

THE THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1158648

Details

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Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SIR THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON PHILANTHROPIST AND MP FOR WEYMOUTH AND MELCOMBE REGIS 1818-37 AND IN PARTICULAR HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH EMPIRE BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT IN 1833.

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Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,901	£1,533	-	-
2023-12-31	£7,432	£5,316	-	-
2022-12-31	£5,544	£1,528	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,243	£1,758	-	-
2020-12-31	£1,995	£641	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anna Viccars Barber		2022-01-26
Anne McKechan		2022-01-17
Dr JOHN FANNON MSC,PHD		2014-02-12

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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THE SOCIETY’S OBJECTIVES FOR 2024

The Objectives of the Society for 2024 were to continue to educate the public in accordance with our aim by means of the following activities.

- a) The care of the Buxton Monument and its Information Board, erected on Bingleaves Green Weymouth. The monument and its information board provide a silent witness to Buxton’s achievements and is now a feature of the town’s heritage.
- b) As far as practicable, to organise public events to foster recognition of Buxton as a philanthropist, reformer and abolitionist.
- c) To keep members informed via newsletters and a website.

THE SOCIETY’S ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

Annual General Meeting 2024

This was held on Wednesday 13th March 2024. The Mayor, Cllr. Kate Wheller, as president of our Society opened the proceedings. James Buxton gave the Trustees’ report which described the activities of the Society during 2023. John Fannon gave the Treasurer’s Report.

After the business of the meeting and a pause for refreshments, Joyce Fannon gave a presentation on Buxton’s letters, Mail Coaches in Georgian times and Buxton’s Coaching journeys.

Presentations to outside organisations

In 2024 Society members gave presentations to outside organisations at Weymouth, Dorset, Broughton in Hampshire and Norwich, Norfolk. Six presentations have been given in Norwich. Two of these were to the prestigious Norwich Society. The Norwich Society printed an article by Alison Dow, in their magazine. The article was entitled *Thomas Fowell Buxton ‘The Liberator’*.

Presentation to a Parliamentary Select Committee

In January 2024 Richard Buxton led a team petitioning against the proposed Holocaust Memorial Bill. The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society was one of the petitioners and John Fannon, a member of the Society gave evidence to the Select Committee of the House of Commons.

His evidence to members of the Select committee, recounted how the Society came to be formed to honour Buxton who had been MP for Weymouth between 1818 and 1837 and the steps taken to raise a monument on Bingleaves Green. He made a plea that the Buxton Memorial Fountain was threatened and would be very much overshadowed by the proposed Holocaust Memorial. He pointed out that the Buxton Memorial Fountain was the only memorial that recognised the Britain's unique role in abolishing slavery. In particular, the people of Britain and Ireland even though they did not have a vote had convinced Parliament by their numerous petitions. This evidence was much appreciated by the members of the Select Committee who expressed their thanks for this historical perspective.

Society Events in Weymouth Dorset

As well as the AGM and presentation in March 2024, the other main Society event in the year was the Anti-Slavery Day Event in October with two presentations given, one before and one after the interval break. One of our network partners locally is Fairtrade and a Fairtrade stall was present at the event.

Social Events - Luncheons

Adding to the social side of our Society, members attended lunches in February and in November at the Wishing Well, Upwey, near Weymouth. The Society aims to have two such lunches a year giving members the opportunity for a day out with friends in an informal setting.

Westminster Abbey Service

The Memorial Service is held at the Abbey on a Saturday nearest to 1st August as on that day in 1834, slaves in the British Empire were emancipated and became British subjects of the King.

The 3rd of August 2024 twenty three people gathered for the Westminster Abbey Service at the Buxton Statue in the North Quire Aisle of Westminster Abbey. The Venerable Tricia Hillas, Canon in Residence, led the service. She paid tribute to Thomas Fowell Buxton and his Parliamentary colleagues "who with steadfastness through a turbulent ten-year period enabled the emancipation of 800,000 enslaved people".

Annual Service at Bingleaves Green, Weymouth, Dorset, at the Buxton Monument

The annual Society Memorial Service at Bingleaves Green, Weymouth, Dorset, was held on Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at the Buxton Monument. The service was led by Professor Carl Whitehouse, from St Mary's Anglican Church, Weymouth. Sixteen people attended in a welcome break in the very wet weather.

Educating a new generation

Our Society online Schools Education Pack *Thomas Fowell Buxton and Slavery* is available for downloading by Primary School teachers during the annual Fairtrade Fortnight which is celebrated in schools nationwide.

Carl Whitehouse gave a presentation to 60 year-8 students at Wey Valley Academy, Weymouth, in October.

Information given to outside agencies on request

Information was sent to The Reform Club in London for their planned exhibition entitled *Abolishing Slavery in the British Colonies: Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton and other Forgotten Champions of the Abolition Campaign*. The exhibition, starting in February, ran for six months. A booklet for the exhibition was published by the Reform Club which acknowledged the help of our Society.

Hazel Phillips, a member of our Society and Westminster Guide, took a group of Australians to see the exhibition at the Reform Club. The group included the former 27th Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard. She held the position from June 2010 to June 2013. She had migrated with her family to Adelaide in South Australia from Wales in 1966. Thomas Fowell Buxton's first recognition was in 1837, when a street in Adelaide was named Buxton Street.

Newsletters

Four newsletters were circulated during the year to keep members informed of Society events.

Each year Society members receive at least three 8-page newsletters in A5 format. The newsletter format includes a short article of 500 words on a Buxton theme further extending our educational role to our 88 members.

Our Society promotes organisations that combat modern slavery. In each edition of the Newsletter a short article has featured different organisations and charities aiming to combat this modern evil.

Articles in the Dorset Year Book

Society articles have been accepted and published in the *Dorset Year Book* for 2020, 2022, 2023 editions. In 2023 an article was submitted and accepted for the 2024 Year Book but had to be held over into the 2025 edition, which was eventually published in October 2024. All the articles have involved some aspects of the life and achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton. *The Dorset Year Book* has a readership of 1,600.

Publication of a Third Society Book to be entitled *Indomitable Courage*

In 2024 articles were collected for a new Society book and sent to the editor, Dr Beatrice Fannon. Articles have been submitted by Richard R Follett, Carl Whitehouse, Jeremy Harbord, Ben Buxton and Joyce Fannon. The dates of publication and Book Launch are still to be agreed in 2025.

CARE OF THE BUXTON MONUMENT

The Buxton Monument, erected in 2017 on Bingleaves Green by the Society, together with its National Lottery funded information Board educates the passing public every day, especially in the tourist season. The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society owns the Monument and has a 50-year lease on the public land on which it stands. The Society therefore has a duty of care to maintain the Monument and take out public liability insurance.

During 2024, the Monument needed no extra maintenance. Albion Stone who supplied the Portland stone with which the monument has been built, advise letting the monument 'weather' for a few years before cleaning and re-waxing. Minor work was carried out by members of the Society to remove weeds from the gravel path around the monument.

MEMBERSHIP

The current list of members and supporters stands at 88, and of these 39 are life members and 49 are ordinary members. Many members have now taken up the option of paying membership dues by standing order.

FINANCES

Annex A to this document shows the financial report. A summary is given below.

Our income for the year 2024 was £1901 This includes late donations of £700 to the Home Leone fund. Our expenditure for 2024 was £1533 with the major expense being £622.64 for public liability insurance for the Monument. Our closing balance for our main account on 31st December 2024 was £7777 comprising:

Main Account (Bank + Paypal)	£ 7077
Home Leone Account	£ 700

THE SOCIETY'S PLANS FOR 2025

- a) To continue the care and maintenance of the Monument
- b) To continue to give presentations to local groups on request
- c) To continue to provide 3 newsletters per year and maintain the website
- d) To seek new members
- e) To prepare a calendar of events for members

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Governance and Management of the Society comprises:

1. The Honorary President. Since the formation of the Society, the current Mayor of Weymouth is considered to be de facto Honorary President and all incumbents so far have been delighted to accept this office. The President will preside over the Annual General Meeting and if diary permits will attend the various functions of the Society.
2. The Trustees. At present there are three trustees which is the minimum as required by law. Members of the society may volunteer to be a trustee. The process of appointing Trustees is set out in the governing document.

3. A committee which has no formal standing but meets regularly to advise the Trustees on the management of the society. Any member of the Society may attend these meetings which are held approximately every 2 months.

CHARITY TRUSTEES

At AGM 2024 the Trustees were

Mrs Anne McKechnan

Miss Anna Viccars-Barber


Dr John Fannon who acts as Treasurer and Webmaster.

WEBSITE www.thomasfowellbuxton.org.uk

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1158648

BANKERS Barclays Bank Plc, Leicester LE87 2BB


ANNEX A

	Thomas Fowell Buxton Society		1158648		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	417	-	-	417	319
Presentations	265	-	-	265	195
Donations	168	-	-	168	28
Events	351	-	-	351	431
Books		-	-	-	65
Badges/Merchandise		-	-	-	
Home Leone Donations	700	-	-	700	4,381
Legacy		-	-	-	500
Amazon Smile		-	-	-	19
Easy Fundraising		-	-	-	
HMRC Gift Aid		-	-	-	1,472
Postage		-	-	-	22
		-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,901	-	-	1,901	7,432
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,901	-	-	1,901	7,432
A3 Payments					
Insurance	623	-	-	623	590
Website		-	-	-	179
Postage	43	-	-	43	91
Room hire	109	-	-	109	105
Materials		-	-	-	
Printing of Book		-	-	-	
Home Leone	692	-	-	692	4,316
Event Tea and Cffee exp	19	-	-	19	-
Website Domain Fee	14	-	-	14	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Stationery	33	-	-	33	35
Sub total	1,533	-	-	1,533	5,316
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,533.00	-	-	1,533.00	5,316
Net of receipts/(payments)	368.00	-	-	368.00	2,116
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,408.69	-	-	7,408.69	3,055
Cash funds this year end	7,776.69	-	-	7,776.69	5,171

ANNEX A

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	MainAccount	7,673	-	-
	Paypal Acct	104	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,777	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Treasurer's Expenses		-	
	Voice Amplifier	63.74	-	
	St Aldhelms 18 October 2022	50.62	-	
	Home Leone Donation	700	-	
		-		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		JOHN A FANNON	26/02/2025	

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THE SOCIETY’S OBJECTIVES FOR 2023

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- a) The care of the Buxton Monument and its Information Board, erected on Bingleaves Green Weymouth. The monument and its information board provide a silent witness to Buxton’s achievements and is now a feature of the town’s heritage.
- b) As far as practicable, to organise public events to foster recognition of Buxton as a philanthropist, reformer and abolitionist.
- c) To keep members informed via newsletters and a website.
- d) On May 15th 1823 Thomas Fowell Buxton taking over from William Wilberforce opened the campaign in Parliament for the abolition of slavery. 2023 was the bicentenary of this momentous occasion. The Society therefore decided that it should be commemorated by a series of special memorial services and presentations which are described herein.

THE SOCIETY’S ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023

Annual General Meeting 2023

The Society’s Annual General Meeting was held on 15th March 2023. The meeting was chaired by the Mayor of Weymouth Cllr Ann Weaving.

James Buxton presented the Trustees Annual Report and John Fannon presented the Treasurer’s report. In accordance with the terms of the Governing Document, one third of the Trustees must offer their resignation each year. At AGM 2023, Mr James Buxton offered his resignation as a trustee, and offered himself for re-election.

After the business of the meeting and a short break for refreshments, Joyce Fannon gave a presentation: *“Breaking the Chains: the abolitionists that Thomas Fowell Buxton led in Parliament from 1823-1833”*. This was an opportunity to pay tribute to the MPs and Peers who assisted Buxton in the Parliamentary struggle. These names are even more forgotten than that of Buxton, though some of these are mentioned on the Buxton Memorial fountain which stands in Victoria Tower Gardens.

Memorial Services

This was followed in June by Dr Carl Whitehouse composing and leading a Memorial Service at St Mary’s Church, Weymouth. The service was followed by a detailed presentation given by Dr Whitehouse entitled *“The Parliamentary Campaign for the Abolition of Slavery in the British Dominions 1823-1833”*.

The first Society Westminster Abbey Service at the Buxton Statue in the North Quire Aisle took place in 2015. Subsequently it was held in 2016, 2018, 2019 and then there was Covid-lockdown. The Memorial Service at Buxton’s Statue at Westminster Abbey was resumed after the hiatus owing to the Covid pandemic. Thirty-five members from the Buxton family and the Society attended also including many young people. It was a remarkable turnout given that the railways were on strike.

The local Memorial Service was held at the Buxton Monument on Bingleaves Green on 10th September attended by 15 members. In the absence of a cleric this year, Joyce Fannon composed and led the service. Readers were James Buxton, Anne McKechan, Ben Buxton and Graham Perry. The service biblical readings reflected those chosen by Buxton himself as evidenced in Charles Buxton’s Memoirs of his father.

Anti-slavery Day

On 18th October, (anti-slavery day), Joyce Fannon gave another presentation on *“The Genesis of the Anti-Slavery Society of 1823 and its role in the abolition of slavery in the British Dominions”*.

Joyce Fannon gave an extra presentation which while not relevant to anti-slavery was of interest to the Society. This concerned a bracelet commemorating Buxton’s marriage which had turned up in Adelaide, South Australia. Here talk was entitled *‘Shades of the Past: The Buxton Adelaide Bracelet’*.

Other Activities

During 2023, two lunches and two coffee mornings were added in order to add a social element to the Society. Members and their friends found these were very enjoyable.

Newsletters

Five newsletters were circulated during the year to keep members informed of Society events.

Each year Society members receive at least three 8-page newsletters in A5 format; in the 2023 celebratory year five were published. The newsletter format now includes a short article of 500 words on a Buxton theme further extending our educational role to our 80 members.

Our Society is promoting organisations that combat modern slavery in the Newsletters. In each edition of the Newsletter a short article has featured different organisations and charities aiming to combat modern slavery.

Presentations to outside organisations

Our Society education team of three people gave 5 presentations to outside organisations during the year, earning fees for Society funds of £192.50 and reaching an audience of 120 people.

Home Leone

In October 2022, the Society put out an appeal for donations for the Home Leone Charity. Donations were received in late 2022 and in the six months of 2023. The charity focuses on re-housing slum dwellers in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Buxton's connection to that country is well-known. £5000 was donated and the money was put towards the completion in Destiny Village of a care home for orphaned disabled children. The name on the plaque attached to the building is to be *The Thomas Fowell Buxton Home*.

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OUR EDUCATIONAL ROLE

The aim of the Society is to educate the public regarding the achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton. To this end we are always delighted to lend assistance to organisations that can help achieve this even when Buxton only mentioned in a wider context. We list below, the organisations assisted this way during 2023.

1. After seeking our help in obtaining an Arts Council England grant and providing information and useful contacts, the Epping Forest District Museum was able to mount its exhibition, *Greater in Spirit, Larger in Outlook*, which ran from 23rd September until 22nd December 2023. The exhibition explored the world culture collections from Saffron Walden and Epping Forest District Museum, Waltham Abbey, Essex. Some of the items had a Buxton family connection. Society members in the South East attended the exhibition. 100 of our Society leaflets were provided for the exhibition.
2. We provided information to Dr Alison Dow, who recently gave a presentation on Thomas Fowell Buxton to the Norwich Society in Norfolk on 29th February 2024.
3. Information was sent to Frances Jones-Davies for a presentation to The Broughton Breakfast Club, Hampshire, which was booked for mid-February 2024.

4. Information was sent to The Reform Club in London for their planned exhibition on Thomas Fowell Buxton and Slavery again beginning on 27th February 2024 and continuing for a period of six months.
5. Information was provided for Hazel Philipps, a London Westminster Guide. Her area of interest was the significance of the Buxton Fountain in Victoria Tower Gardens and also in Buxton's chairing of the Aborigines Committee 1836-37 and co-founding the Aborigines Protection Society. Armed with the information, Hazel took a group of Australians to visit the Buxton Fountain in Victoria Tower Gardens.

So our Society has helped promote Buxton initiatives in Essex, Hampshire, London and Norfolk.

MEMBERSHIP

The current supporter list stands at 80, and of these 34 are life members and 46 are ordinary members. Many members have now taken up the option of paying membership dues by standing order.

FINANCES

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Our income for the year 2023 was £7432.48 and expenditure was £5316.44

Our major expenditure was £590.18 for public liability insurance for the Monument, which is unfortunately rising steadily each year well above inflation.

Our closing balance for our main account on 31st December 2023 was £7369.11 comprising:

Main Account	£ 6677.11
Home Leone Account	£ 692.00

The Paypal account held £39.58 at the end of the year. The Society's net assets at the end of 2023 therefore stand at £6677.11 + £ 39.58 = £6716.69

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The Trustees and Committee consider that while the Society was inaugurated to educate the public on the achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton, we should also offer social events for our members. In 2024 we have already held a lunch at Upwey Wishing Well on 12th February and intend to hold a second lunch in late summer. We are seeking volunteers for organising coffee mornings at their homes.

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

At AGM 2023 the Trustees were

1. Mr James Buxton
2. Mrs Joyce Fannon
3. Mrs Anne McKechan
4. Miss Anne Viccars-Barber
5. Mrs Frances Jones-Davies
6. Dr John Fannon who acts as Treasurer and Web master. Dr Fannon also coordinated the annual programme of events.

In June 2023 our new business account was set up by Barclays Bank, and the Society was told that only 3 trustees would be allowed if we were to benefit with zero bank charges. Therefore Mr James Buxton, Mrs Joyce Fannon and Mrs Frances Jones-Davies volunteered to resign.

The Society therefore decided to formally recognise a new level of Governance which will call the 'Council' . The three trustees would be permanent members of the Council. Other members of the Council will be elected at the AGM. The changes will be incorporated into the Society's governing document and lodged with the Charity Commission.

At committee meetings the Chair is taken by rotation amongst the attendees. This custom will be maintained as the Committee is relabelled as a Council.


At each AGM, one third of the trustees need to resign in accordance with the Governing Document.

WEBSITE www.thomasfowellbuxton.org.uk

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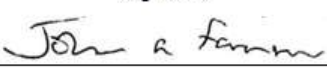
ANNEX A

	Thomas Fowell Buxton Society		1158648		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	319	-	-	319	462
Presentations	195	-	-	195	30
Donations	28	-	-	28	654
Events	431	-	-	431	200
Books	65	-	-	65	546
Badges/Merchandise		-	-	-	-
Home Leone Donations	4,381	-	-	4,381	3,615
Legacy	500	-	-	500	-
Amazon Smile	19	-	-	19	10
Easy Fundraising		-	-	-	26
HMRC	1,472	-	-	1,472	-
Postage	22	-	-	22	-
From Paypal Acct		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,432	-	-	7,432	5,544
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,432	-	-	7,432	5,544
A3 Payments					
Insurance	590	-	-	590	562
Website	179	-	-	179	98
Postage	91	-	-	91	213
Room hire	105	-	-	105	44
Materials		-	-	-	38
Printing of Book		-	-	-	491
Home Leone	4,316	-	-	4,316	20
To Paypal	-	-	-	-	60
Harpichord Hire	-	-	-	-	-
Performers	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses		-	-	-	2
Stationery	35	-	-	35	-
Sub total	5,316	-	-	5,316	1,528
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,316.00	-	-	5,316.00	1,528
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,116.00	-	-	2,116.00	4,015
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,253.00	-	-	5,253.00	3,055
Cash funds this year end	7,369.00	-	-	7,369.00	7,070

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Paypal Acct	39	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Treasurer's Expenses		-	
	Voice Amplifier	63.74	-	
	St Aldhelms 18 October 2022	50.62	-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		JOHN A FANNON	05/03/2024	

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THE SOCIETY’S ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

The Society’s Annual General Meeting was held on 16th March 2022. The meeting was chaired by the Mayor of Weymouth Cllr Colin Huckle. The Mayoress Mrs Marion Huckle was also in attendance.

James Buxton presented the Trustees Annual Report and John Fannon presented the Treasurer’s report. In accordance with the terms of the Governing Document, one third of the Trustees must offer their resignation each year. At AGM 2022, Dr Fannon offered his resignation as a trustee, and offered himself for re-election. Mrs Anne McKechnan and Miss Anna Viccars-Barber were appointed Trustees to help govern the Society. Dr Fannon was re-elected as Trustee and Treasurer.

Later in the year, Mr Trefor Morgan sadly had to resign as Trustee because of ill health.

After the business of the meeting and a short break for refreshments, Joyce Fannon gave a presentation: *“John Crunden, Architect of Belfield House: exploring the sources of his inspiration, (with a glimpse of Belfield, upstairs and downstairs in 1851)”*.

The Society’s new book *“Invincible Determination; The Legacy of Thomas Fowell Buxton”* was launched at the AGM. Only 14 copies of the book remain for sale at Society events in 2023 from a print run of 100.

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During 2022, the Monument needed no extra maintenance. Albion Stone who supplied the Portland stone with which the monument has been built, advise letting the monument ‘weather’ for a few years before cleaning and re-waxing. Minor work was carried out by members of the Society to remove weeds from the gravel path around the monument.

OUR EDUCATIONAL ROLE

The Society’s Trustees Annual Report needs to demonstrate that we are still fulfilling our constitutional aim to educate the public about the life and achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton. We answer any queries from individuals and organisations.

To this end we have helped 6 museums with information since early 2020 and we are currently research partners for the Epping Forest and Saffron Walden Museums’ Arts Council Project. Two Society articles, “The Parliamentary Achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton” and “Thomas Fowell Buxton and Empire: Humanitarian Colonialism” have been sent as requested to the Museums’ lead, Alice Lodge. Alice is allotting part of her museum display to Thomas Fowell Buxton as the first baronet

Following on from previous Society articles printed in *Dorset Year Book* in 2020, 2021, 2022, another article was accepted in 2022 and printed in the 2023 edition. This publication has a readership of 1600. An article, “Contrasts: T F Buxton and AWN Pugin” by Joyce Fannon has appeared too in *The Pugin Society Magazine* whose readership numbers 450.

A presentation on “Weymouth through the eyes of Thomas Fowell Buxton” was given in July to the Weymouth Catholic Women’s League by Joyce Fannon. Carl Whitehouse gave a presentation in November to Friends of Weymouth Museum on “Weymouth at the time of Thomas Fowell Buxton”. Forward bookings are being received for 2023.

Professor Richard Follett, history lecturer at Covenant College, Georgia, USA is researching for a biography of Thomas Fowell Buxton. Graham Perry and Joyce Fannon have been sending Richard relevant information. Professor Follett visited Weymouth in June 2022 and met with Society trustees and members. Further information was given him relevant to his

research, especially by trustee Anna Barber. We are still in contact with a group in Adelaide, South Australia called “The Buxton Collective”, led by one of our members David Donaldson.

The Buxton Monument with its information board on Bingleaves Green continues daily to educate the passing public both local residents and tourists.

BUXTON MEMORIAL SERVICE IN WEYMOUTH

Carl Whitehouse, lay preacher at St Mary’s Church, Weymouth, put together and officiated at our Society’s Service at the Buxton Monument, Bingleaves Green, on Sunday September 11th at 3pm. James Buxton, Anne McKechnan and Frances Jones-Davies were readers.

Twenty one supporters attended and all agreed that it was an excellent service, which included references to Buxton’s achievements. After the Service the Society Stall raised £68 of which £46 was from sales of our 2022 Society Book.

ANTI-SLAVERY EVENT AT ST ALDHELM’S WEYMOUTH

The Society’s Anti-Slavery Event on 18th October at St Aldhelm’s main hall from 2pm-4pm was another success. There were two presentations. Joyce Fannon gave ***A Brief History of Sierra Leone, Province of Freedom***, linking this to the current work of the charity *Home Leone*, which our Society is sponsoring.

After the interval Graham Perry followed with a presentation on ***Promoting Weymouth and Portland Heritage***.

Linda Perry’s Fairtrade Stall raised over £100. Linda is our Fairtrade networking partner contact.

It was an informative and very enjoyable afternoon.

PROMOTING THE WORK OF THE CHARITY HOME LEONE

All members and supporters were notified in November about our Society’s promotion and support of the work of the charity *Home Leone*. The response to the mail drop has been most generous with donations amounting at the end of the year to £2615. With gift aid, we have very good confidence that we will achieve our target of providing funds for the building of a one bedroomed house in Destiny village in Freetown, Sierra Leone, allowing people from the slums to be comfortably housed.

NEWSLETTERS

Each year Society members receive at least three newsletters. In 2022 the newsletter format was changed to that of an 8 page A5 booklet. Each newsletter now includes a short article of 500 words on a Buxton theme or general topic on slavery. Our Autumn Newsletter fielded an article on “Liverpool and the Trade in Slaves: What’s in a name?” It explored Liverpool’s street names that are linked to slavery, both those of plantation owners and of abolitionists.

The Society is also using the newsletter to promote organisations that combat modern slavery. The Autumn Newsletter contained an article on **Bakhita House**, a refuge for women exploited by traffickers and who were then subsequently rescued.

The Christmas Newsletter featured an article on the Reverend Ajayi Crowther of Sierra Leone and Nigeria (c1890-1891), a slave rescued by the Royal Navy Preventative Squadron and educated at the Fourah Bay Institute in Sierra Leone by the Church Missionary Society, of which Thomas Fowell Buxton was a vice president. Crowther became the first African Anglican Bishop in 1864.

An article on modern slavery featured the work of the **Salvation Army** on the borders of war-torn Ukraine, where traffickers take advantage of the chaos of war.

In this way the new Newsletter format is allowing the inclusion of even more educational material. Members can also print out hard copies of the booklet for reference or to give to friends.

MEMBERSHIP

The current supporter list stands at 72, and of these 33 are life members and 39 are ordinary members. Many members have now taken up the option of paying membership dues by standing order.

FINANCES

Annex A to this document shows the financial report. A summary is given below.

Our income for the year 2022 was £1929 and expenditure was £1528.

Our major expenditure was £562 for public liability insurance for the Monument, which is unfortunately rising steadily each year well above inflation. The printing cost for the book was £491 and we had a much heavier expenditure on postage arising from book sales and the need to canvass members old and new, seeking their assistance in the Home Leone project.

Our closing balance for our main account on 31st December 2022 was £8868 comprising:

Main Account	£5253
Home Leone Account	£2615

The Paypal account held £60 at the end of the year. The Society's net assets at the end of 2022 therefore stand at £5253 + £60 = £5313

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On 15th May 1823, Thomas Fowell Buxton, successor to William Wilberforce rose in Parliament to put forward proposals for the abolition of slavery. The slave trade had been

abolished on 1807 but slavery had persisted, against the hopes of Wilberforce and all those assuming that this disgraceful practice would wither away. Buxton's opening speech signalled the start of became a ten-year struggle. 2023 is therefore bicentenary of this momentous beginning which culminated in 1833 with Royal assent to the Abolition of Slavery in the British Empire.

The Society will be holding a commemorative service in June at St Mary's Weymouth, and we plan a service at Westminster Abbey and also on Bincleaves Green for our local members. Mr Simon Gurney is hoping to organise an event at Northrepps in August or September, but details are not yet available.

The Trustees consider that while the Society was inaugurated to educate the public on the achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton, we should also offer social events for our members. In 2019 and early 2020 we arranged for lunches at the Wishing Well at Upwey which were well attended. This year we decided to reintroduce these lunches to give members the opportunity to meet and chat. We have already held one of these lunches on 6th February and intend to hold a second lunch in late summer. We have also introduced 2 coffee mornings into the calendar for April and November.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
15 th Mar	2 pm	AGM and Presentation	St Aldhelms Church Centre, Weymouth
11 th Apr	3pm	Presentation to CWL	St Joseph's Hall, Weymouth
25 th Apr	10 am	Coffee Morning	<i>Chez Anne McKechan</i>
19 th Jun	7:30 pm	Presentation to Louviers Society	United Reform Church Spa Road Weymouth
28 th Jun	2:30 pm	Service and Presentation commemorating the start of TFB's campaign	St Mary's Church, Weymouth
10 th Jul	7 pm	Presentation to WI	Willowbed Hall, Chickerell
29 th Jul	3 pm and 6.15 pm	A picnic in Victoria Tower Gdns with a Memorial Service at Westminster Abbey after Evensong.	
10 th Sep	3 pm	Memorial Service at the Buxton Monument	Bincleaves Green, Weymouth
16 th Sep 17 th Sep	<i>TBC</i>	Saturday 16 th and/or Sunday 17 th September at Northrepps Details to be confirmed	
18 th Oct	2 pm	Anti-Slavery day Presentations	St Aldhelms Church Centre, Weymouth
2 nd Nov	10:30 am	Presentation to Portland Probus	'The Lodmoor' on Preston Beach Road
15 th Nov	10 am	Coffee Morning	<i>Chez Joyce Fannon</i>

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ANNEX A

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	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01-Jan-22	To	31-Dec-22	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	462	-	-	462	361
Presentations	30	-	-	30	-
Donations	654	-	-	654	270
Events	200	-	-	200	647
Books	546	-	-	546	13
Badges/Merchandise	-	-	-	-	18
Home Leone Donations	3,615	-	-	3,615	-
Grant from Weymouth Town Council	-	-	-	-	810
Amazon Smile	10	-	-	10	12
Easy Fundraising	26	-	-	26	43
From closing Acct 03782050	-	-	-	-	27
From Paypal Acct	-	-	-	-	42
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,544	-	-	5,544	2,243
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,544	-	-	5,544	2,243
A3 Payments					
Insurance	562	-	-	562	492
Website	98	-	-	98	88
Postage	213	-	-	213	34
Room hire	44	-	-	44	105
Materials	38	-	-	38	-
Printing of Book	491	-	-	491	-
Home Leone	20	-	-	20	-
To Paypal	60	-	-	60	-
Harpichord Hire	-	-	-	-	300
Performers	-	-	-	-	670
Other Expenses	2	-	-	2	69
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,528	-	-	1,528	1,758
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,528.10	-	-	1,528.10	1,758
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,015.49	-	-	4,015.49	485
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,852.58	-	-	4,852.58	3,055
Cash funds this year end	8,868.07	-	-	8,868.07	3,540

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	MainAccount	5,253	-	-
	Home Leone Account	3,615	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,868	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Treasurer's Expenses		-	
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			-	
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MARCH 2021: THE MICO SERVICE

The Mico Service, which was to take place on Friday 26th March (the Friday before Palm Sunday), had to be cancelled again this year due to the Covid Pandemic.

APRIL 2021: APPROACH BY NORFOLK MUSEUM SERVICE

In April 2021 Meg Barclay from the Norfolk Museum Service contacted the Society for information on Thomas Fowell Buxton and Norfolk abolitionists who supported him. The TFB Society presentation *The Parliamentary Achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton* was forwarded to Meg and she was referred to the book *The Northrepps Grandchildren* by Verily Anderson, Mallard Reprints, 1979, for further relevant information. Meg expressed her gratitude for the information, which she said was proving a great help.

PRESENTATIONS TO PROBUS AND PROBUS LADIES

The Society educational team's bookings with local organisations Probus and Probus Ladies, deferred from 2020, were deferred again in 2021. We hope these bookings will be honoured in 2022. Since its inauguration, the Society has given 100 presentations to mostly local groups, though some further afield.

EPHING FOREST DISTRICT MUSEUM AND SAFFRON WALDEN MUSEUM, ESSEX

In 2020 a request came in from Ian Channell, Collections officer for Epping Forest District Museum and Saffron Walden Museum, Essex. The Museum has ethnographic items donated in 1993 by the Buxton Family of Warlies and Woodredon, Waltham Abbey. These items had been collected by Thomas Fowell Buxton, 3rd Baronet Belfield and his wife lady Victoria Noel Buxton and later by their children, particularly by Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton 4th baronet, Charles Roden Buxton and the Rt Rev. Harold Jocelyn Buxton.

Ian wanted information on additional objects existing or related objects housed in other museums. Replying on behalf of the Society, Joyce Fannon forwarded Ian's email to Joe Buxton, as Joe has a descendant database and that proved helpful. Society member, John Ponsonby, even replied from his hospital bed in Manchester.

In addition Joyce put Ian in touch with our member Donald Donaldson in Adelaide, South Australia. The 3rd Baronet, grandson of the first baronet, was Governor there from 1895-1899. Joyce also sent the part of her presentation, *Thomas Fowell Buxton and Empire* that dealt with the 1st Baronet's connection with South Australia. Ian thanked everyone for their help and promised to inform us about the proposed exhibition.

In mid-2021 Ian Channell again contacted our Society to say that the ACE (Arts Council England) Bid had been submitted. In December 2021 he contacted yet again to say that the bid had been successful and that a grant of £ 100,000 had been awarded to set up the Exhibition. Ian asked if our Society would be willing to partner with the Museums for research. We agreed.

AUGUST 2021: AN EVENING OF ELIZABETHAN MUSIC

As part of the Weymouth and Portland Heritage Group, the Society took part in the 450th Anniversary Celebrations of the formation of the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. The Borough was formed in 1571, and our Society's contribution was to organise an **Evening of Elizabethan Music** at St Mary's Church, Weymouth, with the Mayor Cllr Colin Huckle and Mayoress Marian Huckle as honoured guests.



Although the evening was rather dreary with drizzle, a goodly number turned out to enjoy a wonderful evening of Elizabethan Music and Song. Duncan Honeybourne who has given piano recitals at St Mary's as part of TFB Society fundraising, coordinated the evening's entertainment, calling in the services of violinist (and early music specialist) May Robertson and also two junior scholars from the Royal College of Music, Dimity Shorrock, singing soprano

and playing recorder and Alex Campbell, lutenist. Duncan himself played the harpsicord which was loaned to us and tuned on the evening by Peter Barnes.

The music was by Elizabethan composers with melodies, madrigals and folk songs. Dimity sang songs by John Dowland and other Tudor composers, with lute accompaniment and also the madrigal "The Silver Swan", by the composer Orlando Gibbons, whose life spanned the Elizabethan and Jacobean ages.

The event was subsidised by a generous grant from Weymouth Town Council, for which we are most grateful.

SEPTEMBER 2021: THE BUXTON MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE MONUMENT



This year the Annual Service was held on 12th September, on an idyllic afternoon in mid-September. The Rev Edward Tyldesley presided and welcomed members and visitors.

The Mayor, Cllr Colin Huckle and the Mayoress Marian Huckle attended and the Mayor as our Honorary President gave the opening address.

The Mayor, who himself comes from Essex, pointed out that it was the grandson of TFB, Edward North Buxton who with his brother Thomas saved Epping and Hainault Forests for the Nation. The Nation owes a debt to many in the Buxton family.

In his introduction to the Service, Rev Tildesley, recalled the many achievements of Buxton, and exhorted us to ask ourselves 'what is mine to do in our time, inspired by Buxton's example. During the Service that followed, James Buxton gave the reading from Ecclesiasticus "Let us praise famous men", while Cllr Gill Taylor read Psalm 112 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord". The service ended with a prayer, a Litany of Thanksgiving and a Blessing.

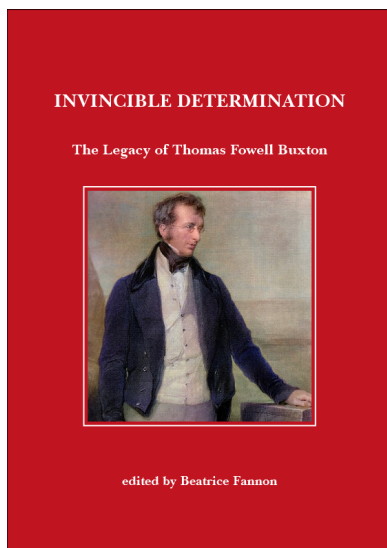
THE WEYMOUTH BID HERITAGE INITIATIVE

The Society was contacted also by Graham Perry of the Civic Society. He is involved in the Weymouth BID heritage initiative. This involves the extension of the Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Beach and Harbour History Trail. It includes sinking ceramic heritage information plaques in the pavement with information on the nearby building. There are plans to extend the trail further north to include the Buxton Memorial on Bingleaves Green.

THE DORSET YEAR BOOK 2022

The Society's Education Office, Mrs Joyce Fannon, wrote a biography of Thomas Fowell Buxton for the Dorset 2020 year book. Subsequently, she was invited to offer a second article for the 2022 year book and she submitted 'Thomas Fowell Buxton and Empire – Humanitarian Colonialism' describing Buxton's initiatives in South Africa, South Australia and West Africa. The Dorset year book for 2022 was published in late 2021. (The Dorset Year Book has a print run of 1600 copies and is a very good platform for informing people of Dorset and further afield of Buxton's achievements). Joyce also wrote a short article on Thomas Fowell Buxton for the Pugin Society Newsletter.

THE PUBLICATION OF OUR SECOND SOCIETY BOOK



It is five years since the publication of the first Society book, 'A Monumental Endeavour'.

In July 2021, it was decided to work towards a second book and donations were received from four Society members towards its publication. Contributors have been contacted and 8 articles have been received both locally and from Canada, South Australia and the USA – an international effort! The new book was edited by Dr Beatrice Fannon and is entitled 'INVINCIBLE DETERMINATION– THE LEGACY OF THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON'.

OTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Buxton Monument and its information board on Bingleaves Green, Weymouth continues to educate the local public and tourists on the achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton, MP for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis 1818-1837. As a reaction to Covid-19, Weymouth had an unprecedented tourist season in 2021. Usually, the population of 64,000 doubles during the summer. In 2021, the population of Weymouth more than doubled.

CONTACTS OUTSIDE THE SOCIETY

The Society maintains contact with Professor Richard Follett of Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia, USA.

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FINANCES

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Our income for the year was £2243 and expenditure was £1758.

Our major expenditure was £670 to pay the performers at the Elizabethan Musical Evening. We also paid £300 to hire the harpsichord and £105 to hire the venue. Our other major expense was £492 for public liability insurance for the Monument.

Our closing balance for our main account on 31st December 2021 was £4852. The Paypal account was empty at the end of the year. Our net assets therefore stand at £4852.

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At the AGM, held on 16th March 2022, Mrs Anne McKechan and Miss Anna Viccars-Barber were appointed Trustees to help govern the Society. Dr Fannon was re-elected as Trustee and Treasurer.


At the AGM, the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Report were approved.

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	361	-	-	361	400
Presentations		-	-	-	
Donations	270	-	-	270	222
Events	647	-	-	647	93
Books	13	-	-	13	10
Badges/Merchandise	18	-	-	18	2
HMRC		-	-	-	1,268
Other					
Grant from Weymouth Town Council	810			810	
Amazon Smile	12			12	
Easy Fundraising	43			43	
From closing Acct 03782050	27			27	
From Paypal Acct	42	-	-	42	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,243	-	-	2,243	1,995
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,243	-	-	2,243	1,995
A3 Payments					
Insurance	492	-	-	492	448
Website	88	-	-	88	101
Postage	34	-	-	34	64
Room hire	105	-	-	105	25
Materials		-	-	-	3
Harpichord Hire	300	-	-	300	
Performers	670	-	-	670	
Other Expenses	69	-	-	69	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	1,758	-	-	1,758	641
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,758	-	-	1,758	641
Net of receipts/(payments)	485	-	-	485	1,354
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,367	-	-	4,367	3,055
Cash funds this year end	4,852	-	-	4,852	4,409

ANNEX A

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	MainAccount	4,852	-	-
	Paypal Account	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,852	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		JOHN A FANNON	12/03/2022	

THE THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY

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THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

THE AIM OF THE SOCIETY

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2014. The aim or object of the organisation, set out in our governing document is

“To advance the education of the public in general on the subject of the achievements of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton philanthropist and MP for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis 1818-37 and in particular his achievement of the abolition of Slavery throughout the British Empire by Act of Parliament in 1833”.

THE SOCIETY’S OBJECTIVES FOR 2020

The Objectives of the Society for 2020 were to continue to educate the public in accordance with our aim by means of the following activities

- a) The care of the Buxton Monument and its Information Board, erected on Bingleaves Green Weymouth. The monument and its information board provide a silent witness to Buxton’s achievements and is now a feature of the town’s heritage.
- b) To organise public events to foster recognition of Buxton as a philanthropist. In particular to organise an event in October (designated in the UK as Black History Month)
- c) To give Presentations to local groups to inform them of Buxton’s life and achievements.
- d) To seek to increase membership and keep them informed via newsletters and a website

THE SOCIETY’S ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

CARE OF THE BUXTON MONUMENT

The Buxton Monument, erected in 2017 on Bingleaves Green by the Society, together with its National Lottery funded information Board educates the passing public every day, especially in the tourist season. The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society owns the Monument and has a 50-year lease on the public land on which it stands. The Society therefore has a duty of care to maintain the Monument and take out public liability insurance.

During 2020, the Monument needed no extra maintenance. Albion Stone who supplied the Portland stone with which the monument has been built, advise letting the monument ‘weather’ for a few years before cleaning and re-waxing. The Information board however suffered some vandalism with someone scrawling over the legs of the board with indelible marker. It proved impossible to remove the scrawls completely in spite of numerous attempts and taking advice from the company that had built and erected it for us.

JANUARY 2020: NATIONAL CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

In January Museumand, the National Caribbean Heritage Museum, contacted our Society. This museum without walls was planning an exhibition in Norwich, Norfolk, on the slave Mary Prince (1788-1833). The museum asked for information on Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton and other Norfolk abolitionists. The information requested was sent.

FEBRUARY 2020: TFB SOCIETY LUNCH

In 2019 the Society had organised a lunch for members and their friends at the Wishing Well at Upwey, which proved to be most successful. A subsequent lunch was arranged and took place on Monday 3rd February 2020, again at the Wishing Well. This lunch which again attracted 12 members proved very popular and sadly turned out to be the last Society event to be held before Covid lockdown.

MARCH 2020: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members were notified in early March that the planned AGM had had to be postponed because of the Covid Pandemic.

APRIL 2020: THE MICO SERVICE

The Mico Service, which was to take place on Friday 3rd April, had to be cancelled this year due to the Covid Pandemic.

AUGUST 2020: WESTMINSTER ABBEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Buxton Memorial Service planned to take place in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 1st August 2020 regrettably had to be cancelled because of the Covid Pandemic.

SEPTEMBER 2020: BUXTON MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE MONUMENT

On 5th September members gathered for a short service at the Buxton Monument on Bingleaves Green. This outdoor service replaced the cancelled Westminster Abbey Service. Rev. Edward Tildesley officiated, with members of the Society as readers. The Mayor, Cllr. Graham Winter gave a short address. The service was so successful that, as requested, it will become an annual event. The service also attracted passers-by who stayed to take part in the service.

SEPTEMBER 2020: HERITAGE ROAD SHOW

The Society was invited as one of many Weymouth Heritage Groups to mount a stall at the Heritage Road Show on Sunday, the 20th September. This was held outdoors at the parade ground at the Nothe Fort, Weymouth. It was an opportunity for people of Weymouth and Tourists to obtain an appreciation of the rich heritage of this area of South Dorset.

OCTOBER 2020: PRESENTATION TO SOUTH WEYMOUTH CUBS (WYKE REGIS)

A request from Akela, leader of the South Weymouth Cubs Pack resulted in the production of a voice over Power Point presentation on *Sugar, Slavery and Thomas Fowell Buxton*. This was shown on Zoom to the cubs in October and two members of the Society joined them online for question time. The cubs subsequently visited the Buxton Monument and discovered Belfield House. Akela downloaded activity sheets for them from our Society online Schools Pack. The result is that the cubs gained two cub badges; the Heritage Badge

and the International Badge. In addition, Akela contacted the District Commissioner, so that other cub groups might benefit.

OCTOBER 2020: THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

Our Black history Month event was planned for 15th October. Regrettably this also had to be cancelled because of the Covid Pandemic.

NOVEMBER 2020: EXHIBITION AT THE COUNTY MUSEUM, DORCHESTER

A request came via the Weymouth Museum for items related to Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton for an exhibition planned at the County Museum, Dorchester. The exhibition was to feature those connected with slavery and abolition in Dorset. Two items have been loaned to the Museum on a long term basis - an engraving of Thomas Fowell Buxton and his book on the African Slave Trade 1840. The Society also alerted the Museum to the Parliamentary Website where information of Thomas Fowell Buxton was available. This information had been put together by the Parliamentary Curator's Office at the instigation of the Society for an exhibition in 2018 at Portcullis House to celebrate the bi-centenary of Buxton entering Parliament. The Society provided the internet link to the Parliamentary website.

NOVEMBER 2020: DORSET YEAR BOOK

A copy of The Dorset Year Book for 2021 was sent to Society's Education Officer in November, 2020. Her article on Thomas Fowell Buxton, published in the magazine the previous year, had prompted a visit to the Buxton Museum in Ontario, Canada by Robert Fripp.

He produced an article on his visit for the 2021 Dorset Year Book, entitled *Weymouth's Voice Finds Purpose in Ontario* (page 170). The article gives even more details on the Buxton village in Ontario than can be found in the article, *Footsteps to Freedom: the Underground Railroad and the Buxton Settlements in Ontario Canada*, featured in our Society book, *A Monumental Endeavour*.

This was an excellent spin-off article by Robert Fripp and yet another opportunity to educate people on the important role of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton. The Dorset Year Book has a wide readership.

EPHING FOREST DISTRICT MUSEUM

A request to the Society came in from the Collections officer for Epping Forest District Museum, Essex. The Museum has ethnographic items donated in 1993 by the Buxton Family of Warlies and Woodredon, Waltham Abbey. These items were collected by Thomas Fowell Buxton, 3rd Baronet Belfield and his wife lady Victoria Noel Buxton and their 10 children, particularly by Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton 4th baronet, Charles Roden Buxton and the Rt Rev. Harold Jocelyn Buxton.

The objects are to be researched as to context of visits to foreign countries and meeting places, with the aim of putting together a funding bid for an exhibition. The Collections Officer was seeking information on additional objects existing or related objects housed in other museums.

Members of the Buxton family were able to help with valuable information. In addition, the Collections Officer was put in touch with a Society member in South Australia. The 3rd Baronet, grandson of the first baronet, was Governor there from 1895-1899. The Society's presentation, *Thomas Fowell Buxton and Empire*, also deals with the 1st Baronet's connection with South Australia.

PRESENTATIONS TO LOCAL GROUPS

The two presentations had been pre- booked for delivery in 2020: Dr John Fannon to *Probus* in April and Dr Carl Whitehouse to *Probus Ladies* in May. Both of these had to be cancelled again because of the Covid Pandemic

BOOK SALES

Five copies of the Society's book "*A Monumental Endeavour2*" were sold in 2019. There are 31 books to be sold out of a print run of 300 in 2017.

OTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Earlier in the year there were 2 enquiries. The first was concerning the graves at St Mary's, Hendon, of the four children of TFB who died in 1820. The second enquiry was about Buxton's role in abolishing slavery and a possible presentation on it. In replying online in both cases, for their information, the enquirers were sent a copy of the Education Officer's presentation given at Portcullis House in 2018 on *The Parliamentary Achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton*.

SOCIETY OFFPRINTS

The Society continues to build a small library of offprints which are offered for sale at all events. Current titles are:

- *Georgian Elections*: by Dr Carl Whitehouse
- *The Parliamentary Achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton*: by Mrs Joyce Fannon
- *Thomas Fowell Buxton country gentleman; capercaillies and the RSPCA*: by Mrs Joyce Fannon
- *From Quaker Brewer to Evangelical Law Reformer, Thomas Fowell Buxton in the 1810s*: by Dr Richard Follett
- *Olaudah Equiano, Slave, Mariner, Freed man and Abolitionist* : by Mrs Joyce Fannon
- *Weymouth at the time of Thomas Fowell Buxton*: Dr Carl Whitehouse

Since its inauguration, the Society has given 100 presentations to mostly local groups, though some further afield.

CONTACTS OUTSIDE THE SOCIETY

The Society maintains contact with Professor Richard Follett of Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia, USA.

Mr Graham Perry of Weymouth Museum has also been kept in the information loop. In his turn he passes on relevant information from the museum's archives.

POSSIBLE FUTURE EVENTS IN 2021.

With no end of Government restrictions in sight, it proved impossible to make many plans for future events in 2021.

Our Society is now part of **Weymouth and Portland Museums and Heritage Group**. We were notified that 2021 sees the 450 anniversary of the unification of the ports of Melcombe Regis and Weymouth in 1571. There will be events in the town. Also Sunday September 12th 2021, will be Heritage Open Day. The only way we might take part in either initiative would be through our Bingleaves Service, the date of which has not been decided yet.

It has been decided not to seek an Abbey Service this year at Westminster.

MEMBERSHIP

The current supporter list stands at 65, and of these 31 are life members and 34 are ordinary members. Many members have now taken up the option of paying membership dues by standing order.

FINANCES

Annex A to this document shows the financial report. A summary is given below.

Our income for the year was £2077 and expenditure was £724.

Our major expenditure was £448 for public liability insurance for the Monument.

Our closing balance for our main account on 31st December 2020 was £4367. To this must be added the balance of our Paypal Account (£42). Our net assets are £4409.

THE SOCIETY'S PLANS FOR 2021

- a) To continue the care and maintenance of the Monument
- b) To continue to give presentations to local groups on request
- c) To continue to provide 3 newsletters per year and maintain the website
- d) To seek new members
- e) To prepare a calendar of events for members were possible
- f) To seek a new venue for committee meetings and presentations, recognising that the Weymouth Safewise Fire Station is no longer available for community group meetings. All community group secretaries are likely to have difficulty in finding venues for their group meetings in the immediate future.

Future plans will be discussed at the AGM including a discussion of ideas put forward as feedback requested from the autumn newsletter

Committee Meetings are held on average every two months.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Governance and Management of the Society comprises

1. The Honorary President. Since the formation of the Society, the current Mayor has been invited to be honorary President and all incumbents so far have accepted this office. The President will preside over the Annual General Meeting and if diary permits will attend the various functions of the Society.
2. The Trustees. At present there are three trustees which is the minimum as required by law. Members of the society may volunteer to be a trustee. The process of appointing Trustees is set out in the governing document.
3. A committee or council which has no formal standing but meets regularly to advise the Trustees on the management of the society. Any member of the Society may attend these meetings which are held approximately every 2 months.

CHARITY TRUSTEES

During 2020 the Trustees were

1. Mr James Buxton
2. Mrs Joyce Fannon
3. Dr John Fannon who acts as Treasurer and Web master. Dr Fannon also coordinates the annual programme of events.

In 2021 it is planned to seek further trustees to be added to help govern the Society.

At committee meetings the Chair is taken by rotation amongst the attendees.


At each AGM, one of the trustees resigns in accordance with the Governing Document. If willing the trustee offers himself or herself for re-election. As there was no AGM in 2020, Dr Fannon who would have offered his resignation, has agreed to remain as trustee until the pandemic is over and an AGM can be called.

WEBSITE www.thomasfowellbuxton.org.uk

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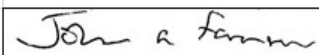
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ANNEX A

	Thomas Fowell Buxton Society		1158648		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01-Jan-20	To	31-Dec-20	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	400	-	-	400	461
Presentations	-	-	-	-	45
Donations	222	-	-	222	54
Events	93	-	-	93	190
Books	10	-	-	10	36
Badges	2	-	-	2	5
HMRC	1,268	-	-	1,268	-
Other	-	-	-	-	35
Overpayment	-	-	-	-	50
From Paypal Acct	-	-	-	-	22
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,995	-	-	1,995	898
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,995	-	-	1,995	898
A3 Payments					
Insurance	448	-	-	448	420
Website	101	-	-	101	101
Postage	64	-	-	64	81
Room hire	25	-	-	25	225
Materials	3	-	-	3	-
Refunds	-	-	-	-	50
Misc Office Materials	-	-	-	-	8
Returned to Paypal Acct	-	-	-	-	70
Monument fund	-	-	-	-	26
Sub total	641	-	-	641	981
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	641	-	-	641	981
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,354	-	-	1,354	83
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,055	-	-	3,055	3,138
Cash funds this year end	4,409	-	-	4,409	3,055

ANNEX A

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	MainAccount	4,367	-	-
	Paypal Account	42	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,409	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		JOHN A FANNON		30/09/2021