



STUDY GROUP FOR ROMAN POTTERY

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TREASURER

As Treasurer, I am pleased to present the final Accounts for 2019. As you will see, the society made a profit of £1,074.72 in 2019. We made a very small loss on the two-day conference at Atherstone. We made a substantial grant towards the costs of the Mortarium Stamps project, which you heard about yesterday morning (and see the Notes to the Accounts). Our reserves at the end of 2019 stood at just over £19,600, and I consider the society to be in a good financial position.

I would like to say a special Thank You to **Louise Rayner**, for examining the accounts again this year and for approving them for release.

MEMBERSHIP

On the Membership front, I am pleased to report that we have 154 paid-up members in 2020, including 8 from continental Europe. This is 7 fewer than in 2019, but it is a sad fact that we do regularly lose members, as they retire (or die), although we also gain new ones.

I would like to thank all those who moved their standing order for their subscription to our Community Account or who changed to paying by standing order, rather than by cheque. You have made my life considerably easier. I shall continue to chase anyone who is still paying into the wrong account in November and would be VERY grateful if you could revise your standing order before the end of 2020.

If we decide to run any events online in the coming year, the Committee would be most grateful if you can bring the details to the attention of your fellow workers, academic colleagues and students (not to mention your friends, relatives and anyone else who might be interested). We will circulate information and posters, etc, by MailChimp, so please do open anything we send (even if you close it immediately!) because we only send messages when there is something we think you should know about.

CHARITY

As I informed everybody by MailChimp on 10 November 2019, the Committee was delighted that our application to become a charity had been successful and that as of 30 September 2019, we had been entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number **1185560**. You can check out our entry by going to the Charity Commission website and typing in the above number.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Finally, I apologise that yet again there has been very little progress on the Bibliography. However, having had the lockdown period to catch up on a huge backlog, I hope to give you rather better news in 2021.