

**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  
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Surrey  
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**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

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Report of the Trustees  
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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.

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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.

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on

2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Jean Ward.....  
(Trustee)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Ward', written over a dotted line.

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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 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.

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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

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Balance Sheet  
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				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>	16				
Unrestricted funds					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

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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.

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



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**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>
	<b>(see note 8)</b>	<b>(see note 9)</b>	
	<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>

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**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>£</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>

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

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

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

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

**15. 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>369,905</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Museum fund	53,627	45,257	-	98,884
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>455,471</u>	<u>40,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>495,789</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 FUNDS</b>	<u>103,800</u>	<u>(63,249)</u>	<u>(233)</u>	<u>40,318</u>

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**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>	<u><b>412,030</b></u>	<u><b>43,491</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>455,471</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	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>	<u><b>113,412</b></u>	<u><b>(52,461)</b></u>	<u><b>(17,510)</b></u>	<u><b>43,441</b></u>

**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.

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	<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
	<u>54,542</u>	<u>64,518</u>
<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
	<u>13,344</u>	<u>16,198</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising income	423	2,914
	<u>423</u>	<u>2,914</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1,195	386
Investment income	20,469	16,978
	<u>21,664</u>	<u>17,364</u>
<b>Other income</b>		
Grant	3,005	2,000
Insurance claim	10,822	10,418
	<u>13,827</u>	<u>12,418</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u><u>103,800</u></u>	<u><u>113,412</u></u>

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

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
<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
	<hr/> 2,814	<hr/> 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
	<hr/> 8,376	<hr/> 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	<hr/> 2,294	<hr/> 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	<hr/> 1,494	<hr/> 1,061
	5,834	1,061
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<hr/> 63,249	<hr/> 52,461
<b>Net income</b>	<hr/> <b>40,318</b>	<hr/> <b>60,951</b>

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