

REPORT TO MEMBERS AT AGM 18.7.2022

Due to Covid restrictions the last AGM took place in February 2020. As a result this report to members will be in two parts the first being the period from the last AGM to the 31st of December 2020 and the second part will be for the period 1st January 2021 to the 31st December 2021.

Before we start the formalities of the meeting we must mention the sad loss of Bert Draper and Ted Green both stalwarts of our charity and Museum in providing their time and experience and regular attendance. They will be sadly missed.

As most of you will be well aware, shortly after the last AGM the government announced a general lockdown which took effect on the 27th of March 2020 we were unable to reopen until July 2020 and then only for four months before a further lockdown took place for the whole of November and although we were able to open during December it was a very quiet month for obvious reasons and we were then not permitted to reopen until May 2021. During that time the charity benefited from government grants and the staff furlough scheme. More information and details will follow later in this report.

At the end of 2019, final arrangements were made for the Islander aircraft to be brought to the Museum and it was delivered in pieces in December 2019. Obviously Covid once again restricted the necessary work, but BNAPS pulled together so that at least the exhibit was in place and presentable to the public. Work continued through the year resulting in an open day in September which was very well attended.

Prior to lockdown, we were approached by Bembridge Heritage Centre regarding the PLUTO pump that had been in their centre for a number of years. They were moving and had no space in their new location for it and wished to donate it to us. We were obviously very pleased to take this on but were not really aware of the difficulties that removing it from their site would entail. Nevertheless Jon Fisher and Barry Price set about the task of totally dismantling the pump and with the help of others managed what at first appeared to be an almost impossible task. It is now fully reassembled in an area awaiting further development to provide a comprehensive PLUTO experience together with the other Pluto artefacts in our possession.

During the early part of lockdown, Jon Hinchliffe the landlord, started to carry out developments around the site with a view of assisting us in honouring the aspect of our lease committing us to maintain the whole of Northwood camp, by utilising the space available for more rental units. These have now come on stream and the rents are paid direct to the landlord together with certain other rents that had been previously paid to the charity to offset obligation for the money spent in carrying out maintenance to the site. An update on the situation will appear in the latter part of this report relating to 2021

Financially 2020 was obviously a bit of a challenge particularly as lockdown occurred just prior to Easter when our income normally rises from the winter months. At the time of the lockdown we had very little in the way of reserves, totalling less than £2000, and we had a winter electricity bill to find almost immediately. This would not have been a problem had we continued trading, however it was expedient at the time to cancel the direct debit which was due to be taken from our account to avoid bank charges and penalties. There were a number of potential grants available and on investigation the CEO made application for assistance. The electricity bill as a result was paid in full within seven days of it falling due.

In addition the furlough system for staff was tapped into enabling all staff to receive 80% of their normal salary. In total during 2020 the charity received £46008.93 in grants and furlough payments. In 2019 the last full year of opening, a total of 8379 visitors went through the museum. In contrast, during 2020, there were only 4976 visitors, a drop of 40% . A copy of the profit and loss account for the year 1.1.2020 to 31.12.2020 is attached to this report.

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Once again the start of the year was overshadowed by Covid and in the event we were not permitted to reopen until 17th May. A lot of effort had to go into preparing the site for visitors to satisfy the health and safety requirements to the satisfaction of the local council. As expected, the early weeks after reopening were very quiet and without the government grants received it would have been impossible to survive. However, with foreign travel difficult we were able during the summer months to benefit from an increase in visitors to the Island. By the end of the year, there had been a total of 6678 visitors, an increase of 25% on 2020 but still 20% less than 2019. By contrast in the first 6 months of 2022 we have already had 3000 visitors and the main season is still to come.

Armoured Personnel rides have not been possible for a couple of years partly due to Covid and partly due to maintenance required to the vehicle. During the Covid periods, Ginge West decided to sell his vehicle and fortunately it has been purchased by one of our staff Will Compton. By the end of 2020 work was still progressing on the vehicle with a view to recommencing rides in 2022.

There were no major additions to the Museum during 2021 although constant improvements and minor alterations were made as the year progressed in an attempt to keep the Museum interesting for repeat visitors. We did however have a major donation of items from a family in Wootton, including a Morrison shelter. This is presently awaiting reassembly in its new home.

At the beginning of December, Andy Fisher handed back his workshop to the Charity and took the major step of moving to a remote Scottish island. We wish him and Maria well in their new life. The workshop is temporarily sub let but it is intended that during 2022 it will become a fully operational workshop for the Charity.

Once again, the Charity was well supported by the government and a total of £51925.78 was received in grants and furlough payments. Whilst the final accounts are yet to be inspected by the Charity Commission appointed inspector, a draft version is attached to this report.

We promised an update regarding the lease position and we are pleased to report that following the sad death of Owen Hinchliffe, Jon Hinchliffe the surviving landowner was able to find time to attend a Trustees' meeting at which he has agreed that the Charity should have a new lease for 490 Newport Road Cowes. Subject to time constraints, it was agreed that if possible a new lease will be in place by 1st January 2023. Negotiations will commence shortly and the members will be kept informed of any major developments.

Account Periods: 1/2021 to 12/2021 (01/01/21 to 31/12/21) 'YearToDate' is to 31/12/21
Department: CAFE

A/c.	Description	Periods	YearToDate
SALES			
4000	Income - Museum Entry	103.60	103.60
4030	Income - Cafe Sales	17,811.70	17,811.70
4031	Income - Hire of Cafe	329.50	329.50
4040	Income - Mess Bar Sales	71.28	71.28
4041	Income - Hire of Mess Bar	1.52	1.52
4060	Income - Shooting Range	27.00	27.00
4080	Miscellaneous Income	8,000.00	8,000.00
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		26,344.60	26,344.60
COST OF SALES			
5030	Cost of Goods Sold - Cafe	7,091.38	7,091.38
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EXPENSES			
6100	Museum Cleaning Materials etc	157.94	157.94
6110	Cafe Cleaning Materials etc	290.25	290.25
7100	Salaries	11,146.29	11,146.29
7410	Staff and Volunteer Amenities	46.90	46.90
7420	Volunteer Transport Payments	76.47	76.47
7450	Equioment Leasing	284.96	284.96
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		12,002.81	12,002.81
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Profit/Loss:		7,250.41	7,250.41

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Independent Examiner's Report

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: *T. W. Woodcock*

Dated: 14th November 2021

Qualifications: Bookkeeper & Charity Treasurer; Company Director