



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2022

The Shelley Group was formed in 1986 and became a Registered Charity in 2003 (No.1097547). The object of The Group is the public education and promotion of the Wileman and Shelley potteries and their development. It is a collectors' club with research and educational aims. Open worldwide to all collectors, academics, researchers, institutions and enthusiasts, it is self-funding. The Group is the country's premier china collector group. Membership this year totalled 205, with strong ties to partner clubs in the USA, Australia and New Zealand. Some 30% of members are from overseas. Governance and management are conducted by a Board of Trustees, positions being voted in annually by the members. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are implemented and monitored by the Data Protection Officer.

Perhaps a good way to summarise this last year is "getting back to normal"! After the restrictions of the pandemic we can now meet, both for our Annual Weekend in Telford and, for the occasional regional gatherings, as well as more informal get-togethers. The Committee was gratified by the level of support for Telford 2022, both from the UK and overseas, fully justifying the considerable work and inputs from the organisers. At Telford we could again hold a formal AGM, approving and accepting the Annual Report and Accounts, as well as re-electing members of the Committee. Subsequently the Trustees submitted the Accounts to the Charity Commission.

Anno domini takes its toll of good friends who have served and supported The Group for many years. We are pleased to have new members, coming primarily via our website but it remains hard to persuade others to join the Committee. In addition, while At Homes and Lunches remain happy occasions, these are less frequent; an unwillingness to drive significant distances is an issue.

In contrast, our electronic communication flourishes. Spearheaded by our Webmaster the website www.shelley.co.uk goes from strength to strength and is, of course, open to all, not just members. Data analysis proves the popularity of the website, in support of the consistent wealth of material in our long-standing Magazine. Zoom meetings have continued, both for Committee meetings and for the monthly co-operation with our friends in the USA and Australia. We look for more UK members to join these excellent tri-national presentations.

As befits our charitable status it is good to report the positive links with the Ceramics Department of the University of Staffordshire. We were able to resume our annual presentation, in person, of the Ray Reynolds Memorial Award, coinciding with the Department's end-of-course exhibition. Standards were high. As last year had been a blank the Committee decided this year to present two Awards, each of £500. And, in recognition of the serious financial problems facing many students, Committee had decided to award a Shelley Bursary of £500 to help with course costs. This year this Bursary was divided between two further students, thus helping four in total. There will be a presentation from the Ceramics Department at Telford 2023, as well as details being posted on our website.

Our thanks to all our members for their support, and especially to all who have helped in any way, however modest. Per ardua ad astra!

DJC (Secretary)

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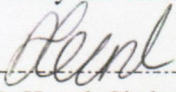
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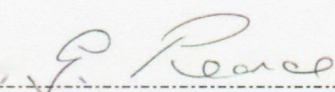
Trustees: Gerry Pearce (Chairman), John Barter, David Cox, Christopher Davenport, Olwen Dudgeon, Linda Ellis, Brian Hill, Carole Lockyer, Bruce Till.

THE SHELLEY GROUP
INCOME & EXPENDITURE for the year ended 31 October 2022

| | Notes | 2021/2022 | | 2020/2021 | |
|--|-------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | | Income | Expenditure | Income | Expenditure |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Membership Subscriptions | 1. | 5,349.55 | | 5,232.80 | |
| Donations | 2. | 459.60 | | 280.00 | |
| Tax Reclaim on Subscriptions & Donations | | 741.68 | | 589.77 | |
| Bank Interest | | 4.17 | | 17.54 | |
| Dealers List | | 40.00 | | 40.00 | |
| Group Items & Book Sales | | 506.47 | 240.89 | 828.80 | |
| Events | | 12,825.32 | 12,029.55 | | |
| Printing | | | 3,004.53 | | 2,544.00 |
| Publicity | | | 255.69 | | 330.38 |
| Postage | 3. | 33.40 | 2,192.79 | 277.09 | 1,802.96 |
| Stationery & Equipment | | | 164.84 | | 228.19 |
| Bursary to Ceramics Student/s | 4. | | 1,000.00 | | 500.00 |
| Committee/Trustee Meetings & Expenses | | | 673.40 | | 0 |
| Other | 5. | | 352.62 | | 475.16 |
| Bank Charges (PayPal Fees) | | | 26.92 | | 63.96 |
| Insurance | | | 641.15 | | 644.03 |
| Professional Fee - Auditor | | | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| | | 19,980.19 | 20,682.38 | 7,266.00 | 6,688.68 |
| Net Profit (Loss) for the Year | 8. | (722.19) | | 577.32 | |
| Prior Year Adjustment | | | | (236.00) | |
| Reserve Brought Forward | | 33,466.40 | | 33,125.08 | |
| Reserve Carried Forward | | 32,744.21 | | 33,466.40 | |
| Balances | | | | | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | 6. | 23,583.25 | | 25,755.51 | |
| Fixed Assets – Scrapbook & Inventory | 7. | 4,580.00 | | 4,580.00 | |
| Sundry Debtors – Gift Aid Tax Refund | | 6,234.18 | | 5,477.97 | |
| Sundry Creditors – Annual Weekend Fees | | | | | 268.32 |
| Prepaid Subscriptions | | | 2,081.91 | | 2,190.08 |
| Prepaid Expenses | | 528.69 | | 711.32 | |
| Accrued Expenses | | | 100.00 | | 600.00 |
| Reserve | 8. | | 32,744.21 | | 33,466.40 |
| | | 34,926.12 | 34,926.12 | 36,524.80 | 36,524.80 |

I have inspected the above income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st October 2022 and the records of the society and confirm that these are in agreement


D. Heard, Chelmsford
4 February, 2023


G. Pearce
19 February, 2023
Chairman

- Subscriptions:** Membership subscriptions have increased slightly during the year by £116.75 or 2.23% (2020/21 – increased by £121.31 or 2.37%).
- Donations:** Included under Income are: raffle of an item decorated by Ray Reynolds £195 (2020/21 - nil); members' donations - £264.60 (2020/21 - nil); special donation from a member's estate - nil (2020/21 – £280.00).
- Student Bursary:** Two additional student awards were made in 2021/2022 of £250 each as well as the usual annual bursary of £500.
- Postage:** Income relates to postage and packing charges incurred on Group Items and Book sales.
- Other:** Includes the cost of The Group's subscriptions to the American and Australasian Shelley clubs - £71.92 (2020/21 - £64.92); gift and flower tribute on Trustees' retirement - £114.00 (2020/21 – nil) charity donations re deceased members, £30 (2020/21 - nil); Ebay fees on the sale of Group items - nil (2020/21 - £37.82); Licence Fees - £136.70 (2020/21 – £147.43); printer - nil (2020/21 – £224.99).
- Cash at Bank:** Includes cash in transit and cheques not yet presented.
- Fixed Assets:** Purchase, conservation and rebinding of Ray Reynold's Shelley Scrap Book and Shelley Inventory.
- Net Loss/Reserve:** The Trustees recognise that despite the Net Loss for the Year there are ample Reserves to sustain The Group in its activities.