

UPPER WHARFEDALE MUSEUM SOCIETY
Charity Number: 1156656
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND BALANCE SHEET 2023-24

	2023-24		2022-23	
INCOME	£	£	£	£
Donations	12283		14087	
Coffee Morning	408		372	
Bank Interest	626		4	
Total Income		13317		14463
EXPENDITURE				
Heating and Lighting	2661		2307	
Rates and Water Rates	268		546	
Insurance	693		735	
Repairs and Renewals	1407		2738	
Promotional leaflets			1631	
All Other Costs	1129		750	
Total Expenditure		<u>6158</u>		<u>8707</u>
Surplus/Deficit of Income Over Expenditure		7159		5756
Less: Depreciation of Fixtures and Fittings		<u>1356</u>		<u>1037</u>
Surplus		5803		4719
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2024				
ASSETS				
Freehold land and Buildings		71431		71431
Fixtures and Fittings	9328		6863	
New Cabinets/shelving	4233		3502	
less depreciation	<u>1356</u>	12205	<u>1037</u>	9328
Books and Tapes		89		89
Deposit Account		15936		310
Current Account		<u>12012</u>		<u>24712</u>
Total		111673		105870
REPRESENTED BY				
Accumulated Excess	105870		101151	
Surplus	<u>5803</u>	111673	<u>4719</u>	105870

R.H.Clare Treasurer

P.Sugden Independent Examiner

Upper Wharfedale Museum Society.

Annual Report from the Chairman of Trustees and Management Committee.

For the year ending 31st March, 2024.

1. During the year there were 2 meetings of the Trustees and 9 meetings of the Management Committee.
2. At the last Annual General Meeting, Ian Appleyard had indicated that he intended to step down after 10 years in the role of Chairman of Trustees and Colin Wilkinson replaced him. Our thanks are due to Ian for his service. He continues as a Trustee.
3. The museum is the only visitor attraction in Grassington and has become more popular over recent years. This is due in part to 'All Creatures Great and Small' being filmed in the village. Visitor numbers were recorded at 21,318 for the 2023 season. This compares with 20,513 in 2022. Out of interest, these figures far exceed the pre Covid record of 7,216 in 2017.
4. Visitors recorded in the Visitors Book include an increasing number from overseas. In the period from early July to late November there were 183 overseas visitor family entries from 32 countries across the world, the majority coming from the USA.
5. During the year we registered with HMRC for the Gift Aid scheme, but unfortunately could not take advantage of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme immediately, as we needed conventional Gift Aided giving to lever in that concession. This resulted in the creation of our 'Friends' Gift Aided initiative and preparation for donation box giving to be Gift Aided. All initiatives are now up and running and could potentially benefit us by up to £3,000 a year.
6. We embarked on a programme of reorganisation and refurbishment during the year and thanks are due to Ian Oulton and others for this work. It involved major changes to the 'Farming' room and the purchase of other new display cabinets which give a much improved appearance and display. The work is ongoing.
7. The fabric of the building remains generally well maintained. However a serious problem occurred in the 'Kitchen' with water ingress on the gable wall. This resulted in an extremely wet wall. The saturated lime plaster had to be removed and a new dehumidifier had to work very hard to reduce water in the atmosphere and protect exhibits. We eventually managed to get a builder on site and the chimney stack has been waterproofed and the water penetration cured. Some finishing work is still awaited.