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FRIENDS OF THE CENTRE FOR ENGLISH LOCAL HISTORY

(now the Centre for Regional & Local History)

(Registered charity No. 1073528)

Treasurer's Report

A summary of the accounts for the year October 2025-September 2026 has been sent to all members by email or post and are included below.

The Friends' assets, including investments at market value, were £40,519 at year end, an increase of £2,220 (6%) over the year. Income was less than for the preceding year as Gift Aid payments were for one year only and income from the sale of second-hand books did not include any significant one-off donations. Our annual surplus (receipts less payments) is very similar to last year at £1,168. Money in the bank has increased to £27,601 from £26,433 at the start of the year. Although the interest rate on our savings account has declined marginally there is still an acceptable monthly income.

Hoskins Day costs were again kept to a minimum as the Centre for Regional and Local History paid for the refreshments provided. No study days were held during the year but these accounts include income and payments relating to study days held in the previous year. Administrative costs are reduced but a one-off payment of £54 was spent on scanning Friends' Papers, completing earlier work to provide access to a complete set of Papers on our website. The number of requests for student support grants was a little higher than last year with payments to PhD candidates and BA students on placement.

Our financial position is sound, and we can meet our financial obligations for the coming year. In view of our lack of contractual commitments, we do not have a reserves policy at the present time – all funds are available for meeting our charity objectives.

I would like to thank Dave Postles for undertaking a review of these accounts. No material issues or concerns were identified during this review.

Karen L. Donegani
14th October 2026