

THE CAMPDEN SOCIETY

Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 31 January 2025

I am pleased to be able to present this report in relation to the Society's accounts for the most recently completed financial year.

Such financial year was for the period of 12 months which ended on 31 January 2025. In my report for the financial year which ended on 31 January 2024, I explained why the Committee had resolved to extend such financial year by a calendar month to end on such date. I also reported the Committee's resolution to have the financial year which commenced on 1 February 2024 end on 31 December and that thereafter the Society would revert to calendar year financial years. However, it transpired that the Charity Commission will allow a charity to change the length of its financial year only once in a period of 3 years. Accordingly the Society will be sticking with financial years ending 31 January for the next couple of years.

As can be seen from the following receipts and payments statement the Society made a surplus of £5,100 for the financial year ended 31 January 2025 (as compared with £ 66,488 for the 23 month financial year ended 31 January 2024, of which sum £66,324 was the value of the donations to the Society made by The Campden Conservation Trust Fund in anticipation of such charity's dissolution).

The fact that the financial year ended 31 January 2025 included only one January, whereas the financial year ended 31 January 2024 included both January 2023 and January 2024, accounts for the fact that member subscriptions were higher in the earlier financial year, even though the number of members increased over the later financial year.

The Society received grants of £9,741 for use in funding orchard related expenses during the most recent financial year (as compared with nil such funds received during the 23 month financial year ended 31 January 2024). Reflecting such grants, orchard related expenses were significantly higher at £9,266 (compared with £2,030).

I am most grateful to Mark Kirkbride for having kindly again acted as the Society's independent examiner and the efficient and timely manner in which he performed such role.

Geoffrey White

21 April 2025