

Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 28 October, 2023 at 14.30 in person and on Zoom

Present: Joy Bithell, Michael Brock, Kay Byers, Alison Carter, Revel Coles, Marsali Coles, Robert Fowler, Patricia Gerber, Sheena Hampson, Leofranc Holford-Strevens, Alison Palmer, Patrick Pollard, Sam Rowley, Audrey Sheen, Peter Spital, Kate Starling, Bob Stone, Nigel Wilson

On Zoom: Alison Allden, Gillian Austin, Jack Godwin, Hannes Hoffmann, Rosemary Jeffreys, Susan Krantz, Julie Lorenzen, Annalisa Marzano, Yvonne Nava-Yedid, Daniel Resheter, Susan Russell, Anne-Marie Svensson

Apologies: Fiona Beck, Paul Everard, John McIlwaine

- Minutes of the last meeting on Sat 5 November 2023 were received.
- Trustees' Report and Statement of Accounts to 30 April 2024 were received.
- Robert Fowler presented 'The Year in Review' in his Annual Report. It has been an extremely active and satisfying year.
- The Society has continued to collaborate with the University of Kentucky in the administration of the Mellon grant for the CISPE papyrologists in Naples.
- The Custodian's Room Project in Herculaneum is underway.
- The Vesuvius Challenge is generating a lot of interest.
- A group of members attended a very informative study day at Colchester visiting the Circus, Museum and other Roman remains in the town.
- Student bursaries have been advertised.
- The Society welcomed a new Trustee: Tobias Reinhardt, Corpus Christi Professor of Latin at the University of Oxford.
- Kate Starling, Trustee, gave an introduction to the 9th Herculaneum Society Congress to take place in Ercolano in September 2024.
- AOB: A question was raised as to the Herculaneum Society's stance on further excavations at the Villa of Papyri. The response was that the Society supports further development of the site as a whole, including the Villa, within the bounds of the Parco's priorities and good conservation practice.

The meeting adjourned at 15.20.