



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST. OCTOBER 2023

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 202, down slightly from the previous year. Our partner clubs in the USA, Australia and New Zealand flourish and many of their members also join our Group. 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.

Whereas last year was "getting back to normal" perhaps this year could be termed "holding our own". The Annual Weekend at Telford was a success and well received, despite concerns over fewer numbers, and the organisers were pleased with the programme and its reception. At the formal AGM members approved and accepted the Annual Report and Accounts, as well as re-electing members of the Executive Committee. Subsequently the Accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission.

The Group is financially sound but does face operational issues. In part this is yet again due to *anno domini*, as old friends pass away. We are delighted, however, to welcome our new members, invariably joining via our online presence. Yet there remains a reluctance among quite a number to drive long distances to regional meetings and/or the Telford meeting. The meetings are always happy and convivial, with new finds to enthuse over, but they happen less often. It must be said that increasingly the programme at the Annual Weekend is presented by Committee members. We would love others to volunteer to help, in any way, however small.

Last year The Group reported on the flourishing online presence. This has continued. The website is popular and gives access to a growing wealth of information. Zoom meetings have now settled into a regular pattern, with each of the UK/USA/Australia clubs making a presentation once every 3 months. Numbers participating are very encouraging, with usually our American friends leading the field. We wonder why more of our own members do not join in.

What we do appreciate is that we have a large number of members who remain really enthusiastic about collecting Wileman and Shelley and for whom the Magazine, now updated and revamped, and the website suffice. Meeting in groups is not their real interest. They seem content, and the Executive both respects their position and reiterates its thanks for their continuing support.

Our charitable work continues to be successful. Awards were again made to students at the Ceramics Department of the University of Staffordshire. Professor Forrester and 2 student Award winners were invited to the Telford Weekend to give a presentation. All agreed this was a most valuable innovation.

With the aid of a generous donation, the Shelley Group was able to purchase, a hitherto unknown Shelley pattern book for its archive and this has increased our knowledge of the items illustrated.

The hard-working Executive Committee yet again thanks its many supporters for precisely being so supportive.

DJC (Secretary)

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Registered Charity number 1097547 web site: www.shelley.co.uk

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

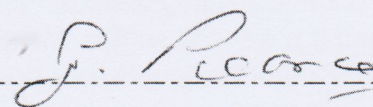
THE SHELLEY GROUP
INCOME & EXPENDITURE for the year ended 31 October 2023

	Notes	2022/2023		2021/2022	
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
		£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	1.	5,072.89		5,349.55	
Donations	2.	4,470.80		459.60	
Tax Reclaim on Subscriptions & Donations		797.01		741.68	
Interest Income	3.	247.22		4.17	
Dealers List		100.00		40.00	
Group Items & Book Sales		260.08		506.47	240.89
Events		10,396.41	10,863.00	12,825.32	12,029.55
Printing			4,151.57		3,004.53
Publicity			213.29		255.69
Postage	4.	19.55	2,191.24	33.40	2,192.79
Stationery & Equipment			349.53		164.84
Bursary to Ceramics Student/s	5.		500.00		1,000.00
Committee/Trustee Meetings & Expenses			957.90		673.40
Other	6.		258.17		352.62
Bank Charges (PayPal Fees)			29.12		26.92
Insurance			814.57		641.15
Professional Fee - Auditor			100.00		100.00
		21,363.96	20,428.39	19,960.19	20,682.38
Net Profit (Loss) for the Year		935.57		(722.19)	
Reserve Brought Forward		32,744.21		33,466.40	
Reserve Carried Forward		33,679.78		32,744.21	
Balances					
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7.	22,964.08		23,583.25	
Fixed Assets	8.	8,672.00		4,580.00	
Sundry Debtors – Gift Aid Tax Refund		3,547.44		6,234.18	
Sundry Creditors			0		0
Prepaid Subscriptions			2,110.70		2,081.91
Prepaid Expenses		706.96		528.69	
Accrued Expenses			100.00		100.00
Reserve			33,679.78		32,744.21
		35,890.48	35,890.48	34,926.12	34,926.12

I have inspected the above income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st October 2023 and the records of the society and confirm that these are in agreement

D. Heard

Chelmsford
22nd January, 2024



Chairman
27th January, 2024

- Subscriptions:** Membership subscriptions have decreased slightly during the year by £276.66 or 5.17% (2021/22 – increased by £116.75 or 2.23%).
- Donations:** Included under Income are: raffle of an item decorated by Ray Reynolds £185 (2021/22 - £195); members' donations - £193.80 (2021/22 - £264.60) and donation of a Wileman Pattern book £4,092 (2021/22 – nil).
- Interest Income:** Bank interest increased due to the rise in interest rates £175.18 (2021/2022 - £4.17); plus interest on Gift Aid paid was £72.04 (2021/2022 – nil).
- 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 - £78.51 (2021/22 - £71.92); gift and flower tribute on Trustees' retirement - nil (2021/22 – £114.00); charity donations re deceased members, £50 (2021/22 - £30); Ray Reynolds' Raffle Prize £25 (2021/22 – nil); Licence Fees - £104.66 (2021/22 – £136.70).
- Cash at Bank:** Includes cheques not yet presented.
- Addition to Fixed Assets:** Donation of a Wileman Pattern Book £4, 092 (Prior Years - Purchase, conservation and rebinding of Ray Reynolds' Shelley Scrap Book and Shelley Inventory £4,580).