

ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024
AT RADISSON BLU HOTEL, CARDIFF**

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NOTICE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held at 12.00pm on Saturday 5th October 2024 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Meridian Gate, Bute Terrace, Cardiff CF10 2FL

This is a face-to-face meeting at the hotel, but if you wish to attend by Zoom the link is below.
Attendance at the Annual General Meeting is free and open to all, but only paid-up members of the Association may vote at the AGM.

To join the Zoom AGM on 5th October 2024 at 12:00pm London time, go to:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82441264697?pwd=vhpLwIAYqfNNi1EyL0rHwRELDTPWxI.1>

AGENDA of the 2024 AGM

- 1 **Minutes of the 2023 AGM** [*included overleaf*].
Resolution No 1: To approve the Minutes of the 2023 AGM
- 2 **Matters Arising**
- 3 **General Report of the Council of Management** [*included overleaf*]
Resolution No 2: To accept the General Report of the Council of Management for 2023
- 4 **Treasurer's Report**
Resolution No 3: To adopt the Treasurer's Report for 2023
- 5 **Chair's Report**
- 6 **Election of Chair**
The following member is willing to stand and is nominated by Council: **Zoe Arthurs**
Resolution No 4: To approve the election of Zoe Arthurs as Chair
- 7 **Election of Officers**
The following member has indicated in advance his willingness to stand for election and is nominated by Council:
Honorary Treasurer: John Jones
The Honorary Secretary does not wish to be re-elected and we are seeking nominations for this post.
Resolution No 5: To approve the election of the Officers
- 8 **Election of Members to the Council of Management**
Nominations are invited for members to serve on Council.

Resolution No 6: To approve the election of new members of Council
- 9 **Election of Independent Examiners**
Council recommends that Scrutton Bland, Chartered Accountants of Fitzroy House, Crown Street, Ipswich, IP1 3LG, be appointed as independent examiners for the ensuing year and that their remuneration be fixed in a sum to be approved by the Council.
Resolution No 7: To approve the appointment of Scrutton Bland as Independent Examiners
- 10 **Other Reports**
- 11 **Any Other Business**
- 12 **Date and Place of the 2025 AGM**
To be notified

David de Haan, Honorary Secretary

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Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

held at the University of Bath and by Zoom on Sunday 3rd September 2023

There were 70 members present, as well as 8 members by Zoom at its peak. Apologies were received from Charles Bicheno, Tony Crosby, Patricia de Haan, Kate Dickson, Pamela Moore, Paul Saulter.

1 Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held by Zoom on Sunday 25th September 2022 had been previously circulated and on the proposal of Ian West, seconded by Cherry McAskill, were unanimously approved as true record by members from the floor and by zoom 5 votes in favour, with no votes against and no abstentions.

2 Matters arising

There were none.

3 General Report of the Council of Management for 2022

The report had been previously circulated and on the proposal of Ian West, seconded by Terry Evans, it was unanimously accepted by members from the floor and by zoom 5 votes in favour, with no votes against and no abstentions.

4 Treasurer's Report

Following a presentation by John Jones, and on the proposal of John McGuinness, seconded by Alan Hardman, the Treasurer's Report for 2022 was unanimously adopted by members from the floor and by zoom 5 votes in favour, with no votes against and no abstentions.

5 Chair's Report

With this AGM, in just a few minutes, my three-year term as Chair comes to a close. The years since 2020 have not proved the easiest for the AIA or IA in general, due to first the pandemic and now the cost-of-living crisis that is affecting everything from our postage costs to limiting members' ability to commit to events. Nevertheless, I detect some signs of life, with volunteers once again returning to work on sites. For the first time post-Covid Bill Barksfield was able to organise a most successful overseas visit to IA sites in Portugal in May, and the fact that over 100 members are attending this 50th Anniversary Conference are all signs of green shoots re-appearing.

Council decided to celebrate the AIA's 50th Anniversary in Bath since Angus Buchanan, one IA's founding fathers, had been on the academic staff of the University and ran several early IA seminars here.

Since no local group was able to take on the organisation of this conference and the visits programme, Council took on the task. John McGuinness liaised with the University on domestic matters; Zoe Arthurs organised the Seminar; the President sorted out the conference's lead speakers; and Michael Messenger and Geoff Wallis put together the excellent visits programme. We are grateful to them all.

During the period covered by this report – 2022-3 – Council met four times, twice on-line and twice in-person (once in Ironbridge and once in Birmingham), all of them being hybrid meetings so that members could participate on-line if they couldn't attend. We are very grateful to Bill Barksfield for again masterminding Zoom for us. I will not report on specific outcomes since all are detailed in the comprehensive reports prepared by our Hon. Secretary, David de Haan, and Hon. Treasurer, John Jones, in the annual reports we submit to the Charity Commission and Companies House. These reports are included in this AGM's document package. As Chair I am exceptionally grateful to David for keeping our administration and myself, in order, a daunting task. John has kept our finances in good order. The continuing, albeit small, reduction in subscriptions and the rise in outgoings means that Council must keep a careful eye on membership numbers and outgoings.

Even given the difficulties of 2022, our various awards were made, and although applications were smaller in number, the judging teams have worked just as hard. Thanks especially go to Keith Falconer and his team for co-ordinating the Restorations Grants. Since the programme began in 2009 these awards have now exceeded £1 million in total and nearly 100 individual projects have been funded. These grants are exceedingly generously supported by anonymous donors.

Council has been considering changing the role and format of our conference. A major task for the new Council, who will be seeking your views about possible changes to future AIA conferences.

I am pleased to witness the Young Members Board (YMB) becoming an active section. Their activities include organising our pre-conference workshop and the organisation of a further virtual Conference by Juan Cano Sanchiz. The Chair of the AIA presented a paper at an International Early Engines spin-off conference in Banská Štiavnica in Slovakia last October. Here archaeologists have excavated the remains of a 1722 Newcomen Engine House complex. Subsequently the AIA sent some funds to help the mining archive after a major disaster in this

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world heritage town. The AIA also gave financial support for the CBA's Festival of Archaeology held at Ironbridge this July.

Dr Mike Nevell, Industrial Heritage Support Officer (IHSO), now urgently needs a deputy to help him edit *IA News*. Under the joint editorship of Ian West and Ian Miller the *IA Review* continues to attract a good flow of papers from the UK and around the world. Ian West also leads our Social Media group, who produce very readable email communications. Please continue to send Ian and his team any IH information you come across. Other members continue to add to the Facebook pages.

The AIA's increased financial support via Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust for the IHSO meant that funding is guaranteed by Historic England to 2015. Mike Nevell also provides Secretariat support to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Industrial Heritage. We maintain good links with Historic England mainly via Shane Gould. However, we need to improve our links to IA representatives in the devolved regions and related bodies elsewhere with IH interests.

My many thanks to all those, not just the ones I've mentioned in this report, but also to all on Council for helping the AIA and IH in general, both nationally and locally through some difficult times. As you will have heard we are also seeing several long-standing members of Council retiring after many years of support. I am among them; the others are our President Marilyn Palmer, Chris Barney, Bob Carr, Tony Crosby, John McGuinness, Michael Messenger and Steve Miles. Their support has been immense, for which we thank them, but we are also pleased that many of them will continue to contribute as judges on the various awards. Last year I said that Council needs new blood so I am very pleased that some YMB members are standing for the Council and, in particular, that Zoe Arthur, the YMB Secretary, will be replacing me as AIA Chair.

Prof David Perrett

6. Election of Chair

Council nominated **Zoe Arthurs** as Chair for the ensuing year, proposed by David Perrett, seconded by Geoff Wallis, which was unanimously approved from the floor and by zoom by 5 votes in favour, with no votes against and no abstentions.

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7. Election of Honorary Officers

The Council had nominated **David de Haan** as Honorary Secretary and **John Jones** as Honorary Treasurer, who are all willing to stand. On the proposal of Keith Falconer, seconded by Colin Jenkins, the Resolution was unanimously approved by

members from the floor and by zoom by 6 votes in favour, with no votes against and no abstentions.

8. Election of Members to the Council of Management

Penelope Foreman, Euan Humphreys and Juan Cano Sanchiz had indicated in advance their willingness to stand for election. On the proposal of Ian West, seconded by Zoe Arthurs, the nomination of the three members was unanimously approved by members from the floor and by zoom approved by 6 votes in favour, with no votes against and no abstention.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiners

The Council recommends to the members that Scrutton Bland, Chartered Accountants of Fitzroy House, Crown Street, Ipswich, IP1 3LG, be appointed as independent examiners for the ensuing year and that their remuneration be fixed in a sum to be approved by the Council. On the proposal of Ian West, seconded by Amber Patrick, the Resolution was unanimously approved by members from the floor and by zoom by 8 votes in favour, with no votes against and no abstention.

10. Other Reports

There were no other reports.

11. Any Other Business

12. Date and place of the 2024 AGM

The AIA Council proposes Saturday 5th October in Cardiff.

David de Haan, Honorary Secretary

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General Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2023

Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Council of Management of the Association for Industrial Archaeology (the "Charity" or the "Association") presents its report and financial statements for the year. This report also represents the Trustees' Report, which is required to be prepared by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011.

Objects and Activities of the Association

The objects for which the Association is established are to encourage and promote, for the public benefit, the study of and research in the archaeology of industry and the industrial period, and to promote education in the identification, recognition and conservation of the industrial heritage. To achieve this the Association funds restoration grants; awards cash prizes for research and publications; sponsors new research; lobbies bodies concerned with legislation, planning and funding; represents industrial archaeology nationally and internationally; runs conferences and practical workshops; unites individuals, local societies, academics and field professionals; publishes a biannual academic journal, quarterly newsletters and quarterly electronic bulletins.

Honorary President: Professor Marilyn Palmer MBE (until 3rd September 2023).
Keith Falconer OBE (from 3rd September)

Hon Vice-Presidents: Sir Neil Cossons OBE and Professor John Hume.

Elected Officers during 2023

Chair: Professor David Perrett (until 3rd September), Zoe Arthurs (from 3rd September)

Honorary Secretary: David de Haan

Honorary Treasurer: John Jones.

Elected members of the Council of Management during 2023

Zoe Arthurs, Chris Barney (until 3rd September), Dr Juan-Manuel Cano Sanchiz (from 3rd September), Dr Robert Carr (until 3rd September), Tony Crosby (until 3rd September), David de Haan, Keith Falconer, Otis Gilbert, Euan Humphreys (from 3rd September), John Jones, Professor David Perrett, Spencer Gavin Smith, Richard Vernon, Geoff Wallis and Dr Ian West.

Ex-officio: Professor Marilyn Palmer.

Council Meetings and Support

In 2023 the AIA Council met on four occasions and its Conference sub-committee met on one further occasion. Two of these five meetings were held solely by Zoom, but the rest were a mixture of face-to-face and hybrid, as was our AGM on 3rd September at the Annual Conference in Bath, where 69 members were present and a further 12 members joined by Zoom. Our thanks go especially to Bill Barksfield for managing the IT aspects of all these meetings.

We are very grateful to all Officers and members of Council, Co-opted members and Assisting members for the time and effort that they commit to ensure the smooth running of the Association. Outside the meetings considerable voluntary time was spent by our Officers, by the editors of *Industrial Archaeology Review* and of *IA News*, Award judges and members of the Restoration Grant Panel, by the Conference Working Group, the Communications team, and by the Young Members Board. The Honorary Secretary provided the clearing house service for the Restoration Grants, acted as the Liaison Officer and the Sales Officer, and throughout the year supported Council, dealt with queries and forward information to the appropriate quarter.

We welcomed 40 new AIA members during 2023, but we were saddened to hear of the death of long-standing member, Paul Yunnie.

Young Members Community

This supporting group revised its terms of reference in March 2023 and changed its name to 'Young Members Community', with the organising committee retaining the name 'Young Members Board' (YMB). Their aim is to promote industrial archaeology to students, early and mid-career members (who are typically under 36 years old), seeking to grow membership of the AIA and to nurture the professional development of Young Members. At £26, the annual membership fee for this group has been deliberately kept considerably lower than the £40 rate for an adult member of the Association.

The YMB continued to meet online for regular meetings. During 2023 they had four Officers – Vanessa Ruhlig (Chair), Otis Gilbert (Vice-Chair), Euan Humphrey (Treasurer), and Zoe Arthurs (Secretary), plus four members: Ashley Brogan, Juan-Manuel Cano Sanchiz, Kieran Gleave and Jack Roberts. Zoe Arthurs had been formally elected as Vice-Chair of the main AIA Council at the October 2022 AGM and became AIA Chair at the AGM in October 2023, necessitating reducing her YMB involvement at Officer level. In the Association's ongoing efforts to introduce younger members to its main AIA Council, two YMB members

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were elected to Council and three more were initially co-opted, and at the AGM in September those co-opted members became full AIA Council members.

Juan Sanchiz continues to undertake international outreach and has designed and delivered a further, hugely successful, East-West workshop on Industrial Archaeology, which was held online on 27th May. The work he is doing has a tangible impact on membership and article traffic, with our publishers, Taylor & Francis, reporting a significant increase in delegates from China. Zoe Arthurs contributed to the planning of the 2023 Bath Conference, especially the Friday Seminar on the theme of 'Routes into Industrial Archaeology'.

On behalf of AIA Council, the YMB now manage the annual Community Engagement Award, which recognises successful community engagement in a project promoting, preserving or interpreting industrial archaeology or heritage. The award is £500 with a further £500 available to the winners for follow-up work. In 2023 the winner was the Museum of Liverpool for their 'Piermaster's Green Community Archaeology project', with research and two community excavations exploring the families who lived and worked in the dockmaster's houses at the Royal Albert Dock. The runner-up was 'The Material Difference Project' at the Kirkaldy Testing Station in London which sought to develop teaching material for A-Level physics students, their application being Highly Commended.

In July the YMB participated in a successful event for the Council of British Archaeology's national Festival of Archaeology, the Association sponsoring free admission to the Museum of Iron in Coalbrookdale for 15th July. We offered free copies of the *Industrial Archaeology Review* and *IA News*, and encouraged visitors to join the AIA and the Young Members Community. The event will be repeated in 2024.

2023 Annual Conference, 1st to 6th September

The Association for Industrial Archaeology grew out of the passion of a group of people living and working in the Bath / Bristol area in the 1960s, including Kenneth Hudson, Angus Buchanan, Sir Arthur Elton, Tom Rolt, Neil Cossons, and George Watkins. We chose to hold our 50th anniversary conference at the University of Bath, where Professor Angus Buchanan had been on the academic staff and in the early days had run several conferences on industrial archaeology. Tom Rolt was made the first President on the formation of the Association in 1973, but died soon after and was succeeded by Angus, who later became our first Honorary President. Keith Falconer was also on the staff at Bath from 1971 as a visiting research fellow, in a post funded by the Council for British Archaeology.

The whole conference was organised by AIA Council members rather than a local IA society and in structure it was hybrid, but the 'virtual' members on Zoom were heavily outnumbered by face-to-face ones, reaching 17 virtual delegates and 99 physical attendees at its peak. The Friday Seminar was organised by the YMB, and covered topics including the CBA's Young Archaeologists' Club aimed at 8-16 year olds, industrial archaeology and higher education, writing for publication, plus a couple of fascinating case studies – Dawes Twineworks in West Coker, and Toneworks Mill in Wellington, Somerset. During the day the University had put on a display of the archives of Angus and Brenda Buchanan and George Watkins, while in the evening there was a display of AIA documents and memorabilia of the past 50 years mostly brought in by Council members.

The Saturday morning was a series of virtual presentations by our international colleagues brought together by Marilyn Palmer: Helmuth Albrecht speaking from the technical University of Freiberg about a German-Czech cross-border mining area and the process of bringing it to World Heritage Status; Patrick Viaene speaking from the University of Antwerp, looking at safeguarding the coal processing plant at Beringen; Piotr Gerber from the University of Technology in Wroclaw looking at saving industrial sites in Silesia; and Massimo Preite speaking from the University of Florence looking at industrial heritage and adaptive re-use in Italy. We are immensely grateful to Bill Barksfield for managing the technology that brought these international speakers into the lecture room. Saturday afternoon was the familiar pattern of award winners discussing their publications, followed by the Conference dinner, the presentation of awards, and presentations of champagne to eight retiring committee members, details of which are below under 'Changes on AIA Council'.

On Sunday morning after the AGM, there was a fascinating session celebrating the work of Angus Buchanan and his wife Brenda, both of whom had died in 2020, with three familiar speakers from the AIA – Professor Marilyn Palmer, Keith Falconer, and Sir Neil Cossons – plus Angus' son Tom Buchanan. In the afternoon we visited the Museum of Bath at Work housing the incredible contents of JB Bowlers, rescued in the late 1960s by an enlightened architect, Russel Frears, and now housed in what was originally a Real Tennis Court. A group of short 'member's contributions filled the evening in advance of three days of study visits.

Early September 2023 was uncomfortably hot, with most of the subsequent visits taking place in temperatures above 30°C. On Monday the choice was either Bristol Docks, or Brislington and Brandy Bottom Colliery on the outskirts of Bristol. For the former we looked at the cranes along the side of the Floating Harbour, went on board the MV Balmoral, explored the workshops and engine house of Underfall Yard and looked at the rescue of a very early Brunel swivel bridge, a project which had been led by Geoff Wallis. Those who chose the Brislington tour went to Brunel's Temple Meads Station, Brislington Tram Shed, the Newcomen Engine House of 1736, as well as Brandy Bottom Colliery with its engine houses. That evening after dinner, and to whet the appetite for the following day, there was a fascinating talk about Clifton Suspension Bridge by Julia Elton and Trish Johnson, the Bridgmaster. Those who went to the Bridge on Tuesday not only went to the Visitor Centre, but also entered the vaults inside one of the abutments, followed by a visit to the Clifton Observatory and the Clifton Rocks Railway. A parallel tour

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led by Keith Falconer went to see elements of the Kennet & Avon Canal, starting at Sydney Gardens and to the foot of the Widcombe flight of locks in Bath, before moving further out of the city to Claverton Pumphouse, the magnificent 1805 Dundas Aqueduct and the junction of the Somersetshire Coal Canal. The final destination of the day was the Old Brass Mill at Saltford. Like the previous evening, after dinner on Tuesday there was a talk about the Radstock and Somerset Coalfield by Shane Gould, providing the historic background to Wednesday's visits. Half the group went to Paulton and Timsbury canal basins, followed by a brief visit to the Somerset & Dorset Heritage Trust at Midsummer Norton and finally the Radstock Museum. The other half of the delegates went first to Air Salvage International at Cotswold Airport where aircraft are disassembled and parts recovered for selling on. The final port of call was the Science Museum's National Collections Centre at Wroughton, a few miles outside Swindon. We are grateful for the tremendous hard work of the Council members who made the conference such a success, especially Michael Messenger, Geoff Wallis, Zoe Arthurs, Marilyn Palmer, Bill Barksfield, Keith Falconer and Shane Gould.

Changes on AIA Council during 2023

Steve Miles resigned as a co-opted member in March and Dr Ashley Brogan resigned as a co-opted member in August. At the AGM on 3rd September Zoe Arthurs succeeded Professor David Perrett as Chair, and John Jones (Treasurer since 2012) and David de Haan (Secretary since 2010) were re-appointed for a further year in their respective positions. Three new young members from the YMB were elected to AIA Council: Dr Penelope Foreman, Euan Humphreys and Dr Juan-Manuel Cano Sanchiz.

However, there were considerably more changes than usual this year. Eight long-standing Council members – Professor Marilyn Palmer, Professor David Perrett, Chris Barney, Dr Bob Carr, Tony Crosby, Michael Messenger, Dr John McGuinness and Steve Miles – retired after having jointly contributed over 200 years of outstanding support and were each presented with a bottle of champagne at the Annual Dinner on 2nd September in Bath. All but one was over 70, their cumulative ages adding up to 522 years! Of them, our Hon President, **Marilyn Palmer MBE**, had joined Council as the Affiliated Societies Liaison Officer in 1982, jointly edited *Industrial Archaeology Review* with Peter Neaverson from 1984 to 2002, she became Review Editor in 1996, a position she still holds, was Vice-Chair from 1999 to 2003, Chair from 2004 to 2006, and President from 2010 to 2023, finally handing over the Presidency to Keith Falconer OBE at the 2023 AGM. **Professor David Perrett** was elected to Council in 1992, was Membership Secretary from 1995 to 1998, and after a gap was re-elected to Council as Vice-Chair in 2019 and Chair from 2020 to 2023. **Chris Barney** was elected to Council in 2009 when he took over as *IA News* Editor from Peter Stanier, a role he mastered until 2020 when he in turn handed it over to Dr Patricia Bracegirdle. Chris was briefly Affiliated Societies Officer in 2010 and remained co-opted to Council until 2023. **Dr Bob Carr** was elected to Council in 1992 and was both the British Archaeological Association rep and the TICCIH rep from 2004 to 2010, remaining co-opted until 2023. **Tony Crosby** joined Council in 1998 and became the Heritage Lottery Fund rep in 2006, Vice-Chair in 2007, Chair from 2008 to 2011, provided liaison with our Anonymous Donors from 2009 to 2023, and was the AIA's rep on the All Party Parliamentary Group on Industrial Heritage from 2014 to 2017. He was re-elected to Council from 2020 to 2023. **Michael Messenger** was the AIA's Honorary Auditor from 1975 to 1977, Hon Treasurer in 1992, Conference Secretary in 2003, Conference Booking Officer from 2006 to 2008, website manager in 2011 and Conference Booking Clerk for 2023. **Dr John McGuinness** was co-opted to Council as Conference Secretary in 2006, a role he held until 2023. **Steve Miles** joined Council in 2007 and was Conference Bookings Officer from 2008 to 2015, resigning as a co-opted member in March 2023.

All these eight people had roles on committees, working groups, acted as Award judges, reporters on specific themes, and as Restoration Grant Panel judges, and we are immensely grateful that they have all agreed to continue supporting Council beyond their retirement as 'Assisting members'.

Restoration Grants

From its inception in 2009 the Association has received Restoration Grant donations of £1,161,000 against which we have claimed a further £255,250 in Gift Aid. We are very grateful to the anonymous donors who have continued to fund the grants through very generous donations. Without them there would be no Restoration Grants.

After rejecting half a dozen bids that were well outside our criteria, this year David de Haan fielded 21 eligible applications, with requests for total grants of £287,827 for projects valued at £654,079. The applications broke down into the following categories: five buildings – three mills, a tunnel shaft and a lamp hut; four vessels – the hull of a fishing vessel, a paddle steamer engine, deck seats on a day tour boat, and the hull of an oyster boat; three items of rolling stock – two railway carriages and a set of quarry waggons; three items of machinery – a paper pulp beater, a threshing machine and an electric drive to turn a steam engine flywheel; three locomotives – a pair of Sentinel locos and a small Prairie loco; two canal projects – a canal bridge and a canal wharf repair; re-siting a railway bridge; and one road vehicle.

Council's approval was given in June for the shortlist recommended by the Grant Panel. Twelve awards were made totalling £164,864, and the successful applicants were sent an A3 credit panel with the AIA logo to display.

1. Haslingden Grane Mill, roof repairs, £20,000.
2. Bancroft Mill Engine Museum, repointing the chimney, £20,000.
3. Brunel Museum, London, repairs to the shaft and engine house, £20,000.
4. Bressingham Steam Museum, a Burrell threshing machine, £19,800.
5. East Lancashire Railway, a 19th century family saloon carriage, £17,000.
6. Montgomery Canal, wharf wall, £14,600.

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7. St John Ambulance, a 1929 Model-A Ford ambulance, £13,700.
8. Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, two static Sentinel locomotives, £10,964.
9. Astley Paper Trail, a Hollander pulp beater, £7,700.
10. Museum of Carpet, Kidderminster, building repairs, £7,300.
11. Loch Lomond Steamship Company, Maid of the Loch steering engine, £7,200.
12. Britannia Sailing Trust, completion of the restoration, £6,600.

Awards

To encourage scholarship and investigation in the industrial archaeology field, monetary awards were made to the following archaeologists, historians and students:

1. The Peter Neaverson Award for Outstanding Scholarship went to George Demidowicz for *The Soho Manufactory, Mint and Foundry, West Midlands*, Liverpool University Press on behalf of Historic England.
2. Two Dissertation Awards went to: John McGuinness for *A Study into the Progressive Incorporation of Technology and the Consequent Changes in the Use of Space in 20th Century Low Status Housing*, University of West London; and to Anthony Annankin-Smith for *The Neston Collieries, 1759-1855 – an Industrial Revolution in Rural Cheshire*, University of Portsmouth.
3. The Publication Award went to Patrick Grattan for *Oasts and Hop Kilns*, Liverpool University Press on behalf of Historic England.

AIA Publications

Industrial Archaeology Review: Peer reviewed and with an international Editorial Board and published by Taylor & Francis, the journal was edited by Dr Ian West and Ian Miller with Professor Marilyn Palmer as Reviews Editor. Members will be aware that the readership of the Review is far wider than the AIA membership because many universities and libraries allow their students access via an institutional membership. On-line access to the Journal continues to increase and in the full year we saw almost 14,500 articles downloaded from Industrial Archaeology Review, an increase of 20% on 2022. These included full articles, book reviews, shorter notices and editorials. Readers based in the Europe (mainly the UK) were responsible for 55% of the downloads, followed by Asia (18%) and North America (16%). The most popular article in 2023 was on Back to Back houses in Leeds, with 743 downloads, followed by those on a Stockport felt-hat factory (285) and the Vulcan Car Works, Southport (244).

Issue 45.1 of the Journal carried articles on a large, well-preserved railway depot in Greece; early electric bells and at Hatfield House; zinc-smelting in China; an early 19th-century tramroad in south-east Wales; and the inscription of the North Wales Slate Landscape World Heritage Site. Articles published in issue 45.2 covered the following: the Offerton Hat Works, Stockport; an innovative glassworks in Birmingham; mercury mining in Guizhou Province, China; the Chester Lead Works; and the excavation of a large railway depot in Sunderland.

IA News: Our quarterly newsletter continues to be one of the main communication organs of the Association. Three issues were published in 2023: IA News 204, IA News 205 and IA News 206.

204 reported on the 3rd East-West seminar, grants updates on the Victorian Shelter and Stephenson Lift Bridge, local society news and national and European news. 205 reported on the AIA tour of Portugal restoration grants updates from Amberley Museum and the restoration of the Stothert & Pitt Stone Quarry Crane, the 4th East-workshop, ERIH news, Crofton Beam engines and MRIAS. The Winter issue was delayed, so IA News 206 Autumn was the last of the year. It included a review of the 50th AIA anniversary conference in Bath, grant updates on the Hudswell Clarke locomotive and Britannia Sailing Trust, and the AIA visit to the Kidwelly Industrial Museum as well as a variety of national news.

Lobbying, Advocacy and Communication

Planning Casework

During the year Amber Patrick, the Planning Casework Officer, looked at 67 industrial archaeology cases, including referrals either from local authorities, direct from AIA members, or from Historic Buildings & Places. She commented on 12 cases. During the year Amber Patrick, the Planning Casework Officer, looked at 135 industrial archaeology cases. This was substantially more than in 2022. The cases included referrals either from local authorities, direct from AIA members, from Historic Buildings & Places or by checking the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies (JCNAS) Planning Casework Database. She commented on 15 cases.

Some cases reappear over the years and these have included what is referred to as the Greencore Site at Evercreech in Somerset. This was first referred in 2020 and again in 2021, and 2022 and three times in 2023. The site is a non-designated heritage asset in respect of Kemps Mill, a Silk Mill and Creamery Buildings. In 2020 it was proposed to demolish all the buildings on the site, but by 2021 there was a revision in that it was proposed to retain the Mill but still demolish the other buildings. The Association continued to object to the demolition of the Creamery Buildings.

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In 2023 there have been a substantial number of applications in respect of textile mills. These have included Bailey Mill, Delph Oldham, which was for a residential conversion; Quarry Bank Mill, Longwood (demolition of one of the mills), and the remains of Newsome Mill (severely fire damaged in 2016 and for redevelopment including residential), both in Huddersfield; part of Rutland Mills, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, and a site for which there have been a number of applications as the development this very large mill site has progressed; the Walk Mills, Keighley, West Yorkshire, a non-designated heritage asset but an almost complete site in an area which once had an extensive textile industry of which there are now relatively few good quality remains; the Cleator Mills site in Cumbria, another non-designated heritage asset. There were two referrals on this last case.

Mills were not the only type of site upon which comments were made. Others included, bridges, warehouse and breweries and maltings. The last mentioned provided a particularly interesting case in that it was in respect of the two already partially demolished maltings between High Orchard Street and Merchants Road, Gloucester. The proposal was for the construction of a ten storey residential tower, the Maltings Tower, partially on the same foot print as one of the maltings. This would have substantially affected the view the nearby listed buildings of the Docks as well as the skyline of the city when seen from the south. The Association along with other Amenity Societies objected but the application was approved.

Communication

The Association continued to keep in contact with its members, Affiliated Societies and interested parties through the website, e-news, emails and social media. Our thanks go to Bill Barksfield for managing our Website and mailing lists, to Tegwen Roberts for managing the Twitter account, to Paul Collins for managing the Facebook site and to the Communications Group led by Ian West for compiling the e-news.

Website <https://industrial-archaeology.org>: The visitors come from all over the world.

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/wearetheaia AIA's Facebook Group had 3,678 members in October 2023, up 20% year on year. The Group typically attracts between 60 and 90 posts a month.

X [twitter.com@industrialarch](https://twitter.com/industrialarch): The AIA X feed has almost 3,589 followers.

E-news: AIA's email bulletin *e-News* is published quarterly and is designed to share information about important events and stories relating to industrial archaeology and heritage world-wide. It plays a key role in sustaining AIA's wider profile. It currently has 1,386 individual subscribers, up almost 13% on 12 months ago, and 103 organisational subscribers.

Visits

Spring Tour 2023, Portugal, 8th – 14th May 2023

The tour was based initially in Lisbon and then in Porto. Over 5 days we visited 13 historic industrial sites including a gunpowder factory, a tide mill, a water pumping station, a power station, a tramway museum, a railway museum, a wool museum, a textile factory, a pencil factory, a hat factory, a paper factory and a port house. 42 people, members and non-members joined the tour. We must record our heartfelt thanks to José Manuel Lopes Cordeiro who gave us so much help both before the tour in suggesting much of the itinerary, setting up the visits and acting as our guide and interpreter throughout the tour.

Industrial Heritage Support Officer

2023 covers the second year of the current phase of the project. The aims for the project covering the years 2022-25 are as follows:

1. To support and promote best practice through face-to-face support and digital media;
2. Supporting the Industrial Heritage Networks;
3. Helping to develop strategic leadership and partnerships in the sector;
4. Gathering data on the state/condition/resilience of the industrial sites & project impact;
5. Working on securing funding to extend the project beyond 2025.

Michael Nevell acted as Secretariat support to the All Party Parliamentary Group for Industrial Heritage (APPG-IH) on behalf of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust. The Chair of the APPG for Industrial Heritage visited Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings on 10 Nov to inspect the climate resilience features of the mill and the conservation outcomes. The APPG on Industrial Heritage, for which the IHSO provides Secretariat support, have held three evidence sessions on 'The Role of Industrial Heritage in Regeneration and Place Shaping'. The sessions will follow the same set of questions with this one focussing on the view from local authorities. Each contributor being asked to comment on the following:

- What are the opportunities and benefits involved in reusing industrial heritage sites/buildings – economic/social/environmental?
- What are the current constraints involved in reusing industrial heritage sites/buildings?
- How can we encourage developers to take on industrial heritage sites/buildings?
- What fiscal incentives and other measures might help to encourage the reuse of industrial heritage sites/buildings -

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especially in areas of low property values?

- What skills and training might help to encourage the reuse of industrial heritage sites/buildings – and might this be facilitated?
- How can communities be involved in the reuse of industrial heritage sites/buildings?

A report on the APPG on Industrial Heritage, evidence sessions on ‘The Role of Industrial Heritage in Regeneration and Place Shaping’ was drafted.

Online and in person IHN meetings were held during the year, with the themes of post-COVID recovery. Meetings have been held Cornwall and Devon (March 2023), North East (March 2023), East Midlands (March 2023), and South West (March 2023). Face-to-face meetings were held in May (West Midlands at Ironbridge), June (South East at Amberley Museum), in July (Yorkshire at Elsecar Heritage Centre; East of England at the Cambridge Technology Museum; and East Midlands at Cromford Mills) and in November and December (North East, North West and London). The long-term impact of COVID and the cost of living crisis continue to impact the Industrial Heritage Sector and data about this impact continues to be gathered in IHN meetings.

Roles of Council members during 2023, including Co-opted and Assisting members (Co-opted members are identified by the letters ‘Co’ after their name and can attend Council meetings; Assisting members are identified by the letters ‘As’ but do not have to attend Council meetings):

Zoe Arthurs: Chair (from 3rd September and previously Vice Chair), and Secretary of the Young Members Board (hereafter YMB).

Bill Barksfield (Co): Webmaster, Communications Team member, Visits and Overseas Trips organiser, Peter Neaverson Travel Bursary judge, and Peter Neaverson Digital Initiative judge.

Chris Barney: (As) after 3rd September) Local Society Publication Award judge, Best Adaptive Re-use of an Industrial Building Award judge, and Communications Team member.

Ashley Brogan (Co): YMB Chair (until 23rd August).

Dr Juan-Manuel Cano Sanchiz: Council member (from 3rd September, and prior to that Co-opted member), and YMB International Officer.

Dr Robert Carr: (As) after 3rd September) TICCIH-GB Representative, and Restoration Grant Panel judge.

Dr Paul Collins: (As) Facebook Manager.

Tony Crosby: (until 3rd September) Restoration Grant liaison with the anonymous donors.

David de Haan: Honorary Secretary, Liaison Officer, Restoration Grant Panel clearing, liaison with the anonymous donors (from 3rd September), Restoration Grant judge, and Sales Officer.

Stephen Dewhurst: (As) Dorothea Restoration Award coordinator.

Keith Falconer OBE: Hon President (from 3rd September), Restoration Grant Panel coordinator, and Best Adaptive Re-use of an Industrial Building Award judge.

Dr Pen Foreman: Council member (from 3rd September).

Otis Gilbert: Council member and Vice Chair YMB.

Bruce Hedge: (As) Honorary Archivist, and Membership development.

Euan Humphreys: Council member (from 3rd September).

John Jones: Honorary Treasurer.

Dr John McGuinness (Co): Conference Secretary (until 3rd September).

Michael Messenger: (As) Professional Publication Award judge, and Restoration Grant Panel judge.

Steve Miles: (Co) (until 4th March) Restoration Grant Panel judge.

Ian Miller (Co): Co-editor Industrial Archaeology Review, and Archaeological Awards judge.

Dr Michael Nevell (Co): Editor IA News, Industrial Heritage Support Officer, Research Grant coordinator, Peter Neaverson Outstanding Scholarship Award judge, Dissertation Awards judge, and liaison with European networks ERIH and EFAITH.

Professor Marilyn Palmer MBE: Hon President and Ex-officio member of Council (until 3rd September), Dissertation Awards coordinator, Publication Awards coordinator, Peter Neaverson Outstanding Scholarship Award judge, and Review Editor for Industrial Archaeology Review.

Amber Patrick: (As) Planning Casework Officer, Best Adaptive Re-use of an Industrial Building Award coordinator, Peter Neaverson Travel Bursary judge, and Archaeological Report judge.

Professor David Perrett: Chair (until 3rd September), Dissertation Award judge, and Heritage Alliance representative.

Dr Tegwen Roberts (As): Social Media Manager (Twitter), Dissertation Awards judge and Communications Team member.

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Spencer Gavin Smith: Council member.

Richard Vernon: Council member and liaison with Affiliated Societies.

Geoff Wallis: Council member, and Restoration Grant Panel judge.

Dr Ian West: Co-editor Industrial Archaeology Review, Health & Safety Officer, Communications Manager, Peter Neaverson Outstanding Scholarship coordinator and Peter Neaverson Travel Bursary coordinator.

Legal and Administrative Information about the Association for 2023

Registered Office: Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, Coach Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire TF8 7DQ.

Independent Examiners: Scrutton Bland, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors,
Fitzroy House, Crown Street, Ipswich, IP1 3LG.

Bankers: NatWest, 50 Station Road, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5QP.

Status

The Association for Industrial Archaeology is registered in England as a charitable company limited by guarantee, under the Companies Act 1948 (No 1326854) and the Charities Act 1960 (No 277511). The company was established in 1973 under the Memorandum of Association which set out the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the Association being wound up the members are liable for payment of the debts and liabilities of the organisation and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up. Each member is liable for such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.00.

The AIA Council acknowledges its responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act of 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at the end of each financial year, and its profit and loss for each financial year in accordance with Sections 294 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirement of the aforementioned Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as is applicable to the company.

Financial Statements

The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the registered charity number 277511 complies with: the charity's governing document; The Charities Act 2011; The Companies Act 2006; and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective 1 January 2015. In preparing this report, the Council has taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 2006.

Results

The net surplus for 2023 amounted to £203,995, with £179,765 attributable to restricted funds, a deficit of £815 to designated funds and a surplus of £25,045 attributable to unrestricted funds (2022: net surplus of £55,897 with £51,805 attributable to restricted funds, £Nil to designated funds and a surplus of £4,092 attributable to unrestricted funds).

Reserves Policy

The policy is reviewed yearly. It maintains a contingency for a late cancellation of the annual conference, for a cancellation of an issue of *Industrial Archaeology Review*, and for a sufficient reserve to cover cash flow fluctuations during the year. The Council considers that a reserve of not less than £60,000 is required.

This Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2023 was approved by the Council of Management on 14th August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Zoe Arthurs
Chairman

John Jones
Treasurer

David de Haan, Hon Secretary

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations	270	260,000	260,270	0	130,000	130,000
Gift Aid	1,953	65,000	66,953	1,747	32,500	34,347
Subscriptions	17,827	0	17,827	16,217	0	16,217
Conferences	52,043	0	52,043	5,989	0	5,989
IA Review & News	6,250	0	6,250	6,007	0	6,007
Gazetteers	44	0	44	38	0	38
Bank interest	16,084	1,345	17,429	1,471	297	1,768
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	94,471	326,345	420,816	31,469	162,797	194,266
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Administration costs	5,039		5,039	4,447		4,447
AIA awards	2,300		2,300	1,900		1,900
IA Review	8,259		8,259	8,464		8,464
IA News	3,539		3,539	3,955		3,955
Gazetteers	0		0	0		0
Conference	47,534		47,534	6,671		6,671
Accountancy	2,120		2,120	1,940		1,940
Bank charges	35		35	0	0	0
Publicity & promotion	600		600	0	0	0
Grants	815	146,580	147,395	0	110,992	110,992
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	70,241	146,580	216,821	27,377	110,992	138,369
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE PERIOD						
	24,230	179,765	203,995	4,092	51,805	55,897
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
	Balance 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Balance 31 December		
	£	£	£			
Neaverson legacy	28,263	1,345	(1,500)	28,108		
Restoration Grants	89,790	325,000	(145,080)	269,710		
Awards fund	1,131	0	0	1,131		
	119,184	326,345	(146,580)	298,949		

The Council of Management acknowledges its responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the 2011 Charities Act having due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission. No members of the Management Committee received any remuneration during the year (2022 - nil).

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015).

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are shown separately, together with movements thereon.

Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

2 LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS

The Association is a Charitable Company limited by Guarantee. In the event of the Association being wound up, the Members are liable for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up. Each member is liable for such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.00.

John Jones, Honorary Treasurer