

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY: 2021

SANHS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2021

Board meetings were carried out via Zoom due to Covid, and because of so many activities requiring attention, it was decided to hold extra meetings. A total of ten meetings were held between January and June. Meetings had been taking up to three hours and this reduced to one/two hours with the increased frequency.

The finances of the Society were such that despite the work carried out by the treasurer David Victor, they continued to give some concern. Both he and the Board agreed that it was not possible to adopt a budget for the whole year, but to do so on a three-monthly basis. Although applications had been submitted for various grants linked to Covid we were unsuccessful. Face-to-face events not being able to take place, or if they did, were not as financially successful as pre-Covid. Events via Zoom, although producing some much needed finance, were not to the same level of income. Because of the irregularity of lockdowns, day long face-to-face conferences were not advisable, the archaeology day was shortened slightly and produced virtually. 'A Day on the Mendips', encompassing all four subject committees, was deferred.

Attempts were made to increase both the number of trustees to the Board and also Holding Trustees. Two Holding Trustees were reaching the stage of being unable to fulfil their commitment

of the role. It was decided to hold some board meetings on Saturdays in the hope of recruiting people to the board who were still in employment and had an interest in the Society.

The AGM was delayed until September when four new trustees were voted to the board. David Dawson was re-elected President and Julian Orbach as Vice President. Chris Chanter was elected as Chairman, myself as Vice Chair and Martin Salzer, a new Trustee, as Treasurer. The Society was still without an Honorary Secretary.

Dr Harriet Induni had taken on the management and development of the website and changes were put to the Board prior to implementation. The development of the members area was time consuming. Electronic access to the current Proceedings was developed with input from Rob Webley and David Dawson and the opportunity to donate to the Society electronically was improved.

The office manager role had become unwieldy and

the manager, Louisa Gillett, felt her job description no longer fitted the role. A new job description was produced by the treasurer David Victor prior to his resignation.

A request had been made to the South West Heritage Trust (SWHT) from The Newt for a five-year loan of 25 artefacts from the SANHS collection. This resulted in negotiations between SWHT, The Newt and the Society to ensure adequate insurance and care, and appropriate acknowledgement of ownership. The Newt was developing a museum on the Hadspen Estate due to open sometime in mid-late 2021. The Board supported the proposal subject to satisfactory procedures.

Two complaints were received about behaviour of two trustees. The Society had no formal complaints procedure; a working group was implemented to both instigate a complaints policy and investigate the complaint. The person who had caused the complaint to be made subsequently made a complaint to the Charity Commission (CC) which members were made aware of, and also their response that the CC were taking no action.

An application to develop the empty Debenhams building in Taunton had adverse implications both for the surrounding historic environment and visual impact of the area. The Historic Buildings committee, led by Dr Lizzie Induni with input from the Trustees and David Dawson, responded pointing out the historic importance of the area and the close proximity of listed and Scheduled Monument sites. No decision appears to have been made.

The repairs to the walls of the Norman Gardens were completed and builders moved off site. The team of volunteer gardeners continued to maintain what had been cleared and worked to clear the remainder. The gardens were formally opened by the Mayor, Mrs Hazel Prior-Sankey, in July. Talks continued with the Castle Hotel as although they had decided last year to relinquish the lease and were no longer paying, they were still holding events now the gardens were much improved. There had been interest shown by three organisations in the use of the gardens.

Efforts to enable the society to take back the Wyndham Hall will continue under the leadership of Chris Chanter, the new Chairman.

Chris Jessop

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Trustees and officers of the society 2021

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SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY for 2021

- PATRON:** Lady Gass MA
- HOLDING TRUSTEES:** Lady Gass MA
Stephen Pugsley
Brian Murless
- PRESIDENT:** David Dawson BA FSA FMA
- VICE-PRESIDENTS:** Lady Gass MA
Julian Orbach BA Hon RSAW
- EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:** *Chair:* Chris Jessop RMN SRN RMV FWT FP Cert NP Cert
Vice-chair: Roy Hutchings BA MSc (retired May)
Hon. Secretary: post vacant
Hon. Treasurer: Martin Salzer MA PhD MiMechE (from September)
Hon. Librarian: David Bromwich MA ALA
Editor: Robert Webley BA MA
- INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Anthony Porter BA FCA
- TRUSTEES (with date of retirement):**
- Christopher Chanter (2022)
Rob Hutchings BA MSc (2021)
Sue Goodman BSc (Hons) Dip Lib
Harriet Induni BA MPhil PhD (2023)
Lizzie Induni PhD (2023)
Mark Lidster (resigned)
Gerardine McHugh-Solimon BA (Hons) BA (Hons) MA PGCE (co-opted September)
David Reid (2021)
Martin Salzer MA PhD MiMechE (co-opted September)
David Victor (2021)
Christine Webster BA (Hons) PGCE (co-opted September)
- COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**
- Archaeology:* David Baker MA
Heritage Grants: David Dawson BA FSA FMA
Historic Buildings: Lizzie Induni PhD
Library: Sue Goodman BSc (Hons) MA DipLib
Local History: John Page
Museum Collection: David Baker MA
Natural History: David Reid
Publications: Chris Webster BTech PGCert FSA MCIfA

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Incoming Resources	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources from generated funds						
Subscriptions	2	12,293	-	-	12,293	13,639
Gift Aid		1,100	-	-	1,100	993
Rent Received	4	8,730	-	-	8,730	7,799
Investment Income		1,056	2,183	6,121	9,360	10,959
Legacies and Donations	3	3,686	48,470	-	52,156	43,856
Publication Sales and Contributions		663	-	-	663	1,070
Royalties		751	-	-	751	828
Proceedings		7,638	-	-	7,638	705
Function Income		-	-	-	-	-
Group events income		800	-	-	800	896
Other Income		124	-	-	124	61
Total Incoming Resources		36,841	50,653	6,121	93,615	80,806
Charitable Activities						
Grants	14	-	9,049	-	9,049	4,071
Museum Exhibits & Replacements		4,800	-	-	4,800	2,166
Proceedings		8,109	-	-	8,109	4,447
Newsletter		706	-	-	706	631
Library Acquisitions		1,196	-	-	1,196	1,312
Library maintenance		86	-	-	86	35
Function Costs		165	-	-	165	14
Publications		-	-	-	-	44
Group events expenditure		384	-	-	384	867
Dunster Project		-	1,159	-	1,159	1,023
Norman Gardens Project		-	72,528	-	72,528	55,586
New Website		646	-	-	646	3,189
Office Costs	5	19,805	569	1,944	22,318	19,994
		35,897	83,305	1,944	121,146	93,379
Governance Costs	5	6,253	-	-	6,253	6,221
Total Resources Expended		42,150	83,305	1,944	127,399	99,600
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(5,309)	(32,652)	4,177	(33,784)	(18,794)
Other Recognised (Losses)/Gains		2,089	4,314	12,099	18,502	(13,614)
Transfers between funds		(2,226)	6,403	(4,177)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(5,446)	(21,935)	12,099	(15,282)	(32,408)
Total Funds Brought Forward		51,992	123,995	203,827	379,814	379,814
Total Funds Carried Forward		46,546	102,060	215,926	364,532	347,406

**SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	£	2021	£	2020	£
Fixed Assets						
Heritage Assets	1		-		-	
Office Equipment	7		227		452	
Investments						
Shares at valuation	8		311,684		297,636	
Intangible Assets						
Leases	9		6,421		7,284	
			<u>318,332</u>		<u>305,372</u>	
Current Assets						
Stocks of items for resale			-		-	
Debtors	10		263		19,327	
Cash at bank and in hand	11		47,245		56,701	
			<u>47,508</u>		<u>76,028</u>	
Current Liabilities						
Creditors and accruals	12		1,308		1,586	
Net Current Assets			<u>46,200</u>		<u>74,442</u>	
Total Net Assets			<u>364,532</u>		<u>379,814</u>	
Funded By	14					
Unrestricted Funds						
General Purposes Fund			46,546		51,992	
			<u>46,546</u>		<u>51,992</u>	
Restricted Funds						
Endowment Funds			102,060		123,995	
			215,926		203,827	
			<u>364,532</u>		<u>379,814</u>	

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees on
(Honorary Treasurer)

and signed on their behalf by Mr