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### **Annual General Meeting 2022**

The 98th Annual General Meeting was held at 2pm on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. The meeting was chaired by the President, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Inglewood DL, and attended by 59 people.

The President began proceedings by welcoming members. He noted that this was the first AGM held in person since 2019 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and that the charity had gone through some transformative events, in particular the rebranding from the Ancient Monuments Society to Historic Buildings and Places. After receipt of apologies for absence from eight trustees (Phil Thomas, Jill Channer, Judy Cligman, John Bold, Kathy Fishwick, Roger Wools, Carole Ryan, Edward Morton), the Minutes of the 2021 AGM (previously published in Volume 01 of the Journal) were confirmed to be a fair and true record.

Mr Ross Anthony, the Secular Caseworker, gave a summary report on the casework undertaken in 2021 by himself, Matthew Saunders, the Ecclesiastical Caseworker, and Amber Patrick, the Industrial Caseworker. Of particular note was the significant increase in consultations in 2021, which saw 9000 submissions to the Casework Hub, in comparison to 2020 when 6500 submissions were received.

The Chairman, Mr Giles Quarme, then presented his Chairman's report. He began by welcoming the members and Will Palin, the Chief Executive of Barts Heritage and the guest speaker for the AGM. He reminded members of the amicable separation with the Friends of Friendless Churches in 2021 and explained that this had enabled the Ancient Monuments Society to address various issues, including the need to update the charity's name and branding.

Mr Quarme then noted a number of staff changes. Matthew Saunders had stepped down from editing the Newsletter and Graham Kent had retired from his role as Book Review Editor, while John Bold planned to step down as editor of the Transactions, now known as the Journal. Paul Holden had taken on the editing of the newly rebranded Heritage Now magazine, and had also agreed to take on the role of Editor of the Journal.



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Mr Quarme then announced that the Director, Lucie Carayon, had retired following a period of ill health. Ms Carayon joined the charity in 2011 as a Caseworker and became Director in 2018. Mr Quarme thanked her for her tremendous service, and also gave thanks to Alison Du Cane, Assistant Director, for her support in Ms Carayon's absence. Ross Anthony had accepted a permanent contract as Secular Caseworker, and had increased his working days from three days per week to four. Mr Quarme also explained that an extended contract had been arranged for Stefanie Turza, the Marketing & Communications Officer, and welcomed the new Membership & Finance Manager, Christina Avramakis.

Mr Quarme explained that it had not been possible to award the Stephen Croad essay prize in 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic restricting access to research centres and archives. The Treasurer, Leslie Du Cane, presented the Accounts for the year ending 2021. He reported that income was good in 2021, in part due to legacies received, and explained that expenditure was greater than in 2020 due to the costs for the rebranding consultancy, improved magazine and the increase in casework. He then nominated Xeinadin Audit Limited (previously known as McLintocks) as the charity's auditors and their re-election was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

The Meeting then proceeded to the elections. A list of those standing had been issued to members in advance. The Chairman put the election of Officers and Board Members to the meeting in two separate blocs. They were elected by a unanimous vote.