical details and publications of former member William Haddon Beeby [1849–1910], the conservation as bat hibernaculae of lime kilns (Scheduled Ancient Monuments) at Betchworth and Brockham, the Surrey Iron Railway, and scientific instrument makers in Croydon.

Considerable progress has been made with 'de-cluttering' the library premises, removing for example painting and decorating and fixtures and fittings materials surplus to requirements, duplicates of magazines of which only one set is needed, and newscuttings more appropriately filed elsewhere.

### **THE JOHN GENT COLLECTION**

The John Gent Collection, formally a part of our Library and Archives holdings, is managed by John Hickman and Carole Roberts.

Expenditure of £3,500 was agreed for the scanning by Data Imaging and Archiving Ltd of the estimated 14,000 postcards in the John Gent

Collection. However, technical issues slowed progress, and may inflate the cost.

### **THE MUSEUM OF CROYDON**

The Society works closely with the Museum of Croydon, the local authority department which now has the management of the former Local Studies Library and Archives Services.

Discussions have been held with the Museum of Croydon's manager to explore ways in which the Society can assist (especially with the local studies collection), as in recent years the Borough has lost the services of both qualified archivists, and both specialist local history librarians. Proposals considered by representatives of this and other local societies, primarily the Bourne Society and the East Surrey Family History Society, are expected to be implemented in 2015.

A complete set of bound volumes of Hall & Co. Ltd's house magazine, together with associated archival material, held by the Museum of Croydon's local studies collection, has been catalogued. This is important material relating to the former Croydon builders' merchants, as its main records are not known to survive, and the British Library set of the magazines is incomplete.

The discovery of a set of hand-written inter-war sales ledgers of Claude A. Cashman's butchers shop at 28 Selsdon Road, South Croydon, was referred to the Museum of Croydon for consideration as an addition to the Borough Archives.

We welcomed news, in December, that Croydon Council had appointed Lindsay Ould as Borough Archivist with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### **MUSEUM**

Much work has been done on the upkeep of the museum building. Re-coating the external timber cladding, postponed from 2013, has been completed by Mark Andrews of Kenmure Property Services. Two coats of paint were applied to the external cladding, and weather boarding around the front door has been replaced. Re-coating will be done every three years. The main drain has been cleared of a blockage caused by tree roots. The roof has been inspected and the gutters cleared. It is not considered necessary to repeat this work next year, as the roof was reported in November to be in 'near new' condition. The front and rear steps have been re-pointed and cement clad, and provided with railings. In April Admiralty Security Systems Ltd of Redhill replaced the old alarm control panel with a new intruder and hold-up version, and also replaced

the existing sounder with a loud tone self-actuating unit with a flashing strobe light. The security of the fire escape door has also been improved.

The annual Museum Open Day was held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, a rather cold and blustery day despite which we had over 40 visitors including a small party from the Prehistoric Group of the Surrey Archaeological Society.

During the year the Curator has compiled a Museum Manual which provides a guide to and record of all aspects of its operation, including its history, maintenance, costs, collections, activities and management. This will form a part of the Society's intended overall Management Handbook.

Two watercolour paintings by Croydon artist Norman Partridge [1921–2002] depicting scenes in the town have been donated, accepted, and are now stored in archival quality folders.

Copies of photographs of the late Professor Peter Drewett [1947–2013] have been supplied to David Rudling of the University of Sussex to illustrate a memorial volume '*Archaeology and landscape of south-east England to 1066*' scheduled for publication in 2015. The images are of Peter Drewett's early excavations in Croydon.

### MEETINGS

The Society's General and other meetings are, with our publications, the main activities of which the membership at large is most aware. At the Annual General Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April the President, Ian Payne, delivered his Address on 'Decimalisation'. The Society is moving away from its long established 'Sectional' organisation, with each section arranging its own programme of archaeological, botanical, geological and like events, although the Entomology Section continues to meet regularly in connection with insect recording. Too few members are currently willing to organise botanical and geological meetings, for example. Celia Bailey and Brian Lancaster have nevertheless organised a full programme of, almost without exception, excellent evening lectures. Attendances have been good, and lecturers have been impressed by members' well-informed questions and contributions to discussion.

Books and other items, surplus to our requirements, are offered to members at our indoor meetings in return for appropriate donations to be set against the cost of hiring the room and paying speakers' expenses and fees. Items offered are mostly duplicates from our library, or books bequeathed or donated by members and others.

Visits have included archaeological sites (Bishopsgate Roman bath house and the Crofton Roman villa at Orpington), historic towns (Farnham,

Guildford) and country walks (Croham Hurst, Heathfield, the Mole valley from Dorking to Mickleham) and museums (the Foundling Museum and the Geffrye Museum).

A general 'Focus' meeting entitled 'Preservation of Historic Buildings' was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014, addressed by two speakers, Martin Higgins, Surrey County Council's Conservation Officer, and Matthew Slocombe, President of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB). The second speaker highlighted some Croydon buildings from SPAB case files. The 2015 'Focus' meeting will be concerned with the theme 'Human Origins'.

### **PUBLICITY, SALES AND WEBSITE**

In addition to the printed *Programme* circulated to all members, an electronic monthly *Newsletter* (email: [cnhssprogramme@btinternet.com](mailto:cnhssprogramme@btinternet.com)) is also sent to members and others who have email addresses and wish to receive it. This contains supplementary information on speakers and venues, and is much appreciated. It also conveys additional material of local interest and news of other forthcoming local events. Our popular Facebook page has up-to-the-minute Society news, and is backed up by Twitter and has a live Tweet at meetings.

During the year the Society has steadily built its social media presence. This has resulted in a doubling of our followers on Twitter. Generally, there is most activity when we 'tweet along' to the talks and, occasionally, the visits that we arrange. We have 'tweeted' 597 times, with the most viewed posts including a picture of the artefact from an Anglo-Saxon grave at Edridge Road, Croydon, from which our logo is derived, taken from the newly displayed local Roman and Saxon material at the Museum of Croydon. The number of Facebook users who have 'liked' our page has also increased, by approximately 50%. This represents those who receive our posted updates and are generally 'in touch' with us. Our archive website is currently our main online presence; and the Society's *Programme* and *Bulletin* issues have been placed there when published. At the end of the year a report and specification for a new website to be our 'front door' on the web was in preparation to present to the Directors in January 2015. A demonstration of the updated site is planned for the Annual General Meeting in 2015.

For the second year running the Society took an active part in the Whitgift Foundation's 'Croydon Heritage Festival' with a stall in North End on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, at which several members assisted with enquiries from the public and the sale of publications. A talk 'Croydon during the 20<sup>th</sup> century in films' was given in the Fairfield Halls in June, accompanied by seven films made

across the 100 years. A piano accompaniment was provided by a former Harris Academy student, now at the University of Hertfordshire: over 60 persons attended.

The Society assisted the Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society with the 2014 South East Region Industrial Archaeology Conference held on 12<sup>th</sup> April at Royal Russell School, and several members assisted with the sale of publications. Plans have been formulated to assist similarly with the annual meeting of the Railway and Canal Historical Society in Croydon in 2016.

We have been approached by Clive Kershaw, the London Borough of Croydon's Deputy Team Leader Placemaking (Special Planning Team) with an offer to renew the Society's *Museum Without Walls* posters and inset panels at the East and West Croydon tram stops, funding for this being available to the Council from the Mayor of London's project to refurbish the stops. We have persuaded him that our displays at the Church Street and George Street stops should be included. An audit of the displays showed that their condition has deteriorated since the 2008 audit, and that the infill panel at the Addington Village stop is missing.

The front of the half-yearly printed *Programme* has been redesigned to more prominently reflect the Society's current emphasis on local history and related meetings and publications.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Part 7 of volume 19 of our *Proceedings* was published in September 2014, this being '*The happiest days ..... ? Life as seen through Croydon school log books*' by Dr R.C.W. Cox.

*Bulletins* 149–151 were published; these included a reprinted article on the 567<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ellis David charity, the occasion being made special by the unveiling of a plaque on the original site of the almshouses. Another article summarised a report of an 1878 rugby football match played in Croydon under electric light. It was agreed that it would be desirable to enlarge the *Bulletin*, with more articles addressing a variety of locally relevant topics, especially with geological and natural history themes, and with longer articles.

*Croydon Bibliographies for Regional Survey* 215–226 were issued: this is a limited circulation publication, primarily listing our library accessions, of which paper copies are filed at our own library, LB Croydon's Local Studies Library, and the British Library. It is intended to continue publication electronically on our website, although such publication has temporarily lapsed.

Publications in *Proceedings* in prospect for 2015 and later years include Celia Bailey's two Presidential Addresses on council housing in Croydon; and Brian Lancaster's study of the Croydon and Godstone Poor Law Unions; and a synthesis of the history and natural history of Croham Hurst. In connection with the latter topic, the Society has received a bequest of £10,000 from former member John Stephen Brooke [1948–2012], of Totnes, who died on 28 September 2012. It was Mr. Brooke's intention that this sum should be used to fund 'a project in memory of his great-grandfather' Dr. Henry Franklin Parsons [1846–1913] Dr Parsons was the Society's President for 1893 and 1913 and the author of papers published in our *Proceedings* on 'The flora of commons near Croydon'. It is intended to apply these funds to the publication of the Survey of Croham Hurst, including the Presidential Address of Eleanor Redshaw.

Towards the end of the year a number of letters have been submitted to and published by the *Croydon Advertiser* and the *Croydon Guardian* on the Society's behalf, providing historical details for questions of current interest. These have dealt with, *inter alia*, historical details for Croydon's street lighting; the several re-namings of the railway station at South Norwood; and Messrs Brock's fireworks factory.

### RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

As a result of a lecture to the Woldingham History Society recently, Alistair Pirie volunteered to translate a Russian pamphlet describing the Surrey Iron Railway as observed by Lev Savelyevich Waxell [ca 1776–?1816 or ?1836] in 1802, published in Russian in St. Petersburg in 1805. The translation of Waxell's '*Description of the iron road established in the County of Surrey in England in 1802*' has now been published in *London's Industrial Archaeology* **12** (2014), 3–8 together with an historical commentary. The text is concerned principally with the technicalities of the track (cast iron plate rails and stone sleeper blocks), and tells us nothing of the short length of the line from the Croydon parish boundary to the terminus opened at Pitlake in 1803: it was therefore passed to the Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society for publication.

The Librarian is completing a booklet on aspects of the industrial history of Croydon, to be published in 2015 or 2016 by the Surrey Industrial History Group of the Surrey Archaeological Society. This draws heavily on our library resources and members' fieldwork, research and publications.

### **CONSERVATION AND PLANNING**

The Society has continued to be an active member of the Association of Croydon Conservation Societies (ACCS). The Society made a financial contribution towards the cost of reprinting the '*Green Croydon for All*' leaflet first produced in 2010 by the ACCS Big Lottery Fund project. We continue in membership of the City Commons Consultative Committee.

Continuing information and advice has been provided to the Surrey Wildlife Trust in connection with proposed work on the disused Eastern Battery lime kilns at Brockham Limeworks, near Dorking. The site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM), and the kilns are being stabilised and modified (with SAM Consent) as bat hibernation sites.

### **REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES**

The Society continues as a member of the Croydon Local Studies Forum, and is represented on the Association of Croydon Conservation Societies, Corporation of London's City Commons Consultative Committee, Friends of Farthing Down, Friends of Shirley Windmill, London Archaeological Forum, Mid-Croydon Conservation Area Panel, North Croydon Conservation Area Advisory Panel, and the Surrey Archaeological Liaison Committee.

### **FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

The Society's financial statements and balance sheet for the year, and the report of the engaged accountant, accompany this report. The increasing costs of heating and insuring our library and museum buildings have been a cause for concern. The Society's insurance is reviewed each year. We are now required to hold insurance for public liability in the sum of £10,000,000 under the terms of the new lease from Croydon Council of the land on which our museum stands.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

At 31 December 2014 there were 303 (300) members, of whom 201 (208) were ordinary, 31 (28) associate, 50 (43) life, 12 (12) group, and 9 (9) honorary members. Figures in brackets are those for 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. A gradual decline in membership in recent years appears to have been halted. Since our foundation in 1870 our membership has been as low as 72 (in the 1930s), was steadily falling in the 1960s but rose towards and beyond 800 (in the 1970s). We regret to report the deaths of Thomas Barr (in December 2013) and Paul Eyres.

### **DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY**

During the year the Directors have been Ms C.E. Bailey, Mr R. Brooker, Dr J.B. Greig, Miss B.J. Hawkins, Mr J.I. Hickman, Mr B. Lancaster, Dr J. McLaughlin, Mr I.G. Payne, Mr T.P. Rainey, Mrs C.A. Roberts (from 24<sup>th</sup>

April), Mr A. Skrzypczyk (from 24<sup>th</sup> April), Mr P.W. Sowan (also Company Secretary), Mr C.J.W. Taylor, Ms S. Taylor (from 24<sup>th</sup> April), Mr M.A. Tyson and Mr D.J. Waghorn. The mislaying of documentation resulted in a failure to inform Companies House and the Charities Commission of the new Directors and Trustees before the end of the year.

*Paul W Sowan / Company Secretary on behalf of the Directors and Charity Trustees*

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**Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Limited  
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**Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended 31st December 2014**

**G Moore  
Accountant**

## REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT

to the members of

**Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Limited**

I have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the annexed accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 from the Society's books, records and other information presented to me and certify that they are in accordance with those records.



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Accountant  
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Date: ..... 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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**Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Limited**  
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**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For The Year Ended 31st December 2014**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Subscriptions	[2]	3,901	4,066
Profit on book sales	[3]	386	632
Library		145	54
Income tax recovered on gift aid, subscriptions and donations		608	221
Bank deposit account		5	4
		<b>5,045</b>	<b>4,977</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Publicity		12	-
Meetings		2,295	2,671
Postage and Telephone		207	183
Printing and Stationery		425	322
Subscriptions		587	369
Bank charges		233	284
Accountant's remuneration		270	260
Insurance		1,238	1,228
Programmes		575	514
Professional Fees		-	767
Exhibitions		10	14
Sundry expenses		48	1
		<b>5900</b>	<b>6,613</b>
<b>Excess of expenditure over income carried forward to General Fund</b>		<b>-£855</b>	<b>-£1,636</b>

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**Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Limited**  
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**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2014**

	Notes	2014	2013
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	[5]	1,280	1,415
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	[6]	11,210	12,217
Debtors	[7]	790	1,189
Investments	[8]	119,060	119,060
Bank and cash	[9]	33,772	36,617
		<b>164,832</b>	<b>169,084</b>
<b>Credits: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Other creditors	[10]	-1,136	-880
<b>Net current assets</b>		163,696	168,204
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		164,976	169,619
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>			
Deferred government grants	[4]	154	181
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>£164,822</b>	<b>169,438</b>
<b>Financed by</b>			
General Fund	[11]	51,673	49,891
Bennett Memorial Fund	[12]	66,925	71,659
C C Fagg Memorial Fund	[13]	46,224	47,888
		<b>£164,822</b>	<b>£169,438</b>

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**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2014 (continued)**

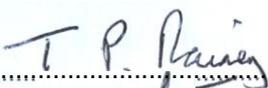
The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2014

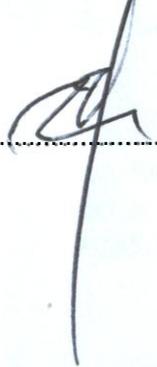
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2014 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that:

- i. the company keeps accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- ii. preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st December 2014 and of its income and expenditure account for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 20 February 2015.

Treasurer .....  ..... T.P. Rainey

Company Secretary .....  ..... P.W. Sowen

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**Notes to the Accounts**

**1. Accounting Policies**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005). The following accounting policies have been applied and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

*Depreciation*

Depreciation is calculated to spread the cost of the following assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Furniture and equipment	15% per annum of written down value
Computer equipment	20% per annum of purchase value

*Stocks and Investments*

Stocks and investments are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

*Government grants*

Government grants received in respect of expenditure charged to the income and expenditure account during the year have been included in the income and expenditure account. The remainder are deferred and will be included in the income and expenditure account by instalments over the expected useful lives of the related assets at the following rates:

Computer	15% per annum of written down value
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**2. Subscriptions**

	2014	2013
Current	3,901	4,062
Arrears		4
	<b>£3,901</b>	<b>£4,066</b>

**3. Profit on book sales**

Books I to IX	314	657
Other books	72	-69
Postcards		44
	<b>£386</b>	<b>£632</b>

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## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

### 4. Government grants

Government grants were included in the Bennett Memorial Fund of £27 (2013 - £32). Deferred government grants of £154 (2013 - £181) will be included in that fund in future years.

### 5. Fixed Assets

	Freehold premises at 96a Brighton Road	Furniture and Equipment	Total
At cost 1 Jan & 31 Dec 2014	1,046	13,757	14,803
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	1,046	13,757	14,803
Depreciation at January 1, 2014	-	13,388	13,388
Charge for year 2014	-	135	135
At 31 Dec 2014	-	<hr/>	<hr/>
		13,523	13,523
Net Book Value:			
31 Dec 2014	<b>£1,046</b>	<b>£234</b>	<b>£1,280</b>
31 Dec 2013	£1,046	£369	£1,415
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### 6. Stocks

	2014	2013
Resales	554	620
Books I to IX	9,085	9,979
Other books	378	425
Postcards	1,193	1,193
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	<b>£11,210</b>	<b>£12,217</b>

## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

### 7. Debtors

	2014	2013
Sundry Debtors	<b>790</b>	<b>1,189</b>

### 8. Investments

	Market value	2014	2013
4471 M & G Charibond	5,679	5,000	5,000
2242 Charifund units	32,162	4,638	4,638
52355 4.75% Treasury Stock 2020	61,820	52,211	52,211
55587 4% Treasury Gilt 2016	58,888	52,211	52,211
National Savings Bond	5,000	5,000	5,000
	<b>£163,549</b>	<b>£119,060</b>	<b>£119,060</b>

### 9. Cash at bank

	2014	2013
Santander deposit account	16,174	16,158
Bank current account	16,264	19,126
Bank deposit account	1,334	1,333
	<b>£33,772</b>	<b>£36,617</b>

### 10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2014	2013
Subscriptions in advance	866	620
Sundry creditors	270	260
	<b>£1,136</b>	<b>£880</b>

### 11. General Fund

	2014	2013
Balance at 1st January 2014	49,891	39,104
Add: Donations	452	10,256
Investment income	2,185	2,165
	52,528	51,525
Less: Expenditure over Income	855	1,634
Balance at 31st December 2014	<b>£51,673</b>	<b>£49,891</b>

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## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

### 12. Bennett Memorial Fund

	2014	2013
Balance at 1st January 2014	71,659	72,947
Add: Grants received	27	32
Investment income	2,185	2,165
Bank deposit interest	7	8
	<b>73,878</b>	<b>75,152</b>
Less: Rates and Rent	958	1,484
Electricity	2,282	925
Depreciation Furniture, Equipment	39	46
Depreciation: Computer etc	96	96
Collections	81	868
Repairs and renewals	3,497	74
	<b>6,953</b>	<b>3,493</b>
Balance at 31st December 2014	<b>£66,925</b>	<b>£71,659</b>

### 13. C C Fagg Memorial Fund

	2014	2013
Balance at 1st January 2014	47,888	48,932
Add: Investment income	2,185	2,166
Bank deposit interest	5	5
	<b>50,078</b>	<b>51,103</b>
Less: Proceedings	3,854	3,215
Funding for Book IX		
Balance at 31st December 2014	<b>£46,224</b>	<b>£47,888</b>

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