

**The British Epigraphy Society**  
(otherwise known as 'The Epigraphy Society')  
Charity commission registration number 1090249

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1 OCTOBER 2013 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

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**Trustees:** John Davies, Abigail Graham, Christoph Lundgreen, Nicholas P. Milner, Roger Tomlin, Ulrike Roth, Benet Salway, Charlotte L. Tupman.

### 1. General

The society's purposes and administration are regulated by the constitution adopted on 11 November 2000 and amended on 10 November 2001. Its object, as stated in clause 3 of which, is 'the advancement of public education within the subjects of archaeology and history, particularly the study of inscriptions, texts, and historical documents.' Members of the steering committee are trustees of the charity. Membership of the steering committee is governed by clause 7 of the society's constitution, which specifies that, in addition to the honorary officers (the President, Secretary, and Treasurer) elected by general meeting of the membership, at any one time the committee may comprise up to six more members either similarly elected or (up to a maximum of three) co-opted by the committee. In order to meet all contingencies, it has been decided not to let reserves fall below £2,000.

### 2. Main activities and achievements in relation to the charity's objects

The society holds meetings to provide a forum for the public discussion and advancement of knowledge of inscriptions, texts and historical documents, where students, scholars, and others can mix. The society supports and helps organise workshops, conferences and summer schools to provide training for younger scholars, and to promote interest in epigraphy to the public. The society produces and distributes information about epigraphic discoveries, meetings, workshops, and other matters of related interest, typically twice a month to its members through e-mail shots with information of epigraphic interest. The Society provides speakers for schools, epigraphic training and summer courses.

Key events – meetings and training – organised and/or supported by the Society included in 2013-14 the Autumn Colloquium held in London on 16 November 2013, the Spring Meeting held in Edinburgh on 4 May 2014, and a practical epigraphy workshop held in Corbridge in June 2014.

The main programme for 2014/2015 will include the Society's twice yearly meetings (the Autumn Colloquium, and the Spring Meeting). In addition, we anticipate to support numerous epigraphic events and activities, including talks to school groups, workshops and summer schools. As in previous years, the Society is also setting aside some funds for bursaries for students attending training schools in Greek and Latin Epigraphy, and for the Autumn Colloquium and Spring Meeting.

### **3. Grants awarded from assets of the Charity 2013-14:**

The Society regularly awards grants in aid of epigraphic meetings as well as bursaries especially to students to help with attendance at epigraphic workshops and training events. This year these included the following:

£347 were awarded in the form of bursaries to enable four students – Laura Löser (St. Andrews) £125; Juan Lewis (Edinburgh) £65; Tatjana Sandon (Edinburgh) £120; Ghislaine van der Ploeg (Warwick) £37 – to attend the Autumn Colloquium in London on 16 November 2013. Two students were supported with a total of £175 to attend the Society's 2014 Spring Meeting in Edinburgh.

£500 were granted towards the organisation of a Practical Epigraphy Workshop in 2014, organised by Peter Haarer, in Corbridge.

£275 were awarded to three students to help with attendance at the BSR Epigraphy Course in July 2014: Sophia Brockmann (Köln), Alison Pollard (Oxford), Tatjana Sandon (Edinburgh).

### **4. Donations to the Society from individuals and grants received from other bodies**

The Society received a number of very generous donations and grants in support of its activities - including:

grants from the Hellenic Society (£150) for the Autumn 2013 meeting, from the Hellenic Society (£150) and the Roman Society (£200) towards the Autumn 2014 meeting, and from the Roman Society (£300) for the Corbridge epigraphy workshop.

Three gifts of £2, and one gift of £1, were received from individual members.

These gifts and grants exemplify the Society's recognised activity in assisting especially students with enhancing their knowledge and expertise in the field of epigraphy.


### **5. Statement of Public Benefit**

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Steering Committee has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary guidance on the advancement of education.

As the Society is a charity, its donors and sponsors have the assurance that the income of the charity is applied to educational purposes. The Society enjoys tax exemption on its charitable activities and investment income and gains, provided these are applied to the charitable objects. The financial benefits received from these tax exemptions are all applied to the Society's educational purposes and indirectly help it to maintain its support for research and training.

As a sponsor, enabler, and, to the extent permitted by its resources, funder of lectures, seminars, newsletters, and training in the relevant subject areas, the charity gives a public benefit by providing a forum for adding to the collective knowledge and understanding of specific fields of study and expertise, and the training of students in the acquisition of such skills. Students may also be assisted to attend such academic events so that they are not excluded for impecuniosity, and our lecture meetings are open to all, including non-members, for a modest daily charge.

**Date:** 15 October 2014

**Signed:**  ..... (Honorary Secretary)  
(Dr U. Roth)