

# SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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### ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD (to retire at the Annual General Meeting indicated)

2011	Christopher Chanter Robert Croft, BA, MIFA Revd Brian Kirk, BD Brian Murless
2012	Anita Sims, RIBA, IHBC Hilary Binding, BA plus Chris Sidaway, Nigel Pearce, David Dawson and George Middleton as Trustees
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<i>Somerset County Council:</i>	Councillor David Fothergill
<i>Associated Societies:</i>	<i>Vacant</i>

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Banwell village hall on Saturday 15 May 2010. The meeting was attended by 67 members. The chairman, Chris Sidaway, welcomed Professor Stephen Rippon as President for 2010–2011 and inducted the past President, Mr David Bromwich, as Vice-President for 2010–2012. Chris Sidaway said that this was an eventful period in the Society's history with new hugely enhanced heritage and cultural facilities in Somerset about to come to fruition, in which the Society had played an important part. The past year had seen the Society sponsoring top quality scholastic symposia particularly the Annual Archaeology Symposium 2010 in April and the Barrington Court Conference in June. The publication catalogue had been considerably enhanced by *The Maritime History of Somerset* edited by Adrian Webb. The Trustees had decided to seed-fund a new Natural Sciences Fund with £10,000 to aid publications concerned with natural history. It was hoped that this initial investment would encourage further funds by way of gifts and legacies.

The Museum of Somerset refurbishment had allowed previous archaeological surveys of the castle to be re-evaluated by Chris Webster. The Somerset Building Preservation Trust, on behalf of the Society, had negotiated grants for Castle House in addition to a bid to the HLF to complete its refurbishment. The upper floors would be run by the Vivat Trust as superior holiday accommodation and provide a sustainable future for this important building. The ground floor would be used for interpretation and learning activities to complement the education

programme within the Museum. It was hoped that the new redesign of Castle Green and new access would improve the surroundings of the Castle and enhance its appearance. Wyndham Hall had the potential to become a jewel in the crown of SANHS and a refurbished Hall could become the Society's natural home with enhanced facilities and better access for all. The Somerset Heritage Centre at Langford Mead was being fitted out for the move of the Record Office, the Somerset Studies Library and our library to their new home. The chairman discussed the various views on library access but noted that the Trustees believed that the right decision had been taken to move the SANHS library to the new Somerset Heritage Centre in order to protect the Society's assets both from a security aspect and to prevent age deterioration within a temperature controlled environment.

Over and above the specific working parties, a small group had been set up to set out a 5-year corporate strategy and action plan for SANHS. This would include examining the Society's governance structure, develop a marketing and communications plan, review our finance and budgeting and complete an action plan to set out where the society should be going. In conclusion Chris Sidaway noted that the Society had been party to an inward investment in the county of up to £17million on heritage works, much of it enhancing the Society's assets, in partnership with Somerset County Council. Finally the Trustees and officers of the Society were thanked and especially Mary Ewing and Adrian Webb both of whom were standing down as Trustees.

## MALTWOOD, GRAY AND ASTON FUNDS

*South Cadbury Environs Project*

£1050 from the Aston Fund towards the costs of a series of carbon-14 dating of samples from SCEP's 2008 excavations of a Bronze Age barrow that was apparently re-used for burials in the Iron Age

*Dr Mark Gillings*

£2320 from the Maltwood Fund towards the cost of fieldwork, geophysical survey and excavation of the prehistoric stone settings at Lanacombe, Exmoor.

*Andrew Butcher*

£1750 from the Maltwood Fund towards the costs of digital photographs required for analysis of the collection of Later Middle Age manuscripts of the

Clerks of Bridgwater, held at the Somerset Record Office.

*The Fairfield Project, Stogursey*

£1000 from the Maltwood Fund towards the professional archaeological investigations of park and landscape around Fairfield House; and a further £1000 from the Gray Fund towards the costs of a four week training programme for young people and volunteer groups.

*John Allan*

£828.50 from the Maltwood Fund for the costs of analysis of Middle Iron Age pottery excavated at Glastonbury Abbey in 2008.

David Dawson