

# PEMBROKE & MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-09-11

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORICAL HERITAGE OF PEMBROKE AND MONKTON, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY, RAISING THE AWARENESS OF THE HERITAGE OF PEMBROKE AND MONKTON, RESEARCHING, RECORDING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AND THE SUPPORT OF A MUSEUM IN THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE.

**Activities:** The aims of the organisation are to To establish a Local History Society in Pembroke and Monkton To raise public awareness of the heritage of these communities To research, record and disseminate the history of Pembroke and Monkton To encourage community participation To support Pembroke Museum

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Pembrokeshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£14,917	£9,704	-	-
2024-12-31	£17,646	£16,596	-	-
2023-12-31	£24,615	£13,554	-	-
2022-12-31	£41,034	£21,058	-	-
2021-12-31	£73,018	£42,758	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>LINDA ANNE ASMAN BSc CertEd</b>	Chair	2010-01-27
ANN ELIZABETH MORTENSON		2023-04-19
Ann Elizabeth Mary Lankshear		2010-01-27
George Palmer		2020-03-01
Jill Ensom		2020-03-01
Mary Rose Blackburn		2020-03-01
Ronald Rees		2020-03-01
Tony Ensom		2025-09-17
john hyam		2023-04-19
roy smith		2023-04-19
stuart asman BSC DIPCE		2010-01-27
vicki hagger		2023-04-19

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Once again I begin our Annual Report on a sad note. I regret to say that we have lost another, valued volunteer in John Hyam who passed away in December. John and his lovely wife, Rita joined Pembroke & Monkton Local History Society in 2018 and became active volunteers contributing much to the work of the Society. They volunteered in the Museum as well as participating in the Society's outreach programme of talks, helping out in its local history coffee mornings and manning its stalls at community events like the Christmas Market and Pembroke Show. In addition to the Society's fundraising events, John went further in his own bid to raise funds by abseiling down the Keep of Pembroke Castle raising £277 for the William Marshal statue appeal, a project led by the Society. When Rita sadly passed away in December 2021 members of the Society gave support to John and he continued volunteering until no longer able to do so through ill health. He is much missed by us all.

### PEMBROKE MUSEUM

I begin our Annual Report with Pembroke Museum, which has become the focus of our Society. Originally set up as a community project, ownership rests with Pembroke Town Council and the Society develops and runs the museum voluntarily on its behalf, a good example of council/community cooperation. The Museum sub-committee takes care of the running of the museum on the Society's behalf under the chairmanship of Ron Rees. Ron Rees, George Palmer and Roy Smith, in particular, have given so much of their time and expertise to developing the displays while Rose Blackburn and her Miniaturist group have introduced a popular addition to the collection. Volunteers are vital to the running of the Society and a big thank you to all concerned in giving up their time to man the museum throughout the year; a big commitment.

Last year I was proud to report that the Museum was awarded full accreditation, a testament of the work we have put into its development over the years and continue to do so. During the winter months of closure improvements take place – it is an ongoing project. Numbers were slightly down this year as renovation work had to be carried out to the front of the building, delaying opening until May.

This year I can report that great improvements have been made to the 'Story of Pembroke' display. We have finally rid ourselves of the last of the blue temporary display boards by replacing each exhibit against a large photographic background. Autodromo was commissioned to make a new William Marshal mannequin, a steel framed model to support chain mail along with a replica shield made from the statue mould. The Tudor display now features Rhys ap Thomas and the Great Tournament of 1508. A television screen was purchased to run an extract of the 2008 re-enactment at Carew, which looks most effective. A new model of Henry VII was purchased to replace the rather effeminate mannequin which now exhibits a replica of the Order of the Golden Fleece as portrayed on his famous portrait. We have also replaced the John Poyer mannequin with a much more realistic one from European Mannequins – although he did get stuck in Customs for a time, falling foul of Brexit regulations! Interpretation boards were also produced for the maritime display and the railways display. All this combines to give a more professional look to our museum; we have come a long way since its beginnings of photographs velcroed to display boards.

We are also indebted, of course, to the kind donations from the community – I am especially thankful for the donations of costumes from Stephen Bartlett some of which are displayed on the Town Hall landing: a child wearing an Edwardian outfit holding an authentic hoop and a lady dressed in a 1920s tennis dress. Other examples of costume are seen around the museum – I only wish we had more space to exhibit more as we have many in storage.

The Museum opened after the winter break on February 16<sup>th</sup> for the half term holiday. Volunteers can now be seen wearing navy gilets with embroidered museum logos and I thank Ann Mortenson for arranging this. All in all we have an excellent team of dedicated volunteers, but this year we celebrated one special volunteer – Mary Willington who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party held at Pembroke Rugby Club.

## **OUTREACH**

As well as running the museum, the Society reaches out to the community in many ways. It was our outreach programme that impressed in our successful accreditation bid. The programme of talks has proved increasingly popular with audiences reaching 100 and even more. A coffee morning and the opening up of the museum accompany the talks, which are free at entry. Thanks in particular to the ladies of the Committee who bake the cakes and serve the coffees as well as organising the raffle which enables us not only to cover our overheads but also raises much needed funds for the museum. All the expense of development, such as outlined above, are met by the Society's fundraising efforts

## **1 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

We have welcomed interesting speakers who have given talks on a variety of heritage topics aspects.

- April, Colin Potter 'How to get started and improve your family tree'.
- May, Andy Jones 'St Catherine's Island – its history, restoration and future'.
- October: Gareth Mills began the 2025/26 Season with a talk on the 'History of Orielton and the Owen Family'.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – Launch of our 3 Ladies Project.
- January: Nathen Amin's talk on Owain Glyndwr: Rebel, Prince and Visionary'. Nathen attracted a very large audience of 120.
- February; John Brandwick 'The Foundation, Development and Decline of Whitland Abbey'
- March: Melita Thomas 'The Life and Times of Tudor Women'.

## **2. DISPLAYS**

Another way of reaching out is by displays around the town.

i) For many years we put up displays in the shop window of Brown's café to advertise the museum, events and projects we are involved in. However, this has now come to an end although the owners have followed through with an interesting display all about Mrs Constance Brown who at the age of 90 was awarded the MBE and ran her fish and chip business in Pembroke since 1928. What a legend she was!

ii) Until recently the Society put up displays in St Mary's Church, but this was not possible last year because of the bells project resulting in the Church being closed apart from Services.

However, on 21st January - after a major renovation of the bells and replacement of three floors in the Norman tower, St Mary's bells were returned to Pembroke. It is a tradition that they are blessed, or re-blessed if they return from a period of absence and are decorated for the occasion. The Society was invited to decorate one of the bells, the 9th bell which was cast in 1765, with a decoration which would symbolise our organisation. We chose a Tudor theme – a posy of red and white roses set in a golden crown. Thankyou to Mary Busby for making up the display.

The renovation of the bells was an amazing achievement and congratulations to our wonderful St Mary's Church, to Anne Bunker who has worked so tirelessly to bring this about and to all involved. Thank you from us all – and we can now, once again, hear these wonderful bells ring out.

iii)The St David Day's parade organised by Pembroke Town Team was again very successful and we were invited to participate by assembling a display in the Castle Marquee and some volunteers took part in the march which was a great success.

## **3 STALLS AT COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Society participated in three events this year. We set up stalls at

- i) Carew Castle : Unearthing History event on August 4<sup>th</sup>
- ii) Pembroke and District Show, Lamphey on August 6<sup>th</sup>
- iii) Pembroke Castle's Christmas Market November 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. As well as showcasing the work of our Society, it was, again, very successful in raising funds thanks largely to June Willcocks and Mary Willington who organised the raffle for a bumper Christmas hamper, which was drawn by Pembroke Mayor, Cllr Gareth Jones, in Pembroke Town Hall. Thank you to our volunteers who gave up their time to man the stall over the 3 days.

#### **4 QUIZ NIGHTS**

Quiz Nights are organised by June Wilcocks and Mary Willington. These take place in Pembroke Town Hall and prove a popular, enjoyable evening as well as raising funds for the Society. Thank you to our Quizmaster Rose Blackburn and to all of our ladies who prepare the lovely buffets which makes the Quiz Nights so popular!

#### **5 VISITS**

Only one visit was arranged this year – following a talk by Maggie Goodall of the Friends of Friendless Churches, we were invited to the Open Day at Castlemartin Church. This was a lovely occasion and we were most impressed by the work done to improve the church.

#### **PROJECTS.**

November saw the public launch of our statue project, which was held in Pembroke Town Hall to a large audience. Following the success of the Henry Tudor and William Marshal statues, we are keen to continue the idea of a statue/arts trail with the addition of a group of statues to celebrate the role of women in our history: three women, with Pembroke connections, who have played a great part in our nation's story. They are Princess Nest, Isabel de Clare and Margaret Beaufort - it is rare for women to be celebrated in statues, so we need to put that right!

We are working again with sculptor Harriet Addyman who has already done us proud with Henry and William. She has already done much research on the design of the costumes, which are as historically accurate as possible. These were modelled at the event by Louise, Florence and Derryn, who is a professional dressmaker and responsible to the making of the lovely dresses.

The site we are looking at for the placing of the statues is the footpath, which takes you from the Commons up to the Parade. It will form the end of a circular trail beginning at the Castle, then following a route to the Town Hall, Clock Tower, Church, Millpond, Mill Bridge, along the base of the Castle, Commons and back to the town via Willings Passage. We have a way to go but we have made a great start. As with previous projects, we are always open to ideas and input.

#### **IN CONCLUSION,**

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Linda Asman

Chairman 19th March 2026

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Date Range:

From

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025

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### Turnover

4000

General Sales

14,917.80


Total Turnover
£14,917.80

### Less Cost of Sales

5000

General Purchases

9,704.61


Total Cost of Sales
£9,704.61
Gross Profit
£5,213.19

### Less Expenses

7505

Books, Magazines etc.

45.00



7506

Hosting Fees and IT Consumables

79.99



7601

Audit and Accountancy Fees

6.70



8201

Subscriptions

18.33



8204

Insurance

383.74



9998

Suspense Account

10,869.80


Total Expenses
£10,336.04
Profit Before Tax
£15,549.23

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## 2024 ACCOUNTS

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE MONTH END

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<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>B/F 2023</b>	£11,045.00	HALL RENTAL £654.00
SUBS	£0.00	EVENTS £217.18
DONATIONS	£1,640.30	EQUIPMENT £1,324.62
FUNDRAISING	£2,729.10	MUSEUM £1,158.34
DRAGON	£0.00	DRAGON £1,440.00
OTHER SALES	£231.99	
MUSEUM	£0.00	
BOOK SALES	£975.19	FEES £1,636.76
GRANTS	£1,025.00	EXPENSES £142.16
		RESOURCES £23.04
		TRANSFER TO RESERVES £10,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£17,646.58</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> £16,596.10
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>£1,050.48</b>	
<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>£14,168.60</b>	
<b>BANK BALANCE MONTH END</b>	<b>£1,139.67</b>	

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## BALANCE SHEET 2024

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	£825.77		£917.52
DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	£320.16		£355.73
START UP EQUIPMENT	£611.55		£679.50
TOUCH SCREEN COMPUTER	£354.02		£393.35
PAVS GRANT DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	£617.43		£686.03
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>£2,728.92</b>	<b>3032.13</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</b>	14,168.60		4,056.82
CURRENT ACCOUNT IN BANK	1139.67		£11,045.00
<b>CASH IN HAND</b>	<b>159.66</b>		16.27
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>15,467.93</b>		15,118.09
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>15,467.93</b>	<b>15,118.09</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>£18,196.85</b>	<b>18150.22</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
FIXED ASSETS		£2,728.92	3032.13
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURPLUS		1050.48	11,061.28
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		14,168.60	4,056.82
VAT REFUND JAN 25		248.85	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		<b>£18,196.85</b>	<b>18150.23</b>

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<b>B/F 2022</b>	£19,927.25	HALL RENTAL £463.00
SUBS	£0.00	EVENTS £50.00
DONATIONS	£723.29	EQUIPMENT £10,532.45
FUNDRAISING	£1,079.70	MUSEUM £1,494.89
DRAGON	£300.00	DRAGON £0.00
OTHER SALES	£0.00	
MUSEUM	£28.13	
BOOK SALES	£2,556.97	FEES £677.51
GRANTS	£0.00	EXPENSES £336.22
		RESOURCES £0.00
		TRANSFER TO RESERVES £0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£24,615.34</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE £13,554.07</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>£11,061.28</b>	
<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>£4,056.82</b>	
<b>BANK BALANCE MONTH END</b>	<b>£11,045.00</b>	

## PEMBROKE AND MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## BALANCE SHEET 2023

<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	917.52	1019.47	
DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	355.73	395.25	
START UP EQUIPMENT	679.50	755.00	
TOUCH SCREEN COMPUTER	393.35	437.05	
PAVS GRANT DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	686.03	762.26	
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>3032.13</b>	<b>3369.03</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</b>	4,056.82	4,025.11	
CURRENT ACCOUNT IN BANK	£11,045.00	19927.45	
<b>CASH IN HAND</b>	16.27	48.46	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	15,118.09	24,000.82	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>15,118.09</b>	<b>24,000.82</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>18150.22</b>	<b>27369.85</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
FIXED ASSETS		3032.13	3369.03
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURPLUS		11,061.28	19,975.71
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		4,056.82	4,025.11
PETTY CASH			
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		<b>18150.22</b>	<b>27369.85</b>

**PEMBROKE & MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

2022 saw the lifting of the Covid restrictions. However, after having been forced to suspend public engagement for much of 2020/21, the Society is now back on track and I am pleased to report that much progress has been made in this year's annual report.

First, sadly, I should like to pay tribute to Marcia Whitehead who passed away last year. Marcia had volunteered to take on the role of Museum Treasurer for several years until ill health forced her to retire. She is much missed.

On a happier note I extend our congratulations to our vice Chairman, Rose Blackburn BEM for the award of British Empire Medal which was announced in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Honours last year – so well deserved. So many years of voluntary service to the community in many roles - from the youth justice board to animal welfare and the Pembrokeshire Community Health Council. She has been a Town Councillor for many years, a former Mayor and, as Town Crier, cut a colourful figure in Pembroke for 27 years!

## **Pembroke Museum**

1 After having to close for much of 2020 and the whole of 2021, we opened again, as previously reported, last February for the 2022 season. The public opening was a very successful event having invited other local heritage groups to participate to advertise their work, our first public event in two years: Modellers, Sunderland Trust, Coshaston History Society, Chapel Bay Fort, Carew Control Tower and the West Wales Maritime Heritage Society.

2 Volunteers are vital to the running of the museum and a big thank you to all concerned. The museum is a sub committee of the History Society and was chaired for several years by Jill Ensom for which we are very grateful. However, Jill because of her many other commitments had to step down and Ron Rees, vice Chairman has stood in as Chairman in her place. George Palmer was elected vice chairman. We are very lucky to have such dedicated volunteers who have achieved much in developing the museum displays – Ron Rees, George Palmer and Roy Smith have given so much of their time and expertise to this and Rose with her Miniaturist exhibits. A big thank you to all who commit their time every week to manning the Museum. The work of the volunteers was recognised by PTC, each receiving a certificate of appreciation at an Awards evening held in Pembroke Town Hall last November.

3 Our museum relies on goodwill, not only for volunteer helpers but on donations to build the collection of artefacts together with our own fundraising efforts. I would like to thank all who have made donations, but in particular I thank Mr Ian Williams for giving us a valuable postcard collection consisting of 5 albums of old photographs belonging to his late father David Williams who had contributed much to our Society by taking part in our 'Through My Eyes' project. I'd also like to thank Lorraine Ricketts for her donation of Welsh costume and Lamphey History Society for their donation of £300.

## **Outreach**

### **Programme of Events**

This past year, the Society's programme of events had again to be put on hold because of restrictions. We have now been able to recommence our programme of events, which are now held in Pembroke Town Hall on the first Saturday morning of the month between October and May. On each occasion we have a coffee morning for the first hour during which we open up the museum and Council Chamber, in which we assemble an additional display. This is followed by a talk and we thank the following participants: Gareth Mills (A New Look on the Pembroke Dock Story), Liz Rawlins (The Flanders Connection), Jack Tree (The History Beneath our Feet), Dr Martin Crampin (Pembroke Stained Glass) and Linda Asman (Pembroke's Great Art Heritage). All are welcome to our events and there is no entrance fee as overheads are funded by the raffle and coffee morning.

### **Exhibitions and displays**

The Society reaches out to the community in other ways.

- By kind permission of Mrs Glenys Brown, we put up displays in the shop window of Brown's café to advertise the museum, events and projects we are involved in.
- We put up displays in St Mary's Church and, in August, participated in their Welsh Week.
- We also have stalls at local events: the William Marshal statue unveiling, the Pembroke Show, River Rally, Monkton School Fun Day and the Christmas Market.

## **Projects**

I am pleased to announce the completion of two important projects

### **i)The William Marshal Statue**

It is with great pride that we have seen this project through to completion and the much anticipated statue of the Greatest Knight now stands proud in its lovely location at the foot of the castle he built.

#### Thanks

- Naturally, we must thank first and foremost, our sculptor and the team which produced this beautiful statue: Harriet Addyman along with Andy Cann and Rhianna Robson: the Team at Castle Fine Arts Foundry and John Barnett of Cambrian Castings.
- Whilst the fundraising campaign was led by Pembroke & Monkton Local History Society, without the support and assistance of Pembroke Town Council it could not have succeeded. A big thank you to Pembroke Town Council Town Clerk Suzie Thomas and assistant Town Clerk Jane Howes and staff at the Town Hall. We are also indebted to Anthony Price and Stephen Benger of PCC for sorting out last minute hitches and ensuring the plinth was built in time.
- Thank you to our funders: Mr Richard Evans whose very generous donation that put us on this journey for a second statue in Pembroke and Mr Stephen Thornton of Valero who is always so supportive of worthwhile, local community projects. A grant of £30K was received from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund –which supports projects, which promote Pembrokeshire. So thank you to Pembrokeshire County Council Regeneration Team particularly Sinead Hanahan and Kevin Shales for their assistance. Other organisations deserving special mention - Pembroke Rotary, Pembroke Male Voice Choir, and even further afield, to the Bar Council, Inner Temple (where William Marshal is buried) and Middle Temple. So many people donated – so thanks to all.

The unveiling was a great occasion - the community turned out in force to witness it. And they were not disappointed. HM Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mr Meurig Raymond did the honours. pulling away the covering sheet to reveal the magnificent, life size, bronze statue. Following the unveiling ceremony, everyone made their way to the Castle for a community celebration which, thanks to the generosity of the Castle Trustees, was opened up with free entry for all. A programme of entertainment, music and activities ran throughout the afternoon including a concert by Pembroke Male Voice Choir, Neil Thomas, stalls in the marquee, children's activities organised by Messy Church and a competition for the best-dressed knight and princess . To add to the occasion, visitors were be able to find out more about William Marshal and his times from the Living History Society, Historia Normannis.

After a couple of years of restrictions, it was lovely once more to be able to come together as a community. Around 2 ½ thousand people attended the event and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves – young and old. Even the weather was perfect. It was a truly memorable day- a great day for a great knight.

### **The Monkton History Project**

It is an important function of our Society that we carry out research and make the results accessible; to preserve aspects of our history that would otherwise be lost. To date, we have published five books.

When we began the Society many years ago in 2010, we launched the Monkton History Project, which resulted in the 'Monkton Sense of Place' leaflet, funded by Planed. This was a bi-lingual pamphlet outlining the history of Monkton, written by Linda Asman and illustrated by George Lewis. It has long been the intention to produce a history of Monkton and I am pleased to report that we have now done this. 'Monkton: a Hidden History' was co written by Keith Johnson and Linda Asman. People who remembered the old community joined in with contributions from Liz Jenkins, Ann Lankshear, Bill

Thomas, Ann Yerbury, Dot Lloyd. The book was dedicated to the late and much missed Pauline Waters, a founder member of our Society, a lady who loved Monkton.

I had obtained a grant of £4,500 from the Heritage Lottery Wales to cover the cost of publication but costs had sky rocketed to such an extent that we had to cut the length of the book with a much shorter run of 250 copies. It was printed by Gomer Press which, as usual, did us proud in producing a very attractive publication. The book was launched at Pembroke Castle's Christmas market and demand exceeded all expectation with the result we have sold out. However, a digital copy of the book has been uploaded to our website and the People's Collection where it can be accessed by all.

### **Inspirational Dragons Project**

As reported in last year's Report, the aim of our project is to build a fountain in Pembroke Millpond: the vision is to develop a fountain in the form of a dragon, inspired by Llandrindod Wells 'Fabulous Water Beast'. A grant of £13,587.00 from LEADER (which is administered by Planed), funded a schools project to involve children in the design and technology involved. Golden Grove and Monkton Priory Community School participated in this. Unfortunately, lockdown meant that we were unable to complete the project with Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School. The project was to have formed part of coursework for GCSE, but closure of the schools put this on hold, although the school offered the work to pupils on its online portal during shut down.

Although the maquette has been constructed by Gideon Petersen, we have not been able to advance this project. We have lost momentum on this and we are going to have to look at how to proceed.

### **Statue/Arts Trail Aspiration**

However, we do now have the basis for an arts/ statue trail on which to build: we already have the Town Hall Murals, our museum collection of art, the existing cherubs on the Clock Tower along with the golden lion on the former Lion Hotel, the 'There but not there Tommy' by the Church entrance together with the lovely Charles Kempe windows and displays. Added to this are our two impressive statues of Henry VII and William Marshal. The dragon would make a stunning addition.

To conclude, Pembroke and Monkton Local History Society is back on track after the Covid restrictions. Therefore, a big thank you to our dedicated group of volunteers and supporters who make this possible.



Linda Asman  
Chairman, March 2023

PEMBROKE AND MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

2022 ACCOUNTS

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE MONTH END DECEMBER

INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
B/F 2021	£30,244.20	HALL RENTAL £300.00
SUBS	£45.00	EVENTS £120.00
DONATIONS	£3,981.94	EQUIPMENT £5,038.12
FUNDRAISING	£732.30	MUSEUM £1,560.54
DRAGON	£335.00	DRAGON £0.00
OTHER SALES	£49.50	PETTY CASH £0.00
WM MARSHAL	£92.43	WM MARSHAL STATUE £12,421.59
DONATIONS		
MUSEUM	£3,398.79	
BOOK SALES	£2,155.29	FEES £1,591.55
GRANTS	£0.00	EXPENSES £0.00
		RESOURCES £26.94
		TRANSFER TO
		RESERVES £0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£41,034.45	TOTAL EXPENDITURE £21,058.74
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£19,975.71	
RESERVES	£4,025.11	
BANK BALANCE MONTH	£19,927.25	
END		

PEMBROKE AND MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET 2022

		2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1019.47	1132.74	
DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	395.25	439.17	
START UP EQUIPMENT	755.00	838.88	
TOUCH SCREEN COMPUTER	437.05	485.61	
PAVS GRANT DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	762.26	846.95	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		3369.02	3743.36
CURRENT ASSETS			
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	4,025.11	4,023.59	
CURRENT ACCOUNT IN BANK	19927.25	5831.25	
CASH IN HAND	48.46	0	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	24,000.82	9,854.84	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		24,000.82	9,854.84
TOTAL NET ASSETS		27369.84	13598.20
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
FIXED ASSETS		3369.02	3743.36
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURPLUS		19,975.71	5,831.25
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		4,025.11	4,023.59
PETTY CASH			24.78
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES		27369.84	13598.20

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Regards  
John hyam

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From: stuart asman  
Sent: 20 April 2023 20:45  
To: hyam@talktalk.net  
Subject: pmlhs accounts

Hi John

I attach copies of the history society's accounts and agm summary. can you check these are ok and then send me an email confirming that you have checked them and they are correct and are a true record of the societies activities

thanks stuart

**PEMBROKE & MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Last year our AGM took place by zoom: thankfully restrictions have been lifted this year and we are able to hold our meeting in Pembroke Town Hall.

First, sadly, I should like to pay tribute to Rita Hyam who passed away in December. Rita has been an invaluable help and her contribution to the work of the Society has been immense - dedicated volunteers like Rita are hard to find and she will be greatly missed. Husband John has donated a lovely memorial chair to the Museum in her memory.

## **Pembroke Museum**

There comes a time when all organisations have to examine where they are going. Since we formed in 2010 we had made Monkton Church Hall our base, renting a room in the Hall. Last year, the Church wanted the room for their outreach programme and we were forced to re-examine our direction. It was decided to concentrate our efforts on developing the Museum and base our activities around that.

We have made great progress since we began this museum from scratch 8 years ago. So much so that I, as Curator, have applied to put the Museum on the road to accreditation. My application was successful and I have been busy putting systems in place to run the museum along professional standards. Mark Lewis of Tenby Museum has been assigned as our mentor on this journey.

Throughout the year, the Museum has been closed: it was not possible to admit visitors, as there was not enough space to socially distance. However, work has continued and improvements made to the displays of artefacts. A big thank you to Ron Rees, Roy Smith and George Palmer whose work has quite transformed the Museum.

I would also like to pay tribute here to the generosity of donors and especially of Judy and St John Stimpson who have contributed important collections to the Museum including the collection of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Welsh costume, an extensive collections of postcards and 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century engravings. It was with great sadness therefore that we heard that Judy Stimpson passed away last year.

## **Programme of Events**

This past year, the Society's programme of events had again to be put on hold because of restrictions. Planning ahead was difficult, as one could be sure if another lock down was ahead. However, this year on February 19<sup>th</sup>, we opened up the Museum and held our first public event in almost 2 years. Although a stormy day, we were really pleased that so many people came - it was like getting back to normal, meeting friends and acquaintances not seen for so long. The Museum has undergone many changes since last opening and we were pleased with the public response and positive comments. We invited other heritage groups to join us and set up displays in the George Lewis Hall - Penvro Modellers, Sunderland Trust, Cosheston History Society, Chapel Bay Fort, Carew Control Tower and the West Wales Maritime Heritage Society. The accompanying coffee morning proved popular which, along with a raffle, enabled us to raise some much needed funds. Thank you to all involved and to all who supported the event. It was a really enjoyable morning.

## **Projects**

### **i) The William Marshal Statue**

I am pleased to report that the statue of William Marshal is close to completion. Our sculptor, Harriet Addyman, has created a very impressive life sized sculpture of William Marshal mounted on a horse which was approved by Trustees of Pembroke & Monkton Local History Society last June. Following this, the mould was made and transported to the Castle Fine Arts Foundry, near Oswestry, where the statue is being cast in bronze.

Meanwhile, back in Pembroke, the site where the statue is to be placed (on the north side of the Castle opposite Westgate Chapel) has been surveyed for the installation of the plinth, which will be erected by Pembrokeshire County Council. Many thanks to Pembroke Town Clerk Suzie Thomas who is coordinating all concerned with bringing this about.

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> had been earmarked for the unveiling but, because of circumstances beyond our control, we have had to postpone it for another month. The unveiling will be performed by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and we are very grateful to Jon Williams and the Trustees of Pembroke Castle for allowing us to stage an opening event in the Castle. We are working with Pembroke Town Council on organising a celebration, which will include re-enactors, singing, stalls, competitions etc.

Thank you to our funders - Mr Richard Evans, Pembrokeshire County Council (Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant), Valero, Pembroke Male Voice Choir and the many individuals who have donated and raised funds.

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PEMBROKE AND MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
2021 ACCOUNTS  
SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR END

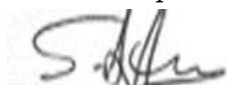
INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
B/F 2020	£5,831.25	HALL RENTAL £0.00
SUBS	£3.00	EVENTS £0.00
DONATIONS	£5,266.50	EQUIPMENT £1,164.48
FUNDRAISING	£0.00	MUSEUM £575.69
OTHER SALES	£0.00	PETTY CASH £0.00
WM MARSHAL DONATIONS	£51,706.80	WM MARSHAL STATUE £40,523.46
BOOK SALES	£161.00	FEES £375.97
GRANTS	£10,050.00	EXPENSES £37.93
		RESOURCES £80.82
		TRANSFER TO RESERVES £0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£73,018.55	TOTAL EXPENDITURE £42,758.35
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£30,260.20	
RESERVES	£4,023.81	
BANK BALANCE MONTH END	£30,244.20	

PEMBROKE AND MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET 2021

FIXED ASSETS		2021	2020
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1132.74	1258.61	
DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	439.17	487.962	
START UP EQUIPMENT	838.88	932.094	
TOUCH SCREEN COMPUTER	485.61	539.568	
PAVS GRANT DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	846.95	941.058	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		3743.36	4159.29
CURRENT ASSETS			
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	4,023.81	4,023.59	
CURRENT ACCOUNT IN BANK	30,244.20	5831.25	
CASH IN HAND	16.00	0	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	34,284.01	9,854.84	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		34,284.01	9,854.84

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	4,023.81	4,023.5 9
PETTY CASH		24.78
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Treasurer

## Fw: history society accounts

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Linda Asman

Tue 01/03/2022 16:17

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#### **Directors' responsibilities:**

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**these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.**

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