

Annual report
2024-2025

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OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES

From the 1997 Constitution

The object of the Association is the advancement of education and conservation by promoting, undertaking and making public historical research and archaeological investigation into the landscape of the Parish of Sedgeford in the county of Norfolk and of adjoining and neighbouring Parishes (hereinafter together referred to as "the Research Area"). The results of the work will be disseminated by publications, exhibitions, public lectures and other means

The 2024 Season

Gareth gave an introduction to the activities and achievement of SHARP this year. Despite the project going on for nearly 30 years he is impressed with new discoveries, the new people and increased enthusiasm and interest in the research into this seemingly normal Norfolk parish. The more work we do in it the less normal it seems, although what is normal for Norfolk seems an appropriate question. In 2023 we had some burials between the kitchen, track and find/information huts. Tantalising glimpse of another Middle-Late Saxon cemetery focus, and makes us reevaluate the use of space. This year there is work being carried on two kilns on the malting site. We have also been looking in the car park area at what is a post-medieval trackway, and evaluating the archaeology underneath this to the Saxon layers and beyond. Just today we believe we have found a burial, perhaps crouched, although I am holding my judgement as I did say if it wasn't Saxon I would buy everyone a beer! Since the death of founder director Neil in 2022, it has been an uncertain time. He inspired a lot of people with his research insight and energy, so to have these results is excellent. In the last couple of years we have a huge change in personnel and the committee, not least people like me coming in. We have also had the well documented financial situation in the press now, with our former treasurer, and we will update on that later this evening. Given all the uncertainty, the fact that we have offered a great 2024 whilst also undertaking much needed work on our constitution, which although we have multiple re-iterations it has not been correctly updated with charity commission. The fact that we could do that while also delivering the 2024 season is a testament to the work and support of the trustees, committee, team and volunteers. Gareth I am stepping down as chair after tonight but will remain on the committee. I would encourage everyone that is invested in SHARP to commit time and energy to help us where you can.

FUNDING & FINANCE

Gross Income for the period - Expenditure for the period -

SHARP wouldn't exist without the huge amount of volunteer time spent behind the scenes before, during and after the season. A huge thank you to all those people who make it possible.

TRUSTEES

Yvonne Bolton-Smith ; Chair 31/7/24

Sam Atkins; Treasurer 26/7/23

Eleanor Blakelock; Secretary 26/7/23

Terry Baxter; 26/7/23

Dan Cockling; 26/7/23

Tiggy Harris; 26/7/23

Steve Horn; 26/7/23

Owen Morgan; 26/7/23

Pete Taylor; 31/7/24

Lucy Koster; 31/7/24

Eleanor Lees; 31/7/24

Committee Members from 31/7/24

Ann Smith

Sophie Beckett

Bill Howard

Kali Graham

I would like to highlight the following achievements this year. · Much needed work on constitution · Updating governance and financial systems · As well as the archaeology we have also kept a pace with our specialist work, environmental processing. · Developed some new courses · Successful open day, 250 visitors, £1200 money raised. · Ellie in tours and visits, Friends of SHARP and NWNHS. · Four great lectures, including last nights where Sophie Cabot stepped in last minute. · Working towards sustainability grant, to get our own solar etc. · Post-excavation backlog has been worked on, including the Roman project. · Archive has been worked on at the moment, with the help of a grant NNAS · Vastly improved site infrastructure. · Merchandise improvements, including our own newsletter. The organisation as a whole has a huge amount of talent within in, and associated with it and long may it continue. I will go away with a real positive opinion.

Gareth Davies 2024 AGM

A special thanks to all the team of volunteers who helped support the season, their hard work makes the whole project possible.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/10/2024

To

30/09/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Arch Tool	136	-	-	136	510
Archaeological Archiving Course	118	-	-	-	-
BERT Course offsite	3,075	-	-	3,075	8,295
BERT Course onsite	7,623	-	-	7,623	-
Books & publications	728	-	-	-	-
Craft Camp Off	-	-	-	-	101
Craft Camp On	-	-	-	-	223
Daily Life in ASE	177	-	-	177	-
Dig for the day	1,653	-	-	1,653	654
Donations MTH	339	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies	3,092	-	-	3,092	6,131
Donations FIPL	4,000	-	-	-	-
EA Course offsite	335	-	-	335	460
EA course onsite	453	-	-	-	-
EA Volunteer offsite	615	-	-	-	-
Excavation Volunteer Offsite	4,657	-	-	4,657	4,795
Excavation Volunteer Onsite	7,221	-	-	7,221	-
FIPL CF Donation	8,600	-	-	-	-
Friends of SHARP	577	-	-	577	414
Gift Aid	1,008	-	-	1,008	440
Grant	65,896	-	-	65,896	-
Home school visit	275	-	-	275	-
Grant - Norfolk Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,978
HR Course Onsite	696	-	-	696	329
HR Course Offsite	1,897	-	-	1,897	864
HR Volunteer Offsite	490	-	-	490	790
HR Volunteer Onsite	2,361	-	-	2,361	967
KLUS	-	-	-	-	1,204
Landscape Course offsite	610	-	-	610	414
Landscape Course onsite	440	-	-	-	-
Malting & Brewing	177	-	-	-	-
Merchandise sale	590	-	-	-	-
Non Excavation Volunteer Offsite	256	-	-	256	117
Photogrammetry	118	-	-	118	118
Post-Ex Vol Onsite	390	-	-	390	354
Refund to SHARP	63,682	-	-	-	-
Royalties	-	-	-	-	-
Shop Sales	1,050	-	-	1,050	875
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	567
Team contribution	450	-	-	450	2,456
Team RIK Donation	-	-	-	-	100
Tuck sale	214	-	-	214	345
Young Bert	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	184,000	-	-	104,259	33,501
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	184,000	-	-	104,259	33,501



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	For the period from	01/10/2024	To	30/09/2025	
Accounting software	223			223	-
Advertising and Promotional Expenses	12			12	-
Archaeology Supplies	296			296	299
Camp packs	77	-	-	77	6,118
Catering H &S	108			108	-
Catering Staff	12,624			12,624	-
CCTV	204			204	-
Cleaning	1,371			1,371	-
Cleaning supplies	201			201	-
Course materials	15			15	1,134
Course refund	538			538	111
Daub project	3,832			3,832	-
Digger hire	1,560	-	-	1,560	719
Email subs	376			376	-
Entertainment	50			50	82
Enviro supplies	24			24	-
2023 season expenses	12,000			12,000	2,328
Equipment purchase	82	-	-	82	1,635
Equipment purchase kitchen	994			994	-
Equipment purchase site	7,942			7,942	-
Ext Merchandise sales				-	357
Finds Resources	609			609	61
FIPL	75,117			75,117	-
Food	5,158	-	-	5,158	4,274
Fuel	106			106	2,423
Fuel: gas kitchen	251			251	-
Grant Archives spend	1,062			1,062	370
HR Glos Venue	240			240	700
Independent Examiners fees	-			-	240
Insurance	894	-	-	894	875
Kitchen supplies	31	-	-	31	277
Office and administration expenses	472			472	94
Other professional services	6,856			6,856	1,296
Planning	293	-	-	293	365
Printing, postage and stationery	5	-	-	5	-
Publication	1,708	-	-	1,708	5,413
Publicity	804	-	-	804	598
Refund	4,528			4,528	729
Site facilities	7,218			7,218	1,020
Site health & safety	1,917			1,917	15
Site maintenance	9,244			9,244	500
Training	90			90	-
Tuck stock	620			620	-
Vol Team Food	205			205	-
Waste disposal	475			475	-
Zoom subscription	145	-	-	145	831
Sub total	160,578	-	-	160,578	32,864
Total payments	160,578	-	-	160,578	32,864
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,422	-	-	- 56,319	637
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,872	-	-	13,872	13,405
Cash funds this year end	37,294	-	-	- 42,447	14,042



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sedgeford Historical & Archaeological Research Project	1064553
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/10/2024	To	30/09/2025
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays current account	37,294	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,294	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1064553

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28th February 2023.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set 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 have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

N Knight

Date:

28/07/2025

Name:

Nicholas Knight

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW

Address:

27 Harwood Road, Norwich. NR1 2NG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.