

**Friends of Sheffield Castle, AGM 21 April 2022**  
Statement of account for the year-end 31 March 2022

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Bank balance brought forward	£3724.33	£2919.75
Cash brought forward	£76.68	£76.68
<b>Total brought forward</b>	<b>£3801.01</b>	<b>£2996.43</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	£760.95	£911.42
Grant	£240.00	£0.00
Donations	£136.14	£132.00
Sales	£171.50	£0.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£1308.59</b>	<b>£1043.42</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Insurance	£99.31	£0.00
Room hire	£0.00	£0.00
Merchandise	£2.00	£0.00
Equipment	£99.14	£0.00
Website	£189.39	£205.00
Catering	£0.00	£0.00
Printing	£57.45	£0.00
Stationery	£2.10	£0.00
Postage	£58.27	£33.84
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£507.66</b>	<b>£238.84</b>
<b>Balance</b>		
Balance in account	£4541.86	£3724.33
Balance in cash	£60.08	£76.68
<b>Total balance</b>	<b>£4601.94</b>	<b>£3801.01</b>

Signed:

Date:

Glynis Jones, Treasurer



## **Friends of Sheffield Castle – Chair Annual Report – April 2022**

The past year has been dominated by news that the Council secured funding under the Government's 'Levelling Up Fund' to the tune of c£20m, of which £16m has been allocated to the Castle site. This was unexpected but represents a great achievement by Nalin Seneviratne, previous Director of City Centre Development, and his team.

Sadly, Nalin has moved on now and we have lost a great advocate of the Friends and our Blueprint for the site. Start to the project has been very slow and there has been some frustration that the clock is ticking (the money has to be spent by March 24) and there has been little consultation with us so far.

We keep on being re-assured that we will part of a small working group moving forward, and we have been party to meetings with Councillors and officers on site with Sheaf & Porter River Trust to ensure our voices are being heard.

We understand that a 'Deposit Model' of the site is currently being worked on, this means a survey of the site to set out what is known about the archaeology, where it is and what level it is underground. This will then determine what remains can be excavated and interpreted but also allow plans to be drawn for routeways through the site, areas of public realm and plots for future development. Remember, there is nothing allocated for buildings within the £16m allocated, so a visitor centre or museum or the like will be part of further funding applications.

As a group, we feel our role continues to be one of influencing and applying pressure as necessary with the Council's decision makers to ensure that we see a final scheme that fully celebrates the history of the site and maximises interpretation of the Castle remains.

We have been delighted to again take tours round the site and we hope to continue to do this in the short term although of course, we do expect work to start on the site one way or another in the not too distant future, and this may restrict our visits. Clearly in the longer term, open access for everyone is what we are aiming for.

Committee members John Baker and Tom Moore are to step down from their roles and I just wanted to put on record my thanks to both of them, for their contribution to the group. Tom was behind the design work/plan for the site which appears in our Blueprint and John was a founder member of the group who looked after Membership records/communications. Thanks to both.

Thank you for your continued support of the Group and we would encourage anyone who is interested in becoming more involved, or have questions, to contact us via the website under the 'contact' heading.

Martin Gorman  
Chair

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