

Management Committee Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2018



1 Structure, governance and management

The object of the Society is the conservation and enhancement of the civic and natural environments of the London Borough of Enfield and its immediate surrounding area, for the public benefit.

The governing body of the Society, known as the Management Committee, consists of not less than six or more than eighteen members. Both the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer are ex officio members; the remainder of the Committee are elected by the annual general meeting of the Society. At every annual general meeting one third of Committee members retire and may be re-elected. Up to three members may be co-opted by the Management Committee itself, but must stand for election at the next annual general meeting..

1.1 Directors

Members of the Management Committee have legal responsibility as directors of the Society as a company and as trustees of the Society as a charity. During the year ended 31st December 2018, the following served as members of the Management Committee:-

Dave Cockle (Chair), John Davies (who retired in June), Tony Dey, Robert Fowler, Stephen Gilbert, David James (Hon. Treasurer), Joyce James, Nigel King, Janet McQueen, Stuart Mills, Val Munday, Anne Osborne, Richard Stones (Hon. Secretary), John West, Leonard Will (who resigned in October) and William Wilson.

1.2 Financial Results

Overall there was a net increase in our total funds amounting to £406. Our total funds at 31st December 2018 were £396,285, of which £282,684 formed our General Reserve, which can be used for the charitable purposes of the Society generally.

1.3 Reserves Policy

The policy of the Society is to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which would allow the Society to contest actively any threat to its aims. The members of the Management Committee consider that the balance of the reserves, after deduction of the designated and restricted funds, is reasonable in view of the

high legal costs that could be incurred in defending such threats.

2 Review of the year and future developments

During 2018 we saw John Davies and Leonard Will leave the Committee and we are pleased that since the end of the year Hilary Morris and Andrew Lack have agreed to be co-opted. Both have been active TES members for some time.

Membership has continued at around the 1,800 mark. It is open to all and we hope the very low membership fee would not prevent anyone joining the Society. Our award winning newsletter—Enfield Society News (ESN)—continues to be sent to all our members four times a year. We encourage new members to join by advertising the Society on community notice boards, having a presence at local festivals as well as using our very active social programme of walks and talks which are free of charge to all members.

We have continued to work closely with the Council, meeting both the Leader of the Council and Council officers regularly. We have also worked closely with Southgate & District Civic Trust, The Friends of Chase Green and Enfield Museum Service on various projects.

We had a successful re-launch of The Edmonton Group under the new name Edmonton and Eastern Enfield Group to reflect the enlarged area of interest. The group will be represented at this year's "Jubilation" event which will celebrate the eightieth anniversary of Jubilee Park.

Interest visits were arranged to Warburtons Bakery, Salisbury House and The West Lodge Park Arboretum.

Other activities of the Society in 2018 and the first part of 2019 are covered in the following reports.

2.1 Architecture and Planning

Although the Architecture and Planning Group tries to monitor all new applications for planning permission, of necessity the main focus tends to be on the more significant developments. The Society is represented on the Council's Conservation Advisory Group (CAG).

During 2018 the Group responded (either directly or through CAG) to applications concerning the Ediswan Building, Duck Lees Lane, Ponders End; the proposed Metaswitch UK headquarters building on the site of the Genotin Road car park; and Berkeley Homes Trent Park development. The Group also considered the BlackRock proposals for the redevelopment of Colosseum Retail Park and

noted the sale by Wyevale Garden Centres of their Crews Hill Garden Centre to a property investor. In addition the Group has taken the lead in preparing the Society's response to the new Enfield Local Plan.

During the year John Davies resigned as Chairman of the Group. John led the Architecture and Planning Group for many years and we would like to thank him for his leadership and hard work.

2.2 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Group

The group experienced no shortage of clean-up opportunities during the year. Major outings included the Turkey Street area in October when we collected 51 bags of litter. Then in December the group collected 80 bags of litter, including a most extraordinary volume of discarded drinks cans, on the Salmons Brook footpath and Montagu Recreation Ground in Edmonton. In March we turned our attention to the Boundary Stream footpath in Ponders End when 27 volunteers collected 90 bags of litter.

Smaller scale events included the Oakwood area in June, and in February the Oakwood area again—on this occasion we also cleaned up part of the station car park.

Thanks are due again to CleanUp UK who have provided equipment for us and also Enfield Society member Stephen Elston who looked after our equipment and organised some events during part of the year when Nigel King was in hospital and afterwards whilst he was convalescing.

2.3 Footpaths and Open Spaces

The Society remains concerned about potential threats to the Green Belt and urban open spaces that arise from local and regional development pressures.

All too often local planners seek to achieve an increase in housing stock by suggesting, or choosing, the easy option of building in the Green Belt, rather than establishing the full extent of existing brownfield or redundant land within the urban area. The recent joint report by the CPRE/Enfield Road Watch/Enfield Society provided Enfield Council with a very detailed overview of brownfield and redundant sites that should provide more than enough urban land for new housing and also help with much needed regeneration. The Greater London Authority has maintained its stance of protection for London's Green Belt, wanting urban sites to be used first.

We are pleased the Council has completed substantial repairs and reopened the section of the "Spurs Path" between Bulls Cross and the alpine rockery gate of Myddelton House Gardens. Minor further works are scheduled for Spring 2019.

During 2018 the Council discovered that the legal status of the Merryhills Way footpath had not been fully resolved in the previous year, but this should now be completed in Spring 2019. October 2018 saw the successful launch of the revised Pymmes Brook Trail from Hadley Green to the River Lea near Tottenham Hale. The route was devised by TES member, Colin Saunders, and TES continues to discuss with Enfield Council the necessary upgrading of route

signage. We thank those members who plan and lead TES walks and visits. There were 60 in 2018 (67 in 2017) with a reduced number of 1214 attendees (1489 in 2017), mainly due to fewer walks and about a dozen walks coinciding with very wet or unusually hot weather. Finally, we must thank one of our long term leaders, Roy Nicholls, who unfortunately had to cease leading in summer 2018 due to illness. Between 1989 and 2019 Roy led over 120 walks.

2.4 Heritage at Risk

During 2018 the group has continued to meet regularly and work on several aspects of Enfield's Heritage. The Local Heritage List is now complete and been published by the Council. The list is available on line and is in active use by the Council's Planning officers and others, something we are trying to encourage by making it available in printed form free of charge for those who have a good use for it.

In order for this list to be relevant it needs regular review and a group of 16 volunteers has been set up to visit every building on the list at least yearly and report back. Issues can then be raised with the Council who plan to review the list only very five years mostly due to financial restraints.

While doing this we plan to review the nationally listed buildings in Enfield in order to ensure they are kept in as high a profile as possible. "Ghost signs" too have been nominated as a fascinating but disappearing feature of Enfield and these too are being recorded when spotted.

Local war memorials are much more numerous than you might suppose, with many being hidden away in schools and other buildings and some in a poor state of repair. These are now being collated and uploaded to a central list by Val Munday.

We continue to feed regularly into the meetings with the Council Officers and Leader trying to maintain a dialogue about the state of Enfield's heritage, very much at risk in these days of increasing financial austerity.

2.5 Historic Buildings

In 2018 there were articles in Enfield Society News on a variety of aspects of Enfield's historic heritage. These included trams, Piccadilly line underground stations, Enfield Market and fair, Broomfield House - Palmers Green, and private housing estates in the 1930's, featuring Chase Side Estate and South Lodge Estate.

Heritage related talks included Enfield Power Station; an introduction to Victorian artists at St Paul's Cathedral Part Two; Enfield's railway history Part Three—Trams and the Piccadilly line; Albertopolis; Charles Dickens and London; the Secret Listeners of Trent Park; Street photography in the East End; the history of Ponders End from 1935 to 1950; Hertford Road (Ponders End); Intimate memories (of the Intimate Theatre); memories of Chase Farm Part One—Schools; the Edmonton Heritage trail; the Bloomsbury Group; the golden road to Samarkand; markets, fairs and festivals of Enfield; finding Enfield's fallen; Dickens and Christmas; and lost buildings of Edmonton.

On Open House London weekend in September there were guided walks and talks around Enfield Market place and St Andrew's church.

2.6 IT and Administration

Leonard Will's newsletter editorship and IT management have been transferred to Andrew Lack.

At the end of November the Society's web-site was moved to WordPress Content Management System which has enabled a number of new features to be introduced. The new web-site also contains a link to view the Society's Facebook page, which is maintained by member Emma Halstead. At the end of 2018 the Society's Facebook page had over 1,000 followers.

A project was started in 2018 to publish all the articles by Stephen Gilburt on the Society's web-site. These are being added from the most recent and working backwards. A comprehensive index is being created to simplify the finding of articles.

The introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) in May 2018 required the Society to contact all members who had supplied it with an e-mail address to gain consent for continued use of the address for occasional news e-mails. Around 250 members (around a third) failed to give consent and have been removed from our e-news list. In addition to the use of e-mail addresses, the Society has also been working to identify what data, relevant to the Act, it holds and where it is held. This work is continuing.

2.7 Press and Publicity

During the year we continued our regular activities, co-ordinating production and circulation of four quarterly issues of ESN, morning/evening cultural programme of talks and visits, updating community notice boards at Jubilee Hall, Frogs' Bottom and Enfield Chase and Grange Park railway stations and arranging the society Annual General Meeting. We also continued updating and maintaining the TES website and our Facebook page.

We organised three Heritage Walks at Enfield Chase in June, Southgate in July, Enfield Lock in September and two coach outings. We attended the Enfield Market 400th Anniversary event in May, the Winchmore Hill Fancy Fair in July, the Palmers Green Festival in September and organised the annual New Members Evening, which attracted more than 50 attendees. We also assisted in the distribution of Open House Weekend guide-books in September and provided a stall and a guided walk in association with The Old Enfield Charitable Trust at the Market Square.

We said a fond farewell to Leonard Will, our long-standing Editor of ESN, as he and his family were moving to the Lake district. TES is most grateful to Leonard for all the hard work put in over numerous years in making ESN the excellent and informative publication that it is today. A new volunteer to the Group, Angela Bowring joined us during the year as Press Officer.

Our publications continue to sell well through Waterstones, Forty Hall and other outlets. In the year we published a new edition of The Enfield Book aimed at younger readers. A revised version of Heritage Walk 1, Forty Hill and Bulls Cross, was published in January.

2.8 Records and Research

Over the past year the Records and Research Group continued development of the photographic collection moving many more photographs to the image gallery on the TES website, sharing the heritage of Enfield with people where they can add their recollections and comments. We answered queries about Enfield's history and accepted material to add to our collection of books.

2018 saw the exhibition about the Enfield Society at the Dugdale Centre and many of the exhibits were selected & provided by the Records & Research Group, in particular Leonard Will.

Following Leonard Will's resignation Hilary Morris has now taken up the reins in running the Group, having worked with Leonard for most of his leadership.

The Records & Research Group now consists of a team of four volunteers and over the coming year we plan to review the records and book collection to aid in the answering of queries from members and others, add further images to our website and highlight more of the images in our newsletter.

2.9 Trees Group

The Trees Group seeks to support tree planting initiatives across the Borough and to protect trees by monitoring tree maintenance and taking up any concerns with the Council or private landowners. We try to ensure that trees with Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) are not removed without consent. We also work closely with Enfield Council to ensure replacement of trees which need to be removed due to age or decay.

The Group maintains the Society's tree nursery at the Trentwood Side allotment. The main priority is to encourage the planting of native British species. This involves bringing on saplings and planting them out at sites that need new or replacement trees. We have grown over 100 saplings at the nursery and this year the majority of these have been donated to Friends of Parks Groups. During February and March trees have been provided for Arnos Park, Bush Hill Park, Conway Road Recreation Ground and Firs Farm wetlands.

Through tree planting projects and publicity we are seeking to raise the profile of tree planting and tree maintenance and to increase people's knowledge about trees. By ensuring that trees are planted and protected, there will be environmental benefits for future generations.

The Group has regular allotment working party meetings to maintain the tree nursery and plan new initiatives and we are grateful for the support that we receive from members.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year Ending 31st December 2018

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Subscriptions	10,159.00		10,159.00	5,120.00
Donations	11,817.76		11,817.76	25,045.45
Sales of Publications	3,299.84		3,299.84	4,238.18
Jubilee Hall Rental	6,914.20		6,914.20	4,904.00
Investments	382.38		382.38	174.55
Groups	1,743.77		1,743.77	2,166.74
Other	378.30		378.30	100.00
Totals	<u>£34,695.25</u>		<u>£34,695.25</u>	<u>£41,748.92</u>
<u>Expended Resources</u>				
Cost of Publications	3,036.94		3,036.94	3,911.45
Charitable Activities	27,904.08		27,904.08	32,569.35
Governance Costs	3,347.93		3,347.93	3,468.90
Totals	<u>£34,288.95</u>		<u>£34,288.95</u>	<u>£39,949.70</u>
Net Movements	406.30		406.30	1,799.22
Total Funds Brought Forward	383,442.08	12,437.07	395,879.15	394,079.93
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>£383,848.38</u>	<u>£12,437.07</u>	<u>£396,285.45</u>	<u>£395,879.15</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets		£110,040.23		£110,877.13
Current Assets				
Stocks	23,422.16		24,150.63	
Debtors & Prepayments	7,198.34		7,030.36	
Scottish Widows 7 Day Notice	95,636.93		95,532.85	
Barclays High Interest Step Saver	119,540.55		119,262.25	
Barclays Current Account	43,140.12		41,572.05	
E-Commerce Pay Pal Account	775.98		709.86	
Petty Cash	7.14		44.02	
Sub Total	<u>£289,721.22</u>		<u>£288,302.01</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,476.00		3,300.00	
Net Current Assets		<u>£286,245.22</u>		<u>£285,002.01</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities		<u>£396,285.45</u>		<u>£395,879.14</u>
Unrestricted				
General Reserve	282,683.98		279,777.68	
Designated Reserve	12,035.40		14,535.40	
Property Valuation	89,129.00		89,129.00	
Sub Totals		<u>£383,848.38</u>		<u>£383,442.08</u>
Restricted				
Total Funds		<u>£396,285.45</u>		<u>£395,879.15</u>

The full detailed set of accounts will be available at the AGM