

NAS AGM MEETING

Tuesday, 28th October 2025, 7.30pm

The Humphrey Rooms of Northamptonshire Natural History
Society, Castilian Terrace, Northampton

Minutes

The Chair of the Society, Michael Curtis, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Jane Baile, Graham Cadman, Brian Giggins, Jean Hawkins, Steve Holder, David Ingham, Myk Flitcroft, Sarah Scott, Kate and Ian Wilson.

17 people were present at the AGM.

- 2) **Minutes of the last AGM, 17th October 2024.** These were circulated at the meeting and were then passed with no changes.

- 3) **Report of the Secretary and Journey Editor 2024-25.** These were sent to members in the September NAS newsletter and were also circulated at the AGM meeting.

Andy summarised this report. He noted two significant improvements in the last year. The first was the new NAS membership application form which Mike Curtis had pushed - he had led on the design and production, and it was the first one to have been printed for a few decades. It was now available at various locations in the county including at Chester House. Secondly, Mike also led on bringing together a new NAS website, which has recently gone public after several months in production.

There were two NAS events earlier this year. In May Andy led a NAS walking tour of the Middle Anglo-Saxon halls and Northampton Castle, and in June there was a tour of the Northamptonshire Archives Service.

Pdf files of Dennis Jackson: A Northamptonshire Archaeologist, had been sent to ADS (Archaeology Data Service) and where it is now available online. The last three NAS journals will, in 2026, be sent to ADS- it is cheaper in a group! All the NAS newsletters from 1975/6 will similarly also be made available.

Andy said the journal was progressing and would be available in 2026. It will be mostly medieval and highlights will include Part 2 of Northampton Castle.

- 4) **Treasurer's Statement of Accounts 2024-25.** These were sent to members in the September NAS newsletter and also circulated at the AGM meeting. The main details from this were:

NAS Accounts 2024-25:

Total Income: £2,165.22

Total Expenditure: £ 1,833.09

Balance of Accounts 2024-25

HSBC bank account £ 4,479.51

Market Harborough BS savings account £ 26,962.57

Balance (29 August 2025) £ 31,442.08)

Andy described these as being 'healthy'. This showed a slight profit of c. £300 in the year, resulting from the interest on our Market Harborough BS account, with other income closely matching the expenditure on the new website, £1,080.00, and printing the new membership form, £192.00.

5) Election of Officers and Members of Council:

There was a vote for the old NAS Committee to be appointed Nem. Con for 2025-2026 - Rob Atkins, Graham Cadman, Andy and Pat Chapman, Michael Curtis, Brian Giggins and Sarah Scott.

This was proposed by David Waller and seconded by Steven Hollowell. It was passed unanimously.

6) AGM speaker: Ellie Cox, Northamptonshire Finds Liaison Officer

Ellie gave a really interesting talk on finds sent to her from within the County (and some beyond!) in the last year. These were largely found through metal detecting, but also some stray finds recovered by walkers etc. In the talk she went through details such as the quantities recovered. Ellie highlighted by period some of the really interesting finds found including some really unusual objects we don't know their purpose!

At the end of the talk Andy said we would welcome an article on these finds in the forthcoming NAS journal, if she could. Ellie said she was very happy to do that.

7) The Chair thanked both Ellie for her talk and also the Northamptonshire Natural History Society for providing the venue for the AGM.

The Chair thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.