

MHBS Results 2010

Overview

- Retail Savings and Mortgage Asset Growth
- Winner of 3 National Awards
- Appointment of new Chairman

As a strong regional mutual, owned by our members, Market Harborough Building Society is delighted to report that we have delivered another solid performance despite the difficult economic conditions.

By sticking to our values and delivering excellent value and service to our members 2010 was a year of solid growth in our core activities of prime residential lending and savings deposits.

Key Results

Post tax profit £750k

Retail savings balances up by £20m

Growth in annual mortgage lending to £70m

Reduction in management expenses ratio

Total assets of £432.7m (growth 3.7%)

Lending

Our prudent and responsible lending policy meant that unlike many lenders, we were able to grow our total mortgage assets, whilst ensuring no increased risks were taken. We are particularly pleased with our continued low levels of arrears and that we have still not made a single repossession since 2006. The Society also won three prestigious national awards including Best Local Building Society 2011 by the Mortgage Finance Gazette.

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Savings

The increase in mortgage assets was funded by a significant increase in savings deposits by new and existing members, who were looking for an attractive long term return on their hard earned savings from an organisation focussed on offering fairness and value with a friendly personal service.

Investment

Whilst the management expenses ratio was reduced in 2010, we continued our investment in building a solid foundation for future long term growth, with a branch refurbishment at Kibworth, a new web site and a refreshed brand.

Chief Executive of the Society, Mark Robinson said:

“With the continued support of both existing and new members, 2010 proved to be another strong year for the Society, enabling us to continue our investment for the future. In an increasingly faceless world we are proud that we continue as a strong independent regional society with our roots firmly in the local community, offering a personal service to our members.

The last few years have been troubling times for many savers and borrowers but the Society, through holding true to its values, and focussing on our members’ needs has grown in strength and reputation. This reflects the sound stewardship over the last ten years of our chairman David Baker, who will retire at this year’s AGM.

I hope many of our members will join me at our 141st AGM, to say a warm “farewell” to David and to meet our new Chairman, Nick Johnston, on the 28th April at 7.30pm at the Three Swans Conference Centre, Market Harborough.”

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David Baker, retiring chairman said:

"It has been my privilege to serve as a director of your Society for the last thirteen years during a period of immense change. In particular the last few years have proved to be especially turbulent. I am delighted by the way the Society has performed and know that my successor, Nick Johnston, shares my conviction in the values of the business as an independent mutual."



If you can't make the AGM don't forget you can still have your say in how your Society is run. This year, for the first time, we will donate 25p for each vote cast to our local hospices to support the indispensable work that they do.

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EDITORS NOTES

Market Harborough Building Society was established in the south Leicestershire town of Market Harborough in 1870. The Society has grown steadily and prudently over the last 141 years and as at the end of 2010 had assets exceeding £430m, 51,000 savings accounts and 4,365 mortgage accounts.

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