

ICAEW Humberside & District 2022 Annual Report

The members of the committee have pleasure in presenting the 95th annual report and financial statements of the Society, covering the year ended 31st December 2021.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the Society are:

- To meet the local needs of members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, including continuing professional education and social events.
- To facilitate communications between the Institute and its members.
- To represent and promote the profession locally.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of the Society is vested in a team of office holders and volunteers who make up the main committee, to achieve the Society's spread of objectives.

The current members of the committee and their principal areas of interest are set out below:

Office Holders

President	Christopher Driver
Deputy President	Sophie Holmes
Vice President	Yii Foong Tien
Treasurer & Courses	Vacant
Honorary Secretary & Council Member	Peter Duffield
H&DCASS Chair	James Humble

INSTITUTE SUPPORT

Institute support to help the Society achieve its objectives is provided by Dale Kay Daley (Regional Executive), Gillian North (Regional Events Co-ordinator) and Dr James Callaghan (Regional Director, Northern, Yorkshire and Humber).

MEMBERSHIP

Thirty-two newly qualified members joined the Society in 2021, and we continue to build upon our highest ever number of student members working in diverse organisations and in all sectors across the region. An ACA Exam Qualified members' presentation ceremony was held in March 2022 to welcome all members from the 2020 and 2021 cohorts, presided over by ICAEW president Will Brooks. The ceremony took place at the Deep Submarium in Hull, where our newly qualified members were presented with certificates of achievement to celebrate their success.

Membership of ICAEW Humberside & District Society (H&DSCA) and Humberside & District Chartered Accountants Student Society (H&DCASS) now stands at 1,200 in total, as of March 2022.

District Society Activities

Excluding committee meetings, some nineteen events were staged by the Humberside Society for the benefit of members during 2021. Virtual roundtable meetings with key stakeholders such as the Humber Freeport team attracted a wide audience, and our Introduction to the Hull and East Yorkshire LEP with James Newman FCA OBE gave our members the opportunity to feed into and influence the newly formed LEP's activity plan. Social events for young members continued also despite restrictions, to include an online pizza making evening and virtual *Escape Room* sessions delivered by the Hull Young Professionals, before they could finally meet face to face for a fun packed Christmas evening at the local Comedy Lounge.

We increased the number of pan regional events hosted during 2021, continuing to build upon our collaboration with our sister societies across the Northern, Yorkshire and Humber (NYH) regions to include a series of bitesize business breakfasts, chaired by Oliver Deacon, former Finance Director at Microsoft, and our series of events for Women in Finance, chaired by incoming Sheffield President Mrs Kate Platts.

ICAEW Humberside has led on the regional event campaign series *Driving Sustainable Development in the North* on behalf of the NYH region, chaired by Humberside Vice President Yii Foong Tien and featuring interviews with members in key organisations such as the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission, Ecology Business Bank, Forestry Commission, and Team England. The series has offered our members and stakeholders the opportunity to hear from senior leaders who are impacting and driving sustainability changes and will continue into 2022 with topics such as ESG reporting and greenwashing.

Recognising the importance of trainees to the future of our profession, the Society continued to provide a comprehensive programme of CPD with a virtual programme of events, bolstered by additional courses from the ICAEW Essentials offered at discounted rates. These discounts continue into 2022 as we move forward with an expanded programme of blended learning, incorporating virtual and face to face training taking place at the Mercure Grange Park in Willerby, Hull.

In late 2021, the Society was pleased to welcome the return of its members monthly luncheons. Albeit with a small attendance at first, the lunches are now back in full force and taking place each month at the Kingston Theatre Hotel.

We continued to host events for Retired and Lifetime members in conjunction with Sheffield & District Society (S&DSCA) with two virtual tours of the Beamish Open Air Museum. We begin 2022 with a guided tour of the Yorkshire Air Museum at Elvington, with an insight into life as a young RAF member in WWII given by one of our members followed by a delicious lunch and later in the summer, we hope to reinstate our regular tours of stately homes and gardens.

A General Practitioners accounting update was delivered in conjunction with West Yorkshire and York Society (WY&YSCA) in November of 2021. Held for business and charity sector members and delivered as a virtual session, the event featured updates on technical accounting, guidance on surviving your QAD visit and anti-money laundering tips and advice. In the wake of the pandemic, we heard from Chris Burton of CABA on leading resilient teams and coping with increasing changing work patterns.

The Society continues to produce its bi-annual news publication "District News" featuring events, local news, member profiles and updates, including an e-version to increase access and build on our readership.

FINANCIAL OUTCOME

The financial statements for 2021 show a surplus for the year of £600: (2020, surplus £1,012)
Reserves now stand at £25,305: (2020, £24,705)

THE FUTURE

We are constantly trying to diversify our main and student committees and strive to represent all of our members at all stages of their career. If you have a little spare time on your hands, there are many benefits to getting involved with district society committees.

The Society will continue in its commitment to providing local relevant services and events for members, together with ongoing promotion of both the ICAEW and the ICAEW Humberside & District Society.

Should you require any guidance, advice or have any suggestions for future activities, please telephone the District Office on (0) 113 322 0874 or email dale.daley@icaew.com

For and on behalf of the Main Committee of
The Humberside & District Society of Chartered Accountants

Peter D Duffield LLB FCA| Honorary Secretary | ICAEW Member of Council