

# DORKING SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1107459

## Details

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**Other names** DORKING & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [05126366](#)

**Registered** 2005-01-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) To promote and encourage high standards of architecture, planning and development in the Area of Benefit, and to promote public interest in, and conservation of, the beauty and character of the area and its natural environment.2) To advance education by the maintenance and operation of Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre, including by holding, developing and caring for the Museum's collections for the public benefit.3)To advance the education of the public by promoting and encouraging the study of, and community engagement with, the history of the Area of Benefit via the provision of a local history group

**Activities:** to promote and encourage high standards of architecture and town planning, public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of Dorking and district and preserve, develop and improve features of general public or historic interest

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** DORKING AND DISTRICT.
- Surrey

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£57,913	£50,937	-	-
2023-12-31	£103,800	£117,457	-	-
2022-12-31	£59,785	£52,461	-	-
2021-12-31	£62,087	£25,781	-	-
2020-12-31	£60,446	£39,282	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Barbara Joy Brigham		2022-07-18
Grant Spooner		2025-09-17
Gwendoline Helen Wood		2018-06-28
James Denis Dampier		2023-04-03
James Friend		2023-02-22
Jean Patricia Ward Mrs		2021-05-03
KATHRYN ATHERTON		2018-11-05
PIERRE TARTARI		2017-06-01

## Linked charities

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- THE OWEN RUSS BEQUEST (1107459-1)

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# Accounts

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**Registered charity number: 1107459**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 December 2024  
for  
Dorking Society**

## **Dorking Society**

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Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1107459

**Registered office**

The Old Foundry  
62 West Street  
Dorking  
Surrey  
RH4 1BS

**Trustees during 2022**

K Atherton	Appointed 5.11.18
B J Brigham	Appointed 18.7.22 – Secretary to the trustees
J Dampier	Appointed 3.4.2023 - Treasurer
J Friend	Appointed 23.02.23
E V Simmons	Appointed 30.4.18
P J Tartari	Appointed 1.06.17
J P Ward	Appointed 3.5.21 - Chair
G H Wood	Appointed 28.6.18

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**Dorking Society**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives**

The Objects clause of the Dorking Society was amended by a special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. The amended objects of the Dorking Society are:

- a) To promote and encourage high standards of architecture, planning and development in the Area of Benefit, and to promote public interest in, and conservation of, the beauty and character of the area and its natural environment
- b) To advance education by the maintenance and operation of Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre, including by holding, developing and caring for the Museum's collections for the public benefit
- c) To advance the education of the public by promoting and encouraging the study of, and community engagement with, the history of the Area of Benefit via the provision of a local history group.

The Dorking Society currently achieves its objectives through:

- The Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre
- The Dorking Local History Group
- The Community Team

The change in the Objects clause of the Dorking Society was agreed after legal advice and obtaining the consent of the Charity Commission to the revised wording. The Trustees continue to consider, with advice where necessary, the further updating of the Charity's constitution documents.

**2. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The objectives and activities of the Dorking Society are entirely focused on the public benefit of Dorking and its surrounding district. The Dorking Society refers to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. It seeks to deliver public benefit in the following ways:

The **Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre** has a growing collection of artefacts and an extensive archive (paper and other media) relating to Dorking and surrounding district. Through its exhibitions, events, guided walks and outreach activities it engages with the public to share and explain the history of the local area.

The **Dorking Local History Group** provides for its members and visitors talks (both in person and virtually), walks and visits on topics and places of local historic interest. It also publishes books and articles on matters of local historic interest.

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The **Community Team** (formerly the Conservation, Community and Planning Group) carries out a range of tasks linked to development and planning in the local area.

All activities carried out by the Dorking Society are currently managed and undertaken by volunteers.

Further detail about all the work of the Dorking Society is set out on pages 3 to 7.

### **3. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Financial Review**

During the year income exceeded expenditure by £15,927 (2023 - £40,551), and an increase in the value of investments of £8,744 (2023 - £233 decrease) which resulted in a net increase in funds of £24,671 (2023 - £40,318).

At 31 December 2024 the Society's total funds stood at £520,420 (2023 - £495,789), which consisted of £422,183 (2023 - £323,439) investments with £98,277 (2023 - £172,350) in net current assets.

A final payment of the legacy from the estate of the late Geoffrey Collins was due to the Society at the year end, and has now been received.

The Dorking Society keeps its investments and net current assets to both finance future projects and to provide a return to help finance day to day expenditure.

### **4. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

Dorking Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, and is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. From 1 January 2006 the charity took over the assets and liabilities (except those of the Owen Russ bequest), of the original unincorporated charity number 246806 (called the Dorking & District Preservation Society), registered with the Charity Commission in 1967. By order of the Charity Commission, the Society charity number 246806 for the purposes of the part VI of the Charities Act 1993 became charity number 1107459.

#### **Organisational structure**

The governing body of the Dorking Society is the Trustee Board. Trustees are elected at each Annual General Meeting or appointed during the year by the trustees and subsequently put up for election at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustee Board is responsible for all matters of policy. There were no changes on the Trustee Board during 2024. Consideration is being given to increasing the number of Trustees with particular emphasis on recruiting those with skills relating to HR and Museum operation.

The day-to-day management of the Dorking Society's affairs takes place in one of three committees covering respectively:

- The Dorking Museum & Heritage Centre
- The Local History Group
- The Community Team

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Each Committee is chaired by a Trustee and each operates under Terms of Reference agreed by the Trustees. No member of the Trustee Board receives remuneration.

## **5. KEY RISKS**

The finding of sufficient and sufficiently skilled volunteers to participate as Trustees, Committee members and carry out the multiple activities that run under the auspices of the Dorking Society is a key risk which is mitigated by recruitment through word of mouth, social media presence and advertising. The Trustees address this risk on a regular basis.

A further risk is the forthcoming development of the site owned by Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) bounded by North Street and Church Street in Dorking which lies directly behind the Museum & Heritage Centre buildings and over which the Dorking Society as owner of the freehold site on which the Museum & Heritage Centre is located and has access rights. During 2023 proposals to demolish all buildings on the MVDC owned site were agreed by MVDC pending development of a mixed residential and commercial development. Detailed proposals will be published in 2024.

During the latter part of 2023 questions of maintaining the access rights during this period of change arose and the Trustees sought legal advice from their solicitors, Downs. Matters were amicably taken forward with MVDC with whom a good relationship was maintained.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP**

Three types of members exist: Museum members, Local History Group members and ordinary members.

## **7. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

These are set out in detail under the heading of each of the three sections making up the Dorking Society.

### **7.1 The Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre**

During 2024, after several challenging years, the Museum was finally able to enjoy a full year of operation.

The highlights were; the Museum being awarded Arts Council Accreditation, the cave tours receiving a record number of visitors, and a blue plaque unveiling attracting enthusiasts from far and wide. Much more detail is set out below.

#### **In 2024 the Museum:**

- Was awarded Accredited status under the Arts Council Accreditation scheme
- Welcomed 4,500 visitors to the Museum gallery including a tailored visit for Dorking Air Cadets, 4 other after-hours visits and 3 tailored school visits
- Ran temporary exhibitions on the history of the Surrey Yeomanry, the history of Johnstons Sweepers (Bucher Municipal) and on the Denbies Lego House
- Created and installed a canvas pterodactyl banner over the approach area
- Commissioned local artist Uncle Stubble to create a mural for the front of the building depicting the 10cc album, 'Deceptive Bends' which was recorded at Strawberry Studios in South St, Dorking

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- Installed themed display windows on the histories of the Surrey Yeomanry and of Johnstons Sweepers to tie into exhibitions, and seasonal display windows for Easter, Halloween, Remembrance and Christmas
- Installed a panel on the history of the Foundry site in the approach area
- Installed a 'Cabinet of Curiosities' with a launch event for families to select the contents
- Held members' opening events for the Surrey Yeomanry exhibition and the Lego House exhibition
- Conducted a trial installation for a music listening post
- Installed a new permanent Strawberry Studios display case
- Sent the Surrey Yeomanry Exhibition on tour to Fetcham Park House

**In the Caves in 2024 there were:**

- 100 cave tours for scouts, companies, schools, family groups and community organisations including 40 open day tours welcoming around 1,000 people under Dorking's streets
- A new artwork in the South Street Caves by artist Uncle Stubble was commissioned and installed.

**Around Dorking in 2024:**

- A guided walks programme was run in Dorking; on the Deepdene Trail and at Betchworth Castle, in total offering 46 guided walks attended by 430 people
- A new Blue Plaque and Statues walk was launched
- 3 care homes were visited with memory boxes and talks
- 6 community groups were given talks on aspects of local history
- A blue plaque on the site of Strawberry Studios, South St was unveiled with a reception at the Museum and a record signing at a local record store with the band 10cc
- 580 visitors were welcomed to museum off-site events at Dorking Library including a 'Behind the scenes at the Museum' event
- Participation in Heritage Open Days and Mole Valley Arts Alive, offering free walks

**For schools and families in 2024:**

- A monthly programme of themed activities for younger children at Dorking Library to tie in with Surrey Libraries' themes, including National Storytelling Week, Chinese New Year, Women's History Month, Earth Day, Local & Community History Month, National Crime Reading Month, a Festival of Archaeology, National Playday, Roald Dahl story day, a Family Learning Festival, World Nursery Rhyme Week and a Winter Mini Challenge
- A series of family activities for older children, including a Pterosaur challenge, a Great Game activity, an Easter Egg hunt, a Spy School, a Butterflies, Bees and Bugs family event, a Model Making Extravaganza, a Be a Museum Curator session and a Christmas Creations craft activity - totalling over 600 attendees at library activities
- Attendance at Meadowbank family Fun Day with a newly developed publicity stand
- Accommodating a work experience student and two 'behind the scenes' visits by Reigate College students
- Loaning out of 11 school loan boxes and 1 care home reminiscence box
- Loaning out the Early Cycling in Dorking panels to The Ashcombe school

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- Loaning out replica suffragette material to St John's school
- Giving a presentation of the Fight for the Vote for Women at St Joseph's School
- Working with The Ashcombe School to identify local candidates for their new 'house' system
- Producing two editions of 'Dorking Heritage'

**Publications in 2024:**

- In conjunction with Bucher Municipal a book on the history of the company in Dorking was published.
- Published a revised and reprinted edition of 'The Vanishing River of Box Hill'
- Hosted a book launch for 'Mary Neal and the Suffragettes who saved the Morris Dancing'.

**2024 In the media:**

- A contribution was made to the BBC's 'Secret Surrey' recordings on Peter Labelliere's grave and the Westhumble 'caves'
- Radio interviews for BBC Surrey were given on the temporary closures of West Street, and Dorking Halls and the permanent closure of Belmont School. A television interview was given on the 10cc blue plaque
- Work was done with the BBC on an episode of Michael Portillo's 'Railway Journeys' programme
- Two film crews were hosted to film in the South Street Caves
- A contribution was made to a recording for the Talking Newspaper
- Assistance was given to Albion Music Publishing with sleeve notes for their latest CD release
- An interview on Dorking history was given to the 'Daily Telegraph'
- Numerous articles were placed in the 'Dorking Advertiser' and 'InYourArea' online, and monthly articles in 16 parish magazines and 'Vantage Point' magazine

**Collections and Archives in 2024:**

- Regular research visits to the archives were made and answers provided to over 100 public queries
- A collection of film footage was digitised
- The oral history team was relaunched with a new Strawberry Studios interviewing project
- A photography project to photograph every item in the collection was begun and additionally a collections review of all stored items and an audit of textile items.

**Online in 2024:**

The follower count across Facebook, X (Twitter) and Instagram increased and regular e-news letters were sent to over 1000 subscribers.

**7.2 Dorking Local History Group**

During 2024 the Local History Group continued giving both in person talks and talks by 'Zoom' thereby reaching a larger audience. Specifically, during 2024 the Group has:

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- Provided 12 monthly talks in person at Crossways Community Baptist Church; and 10 talks via 'Zoom'
- Regularly updated the website and social media to engage a wider audience; the statistics confirm a growing audience. Also, membership reached its highest total in October.
- Collected audience figures for the website on a monthly basis. In 2024 there were a total of 2.5K visitors – a rise of 17%.
- Organised three members' outings: a walk in Guildford viewing secret WW2 remains; a trip to Brooklands Museum; and a visit to Dunsfold Airfield.
- Included some members' family memories of WW1 and WW2 in Dorking History.
- Reprinted a reformatted version of a book on Chart Park and reprints were also done of the popular book The Deepdene.
- Continued to use Surrey MeetUp (<https://www.meetup.com/surrey-history-meetup>) to invite non-members to talks & events.
- Continued to support the research project on West Street

During the forthcoming year the group's plans include:

- Continuing to support local research including research on West Street, Dorking, and the WW1 and WW2 history of local communities.
- Provide two or three outings for Members and at least one walk.
- Reducing postage costs by using email for our 6 monthly newsletters etc.
- Continuing to support local research including research on West Street, Dorking, and the WW1 and WW2 history of local communities.
- Provide two or three outings for Members and at least one walk.

Details of the programme are published on the Dorking Local History Group website. All the talks both virtual and in person are open to non-members. Non-members contribute £2 per live meeting or make a voluntary donation on Zoom.

### **7.3 Dorking Society Community Team**

2024 saw the relaunched Dorking Society Community Team begin to implement activity across each of its revised areas of focus:

- **The Future of Retail in Dorking:** the team have focused on understanding how to create a mandate to give opinion on proposals for future changes to our market town centre. To do this beyond the opinions solely within our core team means developing engagement tools that are significantly more effective in reach than those used by Planning Authorities which generate very limited responses. We are developing the concept of an interactive longitudinal tool that can present the views of citizens and ensure that the sample data is truly representative of the population that relies on our town and its surrounding villages
- **Brownfield site redevelopment:** the Community Team have provided feedback to the Local Planning Authority on specific development management applications and on policy consultations. Our goal remains to maximise the level of investment into reusing previously developed land to preserve green spaces for the generations to come; once it is built on it is built on forever
- **Conservation Area Management:** focusing on ensuring that the unique character of our most special built environments is actively conserved, including constructive lobbying of major high street retailers to take good care of the appearance of their whole buildings. Looking beyond street level in the town centre can often be revealing.

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- Infrastructure Investment: championing appropriate changes to the places that we rely on for our daily lives and wellbeing; including a focus on Dorking Deepdene station where we welcome the new stair facilities but lament that more accessible means are reserved for elsewhere in Dorking at present
- Best Development Awards: restarting the once traditional Best Development Awards, including creating a diverse team of judges, defining the methodology and attracting applications from across our town and stretching into the surrounding villages
- Communications with members: curating and producing the second newsletter since the relaunch and identifying a pipeline of future topics, as well as actively responding to member feedback from the articles published. There is always time to tell us what you think “Good” development looks like.

If you are interested in any of the areas that the Community Team focuses on, then please do get in touch through our email address of [ct@dorkingsociety.org.uk](mailto:ct@dorkingsociety.org.uk)

## **8. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees’ annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Recognised Accountancy Practice).

Company and Charity laws require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any natural departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will not continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

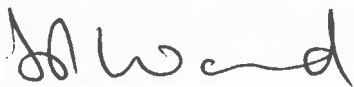
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity’s website.

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**9. RESERVES POLICY**

Reserves have accrued through unrealised gains in the value of investments, and surpluses generated in prior years. They are being maintained for the upkeep and potential expansion of the museum building and to support the Society. The purchase of the site from Mole Valley District Council, which was funded out of the Owen Russ bequest, given specially for the purpose, is held in the 'old' charity under a directive from the Charity Commission.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Jean Ward  
(Trustee)

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for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dorking Society ('the charity')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2011 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 20 July 2024

**Dorking Society**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**or the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	13,109	5,000	18,109	54,542
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Admissions		755	-	755	981
Sales		4,988	-	4,988	4,684
Outings		2,737	-	2,737	2,097
Caves		6,086	-	6,086	5,582
Other trading activities	4	415	-	415	423
Investment Income	5	24,791	-	24,791	21,664
Grant		-	-	-	3,005
Insurance claim		-	-	-	10,822
Other		32	-	32	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>52,913</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>57,913</u>	<u>103,800</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	6	15,279	48	15,327	13,588
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
Admissions		17,369	-	17,369	29,343
Sales		4,954	-	4,954	6,437
Outings		684	-	684	485
Caves		1,898	-	1,898	3,445
Other		1,754	-	1,754	9,951
<b>Total</b>		<u>41,938</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>41,986</u>	<u>63,249</u>
Net income before gains / losses on investments		10,975	4,952	15,927	40,551
Net gains / (losses) on investments		8,744	-	8,744	(233)
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>19,719</u>	<u>4,952</u>	<u>24,671</u>	<u>40,318</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	16	-	-	-	
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>19,719</u>	<u>4,952</u>	<u>24,671</u>	<u>40,318</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		396,905	98,884	495,789	455,471
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>416,624</u></u>	<u><u>103,836</u></u>	<u><u>520,460</u></u>	<u><u>495,789</u></u>

The notes form part of the financial statements

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Balance Sheet  
At 31 December 2024**

				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	12	323,299	98,884	422,183	323,439
		<u>323,299</u>	<u>98,884</u>	<u>422,183</u>	<u>323,439</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	13	12,251	-	12,251	11,464
Debtors	14	3,023	-	3,023	48,727
Cash at bank and in hand		80,646	4,952	85,598	115,621
		<u>95,920</u>	<u>4,952</u>	<u>100,872</u>	<u>175,812</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,595)	-	(2,595)	(3,462)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>93,325</u>	<u>4,952</u>	<u>98,277</u>	<u>172,350</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		416,624	103,836	520,460	495,789
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>416,624</u>	<u>103,836</u>	<u>520,460</u>	<u>495,789</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	16	416,624	-	416,624	396,905
Restricted funds		-	103,836	103,836	98,884
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>416,624</u>	<u>103,836</u>	<u>520,460</u>	<u>495,789</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on  
on its behalf by:

and were signed

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Jean Ward - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue to operate.

### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted funds comprise that income which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. The three unrestricted funds relate to the three principal parts of the Society, namely the Dorking Society General, the Museum and the History Group.

### **Income**

Subscriptions, donations and legacies received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the examiner's fee and legal costs associated with the incorporation of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is applied to tangible fixed assets at the following rates:

Individual items are capitalised only if their value exceeds £1,000.

### **Stocks**

Museum stock is stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The stock of the History Group's books is carried at nil value.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Staff**

The charity is staffed entirely by volunteers. There are no paid employees.

**Donated goods**

Donated goods and assets are only valued and recognised when they are disposed as due to the size of the charity it is impracticable to obtain valuations.

**Investments and unrealised gains and losses**

The fixed asset investments held by the charity are valued at market value. The largest investment is with M&G Charifund and this suits the purposes of the charity.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and the opening market value, less accumulated dividend income.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	6,126	2,772
Legacy	6,000	45,257
Gift aid	850	1,397
Subscriptions	5,133	5,116
	<u>18,109</u>	<u>54,542</u>

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Museum admissions	Admissions	755	981
Sales of merchandise	Sales	4,988	4,684
Other activities	Outings	2,737	2,097
Caves income	Caves	6,086	5,582
		<u>14,566</u>	<u>13,344</u>

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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising	415	423
	<u>415</u>	<u>423</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit account interest	616	1,195
Dividend income	24,175	20,469
	<u>24,791</u>	<u>21,664</u>

**6. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising	1,309	1,280
Education	430	126
Membership scheme	262	330
Website	1,251	1,078
Support costs	12,075	10,774
	<u>15,327</u>	<u>13,588</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	<b>Direct costs</b>	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	(see note 8)	(see note 9)	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Admissions	5,251	12,118	17,369
Sales	3,215	1,739	4,954
Caves and trips	1,898	684	2,582
Other	-	1,754	1,754
	<u>10,364</u>	<u>16,295</u>	<u>26,659</u>

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Purchases	642	1,902
Lecture fees & room hire	2,573	1,921
Preservation & purchase of exhibits	5,251	12,947
Caves expenditure	1,898	3,445
Fire prevention	-	8,376
	<u>10,364</u>	<u>28,591</u>

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**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Raising donations and legacies	684	-	-	684
Admissions	12,118	-	-	12,118
Sales	1,739	-	-	1,739
Other	-	182	1,572	1,754
	14,541	182	1,572	16,295

**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	1,572	1,494

**11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed Investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2024	323,439
Additions	100,000
Sales	(10,000)
Change in market value	8,744
At 31 December 2024	422,183
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2024	422,183
At 31 December 2023	323,439

There were no investment assets outside the UK

**12. STOCKS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stocks	12,251	11,464

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**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Accrued income	-	45,257
Debtors and prepayments	3,023	3,470
	3,023	48,727

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Accrued expenses	2,595	3,462
	2,595	3,462

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	67,252	5,391	-	72,643
Museum	314,885	14,512	-	329,397
History group	14,768	(184)	-	14,584
	396,905	19,719	-	416,624
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	98,884	-	-	98,884
War memorial website fund	-	4,952	-	4,952
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>495,789</b>	<b>24,671</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>520,460</b>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	7,413	5,881	3,859	5,391
Museum	41,476	31,849	4,885	14,512
History group	4,024	4,208	-	(184)
	52,913	41,938	8,744	19,719
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	-	-	-	-
War memorial website fund	5,000	48	-	4,952
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>57,913</b>	<b>41,986</b>	<b>8,744</b>	<b>24,671</b>

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**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS cont'd**

**2023 Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£		£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	65,720	1,532	-	67,252
Museum	321,442	(6,557)	-	314,885
History group	14,682	86	-	14,768
	<u>401,844</u>	<u>(4,939)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>396,905</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	53,627	45,257	-	98,884
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>455,471</b></u>	<u><b>40,318</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>495,789</b></u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	5,269	(9,627)	5,890	1,532
Museum	49,731	(50,165)	(6,123)	(6,557)
History group	3,543	(3,457)	-	86
	<u>58,543</u>	<u>(63,249)</u>	<u>(233)</u>	<u>(4,939)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	45,257	-	-	45,257
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>103,800</b></u>	<u><b>(63,249)</b></u>	<u><b>(233)</b></u>	<u><b>40,318</b></u>

**16. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	6,126	2,772
Legacy	6,000	45,257
Gift aid	850	1,397
Subscriptions	5,133	5,116
	18,109	54,542
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Museum admissions	755	981
Sales of merchandise	4,988	4,684
Caves income	6,086	5,582
Other activities	2,737	2,097
	14,566	13,344
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising income	415	423
	415	423
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	616	1,195
Investment income	24,175	20,469
	24,791	21,664
<b>Other income</b>		
Grant	-	3,005
Insurance claim	32	10,822
	32	13,827
<b>Total income</b>	<b>57,913</b>	<b>103,800</b>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Advertising	1,309	1,280
Education	430	126
Membership scheme	262	330
Website	1,251	1,078
	3,252	2,814
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Purchases	2,381	4,516
Trips	684	485
Lecture fees and room hire	2,573	1,921
Preservation and purchase of exhibits	5,251	12,947
Repairs and maintenance	9,696	14,149
Caves expenditure	1,898	3,445
Fire prevention	-	8,376
	22,483	45,839
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rates and electricity	2,422	2,247
Insurance	3,799	3,010
Sundries	555	293
Subscriptions paid	342	193
Administrative expenses	4,011	2,294
	11,129	8,037
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	944	725
Grant repayment	1,000	-
	1,944	725
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Legal fees	1,606	4,340
Accountancy and professional fees	1,572	1,494
	3,178	5,834
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>41,986</b>	<b>63,249</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>15,927</b>	<b>40,551</b>

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**DORKING SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1107459

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# Accounts

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**Registered charity number: 1107459**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 December 2023  
for  
Dorking Society**

## **Dorking Society**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1107459

**Registered office**

The Old Foundry  
62 West Street  
Dorking  
Surrey  
RH4 1BS

**Trustees during 2022**

K Atherton	Appointed 5.11.18
B J Brigham	Appointed 18.7.22 – Secretary to the trustees
E A Chambers	Appointed 30.6.21 – resigned 15.3.2023
J Dampier	Appointed 3.4.2023 - Treasurer
J Friend	Appointed 23.02.23
E V Simmons	Appointed 30.4.18
P J Tartari	Appointed 1.06.17
J P Ward	Appointed 3.5.21 - Chair
G H Wood	Appointed 28.6.18

**Independent examiner**

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Cheeld Wheeler & Co  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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Dorking  
Surrey  
RH4 1BQ

**Dorking Society**  
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**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

## 1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives

The Objects clause of the Dorking Society was amended by a special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. The amended objects of the Dorking Society are:

- a) To promote and encourage high standards of architecture, planning and development in the Area of Benefit, and to promote public interest in, and conservation of, the beauty and character of the area and its natural environment
- b) To advance education by the maintenance and operation of Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre, including by holding, developing and caring for the Museum's collections for the public benefit
- c) To advance the education of the public by promoting and encouraging the study of, and community engagement with, the history of the Area of Benefit via the provision of a local history group.

The Dorking Society currently achieves its objectives through:

- The Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre
- The Dorking Local History Group
- The Community Team

The change in the Objects clause of the Dorking Society was agreed after legal advice and obtaining the consent of the Charity Commission to the revised wording. The Trustees continue to consider, with advice where necessary, the further updating of the Charity's constitution documents.

## 2. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objectives and activities of the Dorking Society are entirely focused on the public benefit of Dorking and its surrounding district. The Dorking Society refers to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. It seeks to deliver public benefit in the following ways:

The **Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre** has a growing collection of artefacts and an extensive archive (paper and other media) relating to Dorking and surrounding district. Through its exhibitions, events, guided walks and outreach activities it engages with the public to share and explain the history of the local area.

The **Dorking Local History Group** provides for its members and visitors talks (both in person and virtually), walks and visits on topics and places of local historic interest. It also publishes books and articles on matters of local historic interest.

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The **Community Team** (formerly the Conservation, Community and Planning Group) carries out a range of tasks linked to development and planning in the local area.

All activities carried out by the Dorking Society are currently managed and undertaken by volunteers.

Further detail about all the work of the Dorking Society is set out on pages 3 to 7.

### **3. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Financial Review**

During the year income exceeded expenditure by £40,551 (2022 - £60,951), and a decrease in the value of investments of £233 (2022 - £17,510) which resulted in a net increase in funds of £40,318 (2022 -£43,441).

At 31 December 2023 the Society's total funds stood at £495,789 (2022- £455,471), which consisted of £323,439 (2022 - £320,381) investments with £172,350 (2022 - £135,090) in net current assets.

A final payment of the legacy from the estate of the late Geoffrey Collins was due to the Society at the year end, and has now been received.

The Dorking Society keeps its investments and net current assets to both finance future projects and to provide a return to help finance day to day expenditure.

### **4. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

Dorking Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, and is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. From 1 January 2006 the charity took over the assets and liabilities (except those of the Owen Russ bequest), of the original unincorporated charity number 246806 (called the Dorking & District Preservation Society), registered with the Charity Commission in 1967. By order of the Charity Commission, the Society charity number 246806 for the purposes of the part VI of the Charities Act 1993 became charity number 1107459.

#### **Organisational structure**

The governing body of the Dorking Society is the Trustee Board. Trustees are elected at each Annual General Meeting or appointed during the year by the trustees and subsequently put up for election at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustee Board is responsible for all matters of policy. There were two appointments and one resignation on the Trustee Board during 2023. Consideration is being given to increasing the number of Trustees with particular emphasis on recruiting those with skills relating to HR and Museum operation.

The day-to-day management of the Dorking Society's affairs takes place in one of three committees covering respectively:

- The Dorking Museum & Heritage Centre
- The Local History Group
- The Community Team

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Each Committee is chaired by a Trustee and each operates under Terms of Reference agreed by the Trustees. No member of the Trustee Board receives remuneration.

**5. KEY RISKS**

The finding of sufficient and sufficiently skilled volunteers to participate as Trustees, Committee members and carry out the multiple activities that run under the auspices of the Dorking Society is a key risk which is mitigated by recruitment through word of mouth, social media presence and advertising. The Trustees address this risk on a regular basis.

A further risk is the forthcoming development of the site owned by Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) bounded by North Street and Church Street in Dorking which lies directly behind the Museum & Heritage Centre buildings and over which the Dorking Society as owner of the freehold site on which the Museum & Heritage Centre is located and has access rights. During 2023 proposals to demolish all buildings on the MVDC owned site were agreed by MVDC pending development of a mixed residential and commercial development. Detailed proposals will be published in 2024.

During the latter part of 2023 questions of maintaining the access rights during this period of change arose and the Trustees sought legal advice from their solicitors, Downs. Matters were amicably taken forward with MVDC with whom a good relationship was maintained.

**6. MEMBERSHIP**

Three types of members exist: Museum members, Local History Group members and ordinary members.

**7. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

These are set out in detail under the heading of each of the three sections making up the Dorking Society.

**7.1 The Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre**

As reported in the previous Annual Report damage following a very serious fire in an adjoining building resulted in the closure of the Museum for a period of almost one year and therefore well into 2023. 2023 was a very challenging year as the necessary steps for the significant repair and rebuilding work were put in hand via the insurers and loss adjusters. Almost all the cost of necessary repairs and limited consequential improvements was covered by insurance. A grant for the costs of conservation work on water and fire affected paintings and costume items was obtained and the work put in hand. Work to achieve Arts Council Accreditation was necessarily delayed by the closure of the Museum but this has now restarted and submission will be in early spring 2024.

It proved possible to have a 'soft' opening of the Museum in September 2023 and a very successful re-opening ceremony took place on 26 October with an excellent attendance from among all those involved and invited guests. In the three months following the re-opening, 950 visitors to the Museum have been welcomed.

During the period that the Museum gallery was closed, the Archives were able to reopen. The volunteer team hosted regular research visits to the Archives and answered numerous public queries. It was also possible to begin cataloguing the extensive World War One casualty biographical material.

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During the closure period the team of volunteers proved very committed and resourceful in finding other ways to satisfy the Museum audience and engage with the local community. As is clear from what follows, an impressive amount of work was carried out during 2023.

**Permanent Exhibition**

Volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare the Museum for its re-opening in September 2023. A new display case featuring original scores by Ralph Vaughan Williams was added. Further additions to the permanent display included a Rotary chain, a George and the Dragon carving by a local craftsman, a flying Pterosaur, and a needlework book from Mickleham School.

A new picture window on the front of the store building was commissioned and this has housed three topical displays using items from the permanent collection. The window can be seen clearly from West Street and with two new feature panels as well on the front of the building, improves the Museum & Heritage Centre's visibility from West Street.

**Temporary exhibitions**

During the enforced closure of the Museum a temporary Coronation exhibition was set up in Dorking library with a linked Coronation Crafts family activity. Other temporary exhibitions at the Dorking library included a refugee themed exhibition with linked family activity and a display on local suffrage activity for International Women's Day.

Display panels on Lord Ashcombe and fossil hunters and panels on the impact of the First World War were sent to The Ashcombe School in Dorking for temporary exhibition. The Museum's collection of Brockham Park packaging was provided for an event at Brockham Park.

**Outreach and family activities**

Family activities continued during the period that the Museum was closed and the Trustees are very grateful for the involvement of Dorking library. Families have been welcomed to activities including:

- A Discover Dinosaurs Day
- Victorian Christmas Creations Craft Activity Day
- Totally Wild Creations family activity in the summer holidays
- Sessions for younger children at Dorking Library tied to Surrey County Libraries' monthly themes.

Local schools have benefited from 17 loan boxes of artifacts and some local schools have also had presentations on topics including the fight for women's suffrage and on the history of Dorking. Special openings for youth groups including Scouts and Beavers have taken place.

At the other end of the age spectrum loans of memory boxes to care homes have continued.

**Caves, Walks and Other Community Involvement**

During the period April to 31 October a successful programme of visits to Dorking Caves and a separate walks programme have operated. A total of ninety-one tours of Dorking caves have taken place. Fifty-one for private groups including Scouts, schools, companies, and family groups and forty open day tours welcoming a total of nine hundred visitors.

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The walks team have welcomed three hundred people on forty-three walks in Dorking, on the Deepdene Trail and at Betchworth Castle. Both the Cave Team and the Walks team participated in the Heritage Open Day Schemes providing free walks or visits on a particular day.

The Museum & Heritage Centre has also assisted Downs solicitors on the history of their office site and the firm's founders and the National Trust on topics including the Dorking Refugee Committee and trees on Box Hill.

Two new blue plaques have been researched, commissioned, and installed dedicated to the Rob Walker Racing Team and to pioneering aeronautical engineer Beatrice Shilling.

### **Publications, Publicity & Technical Innovation**

Two editions of Dorking Heritage have been published and numerous articles have appeared both in print and online in local magazines and the Dorking & Leatherhead Advertiser. The Museum & Heritage Centre was proud to be runner up in the Alan Ball Award for best local history publication with '100 Years on a Medieval Manor' by Susannah Horne. Regular batches of 'The Weaver, the Shoemaker and the Mother of a Nation' have been supplied to the United States with a range of Cockerel Press publications supplied to local bookshops.

The Museum website welcomed over 15,000 visitors over 40,000 sessions. The general Facebook following has increased to over 2000 people with 2549 followers on X (formerly Twitter) and 1466 on Instagram. A regular e-newsletter was sent to over 900 subscribers. A new development has been the Bloomberg Connects app to enhance the visitor experience with a virtual Museum tour and written content on featured objects.

### **In the Background**

Essential to the efficient running of the Museum are both practical work; for example, obtaining and installing new racking and arranging book storage in house, and work on necessary policies and procedures and keeping these under review. During the year an Audience Development Strategy and Plan has been put in place, and an accessibility audit was carried out followed by an access plan. The Museum also signed up to the Kids in Museums; Age Friendly Museum and Dementia Friends initiatives. Recruitment and training of volunteers is carried out regularly.

The Museum has a shop for both in-person customers and online. More than 400 online orders were processed via the online shop.

The whole volunteer team look forward to a busy and productive year in 2024.

### **7.2 Dorking Local History Group**

During 2023 the Local History Group built very successfully on the work carried out during previous years and especially during the Covid 19 pandemic when remote talks were organised. The Group continues with both in person talks and talks by 'Zoom' thereby reaching a larger audience. Specifically, during 2023 the Group has:

- Provided two talks monthly one via 'Zoom' and one in person at Crossways Community Baptist Church.

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- Regularly updated the website and social media to engage a wider audience; the statistics confirm a growing audience. Audience figures for the website are collected monthly and average 456 per month during the second half of 2023 with a high of 743 in November. X (formerly Twitter) shows around 200 followers.
- Organised two members' walks in Surrey, one at Reigate fort and one about Alan Turing in Guildford.
- Organised two member outings; one at The Spike in Guildford and one at Goddards, the Edward Lutyens house with garden designed by Gertrude Jekyll, owned by the Landmark Trust in Surrey.
- Continued to use Surrey MeetUp (<https://www.meetup.com/surrey-history-meetup/>) to invite non-members to talks & events.
- Continued to support the research project on West Street
- Continued to support the free exhibition on WW1 contributions held around the War Memorial in Dorking for two weeks either side of Armistice Day. Community Comments were gathered via the Dorking Local History Group website.

During the forthcoming year the group's plans include:

- Continuing to support local research including research on West Street, Dorking, and the WW1 and WW2 history of local communities.
- Provide four outings for Members and at least one walk.
- Include on the website family contributions from the previous two World Wars gathered from the Member's Evening

Details of the programme are published on the Dorking Local History Group website. All the talks both virtual and in person are open to non-members. Non-members contribute £2 per live meeting or make a voluntary donation on Zoom.

### **7.3 Dorking Society Community Team**

The refocusing of the Community Team has continued during 2023. A newsletter was distributed to all members through both physical and digital channels, a survey collated to gather views on the areas the team should prioritise and an on-street event held to engage with the public. This event highlighted the remarkable number of visitors to Dorking Town Centre.

There has been a significant focus on encouraging appropriate development to bring investment into the town and the surrounding area. A review of the core areas of Dorking has been completed and provided to Mole Valley District Council to augment their thinking on the potential of brownfield sites for creating new homes for our community without resorting to sacrificing greenbelt land at the expense of the generations to come. The review indicates that with effective planning policies substantially more redevelopment could take place and we welcome the moves by the Council to consider specific planning policies for Dorking once again.

We have been impressed by the energy with which the Dorking Business Improvement District team are raising the profile of opportunities within the town and continue to develop our research into the future of high streets, potentially working with some Higher Education Institutions to take this initiative forward.

**Dorking Society**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The adopted Conservation Areas across Dorking and our villages vary in management activity. The Community Team recognises the opportunity to bring some focus to these areas collectively and to ensure appropriate accountability for their conservation in service of current and future residents.

Our plans for the relaunch of the “Best Development Awards” are underway, with categories defined and a judging panel assembled ahead of a call for nominations to run through the spring and summer of 2024. On behalf of all residents, members of the Community Team have continued to engage in development sites and to participate in their consultations (both pre and post application, as appropriate) and to submit policy specific opinions to the Local Planning Authority in many cases.

Through these initiatives, the Community Team is demonstrating a strong commitment to championing the appropriate preservation, conservation and development of our town and villages to create value for local residents and businesses.

## **8. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees’ annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Recognised Accountancy Practice).

Company and Charity laws require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any natural departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will not continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity’s website.

## **9. RESERVES POLICY**

Reserves have accrued through unrealised gains in the value of investments, and surpluses generated in prior years. They are being maintained for the upkeep and potential expansion of the museum building and to support the Society. The purchase of the site from Mole Valley District Council, which was funded out of the Owen Russ bequest, given specially for the purpose, is held in the 'old' charity under a directive from the Charity Commission.

**Dorking Society  
Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on

2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Jean Ward.....  
(Trustee)

Handwritten signature of Jean Ward in cursive script, written over a dotted line.

**Dorking Society**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dorking Society ('the charity')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2011 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*David Wheeler*

David Wheeler FCCA  
Independent Examiner  
Cheeld Wheeler & Co  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Redhill Chambers  
2d High Street  
Redhill  
Surrey  
RH1 1RJ

Date: 20 August 2024

**Dorking Society**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**or the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	9,285	45,257	54,542	64,518
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Admissions		981	-	981	142
Sales		4,684	-	4,684	8,470
Outings		2,097	-	2,097	2,658
Caves		5,582	-	5,582	4,928
Other trading activities	4	423	-	423	2,914
Investment Income	5	21,664	-	21,664	17,364
Grant		3,005	-	3,005	2,000
Insurance claim		10,822	-	10,822	10,418
<b>Total</b>		<b>58,543</b>	<b>45,257</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>113,412</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	6	13,588	-	13,588	13,539
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
Admissions		29,343	-	29,343	18,816
Sales		6,437	-	6,437	7,797
Outings		485	-	485	940
Caves		3,445	-	3,445	951
Other		9,951	-	9,951	10,418
<b>Total</b>		<b>63,249</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,249</b>	<b>52,461</b>
Net income before gains / losses on investments		(4,706)	45,257	40,551	60,951
Net gains / (losses) on investments		(233)	-	(233)	(17,510)
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(4,939)</b>	<b>45,257</b>	<b>40,318</b>	<b>43,441</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	16	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(4,939)</b>	<b>45,257</b>	<b>40,318</b>	<b>43,441</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>401,844</b>	<b>53,627</b>	<b>455,471</b>	<b>412,030</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>396,905</b>	<b>98,884</b>	<b>495,789</b>	<b>455,471</b>

The notes form part of the financial statements

**Dorking Society  
Balance Sheet  
At 31 December 2023**

				2023	2022
	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	12	323,439	-	323,439	320,380
		323,439	-	323,439	320,380
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	13	11,464	-	11,464	11,546
Debtors	14	3,470	45,257	48,727	11,209
Cash at bank and in hand		61,994	53,627	115,621	113,717
		76,928	98,884	175,812	136,472
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,462)	-	(3,462)	(1,382)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		73,466	98,884	172,350	135,090
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		396,905	98,884	495,789	455,471
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		396,905	98,884	495,789	455,471
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	16				401,841
Restricted funds		396,905	98,884	495,789	53,627
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		396,905	98,884	495,789	455,471

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on  
signed on its behalf by:

2024 and were

  
Jean Ward - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue to operate.

### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted funds comprise that income which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. The three unrestricted funds relate to the three principal parts of the Society, namely the Dorking Society General, the Museum and the History Group.

### **Income**

Subscriptions, donations and legacies received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the examiner's fee and legal costs associated with the incorporation of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is applied to tangible fixed assets at the following rates:

Individual items are capitalised only if their value exceeds £1,000.

### **Stocks**

Museum stock is stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The stock of the History Group's books is carried at nil value.

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Staff**

The charity is staffed entirely by volunteers. There are no paid employees.

**Donated goods**

Donated goods and assets are only valued and recognised when they are disposed as due to the size of the charity it is impracticable to obtain valuations.

**Investments and unrealised gains and losses**

The fixed asset investments held by the charity are valued at market value. The largest investment is with M&G Charifund and this suits the purposes of the charity.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and the opening market value, less accumulated dividend income.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	2,772	3,894
Legacy	45,257	53,627
Gift aid	1,397	1,838
Subscriptions	5,116	5,159
	<u>54,542</u>	<u>64,518</u>

The legacy is to be used for the development of the Dorking Museum.

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Museum admissions	Admissions	981	142
Sales of merchandise	Sales	4,684	8,470
Other activities	Outings	2,097	2,658
Caves income	Caves	5,582	4,928
		<u>13,344</u>	<u>16,198</u>

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising	423	2,914
	<u>423</u>	<u>2,914</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit account interest	1,195	386
Dividend income	20,469	16,978
	<u>21,664</u>	<u>17,364</u>

**6. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising	1,280	2,806
Education	126	104
Membership scheme	330	318
Website	1,078	857
Computer equipment	-	573
Support costs	10,774	8,881
	<u>13,588</u>	<u>13,539</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	<b>Direct costs</b>	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	(see note 8)	(see note 9)	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Admissions	12,947	16,396	29,343
Sales	3,823	2,614	6,437
Caves and trips	3,445	485	3,930
Other	8,376	1,575	9,951
	<u>28,591</u>	<u>21,070</u>	<u>49,661</u>

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Purchases	1,902	1,194
Lecture fees & room hire	1,921	2,916
Preservation & purchase of exhibits	12,947	1,760
Caves expenditure	3,445	952
Fire and prevention	8,376	10,417
	<u>28,591</u>	<u>17,239</u>

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Management</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Raising donations and legacies	485	-	-	485
Admissions	16,396	-	-	16,396
Sales	2,614	-	-	2,614
Other	-	81	1,494	1,575
	<u>19,495</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>1,494</u>	<u>21,070</u>

**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examiner's fee	<u>1,494</u>	<u>1,320</u>

**11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	<b>Listed Investments £</b>
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2023	320,380
Additions	3,292
Change in market value	(233)
At 31 December 2023	<u>323,439</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2023	<u>323,439</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>320,380</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK

**12. STOCKS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	<u>11,464</u>	<u>11,546</u>

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accrued income	45,257	-
Debtors and prepayments	3,470	11,209
	<b>48,727</b>	<b>11,209</b>

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accrued expenses	3,462	1,382
	<b>3,462</b>	<b>1,382</b>

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1.1.23</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>At 31.12.23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	65,720	1,532	-	67,252
Museum	321,442	(6,557)	-	314,885
History group	14,682	86	-	14,768
	401,844	(4,939)	-	369,905
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	53,627	45,257	-	98,884
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>455,471</b>	<b>40,318</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>495,789</b>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Gains and losses</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	5,269	(9,627)	5,890	1,532
Museum	49,731	(50,165)	(6,123)	(6,557)
History group	3,543	(3,457)	-	86
	58,543	(63,249)	(233)	(4,939)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	45,257	-	-	45,257
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>(63,249)</b>	<b>(233)</b>	<b>40,318</b>

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS cont'd**

**2022 Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£		£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	66,990	(1,270)	-	65,720
Museum	330,027	(8,585)	-	321,442
History group	15,013	(331)	-	14,682
	<u>412,030</u>	<u>(10,136)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>401,884</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	-	53,627	-	53,627
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>412,030</u></b>	<b><u>43,491</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>455,471</u></b>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	4,996	(3,986)	(2,282)	(1,270)
Museum	51,083	(44,438)	(15,228)	(8,585)
History group	3,706	(4,031)	-	(331)
	<u>59,785</u>	<u>(52,461)</u>	<u>(17,510)</u>	<u>(10,186)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	53,627	-	-	53,627
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>113,412</u></b>	<b><u>(52,461)</u></b>	<b><u>(17,510)</u></b>	<b><u>43,441</u></b>

**16. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Dorking Society**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	2,772	3,894
Legacy	45,257	53,627
Gift aid	1,397	1,838
Subscriptions	5,116	5,159
	54,542	64,518
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Museum admissions	981	142
Sales of merchandise	4,684	8,470
Caves income	5,582	4,928
Other activities	2,097	2,658
	13,344	16,198
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising income	423	2,914
	423	2,914
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1,195	386
Investment income	20,469	16,978
	21,664	17,364
<b>Other income</b>		
Grant	3,005	2,000
Insurance claim	10,822	10,418
	13,827	12,418
<b>Total income</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>113,412</b>

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**Dorking Society**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Advertising	1,280	2,806
Education	126	104
Membership scheme	330	318
Website	1,078	857
Computer equipment	-	573
	2,814	4,658
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Purchases	4,516	5,116
Trips	485	940
Lecture fees and room hire	1,921	2,916
Preservation and purchase of exhibits	12,947	1,760
Repairs and maintenance	14,149	15,855
Caves expenditure	3,445	952
	8,376	10,418
	45,839	37,957
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rates and water	2,247	1,201
Insurance	3,010	4,238
Sundries	293	257
Subscriptions paid	193	190
Administrative expenses	2,294	2,102
	8,037	7,988
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	725	797
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Legal fees	4,340	-
Accountancy and professional fees	1,494	1,061
	5,834	1,061
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>63,249</b>	<b>52,461</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>40,318</b>	<b>60,951</b>

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**DORKING SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1107459

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# Accounts

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**Registered charity number: 1107459**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 December 2022  
for  
Dorking Society**

## **Dorking Society**

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**Dorking Society**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives**

The Dorking Society exists to:

- promote high standards of architecture and town planning in Dorking and its surrounding district,
- encourage public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of Dorking and its surrounding district and;
- support the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.

It currently achieves these objectives through (inter alia):

- the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre
- its Local History Group; and
- conservation, community and local planning activities.

The Dorking Society has undertaken an exercise to determine whether its current objectives and operational powers remain sufficiently comprehensive for it to undertake its current and future activities. Legal advice on the adequacy or otherwise of its Memorandum and Articles has been obtained and the Trustees will be seeking to update the objects clause in its Memorandum of Association and generally updating the governing documents. Wording for a revised Objects clause has been agreed by the Trustees and the consent of the Charity Commission to the revised wording was obtained in May 2023. A special resolution to implement the revised objects clause will be put to the Annual General Meeting on 3rd July 2023.

**Public benefit**

The objectives and activities of the Dorking Society are entirely focused on the public benefit of Dorking and its surrounding district. The Dorking Society refers to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. It seeks to deliver public benefit in the following ways:

- the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre has an ever-growing collection of artefacts and an extensive archive (paper and other media) relating to Dorking and surroundings district. Through these and its exhibitions, events, guided tours and outreach activities (see item 10 below) it engages with the public to share and explain the knowledge they contain.
- The Local History Group provides for its members and visitors talks, walks and visits on topics and places of local historic interest. It also publishes books and articles (including via its website) on matters of local historic interest.
- Throughout 2022 the Conservation, Community and Planning Group directed its focus on (a) commenting on planning applications, particularly in relation to listed buildings, developments and infrastructure changes within the curtilage of Dorking town centre; (b) developing and strengthening its input into the increasingly important work of regenerating Dorking town centre which, like so many high streets throughout the UK.

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**Volunteers**

The Dorking Society is staffed entirely by volunteers.

**2. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During the year, the trustees were delighted to receive on behalf of the society a most generous bequest of £53,627 which will be used towards the further development of the museum.

During the year income exceeded expenditure by £52,000 and a decrease in the value of investments of £17,511 resulted in a net increase in funds of £34,489.

At 31 December 2022 the Society's total funds stood at £455,470 (2021- £412,029) which consisted of £320,380 (£310,934) investments with £135,090 (2021 - £101,095) in net current assets.

The Society keeps its investments and net current assets to both finance future projects and to provide a return to help finance day to day expenditure.

In 2022, the charity benefitted from an extremely generous bequest under the estate of the late Mr Geoffrey Collins.

**3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Dorking Society (formerly Dorking & District Preservation Society) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, and is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. From 1 January 2006 the charity took over the assets and liabilities (except those of the Owen Russ bequest), of the original unincorporated charity number 246806, registered with the Charity Commission in 1967. By order of the Charity Commission the Society charity number 246806 for the purposes of the part VI (Accounting) of the Charities Act 1993 became charity number 1107459.

**Organisational structure**

The governing body of the Dorking Society is the Trustee Board. Trustees are elected at each Annual General Meeting or appointed during the year by the trustees and subsequently elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustee Board is responsible for all matters of policy. During 2022 one trustee was appointed to take the role of Secretary to the Trustees and two further Trustees were appointed early in 2023, one to lead on Community & Planning and the other to take over the role of Treasurer.

The day-to-day management of the Dorking Society's affairs is vested in three committees of the Trustee Board covering, respectively, (a) the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre, (b) the Local History Group, and (c) conservation, community and planning activities. Each committee is chaired by a Trustee and all operate under terms of reference agreed by the Trustee Board. These terms of reference were reviewed and updated regularly.

No member of the Trustee Board receives remuneration, and the Dorking Society is staffed entirely by volunteers. A key risk for the Dorking Society is the finding of enough (and sufficiently skilled) volunteers to ensure its effective running both in the short and longer term. The Trustees address this risk on an ongoing basis. During 2022 this has resulted in the following roles being fulfilled:

- A new Archives Manager and two team leads for archive administration
- Two team leaders to run the family activities and youth group visits.
- New co-ordinators for walks and cave visit teams
- A significant number of volunteers to assist with the various activities carried out by the Charity.

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**4. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**  
05126366 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**  
1107459

**Registered office**  
The Old Foundry  
62 West Street  
Dorking  
Surrey  
RH4 1BS

**Trustees during 2022**

K Atherton Appointed 5.11.18 – Chair: Dorking Museum  
B J Brigham Appointed 18.7.22 – Secretary to the trustees  
E A Chambers Appointed 30.6.21 – resigned 15.3.2023  
J Friend Appointed 23.02.23  
A F Lovett Resigned 10.5.22  
E V Simmons Appointed 30.4.18  
P J Tartari Appointed 1.06.17  
P A Tompkins Resigned 18.7.22  
J P Ward Appointed 3.5.21 - Chairman  
G H Wood Appointed 28.6.18 – Chair: Local history Group

**Independent examiner**  
David Wheeler FCCA  
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2d High Street  
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**Solicitors**  
Downs Solicitors  
156 High Street  
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**5. CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

The Dorking Society has three classes of membership: Ordinary Member, Dorking Museum member and Local History Group member. All classes of member are entitled to vote at General Meetings and stand as Trustees.

**6. ACCREDITATION OF THE DORKING MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE BY THE ARTS COUNCIL**

The Dorking Museum continues to make progress in the accreditation process. An accreditation mentor has continued to assist with all the work required to apply for accreditation. The Museum Committee and the Trustees have considered and approved a number of necessary policies and procedures. A consultant was employed to develop a digital strategy and audience development plan which has been completed and reviewed. A full Forward Plan covering the years 2022-2025 has been adopted and continues to be monitored. The Museum was close to submitting the accreditation application but the damage caused by a serious fire in adjoining premises in October 2022 and subsequent enforced closure of the Museum has delayed the application.

Mole Valley District Council as owner of the land adjoining the Museum and Store premises continues to consider options for this area and the Trustee remain in contact with the Council about possible future options.

**7. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The year has been characterised by a focus on revitalising the Conservation Community & Planning Group, now renamed 'The Community Team' and adding to the Trustees (with formal appointment for some taking place in 2023). As previously mentioned submission of an application for accreditation of the Museum & Heritage Centre is close but delayed by the unfortunate closure of the Museum caused by fire in the adjoining building and consequent damage. The latter closure has continued beyond 2022. Insurance cover has meant that there have been almost no repair costs to the Charity.

**The Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre:**

In 2022 having weathered two years of Covid related uncertainty two challenges arose. Firstly; having relaunched all activities and initiatives and trained up new team members, the Museum and Heritage Centre was unable to open for the first few weeks of the year due to an overrun of damp proofing works. Secondly, in October 2022 a serious fire broke out in adjoining premises. Considerable damage was caused to the Museum building roof structure and the Museum was forced to close immediately. Fortunately no damage was done to the collections or installations. The Museum Gallery has remained closed awaiting work to repair the roof although the Archives have been able to reopen in 2023.

Prior to the fire the Museum had a very busy and productive year and was well set up to build on its achievements in 2023. These plans will be put into effect but later than previously intended. Details of what our volunteers and supporters have managed to achieve, despite the difficult circumstances include:

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In 2022 the Museum:

- Welcomed 3,000 visitors to the Museum until forced to close in October.
- Run 89 cave tours (including spooky Halloween tours) – 46 private group tours for scouts, companies, schools, family groups and community organisations and 43 open day tours taking 800 people underground;
- Run a guided walks programme in Dorking, on the Deepdene Trail and at Betchworth Castle with 50 guided walks attended by 480 people;
- Put on two temporary exhibitions: ‘Rewildings’, by local artist Daisy McMullen, and ‘Hedgerow Heritage’ in collaboration with Surrey Wildlife Trust;
- Hosted a members’ exhibition opening, a ‘meet the artist’ and poetry event and a gallery talk on medieval Dorking;
- Published ‘100 Years on a Medieval Manor’ by Susannah Home;
- Updated and reprinted the ‘Museum Guide to Dorking’;
- Published ‘The Dorking Museum Box of Extraordinary Delights’ by Peter Brown, an activity book for children with online and at-home activities, with a launch day of children’s activities in the gallery;
- Run a ‘Box of Extraordinary Delights’ activity event at Dorking Library in collaboration with Vita Architecture where children experienced ‘future Dorking’ on Virtual Reality headsets;
- Run a Lonesome Lodge event on the Wotton estate in collaboration with the charity Yes to Life;
- Run ‘My Big Beautiful Natural House’ activity for families over the February half term;
- Run an ‘Easter Hunt’ activity over the Easter school holidays;
- Run a ‘Kings and Queens’ activity for families over the spring half term;
- Run a ‘Play the Old Fashioned Way’ family activity over the school summer holidays;
  
- Run an ‘Hedgerow Homes’ activity over the October half term at Dorking Library;
- Loaned out 19 loan boxes to local schools;
- Loaned out 4 memory boxes to care homes;
- Welcomed 2 scout/youth group to special openings and special openings for adult groups;
- Held a historical Balloon Debate featuring local figures jointly with the Local History Group and the Dorking Society Community, Conservation and Planning group;
- Provided background material for a feature film biography of Beatrice Shilling;
- Hosted 30 research visits to the archives and answered 100 queries.
  
- Produced 2 editions of Dorking Heritage in print and digital format;
- Provided an interview on BBC Radio 3 for the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams;
- Worked with the Ashcombe School on a history display on education in Dorking;
- Added sound to the cross-section model of the Mayflower in the permanent exhibition area;
- Added several new items to the permanent display including two Rotary chains, a stereoscopic viewer, the cockerel from the Dorking bandstand and a Surrey Yeomanry jacket;
- Placed numerous articles in the Dorking Advertiser and In Your Area online, and monthly articles in 16 parish magazines and Vantage Point magazine;
- Participated in Heritage Open Days, offering free walks;
- Welcomed 13,000 visitors to our website over 10,000 sessions;
- Increased our general Facebook following to 1837;
- Been followed by 2545 people on Twitter and 1310 on Instagram;
- Sent regular e-newsletters to over 1000 subscribers;
- Processed 450 orders through our online shop;
- Hosted a book and map sale and run 3 pop up shop sessions;

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- Supplied regular batches of ‘The Weaver, the Shoemaker and the Mother of a Nation’ to the United States and supplied local bookshops with a range of Cockerel Press publications;
- Recruited a new archive documentation team, a new family activity coordinator, a youth visit coordinator, a walks team administrator, a cave bookings coordinator and a number of new visitor assistants;
- Worked with a grant-funded consultant to put in place an Audience Development Strategy;
- Applied for a grant to work with a consultant on a Digital Engagement strategy;
- Put in place a 5-year Forward Plan and new Collections Care and Documentation plans;
- Completed cataloguing our oral history collection and begun cataloguing 2 large new archive collections;
- Carried out a condition review of the artefacts and paintings collections;
- Completed damp proofing works to the building;
- Installed a new security and fire alarm system, replacement glass doors and a new shutter (following the fire);
- Commissioned a plan for revamping the outside approach area and artwork to be installed outside the front doors;
- Worked with local artists on a plan for a mural for the Museum approach;
- Applied for a grant for the costs of conservation work on water and fire affected paintings and costume items;

The Museum Committee and Trustees would like to thank everyone who has contributed to any of those activities or supported us in any of our initiatives in any way.

**Dorking Local History Group**

**During 2022 the Local History Group:**

- Provided a minimum of 2 talks each month via zoom and/or live at Crossways Community Baptist Church in Dorking.
- Regularly updated the website and social media to engage a wider audience; the statistics confirm a growing audience.
- Organised a members’ walk in Surrey and an outing to the Weald and Downland Museum.
- Continued to use Surrey MeetUp to invite non-members to talks.
- Continued to support the research project on West Street.

**During 2023 the Local History Group will:**

- Continue to support local research.
- Provide two outings for Members and at least one walk.
- Involve members in family recollections of WW1 and WW2 at a specific live meeting on 2nd October which falls prior to the anniversary of the Armistice on 11th November 2023.

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**Conservation, Community and Planning Group (CCP) now the Community Team**

This year, our purpose for the future activity of the Group was enlivened; first, by a change of title, from 'Community, Conservation & Planning Group' to the more functional and relevant, 'Community Team'; and also by taking up challenges to a few of the significant re-developments that are about the town currently.

The South Street block re-build (opposite Waitrose) was objected to on grounds of over-capacity (63 units replacing 8 by adding 2 floors and no parking). Others in our spotlight were; Hart Gardens, HSBC, and in Dene Street; the Institute, CHMS Clinic, and 'Red' bar and most recently the Sondes Place Farm 'village', and the Meadowbank 'sale'. The crop grows weekly so we anticipate being busy. And it would help to hear your views on these.

We are tackling two other issues; highlighting the 'missing' brownfield sites that should be the focus for new builds, and ensuring all our historic and characterful properties and assets are properly listed and protected. We are active with Surrey County Council on the traffic flow in West Street/Pump Corner, and a possible '20mph' limit.

The activities of all elements of the Dorking Society are widely broadcast via the 'Heritage' booklet. This can be obtained from Erica Chambers on request at the following address:

E-mail: [info@dorkingsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@dorkingsociety.org.uk)

Address: Dorking Museum  
62 West Street  
Dorking  
RH4 1BS

Or: Dorking Society website: [www.dorkingsociety.org.uk](http://www.dorkingsociety.org.uk)

**8. Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The Trustees continually review the potential risks which could arise and believe that adequate systems and procedures are in place to mitigate those risks identified. Reserves have accrued through unrealised gains in the value of investments, and surpluses generated in prior years. They are being maintained for the upkeep and potential expansion of the museum building and to support the Society. The purchase of the site from Mole Valley District Council, which was funded out of the Owen Russ bequest, given specially for the purpose, is held in the 'old' charity under a directive from the Charity Commission.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



J Ward (Trustee)

**Dorking Society**  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dorking Society ('the charity')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2011 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 5 September 2023

**Dorking Society**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**or the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	10,891	53,627	64,518	19,219
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Admissions		142	-	142	612
Sales		7,570	-	7,570	8,002
Outings		2,658	-	2,658	2,595
Caves		4,928	-	4,928	1,793
Other trading activities	4	2,914	-	2,914	2,651
Investment Income	5	17,364	-	17,364	13,738
Grant		2,000	-	2,000	13,477
Insurance claim		10,418	-	10,418	0
Sales at Denhams		900	-	900	0
<b>Total</b>		<u>59,785</u>	<u>53,627</u>	<u>113,412</u>	<u>62,087</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	6	13,539	-	13,539	8,604
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
Admissions		18,816	-	18,816	8,745
Sales		7,797	-	7,797	7,128
Outings		940	-	940	336
Caves		951	-	951	968
Other		10,418	-	10,418	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>52,461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,461</u>	<u>25,781</u>
Net income before gains / losses on investments		7,324	53,627	60,951	36,306
Net gains / (losses) on investments		(17,510)	-	(17,510)	41,348
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(10,186)</u>	<u>53,627</u>	<u>43,441</u>	<u>77,654</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	16	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(10,186)</u>	<u>53,627</u>	<u>43,441</u>	<u>77,654</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		412,029	-	412,029	334,375
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>401,843</u>	<u>53,627</u>	<u>455,470</u>	<u>412,029</u>

The notes form part of the financial statements

**Dorking Society  
Balance Sheet  
At 31 December 2022**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	12	320,380	-	320,380	310,934
		320,380	-	320,380	310,934
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	13	11,546	-	11,546	10,422
Debtors	14	11,209	-	11,209	1,901
Cash at bank and in hand		60,090	53,627	113,717	90,074
		82,845	53,627	136,472	102,396
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,382)	-	(1,382)	(1,301)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		81,463	53,627	135,090	101,095
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		401,843	53,627	455,470	412,029
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		401,843	53,627	455,470	412,029
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	16			401,843	412,029
Restricted funds				53,627	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				455,470	412,029

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Jean Ward - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue to operate.

### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted funds comprise that income which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. The three unrestricted funds relate to the three principal parts of the Society, namely the Dorking Society General, the Museum and the History Group.

### **Income**

Subscriptions, donations and legacies received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the examiner's fee and legal costs associated with the incorporation of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is applied to tangible fixed assets at the following rates:

Individual items are capitalised only if their value exceeds £1,000.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**Stocks**

Museum stock is stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The stock of the History Group's books is carried at nil value.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Staff**

The charity is staffed entirely by volunteers. There are no paid employees.

**Donated goods**

Donated goods and assets are only valued and recognised when they are disposed as due to the size of the charity it is impracticable to obtain valuations.

**Investments and unrealised gains and losses**

The fixed asset investments held by the charity are valued at market value. The largest investment is with M&G Charifund and this suits the purposes of the charity.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and the opening market value, less accumulated dividend income.

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	3,894	12,340
Legacy	53,627	-
Gift aid	1,838	1,457
Subscriptions	5,159	5,422
	<u>64,518</u>	<u>19,219</u>

The legacy is to be used for the development of the Dorking Museum.

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Museum admissions	Admissions	142	612
Sales of merchandise	Sales	8,470	8,002
Other activities	Outings	2,658	1,7963
Caves income	Caves	4,928	2,595
		<u>16,198</u>	<u>13,002</u>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising	2,914	1,063
Other sales	-	1,588
	<u>2,914</u>	<u>2,651</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit account interest	386	2
Dividend income	16,978	13,736
	<u>17,364</u>	<u>13,738</u>

**6. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Meeting costs	-	79
Advertising	2,806	802
Education	104	456
Membership scheme	318	264
Website	857	1,499
Computer equipment	573	-
Support costs	8,881	5,504
	<u>13,539</u>	<u>8,604</u>

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**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	<b>Direct costs</b> (see note 8)	<b>Support costs</b> (see note 9)	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Admissions	1,760	17,056	18,816
Sales	4,110	3,687	7,797
Caves	952	940	1,892
	<u>10,417</u>	<u>1,858</u>	<u>12,275</u>
	<u>17,239</u>	<u>23,541</u>	<u>40,780</u>

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Purchases	1,194	4,112
Lecture fees & room hire	2,916	-
Preservation & purchase of exhibits	1,760	3,994
Caves expenditure	952	968
Fire and prevention	10,417	-
	<u>17,239</u>	<u>9,074</u>

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Management</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Governance</b> costs	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Raising donations and legacies	940	797	-	1,737
Admissions	17,056	-	-	17,056
Sales	3,687	-	1,061	4,748
	<u>21,683</u>	<u>797</u>	<u>1,061</u>	<u>23,541</u>

**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation – owned assets	-	-
Independent examiner's fee	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,200</u>

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**11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	<b>Listed Investments £</b>
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2022	310,934
Additions	26,956
Change in market value	(17,510)
At 31 December 2022	320,380
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2022	320,380
At 31 December 2021	310,934

There were no investment assets outside the UK

**12. STOCKS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	11,546	10,422

**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Debtors and prepayments	11,209	1,901

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accrued expenses	1,382	1,301

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**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	66,990	(1,271)	-	65,719
Museum	330,027	(8,585)	-	322,042
History group	15,013	(331)	-	14,682
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>412,030</b>	<b>(10,187)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>402,443</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	-	53,627	-	53,627

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	4,996	(3,986)	(2,281)	(1,271)
Museum	51,083	(46,338)	(13,329)	(8,584)
History group	3,706	(4,038)	-	(332)
	<u>59,785</u>	<u>(54,362)</u>	<u>(15,610)</u>	<u>(10,187)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	<u>53,627</u>	-	-	<u>53,627</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>113,412</b>	<b>(54,362)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,440</b>

**2021 Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	52,566	14,424	-	66,990
Museum	267,248	62,779	-	330,027
History group	14,561	451	-	15,012
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>334,375</b>	<b>77,654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>412,029</b>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	5,639	(2,574)	11,359	14,424
Museum	53,147	(20,357)	29,989	62,779
History group	3,301	(2,850)	-	451
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>62,087</b>	<b>(25,781)</b>	<b>41,348</b>	<b>76,654</b>

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**16. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Dorking Society**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	3,894	6,825
Legacy	53,627	
Gift aid	1,838	1,655
Subscriptions	5,159	5,140
	<u>64,518</u>	<u>13,620</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Museum admissions	142	747
Sales of merchandise	8,470	5,494
Caves income	4,928	296
Other activities	2,658	1,279
	<u>16,198</u>	<u>7,816</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising income	2,914	1,057
Disposals sales	-	2,674
	<u>2,914</u>	<u>3,731</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	386	15
Investment income	16,978	10,264
	<u>17,364</u>	<u>10,279</u>
<b>Other income</b>		
Grant	2,000	25,000
Insurance claim	10,418	-
	<u>12,418</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u><u>113,412</u></u>	<u><u>60,446</u></u>

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**Dorking Society**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Meeting costs	-	79
Advertising	2,806	802
Education	104	456
Membership scheme	318	264
Website	857	1,499
Computer equipment	573	-
	4,658	3,100
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Purchases	5,116	4,112
Trips	940	336
Lecture fees and room hire	2,916	1,153
Preservation and purchase of exhibits	1,760	3,995
Caves expenditure	952	968
	12,318	-
	24,002	10,564
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rates and water	1,201	2,238
Insurance	4,238	2,187
Sundries	257	241
Subscriptions paid	190	256
Administrative expenses	2,103	3,123
Repairs and maintenance	15,855	2,498
	23,844	10,543
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	797	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and professional fees	1,061	1,574
	1,061	1,574
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>54,362</b>	<b>25,781</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>59,050</b>	<b>36,306</b>

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**DORKING SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1107459

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# Accounts

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**Registered charity number: 1107459**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 December 2021  
for  
Dorking Society**



## **Dorking Society**

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**Dorking Society**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity ("Dorking Society") for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Dorking Society for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

These accounts incorporate under a uniting direction the financial statements of the Owen Russ Bequest charity number 1107459.

1. **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives**

The Dorking Society exists to:

- promote high standards of architecture and town planning in Dorking and its surrounding district,
- encourage public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of Dorking and its surrounding district and;
- the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.

It currently achieves these objectives through (inter alia):

- the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre
- its Local History Group; and
- conservation, community and local planning activities.

The Dorking Society has undertaken an exercise to determine whether its current objectives and operational powers remain sufficiently comprehensive for it to undertake its current and future activities. As a result, the Dorking Society will be seeking to update the objects clause in its Memorandum of Association and various provisions within its Articles of Association.

**Public benefit**

The objectives and activities of the Dorking Society are entirely focused on the public benefit of Dorking and its surrounding district. The Dorking Society refers to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. It seeks to deliver public benefit in the following ways:

- the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre has an ever-growing collection of artefacts and an extensive archive (paper and other media) relating to Dorking and surrounding district. Through these and its exhibitions, events, guided tours and outreach activities (see item 10 below) it engages with the public to share and explain the knowledge they contain.
- The Local History Group provides for its members and visitors talks, walks and visits on topics and places of local historic interest. It also publishes books and articles (including via its website) on matters of local historic interest.
- Throughout 2021 the Conservation, Community and Planning Group continued to direct its focus on (a) commenting on planning applications, particularly in relation to listed buildings, developments and infrastructure changes within the curtilage of Dorking town centre, (b) developing and strengthening its input into the increasing important work of regenerating Dorking town centre which, like so many high streets throughout the UK, has suffered decline due to changes in shopping habits and the impact of Covid 19.

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**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Volunteers**

- The Dorking Society is staffed entirely by volunteers.

**2. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial Review**

At 31 December 2021 the Society's total funds stood at £412,029, of which £310,934 consisted of investments and £101,095 in net current assets.

During the year income exceeded expenditure by £36,306, and an increase in the value of investments of £41,348 resulted in a net increase in funds of £77,654.

The Society keeps its investments and net current assets both to finance future projects and to provide a return to help finance day to day expenditure.

**3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Dorking Society (formerly Dorking & District Preservation Society) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, and is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. From 1 January 2006 the charity took over the assets and liabilities (except those of the Owen Russ bequest), of the original unincorporated charity number 246806, registered with the Charity Commission in 1967. By order of the Charity Commission the Society charity number 246806 for the purposes of the part VI (Accounting) of the Charities Act 1993 became charity number 1107459.

**Organisational structure**

The governing body of the Dorking Society is the Trustee Board. Trustees are elected at each Annual General Meeting. The Trustee Board is responsible for all matters of policy. Due to the impact of Covid 19 it was not possible to hold an Annual General Meeting during 2021. The Trustees due to resubmit for election in 2021 agreed to remain on the Trustee Board until the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

The day-to-day management of the Dorking Society's affairs is vested in three committees of the Trustee Board covering, respectively, (a) the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre, (b) the Local History Group, and (c) conservation, community and planning activities. Each committee is chaired by a Trustee and all operate under terms of reference agreed by the Trustee Board. These terms of reference were reviewed and updated regularly.

No member of the Trustee Board receives remuneration.

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**4. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1107459

**Registered office**

The Old Foundry  
62 West Street  
Dorking  
Surrey  
RH4 1BS

**Trustees during 2021**

N Arch	Resigned 09.07.2021
K Atherton	Appointed 05.11.2018 – Chair: Dorking Museum
Ben Lee	Resigned 04.10.2021
P Camp	Resigned 15.09.2021
J Le Cluse	Resigned 03.06.2021
M J Gooch	Resigned 15.09.2021
A F Lovett	Appointed 30.04.2018 – Treasurer
E V Simmons	Appointed 30.04.2018
P J Tartari	Reappointed 30.04.2018
P A Tompkins	Appointed 31.05.2018
Jean Ward	Appointed 3 May 2021 – Chair: Dorking Society
G H Wood	Appointed 28.06.2018 – Chair: Local History Group

Erica Chambers was co-opted as a Trustee of the Dorking Society on 30 June 2021.

**Independent examiner**

David Wheeler FCCA  
Cheeld Wheeler & Co  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Goodman House  
13a West Street  
Reigate  
Surrey  
RH2 9BL

**Solicitors**

Downs Solicitors  
156 High Street  
Dorking  
Surrey  
RH4 1BQ

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5. **CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

The Dorking Society has three classes of membership: ordinary member, Dorking Museum member and Local History Group member. All classes of member are entitled to vote at General Meetings and stand as Trustees.

6. **ACCREDITATION OF THE DORKING MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE BY THE ARTS COUNCIL**

The Dorking Museum continues to make progress in the accreditation process. An accreditation mentor has been appointed and the Dorking Museum has taken part in an Organisational Health-check with Museums South East designed for museums working towards accreditation. As a result of this health-check the Dorking Museum has been awarded a grant to develop an audience development plan and digital strategy. As part of the accreditation process all existing policies have been reviewed and updated and new policies, procedures and plans put in place for Collections Care and Documentation. A full Forward Plan covering the years 2022-2025 has been adopted.

7. **ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL PREMISES**

The Trustees continue in negotiations with Mole Valley District Council for the acquisition of the freehold and redevelopment of the old garage workshop ("Unit 1B") attached to the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre with the intention of creating additional space serving the needs of the Dorking Society. These needs encompass a wide range of activities within the scope of its charitable objectives; including an expansion of its museum, heritage and learning outreach initiatives to enable it to better serve local communities in the 21st century. The constraints of Covid 19 meant that the progress of this initiative continued to be delayed during 2021, but the expectation is that this will pick up pace during 2022.

A subcommittee of the Trustee Board (the Unit 1B team) has been created to facilitate the acquisition and development Unit 1B. This operates under formal terms of reference defining the scope of its authority and reporting requirements etc.

The Dorking Society has the funds to finance the purchase, but will need to raise the monies necessary to fund the redevelopment out of donations from grant making bodies, corporate sponsors and private individuals.

8. **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

In recognition of its work, especially during the Covid pandemic, the Dorking Society was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in June 2021. This was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux in September 2021.

**During 2021 the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre:**

**Engaging with our audiences**

**The Museum Gallery**

- Re-opened the Museum in May and welcomed over 2,000 visitors during the year.

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Online and public media presence and events

- Welcomed over 15,000 visitors to the Museum website over 21,000 sessions
- Increased general Facebook following to 1,650
- Increased 'Dorking Through the Ages' Facebook following to 467
- Have been followed by 2,540 people on Twitter
- Have 1,200 followers on Instagram
- Attracted 246 followers and 2,100 views a month on Pinterest
- Attracted 400 views on the Historypin page
- Sent regular e-newsletters to over 1500 subscribers
- Launched an online project mapping of all local WW1 casualties onto Google maps
- Provided an interview on BBC Radio for LGBT history month on EM Forster
- Provided the images that resulted in some of our soldiers featuring in the Royal Albert Hall's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations

Exhibitions, Gallery exhibits and events

- Put on an extensive new exhibition 'Dorking 1620' to tie in with the 400th anniversary of the 'first' United States Thanksgiving, with specially made costume displays, a shoe-making display and new children's dressing up costumes
- Unveiled a new cross section model of the Mayflower in the permanent exhibition area, made by the Dorking Men's Shed
- Revamped the 'Great Estates' area with new costume items from the Calvert Collection
- Put on a new temporary exhibition: 'Forster@50', commemorating 50 years since the death of novelist EM Forster
- Sent the Rob Walker exhibition on tour to Brooklands for the Sir Stirling Moss commemoration event
- Received two new Surrey Yeomanry jackets for display and the chair of office of the Dorking Deepdene Rotary
- Arranged restoration work on a painting by Charles Collins and accepted a new painting of the medieval St Martin's church into the collection
- Ran a gallery talk on the origins of Thanksgiving

Supporting Families and children

- Created a children's 'Spot the Peg-doll Pilgrims' trail in the Museum and offered free Mayflower model-making sheets to take away
- Carried on offering family activities whilst the Museum was closed due to Covid 19 by creating and handing out 40 activity packs over the Easter holidays and summer half term holiday
- Ran a popular 'Fun and Games of Yesteryear' activity over the summer holidays
- Ran an 'Adventure at Sea' activity over the October half term which attracted 26 children and 21 adults and a 'Santa's Elf' holiday activity in early December

Supporting Schools and children's organisations

- Loaned out 10 loan boxes to local and nearby schools
- Welcomed 2 scout group visits in November
- Supported the Ashcombe School with resources for extra-curricular enrichment activities and supported university students in completing dissertations during the Covid 19 lockdown

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Caves and walks

- Ran 35 guided walks in Dorking, at Betchworth Castle and on the Deepdene Trail
- Ran 38 cave tours – 15 private groups, 21 open day tours and 3 Spooky Halloween tours
- Participated in Heritage Open Days, offering free walks
- Took part in the Rotawalk event on Holmwood Common

Our archives

- Hosted 15 research visits to the Archives and answered numerous online queries
- Began cataloguing the oral history collection
- Began a new catalogue for incoming digital material

Publications

- Published 'Forster in 50' by Heather Green and Johnny Green and delivered a zoom lecture on Forster and the inspiration for the book
- Produced and published 'A Dorking Foundry Scrapbook' by Julian Womersley, on the history of the Museum site and hosted an author talk and book launch
- Produced Spring and Autumn editions of Dorking Heritage in print and digital format
- Placed numerous articles in the Dorking Advertiser and InYourArea online, and monthly articles in 16 parish magazines and Vantage Point magazine
- Supplied regular batches of 'The Weaver, the Shoemaker and the Mother of a Nation' to the United States and supplied local bookshops with a range of Cockerel Press publications
- Completed work on a new children's activity book with additional web content for publication in 2022
- Processed 488 orders through the online shop
- Hosted a book and map sale

Online publications

- Put a number of the oral histories online with accompanying photographs
- Put a selection of images from the collections online as jigsaws
- Put the EM Forster exhibition online as a short film

Care of our collections

- Recruited a new artefact collections care team and several new visitor assistants
- Embarked on a full artefact collection and condition review
- Installed new museum-quality racking in the picture store and carried out a full review of the painting collection and arranged to have all of the paintings photographed
- Conducted a review of the Ashcombe fossil collection, updating the catalogue and photographing all items
- Completed all outstanding artefact accessioning and cataloguing
- Established a new Collections Care Policy and Digital Strategy

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**Dorking Local History Group**

**During 2021 the Local History Group:**

- Provided a minimum of 2 talks each month via zoom and/or live at Crossways
- Improved website and social media to engage a wider audience
- Organised three members walks in Surrey
- Continues to use Surrey MeetUp to invite non-members to talks
- Supported research into global contributions in the WWs for a temporary exhibition
- Began a 3-year research project on West Street Dorking from year 1200

**During 2022 the Local History Group will:**

- Continue to support local research into Contributions of Women in World Wars for a temporary exhibition
- Provide a day outing for members to Weald and Downland Museum
- Exploring ways to record the results of research used in temporary exhibitions for wider awareness raising

**Conservation, Community and Planning Group (CCP)**

During 2021, the CCP continued to monitor and comment on relevant planning applications within the curtilage of the Dorking Society, including engagement with the owners and occupiers of the High Street to seek their thoughts on the current trading conditions of the High Street to understand whether there are any opportunities or shortfalls that the Dorking Society may help address with the relevant parties. This highlighted, in particular, the problems of access, parking, and traffic flow.

The CCP Team instigated a successful online petition drawing SCC Highways into the debate of traffic flow in the town. This has developed into a now larger project fostered by the town's 'BiD' group to re-style (and re-create) pedestrian considerations.'

In 2022, the CCP expects to continue and further develop this work.

The activities of all elements of the Dorking Society are widely broadcast via the 'Heritage' booklet. This can be obtained from Erica Chambers on request at the following address:

E-mail: [info@dorkingsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@dorkingsociety.org.uk)

Address: Dorking Museum  
62 West Street  
Dorking  
RH4 1BS

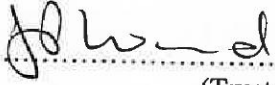
Or: Dorking Society website: [www.dorkingsociety.org.uk](http://www.dorkingsociety.org.uk)

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9. **Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The Trustees continually review the potential risks which could arise and believe that adequate systems and procedures are in place to mitigate those risks identified. Reserves have accrued through unrealised gains in the value of investments, and surpluses generated in prior years. They are being maintained for the upkeep and potential expansion of the museum building and to support the Society.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..10<sup>th</sup> May.. 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
(Trustee)

JEAN F. WARD

**Dorking Society  
Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dorking Society**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

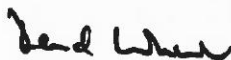
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2011 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Wheeler FCCA  
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Date: 1 September 2022

**Dorking Society**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**or the year ended 31 December 2021**

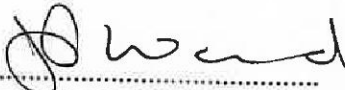
		Unrestricted	2021	2020
	Notes	fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	19,219	19,219	13,620
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3			
Admissions		612	612	747
Sales		8,002	8,002	5,494
Outings		2,595	2,595	1,279
Caves		1,793	1,793	296
Other trading activities	4	2,651	2,651	3,731
Investment Income	5	13,738	13,738	10,279
Grant		13,477	13,477	25,000
<b>Total</b>		<u>62,087</u>	<u>62,087</u>	<u>60,446</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Raising funds	6	8,604	8,604	7,929
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7			
Admissions		8,745	8,745	8,259
Sales		7,128	7,128	13,317
Outings		336	336	-
Caves		968	968	826
Other		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>25,781</u>	<u>25,781</u>	<u>30,331</u>
Net income before gains / losses on investments		36,306	36,306	30,115
Net gains / (losses) on investments		<u>41,348</u>	<u>41,348</u>	<u>(33,934)</u>
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>	10	77,654	77,654	(3,819)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>77,654</u>	<u>77,654</u>	<u>(3,819)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>334,375</u>	<u>334,375</u>	<u>338,194</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>412,029</u>	<u>412,029</u>	<u>334,375</u>

The notes form part of the financial statements

**Dorking Society  
Balance Sheet  
At 31 December 2021**

		Unrestricted	2021	2020
	Notes	fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Investments	11	310,934	310,934	267,378
		<u>310,934</u>	<u>310,934</u>	<u>267,378</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stocks	12	10,422	10,422	11,425
Debtors	13	1,901	1,901	1,933
Cash at bank and in hand		90,073	90,073	54,847
		<u>102,396</u>	<u>102,396</u>	<u>68,205</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,301)	(1,301)	(1,208)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>101,095</u>	<u>101,095</u>	<u>66,997</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		412,029	412,029	334,375
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>412,029</u>	<u>412,029</u>	<u>334,375</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	15			
Unrestricted funds			412,029	334,375
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>412,029</u>	<u>334,375</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 May 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Jean Ward - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements  
**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue to operate.

### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted funds comprise that income which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. The three unrestricted funds relate to the three principal parts of the Society, namely the Dorking Society General, the Museum and the History Group.

### **Income**

Subscriptions, donations and legacies received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the examiner's fee and legal costs associated with the incorporation of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is applied to tangible fixed assets at the following rates:

Individual items are capitalised only if their value exceeds £1,000.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**Stocks**

Museum stock is stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The stock of the History Group's books is carried at nil value.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Staff**

The charity is staffed entirely by volunteers. There are no paid employees.

**Donated goods**

Donated goods and assets are only valued and recognised when they are disposed as due to the size of the charity it is impracticable to obtain valuations.

**Investments and unrealised gains and losses**

The fixed asset investments held by the charity are valued at market value. The largest investment is with M&G Charifund and this suits the purposes of the charity.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and the opening market value, less accumulated dividend income.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	6,340	6,825
Legacies	6,000	-
Gift aid	1,457	1,655
Subscriptions	5,422	5,140
	<u>19,219</u>	<u>13,620</u>

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Museum admissions	Admissions	612	747
Sales of merchandise	Sales	8,002	5,494
Other activities	Outings	2,595	1,279
Caves income	Caves	1,793	296
		<u>13,002</u>	<u>7,816</u>

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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising	1,063	1,057
Disposals fund sales	1,588	2,674
	<u>2,651</u>	<u>3,731</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit account interest	2	15
Investment income	13,736	10,264
	<u>13,738</u>	<u>10,279</u>

**6. RAISING FUNDS FROM DONATIONS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Meeting costs	79	-
Advertising	802	145
Education	456	284
Membership scheme	263	555
Website	1,499	2,635
Support costs	5,505	4,310
	<u>8,604</u>	<u>7,929</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	<b>Direct costs</b>	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	(see note 8)	(see note 9)	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Admissions	3,994	4,750	8,744
Sales	4,112	3,017	7,129
Caves	968	-	968
	<u>9,074</u>	<u>7,767</u>	<u>16,841</u>

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**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Purchases	4,112	2,639
Lecture fees & room hire	-	620
Preservation & purchase of exhibits	3,994	2,184
Caves expenditure	968	826
	<u>9,074</u>	<u>6,269</u>

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Managemen t £	Finance £	Governanc e costs £	Totals £
Raising donations and legacies	1,153	-	-	1,153
Admissions	2,238	-	236	2,474
Sales	2,511	55	1,574	4,140
	<u>5,902</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1,810</u>	<u>7,767</u>

**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation – owned assets	-	-
Independent examiner's fee	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

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**11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed Investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2021	267,378
Additions	2,208
Change in market value	41,348
At 31 December 2021	310,934
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2021	310,934
At 31 December 2020	267,378

There were no investment assets outside the UK

**12. STOCKS**

	2021 £	2020 £
Stocks	10,422	11,425

**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	1,901	1,933

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors and accruals	1,301	1,208

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**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	52,566	14,424	-	66,990
Museum	267,248	62,779	-	330,027
History group	14,561	451	-	15,012
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>334,375</u>	<u>77,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>412,029</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	5,639	(2,574)	11,359	14,424
Museum	53,147	(20,357)	29,989	62,779
History group	3,301	(2,850)	-	451
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>62,087</u>	<u>(25,781)</u>	<u>41,348</u>	<u>76,654</u>

**2020 Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	57,909	(5,343)	-	52,566
Museum	266,892	356	-	267,248
History group	13,393	1,168	-	14,561
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>338,194</u>	<u>(3,819)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>334,375</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	4,964	(2,420)	(7,887)	(5,343)
Museum	52,552	(26,149)	(26,047)	356
History group	2,930	(1,762)	-	1,168
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>60,446</u>	<u>(30,331)</u>	<u>(33,934)</u>	<u>(3,819)</u>

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**16. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**18. IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**

The society has received Coronavirus grants totalling £13,447 (2020: £25,000) from the Government to help cover the income shortfall in 2021 arising from the impact of the coronavirus outbreak.

The society holds a significant balance in its bank accounts, and has a portfolio of investments which are able to provide additional cashflow should the need arise.

## Dorking Society

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	12,340	6,825
Gift aid	1,457	1,655
Subscriptions	<u>5,422</u>	<u>5,140</u>
	19,219	13,620
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Museum admissions	612	747
Sales of merchandise	8,002	5,494
Caves income	1,793	296
Other activities	<u>2,595</u>	<u>1,279</u>
	13,002	7,816
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising income	1,063	1,057
Disposals sales	<u>1,588</u>	<u>2,674</u>
	2,651	3,731
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	2	15
Investment income	<u>13,736</u>	<u>10,264</u>
	13,738	10,279
<b>Other income</b>		
Grant	<u>13,477</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	13,477	25,000
<b>Total income</b>	<u><u>62,087</u></u>	<u><u>60,446</u></u>

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### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	Total	Total
	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Meeting costs	79	-
Advertising	802	145
Education	456	284
Membership scheme	263	555
Website	1,499	2,635
Computer equipment	-	-
	3,099	3,619
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Purchases	4,112	2,639
Trips	336	-
Lecture fees and room hire	1,153	620
Preservation and purchase of exhibits	3,995	2,184
Caves expenditure	968	826
	10,564	6,269
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rates and electricity	2,238	2,034
Insurance	2,187	2,506
Sundries	241	72
Subscriptions paid	256	239
Administrative expenses	3,123	2,434
Repairs and maintenance	2,498	2,508
	10,543	9,793
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	-	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and professional fees	1,574	10,650
	1,574	10,650
<b>Total expenditure</b>	34,732	39,282
<b>Net income</b>	27,355	21,165

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**Dorking Society**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

<b>Dorking Society</b>		
<b>Statement of cashflows</b>		
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Cashflows from operating activities</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	77,654	(3,819)
Depreciation charges	-	-
(Gains)/losses on investments	(41,348)	33,934
Investment income	(13,738)	(10,279)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	1,003	1,857
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	32	690
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	93	(56)
<b>Cashflows from operating activities</b>	<u>23,696</u>	<u>22,327</u>
<b>Cashflows from investing activities</b>		
Investment income	13,738	10,279
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of investments	-	-
Purchase of investments	(2,208)	(72,110)
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<u>11,530</u>	<u>(61,831)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	35,226	(39,504)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2021	54,847	94,351
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2021</b>	<u>90,073</u>	<u>54,847</u>

**DORKING SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1107459

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# Accounts

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**Registered company number: 05126366  
(England and Wales)  
Registered charity number: 1107459**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 December 2020  
for  
Dorking Society  
(a charitable company limited by guarantee)**

## **Dorking Society**

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**Dorking Society**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

These accounts incorporate under a uniting direction the financial statements of the Owen Russ Bequest charity number 1107459.

**1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives**

The Dorking Society exists to:

- promote high standards of architecture and town planning in Dorking and its surrounding district,
- encourage public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of Dorking and its surrounding district and;
- the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.

It currently achieves these objectives through (inter alia):

- the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre
- its Local History Group; and
- conservation, community and local planning activities.

During 2021 the Dorking Society will be undertaking an exercise to determine whether its current objectives and operational powers remain sufficiently comprehensive for it to undertake its current and future activities. This may result in it seeking to update the objects clause in its Memorandum of Association and various provisions within its Memorandum of Association.

**Public benefit**

The objectives and activities of the Dorking Society are entirely focused on the public benefit of Dorking and its surrounding district. The Dorking Society refers to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. It seeks to deliver public benefit in the following ways:

- the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre has an ever-growing collection of artefacts and an extensive archive (paper and other media) relating to Dorking and surroundings district. Through these and its exhibitions, events, guided tours and outreach activities (see item 10 below) it engages with the public to share and explain the knowledge they contain.
- The Local History Group provides for its members and visitors talks, walks and visits on topics and places of local historic interest. It also publishes books and articles (including via its website) on matters of local historic interest.
- Throughout 2019/20 the Conservation, Community and Planning Group directed its focus on (a) commenting on planning applications, particularly in relation to listed buildings, developments and infrastructure changes within the curtilage of Dorking town centre; (b) developing and strengthening its input into the increasingly important work of regenerating Dorking town centre which, like so many high streets throughout the UK, has suffered decline due to changes in shopping habits and the impact of Covid 19.

**Volunteers**

The Dorking Society is staffed entirely by volunteers.

**Dorking Society**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**2. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial Review**

At 31 December 2020 the Society's total funds stood at £944,281, of which £609,906 consisted of land and property assets and £267,378 of investments and £66,997 in net current assets.

During the year income exceeded expenditure by £21,164, and a decrease in the value of investments of £33,934 resulted in a net decrease in funds of £12,770.

The Society keeps its investments and net current assets to both finance future projects and to provide a return to help finance day to day expenditure. A summary of the accounts was prepared and enclosed with the newsletter, together with the Chairman's Review of 2020.

**3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Dorking Society (formerly Dorking & District Preservation Society) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, and is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. From 1 January 2006 the charity took over the assets and liabilities (except those of the Owen Russ bequest), of the original unincorporated charity number 246806, registered with the Charity Commission in 1967. By order of the Charity Commission the Society charity number 246806 for the purposes of the part VI (Accounting) of the Charities Act 1993 became charity number 1107459.

**Organisational structure**

The governing body of the Dorking Society is the Trustee Board. Trustees are elected at each Annual General Meeting. The Trustee Board is responsible for all matters of policy. Due to the impact of Covid 19 it was not possible to hold an Annual General Meeting during 2020. The Trustees due to resubmit for election in 2020 agreed to remain on the Trustee Board until the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

The day-to-day management of the Dorking Society's affairs is vested in three committees of the Trustee Board covering, respectively, (a) the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre, (b) the Local History Group, and (c) conservation, community and planning activities. Each committee is chaired by a Trustee and all operate under terms of reference agreed by the Trustee Board. These terms of reference were reviewed and updated regularly.

No member of the Trustee Board receives remuneration.

A key risk for the Dorking Society is the finding of enough (and sufficiently skilled) volunteers to ensure its effective running both in the short and longer term. The Trustees address this risk on an ongoing basis. During 2020/early 2021 this has resulted in the following roles being filled:

- A new Facilities Manager, Accreditation Coordinator and Curatorial Assistant
- A large number of new volunteers, ranging from school age individuals to the recently retired
- A new co-opted Trustee in May 2021 (Jean Ward) who has extensive experience in IT, business transformation and change management and has also run the Dorking cave walks very successfully for a number of years.

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4. **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**  
05126366 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**  
1107459

**Registered office**  
The Old Foundry  
62 West Street  
Dorking  
Surrey  
RH4 1BS

**Trustees during 2020**

N Arch	Reappointed 16.05.2019
K Atherton	Appointed 5.11.18 – Chair: Dorking Museum
P M Camp	Reappointed 30.04.2018
J Le Cluse	Appointed 28.04.2017 – Chair: Dorking Society
M J Gooch	Appointed 30.4.18
A F Lovett	Appointed 30.4.18 - Treasurer
E V Simmons	Appointed 30.4.18
P J Tartari	Reappointed 30.04.2018
P A Tompkins	Appointed 31.5.18
G H Wood	Appointed 28.6.18 – Chair: Local history Group

Ben Lee was co-opted as a Trustee of the Dorking Society on 6 January 2020.

Jean Ward was co-opted as a Trustee of the Dorking Society on 3 May 2021 and appointed Chairman on 3 June 2021 replacing J Le Cluse.

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**5. CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

The Dorking Society has three classes of membership: ordinary member, Dorking Museum member and Local History Group member. All classes of member are entitled to vote at General Meetings and stand as Trustees.

**6. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Each class of membership of the Dorking Society described above has its own benefit and subscriptions structures. Membership subscriptions are also separately administered. Many members of the Dorking Society are members of more than one class of member.

In order to (a) create a more cohesive and coherent membership structure and (b) simplify membership administration the Trustees obtained the permission of the members at the 2019 AGM to undertake a review of the membership classes of the Dorking Society with a view to implementing a unified membership and subscription structure effective from 1 January 2020. It did not prove possible to conclude this exercise during 2020 so this work has been carried forward into 2021.

**7. ACCREDITATION OF THE DORKING MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE BY THE ARTS COUNCIL**

The Dorking Museum is now officially 'working towards accreditation' with the Arts Council. That means the Dorking Museum is able to apply for certain funding, training and support that is not available to museums that have not met the initial criteria for acceptance into the scheme. The Dorking Museum now has 4 years (the normal 3 years having been increased on account of delays resulting from Covid 19) to complete the process. Team members are attending online training, completing benchmarking exercises and working with official advisors to ensure that all aspects of the operation follow current best practice and are compliant with required professional standards.

**8. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL PREMISES**

The Trustees continue in negotiations with Mole Valley District Council for the acquisition of the freehold and redevelopment of the old garage workshop ("Unit 1B") attached to the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre with the intention of creating additional space serving the needs of the Dorking Society. These needs encompass a wide range of activities within the scope of its charitable objectives; including an expansion of its museum, heritage and learning outreach initiatives to enable it to better serve local communities in the 21st century. The constraints of Covid 19 meant that the initiative was delayed during 2020, but the expectation is that this will pick up pace during 2021.

A subcommittee of the Trustee Board (the Unit 1B team) has been created to facilitate the acquisition and development of Unit 1B. This operates under formal terms of reference defining the scope of its authority and reporting requirements etc.

The Dorking Society has the funds to finance the purchase, but will need to raise the monies necessary to fund the redevelopment out of donations from grant making bodies, corporate sponsors and private individuals. A professional fund raiser has been engaged to facilitate this, supported by the Dorking Society's Advisory Group headed by its president, Sir Adrian White.

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9. **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Notwithstanding the constraints created by Covid 19 forcing closure of the Dorking Museum Gallery, the archive and the cancellation of external activities and exhibitions etc. 2020 was an unexpectedly successful year for the Dorking Society as new ways of reaching out to its audiences were developed and implemented. These will remain a feature of its programming in future years and, in particular during 2021, whilst Covid 19 remains a feature of our lives. Its key achievements during this extraordinary year are listed below.

**The Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre**

2020 was a very challenging year. Much of what had been planned, including two major exhibitions, a programme of school holiday family activities, and a series of events planned to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower, had to be curtailed or totally cancelled.

The Museum was also unable to run any cave tours, though it did manage to re-launch the walks programme in the later part of the year. However, the Museum still had a very busy and productive year, focussing more on what it could offer online so that it could still serve the community and its wider audiences.

Many volunteers worked harder during the pandemic than ever before.

Despite these difficulties during 2020 the Dorking Museum:

**Connecting with our audiences:**

- Welcomed over 800 visitors to the Museum, despite having to close in mid-March
- Welcomed over 12,000 visitors to its website
- Set up a Covid blog on its website
- Ran Facebook pages attracting 1,500 followers
- Was followed by 2,500 people on Twitter
- Was followed by over 1000 people on Instagram
- Attracted 1,700 visits and 3,100 views a month on Pinterest
- Sent regular e-newsletters to over 800 subscribers

**Supporting local children:**

- Relaunched the schools loan box programme and developed a new archaeology loan box
- Worked with Ashcombe School, Dorking, to produce extensive online themed resources to enrich the experience of pupils in lockdown
- Worked with the Ashcombe School, Dorking, to develop a First World War memorial project for pupils using online resources from our Dorking War Memorials biography project
- Ran a Mayflower themed children's treasure hunt in collaboration with local businesses
- Designed and produced a downloadable model of the Mayflower for construction by children
- Designed and produced a model racing car track and game for download and construction by families

**Visual media:**

- Produced a film, 'Virtual Voyages: Dorking' in collaboration with the national Mayflower400 project
- Provided an interview on BBC Radio re the Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Featured in BBC's Bargain Hunt, talking about objects relating to the Dorking Mayflower connections
- Produced a short film on historic Dorking with the Mullins Coffee Shop for use at the Alden House Historic Site
- Provided an expert to speak on television for a programme on Box Hill fort's part in Second World War defences
- Welcomed Horizon Mastering to film in the South Street Caves for an educational film on mental health issues and Heresy for a fashion shoot; a new sci-fi film will be shot in the caves during 2021.

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**Publications:**

- Produced and published a new illustrated Cockerel Press publication: 'Forster in 50' to coincide with its 2021 exhibition
- Produced 2 editions of Dorking Heritage
- Produced a calendar featuring Dorking and its surroundings
- Placed 25 articles in the Dorking Advertiser and InYourArea online, monthly articles in 16 parish magazines and Vantage Point magazine, and three major features in Surrey Life magazine
- Added 56 new biographies to the First World War Memorial project web pages; every soldier on local war memorials or with a strong connection to the area now has a biography online and an online map has been created to start to plot their residences
- Collaborated with the Arts Society on entries for their forthcoming publication '50 Treasures of the Surrey Hills'
- Worked on new publications due out in 2021 including a children's activity book, a book dedicated to the pubs of the surrounding area, a book on the Dorking Foundry, and a book on Betchworth Castle
- Supplied regular batches of The Weaver, the Shoemaker and the Mother of a Nation to the United States and supplied local bookshops with a range of Cockerel Press publications
- Re-opened the Museum shop in the run up to the Christmas period for the sale of books, gifts and cards
- Added new vintage sections to the online shop selling postcards, local interest books, Surrey Archaeological Collections, sales particulars and other local items of ephemera

**Exhibitions, lectures and collections:**

- Put on a new temporary exhibition: 'Topographical Paintings'
- Prepared two new exhibitions 'Forster@50' and 'Dorking 1620' that will be installed in 2021
- Researched and created replica 'Pilgrim' costumes for display and an increased range of children's dressing up outfits
- Delivered 3 zoom lectures, including one for the Alden House Historic Site in Massachusetts, USA.
- Acquired several new paintings for the collection

**Archive and research:**

- Hosted regular research visits to the archives and answered 60 online archive queries
- Launched an online interactive photo resource and mapping project using social media and Google Maps
- Launched an appeal for Covid related material for the archive so that we can reflect this period adequately for future researchers
- Put the first oral history recordings online with supporting documents, photographs and resource links

**Other activities:**

- Ran 28 guided walks in Dorking, at Betchworth Castle and on the Deepdene Trail
- Worked with the Dorking Men's Shed to produce a scale cross section model of the Mayflower for installation in 2021
- Participated in Heritage Open Days, offering 8 free walks, and two films

**Our volunteers:**

- Welcomed a new Facilities Manager, Accreditation Coordinator and Curatorial Assistant to the team, as well as a large number of new volunteers, ranging from school age to the recently retired
- Hosted two volunteer training and consultation evenings

**Administration and governance:**

- Was nominated and recommended for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
- Received confirmation of our eligibility for Accreditation status with the Arts Council, and is now officially recognised as 'working towards accreditation'
- Made all necessary preparations and conducted all necessary volunteer training in readiness for re-opening of the Museum Gallery
- Reviewed our Education and Learning policy, put in place a Documentation Policy and set up a team to deal with Accreditation documentation
- Processed 320 orders through our online shop and 50 through our eBay shop

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for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**Dorking Local History Group**

**During 2020 the Local History Group:**

- Provided a minimum of 2 talks each month via zoom in collaboration with L&DLHS
- Invited Westcott History group members to these talks as well, as this group is struggling to maintain its existence
- Developed a short advertising platform for future talks shown before each talk, which also encouraged donations/new memberships to local history groups
- Used Surrey MeetUp to invite non-members to talks. This also provided a vehicle for donations from visitors and helped to encourage new members to join

**During 2021 the Local History Group will:**

- Continue to support Westcott Local History Group which is considering merging with DLHG
- Exploring the potential to hold face-to-face talks at Crossways from July onwards (1<sup>st</sup> Monday per month)
- Continue to offer a zoom talk each month (say every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)
- Exploring the reprinting of Dorking Railways book, which is currently out of stock but still quite popular
- Pursue developments with social media and its links with our website, aiming to involve the younger generation more than currently
- Organising a guided walk in July for a limited number of members
- Considering small group outing(s) for later in the year

**Conservation, Community and Planning Group (CCP)**

During 2020, the CCP continued to monitor and comment on relevant planning applications within the curtilage of the Dorking Society. Alongside this, it started engagement with the owners and occupiers of the High Street to seek their thoughts on the current trading conditions of the High Street to understand whether there are any opportunities or shortfalls that the Dorking Society may help address with the relevant parties.

In 2021, the CCP expects to continue this engagement with the High Street and understand what opportunities there are that the Dorking Society can help with alongside the relevant stakeholders in Dorking. The CCP will continue monitoring and commenting on relevant planning applications.

The activities of all elements of the Dorking Society are widely broadcast via the 'Heritage' booklet. This can be obtained from Erica Chambers on request at the following address:

E-mail: [info@dorkingsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@dorkingsociety.org.uk)

Address: Dorking Museum  
62 West Street  
Dorking  
RH4 1BS

Or: Dorking Society website: [www.dorkingsociety.org.uk](http://www.dorkingsociety.org.uk)

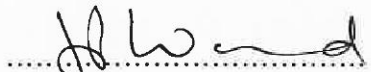
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**10. Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The Trustees continually review the potential risks which could arise and believe that adequate systems and procedures are in place to mitigate those risks identified. Reserves have accrued through unrealised gains in the value of investments, and surpluses generated in prior years. They are being maintained for the upkeep and potential expansion of the museum building and to support the Society. The purchase of the site from Mole Valley District Council, which was funded out of the Owen Russ bequest, given specially for the purpose, is held in the 'old' charity under a directive from the Charity Commission.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
(Trustee)

**Dorking Society  
Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dorking Society ('the Charitable Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

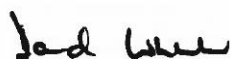
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charitable company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Wheeler FCCA  
Independent Examiner  
Cheeld Wheeler & Co  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Goodman House  
13a West Street  
Reigate  
Surrey  
RH2 9BL

Date: 14 June 2021

**Dorking Society**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

		Unrestricted	Endowment	2020	2019
	Notes	fund	Fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	13,620	-	13,620	12,652
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Admissions		747	-	747	3,373
Sales		5,494	-	5,494	13,553
Outings		1,279	-	1,279	3,271
Caves		296	-	296	4,911
Other trading activities	4	3,731	-	3,731	92
Investment Income	5	10,279	-	10,279	11,551
Grant		25,000	-	25,000	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>60,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,446</u>	<u>49,403</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	6	7,929	-	7,929	11,593
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
Admissions		8,259	-	8,259	9,809
Sales		13,317	-	13,317	9,151
Outings		-	-	-	60
Caves		826	-	826	1,193
Other		-	8,951	8,951	37,895
<b>Total</b>		<u>30,331</u>	<u>8,951</u>	<u>39,282</u>	<u>69,701</u>
Net income before gains / losses on investments		30,115	(8,951)	21,164	(20,298)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		<u>(33,934)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,934)</u>	<u>29,017</u>
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>		(3,819)	(8,951)	(12,770)	8,719
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	16	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(3,819)	(8,951)	(12,770)	8,719
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>338,194</u>	<u>618,857</u>	<u>957,051</u>	<u>948,332</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>334,375</u>	<u>609,906</u>	<u>944,281</u>	<u>957,051</u>

The notes form part of the financial statements

**Dorking Society  
Balance Sheet  
At 31 December 2020**

		Unrestricted	Endowment	2020	2019
	Notes	Fund	Fund	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	11	-	609,906	609,906	618,857
Investments	12	<u>267,378</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,378</u>	<u>229,202</u>
		267,378	609,906	877,284	848,059
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	13	11,425	-	11,425	13,282
Debtors	14	1,933	-	1,933	2,623
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>54,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,847</u>	<u>94,351</u>
		68,205	-	68,205	110,256
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,208)	-	(1,208)	(1,264)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>66,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,997</u>	<u>108,992</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		334,375	609,906	944,281	957,011
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>334,375</u>	<u>609,906</u>	<u>944,281</u>	<u>957,011</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	16				
Unrestricted funds				334,375	338,194
Endowment funds				<u>609,906</u>	<u>618,857</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>944,281</u>	<u>957,051</u>

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**Dorking Society**

**Balance Sheet - continued  
At 31 December 2020**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 3 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Jean Ward -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue to operate.

### **Fund structure**

The endowment fund consists of the Owen Russ bequest which is a permanent endowment to be used for the purpose of acquiring a building for a permanent museum. The fund has been expended.

Unrestricted funds comprise that income which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. The three unrestricted funds relate to the three principal parts of the Society, namely the Dorking Society General, the Museum and the History Group.

### **Income**

Subscriptions, donations and legacies received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the examiner's fee and legal costs associated with the incorporation of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is applied to tangible fixed assets at the following rates:

Freehold Buildings - 2% of cost

Individual items are capitalised only if their value exceeds £1,000.

Freehold land is not subject to depreciation

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**Stocks**

Museum stock is stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The stock of the History Group's books is carried at nil value.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Staff**

The charity is staffed entirely by volunteers. There are no paid employees.

**Donated goods**

Donated goods and assets are only valued and recognised when they are disposed as due to the size of the charity it is impracticable to obtain valuations.

**Investments and unrealised gains and losses**

The fixed asset investments held by the charity are valued at market value. The largest investment is with M&G Charifund and this suits the purposes of the charity.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and the opening market value, less accumulated dividend income.

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	6,825	6,344
Gift aid	1,655	952
Subscriptions	5,140	5,356
	<u>13,620</u>	<u>12,652</u>

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Museum admissions	Admissions	747	3,373
Sales of merchandise	Sales	5,494	13,553
Other activities	Outings	1,279	3,271
Caves income	Caves	296	4,911
		<u>7,816</u>	<u>25,108</u>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising	1,057	92
Disposals fund sales	2,674	-
	<u>3,731</u>	<u>92</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit account interest	15	45
Investment income	10,264	11,506
	<u>10,279</u>	<u>11,551</u>

**6. RAISING FUNDS FROM DONATIONS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Meeting costs	-	74
Advertising	145	378
Education	284	437
Membership scheme	555	379
Website	2,635	2,265
Computer equipment	-	204
Support costs	4,310	7,856
	<u>7,929</u>	<u>11,593</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct costs (see note 8)	Support costs (see note 9)	Totals
	£	£	£
Admissions	2,184	6,075	8,259
Sales	3,259	10,898	14,157
Caves	826	-	826
	6,269	16,973	23,242

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Purchases	2,639	6,896
Trips	-	60
Lecture fees & room hire	620	977
Preservation & purchase of exhibits	2,184	1,750
Caves expenditure	826	1,193
	6,269	10,876

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Raising donations and legacies	3,470	-	840	4,310
Admissions	6,075	-	-	6,075
Sales	10,538	-	360	10,898
	20,083	-	1,200	21,283

**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation – owned assets	-	-
Independent examiner's fee	1,200	2,599
	1,200	2,599

The examiner's fee for 2019 included the payment of the fee for 2018.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Land £	Buildings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January & 31 December 2020	<u>250,000</u>	<u>447,550</u>	<u>697,550</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2020	-	78,693	78,693
Charge for year	-	8,951	8,951
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>87,644</u>	<u>87,644</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2020	<u>250,000</u>	<u>359,906</u>	<u>609,906</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>250,000</u>	<u>368,857</u>	<u>618,857</u>

**12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed Investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2020	229,202
Additions	72,110
Change in market value	(33,934)
At 31 December 2020	<u>267,378</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2020	<u>267,378</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>229,202</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK

**13. STOCKS**

	2020 £	2019 £
Stocks	<u>11,425</u>	<u>13,282</u>

**Dorking Society**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	1,933	2,623

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors and accruals	1,208	1,264

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.20
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	57,909	(5,343)	-	52,566
Museum	266,892	356		267,248
History group	13,393	1,168	-	14,561
	338,194	(3,819)	-	334,375
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment fund	618,857	(8,951)		609,906
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>957,051</b>	<b>(12,770)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>944,281</b>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	4,964	(2,420)	(7,887)	(5,343)
Museum	52,552	(26,149)	(26,047)	356
History group	2,930	(1,762)	-	1,168
	60,446	(30,331)	(33,934)	(3,819)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment fund	-	(8,951)	-	(8,951)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>60,446</b>	<b>(39,282)</b>	<b>(33,934)</b>	<b>(12,770)</b>

## Dorking Society

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

#### 16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

##### 2019 Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	57,426	483	-	57,909
Museum	221,955	42,837	2,100	266,892
History group	13,399	(6)	-	13,393
	<u>292,780</u>	<u>43,314</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>338,194</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment fund	<u>655,552</u>	<u>(34,595)</u>	<u>(2,100)</u>	<u>618,857</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>948,332</u></u>	<u><u>8,719</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>957,051</u></u>

Comparative net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Dorking Society general fund	4,966	(6,730)	2,247	483
Museum	41,963	(25,896)	26,770	42,837
History group	2,474	(2,480)	-	(6)
	<u>49,403</u>	<u>(35,106)</u>	<u>29,017</u>	<u>43,314</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Endowment fund	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,595)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,595)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>49,403</u></u>	<u><u>(69,701)</u></u>	<u><u>29,017</u></u>	<u><u>8,719</u></u>

**Dorking Society**  
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**17. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**19. IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**

Following the coronavirus outbreak in early 2020, the trustees followed the advice of the UK Government and closed the museum to visitors in March 2020 and it will remain closed for the foreseeable future. This action has consequently had a significant impact on the income that the society receives from its various activities, and is likely to do so for some time to come.

The society holds a significant balance in its bank accounts, and has a portfolio of investments which are able to provide additional cashflow should the need arise.

The society has received a Coronavirus Business Support Grant of £25,000 from the Government to help cover the income shortfall in 2020.

## Dorking Society

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	6,825	6,344
Gift aid	1,655	952
Subscriptions	5,140	5,356
	13,620	12,652
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Museum admissions	747	3,373
Sales of merchandise	5,494	13,553
Caves income	296	4,911
Other activities	1,279	3,271
	7,816	25,108
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising income	1,057	92
Disposals sales	2,674	-
	3,731	92
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	15	45
Investment income	10,264	11,506
	10,279	11,551
<b>Other income</b>		
Grant	25,000	-
	25,000	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>60,446</b>	<b>49,403</b>

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## Dorking Society

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	Total	Total
	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Meeting costs	-	74
Advertising	145	378
Education	284	437
Membership scheme	555	379
Website	2,635	2,265
Computer equipment	-	204
	3,619	3,737
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Purchases	2,639	6,896
Trips	-	60
Lecture fees and room hire	620	977
Preservation and purchase of exhibits	2,184	1,749
Caves expenditure	826	1,193
	6,270	10,875
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rates and water	2,034	4,175
Insurance	2,506	3,522
Sundries	72	206
Subscriptions paid	239	275
Administrative expenses	2,434	3,852
Repairs and maintenance	2,508	3,105
Freehold property depreciation	8,951	36,695
	18,744	51,830
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	-	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and professional fees	10,650	3,259
	10,650	3,259
<b>Total expenditure</b>	39,282	69,701
<b>Net income</b>	21,165	(20,298)

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