

**Freemen of England and Wales
Journal 202
Annual Report, Gazette and Directory**

Presidents Letter.

As we were preparing for the AGM we, along with the rest of the world, were saddened to hear of the news of the death of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second. It was soon realised that the planned AGM was set to be held during the period of national mourning and the decision was taken by the executive to postpone our meeting. I am sure all members understand the reason for this. I left a message of condolence on behalf of the Officers, Wardens and Members of FEW on the national online book of condolence. It should be noted that the reports received in time for the AGM were written before the sad news was announced.

There can be no doubt that we are, as a nation, moving into a new era, and what that may mean for us as Freemen is yet to become clear. Though here in York we have already admitted 42 new Freemen of the City swearing the traditional oath of over eight Centuries, however now giving Loyalty to our new King. A small example of how Freemen have adapted to the times they live in over the centuries.

At the AGM it was encouraging, to say the least, to welcome two new Trustees to the executive, albeit in the absence of one of them due to the change of date. While that was encouraging, attendance was not, I am sad to say, however it was wonderful to see representatives from a couple of the Guilds, especially Derby, and hear how things were going for them as we chatted before the meeting. The AGM 2023 is planned to be in person in Lincoln and I hope will be better attended by members as a whole. Of course before that we plan to hold the court meeting in Bedern Hall, York, which will give us an opportunity meet in person as well.

As with many voluntary groups we are in need of people to serve in a few positions, namely as wardens. Unfortunately Howard Crapper, who has served the Association for a number of decades, has decided it is time for him to stand down as Warden for the West. Howard has served the Association extremely well and is a leading light of the Oxford Freemen currently as Chairman. I have always enjoyed talking with Howard, who was always cheerful, and we shared the successional joke when we met. There can be no doubt he will be missed by the Association, and on behalf of us all I offer him our sincere thanks for all he has done in FEW.

With Howards retirement this leaves us with four vacancies for Area Wardens in London and the South east, The West, Wales and in The North. For more information on what is entailed, please contact our Vice President, Alan Shelley, who oversees the Area Wardens,

My best wishes to you all as we move forward into a new era, and I am sure you join me in wishing King Charles the Third and the Royal Family well for the future.

God save the King.
Tom Gibson. President.

Minutes of the 55th AGM of the Association of Freemen of England and Wales held on Saturday 1st October 2022 Via Zoom.

Although produced as a meaningful record of the proceedings, these minutes in no way constitute a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

The President, before calling the meeting to order, welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting. The President then called the meeting to order and declared the AGM in session.

Attendees: Derek Austin – Coventry / Warden for the South Midlands, Howard Crapper – Oxford / Warden for the West, Nic Christison – Berwick / Warden for the Southwest Capt. James Evans – Berwick, Ann DaSilva – Derby, Tom Gibson – York / President of FEW, Sue Haigh – Chester, Capt. Stephen Healy – Newcastle / Warden of the Northeast, Lee Hensley – Gloucester / Hon. Secretary of FEW, Michael Herriot – Berwick, Angela Priestley Gibbins – Lincoln / Warden of the East, Alan Shelley – Sudbury / Vice President of FEW, Stephen White – Grimsby / Hon. Treasurer and I.P.P of FEW, Charlotte Yeates – Berwick / Hon. Membership Secretary

Apologies for non-attendance were recorded from John Edwards (Stafford & Warden of the North Midlands); Dennis Evans (Pembroke); Donna Gibson (York); Denise Laver (Altrincham & Warden of the Northwest)

A minute silence was observed for all those members of the Association, and Queen Elizabeth II who had recently passed away.

Following a proposal by Angie Priestly-Gibbins (Lincoln), which was seconded by Charlotte Yeates (Berwick), the Minutes of the 54th AGM held on September 18th, 2021, via Zoom, were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

There were no matters arising.

Tom Gibson informed the meeting that currently we have no hosts for the Court or AGM for 2024. Angela Priestly-Gibbins reminded the meeting that Altrincham had offered last year to offer to host an event, the Hon. Secretary was asked to chase this up.

Tom Gibson's President's Report was tabled and noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

Deputy President's Report – No report submitted.

Alan Shelley's Vice President's report was tabled and noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

The Vice President was asked by the President to introduce the Wardens for 2022-2023. The 2022 - 2023 Wardens were confirmed as: - Northeast – Capt. Stephen Healy; Northwest – Denise Laver; North – Position Vacant; North Midlands – John Edwards; South Midlands – Derek Austin; Southeast – Vacant; West – Howard Crapper; Wales – Position Vacant; East – Angela Priestley-Gibbins; Southwest – Nic Christison.

Warden's reports that were received prior to the original date of the AGM were circulated with papers of the AGM.

Northeast: Capt. Stephen Healy. No report

Northwest: Denise Laver. Report not circulated with the papers prior to the meeting, however a copy is appended to these minutes

North Midlands: John Edwards. No report.

South Midlands: Derek Austin. Report noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

West: Howard Crapper. Report not circulated with the papers prior to the meeting, however a copy is appended to these minutes

East: Angela Priestly-Gibbins Report was noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

Southwest; Nic Christison. No report.

It appeared there had been some confusion over an email circulated by the Hon. Secretary Lee Hensley to the Wardens regarding reports. It was felt by the Wardens that they were not allowed to report on the activities of the Guilds in their areas. A discussion took place on what the content of the Wardens report should be. Ann DaSilva valued talking with the Wardens and for the Warden of her area to give her point of view during their reports to the Court and AGM.

After further investigation of the email sent by the Hon Secretary, it was found the error was on his part as he had missed a word out of a sentence it reads

“Reports should contain an account of your activities as Warden and not of the activities of the Guilds in your respective areas”

It should have read

*“Reports should contain an account of your activities as Warden and not **just** of the activities of the Guilds in your respective areas”*

The Hon Secretary apologised for this error to the Wardens and those Court members present.

Steve White’s Immediate Past Presidents report did not arrive in time to be circulated. A copy is appended to these minutes.

Stephen White’s Treasurers Report and the FEW Accounts were tabled and noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

The Accounts were proposed for acceptance by Michael Heriot and seconded by Angela Priestly-Gibbins and agreed by all those present.

Charlotte Yeates Membership Secretary’s report was tabled and noted. A copy is appended to these minutes

Hon. Archivist – no report, however he had contacted the President to say he was packing the archives ready for collection by his successor.

Tom Gibson's Editor's Report was tabled and noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

Tom added that the last date of submission to the journal would be the 14th of October.

Tom asked for guidance on what photos were to go on the cover of the journal. The consensus was for photos related to the Guilds and Court leets of FEW to be used. Sue Haigh was happy for FEW to use any photos from their Facebook page.

There was no Officer Without Portfolio Report as the position is vacant.

Lee Hensley's Hon. Secretary's Report was tabled and noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

The President then asked the Hon. Secretary to read out the Nominations for Executive Officer's that he had received. The Secretary informed the meeting that only one nomination had been received for each of the following Executive positions, and as no nominations had been received from the floor, that therefore an election would be unnecessary for these. For the year 2022 - 2023, they are: - Deputy President – Alan Shelley; Vice President – Alan Shelley; Hon Membership Secretary – Charlotte Yeates; Hon Archivist – John Edwards; Honorary Secretary – Lee Hensley; Officer without Portfolio - Capt. Stephen Healy.

There had been no nominations received for the positions of, Hon Treasurer and Hon Editor.

A proposal from the floor was given by Angela Priestly-Gibbins for Stephen White to continue as Treasurer, this was seconded by Michael Herriot.

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The nominations for the Executive members of the association were agreed by all present.

The Following members for Assistant roles were agreed by all those present.

Alex Christison - Assistant Membership Secretary

Denise Laver - Assistant Archivist. The Hon Secretary to contact Denise to confirm she wishes to continue in the role.

Angela Priestly-Gibbins - Assistant to the Executive

Alan Shelley expressed his thanks to Alex Christison for his work as Assistant Membership Secretary.

Tom Gibson expressed his thanks for all the get-well messages he had received over the past 12 months.

Those present were shown the Terms of Reference of the Working Group these were:

- * To Ensure governing documents are compliant, complete, and fit for purpose.
- * To provide the Executive (Trustees) with information that will better equip them to manage the Association.
- * To define a more effective framework on which the Association can operate.
- * To identify opportunities for increasing the involvement, understanding, and value for all stakeholders in the Association.

A conversation ensued about the number of members on the Working Party, and who those members were. Lee Hensley reminded those present that at the Court Meeting held in Leicester this year, it was agreed for 2 Wardens and 2 Executive members to be the backbone of the Working Party.

Stephen Healy suggested we get rid of labels for individuals and get the right people with the right skill sets on the Working Party to fix the Association. When reports come out to the Executive and indeed the membership think they are slanted in any way they can go back to the Working Party.

Michael Herriot confirmed it was his recollection that it was four members on the Working Party, as earlier stated by the Hon Secretary, and that Guild members could be consulted by the Working Party as they deem appropriate.

It was left for the current members of the Working Party Capt. Stephen Healy, Alan Shelley, John Edwards, and Stephen White, to decide which 2 of them stay and to recruit 2 members from the Wardens and continue the work of the Working Party.

Those present agreed the Terms of Reference and agree that they would prefer that it be 2 Wardens and 2 Executive member on the Working Party.

Stephen Healy reminded those present that the Working Party would only be making recommendations to the Executive, not proposals.

There being no further business, the President declared the 55th Annual General Meeting closed.

Officers Reports:

President.

Due to continued ill health following a major emergency, and not altogether successful it seems, operation in February, my activity as president has been limited, although I have done as much as I can to watch over the activities of the Association. In fact, I am yet to be medically cleared to travel far, even within my own City without an escort, and I am facing further treatment over the next several months. My thanks must go to the members of the executive for their continued hard work and especially support in this difficult period. Particularly I must record my thanks to Alan Fallows, retiring deputy President and Archivist, for stepping into the breach and chairing meetings for me while I could not. I also thank those members who have also sent good wishes and support, I can only apologize that I am unable to be as active as President as I had hoped to be when I accepted the position.

As mentioned Alan Fallows is retiring as a trustee from the executive after over twenty years of loyal and steadfast service to the Association. Alan is a Past President and has worked diligently for Freemans across the country, notably in his work for the Association on the 2009 Act, and in leading the rewriting of the Associations Constitution over ten years ago. As Archivist, Alan has often been asked to help individual members in understanding laws and regulations from individual enquiries to the complexities of land registration for Freemans lands. The Association owes him a debt of gratitude for his hard and diligent work over the years.

On Behalf of the Association I sent a card to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating her on the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne, and have received a letter of acknowledgement in response.

All the executive continue to work well together, and with more new members joining it at this year's AGM we hope will continue to do so. It is vital for the future of the association that we welcome new people to act as trustees, a challenge most organizations face is to encourage people - to take that kind of responsibility. While it is encouraging that in the decade or so since I joined the executive we have this year (2021/22) had only three members, including myself, who were on the executive when I joined, we should not sit on our laurels in this regard.

Similarly, I hope that we all, Trustees (Executive), Wardens and members can move forward more constructively to ensure the association can serve effectively as we move into the coming years.

Vice President

This has been another limited year, caused by the restrictions of an ongoing Covid Pandemic. Following the last AGM, myself and the Area Wardens have met with some confusion, particularly over the positions of the Officer without Portfolio (nomination) and of clarity concerning the 'Working Group'. Political difficulties over its membership have prevented an in-depth examination of FEW procedures. Nevertheless, some outline preparations have been started and terms of reference can soon be anticipated.

The Area Wardens have been meeting regularly, over Zoom, and lively discussions have taken place. Our Court Meeting in March at Leicester was 'live'. It was certainly a lively event with much discussion over a rather radical proposal by the Shrewsbury Freemen. Votes were received and the outcome I would suggest was status quo as we carry on as before.

During the year I have been involved in various ongoing matters concerning the clarity of our customs. These include the current law relating to illegitimacy and succession to freedom and the problems with communicating matters of freedom with staff at Town Halls. Most particularly this relates to Ipswich City Council where I found it necessary to speak with the mayor's office regarding the recognition by council staff of general enquiries into the Freedom.

I am pleased to report and congratulate Mr Malcolm Batty of my Sudbury Guild for his hard work in having completed the arrangements to have (new) apprentices admitted to the freedom of the Borough. Also worthy of a compliment, is the excellent work by Coventry and London Freeman, Mr Steven Morson in his role as Honorary Editor of 'The Freeman' journal for the City of London Freemen. The standard is high quality and has never been better.

I have once again been honoured and privileged to be invited by the City of Gloucester Freemen to be in their 'Gloucester Day' parade and am grateful for their consideration. The pandemic period, now hopefully passing, has limited the opportunities for some 'lessons' regarding the history, law, and development of freedom, I have therefore, recently introduced an outline plan by way of a memorandum to all Area Wardens and hope to take this further if acceptable to the recipients.

Immediate Past President

My time so far as IPP has been quiet, I have not been asked to perform any "official" duties.

Website and Facebook

As is usual I have updated the website as and when required. Over the last year this has included the addition of the latest Journals together with a new article, "Origins of the Freedom and FEW" written by Captain Jim Evans, former FEW President.

As usual and significant additions and/or events are posted onto Facebook which in turns forms a live stream on our website.

The number of Facebook page "likes" stands at 444, up 7 from 437 in June 2022. In addition, we know that our audience is 71.0% male and the 65+ years age group makes up the largest element (36%).

Membership Report

Guilds/Gilds/Court Leets

All but two guilds/gild and court leets are now up to date with their payments following the delay due to covid. Most guilds/gilds and court leets now pay by standing order which has improved and sped the process up. When the guilds/gild and court leets renew their annual subscription. A thank you note and FEW declaration form is sent, it is imperative that the declaration form is completed, this is not a new form (it was bought to my attention by a warden, until that point I did not realise it existed). It gives the contact details and the membership of numbers in the guild/gild or court leet. This helps if there is voting so that the correct weighting is given, plus it means that FEW have the correct contact details. Something that has been an issue in the last few years. The wardens have helped in contacting key people for guilds/gild and court leets to enable the membership to continue.

We still await the access to the bank statements which would allow us to be able to administer the membership more efficiently. This is in the process of happening. This was shown to be a requirement at the Court Meeting, as a guild paid using BACS but had not informed the Membership Secretary.

Individual Members

Since the last AGM (September) there has been

Two deaths reported to us

One new member

One resignation owing to ill health

Two resignations because of change in circumstances

Six members removed under rule 9,

(rule 9 is if a member or a guild/gild/court leet hasn't paid for over twelve months)

At present there are 249 members, of which there are ten members who are in arrears and have not replied to any communication.

In June report it was mentioned that thirteen standing orders had been lost and/or not activated by the bank, these forms had been sent to the treasurer. The thirteen have been written to with a SAE to complete and return the forms. Of these four have not returned their replacement standing orders. We are asking for all new standing orders to use either to use the 1 April or 1 September as a start date. The standing order forms are now sent directly to the bank from the membership secretary with the treasurer given the key details he requires.

The membership form has been changed to ask the individual which guild/gild/court leet they belong to and when they join with proof, this is to prevent a lot of dubious new members, the payment method of cash has also been removed.

Membership cards for Individual Members have been sent out, and we are now up to date with these to the end of July.

As membership secretary I have had the additional duty of managing and setting up the Zoom meetings during covid. I would like to thank the Assistant Membership Secretary for all his support.

Editors Report.

Once again three editions of the journal were produced since the last AGM. Notably, the Journal reached its 200th edition during the year. That edition contained news from almost half our member Guilds and organizations, quite an achievement after the forced inactivity during COVID, it was interesting to see what had been achieved. The Journal remains the main source of news from both the Association and members although we also continue to maintain a Website and a Facebook page which continue to grow.

I have not been nominated to continue as editor for the forthcoming year and chose to think that this is because those who may have done so were considering my poor state of health at present. However, until an editor is appointed please continue to send items to myself until notified otherwise.

Hon. Secretary's Report

Since March, I have been mainly passing correspondence between Executive members and keeping the President informed on any matters of interest.

Wardens Reports

South Midlands:

There are a couple of trends with Guilds in my Area which are of concern, and may be mirrored elsewhere.

One of my hereditary Guilds has seen its Freeman membership almost halved in four years, and analysis of another Guilds members yields an average age of 78 – which may account for lack of new Court members to drive future progress. Whilst the hereditary Guild would probably benefit by establishing a Freedom through apprenticeship scheme, this will need an agreed scheme with Council approval, so not a short term action. The other Guild would benefit by having a single sheet publicity leaflet available in outlets like larger supermarkets, libraries, and Town Information Offices, so I shall progress this item. Similarly for FEW, the existing single A4 sheet folded twice 'Benefits & Opportunities Available Through Individual FEW Membership' leaflet needs urgent updating and current contact details adding so that Wardens can help recruitment.

Turning now to a brief summary of Area activities:

Coventry Freemen's Guild.

Recent 2022 events include: Ladies Night dinner at Coombe Abbey on 23rd March; the AGM held on 20th April; the Banquet Weekend on 7-8th May; and President's Dinner on 15th June. The new Master Ron Robinson hosted a Garden Party on 7th August to raise funds for his charity of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice. An inter-guild Skittles & Supper was held on 12th August. Due to the loss of the Freemen's Room and artefacts in St Mary's Guildhall, the Guild will not be participating in next month's Heritage Open Days Event. Future events include a Lord Mayor's Admission Court in October and Guild Christmas Dinner on 9th December.

Gild of Leicester Freemen.

Most recent 2022 activities include: hosting the FEW Court meeting at the Holt facility on 19th March; Common Hall AGM on 13th April; the Freemen's Garden Party on 12th June; the Annual Banquet Weekend over 17 -19 June; an inter-guild skittles & supper on

12th August; and a Gild visit to the Loughborough Bell Foundry on 16th August. Future events include several autumn talks at the Holt, and a December Pantomime visit.

Northampton Guild of Freemen.

Recent 2022 activities include a Freemans 'get together' on Saturday 9th April at the Conservative Club. Freemen Trustees continue to support the new Town Council with robed attendance at the 29th May Oak Apple day event, and the 4th June Platinum Jubilee Pageant. The Trustees congratulate their Chairman Phil Ager, and Past Chairman Trevor Ward, on reaching the ages of 70 & 80 respectively.

Alcester Court Leet & Court Baron.

Most recent 2022 activities include; Assizes of Food & Drink at the 2nd May Alcester Food Festival; the Platinum Jubilee Street Party & Beacon lighting; and charity duck race on 2nd July

Henley-in-Arden Court Leet & Court Baron

Recent 2022 activities include: combined Platinum Jubilee & Court Leet day events took place over 3-4th June, with market stalls, music and a duck race down the river Alne. Viewers of the BBC 'Repair Shop' programme on 17th August will have seen Past Bailiff Norman Kench delivering the Henley Heritage Centre Barrel Organ for a much needed refurbishment.

Warwick Court Leet

Most recent 2022 activities include: a Town Criers competition on 7th May; a Beer, Cider & Music Festival on 15-16th July in Pageant Gardens – to raise funds for local charities; Court Leet Assizes on 13th August, and the Warwick Classic car show the next day in the Market Place.

The East:

Unfortunately, I don't have a huge amount to report on since March. The post-pandemic world is still a little odd.

I am pleased to report that, through Alan Shelley, dialogue between the Guilds within my area continues. Unfortunately, due to work commitments I was unable to attend the Sudbury Turning on Ceremony in April but once the AGM is passed I aim to build up a more supportive relationship with Ipswich and Sudbury.

Lincoln

Stewart Bristow (President of the City of Lincoln Freemen's Gild and FEW Representative) very kindly provides updates to the FEW Journals so I will report about Lincoln as my capacity as Master.

I am pleased to confirm that Committee meetings have re-started in Lincoln.

Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the Jubilee celebrations as rain stopped play. We are planning our fund-raising events which involve teddies and the Real Santa. At the point of writing this report I am about to attend a site visit for our Annual Dinner and the 2023 AGM. Progress is being made and a plan taking shape. Further details about our Annual Dinner and the AGM to follow.

We have sadly lost a valuable Gild Committee member very recently and with a number of our Committee still suffering post-pandemic we are trying not to do too much. Like

most Guilds/Gilds we have seen a decline in numbers and are looking at ways to engage with our Freemen. I will keep you posted with progress which includes a new website. We are receiving invitations from the Civic Office to support the Mayor and our next outing is the Battle of Britain Memorial Service on the 11th September.

Update from the City of Lincoln Freemen's Gild

It is with profound sadness that we advise of the death of our President, Stewart Bristow. Stewart died peacefully at home at the end of September surrounded by his family (just the way he wanted).

The West:

Dear Freemen,

This report will be short . I have been without car transport for three years and this does curtail visits to rural sections of our membership. The good news is that my driving will resume shortly .

In Oxford I attended the early morning summer roundup of cattle on Port Meadow . This was instigated in order to withdraw cattle from the drought ravaged Meadow where the normal green sward had been reduced to a dust bowl . 2020 head were herded into the compound where a Veterinary check was made of each animal including TB status . The traditional breakfast was taken soon after at the local Plough Inn where we were joined by the Lord Mayor , The Meadow Ranger , former Lord Mayors and City Councillors. It was noted that our new Prime Minister was an Oxford girl during her childhood education and lived in James street .

Oxford Freemen plan a Christmas time annual Dinner at The Perch Restaurant . The only establishment of its type which is actually on the Port Meadow .

Annual Apprenticeship Awards will resume in the Spring . Another surviving victim of the Covid Lockdown .

My heart aches for the loss of our Queen Elizabeth. Her blue eyes and glorious smile will live for ever in my memory Long Live King Charles.

North West:

As warden for the north west I work closely with Chester & Hale plus have a few individual members of FEW who live in the locality.

Through my various activities with Altrincham Court Leet it is always intriguing to find fellow freemen in my locality. Many of whom reach out & they are embraced as friends of Altrincham Court Leet. At present there are 5 Freemen from York, 2 from Chester & 2 from Shrewsbury.

Last year I attended the annual banquet in Chester & will do so again in October. Hale is very much a close ally & we work together well. This year their banquet was a closed shop as people trying to come together after the pandemic,

Communication is of the utmost importance. We may not all be able to gather as easily as the past but we keep the lines open.

Recently I have been able to assist with questions concerning public liability insurance & answer questions concerning shared heritage. Examples of shared heritage - Hugh Lupus wolf in Altrincham & Chester & Hale in Altrincham & Merseyside.

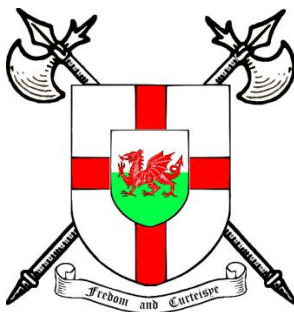
The story of Guild halls which survive is fascinating & have visited them in St Ives, Cornwall & Wallingford

Altrincham Court Leet responded to a fundraising letter re Llantrisant Guild Hall & were delighted to be a part of its restoration.

“Llantrisant Guildhall tells a remarkable story. Famous for its Freemen and the role their “Black Army” played in the Battle of Crecy, Llantrisant played a pivotal role in the revolts of the Welsh against the early Norman overlords. Llantrisant Castle was an overnight prison for King Edward II while the eccentric Dr William Price’s actions in the town led to the passing of the Cremation Act in the UK.”

In my role of warden for the north west I am continuing my research into Manchester Court Leet & share interesting information from the court rolls via social media
Eg- “In May 1584 Manchester Court Leet banned single women of the town from carrying out their own trades including selling ale or bread, as these activities were ‘to the great hurt of the poor inhabitants having wives and children’. The punishment was a fine or imprisonment.”

**FREEMEN OF ENGLAND AND WALES
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st MARCH 2022**



Patron

The Right Honourable, the Earl Bathurst

Charity Commission Reference Number 293536

SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The Association was established under a Constitution adopted on 28th September 1985 and amended on 23rd September 1989, 19th September 1992, 21st September 1996, 17th September 2005, 17th September 2011, 15th September 2012, 22nd September 2018 and 21st September 2019. The Association was registered as a Charity, with Registration Number 293536, on 29th January 1986.

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – 2021/2022 (TRUSTEES)

President	- Mr T Gibson
Deputy President	- Mr A G Fallows
Vice President	- Mr A Shelley
Immediate Past President	- Mr S P White
Honorary Archivist	- Mr A G Fallows
Honorary Journal Editor	- Mr T Gibson
Honorary Membership Secretary	- Mrs C Yeates
(Assistant Membership Secretary	- Mr A Christison non-Trustee)
Honorary Secretary	- Mr L Hensley
Honorary Treasurer	- Mr S P White
Officer without Portfolio	- Position Vacant

BANK

- NatWest Bank Plc
39 Grimsby Road
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North East Lincolnshire
DN35 7GB

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PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The Association does not have a Registered Office. All enquiries should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary:-

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86 Painswick Road
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Gloucestershire
GL4 6PT

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCOUNTS

Charities law requires the Trustees of the Association to prepare an Account of Receipts and Payments and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for each financial year. In addition, the Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Association. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The primary objects of the Freemen of England and Wales Association are to advance

public education in the Freedom and to promote research into the history and legal customs of ancient towns of England and Wales and the legal institution of the Freedom, to publish the useful results of such research and, in furtherance of this object, to provide advice and information concerning the legal institution of the Freedom within each of those several places in England and Wales, being former boroughs or other places where that institution is to be found.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

The association and many of its member Guilds continue to recover from the turmoil of the Lockdowns caused by the worldwide pandemic and while some activities have already been revived, others are proving more difficult to reawaken. Last year's AGM was held by Zoom and saw my installation as President in unusual circumstances, taking the oath remotely. Circumstances have conspired to mean that this year's AGM will unfortunately also take place via Zoom despite the best efforts of Grimsby to try to arrange an in-person event. However, Lincoln are well on the way to organising an AGM for 2023 where we can all gather.

The Court held a tumultuous meeting in March at Freemen's Holt in Leicester. However, a steering group to look at how our Constitution can be updated to better fit the requirements of today was created.

The Journal reached its 200th edition during the year. That edition contained news from almost half our member Guilds and organisations, quite an achievement after the forced inactivity during COVID, it was interesting to see what had been achieved. The Journal remains the main source of news from both the Association and members although we also continue to maintain a Website and a Facebook page which continue to grow.

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As mentioned Alan Fallows is retiring as a Trustee from the executive after over twenty years of loyal and steadfast service to the Association. Alan is a Past President and has worked diligently for Freemen across the country, notably in his work for the Association on the 2009 Act, and in leading the rewriting of the Association's Constitution over ten years ago. As Archivist Alan has often been asked to help individual members in understanding laws and regulations from individual enquiries to the complexities of land registration for Freemen's lands. The Association owes him a debt of gratitude for his hard and diligent work over the years.

All the Executive continue to work well together, and with more new members joining it

at this year's AGM we hope will continue to do so. It is vital for the future of the Association that we welcome new people to act as trustees, a challenge most organisations face is to encourage people to take that responsibility. While that is encouraging in the decade or so since I joined the Executive we have this year (2021/22) only three members, including myself, who were on the executive when I joined, we should not rest on our laurels.

Thomas (Tom) Gibson. President.

POLICY ON RESERVES

Our policy is to have a sufficient contingency fund to enable us to defend the Freedom from any potential legal threat. The reserve is therefore held to cover the legal costs should any defensive action be required.

Reserves now stand at £92,558 (2021: £89,564) of which £38,539 is general purpose (£39,016), £19,923 is designated (£18,032) and £34,096 (£32,516) can only be realised through the sale of stocks and assets.

Designated funds are held to support member guilds should they require any appropriate legal advice and to cover any future purchases or replacement robes and medallions.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Other than the President all trustee positions are up for election at each Annual General Meeting. The President shall serve in office for a term of two years before another election is held.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFAIRS

The attached accounts show the transactions for the year and state of affairs, which the Trustees consider to be sound.

Approved by the Trustees on the 30th September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:-

Tom Gibson

Stephen P White

FEW President

FEW Honorary Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting practices and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FREEMEN OF ENGLAND AND WALES

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 130 of the Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.

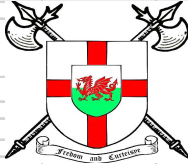
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Subscriptions

Subscriptions are as they are received in the year; arrears may occur one year and made up the next. More members have been encouraged to increase their subscription to the correct rate of £10 and overall income from individual members and Guilds is fairly consistent with the previous year. A number of Guilds have also been in arrears but a good number have now entered into Standing Order arrangements. The new Membership Secretary and her Assistant have worked well on bringing things up to date.



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Patron: The Right Honourable, the Earl Bathurst

INCOME		April to March		EXPENDITURE	
2020/21		2021/22		2020/21	2021/22
£		£		£	£
Note 1				Note 6	
	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>				<u>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</u>
2,432.00	Individual	2,243.00		170.67	Postage
1,310.00	Guilds	1,255.00		-	Archives
3,742.00		3,498.00		-	National Archives - Travel
				-	Other Travel
	Annual Subscriptions are taken at £10.00 for each individual and the set level for Guilds. Any donation above this amount is, in the absence of any other instructions split equally between the Legal and Regalia Funds			129.70	Stationery
				424.00	Printing/photocopying
				144.00	Website
				143.88	Zoom Licence
				1,012.25	861.97
Note 2				Note 7	
	<u>DONATIONS TO:-</u>				<u>PURCHASES</u>
44.01	General Fund	49.00		-	Robes
182.50	Legal Fund	210.80		-	Ties
172.50	Regalia Fund	189.00		-	Members Medallions
399.01		448.80		-	Robe Badges
				-	Blazer badges
				-	Lapel badges
				-	Car/Book Stickers
				-	Wall Plaques
				-	Pens
				-	Cufflinks
				-	Membership Wallets
					<u>50th Anniversary Souvenirs</u>
				-	Pens
				-	Badges
				-	Mugs
					752.03
				Note 8	
					<u>JOURNAL (2/3 editions in period)</u>
				480.00	Production
				500.00	Postage/distribution
				980.00	1,515.06
				Note 9	
					<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS</u>
				-	2020 ~ Grimsby
				-	2021 ~ Coventry
				-	2022 ~ Grimsby
				Note 10	
					<u>LEGAL & REGALIA EXPENSES</u>
				-	Legal Expenses
				-	Past-President & Lady's Medallions
				Note 11	
					<u>COURT & OFFICERS' MEETINGS</u>
				-	Court/Exec Meeting Room Hire
				-	Court/Exec Catering - Nett
				-	Other Court/Exec Meeting Expenses
				1,992.25	TOTAL EXPENDITURE
					3,129.06
				2,697.93	SURPLUS FOR YEAR
					1,414.37
				1,789.00	Less transfers to Designated Funds
					1,891.51
End March 2022 for AGM				908.93	AVAILABLE SURPLUS
					- 477.14

MOVEMENT OF DESIGNATED FUNDS - 2020/21 to 2021/22

		2020/21	2021/22
Legal Fund			
	Balance brought forward, 1st April	5,286.77	5,500.52
	Donations received	182.50	210.80
	Tax recovered	31.25	38.58
	Addnl Tax recovered	-	-
	LESS: Costs Incurred	-	-
	Balance at 31st March	<u>5,500.52</u>	<u>5,749.90</u>
Regalia Fund			
	Balance brought forward, 1st April	270.78	472.03
	Donations received	172.50	189.00
	Tax recovered	28.75	33.13
	Addnl Tax recovered	-	-
	LESS: Purchases made	-	-
	Balance at 31st March	<u>472.03</u>	<u>694.16</u>
Regalia Self-Insurance Fund			
	Balance brought forward, 1st April	10,685.40	12,059.40
	Amount Provided	1,374.00	1,420.00
	Amount set against Fund	-	-
	Balance at 31st March	<u>12,059.40</u>	<u>13,479.40</u>
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS		<u>18,031.95</u>	<u>19,923.46</u>

FREEMEN OF ENGLAND AND WALES

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT THE FINANCIAL YEAR END

	31/03/2021	31/03/2022
Monetary Assets		
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND	38,711.84	38,100.26
DESIGNATED FUNDS	18,031.95	19,923.46
	56,743.79	58,023.72
Held as ; -		
National Westminster Bank - Current A/C	591.13	369.71
National Westminster Bank - Reserve A/C	12,152.66	13,654.01
COIF Charity Deposit Fund	44,000.00	44,000.00
	56,743.79	58,023.72
DEBTORS / CREDITORS		
Amounts owed to FEW at 31st March	515.93	438.26
LESS: Amounts owed by FEW at 31st March	-212.11	0.00
TOTAL	57,047.61	58,461.98
Other Assets		
Stocks of resale items (cost, not realisable value)	4,968.06	5,631.02
Officers' regalia (insured/replacement value)	27,473.00	28,390.00
Other Assets	75.00	75.00
TOTAL	32,516.06	34,096.02
TOTAL ASSETS	89,563.67	92,558.00
Liabilities		
Short Term		
At 31st March 2022, the only short term commitments were in connection with usual ongoing transactions such as unrepresented payments and purchase of Regalia.		
Long Term		
At 31st March 2022, the Officers of the Association have not made any long term commitments.		

2. Donations to Funds

Any payment received over £10 basic subscription is applied to the Legal, Regalia or General Fund as directed, together with any Gift Aid recovered on that element. The total income here shows a small increase over that received in 2020/21.

3. Sales

Income from sales items has been greatly reduced, as indicated by the detailed figures. The fact that we had to cancel physical Court Meetings and AGM's owing to COVID has taken away the opportunity for face-to-face sales.

4. Interest Received

Interest on our COIF Account ended the year at 0.264%, (compared to 0.0077% the previous year), which, whilst low, may be regarded as a secure investment. There were no withdrawals from COIF during the year. Interest was received gross at 0.01% (0.01%) from the Bank. Total interest was similar to that for 2020/21.

5. Income Tax Recovered

Gift Aid is claimed on all eligible receipts, other than sales, from those members who have signed the Declaration. The previous year's figure included claims on arrears hence the higher amount.

6. Administrative Expenses

This includes postage, archives, stationery, printing, travel and on-going website hosting costs. Broadly in line with 2020/21 overall, we renewed the Zoom Licence to enable virtual meetings to take place and the increases in postage costs reflect both inflation and the need to send more documents out by post.

7. Purchases

Fresh stocks of Lapel Badges and Book and Car Stickers for resale were purchased during 2021/22, nothing in the previous year.

8. Journal

Three Journals were produced compared to two in the previous year, (total 680 copies in 2021/22, 500 in 2020/21). The number of copies printed each time has varied both as a result of members not returning their GDPR Consent Forms and some electing to receive copies by email. Overall, the cost of producing the Journal has shown an increase from an average of £1.96 to £2.22 per copy.

9. Annual General Meetings

Since both the 2021 and 2022 AGM's were cancelled owing to COVID restrictions no costs have been incurred.

10. Legal & Regalia Expenses

There have been no costs charged to either the Legal or Regalia Fund in either this or the previous year.

11. Court & Executive Officers Meetings

There were no costs in relation to Executive or Court Meetings since all meetings were held by Zoom.

Situations Vacant.

We have vacancies for volunteers for wardens in the following areas:

The West, Wales, The North and, London and the South East.

For more information on what is entailed, please contact The Vice President, Alan Shelley Wycken End, 16 Bournside Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL5 1 3AH . Or phone him on 01242 515739

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2008 - 2010 Colin Hardcastle	York and London (deceased)
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The Proclamation of a
new King in Sudbury.
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Below:
Dennis Evans Master of
the Gild of Freemen of
Pembroke and Sue Lines
Project Manager
together with staff and
members of the Tanyard
Youth Project and Gild
members. Photograph by
Revd Canon Roger
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