



## 94<sup>th</sup> Annual report

The members of the committee have pleasure in presenting the 94<sup>th</sup> annual report and financial statements of the Society, covering the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

### 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 main areas of interest are set out below:

#### Office Holders

President

Deputy President

Treasurer & Courses

Honorary Secretary & Council Member

H&DCASS Chair

Vacant

Christopher Driver

John Gilleard

Peter Duffield

Henry Richardson

### 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

Twenty-nine newly qualified members joined the Society in 2020 and we continue to build upon our highest ever number of student members working in many organisations and in all sectors across the region. An ACA Exam Qualified members' presentation ceremony due to be held in March 2020 to welcome and congratulate those students successful in their 2019 ACA professional examinations, has been postponed until later.

Membership of the H&DSCA and H&DCASS now stands at 1,186 in total (*as of March 2021*)

## ACTIVITIES DURING 2020

Excluding committee meetings, some thirty-seven events were staged by the Society for the benefit of members during 2020: Virtual roundtable meetings with prominent local MP's, a clay pigeon shooting lunch, virtual networking, and social events for young professionals. Our bitesize business breakfasts are becoming increasingly popular, and a series of events for Women in Finance sold out within days, to be repeated this year. Virtual tours of Chartered Accountants Hall, historical cities, and cultural venues broadened our offering and shall also be extended into the 2021 schedule. The Pandemics Perspectives series of interviews with prominent people in our region included visits to Drax Power and British Steel, giving us an insight into some of the challenges faced by our members in the current climate.

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 2021 as we move forward with a programme of blended learning, incorporating virtual and face to face training. Look out for details of a brand-new training venue on our webpage later in the year.

In the early part of 2020, the Society continued to host events for Retired and Lifetime members in conjunction with West Yorkshire and York District Society (WYYSCA), with an afternoon tea and guided tour of Beverley Minster.

A General Practitioners accounting update was once again delivered in conjunction with our sister district WYYSCA, held for business and charity sector members and delivered in a bitesize virtual session.

The Society continues to produce its bi-annual news publication "District News" featuring events, local news, member profiles and updates, albeit with a brief hiatus in 2020. We are back bigger and better than ever for the Spring of 2021 with a brand editing team and updated look, including an e-version to increase access and build on our readership.

## FINANCIAL OUTCOME

The financial statements for 2020 show a surplus for the year of £3,422: (2019, deficit £2,711)  
Reserves now stand at £27,115: (2019, £23,693)

## THE FUTURE

During this crucial time, we shall strive to support our members and businesses, providing up to date guidance and advice through our website advice hubs, technical groups, and online communities.

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, and good value service and events for members, together with ongoing promotion of both the ICAEW and the 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](mailto:dale.daley@icaew.com)

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

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