

Norfolk Family History Society (A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

Report and Financial Statements

Eleven Months to 31 March 1997



Annual report and financial statements for the eleven months ended 31 March 1997

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Trustees

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Report of the trustees for the eleven months ended 31 March 1997

The trustees (who are also the directors) present their report together with the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 1996.

Incorporation

The Norfolk Family History Society was incorporated as a private limited company on 3 May 1996 and registered as a charity on 15 May 1996 to take over the assets and liabilities of the Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society, which was founded in 1968. The transfer took place on 31 October 1996, these accounts reflecting the activity for the remainder of the financial year.

Trustees responsibilities

Charities law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Principal activity and trading review

The objective of the charitable company is to provide facilities, support, and information to those with an interest in Norfolk genealogy, heraldry and family history. It is also a publishing body, producing a quarterly journal.

The charitable company's trading activity is set out in the income and expenditure account on page 4. Outgoing resources amounted to £9,721 for the period. This deficit arises as subscription income is receivable in April.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to taxation on its income.

Fixed assets

Details of movements in fixed assets during the period are set out in note 6 to the financial statements.

Report of the trustees for the eleven months ended 31 March 1997 (Continued)

Members of the company

Every member of the company is a guarantor and undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up. Such amount shall not exceed £10.

By order of the Trustees

P Green Trustee

29 July 1997

Accountant's report

We have prepared the financial statements set out on pages 4 to 10 for the period ended 31 March 1997 from the records, vouchers and other information made available to us. To the best of our knowledge and belief these financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with such information. We have not carried out an audit.

Chartered Ascountants

Norwich

1 August 1997

Income and expenditure account incorporating Statement of Financial Activities for the eleven months ended 31 March 1997

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £
Incoming resources		
Annual subscriptions		1,524
Donations	,	252
Bank interest	2	135 786
Other income	2	780
Total Incoming Resources		2,697
Resources Expended		
Direct charitable expenditure	3	(2,365)
Fund-raising and publicity	4	(5,156)
Management and administration of the charity	5	(4,897)
Total Resources Expended		(12,418)
Net outgoing resources for the period		(9,721)
General fund transferred from Norfolk & Norwich Genealogical	Society	61,870
Net movement in funds		52,149
Balance brought forward at 1 November 1996		-
Balance carried forward at 31 March 1997		52,149

All amounts relate to continuing activities

All recognised gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet at 31 March 1997

	Note	1997	,
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6		37,137
Current assets			
Stocks	8	6,507	
Debtors	8	5,792	
Cash at bank and in hand		16,561	
		28,860	
Creditors: amounts falling due			
within one year	10	(10,748)	
Net current assets			18,112
Total assets less current liabilities			55,249
Creditors: amounts falling due after			
more than one year	11		(3,100)
-			
Net assets			52,149

Funds			
Unrestricted			52,149

Trustees' statement

The trustees (who are also the directors) have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Section 249A(1) not to have these financial statements audited and confirm that no notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that:-

- a) the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and
- b) the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 1997 and of its loss for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 July 1997

P Kett Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the eleven months ended 31 March 1997

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, except freehold buildings and library stock, evenly over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates:

Equipment

10% and 20% per annum

The responsibility of maintaining the freehold building, Kirby House, in a continual state of sound repair is held by The Kirby Permanent Endowment Fund. Although no expenditure is incurred by Norfolk Family History Society other than for the provision of utilities, it is considered by the directors that the life of the asset and its residual value, based on prices prevailing at the time of its acquisition or subsequent revaluation is such that the depreciation would not be material. Provision will be made should any permanent diminution in value to the property occur.

The library collection contains a large number of publications that have been donated. It is considered by the trustees that the market value of the collection substantially exceeds the cost given that much of the collection is of an antiquarian nature and consequently any depreciation would not be material. Provision will be made should any permanent diminution in value of the collection occur.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less additional costs to completion and disposal.

Life Subscriptions

Life subscriptions are included as income in the Statement of Financial Activities on a consistent basis. At the end of each financial year, the balance carried forward to future years is included in the balance sheet as deferred income.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the eleven months ended 31 March 1997 (Continued)

2	Other Income			Unrestricted Funds £
	Advertising revenue Sales of publications Sales of souvenirs			153 600 33
				786
	Income from sales of publications and souvening	rs is arrived at as follows:		
		Sales Value	Cost of Sales	Gross Profit
	Sales of publications Sales of souvenirs	1,105 72	505 39	600 33
3	Direct Charitable Expenditure			
				Unrestricted Funds £
	Subscriptions paid Meeting expenses Kirby House expenditure			461 850 1,054
				2,365
4	Fund-raising and Publicity			
	Publication of Norfolk Ancestor			5,156

At 31 March 1997

At 31 March 1997

Net book value

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the eleven months ended 31 March 1997 (Continued)

5	Management and Administration of the Chari	ty			1997
					£
					979
	Postage and stationery				374
	General administration				1,954
	Legal and professional fees				24
	Bank charges				1,566
	Depreciation				•
					4,897
6	Tangible assets				
		Freehold building £	Library Stock £	Equipment £	Total £
	Cost				_
	At 1 November 1996	-	-	11,916	46,375
	Transferred	28,222	6,237	40	1,218
	Additions	-	1,178	(40)	(40)
	Disposals				
	At 31 March 1997	28,222	7,415	11,916	47,553
	Depreciation				
	At 1 November 1996	-	-	- 8,850	8,850
	Transferred	-	•	8,830 540	540
	Provided for period	_	-	1,026	1,026
	Provision for permanent diminution in value	-	-	1,020	1,020
	Disposals	-		<u> </u>	
	A+ 21 Morch 1997		-	10,416	10,416

28,222

1,500

7,415

37,137

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the eleven months ended 31 March 1997 (Continued)

7	Stocks	1997 £
	Goods held for resale	<u>6,507</u>
	There is no material difference between the replacement cost of stocks and the	ne amount stated above.
8	Debtors	£
	Debtors Prepayments	4,463 1,329
		5,792
	Debtors includes £3,920 in respect of The Kirby Permanent Endowment Fun	nd.
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12 Members Guarantee

The company, which is incorporated under the terms of the Companies Act 1985, has no share capital but is limited by Guarantee. Every member of the company is a Guarantor and undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up, such amount as may be required. Each member's liability is limited to £10.