

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Archives Trust will be held at the Rifleman's Museum (formerly Royal Green Jackets Museum) Peninsula Barracks, on Saturday 10 October 2026 at 2.00pm. Tower Street pay and display car park is nearest and park and ride is a good option too.

Please book to attend by emailing the secretary or posting the form below to above address, by end of September. Full papers for the AGM will be on the website under documents at the bottom of the home page. If you wish to have a paper copy let the secretary know and a set will be ready for you at the AGM (secretary@hampshirearchivestrust.co.uk)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
 2. Apologies for absence
 3. Minutes of the meeting of 11 October 2025
 4. Matters arising
 5. **Chairman's Annual Report and Annual Return, 2025-2026** (presented by HAT Chairman Alistair Dougall, with Treasurer David Canniford commenting on accounts). A hard copy of the full return can be obtained from the secretary on request or at the AGM and can also be found on HAT's website.
 6. **Elections**; Members are asked to vote to elect or re-elect trustees, president and vice presidents whose term of office ends at this AGM
Any further nominations for new trustees, proposed and seconded and with the consent of the person nominated, should be sent in writing to the Secretary by post or by e mail by 1 October. The nomination form is to be found at the end of these papers.
 7. **Appointment** of Independent Examiner: Martin & Co
 8. **Grants** – the Trust has awarded a number of grants since the last AGM which are outlined in this report
 9. Any other business
 10. Tea followed by
 11. **Short talks** about grant supported projects will follow
Letters to Elsie <https://hampshirearchivestrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/letters-to-elsie>
Grayshott Wartime Memories <https://hampshirearchivestrust.co.uk/news/grayshott-wartime-memories>
 12. Thanks, and depart by 4.30pm
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BOOKING FORM

I, (we)(names all those attending)

are members of the Trust and would like to attend the AGM at the Rifleman's Museum on Saturday 10 October 2026 at 2pm

The meeting was attended by the Trust's President, Nigel Atkinson, Vice-President John Isherwood and Vice-President The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, and the Trust's Chairman, David Livermore, and 23 other members and 4 non-members/guests.

1. Welcome

The President welcomed members to the meeting and thanked The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen for his attendance. He said that he had once again been very pleased to have presented this year's winners of the schools' history competition with their certificates and how impressed he had been with both the range and quality of the entries.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Charlotte Bailey, Mark Barton, Hugh Bethell, Christine Burke, John Burke, Cheryl Butler, Alison Deveson, Marily Kinnon, Sarah Lewin, David Rymill, Barry Shurlock, Derek Spruce, and Dr Stephen Wood and Mrs Wood.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 12 October 2024

The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Chairman's Annual Report and Annual Return, 2024-25

5.1 The Annual Report was presented verbally by the Chairman. A copy of the report was provided for entering into these minutes as follows:

Dear Fellow Members

As always, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this, the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Archives Trust - this year held in The Paul Woodhouse Suite of Winchester Cathedral and we are honoured to have with us today the Bishop of Winchester, The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen.

As always, I would like to thank our President, the Lord Lieutenant, Nigel Atkinson, for chairing our meeting today and especially for the continued support that he has always given to us.

Welcome, as ever, to our members here today, whose loyalty and support has sustained us over these many years. Not only has your annual contribution enabled your Trust to achieve our charitable objects but has served as an immense encouragement to your board of trustees. However, as you are aware, a substantial income is also derived from our investments, which in turn represent the gifts and bequests that we have received over the years. Without additional income in recent years, we have been forced to eat into these reserves and thereby reducing our grant-making capacity. I am, therefore, delighted to tell you that we have been left a bequest of no less than £260,000 in the will of James and Mary Ann Wilkes. We could not be more grateful obviously to James and Mary Ann but also to the family and trustees of the Wilkes' Trust. This is clearly excellent news and will safeguard our ability to meet our objects well into the future.

I have usually begun my Report by lamenting the lack of historical knowledge in our population today and, indeed, what is being taught in schools to our young people. At the same time, the World is in a state of turmoil, not seen since WW2, and trying to understand this condition most certainly requires a knowledge a past parallels and, more to the point, indeed the hope and possibility of solutions. Our role as a charity, is provide some enlightenment and, albeit in a modest way, through that enlightenment to bring understanding.

Last year, announced that we had conducted a major survey of all the historical societies to understand not only the quality and structure of their data but particularly what database software, if any, they were using. David Spurling led the project, employing professional support to design the actual survey. 240 groups were identified from the survey with some 6 million items - the actual response from the groups was some 30%. The directory created from the survey is searchable by keyword, geographic location or subject matter. In some cases, we were able to provide a direct link to a group's online catalogue. Individual groups, who are HAT members, will be able to update and promote their own information online.

The survey identified some key areas of concern. These ranged from a lack of volunteers to help with archives to the absence of accessible information on how to approach archiving projects. This led to the development of a toolkit to assist groups, including case studies, a quick reference table comparing different programs available and a detailed description of these options to help make the appropriate choice. Our website features a full report of quantitative and qualitative responses of the survey, together with an overall analysis,

In terms of communication, visitors to our website grew by 284% with 102,000 user visits and an increase of new users by 317%. Event bookings and payments through the website had increased but this was the first full year of this operation, and members did experience some difficulties and for this I must apologise.

Social media activities included podcasts and webinars. In the year, HAT hosted 4 webinars with a total audience of 117 and 10 podcasts and blogs. Topics of the webinar included:

- *King Charles I and Queen Henrietta heritage sites in Hampshire*
- *Queen Mary and Philip of Spain in Winchester*
- *Winchester Jewry Revisited*
- *Jane Austen and the Magazines*

Social Media activity in general showed 196 posts with 889 followers on Facebook; 60 posts with 284 followers on Instagram and 261 post and 1039 followers on X.

For you members, as usual, David Rymill produced 2 excellent editions of our Newsletter, and these were supplemented by 2 editions of the e-chat line. David is a key member of the Hampshire Record office and does this in his own time - he really is a star.

In terms of grants this year, we were pleased to support the Titchfield History Society with £5500 towards the final phase of the Titchfield Abbey Records Project. Our other major grant of £2000 was to the Bicentenary Commemoration of The Captain Swing Riots. We also gave 10 other grants of £500 or less to a wide variety of history societies, all of these grants are listed in the Annual report. The sum total for all the grants in 2024/5 was £12,227.

Our visits programme, under the direction now of Barbara Gibson, included:

- *24 April - the Hilsea Lines in Portsmouth*
- *22 May - a guided tour of Basing House*
- *19 June - a guided tour of Titchfield*
- *19 July - a guided tour of Greywell Hill House, Hook*
- *28 August - a guided tour of Longford Castle*

Finally, I am pleased to say our schools' competition, initiated and led by Alistair Dougal, grows in strength and numbers. We were particularly pleased with the quality and variety of the input this year with PowerPoint presentations, essays, display boards, podcasts and websites. Subjects included the candidates' own school, the story of Empress Eugenie and her links to Farnborough, the story of Alice Lisle, the Titanic, Southampton during the Blitz, and the history of The Haymarket in Basingstoke. As last year, some of the winners, accompanied by their parents, were awarded their prizes by the Lord Lieutenant in his office.

In financial terms, as of the 31 March, our total funds stood at £182,872, of which £57,825 was restricted, compared with £197,905 of which £67,000 restricted in the previous year. In a moment, I will ask our Treasurer, David Canniford to cover our finances in greater detail.

Having now addressed our results in 2024/25, I have to tell you that I will now be stepping down from the chairmanship and handing over to my very worthy successor. It has been a great honour to have been your chairman since October 2017, and I would like to thank all my colleagues on the board for their continued patience and support. If I may, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements over these last 8 years. Due to local government financial restrictions Hampshire County Council, which had been hitherto so magnanimous in support of the County history, were forced to cut us loose. HAT had been more-or-less a shadow vehicle to channel gifts and bequests to supplement local government money. We had to create a new constitution and a new management structure and, truly, I was vastly impressed with the methodical and highly meticulous way that this operation was undertaken - in 12 months, the team had created a tightly managed model constitution.

Our primary object is of course grant-giving to encourage the history societies in the County. Again, processes were created to encourage interest and, above all, to evaluate the bids in a professional way and obviously to meet the needs of outside scrutiny. To date, we have granted some £158,124 and, perhaps more importantly, enabled 78 societies.

The trustees decided early on that a website was crucial to our work. We were so fortunate to have David Spurling on the board, who had experience through Hyde 900 of creating a website and he masterminded the development of ours and it was launched in the 31st of May 2019. This website served us well and in time we developed an enhanced version, launched on the 11th October 2022.

No communication strategy today is complete without social media and in February 2020 we appointed a company to develop a programme for us. It quickly became apparent that the trustees alone were not capable of sustaining the ever growing need to provide new material and in January 2022 we appointed a social media fellow, Dr Daniella Gonzales, to create contents and run webinars.

In summary I do believe that your board over the last 8 years has taken a 'shadow organisation' and created a robust and professional charity, most certainly fulfilling the objectives set for us when Hampshire County Council divested us. Moreover, now with this wonderful bequest, our financial future is secure for the years ahead.

All of this would not be possible without the team of Trustees: Sue Woolgar, our Honorary Secretary who has literally been the glue that held the organisation together. In any other organisation, Sue would be called the CEO. As Chairman, I really could not be more grateful to Sue. The Deputy Chairman, Charlotte Bailey, who has managed and nurtured the membership with such commitment; David Canniford, the Honorary Treasurer for not only managing our accounts but also those of the Victoria County History; Dr Alistair Dougall for the creativity and engaging enthusiasm that he has brought to the Schools Programme; David Spurling for his truly outstanding contribution, first with our website and secondly with the County Data Base project, which, I truly believe, is the most important project we ever undertaken and offers so much potential for the County; Andrew Burcher, whose legal advice has been invaluable, particularly with our bequest, Barbara Gibson who has picked up our events programme and managed so successfully; and finally, and by no means least, Michael Woodhall, firstly for his stamp of approval - since no committee in Hampshire is worth having if Mike is not on it and secondly for his wise council. Thank you all so much

5.2 The Treasurer, David Canniford, addressed the meeting to comment on the accounts and Annual Return

Profit and loss year ended 31 March 2025:

- Subscriptions are slightly down: £6,583 in 2025 compared to £7,051 in 2024.
- Dividend income is slightly down because of the market. (£6,257 compared to £6,606 in 2024)
- A Gift Aid claim has been made for £773 of which £250 was on the VCH donation.
- A small profit of c.£330 was made on events, and thanks were given to Barbara Gibson for her continuing work in organising events for members.
- The VCH received two grants: a grant of £500 from Basingstoke and Dean; and a grant of £2,000 from UCL for publication fees.

Direct expenditure:

- HAT agreed to award grants amounting to £12,227 this year, a couple of which remain outstanding.
- The costs of printing the newsletter were slightly down (£2,941 compared to £3,324 in 2024). They should be down even more in the coming year as we have moved to a cheaper printer who also sends out the newsletters for HAT.
- The schools' history competition cost £500 in prizes and £111 in expenses (the costs of purchasing and engraving trophies).

Overheads:

- The cataloguing survey cost £1,543.
- The website and related costs totalled £4,449 (unchanged from 2024)
- Social media and related costs totalled £5,500 (this includes fees to HAT's Social Media Fellow for organising webinars, podcasts, etc. as well as doing all HAT's social media posts).
- Audit fee: £1,800.

Investments:

- The value of HAT's investments increased overall by £9,045 to £158,584 (from £149,539 in 2024), but future growth is dependent on world market conditions.

VCH

- Fees include G Storey £1,316 for the Ellisfield publication funded by private donation £5,000.
- Amount paid towards the Herriard project was £3,000 to Alex Craven from HAT grant.
- Fees were incurred by VCH of £3,753 to cover room hire and members' costs.

Current Assets:

- Bank balance: £9,275
- VCH bank balance: £22,464
- VCH Stock: £2,275
- Current liabilities include Grants due (£9,197), Audit Fee (£1,800) and other (£186).
- Net balance sheet total: £182,872 (down from £197,905 in 2024).

5.3 The meeting voted unanimously to approve the Annual Return.

6. Elections

6.1 Members were asked to vote to re-elect John Isherwood as a Vice-President and voted unanimously to do so.

6.2 Members were asked to re-elect Andrew Burcher and Alistair Dougall as Trustees and voted unanimously to do so.

6.3 Members were asked to elect Helen Doe as a Trustee and voted unanimously to do so.

6.4 David Livermore had announced his decision to step down as Chairman of Hampshire Archives Trust. Members were asked to elect Alistair Dougall as the new Chairman and voted unanimously to do so.

6.5 Alistair Dougall then briefly addressed the meeting. On behalf of the members and his fellow trustees, he thanked David Livermore for all his work and for his leadership in his years as Chairman, and for steering HAT so successfully in promoting and supporting many successful initiatives such as the new website, the schools' history competition and, spearheaded by David Spurling, the move to provide local history societies with comprehensive guidance on the creation of online digital databases. He said that he felt somewhat daunted by the prospect of following in David's footsteps but also enthused by the prospect of continuing with these important initiatives, and in continuing HAT's Grants programme which does so much to support the preservation and promotion of Hampshire rich archive heritage. HAT's cause remains an extremely important one; its work is of enormous value and importance. With the help and support of members and his fellow Trustees, and, particularly, with the invaluable help and advice of HAT's outstanding Secretary, Sue Woolgar, he will seek to do his best in continuing to promote HAT's cause and to support the understanding, use and preservation of Hampshire archives.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

7.1 Members were asked to appoint Martin & Co as independent examiner or auditor of HAT's accounts. The meeting voted unanimously to appoint Martin & Co as independent examiner.

8. Grants

8.1 Sue Woolgar, Secretary to the Trust, presented an update on the grants awarded since the last AGM. She informed the meeting that, from 2018 to April 2025, HAT had awarded over £152,000 to 63 projects.

8.2 Some projects were not always plain sailing:

One for fitting out the proposed New Milton heritage centre stalled because of issues with the building repair of the station master's house owned by British Rail - the building they were intending to lease as the heritage centre. HAT, the local history society and the Town Council mutually agreed to not proceed with the grant but would come back should the project move forward.

Titchfield History Society: despite a robust and well-trying model to transcribe and publish Titchfield Abbey accounts has been much delayed by a hack of the British Library systems severely restricting access.

8.3 Generally, the projects awarded grants do complete to time due in no small part to robust plans as well as HAT's due diligence in considering and making the awards.

8.4 The Bigg-Wither archive purchase for HRO is an example of a smallish contribution of £500 from HAT priming a larger bid to Friends of the Nation's Library for £7000 (in the end needing just £5576 to secure the sale – an example of HAT 'punching above our weight').

8.5 Other awards of note were a grant to Southampton Archives to catalogue records they hold of pressure/community groups, and the Archives to Airshow - a joint venture by the Aerospace Library and the Farnborough Six Form college. The latter brings together archives (through digitisation) and a group of students who research and make presentations about what they have learned. The presentations help the students to develop and demonstrate important transferrable skills for wherever they go onto next.

8.3 The President thanked the Grants Panel for all their work over the previous year.

9. Any other business

9.1 The President spoke about David Livermore's excellent leadership of HAT since 2017 and outlined a series of successes during the period of David's chairmanship. He said that HAT still faced a number of challenges, including needing to increase its membership and to try to attract younger members, and to try to get all the various local history societies under one umbrella. With the forthcoming legacy, HAT was on a strong financial footing and its Grants programme and the schools' competition continued to be very successful and worthwhile.

9.2 Bishop Philip then addressed the meeting and talked briefly about his interest in History and the importance of archives and of the work of HAT.

10. Short talks about grant-supported projects

- Jean Morrin gave a short talk about the work of the VCH, focusing on the Herriard and Southrope short. <https://hampshirearchivestrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/grant-to-victoria-county-history>
- Steve Forrest and Justine Greenfield gave a short talk on the Bishops Waltham house histories project. <https://hampshirearchivestrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/house-histories-project-bishops-waltham>

11. Vote of Thanks

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to all who had organised and presented at the AGM.

ITEM 3 Minutes of 2025 AGM ENDS

10 October 2026

The Annual Return and statement of accounts 2025-26

Authors: Alistair Dougall, Sue Woolgar and David Canniford

1. Introduction

1.1 The Annual Return is put to the AGM for approval before it is submitted to the Charity Commissioners

1.2 The Board of Trustees reviewed it on 20 July 2026 and approved its presentation to the AGM

2. The Annual Return

2.1 The annual return is a statement of objectives and activities, followed by a statement of accounts

2.2 The return is somewhat lengthy and can be found in its entirety on HAT's website, full copies will be available (if requested in advance) at the AGM.

2.3 The statement of activities and the financial of accounts are below as extracts. The balance sheet is at the end of the AGM papers and financial statement are on the website

3. Recommendations

Members will be asked at the meeting to approve the submission to the Charity Commissioner

Extracts from annual return – objectives, activities, accounts

The objectives of the charity are to promote the conservation and preservation of archives for the benefit of the public and to advance public education on matters connected with archives. The archives include records reflecting the history, life, economy and activities of Hampshire and its people whatever their media, including photographs, film, tape and machine-readable records as well as traditional materials such as paper and parchment.

Charitable activities

The Trustees met four times during the year for Board meetings. In addition a number of sub committees were created for specific purposes, meeting on some ten further occasions. All, except one meeting, were held on zoom:

- Wilkes legacy

- grants panel

- survey and website

- new trustees' interviews

- Marketing events including attracting younger members

- forward strategy and chair handover

- planning new project around a digital workshop

- development of policy documents

The HAT Annual General Meeting was held 11 October 2025

Website 2025- 26 shows a steady rise 23k visits as opposed to 18k the previous year. The new directory is much visited and more members are joining and renewing membership through it

Social media continues to grow, it now has 1900 followers there were 12 blog posts, 9 podcasts and attendance at 7 webinars (May to March 2025-6) averages around 25-30 per talk with 133 attendees. Webinars and podcasts are much appreciated

There were **12 Grants awarded** in 2024 to 2026 together amounting to £25,029. The payments are made when costs are incurred and some of these projects are still ongoing as is explained in item 8

Schools Competition

Individual, Years 7-8 Category: Celeste Hatcher (Year 8) from **Boundary Oak School** – a project on Frederick Woodford – a Southampton man who worked on the Titanic and drowned when it sank. It is supported by a superb range of archives including photographs, newspaper cuttings, extracts from the census, logbooks, letters, etc. The range of archives used is impressive and they are used in such a way as to tell a fascinating and moving story that takes the reader from Southampton to Nova Scotia. **Prize of £100 plus a winner's certificate.**

Group, Years 7-8 Category: History Club from Moyles Court (Years 7 & 8) – a film (accompanied by a script and a piece on how they planned and researched their project) on the story about the life and death of Alice Lisle and her connection with Moyles Court. **Prize of £300 to go towards the History Department's resources, a trophy (to be held for a year), and winners' certificates.**

Group, Sixth Form Category: Sixth Form students from Farnborough College – a website on the portraits of Empress Eugenie and her links to Farnborough). **Prize of £300 to go towards the History Department's resources, a trophy (to be held for a year), and winners' certificates.**

The balance sheet (p. 9 from the full statement of accounts) is to be found at the end of these papers, and the full return on the website. The bottom line is looking in better shape thanks to the Wilkes legacy

Hampshire Archives Trust; Annual General Meeting
10 October 2026
Election of Trustees, President and Vice Presidents

Item 6

Report author: Sue Woolgar

1 Introduction

- 1.1 A minimum of 7 Trustees and a maximum of 19 Trustees must be appointed included in those numbers a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The term of office is 4 years. HAT currently has 9 trustees, following the resignation of David Livermore in August 2026.
- 1.2 The following nominations have been proposed and seconded by HAT's chairman and secretary
- 1.3 Any other nominations received, duly proposed and seconded, will be announced at this meeting

2.1 Current Trustees – one current trustee's term of office ends at this AGM and has **agreed to re-stand**; Michael Woodhall

2.2 President Nigel Atkinson's term of office ends at this AGM and he **has agreed to re-stand**

2.3 Vice President/Patron

The term of office for the following ends at this AGM.

The Earl of Carnarvon
Lady Mary Fagan LG DCVO
Rt Revd Jonathan Frost. Bishop of Portsmouth
The Earl of Malmesbury DL

The names of those re-standing or newly nominated will be announced at the meeting

3 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Annual General Meeting re-elect Michael Woodhall and Nigel Atkinson and all VP's candidates announced at the meeting

Hampshire Archives Trust; Annual General Meeting
10 October 2026
Appointment of Independent Examiner

Item 7

Report author: David Canniford

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The appointment of independent examiner or auditor of HAT's accounts is brought to the AGM each year for approval

- 1.2 Martin and Co of Winchester have served in this capacity for HAT for eight years

2 The Independent Examiner

- 2.1 The firm of accountants Martin and Co have considerable knowledge and experience of Charity accounts. They have been approached and agreed to continue to serve in this capacity

3 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Annual General Meeting approve the appointment of Martin and Co accountants as independent examiners

Hampshire Archives Trust Annual General Meeting
10 October 2026
Report on grants

Item 8

Report author: Sue Woolgar

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Trust receives small grant applications at any time during the year, and main grants 2 times a year with deadlines at 30 June and 30 December. All awards during 2025-26 are shown in the next table-and also appear in the annual return. On balance a good record of achievement with most on target and completing or closing in on completion. Two larger projects are still ongoing, and we will hear more about Letters to Elsie in the talks after the business meeting. It was with real regret that Farnborough air show project had to be cancelled as unexpected and insurmountable copyright issues arose (this would have been a partnership between the aerospace library and Farnborough 6th form college students)

Organisation	project	Awarded	progress	Web pages
Grayshott Heritage	WW2 publication "Grayshott's wartime memories"	£500	complete	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/grayshott-wartime-memories
FAST	Aviation in the cold war; digitisation project	£2000	complete	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/farnborough-research-in-the-cold-war
Newnham 900	Oral and written history project	£2500	complete	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/newnham-900
Soton Archives	Activism in Archives-cataloguing project	£3000	ongoing	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/southampton-archives-cataloguing-project
RAS National Aerospace Library	Airshow to archive	£4000	Withdrew-copyright issues	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/airshow-to-archive-farnborough
Watercress Line	Watercress Line through time	£500	completed	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/grant-for-the-watercress-line-through-time
HRO	Purchase of Bigg Wither archives at auction	£500	completed	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/keeping-bigg-wither-archive-in-hampshire
Battle of Southsea Historical Society	Batchelor letters- Letters to Elsie: Echoes from War and Sea	£9640	ongoing	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/letters-to-elsie
Waterside Heritage	Slides digitisation, purchase of scanner	£389	Purchase complete: scanning continues	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/waterside-heritage-digitisation
Milford on Sea	Publication All the Queen's Men	£500	Autumn 2026 publication	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/all-the-queens-men
Wessex Excavation Committee	Publication Brooks excavation report	£5000	ongoing	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/brooks-excavation-winchester
Southampton Heritage Federation	Soton Heritage Fair featuring 28 exhibitors	£400	complete	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/southampton-heritage-fair-2026
Ropley HN&A (Ropley Society)	Swelling Hill Pond Dig conservation of finds and record of excavation	£100	complete	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/swelling-pond-excavation-four-marks

2. Limits

The Trust set the financial limit on grants for 2025-26 in April initially up to £15,000 which was revised to £25,000 in January 2026, a total of £25,029 was awarded. Grants are paid as costs are incurred and so ongoing projects have not yet charged HAT for their full awards

3. Grants 2026-7

A limit of £25,000 has once again been set by the Board of Trustees in July 2026. These are the grants awarded since then. It is very pleasing that the Grayshott wartime memories project was so

engaging that it brought more than enough new material for a second volume. A number of local history societies applied for funding to improve community archive care. The Watercress Line education project is one we wait to see develop, it promises to be exciting and engages so called STEM subjects Science (though in this context Steam seems more appropriate!) Technology Engineering and Maths within its educational programme.

April - August 2026

Organisation	project	Award	progress	webpage
Grayshott Heritage	2 nd volume in Grayshott Wartime memories publication	£500	ongoing	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/grayshott-wartime-memories-volume-2
Sombourne and District Society	Towards creation of Community Archive storage facility	£454	ongoing	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/sombourne-archive-facility
Watercress Line	Powering the past: an educational project based on STEM	£5000	ongoing	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/grant-to-watercress-line
Rowlands Castle Heritage Centre	Rowlands Castle Community Archive Project safeguarding and improving access	£4500	ongoing	Awaiting web entry
Overton Community Association	A home of letters and learning; launching a community archives at Overton Community Centre, HAT grant is to purchase scanner and AV equipment	£870	ongoing	https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/news/hampshire-archives-trust-grants/overton-community-association-oca

4 Grants success

The grants programme continues to be a vital source of funding to get Hampshire projects up and running and has an enviable record of success. HAT looks forward to continuing the programme and making a real and lasting difference.

5 Grant to VCH under the Wilkes legacy

As you will have heard at last year's AGM, and will hear from our Chairman at this AGM, the Wilkes legacy was given to HAT without restriction but requested HAT to give strong consideration to support the VCH project. In July 2026 HAT awarded £60,000 payable over 2-3 years in full and final compliance with that request. This award was outside normal grant bands and required resolutions from the Board of Trustees in January 2026 and April 2026. This is an exciting and ambitious project with lots of demanding work from all involved, and members will watch and hear of its progress over the next 2-3 years

HAT welcomes nominations for new Trustees at all times in the year but particularly at the AGM. If you are a member then with the support of 2 other members please step forward!

NOMINATION FORM

Registered charity 294312

I am a member of HAT and I nominate the following person for election to the Board of Trustees for an initial term of 4 years

Name of nominee.....

Signed.....

Date.....

I am a member of HAT and I second the nomination the following person for election to the Board of Trustees for an initial term of 4 years

Name of nominee.....

Signed.....

Date.....

I consent* to my name being put forward for consideration as a Trustee at the Board meeting on 12 October 2024. If accepted I would be elected with immediate effect and my appointment would be for an initial term of 4 years

*Or have e mailed my consent or written with my consent or consented at a Trust meeting to stand for re-election

I confirm that I am a member of Hampshire Archives Trust

Name.....

Signed.....

Date.....

HAMPSHIRE ARCHIVES TRUST**BALANCE SHEET**
31ST MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	12	-	-	-	-	777
Investments	13	65,637	88,769	25,500	179,906	158,584
		<u>65,637</u>	<u>88,769</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>179,906</u>	<u>159,361</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stocks	14	1,919	-	-	1,919	2,200
Debtors	15	3,102	3,675	-	6,777	19,891
Cash at bank		253,332	14,609	-	267,941	32,256
		<u>258,353</u>	<u>18,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,637</u>	<u>54,347</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(6,399)	(20,458)	-	(26,857)	(30,836)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>251,954</u>	<u>(2,174)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249,780</u>	<u>23,511</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>317,591</u>	<u>86,595</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>429,686</u>	<u>182,872</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>317,591</u>	<u>86,595</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>429,686</u>	<u>182,872</u>
FUNDS	17					
Unrestricted funds					317,591	57,825
Restricted funds					86,595	99,547
Endowment funds					25,500	25,500
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>429,686</u>	<u>182,872</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

Alistair Dougall - Trustee