

MALTWOOD FUND FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN SOMERSET

In 1968 Mrs Katherine Maltwood left a sum of approx £3000 to the Royal Society of Arts for "the encouragement of research into the antiquities of Somerset" (she had been interested in and had written articles about the Glastonbury area and Prehistoric and Dark Age Somerset).

The R.S.A. set up an Advisory Panel of archaeologists and historians to deal with applications and grants from the Fund, and this continued until 1988. At that time the money was exhausted, but a further sum of £30,000 was raised. Mr Skidmore, who had administered the Fund until that time, wished to retire and the R.S.A. asked the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society to take it over.

With the Agreement of Council in May 1989 the Fund was transferred to S.A.N.H.S. and Registered by the Charity Commission as a subsidiary Charity to the Somerset Society, grants to be made out of the income from the investments. Recipients of grants are asked to use the money in the year of the award, and to provide a report of progress to the Society.

An Advisory Panel was set up and grants were made from 1990.

In 1995 a donation of £25000 (anon) was made to the Fund, with the stipulation that the money should be invested so that the capital should increase at least in line with inflation. The Fund is now in the region of £72000.

A list of grants awarded to date is given below:

Year	Name	Subject
1990	C. & N. Hollinrake	Glastonbury Parish Survey and Pottery
	Mrs P. Flower-Smith	Research into history of Blackdowns Progress report received
	Local History Library	Purchase of air photographs of Somerset for Reference Collation
	J. & J. Pentney	Report on Norton Fitzwarren Hillfort Published in SANHS Proc. 1991
	J. B. Weller	Study of Monastic Crop Storage Progress report received 1991
	J. Bennett	Research into Wincanton Delftware
	Mr M. Alston	Magnetometer etc – Shapwick Report received
10 applications received — 7 grants — £2700 total awarded		
1991	K. Branigan & M. Dearne	Publication of material from Wookey Hole Published in SANHS Proc. 1990
	Glastonbury Abbey Trustees	Research into ceramic collection Report received from O. Kent 1991
	Mrs P. Stokes	Costs of aerial survey, W. Pennard Report received De. 1991

- 1991 cont. Taunton Deane Arch Report on Field Survey
 Research Committee Report in SANHS Library
 Christina Tuohy Catalogue of weaving combs
 Report received 1992
 H. Woods & R. Croft Writing Report on Wembdon Hill Cemetery
 M. Aston Costs of flights, radiocarbon etc
 Shapwick Project, Third Report 1992
- 16 applications received — 7 grants — £2000 total awarded
- 1992 Prof Rahtz & Processing finds and dates
 Cadcong team Publication received
 Prof. J. Coles & Books on Arthur Bulleid
 S. Minnitt Publication received
 Mrs J. Hasler & Survey & Parish Survey Wookey
 Mr B. Luker Copy for publication March 1993
 Mr & Mrs Penoyre Survey of decorative plaster work
 S. Petherton Publication received 1994
 Mrs V. Castle Research, Axbridge
 Mrs Castle deceased Cheque held
 Glastonbury Abbey Further research in medieval ceramics
 Trustees
 Mrs M. Ponsford Drawings for publication of M5 site
 M5 Research
 Committee
 Mr R. A. Setterington Electronics for thermal sensing equipment
 Report received
 Taunton Deane Arch. Equipment for Field Survey
 (C. Clements) Report received
- 13 applications received — 9 grants — £2890 total awarded
- 1993 Mr R. Coleman-Smith Post excavation work, Donyatt kilns
 Yeovil Report received Dec 1993
 Mr D. W. Parson Specialist fees for interpretation of Pleistocene bones from
 County Museum Mendip
 Mrs A. Gutierrez Labour and materials for pottery sorting – for Shapwick
 Shapwick Project Report
- 11 applications received — 3 grants — £2500 total awarded
- 1994 Prof. Malcolm Todd Survey and excavation of Roman Fort at Charterhouse
 Exeter Report in SANHS Vol. 137
 Mrs B. Lowe for publication of catalogue of Soms titles
 Keynsham Publication pending
 Mr R. Coleman-Smith Preparation, photographs for excavation
 Yeovil Report received
 Prof. John Coles Publication of report on Glastonbury Lake Village
 Mrs Clare Austin Recording of Vernacular buildings
 Soms & S. Avon
 Group
- 11 applications received — 5 grants — £2300 total awarded
- 1995 Dr Stephen Rippon Excavation cosys, RB site Kenn Moor
 Univ. Reading Interim report in "Severn Estuary" 1994
 Dr A. J. Parker compilation of database for Winterstoke

- 1995 cont. Bristol Univ. Project
Mr M. Aston Expenses of soil analysis – equipment
Univ. of Bristol Shapwick Project
- 6 applications received — 3 grants — £1200 total awarded
- 1996 Dr D. W. Warren Editing & Publication of sites of Industrial Arch, in
S.I.A.S. Somerset,
Report received
Dr Stephen Rippon Field work and survey on N. Soms Levels
Reading Univ. Report received
Mr Tony Haskell Survey and report on Industrial structures at Nynehead
Trull Wharf – publication received
Mrs M. Forbes Survey equipment for earthworks at Max Mills
Barton, Winscombe Report received
- 14 applications received — 5 grants — £1950 total awarded
(Grant of £1000 not claimed, project abandoned)
- 1997 Mrs J. Lawes Cost of items for excavation at Peasedown
Bath & Camerton Soc.
Mr D. Musgrove Expenses for study of medieval exploitation affecting
Exeter Univ. prehistoric evidence on levels
Mr C. Hawkes & Specialist reports on finds at Wells Museum Garden – report
S. Alney in progress
Mr S. Minnitt Resistivity survey of sites at Meare Lake Villages.
Somerset C.C. Report received
Museum
Dr Stephen Rippon Costs of survey and excavation at Banwell RB site
Univ. Exeter Reports received
R. Carter, C. Clements purchase of Air Photos for evidence of iron workings in
iron working Gp Blackdowns
- 11 applications received — 6 grants — £2050 total awarded
- 1998 Winscombe & equipment for section of moat, analysis of samples
Sandford Soc.
Mrs M. Forbes
Mr J. Daillimore Tree Ring Dating, Somerset Dendrochronology Project
Soms Vernacular Report received – study continuing
Building Research Gp
Mr R. Coleman-Smith cost of professional typing of report on Donyatt Kilns
Merriott
Lawrence S. Barham Towards costs of testing the preservation of pigments used
Bristol Univ. for cave painting in varied conditions in Somerset caves
Dept of Arch Report negative
Mrs Frances A. Neale Compilation of photographic record of 97 corbels in
& Mrs H. Hadson Wedmore Church. Report held
- 8 applications received — 5 grants — £3000 total awarded
- 1999 Mrs Paula Gardiner Towards cost of 3–4 radiocarbon dates of charcoal from
Mesolithic site at Birdcombe
Mr Stephen Minnitt travel & subsistence to P.R.O. to examine data on a study of
County Museum counterfeit coinage in Somerset 1810–1850
- 5 applications received — 2 grants — £1077 total awarded

2000	John Nash, Curator Watchet Boat Museum	Tracing recording and treatment of surviving traditional flatboats and barges of Somerset
	Mr Michael Cudmore [REDACTED] Norton-S-Hamdon	Towards costs of 'Doomsday' Millennium Book for Norton-sub-Hamdon
	Mr Ralph Fyfe Exeter Univ.	Cost of Radio-carbon dating of sequences of environmental changes in Exe Catchment area
	Mrs Paula Gardner [REDACTED], Cliftonwood, Bristol	Cost of radiocarbon dating and palaeoenvironmental analysis from Birdcomber Mesolithic site
	Mr Richard Tabor Sth Cadbury Environs Project	Pollen & Diatom analysis of samples associated with the Bronze Age shield from South Cadbury

9 applications received — 5 grants — £3570 total awarded