



Annual Report 2022

The Campaign for Homosexual Equality



*The Burnley Library plaque,
unveiled 30 July 2021*

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Who's who?

Founder: Allan Horsfall (1927–2012)

CHE Honorary Vice-Presidents

Martin Bowley QC	Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws
Lord Cashman of Limehouse	Lord Smith of Finsbury
Dame Margaret Drabble	Michael Steed

Transition Team

Michael Steed (Chair) ‡
Peter Burman (Secretary) *
Ross Burgess (Treasurer) *
Nick Billingham ‡
Mark Delacour *
Mutiu Lawal *
Nettie Pollard *
George Tregaskis *
* – Executive Committee (EC) Member
‡ – CHE Trustee

CHERT Board of Trustees

Peter Burman (Chair)
Ross Burgess (Secretary)
Mark Delacour (Treasurer)
Simon Ives
Glenys Parry
Rainer Schulze

An end and a beginning

This Annual Report is the first since 2019, and will probably be the last in its present form. When the Covid pandemic struck it put paid to any thought of holding EC meetings, let alone an annual Conference, and there would have been little point in producing an Annual Report. After a while however, CHE, like so many other organisations, discovered the joys of Zoom and began holding meetings remotely. With other activities suspended, we turned our thoughts to the injunction that the 2019 Conference had placed on us:

... to proceed after consulting with a solicitor with the formation of a 'trust' or equivalent to take over CHE's funds and be responsible for the publication and marketing of Amiable Warriors, and to support other projects which further the exploration and appreciation of LGBT+ history, and the winding up of CHE in its present form, ...

We agreed that this project needed a special vehicle to take it forward, and a 'Transition Team' was formed, comprising the full EC, plus CHE's two remaining Trustees (Greg Ussher retired during this

process). The Team decided to implement the Conference resolution by seeking to form a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Following advice from a solicitor (Sukanya Ransford of Russell Cooke) we submitted an application to the Charity Commission in July 2021, and our registration of the CHE Research Trust (CHERT) was approved by the Commission in April 2022. The new six-strong CHERT Board of Trustees has had its first meetings and is confidently planning the future of the CIO.

Our 2022 Annual Conference, on 15 October, is planned to mark the end of CHE in its present form, and its rebirth in a new role of supporting CHERT. CHE Members will become Associate Members of the CIO. Much more about this, and about the transition process generally, throughout this Annual Report.

Conference 2022

CHE is holding its delayed Annual Conference in October 2022, probably to be the last CHE Conference in its current form, as well as the public launch of CHERT, the CHE Research Trust.

CHE, founded in 1964 as the North Western Homosexual Law Reform Committee, adopted its present name in 1971, and has been holding Annual Conferences, in various forms and in various places, since the first-ever Conference on the pier at Morecambe in 1973. Like so many other organisations, it suspended its meetings with the advent of Covid. The most recent Conference was held in December 2019.

The 2022 Conference combines the long-delayed CHE Annual Conference with the public launch of the CHE Research Trust, registered earlier this year as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and is intended to finalise the transition of CHE itself into a new role of supporting CHERT's charitable objectives, with CHE members additionally becoming Associate members of CHERT.

The full details and agenda will have been sent out by email (and by post to current members of CHE) in advance of the meeting. As this Annual Report went to press, the agenda was expected to include:

- Welcome and introductions
- CHE AGM:
 - Minutes of the 2019 Conference
 - Report by the EC and Transition Team
 - Questions to the EC and Transition team and discussion of the CHE Annual Report for 2022 (this document)
 - Adoption of the Annual Report, including CHE Accounts for three years ended December 2021
 - CHE's Memorandum of Wishes for CHERT
 - CHERT funding
 - Other motions submitted by the EC or members
 - Constitutional Amendment, proposed by the EC: to replace the current CHE Constitution in its entirety with a shorter new Constitution
- CHERT:
 - Report by the CHERT Board of Trustees
 - Questions to the CHERT Board of Trustees
- Statement on the *Amiable Warriors* project

The proposed new CHE Constitution is reproduced on pages 5 to 6. The 'Memorandum of Wishes' is on pages 7 to 9; the existing CHE Constitution can be viewed at www.c-h-e.org.uk/constitution.shtml.

Proposed New CHE Constitution

1. Name

The name of the body shall be the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, hereinafter referred to as the CHE.

2. Aims

The aims of the CHE shall be to:

- a. provide financial support to the CHE Research Trust, hereinafter referred to as CHERT, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 1198217).
- b. organise meetings and events of interest to its members or to other members of the LGBT+ Community.
- c. pursue insofar as the Executive Committee considers it to be expedient the historic aims of CHE, namely to:
 - i promote the principle that the homosexual has an equal right to self-fulfilment and can make an equally positive contribution in our common quest for the betterment of society and the happiness of all;
 - ii fight for absolute equality at law between

heterosexuals and homosexuals and campaign against all forms of legal and social discrimination against homosexuals;

- iii campaign for improved sex education in schools in order to stop the process by which existing attitudes towards homosexuals are maintained.

3. Membership

- a. Membership shall be open to all persons who support the aims of the CHE and who were members prior to the formation of CHERT, or have subsequently paid a one-off joining subscription.
- b. There shall be one category of Membership: Supporting Members (which shall include those previously classed as Campaign Members).
- c. All Supporting Members shall be considered to be Associate Members of CHERT.

4. The Executive Committee

The Trustees from time to time of CHERT shall ex-officio comprise the Executive Committee, which shall be the governing body of the CHE, responsible for administering its affairs.

Proposed New CHE Constitution – continued

5. The Officers

The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the Trustees of CHERT may appoint shall ex-officio perform equivalent functions in the CHE.

6. The Honorary Officers

The Executive Committee may appoint an Honorary President and a number of Honorary Vice-Presidents. These Honorary Officers shall be entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and speak at, all meetings of CHE but not, except in any other capacity, to exercise a vote.

7. Disposition of Property upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the CHE the property held by the CHE shall be donated to CHERT, unless the CHERT has been or is being also dissolved, in which case it shall be disposed of for such purposes of general benefit to LGBT+ people as may be decided by the Executive Committee, subject to the proviso that no members of the CHE or CHERT shall, by virtue of their membership, receive any funds, property or assets of the CHE.

8. Amendment of the Constitution

Any proposal to amend this Constitution must be proposed by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall cause the full text of the proposition to be sent to all members of the CHE, with an invitation to vote on it by a postal and/or electronic ballot, giving not less than three weeks' notice. The proposition shall only be carried if it is supported by more than half of the members voting.

9. Legal Resolution of Disputes

Any dispute arising from the implementation of this Constitution shall be subject to the laws of England and Wales.

Ends

*Adopted by the 2022 Annual Conference
to replace the previous Constitution.*

CHE's Memorandum of Wishes for CHERT

The objects of CHERT (the CHE Research Trust) are defined in its constitution:

1. To advance education for the public benefit about the history of the struggle for LGBT+ rights, including but not limited to the origins and history of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality and by contributing to the safe preservation of LGBT+ archives.
2. To promote equality and diversity by encouraging a deeper understanding of the causes and progress of changes in public acceptance of LGBT+ rights

The following is intended to record CHE's vision as to how those objectives should be carried out, and is offered for discussion pending the final CHE Conference, when it will be adopted, with such amendments as may be agreed and voted on, as the agreed view of the members of CHE. At that point CHE's funds will be transferred to CHERT, but this statement from CHE will, we hope, remain to guide and inspire the CHERT Trustees.

Background

The Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE) played a critical role in the history of the struggle for LGBT+ rights in the United Kingdom during the latter third of the twentieth century.

In 2010 CHE agreed that the priority use of its funds would be to ensure the researching, writing up and publication of a history of CHE. This has been partially achieved with publication of the first volume, by Peter Scott-Presland, of *Amiable Warriors*; a significant part of the second volume is now in draft.

CHE's intention, in transferring its funds to CHERT, is that they will be used first to ensure the completion of the *Amiable Warriors* project, and the continued research, writing and publication of the history and achievements of CHE.

The work of CHERT should be:

- monitored by the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis
- documented in an annual report to CHERT's Associate Members and potential partners.

CHE's Memorandum of Wishes for CHERT – continued

Scope of research

The Trustees are free, within the charitable objects, to judge how far CHE's own history is best studied, and CHE's legacy celebrated, within a broader context.

No precise time period is set by the Trust's charitable objects, but the focus is likely to be on the critical period between the Wolfenden report (1957) and the abolition of Section 28 (2003), a period which saw major developments in social practice and social attitudes relating to sexual orientation.

The reference in the charitable objects to CHE's origins points to CHE's development out of the North Western Homosexual Law Reform Committee (founded 1964) and to the important differences between NWHLC/CHE and other groups working in the same field. NWHLC/CHE was from the start a bottom-up, member-based movement rather than a corridors-of-power, metropolitan reform body. Further research could usefully explore the significance of this character and the impact it made on the lives of its members.

Similarly, no geographical limit is set by the Trust's charitable objects. CHE operated across the whole of

England and Wales, whilst having close relations with sister movements in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Its origins included the inspiration of groups such as COC (Amsterdam). Its achievements included the setting up of the International Gay Association (now ILGA World) at Coventry in 1978.

Collaboration

CHERT could usefully work in partnership with other trusts, university departments, museums or other relevant organisations, to:

- promote research
- publish, publicise and disseminate the fruits of such research via educational programmes, embracing such activities as:
 - seminars, workshops and lectures
 - publication in books, journals or online.

CHERT may wish to:

- appoint advisers with respected knowledge of LGBT+ history who can work with researchers to provide them with support and feedback
- involve senior CHE veterans for their respected memories of times past.

CHERT may wish to support other research projects leading to publication or to programmes which extend or deepen understanding of LGBT+ history.

CHERT may seek and receive additional funds, whether through bequests and personal donations or grants from other bodies. The extent of such funds will guide trustees in planning CHERT's future and what further contribution it can make to the ongoing project of understanding the history and significance of the LGBT+ community in both this country and the wider world.

Archives

The trustees will have a particular responsibility for the safe preservation of CHE's archives and for ensuring access to them, within the need to preserve safely and ensure access to all LGBT+ Archives.

Celebrating CHE

We hope that CHERT will find ways of celebrating the history and legacy of CHE. There are significant anniversaries which could be commemorated, such as CHE's first national conference in Morecambe (Easter 1973). These could be occasions when CHE veterans

gather to exchange memories – and also to be more available for researchers to meet them and gather oral evidence. A regular annual reunion could also be considered. Since CHERT itself may have limited administrative capacity to organise events, which might also be considered to fall outside its charitable objects, we suggest seeking suitable local partners as appropriate.

We hope that through such celebrations, and in other ways, CHERT will be able to establish and embed the highly significant role in history played by CHE, as one of the most significant organisations supporting the rights and equality of LGBT+ people. Alongside its campaigning role, CHE provided an invaluable support and welfare function to LGBT people (mostly gay men and women); and this must certainly be included in any full appreciation of CHE's place in LGBT+ history.

Burnley 50 years on



*After the unveiling. Left
to right:*

*Reuben Hornby
Cllr Mark Townsend
Mrs Townsend
Ross Burgess
Michael Steed
Paul Fairweather
Lewis Turner
Andrew Lumsden
Peter Scott-Presland*

*(photo by Michael
Steed's partner Barry
Clements),*

On Friday 30 July 1971 CHE, which had just adopted its current name, held its first ever public meeting, in a packed hall in Burnley Public Library. The meeting was called to discuss the proposed setting up of a gay club in the town. CHE was supported by a contingent from the Gay Liberation Front, organised by Glenys Parry, then a student, now a respected academic and a Trustee of CHERT.

Much of the debate proceeded as if there were no gay people present, and someone declared that there was no demand for a gay club in Burnley. At that point Andrew Lumsden asked everyone in the room who was homosexual to stand up.

Very gradually the whole room stood up, until the only groups who were not standing up were the Roman Catholic priest and his cohort, and the skinheads. And suddenly we felt very powerful. It was one of the most interesting moments of my whole life. (Andrew Lumsden, quoted in *Amiable Warriors* Volume One, page 221.)

On Friday 30 July 2021 some of us gathered in front of Burnley Central Library for the unveiling of a Rainbow Plaque to commemorate that meeting, 50 years

before to the day.

The plaque was unveiled by Reuben Hornby, representing today's young people, together with Andrew Lumsden (who had taken part in the 1971 meeting), representing the older generation.

The event was introduced and admirably compered by Paul Fairweather (Manchester-based CHE veteran). Other speakers included:

- Cllr Mark Townsend, Mayor of Burnley
- Cllr Cosima Towneley, Deputy Mayor, also representing Lancashire County Council
- Peter Scott-Presland, author of *Amiable Warriors*, the history of CHE
- Michael Steed from CHE, who had spoken at the meeting in 1971
- Lewis Turner, Chief Executive of Lancs LGBT, the main LGBT+ group in the county
- Ross Burgess from CHE, who concluded by announcing that two days previously he had finally submitted CHE's application to the Charity Commission for registering CHERT as a charitable incorporated organisation.

Obituaries

Bill Nash

William (Bill) Nash (1948–2021) was a campaigning lawyer and a good friend to CHE, providing us with very useful advice on several occasions.

After qualifying as a solicitor in the early 1970s, he became legal officer for the National Council for Civil



Liberties (now Liberty) where he made good use of the European Convention on Human Rights, and worked for reluctant servicemen, young people, and the traveller community.

In 1978 he defended one of the accused in the notorious ABC trial at the Old Bailey, in which the defendants were charged with offences under the Official Secrets Act. The trial and the campaign around it led to a re-examination of secrecy legislation.

His work as a solicitor for LGBT people included Peter Wells (imprisoned for sex with an 18-year-old), a head teacher dismissed for transitioning, and Ben Wilson and others who won a case against indeter-

minate sentences for sexual offences.

Jonathan Miller

Sir Jonathan Miller (1934–2019) was an actor, theatre and opera director, TV presenter and former medical doctor, and a Vice-President of CHE.

He came to prominence in the 1960s in the comedy review *Beyond the Fringe*, with Peter Cook, Dudley Moore and Alan Bennett.

He wrote and presented many BBC TV documentaries, some of them making use of his medical training. For a time he was Artistic Director of the Old Vic theatre.

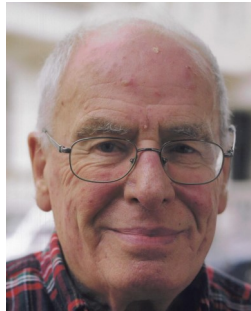


Donald West

D. J. West (Donald James West), 1924–2020) was a psychiatrist and criminologist, and a Vice-President of CHE.

As a younger socially withdrawn gay man, he found himself attracted to studies of the psychological

problems of sexual and social outcasts – his research among social deviants includes ground-breaking works such as *The Habitual Prisoner* (1963) and *The Young Offender* (1967). In 1961 he initiated a fifty-year follow-up of the lives of a sample of London boys. Further research in sex studies included a survey of London rent boys, *Male Prostitution* (1992).



Donald's best known work, *Homosexuality* (1955), written well before the decriminalisation of homosexuality, and even before the publication of the Wolfenden Report, was a classic of its time, and argued for tolerance of homosexuals,

without revealing that its author was himself gay.

In his later life he was an active member of the Gay Authors Workshop, often hosting meetings at his flat. His autobiography, *Gay Life Straight Work* (2012), in which he was at last open about his sexuality, was published by Paradise Press, the publishing arm of GAW.

ProQuest – digitisation

In 2017 we signed an agreement with ProQuest, a global information-content and technology company based in Ann Arbor USA, for them to produce and make available digital copies of some CHE publications, namely:

- CHE Broadsheet
- CHE Women's Newsletter (although no copies of this have so far come to light)
- CHE Bulletin
- Lunch
- Campaign Newsletter
- OUT

Our aim was not primarily financial, but to ensure that digitised versions would be

available for researchers. However a glance at the income and Expenditure statements later in this Annual Report will show that we received substantial royalties (15 per cent of ProQuest's revenues from the items in question) in each of the years covered.



The Transition Team and its role – by Peter Burman

The Transition Team, whose remit will come to an end on 15 October 2022, has itself become part of the history of the evolution of CHE. It was the answer to the question ‘how?’ in response to the motion passed at the Annual Conference in December 2019 authorising the Executive Committee to proceed with the formation of a trust to take over CHE’s funds and be responsible for research projects including the continuation of the *Amiable Warriors* project, and the winding up of CHE in its present form.

At this time, late 2019, the EC still had only one office-bearer, the Treasurer, in the form of Ross Burgess, who had for some time been a bulwark against the dissolution of CHE altogether. In clearing his house in London recently the sheer volume of papers relating to CHE seemed almost overwhelming.

In March 2020 the curtain of Covid-19 came down over our heads, stifling all our activities both as individuals and in our societies, and introducing a note of anxiety into our daily lives. It was probably towards the end of 2020 that many of us began to feel confident in using platforms such as Zoom in order to hold meetings. The great advantages of such platforms are that we can attend meetings without geographical

distance, time or cost being a factor, and attendance can be more genuinely national.

My computer files reflect close consultations at that time, culminating in the idea of a group which would be a little larger than the EC by harnessing the knowledge, wisdom and experience of our two CHE Honorary Trustees, Michael Steed and Nick Billingham. They were therefore invited to the first meeting of the Transition Team, on 28 November 2020. We also invited Peter Scott-Presland to the first meeting, as we envisaged that discussion of the *Amiable Warriors* project would loom large in our discussions. At his suggestion we also co-opted Clare Truscott, to give us the benefit of her wide knowledge of publishing and everything associated with it.

I believe that the following steps taken at that first meeting were crucial to the success of the Transition Team’s work:

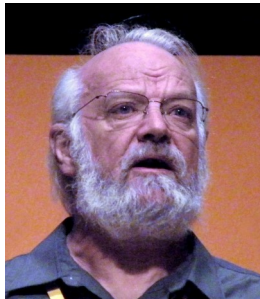
- 1) First of all, we passed the following resolution by a convincing majority: ‘That bearing in mind discussions and resolutions at the 2018 and 2019 AGMs ... we should now formulate a plan which would morph what remains of CHE into a charitable trust

which would be responsible for funds entrusted to it and also retain overall responsibility for research projects including the continuation of the *Amiable Warriors* project to its conclusion.'

- 2) We elected Michael Steed to be Chair of the Transition Team, thereby providing ourselves with strong leadership based on profound long knowledge of CHE, its membership and its achievements. In 1972 Michael had drafted the original CHE Constitution, which converted CHE from an ad hoc committee into a members' organisation,
- 3) To support Michael and to complete the trio of necessary office-bearers I was elected Secretary.
- 4) We committed ourselves to monthly meetings. Moreover, we regarded the draft Minutes of our meetings not simply as historical records but as Action Plans for agreed steps to be taken between those monthly meetings. The Minutes were therefore circulated the day after the meetings.

We all felt renewed confidence in what we were

doing and that we had found a way to enable a 'continuing CHE' though in a different shape from hitherto; we had an effective leadership team; and we had a plan for moving forwards.



Michael Steed

Peter Scott-Presland pointed out that, helpful though it had been to attend the inaugural meeting, it was not appropriate for him to be a member. At a subsequent meeting, 13 February 2021, Clare Truscott opened a wide-ranging discussion about the *Amiable Warriors* project by asking some very basic questions: why are we doing this; what is the book project about; who is the intended reader; who would be likely to buy it; who would be likely to read it; how should it be marketed; and what would be the

details of content, format, layout and future publication? She reported that she was thinking along the following lines:

- 1) A new contract with Peter Scott-Presland to enable us to pay him to research or write all that still needs to be researched or written;
- 2) All this material could be published online and

The Transition Team and its role – continued

would fulfil our aspiration for recording and making accessible the detail of CHE's history and providing signposts for future researchers;

- 3) Out of all the harvested material could come a single volume, attractively presented, for a general audience.

Clare later stepped down from the Transition Team, but the points listed above continue to form the basis of our approach to the future of the *Amiable Warriors* project. The baton for negotiations with Peter Scott-Presland has since been grasped by CHERT Trustee Rainer Schulze, who is a senior academic with very wide and deep experience of re-search projects, their management and their publication.

Among other valuable points made at the inaugural meeting, Michael Steed stressed the importance of marking and celebrating the significant anniversaries coming up, and of retaining and enhancing contact with 'survivors' of the early days of CHE. The deeply moving and superbly organised unveiling of the rainbow plaque in Burnley, on 30 July 2021, was one of the great days of the recent history of CHE and is reported fully elsewhere in this annual report.

A useful general point made by Peter Scott-

Presland was that we should be chary of having 'ideas without resources'. However, Ross Burgess and I have found in running our local civic and historical society that lectures and conferences can be very well and inexpensively organised by Zoom.

Michael Steed spoke of the public confidence which registration with the Charity Commission engendered, and urged professional advice on the precise formulation of the intended trust deed and its objects. Ross Burgess reflected that 'people are much readier to leave money to registered charities and feel confident that it would be used for its declared purpose'. Charities have to make an annual report to the Charity Commission, which is by no means burdensome, but allows the Commission to exercise its supervisory role and ensure that the agreed objects and purposes of charities are being faithfully honoured. Mark Delacour urged that there could and should be other projects in the future, drawing on the goodwill of long-term CHE supporters to tackle further research and publication beyond what is currently envisaged.

To begin the process of charity registration, Ross and I had a meeting by Zoom with Philip Moir of the

LGBT Consortium, who took us through the basic steps. In the past, a body would have needed an income over £5,000 per annum to become a charity, which had historically prevented CHE from taking this route, but Philip pointed out that it is now possible to register a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which enjoys the benefits of charitable status while its trustees have the protection of limited liability, and moreover the £5,000 limit does not apply. This model was specifically designed to enable small organisations to be charities, with a minimum of administrative responsibilities. We were also advised that the option appropriate for our circumstances was that only the Board of Trustees would be Members of the CIO, but existing CHE members could become 'Associate Members', who would value the ongoing connexion with CHE through CHERT. Later we had two very helpful meetings with Sukanya Ransford, a Senior Associate of Russell Cooke, a firm of solicitors recommended to us by Dr Greg Ussher, who had been for a short while an Honorary Trustee of CHE.



Ross Burgess and Nick Billingham

Registration with CIO status brings several advantages:

- public confidence and support – recent research suggests that charities are one of the most trusted groups in society
- grant funding – many grant funders, including grant-making foundations and public bodies, prefer to support only registered charities
- tax breaks – a range of tax exemptions and reliefs.

The drafting of our submission to the Charity Commission – whose delegated officer, it has to be said, was very helpful – was undertaken directly by Ross Burgess, but included detailed discussions with the designated Board of Trustees on finer points such as how the CIO would select research projects to be funded.

Having agreed the way forward, we put it to an online vote of CHE members in April 2021. The result, admittedly in a small turnout, was unanimously in favour of our approach.

The Transition Team and its role – continued

Among other important decisions which the Transition Team grappled with was the name of the new CIO. 'CHERT' appealed to most of us because of the direct link with the name 'CHE' and because the addition of the words 'Research Trust' emphasised that the support or commissioning of research was to be one of our main reasons for existence, and that we would be an educational trust, education being one of the main designations for charities in British law.

We also started to think about trustees and I note the following discussion on this topic: 'It was firmly agreed that we did not want "passengers" ... We look for a sense of purpose and commitment to the role of trusteeship, enthusiasm and interest in CHE history, integrity, sound judgement, proven experience in being a charity trustee.' Our initial Board of Trustees includes three members of the existing CHE EC (Mark Delacour, Ross Burgess and myself), to provide continuity, plus three others, recruited after an extensive process of consultation (Glenys Parry, Rainer Schulze and Simon Ives) with extensive experience of academic research and charity boards. For

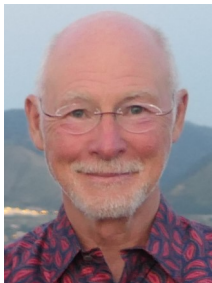
photos and brief biographies of the six Trustees, see the CHERT website (www.chert.org.uk).

The initial term of office for four of our Trustees is three years, but Ross and I will bow out after two years, by which time we will both be 80 years old and wanting to reduce our voluntary commitments.

Over the next year or so, CHERT aims to recruit additional Trustees, to better reflect the diversity of Britain's LGBT+ people. We note that Section 10(2) of the Charity Commission's key document states that for future appointments the trustees must 'have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of a CIO'.

Charity trustees are expected to regularly update their expertise; for that reason Ross Burgess and I attended a course for charity trustees on 31 August run by Turcan Connell, a well-known firm of Edinburgh solicitors with a wide involvement in charities.

Finally, the Transition Team has given thought to a document initiated by Michael Steed, on the analogy of the memoranda which are very often attached to



Peter Burman

Wills. This document, now called 'CHE's memorandum of wishes for CHERT', and reproduced on pages 7–9 of this Annual Report, is a kind of legacy, to be given (along with the necessary funds) from CHE to CHERT on handing over the baton from one to the other on 15 October this year.

It will be a critical moment. The Transition Team has faithfully worked on preparing the ground for a hopeful future, responding to the task given by the Annual Conference in the pre-Covid era of 2019. It is a moment worth celebrating, and a moment also to express appreciation to all who have made this profound and necessary change possible. They include, of course, all members as they transition to becoming Associate Members or supporters and all past, present and future donors. We have a new framework for the future: our challenge is to make it all work, and to ensure that it stays fit for purpose.

Peter Burman, 31 August 2022

CHE membership

Following a decision by the EC in 2019, existing CHE Members no longer need to renew their membership every year (although of course they are welcome to make further contributions, and we are grateful for those who continue to make payments via standing orders).

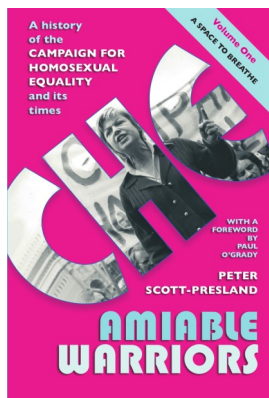
If you are a Member of CHE you will continue to be a member as long as you wish. Assuming the proposed constitutional amendment is passed at the October Conference, you will also become an Associate member of CHERT, entitled to receive CHERT mailings from time to time, and invitations to any meetings that may be arranged.

If you're not yet a member, you can join using the membership form on our website, for a one-off joining fee of £20.

CHE has been taking steps to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We are removing unnecessary data (and data about lapsed members) from our records. Our e-mail mailings use MailChimp, which always gives recipients the option to unsubscribe.

The *Amiable Warriors* project

In 2015 CHE published *Amiable Warriors*, Volume One, by Peter Scott-Presland, envisaged as the first volume of a major history of CHE from its origins to the present day. It received considerable critical acclaim, and has been selling steadily ever since, so much so that by August 2022 supplies were running critically low, and we ordered a reprint, which will now be the sixth impression (with minor corrections from the fifth).



Sixth impression cover

and click on 'How to buy'.

Since the publication of Volume One, Peter has continued researching and writing the history of CHE, and a number of chapters for Volume Two have been completed.

We are currently exploring different options of producing the second volume in ways that are both economical and in line with readers' expectations. The changes that have taken place in the publishing world in both print and online media have opened up a fascinating range of opportunities to make the history of CHE available to the widest possible audience.

The continuation of the *Amiable Warriors* project fits in well with the charitable objectives of CHERT. The CHERT Board of Trustees, working within the clearer framework of a registered charity, intend to agree a new contract between CHERT and Peter Scott-Presland, to replace the 2010 contract between Peter and CHE, which has long since ceased to correspond with reality.



Peter Scott-Presland

CHERT and CHE – an explanation

When we began the process of investigating charitable status, the thought was that CHE itself might become a charity. But it soon became clear, and was confirmed by legal advice, that we would do better to leave CHE in existence, with a reduced role, and create a new body (now called CHERT) with charitable status. This would for instance cover the possibility that someone might leave money in their will specifically to CHE; such a legacy might be lost if CHE were no longer in existence.

So on balance we decided on the recommended new arrangement: CHERT will sit alongside CHE, but share the same management team, with the CHERT Board of Trustees also acting as the Executive Committee of CHE. We can envisage that at a certain point in a Board meeting we will metaphorically put on different hats, to discuss CHE matters. There are ample precedents for that.

We propose that CHE will transfer the bulk of its funds to CHERT to fund a research programme including the continuing Amiable Warriors project, and

other projects which fall within our charitable objects. But CHE will retain certain limited funds of its own, to undertake any activities that may fall outside of CHERT's charitable objectives, and for which it feels it has the capacity. CHE will continue to receive income, in the shape of continuing standing order payments from some of our long-standing members. As mentioned elsewhere, CHE members will also become Associate Members of CHERT and thereby entitled to be kept informed of what CHE/CHERT is doing.

In our submission to the Charity Commission we undertook that CHE and CHERT will have separate websites: c-h-e.org.uk and chert.org.uk. CHERT now has a separate logo, based on the CHE logo but with the 'rt' designed to look like the same font, and

will incorporate the Progress Pride Flag in its branding – the intersex-inclusive version used at the Mayor of London's Pride reception in June 2022 and at the opening of the Commonwealth Games.

The logo for CHERT, featuring the word "CHERT" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly stylized, with the 'H' and 'T' having a more geometric, blocky appearance.

Income and Expenditure Accounts for 2019–21

	2019	2020	2021
Income:			
Subscriptions and donations:			
Existing members	£2,158.50	£1,262.50	£1,186.50
New members	–	–	£135.00
Sales of <i>Amiable Warriors</i> Volume One	£160.00	–	£175.00
Royalties (ProQuest)	£4,475.86	£364.54	£1,663.57
Bank interest	£344.44	£252.91	£13.66
Total	£7,138.80	£1,879.95	£3,173.73
Expenditure:			
<i>Amiable Warriors:</i>			
Travel, etc expenses	–	–	£156.75
Interview transcription	£139.68	–	–
Legal fees	–	–	£1,020.00
Donations (LGBT History Month)	£500.00	–	–
Office rent	£240.00	–	–
Burnley plaque	–	–	£391.20
Bank charges	£77.21	£89.05	£92.92
Total	£956.89	£89.05	£1,660.87
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	£6,181.91	£1,790.90	£1,512.86

Balance Sheet

	2019	2020	2021
Current assets at 31 December:			
Co-op Bank current account	£9,371.90	£10,765.27	£12,026.39
Co-op Bank deposit account	£30,818.79	£30,927.11	£30,936.77
Santander Bank current account	£194.17	£338.79	£374.79
Santander Bank deposit account	£39,562.09	£39,706.68	£39,710.68
PayPal	£113.69	£113.69	315.77
Total current assets	£80,060.64	£81,851.54	£83,364.40

Represented by:

Balance at 1 January	£73,878.73	£80,060.64	£81,851.54
Plus surplus (less deficit) on year	£6,181.91	£1,790.90	£1,512.86
Balance at 31 December	£80,060.64	£81,851.54	£83,364.40

Treasurer's Report

I hereby present provisional CHE accounts for the three years ended 31 December 2021. As will be seen, CHE has made a surplus in each of these years, largely thanks to the ProQuest royalties.

It is proposed to transfer the bulk of CHE's assets to the CHE Research Trust following the October 2022 Conference, after which final audited accounts will be published.

Ross Burgess, Treasurer, September 2022



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