

Charity registration number: 1156273

# **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**Ward Goodman Audit Services Ltd  
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## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

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## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Miss Jeanette Hardiman
	Mr Tony Martin
	Mr Rupert William Tapper
	Mr Ian Kellett
	Mrs Sheena Commons
	Mrs Elaine Barratt
	Mr David Hardiman
	Mrs Elizabeth Hack
	Mrs Ann Symons
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1156273
<b>Principal Office</b>	Gold Hill Museum
	Sun & Moon Cottage
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	Shaftesbury
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Ward Goodman Audit Services Ltd
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## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Public benefit**

The object of the CIO is to encourage the appreciation, study and enjoyment of history, especially that local to Shaftesbury, Dorset, and its environs, and thereby advance the education of members of the Society and of the public of all ages and background by, in particular but not exclusively: (a) operating a museum of artefacts which reflect the history of the area and (b) maintaining a library of books and documents of local historical interest.

##### **The Society:**

- owns, maintains and operates Gold Hill Museum which is open to the public daily for at least seven months of the year with free admission
- mounts at least two temporary exhibitions each year in addition to the regular displays
- owns and maintains a local history library and archive which is open to members and the general public for research purposes by appointment at agreed times throughout the year
- organises and holds lectures in the winter which may be attended by non-members on payment of a small fee.
- Shares a learning and outreach education programme with the Abbey Museum.

The society was operated entirely by volunteers for the whole year. The volunteers made a huge contribution covering every aspect of the operation. Not only do the trustees appreciate the considerable, willing, hours of input but also the general public is impressed by their contribution as can be seen in our visitor comments book and comments on-line. The public sees the stewards during their visit but there are, of course, considerable inputs by volunteers behind the scenes such as those who maintain the building, labour in the garden, work with the collection or the archive and library, put up the displays, produce and publish the newsletter, apply for funding as appropriate, ensure compliance with current legal requirements, update the website, take part in research with the local community, organise the all-age and lifelong learning activities and organise the winter lectures.

The Society operates published Volunteer; Safeguarding; Disability Discrimination; Equal Opportunities; Health & Safety; Education; Exhibition & Display; Financial Control; Lifelong Learning; Acquisition & Disposal; Care & Conservation; Collections Development; Environmental; Access; Data Protection Policies as well as Emergency; Resource; Audience Development; Forward Plans, Security Review, and a Documentation Procedural Manual covering accessioning and disposal of gifts and loans, all of which are updated to schedule.

The Society is a member of AIM (the Association of Independent Museums), the South-West Federation of Museums and Art Galleries, the Dorset Museums Association, the North Dorset Museums Group and is accredited with ACE (Arts Council England).

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **Management**

The Trustees held 12 committee meetings when they delivered reports on their respective responsibilities. Sub-groups met as necessary to deal with matters such as Collections, Archives, Library and Exhibitions.

##### **Museum opening, shop and gardens**

The museum opened on Saturday 23 March closing on Sunday 3 November. It also opened for the town's Snowdrop Festival during February half-term. The gift shop has a wide selection of souvenirs, the majority of which are made locally, and is a good source of income. Because we do not charge for entry, we rely on the generosity of our visitors who numbered 19,357, back to pre-Covid levels. Shop purchases and donations provide a large part of our income. Our gardener, with occasional help from one other, continued to work steadily and reliably throughout the year, for which many thanks.

##### **The Collection**

The Collection team have continued to document all items in the storeroom. This is very long term and will take time as each item has to be checked that the paper work is in order and entered correctly in Modes. In addition each item is now being photographed and entered into Modes. This takes time but we are hoping that the system will speed up in the future. There has been a slow trickle of donations of various kinds. We only accept gifts. One Gift of note was a Shaftesbury Penny Gifted by Phil Proctor. Also various items of old baby clothes and school uniforms. We look forward to moving some items from our current storeroom into the new storeroom in the new extension.

In summary a successful year.

##### **Display**

For 2024, the display mounted in our small exhibition room was 'Made in Shaftesbury'. As well as Shaftesbury itself, this was extended to include all the villages in the museum's catchment area. A lot of research in our library and archives produced a large list of businesses from farms to brickworks. Items manufactured ranged from buttons to gloves to bricks to flour produced in the local water mills. Flour is still produced today by the water mill in Cann which continues to work. This was an interesting exercise and a lot was discovered about our local area. The Viking display from the previous year was taken down and replaced with a display about the Shaftesbury High School for girls. This includes various items of uniform, badges, photos, the original school sign and an image of the blue plaque on the gate. The temporary archive exhibition about King Alfred's Middle School was adapted to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the school closure in 2004. This was followed by a display of early tourist guides to the town. In advance of the new season an exhibition of material produced by High House Press in the 1920s and 1930s was unveiled in February during the half term holiday.

## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **The Library/Archive**

The archives team of 10 volunteers has continued to sort, catalogue and conserve the collection and enter new items, received as donations. They have dealt with enquiries via the museum website and through prearranged visits.

Much of the printed material has now been catalogued and the Brenda Innes archive integrated where appropriate. Attention has therefore been given to the digitisation of the colour slides in the collection. The slides have been placed in acid free folders and the scans saved and organised on the museum computer system.

As part of the museum expansion additional storage space has been created with the removal of the office from the library. An order has been placed for two rows of shelving, funded by the Swans Trust. Monitoring of the atmospheric conditions in the library has continued. Humidity levels and temperatures are now satisfactory following the installation of a portable air conditioner. The Librarian attended a consultation event at Gillingham Museum and learned about the user engagement project being carried out in the town and surrounding villages by the Local History Society.

#### **Membership**

Membership at the end of March 2025 was around 130.

#### **Magazine**

The Society's annual newsletter was the biggest yet and received much praise. However, the weight of it meant that the postage cost for the 31 members who do not live in the immediate area was considerable.

#### **Information Technology**

Andy Hargreaves, a local IT expert, continues to lend support pro bono.

#### **Outreach**

The "Shaftesbury Remembers" website continues to grow and now includes the biographical details of 1622 individuals from the local area who served in the First World War. Most of these records have now been updated using data from the 1921 Census. Enquiries and appreciation have been received from as far afield as New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United States. The Edwardian Shaftesbury and Edwardian Villages slide shows of Albert Tyler photographs were presented to the Rotary Club, the Trefoil group, Motcombe Grange residents, St John's Church coffee morning, and to residents and their families at St Denis Lodge. Museum volunteers have also held twelve Reminiscence Afternoons at Shaftesbury Library this year, with an average attendance of 10.

#### **The Lecture and Events Programme**

The varied programme of Winter lectures attracted good audiences throughout. Thanks to the ongoing publicity provided by Alfred Radio and on our own website, several non-members, some of whom joined the Society, attended each. In September twenty-four Society members enjoyed the hospitality and knowledge of local historian Martin Shalcross, including a visit to Tisbury parish church.

## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **The Buildings**

The museum's last fire assessment having been carried out at the time of its redevelopment and extension back in 2011, a Fire Safety Consultant was instructed and following a lengthy meeting between the Chairman, Buildings Manager and the consultant in his survey of the building and its existing fire safety arrangements; his report and recommendations were received, most of his recommendations were actioned, which included a visit and inspection by Shaftesbury Fire Brigade in May.

Having received an Insurance surveyor's report, a recommendation was made that remote signalling be incorporated into our existing fire alarm system. This was successfully installed in July. Regarding two windows above the Garden room, a local carpenter satisfactorily repaired them. The floors of reception and rooms 1 & 2 were re-painted prior to the April re-opening date. The Chairman and Building Manager met the Architect at his office April, when it was recommended that the museum should take charge of the Sun and Moon Cottage project and appoint our own builder to see the project through to completion. The architect had obtained planning and building regulations consent and provided specifications and drawings. A suitable builder was appointed, and the work progressed throughout the year to a satisfactory conclusion. The work included extensive alterations, which included painting and decorating the premises and extending the CCTV and intruder alarm systems. A separate ongoing problem was rainwater ingress from above the entrance door to the new shop. It was established that this was due to a leaking sill in the window above the door. This was satisfactorily rectified, together with repairs to a gutter, air vent and drainage downpipes. The temperature in the library could be oppressive and unbearably hot at times for those who work there. A solution was required. A free-standing unit providing temperature control was purchased, installed and plumbed into a hole in the rear wall, through which it exhausts and drains. It is working well, and the team are satisfied with the solution to their problem. The gutters were cleared in February. The museum's windows were cleaned externally in March. We had no power surge protection in place for the various electrical devices throughout the museum. This has been rectified through the purchase of power surge extension cables. Air conditioning was serviced in March. The fire alarm system was satisfactorily serviced in March.

#### **Marketing and Communications**

The Gold Hill Museum website continues to be the main engine of publicity for Society activities, supported by the invaluable output of Shaftesbury's own radio station Alfred. Gold Hill Museum continues to be publicised in a tourist leaflet published jointly with the Abbey Museum and Gardens, in a Museums Trail leaflet featuring several North Dorset museums, and in a Town Guide map sold at the Tourist Information Centre installed inside the Morrisons Daily Supermarket.

## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Financial review**

##### **Donations/ Shop Sales**

The museum was open 1st April to 31st October and February half-term.  
Therefore, income from Donations and Shop sales are as follows.

Donations Cash and Cheque £11,656.81

Donations Card £2,684.30

Donations Gift Aid £8,145.00

Donations Churn £698.86

Donations SH Books £209.53

Shop sales £2,674.59 net:

Goods Sold £9,894.93

Goods Purchased £7,220.34

Donations have increased thanks to very kind contributions from members towards the building works.

2024-25 April - October 2024 and February 25 Adults 17,225 Children 2,132

2023-24 April - October 2023 February/March 24 Adults 18,101 Children 2,107

##### **Grants**

£300.00 Museums Advisory Service

##### **Bank Balances**

The bank balances have dwindled due to the ongoing building work: -

Community Account £8,331.13

Business Money Manager £21,821.53

M&G investment £48,995.05

The work to merge the Sun and Moon Cottage into the museum and upgrade the cottages electrics, extend the fire alarm and security system cost £59,370.45 to the end of March 2025 which includes the monies paid to the architects at the end of the previous year.

##### **Gift Aid**

The Gift Aid claim is processed in the following year. So will be claimed in 2025-26.

The Gift Aid claim for the year ending 31 March 2024 was £2,302.80.

##### **General Remarks**

Repairs/ Maintenance Costs £5,404.37 over and above the new works

Library Refurbishment £559.92

British Gas Electric - We have renewed the contract and have a Fixed Term Contract to 23 October 2027.

The Museum has no loans and none of the Museum's assets (building and collection) is used as collateral. The Museum has just one site which is owned by the Society and the accounts cover all financial activity at that site. Our investment policy is based on the principle of caution using a deposit account and a Charifund investment at present. The Trustees thank all our donors, including our members, the general public and local businesses and groups, for their generosity. We also thank those local and regional businesses which offer concessional rates, and those businesses who turn up at short notice to help us out in an emergency.



## The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society

### Trustees' Report (continued)

#### *Policy on reserves*

The annual fixed costs (rates, insurance, utilities, maintenance contracts) of running the Museum are in the region of £10,000. If the Museum must close for any reason we still have these bills to pay with the additional concern of the proposed increase in fuel prices and its knock-on effect. The lift is necessary for enabling full access and would be expensive to replace. Substantial repairs to the fabric of the building may be needed at some time in the future. The Trustees have estimated a figure of 5% of the rebuild value plus £10,000 annual fixed costs as the contingency reserve.

At the year end the charity held free reserves of £79,299 (2024: £111,655). Free reserves are calculated by deducting unrestricted fixed assets from unrestricted reserves.

#### *Plans for future periods*

##### *Aims and key objectives for future periods*

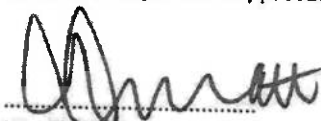
We plan to open on Tuesday 1 April for a normal season. Two society members have mounted an exciting temporary exhibition of archaeological finds as a result of one of them strolling along a path, just outside Shaftesbury, and noticing a flint object. There will also be a display for the 80th anniversary commemoration of VE/VJ Days. The library and archives department has mounted an exhibition of the High House Press, a significant publishing company in the town's history, using the display unit now opposite the First-Floor lift entrance. This area has proved an excellent opportunity for the department to display material from its collection.

#### *Structure, governance and management*

##### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

Volunteers, including new trustees, have a short induction on first arrival. Further training is ongoing within role, including any external training courses which may become available. A comprehensive Stewards' Guide, containing procedures and relevant policies, is readily available to all volunteers; stewards are required to sign an annual declaration that they have read it. No trustees or other volunteers receive any remuneration or other benefits. Role descriptions for all trustees and other volunteers are available. DBS checks are only made if appropriate.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 14.8.25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Elaine Barratt  
Trustee

## The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

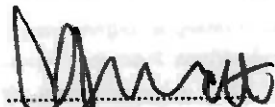
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity 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 corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 14.8.25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Elaine Barratt  
Trustee

## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Mr T G Froud ACA

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Date: 15/08/2025

## The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies		29,998	-	29,998	17,705
Charitable activities		21,773	-	21,773	19,317
<b>Total income</b>		<b>51,771</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,771</b>	<b>37,022</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		(21,268)	(4,306)	(25,574)	(32,405)
Other expenditure	4	(37,735)	-	(37,735)	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>(59,003)</b>	<b>(4,306)</b>	<b>(63,309)</b>	<b>(32,405)</b>
Net (expenditure)/income		(7,232)	(4,306)	(11,538)	4,617
Gross transfers between funds		(528)	528	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(7,760)</b>	<b>(3,778)</b>	<b>(11,538)</b>	<b>4,617</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,031,561	8,465	1,040,026	1,035,409
Total funds carried forward	15	1,023,801	4,687	1,028,488	1,040,026

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

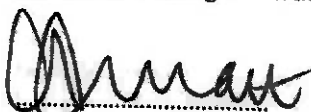
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 15.

**The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

**(Registration number: 1156273)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9	807,878	-	807,878	787,282
Heritage assets	10	<u>136,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,624</u>	<u>132,624</u>
		<u>944,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>944,502</u>	<u>919,906</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	11	9,605	-	9,605	5,098
Debtors	12	5,766	-	5,766	3,392
Investments		48,995	-	48,995	44,241
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>25,586</u>	<u>4,687</u>	<u>30,273</u>	<u>68,525</u>
		89,952	4,687	94,639	121,256
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>(10,653)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,653)</u>	<u>(1,136)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>79,299</u>	<u>4,687</u>	<u>83,986</u>	<u>120,120</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,023,801</u>	<u>4,687</u>	<u>1,028,488</u>	<u>1,040,026</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>					
<b>Restricted income funds</b>					
Restricted funds				4,687	8,465
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds				<u>1,023,801</u>	<u>1,031,561</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	15			<u>1,028,488</u>	<u>1,040,026</u>

The financial statements on pages 10 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 14.8.25 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Elaine Barratt  
Trustee

## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1 Legal form**

The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society is a charitable incorporated organisation, incorporated in England and Wales. The principal address is shown on page 1 of these financial statements.

#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### **Grants receivable**

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)**

#### **2 Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

##### **Charitable activities**

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.

##### **Grant provisions**

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

##### **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

##### **Heritage assets**

To meet the requirements of the SORP, disclose the policy for acquisition, preservation, management and disposal of heritage assets.

##### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Furniture and equipment - 10 years straight line

Computer equipment - 5 years straight line

The Sun and Moon Cottage, and Land and buildings are not depreciated.

##### **Impairment of fixed assets**

Intangible and tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment when changes in circumstances or events indicate that the carrying value of the fixed assets may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value.

## **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)**

#### **2 Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **Current asset investments**

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

##### **Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

##### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

##### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

##### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

##### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.



# **The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)**

### **3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	27,395	15,901
Gift aid reclaimed	2,303	1,804
Grants, including capital grants;		
Grants from other charities	300	-
	<u>29,998</u>	<u>17,705</u>

### **4 Other expenditure**

	Total 2025 £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	37,735
	<u>37,735</u>

### **5 Analysis of governance and support costs**

#### **Governance costs**

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,200	252
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>252</u>

### **6 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

There were no expenses or benefits paid to trustees in the period covered by these financial statements.

### **7 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

# The Shaftesbury & District Historical Society

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

### 8 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies		13,018	4,687	17,705
Charitable activities		19,317	-	19,317
Total income		32,335	4,687	37,022
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities		(27,685)	(4,720)	(32,405)
Total expenditure		(27,685)	(4,720)	(32,405)
Net income/(expenditure)		4,650	(33)	4,617
Net movement in funds		4,650	(33)	4,617
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		1,026,911	8,498	1,035,409
Total funds carried forward	15	1,031,561	8,465	1,040,026

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

### 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Sun and Moon Cottage £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2024	675,000	95,757	10,907	5,618	787,282
Additions	-	3,306	1,273	53,752	58,331
Written down value	-	(21,630)	(9,940)	(250)	(31,820)
At 31 March 2025	675,000	77,433	2,240	59,120	813,793
<b>Depreciation</b>					
Charge for the year	-	5,336	579	-	5,915
At 31 March 2025	-	5,336	579	-	5,915
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 March 2025	675,000	72,097	1,661	59,120	807,878
At 31 March 2024	675,000	95,757	10,907	5,618	787,282

### 10 Heritage assets

	Heritage assets £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2024		
Additions	132,624	132,624
	4,000	4,000
At 31 March 2025	136,624	136,624
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 31 March 2025	-	-
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2025	136,624	136,624

### 11 Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	9,605	5,098

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

### 12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	435	2,651
Prepayments	5,331	721
Other debtors	-	20
	<u>5,766</u>	<u>3,392</u>

### 13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	120	681
Cash at bank	<u>30,153</u>	<u>67,844</u>
	<u>30,273</u>	<u>68,525</u>

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	7,582	264
Accruals	<u>3,071</u>	<u>872</u>
	<u>10,653</u>	<u>1,136</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

### 15 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
General funds	1,031,561	46,673	(53,905)	(528)	1,023,801
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>1,031,561</b>	<b>46,673</b>	<b>(53,905)</b>	<b>(528)</b>	<b>1,023,801</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
HLF	337	-	(337)	-	-
Scharfarik Legacy	3,377	-	(3,377)	-	-
In Praise of Wood Exhibition	(528)	-	-	528	-
Small Grant Big Project	146	-	(146)	-	-
Blackmore Vale Dairy	446	-	(446)	-	-
Swans Trust	4,687	-	-	-	4,687
	8,465	-	(4,306)	528	4,687
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,040,026</b>	<b>46,673</b>	<b>(58,211)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,028,488</b>
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £	

### Unrestricted funds

#### General

General Funds	1,026,911	29,715	(25,065)	1,031,561
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#### Restricted funds

HLF	337	-	-	337
Scharfarik Legacy	8,097	-	(4,720)	3,377
In Praise of Wood Exhibition	(528)	-	-	(528)
Small Grant Big Project	146	-	-	146
Blackmore Vale Dairy	446	-	-	446
Swans Trust	-	4,687	-	4,687
	8,498	4,687	(4,720)	8,465

### Total funds

	1,035,409	34,402	(29,785)	1,040,026
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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 15 Funds (continued)

A transfer has taken place between the General fund and the In Praise of Wood fund in order to cover an overspend in previous years.

#### Purposes of restricted funds

- HLF - To be spent on Shaftesbury Remembers the Great War project
- Schafarik Legacy - To be spent on building works
- In Praise of Wood Exhibition - To be spent on in praise of wood exhibition
- Small Grant Big Improvement - To be spent on library improvements
- Blackmore Vale Dairy - To be spent on advertising costs
- Swans Trust - To be spent for publications

#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	807,878	-	807,878
Heritage assets	136,624	-	136,624
Current assets	89,952	4,687	94,639
Current liabilities	(10,653)	-	(10,653)
Total net assets	<u>1,023,801</u>	<u>4,687</u>	<u>1,028,488</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	787,282	-	787,282
Heritage assets	132,624	-	132,624
Current assets	112,791	8,465	121,256
Current liabilities	(1,136)	-	(1,136)
Total net assets	<u>1,031,561</u>	<u>8,465</u>	<u>1,040,026</u>

#### 17 Related party transactions

Within the year ended 31 March 2025, one trustee and their family members (2024: 0) donated a total of £2,000 to the charity (2024: £nil).