Northern Society of Chartered Accountants

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



NORTHERN SOCIETY OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Northern Society of Chartered Accountants (NorSCA) was founded on 31 July 1882 with its inaugural meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne. The Society was established to support and encourage chartered accountants in the north of England to act in the public interest and to enhance their professional knowledge.

The Society was founded only two years after the formation of ICAEW (the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) which was formed 11 May 1880 when the founding societies of Liverpool, Manchester, London and Sheffield agreed to form a national organisation.

As highlighted by the President in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022, the ICAEW had undertaken a review of the legal position between the different district societies (and that of the incumbent officers) and the ICAEW and related legal responsibilities such as over risk, insurance, data protection (GDPR) and branding. This necessitated structural change with the establishment of local ICAEW network boards, in our case ICAEW Northern. All of the operational activities of the former district societies such as the annual dinner and local events such as the Redworth weekend or business visits would be through the newly established network board, ICAEW Northern, supported by the ICAEW regional team. This would serve to remove the current legal risks faced by Northern Society and its office holders. As a result of the transition to ICAEW Northern, the Northern Society would adopt a new constitution to exist to manage the legacy reserves as from 1 January 2024 with the constituent branches dissolved as at 31 December 2023. An EGM, to which all Northern Society members were invited, was held on 19 October 2023 and formally approved all the resolutions associated with these changes.

This transition is common to the vast majority of other former district societies with some signed up to become early adopters of this change from 1 January 2023. The vast majority of the remaining societies transitioned into the model by 31 December 2023 (with many transitioning mid-2023). With relevance, those becoming ICAEW Networks include all our neighbouring and geographic proximate local societies – West Yorkshire and York, Humberside, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool (three of the founding societies) and Scotland which has always been a ICAEW Network.

The following report provides more information on the EGM and the establishment of ICAEW Northern from 1 January 2024.

The Northern Chartered Accountant Students' Society (NCASS) for younger members continues its activities as a separate body and is unaffected by these changes.

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Past Presidents of Northern Society

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1930 T P Parmeter 1931 C T Benson 1932 T C Martin 1933 E Robinson CBE 1934 W Rose 1935 N Dunn 1936 B Dudley 1937 G Adam 1938 T P Parmeter 1939 G Ridlev 1940 R P Winter CBE 1941 R P Winter CBE 1942 R P Winter CBE 1943 N Dunn 1944 J Taylor 1945 P Gardner 1946 W H Mchlery 1947 J M S Coates OBE 1948 J A Crisp 1949 J E Hilton 1950 P Gardner 1951 R P Winter CBE 1952 E M Robinson OBE 1953 F M Kellet 1954 T C Squance OBE 1955 R K Dotchin 1956 R Mould-Graham OBE 1957 J M S Coates OBE 1958 Sir Robin Chapman Bt 1959 P Cooper 1960 A Whittaker 1961 P T Duxbury 1962 J C Benson 1963 F E Proom 1964 D B Ward MBE 1965 S A Middleton 1966 H Murray 1967 N T O'Reilly OBE 1968 H Kirton 1969 K J Hilton 1970 A C Dixon MBE 1971 C H W Sansom 1972 C Collett 1973 R E Grav 1974 R G Wilson 1975 G Gallon 1976 G Whitehead

1977 T C Middleton 1978 I R Turner 1979 R C Spoor OBE 1980 R Lovelv 1981 J M Stanley 1982 L H Gatoff 1983 C D Kyle 1984 J N Straughan 1985 D R Robson 1986 D M Middleton CBE 1987 A Wappat 1988 D K Wilson 1989 J S Collier 1990 S W Rainbow 1991 R J Anderson 1992 M F Leonard 1993 J A Wood 1994 J Bell 1995 R S Liddell 1996 J L Hinkley 1997 R M Griffiths 1998 R Hill 1999 S J Lundy 2000 T P Armitage 2001 M W Scott 2002 D Tait Walker 2003 J S Hollins-Gibson 2004 A A Josephs 2005 W R Graham 2006 R Barrigan 2007 P M Clarke 2008 J G Summers 2009 M L Ranson 2010 J R Hunston 2011 D A Swallow 2012 N J Lambert 2013 J Brown 2014 A R Jackson 2015 R R Tindle 2016 D R Arthur 2017 K Muir 2018 A Johnston 2019 K M Proudfoot 2020 C I Soan 2021 C I Soan 2022 Y Gale 2023 R E Slack

Report of the General Committee of Northern Society of Chartered Accountants

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

President Deputy President Honorary Secretary Honorary Treasurers Member of Council Cumberland Chair Teesside Chair Tyne & Wear Chair Past President Courses Chair Retired Members	R E Slack C I Soan J Walsh T McCollam R R Tindle T Ferguson S Igo E Hartshorne-Ferguson Y Gale P M Clarke Vacant
Courses Chair	P M Clarke
Elected	Vacant O Deacon, A Gent, A R Jackson,
Co-opted	A Langman (Business members), G Little (Practice members), K Muir (Dinner Secretary), S Richardson (NCASS)

The committee met on five occasions to discuss matters of moment and importance. The committee officers held regular meetings. In addition, an EGM was held on 19 October 2023

NORTHERN SOCIETY MEMBERS ON INSTITUTE PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES

Disciplinary Committee Practice Committee Committee of Council Members & Commercial Board M Ranson G Little R R Tindle Y Gale

REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS TO NORTHERN SOCIETY

Colin Hutson Accounting Limited

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF ALL COMMITTEES

Northern Society President, Deputy President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer

COURSES CHAIR

P M Clarke

on-line.

REGIONAL STAFF

Regional Director – Dr J Callaghan Regional Executive – J Lucking Regional Business Development Manager – Anna Rennison Email <u>northern@icaew.com</u> Web icaew.com/northern

MEMBERSHIP

At 31 December 2023 the membership of the Society was 3,406.

TRANSITION OF NORTHERN SOCIETY OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS TO ICAEW NORTHERN.

The EGM was held on Thursday 19 October to vote on the transition to ICAEW Northern and related resolutions. These were: to adopt a revised constitution for the Society; to move the operations of the Northern Society and Constituent Branches to a local ICAEW network with effect from 31 December 2023; and to formally dissolve the Cumberland Society of Chartered Accountants, the Tyne & Wear Society of Chartered Accountants and the Teesside Society of Chartered Accountants on 31 December 2023 as they formed constitutional parts of Northern Society. There were 29 attendees at the EGM and of those members who voted, the result was unanimously in support of all resolutions with the transition to ICAEW Northern effective from 1 January 2024.

The reasoning for the transition to ICAEW Northern and the related EGM for members was outlined by the former president at the AGM in May 2023, elaborated on in more detail by the current president in NorSCA News Summer (September) 2023 edition, and in his opening address at the EGM, now summarised for information.

The former district societies were not homogeneous in composition; the majority were unincorporated associations (with some being Limited Companies) and there was no standardised way of working. Further, the perception amongst the membership and external parties was that the district societies were interlinked with ICAEW and that actions taken, liabilities incurred, and contracts entered into by the societies are done so with the approval of and/or on behalf of the ICAEW. As a result, in their current form, societies, volunteers and the Institute were potentially exposed to unnecessary operational (such as risk management, insurance and data protection issues all of which would need to be locally managed in the district society structure), legal, reputational and financial risks.

For Northern Society the principal areas of risk related to a number of discrete factors. Courses: There has been a significant scale decrease in face-to-face courses exacerbated through the COVID pandemic across all training providers and common to other professional bodies and training companies. CPD is now primarily provided centrally on-line. At a local level this has resulted in the loss of the historic income stream to provide local courses of around £6,000 per year Mercia (reported at the AGM for the year ended 31 December 2022).

Risk and liability: At a local society and facing all district societies there has been increasing concerns as to legal liabilities of those societies which will, if operating outside of ICAEW, directly fall on their officers who are volunteers and who would be liable. These relate to risk, insurance and GDPR relevant to all events. Through transition to ICAEW Northern, these risks will be managed by ICAEW.

ICAEW support: For all events there is considerable dependence on the vital local ICAEW administrative and organisational support provided by the Regional Executive. The transition to ICAEW Northern will help safeguard the future of local events for members and will enable greater partnership with the local ICAEW team (Regional Director and Regional Executive) for annual event planning including an annual ICAEW budget for planned activities.

The existing District Society will not be dissolved and will continue to exist in a "shell" or legacy form with an amended constitution approved at the EGM. The object for which the Society is established is solely to hold and manage its reserves in a way that furthers the principal object of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) which is to advance

the theory and practice of accountancy. The legacy Society will be run by a committee of five trustees, who will decide how legacy reserves should be used with an appropriate reserves policy. An AGM will continue to be held annually and prior to 30 June.

FINANCES

The Society had a successful year, making small profits on events and courses supporting our break-even target across events. Unfortunately, Mercia pulled out of the region which led to a reasonably significant reduction in commission from course providers. This meant that, despite a small profit on events, due to that external issue common across professional bodies and training providers with a move to on-line provision, we made an overall net loss similar to the previous year of £3,551 (2022: £3,724 loss). The small profit of £551 on courses was similar to that of last year (2022: £752) and the net cost of events was also small profit of £286 (2022: £7,105 loss), which illustrates the society's strong cost management in the year, particularly on the larger events such as the NSCA Dinner.

The notes support the minimal changes in underlying activities with the most significant movements being in relation to the printing, stationery and communications which saw an increase due to an additional NorSCA news edition in the year. The 2023 Balance sheet shows a decrease in net assets due to a reduction in accounts receivable at the year-end as well the small reduction in cash primarily reflecting the losses noted above. Following the transition to ICAEW Northern, as of 1st Jan 2024, the legacy reserves of the Society are now managed by the trustees of the Northern Society.

Therese McCollam would like to note their thanks for the support received from Joanne Lucking, the ICAEW District Accounts Team, and Colin Hutson Accounting.

COURSES AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD).

During 2023 reflective of the general culture and changes in how delegates wish to participate and the move to on-line courses, members can now access relevant CPD courses via ICAEW Essentials. Nonetheless during 2023, we were delighted to run our successful face to face General Practitioner conference at Redworth Hall over the weekend of 8 to 10 March which was attended by 35 delegates. Thanks to Pam Clarke (our courses chair) for her enthusiastic and assiduous support of this event. During the year the society also held 3 (2022: 8) events attended by 44 (2022: 138) participants.

ANNUAL DINNER

The 2023 Northern Society Business & Awards dinner, kindly sponsored by Durham University Business School took place on Friday 24 November at The Grand Hotel, Gosforth Park. The dinner was attended by 130 people and over £1,300 was raised on the night for Down's Syndrome North-East (DSNE). During the dinner three annual business awards were presented. Ann Cleeves, the well-known author (of Vera and Shetland fame) was our guest speaker and gave a fantastic after-dinner speech.

BEAMISH MUSEUM VISIT

A 'behind the scenes' presentation on financing, managing the museum and sustainability by Mark Pemberton (Finance Director) and Sally Dixon (Assistant Director) was held on Sunday 8 October 2023. Over 20 members and guests attended and also enjoyed a private bus tour and guide, lunch and exploring the museum in the afternoon.

RECRUITMENT, EDUCATION & TRAINING

The annual graduation and prize giving ceremony in May, which recognises the achievements of local and national prize-winners from the Northern Society area and all those who have passed their ICAEW Advanced Level exams during the preceding year has

become an established part of our calendar. This years' event took place on Saturday 17 June, at the Kings Hall, Newcastle University where over 200 young people and their families celebrated their exam successes. We were joined by ICAEW Vice-President Malcolm Bacchus and our guest speaker was Sarah Lister, Oasis Community Housing.

NORTHERN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT STUDENTS' SOCIETY (NCASS)

The Students' Committee, currently under the chairmanship of Sophie Richardson has continued to ensure that NCASS is an active Society, holding regular social events including an annual dinner.

CONCLUSION

It is fair to say that 2023 has been a year of considerable change with the agreed transition to ICAEW Northern following the EGM held in October 2023. This has not been an easy step to take but due to the ever-increasing risks faced by remaining an independent district society and that of its officers, the transition to an ICAEW network, along with the vast majority of other former district societies, allows us to better focus on member needs with the essential support of the ICAEW regional team going forward. Thank you to those members who attended the EGM and who supported this change. The Northern Society of Chartered Accountants, in line with the new adopted constitution, will now exist to manage the legacy reserves of the Society from 1 January 2024. Annual General Meetings of the Society will continue, presenting its accounts and showing any movement in those reserves during the relevant financial year.

Finally, the President would like to sincerely thank fellow Officers, Chris Soan, Therese McCollam and Joe Walsh and immediate past president, Yvonne Gale for all their support and encouragement and to the regional staff, James Callaghan and Joanne Lucking for their continued invaluable assistance and support of Northern Society during the year.

Richard Slack President Joe Walsh Honorary Secretary 20 June 2024

NORTHERN SOCIETY OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Chartered Accountants' Report to the Committee on the Unaudited Financial Information of the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 5 May 2021, we have prepared for your approval the financial information of the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprises the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and related notes from the accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/membershandbook.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 5 May 2021. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release TECH08/16AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Committee of the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants for our work, or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year ended 31 December 2023 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

Colin Hutson Accounting Limited Chartered Accountants 74 High Street Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8EG

24 May 2024

NORTHERN SOCIETY OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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NORTHERN SOCIETY OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
ICAEW contribution to expenses		3,894	3,500
Profit on courses	6	551	752
Commission from other Course Providers	7	1,410	6,935
Net profit on networking events		-	-
EXPENDITURE		5,855	11,187
Net profit/(loss) on events	8	286	(7,105)
Accommodation	1	(500)	(500)
Communications	2	(6,792)	(4,045)
Administration	3	(2,370)	(3,190)
Depreciation		(30)	(42)
Loss on disposal		-	(29)
		(9,406)	(14,911)
AMOUNT TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUND	-	(3,551)	(3,724)

BALANCE SHEET	Notes	2 £	2023 £	20 £)22 £
FIXED ASSETS: Website Fixtures and fittings	4 4		- <u>95</u> 95		- 126 126
CURRENT ASSETS: Accounts receivable Prepayments & accrued income HM Revenue & Customs Cash at bank	5	460 - 573 41,213	- 42,246	4,170 - 805 42,463	47,438
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
HM Revenue & Customs Accounts payable Accruals & deferred income	-	- (2,958) (1,517)	(4,475)	- (4,507) (1,640)	(6,147)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		_	37,771		41,291
NET ASSETS		_	37,866	_	41,417
ACCUMULATED FUND:					
Balance b/fwd			41,417		45,141
Deficit for the period			(3,551)		(3,724)
ACCUMULATED FUND		_	37,866	_	41,417

Approved by the committee on 20 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

..... R Slack- President

..... T McCollam– Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS	2023 £	2022 £
1 ACCOMMODATION Rent & storage Use of Postal Address	400 100	400 100
	500	500
2 COMMUNICATIONS Printing, stationery and communications Web support	6,162 <u>630</u> 6,792	3,745 300 4,045
3 ADMINISTRATION AGM and meetings Student prizes Presentations & Donations Bad debts Officers' travel & admin expenses Sundry administration	610 - 100 - 1,637 23	626 325 387 12 1,805 35
	2,370	3,190

4 FIXED ASSETS	Website £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
COST At 1 January 2023	7,300	580	7,880
At 31 December 2023	7,300	580	7,880
DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2023 Charge for year	7,300	454 31	7,754
At 31 December 2023	7,300	485	7,785
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2022		126	126
At 31 December 2023		95	95

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Website	_	25% on cost
Fixtures and Fittings	_	25% on reducing balance

5 CASH AT BANK	2023 £	2022 £
Current A/c	41,213	42,463
	41,213	42,463

6 PROFIT ON COURSES

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Date	Course Name	Loss £	£
30/03/2022	A Very Practical Tax Update	(725)	-
30/03/2022	Employment Taxes	(865)	-
03/03/2023	Redworth General Practitioners Conference	-	1,889
20/04/2023	Common Errors In Charity Accounting	-	27
25/05/2023	Tax Planning Ideas for Small Businesses	-	284
26/09/2023	Efficient Audit & Independent Examiners of Charities	(59)	-
		(1,649)	2,200
	TOTAL PROFIT ON COURSES		551

TOTAL PROFIT ON COURSES

7 COMMISSION FROM OTHER COURSE PROVIDERS

	£	£
Mercia Northern Society programme	-	6,000
ICAEW Essentials programme	1,410	935
	1,410	6,935

8 NET PROFIT ON EVENTS			
Date	Event Name	Loss	Profit
22/03/2023	Past Presidents Lunch	(1)	-
23/03/2023 27/04/2023	Teesside Joint Supper Cumbria CA Dinner	- (500)	76
21/04/2023		(500)	-
17/06/2023	NSCA Celebration of 2022 Exams Success	(1,815)	-
22/06/2023	CSCA Quiz		299
21/09/2023	Cumbria Sustainability Conference	-	-
08/10/2023	Tour & talk of the Beamish Museum	-	-
24/10/2023	Retired Members Lunch	(12)	
26/10/2023	How to Stand Out in the Market Place and Differentiate Yourself	-	-
16/11/2023	Teesside Young Members Networking Event	-	_
24/11/2023	NSCA Annual Dinner	-	1,936
07/12/2023	Cumberland Xmas Lunch	-	303
	TOTAL NET PROFIT ON EVENTS	(2,328)	2,614 286

TOTAL NET PROFIT ON EVENTS

2023 2022