

The Cromwell Association – registered charity no. 1132954

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st December 2010

1. Introduction

1.1 This is the second annual report of the trustees (the Council) of The Cromwell Association, which was registered as a charity on 25th November 2009 following the decision of the 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to proceed with registration.

1.2 The report is for the calendar year 2010, which is consistent with the charity's financial year.

2. Administrative details

2.1 The trustees who have served during the year are:

The following officers, all re-elected at the AGM held on 24th April 2010

Dr Patrick Little	Chairman
Professor Peter Gaunt	President
Dr Maxine Forshaw	Secretary
Mr David Hall	Treasurer
Mr John Goldsmith	Press Officer
Mrs Jane Mills	Editor of Journal

Trustees (non-office holding)

Mr David Snowden	(Elected at the 2009 AGM)
Dr David Trim	(Resigned October 2010)
Mr John Newland	(Appointed by Council after 2009 AGM)
Mr Geoffrey Bush	(Elected at the 2010 AGM)

2.2 The Association appointed an additional honorary Vice-President at the 2010 AGM, Dr Stephen Roberts.

2.3 For the purposes of charitable registration the Press Officer is also the charity correspondent and his home address is the contact address used by the Charity Commission.

2.4 The governing document is the constitution formally adopted by the Association at the 2009 AGM held on 25th April 2009 at Naseby Village Hall.

3. Financial review

- 3.1 The Association had a successful year financially in 2010 with a surplus of income over expenditure on general activities of £3096, an increase of £1702 over 2009.
- 3.2 This was mainly due to increases in membership. Income across all categories totalling £1383 more than in 2009, whilst expenditure on Membership Services remained much in line with last year. Income from new members was particularly good with 69 new members joining during 2010. Overall membership was up by 29 to 465 at the end of the year.
- 3.3 In addition 2010 was the first year in which we were able to claim under the Gift Aid scheme for charities and three refunds totalling £670 in respect of 2009 income were received in the year. Over 130 members are now signed up for this scheme which should mean similar refunds in 2011.
- 3.4 A very successful Day School on the Regicides was held in London in October 2010 and this generated a profit of £573. The cost of merchandise at £869 was £703 higher than in 2009 as a result of buying new stocks of bookmarks and ties, which should generate ongoing income over the next few years.
- 3.5 We spent the last £500 of the grant from the Marc Fitch Fund in connection with the Biographical Dictionary project. During the year we received a grant of £3000 from The Aurelius Trust and this is carried forward towards the cost of putting the work done onto a website. It is hoped that with these grants we will be able to complete this project without drawing much on the Association's general funds.
- 3.6 Looking to the future, with expenditure under control and with regular Gift Aid refunds, then provided we can maintain membership income we should be able to continue to make surpluses at a level which will enable us to keep subscriptions at present rates, whilst still having sufficient funds for other projects and activities.

4 Public benefit statement

The trustees have complied with the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit.

5 Objectives and activities

- 5.1 The object of the charity is to advance the education of the public in both the life and legacy of Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658), politician, soldier and statesman, and the wider history of the seventeenth century.
- 5.2 The trust have undertaken to carry out the following activities for the benefit of the public:
- To campaign for the preservation and conservation of buildings, sites and relevant to Cromwell
 - To commission, on behalf of the Association or in collaboration with others, plaques, panels and monuments at sites associated with Cromwell.
 - To support and encourage the Cromwell Museum and Cromwell Collection library in Huntingdon.
 - To provide, within the competence of the Association, advice to television, radio, press and other media on all matters relating to the period.
 - To encourage interest in the period in all phases of formal education by the publication of reading lists, information and teachers' guidance.
 - To publish news and information about the period, including an annual journal and regular newsletters
 - To organise an annual memorial service, day schools, conferences, lectures, exhibitions and other educational events.
 - To provide an Internet resource for researchers in the period including school students, genealogists and interested parties.
 - To offer, from time to time, grants, awards and prizes to individuals and organisations working towards the objectives stated above.

6 Review of achievements during the year

- 6.1 The Association continues to prosper. The council (trustees) met four times: on 20 January, 17 March, 9 June and 13 October. The newsletter, Protector's Pen, edited by David Snowden, was issued in February and July, and in a new venture, an electronic issue was produced in early December. The July mailing also included an in-depth questionnaire, drawn up by John Newland, which brought about 100 replies, allowing activities to be tailored to suit the membership.
- 6.2 The journal, *Cromwelliana*, edited by Jane Mills, was published in July, and included four excellent articles on Richard Cromwell by leading academics, as well as writings and sources, Cromwellian Britain, book reviews, and a short bibliography. Work is also in hand, under Jane Mill's editorship, on a new collection of essays to be published by Manchester University Press under the title *Cromwell's Legacy*. Progress is being made with the Biographical Dictionary, and the association was awarded £3,000 by the

Aurelius Trust to allow it to be put online, in partnership with British History Online.

- 6.3 The AGM was held on 24 April at Sherborne School in Dorset. It was ably organised by Jane Mills and local member Richard Warren, and was followed by a lecture by Dr Alan Marshall of Bath Spa University on the battle of Langport, and a tour of Sherborne Old Castle led by Richard Warren. Cromwell Day on 3 September began with a visit to the Wallace Collection in London, to see the seventeenth century collections of art, furniture and weapons. The annual service was held at the Palace of Westminster, with a wreath being laid at the Thorneycroft Statue by the president, while drummers from the Honourable Artillery Company sounded the last post. The address was given by the chairman on the subject, 'Oliver Cromwell and the Good Old Cause'.
- 6.4 October 2010 marked the 350th anniversary of the first executions of the 'Regicides' in 1660, and on 16 October the Association organised a study day on the Regicides at the City Temple, Holborn. The day was opened by a paper by Geoffrey Robertson QC, and continued with three other papers by academics, including Dr Jason Peacey of UCL and Dr Lloyd Bowen of Cardiff University. The day was very well supported, with over 80 members and non-members attending. The Roundhead Association march through Whitehall and wreath-laying was arranged for the following day, to coordinate with our study day.
- 6.5 The Association has continued to promote its work and interests through the web site www.olivercromwell.org which it does jointly with the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon. The site has had over 300,000 visitors over the year from across the world. The site also generates both enquiries and members.

7 Chairman's conclusion

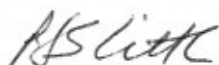
This had been an interesting and varied year, with events of high quality, and the councillors and trustees have made efforts, through the questionnaire and the third issue of the newsletter, to establish closer contacts with the membership. The high turn out at the study day, and the slight increase in membership, suggests that this approach is working.

7 Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:-

Signature



Full name Dr Patrick Little, Chairman

Signature



Full name

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Position

TRUSTEE

Date

16 MARCH 2011

THE CROMWELL ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Year 31/12/2010		Year 31/12/2009	
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
			£	£
INCOME				
Renewal Subscriptions	4485		4485	4125
New Member Subscriptions	1230		1230	560
Donations	950		950	597
	<u>6665</u>		<u>6665</u>	<u>5282</u>
MEMBERSHIP INCOME				
GIFT AID REFUNDS	670		670	
SUNDRY SALES				
Literature, Ties and Other Merchandise	406		406	343
BANK INTEREST				
	2		2	3
INCOME FROM EVENTS				
Annual General Meeting	69		69	813
Cromwell Day	168		168	
Day School	2365		2365	150
GRANTS				
The Marc Fitch Fund				6000
The Aurelius Trust		3000	3000	
	<u>10345</u>	<u>3000</u>	<u>13345</u>	<u>12591</u>
TOTAL INCOME				
EXPENDITURE				
MEMBER SERVICES				
Council Room Hire	240		240	200
Postage, Printing and Stationery	192		192	83
Newsletter	1705		1705	1748
Cromwelliana	1422		1422	1422
Cromwell Day Service	229		229	477
Website	185		185	34
Subscription	30		30	30
Insurance	210		210	210
Other Expenses	158		158	65
Bank and Paypal Charges	43		43	34
	<u>4414</u>		<u>4414</u>	<u>4303</u>
COST OF MEMBER SERVICES				
PURCHASE OF MERCHANDISE	869		869	166
COST OF EVENTS				
Annual General Meeting	0		0	628
Cromwell Day	174		174	
Day School	1792		1792	
CROMWELL PRIZE AWARDS				
	0		0	100
BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY				
Payments in the year		500	500	5500
	<u>7249</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>7749</u>	<u>10697</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				
NET RECEIPTS				
	<u>3096</u>	<u>2500</u>	<u>5596</u>	<u>1894</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Year 31/12/2010			Year 31/12/2009
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
ASSETS				
Bank Deposit Account	4096		4096	4094
Bank Current Account	5904	3000	8904	3377
PayPal Account	86		86	19
	=====	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	10086	3000	13086	7490
	=====	=====	=====	=====
REPRESENTED BY				
Accumulated Fund at 01/01/10	6990		6990	5596
Net Receipts	3096		3096	1394
	=====		=====	=====
Accumulated Fund at 31/12/10	10086		10086	6990
Restricted Funds For Parliamentary Officers Project As at 01/01/10		500	500	
Net Receipts		2500	2500	500
	=====	=====	=====	=====
	10086	3000	13086	7490
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LIABILITIES	0	0	0	0
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The Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities

was approved by the Trustees on

16/3/2011

and signed on their behalf by

