



## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup>. OCTOBER 2024**

The Shelley Group was formed in 1986 and became a Registered Charity in 2003 (no.1097547). The object of The Group is the public education and promotion of the Wileman and Shelley potteries and their development. It is a collectors' club with research and educational aims. Open worldwide to all collectors, academics, researchers, institutions and enthusiasts, it is self-funding. The Group is the UK's premier china collector group. Membership this last year was 197, of whom about one-third are from the USA, Australia and New Zealand, where our partner clubs flourish. Guidance and management are conducted by a Board of Trustees, positions being voted in annually by the members. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are implemented and monitored by the Data Protection Officer.

This last year has seen stability but concern over developing trends. The Annual Shelley Weekend went well, being enthusiastically received by the modest number of delegates. At the AGM members received and approved the Annual Report and Accounts, as well as re-electing Trustees and members of the Executive, and welcoming Ruth Jenkins as Events Officer. Subsequently the Accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission.

The Group remains financially stable, with adequate reserves for the foreseeable future. The trends reported on last year continue – new members are welcomed but older ones pass away. Increasingly fewer members come to Telford or to regional meetings. Many members who remain loyal to The Group and receive the excellent Magazine and consult the equally excellent Website remain personally unknown to the Committee. We are grateful to them but wish a greater participation if at all possible, as with hosting a local meeting or making a contribution, however modest. The burden on Committee is considerable, notwithstanding its members' enthusiasms. In addition, the quarterly International Zoom meetings are buoyant, bringing together friends from all the Clubs, especially from the USA. In total there is a wealth of knowledge and expertise, the vast amount of which is available via the website.

Yet again our charitable work, in supporting ceramicists at the University of Staffordshire, led by Professor Forrester, produced evidence of great talent and teaching, despite the many problems faced by students and academics.

The Executive Committee re-iterates its gratitude to all members and welcomes feedback and constructive comment.

DJC (Secretary)

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Registered Charity number 1097547 web site: [www.shelley.co.uk](http://www.shelley.co.uk)

Trustees: Gerry Pearce (Chairman), John Barter, David Cox, Christopher Davenport, Olwen Dudgeon, Linda Ellis, Brian Hill, Carole Lockyer, Bruce Till.

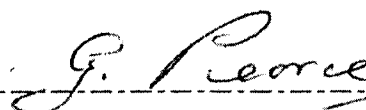
**THE SHELLEY GROUP**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE for the year ended 31 October 2024**

	Notes	2023/2024		2022/2023	
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
		£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	1.	4,925.00		5,072.89	
Donations	2.	629.10		4,470.80	
Tax Reclaim on Subscriptions & Donations		812.02		797.01	
Interest Income	3.	630.36		247.22	
Dealers List		90.00		100.00	
Group Items & Book Sales		245.70		260.08	
Events		12,649.00	11,947.25	10,396.41	10,863.00
Printing			3,878.49		4,151.57
Publicity			196.81		213.29
Postage			2,576.49	19.55	2,191.24
Stationery & Equipment			134.22		349.53
Bursary to Ceramics Student/s	4.		1,000.00		500.00
Committee/Trustee Meetings & Expenses			975.60		957.90
Other	5.		217.88		258.17
Bank Charges (PayPal Fees)			31.72		29.12
Insurance			892.37		814.57
Professional Fee - Auditor			100.00		100.00
		<u>19,981.18</u>	<u>21,950.83</u>	<u>21,363.96</u>	<u>20,428.39</u>
<b>Net Profit (Loss) for the Year</b>		(1,969.65)		935.57	
<b>Reserve Brought Forward</b>		<u>33,679.78</u>		<u>32,744.21</u>	
<b>Reserve Carried Forward</b>		<u>31,710.13</u>		<u>33,679.78</u>	
<b>Balances</b>					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		20,520.26		22,964.08	
Fixed Assets	6.	9,100.40		8,672.00	
Sundry Debtors – Gift Aid Tax Refund		3,617.99		3,547.44	
Sundry Creditors			50.00		0
Prepaid Subscriptions			2,010.21		2,110.70
Prepaid Expenses		787.57		706.96	
Accrued Expenses			255.88		100.00
Reserve			31,710.13		33,679.78
		<u>34,026.22</u>	<u>34,026.22</u>	<u>35,890.48</u>	<u>35,890.48</u>

I have inspected the above income and expenditure account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 20243 and the records of the society and confirm that these are in agreement

D. Heard

Chelmsford  
January, 2025



Chairman  
9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

- Subscriptions:** Membership subscriptions have decreased slightly during the year by £147.89 or 2.92% (2022/23 – increased by £276.66 or 5.17%).
- Donations:** Included under Income are: raffle of an item decorated by Ray Reynolds £148 (2022/23 - £185); members' donations - £481.10 (2022/23 - £193.80) and donation of a Wileman Pattern book nil (2022/23 – £4,092).
- Interest Income:** Bank interest increased due to the rise in interest rates £527.80 (2022/2023 - £175.18); plus interest paid on Gift Aid claimed was £102.56 (2022/2023 – £72.04).
- Student Bursary:** Two additional student awards were made in 2023/2024 of £250 each as well as the usual annual bursary of £500. (2022/23 - £500.)
- Other:** Includes the cost of The Group's subscriptions to the American and Australasian Shelley clubs - £73.68 (2022/23 - £78.51); charity donations re deceased members, nil (2022/23 - £50); Ray Reynolds' Raffle Prize nil (2022/23 – £25); Licence Fees - £144.20 (2022/23 – £104.66).
- Addition to Fixed Assets:** Conservation and rebinding of the donated Wileman Pattern Book £428.40 (2022/23 Donation of Wileman Pattern Book, Second Series Intarsio - £4,092).