

## Surtees Society Officers

### President

Presidents initially served for terms of 3 years and were purely honorific until Charles Thorp was elected president as warden of the university on the re-establishment of the Society, more closely linked with the university, in 1849. He also chaired meetings which had previously been undertaken by a variety of vice-presidents. The link with the wardenship was not maintained after Thorp when the president reverted to being usually absent from meetings. Brown was the first secretary to be promoted president. There was no president for a while in the 1970s when the meetings were largely run by the editor Roy Hudleston. His retirement in 1979 saw the revival of a more active and engaged president.

A patron, Edward Maltby, bishop of Durham, was also instituted in 1849. He was followed in 1860 by the duke of Northumberland who combined the two posts when he became president after Thorp. There were no further separate patrons.

Walter Francis 5th duke of Buccleuch 1834-1837  
Edward Maltby bishop of Durham 1837-1840  
Richard 3rd Lord Braybrooke 1840-1843  
Charles William 3rd Earl Fitzwilliam 1843-1846  
Henry 2nd duke of Cleveland 1846-1849  
Charles Thorp archdeacon of Durham 1849-1863  
Algernon 4th duke of Northumberland 1863-1865  
Walter Francis 5th duke of Buccleuch 1865-1884  
William Stubbs bishop of Chester, then Oxford 1884-1901  
Henry 7th duke of Northumberland 1901-1918  
William Brown 1918-1924  
Alan 8th duke of Northumberland 1925-1930  
Henry Gee dean of Gloucester 1931-1938  
Hensley Henson former bishop of Durham 1939-1945  
A.T.P. Williams bishop of Durham 1945-1952  
Sir Maurice Powicke 1953-1961  
J.H.S. Wild dean of Durham 1962-1973  
Prof H.S. Offler 1980-1987  
Prof R.B. Dobson 1987-2002  
Prof Richard Sharpe 2002-date

### Chairman

A local chairman for Council meetings was instituted in 1925.

J.E.C. Welldon dean of Durham 1925-1933  
Canon G.C. Richards 1933-1934  
C.A. Alington dean of Durham 1934-1953  
Canon S.L. Greenslade 1953-1958

Prof Edward Hughes 1958-1965

### **Treasurer**

The Society was established with two treasurers, one in Durham, and one in London who looked after the subscribers in that area. Communications between the two were not always what they might have been and the Society quickly ran into financial problems with subscriptions uncollected and printers unpaid. By the late nineteenth century the situation was stabilised under one treasurer (Gradon father and the son). From 1949, the treasurer was the representative of the Barclays Bank in Durham where the Society's accounts were held. This association ceased in 2000 on the reorganisation of the Society in that year.

Robert Henry Allan 1834-1842

John Gough Nichols 1834-1873

William Greenwell 1843-1847

William Henderson 1847-1857

Samuel Rowlandson 1857-1882

J.T. Fowler 1881-1895

J.W. Barnes 1882-1884

J.G. Robinson 1884-1891

John George Gradon 1891-1932

Henry Lawrence Gradon 1932-1949

A.B. Peacock 1949-1961

W. Madderson 1961-1962

Frank Stone 1962-1971

M.R. Binks 1971-1981

T.R. Gregory 1981-1986

J.M. McMinn 1986-1992

Michael Youll 1992-1995

James Ramsbotham 1995-1998

Mike Carr 1998-2000

Brian Cheesman 2001-2013

Pete Maggs 2013-2015

John Marsland 2015-date

### **Secretary**

The secretary in effect ran the Society for most of its existence, dealing with the routine administration of securing subscriptions, organising the publication and despatch to members of volumes, dealing with enquiries and, in particular in the persons of the first James Raine and A. J. Piper, commissioning and editing many of the volumes. From 2000, most of the routine administration was contracted out to Durham University, undertaken by its History department by 2005, with the secretary's role focusing more exclusively on arranging and minuting the meetings. In November 2008, this contracted-out administration was transferred from the History Department to the university's Arts Faculty office.

James Raine 1834-1849

William George Henderson 1849-1852

(S.P. Denning 1850-1852 acting)  
John Pedder 1852-1854  
James Raine jr 1854-1895  
William Brown 1896-1916  
Henry Gee 1916-1920  
Alexander Hamilton Thompson 1920-1950  
H.S. Offler 1950-1966  
Dr W.A.L. Seaman 1966-1974  
Mr A. J. Piper 1974-1999  
Mr Alan J. Heesom 1999-2000  
Mrs Lynda Rollason 2000-2003  
Dr Anne Orde 2003-2004  
Dr Michael M.N. Stansfield 2005-2015  
Dr Richard I. Higgins 2015-date

### **Editor**

A separate post of editor of the Society's volumes was established in 1968 to make use of the considerable experience of Roy Hudleston in this area. The post was in effect combined with that of secretary on his resignation but was revived as an independent officer on A. J. Piper's resignation, with in fact joint editors being then appointed to share the workload. On Margaret Harvey's resignation in 2011, a further two editors were appointed, with Professor Britnell dealing with medieval material, Dr Winchester the early modern and Mr Heesom nineteenth century and later.

C.R. Hudleston 1968-1979  
A. J. Piper 1980-1999  
Margaret M. Harvey 1999-2011  
Richard H. Britnell 1999-2013  
Angus J. L. Winchester 2011-date  
Alan J. Heesom 2011-date