



TORQUAY MUSEUM SOCIETY CIO

~Established in 1844 as the Torquay Natural History Society~

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TRUSTEES' REPORT for 2022 AGM on 14 December 2022

SOCIETY STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT 2021/22

David Wills (President)

Christine Meredith (Vice-President)

Simon Crabtree (Treasurer)

Maggi Douglas-Dunbar (Secretary)

Ann Shaw (Trustee)

Andrew Underhay (Trustee)

David Norman (Trustee)

Torquay Museum Society (formerly *Torquay Natural History Society*) continues to remain one of the oldest learned societies in the United Kingdom and can claim continuous existence since 1844. We are a distinct entity from Torquay Museum but remain a partner organisation with a separate constitution.

Since registration on 31/03/15 we have been granted the status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined and conferred by the Charity Commission.

Our Reserves Policy is available to all members and reviewed on an annual basis. It serves to strengthen our resilience against drops in income and considering our contractual liabilities and potential financial threats. Presently the amount of reserves that the trustees have agreed to keep (which may encompass a number of months fixed costs) is £6,800.

At the moment our Trustees represent around two hundred members. We continue to take this responsibility very seriously and staunchly represent our Membership and its interests to the best of our expertise.

We are a charitable organisation dedicated and committed to promoting a wider understanding of the history, natural environment and cultural heritage of Devon. To this end we organise an Annual Lecture Programme and provide voluntary support and financial help towards the work of the Museum.

Additionally, we are custodians of a unique library and book collection for our members which is also a key resource for specialist researchers internationally as well as for local people interested in exploring aspects of our local heritage.

We continue to be widely recognised as a cultural hub, a learned society and an institution with a substantial pedigree in the fields of Archaeology, Geology and Astronomy, Literature and Arts, Humanities, Science, Local History, Natural History: Botany and Horticulture, Zoology and Ornithology.

We build on the work of William Pengelly, our most famous past member, synonymous with Torquay Museum, a co-founder of the institution in 1874 in its earlier incarnation as Torquay Natural History Society in 1844. He also led pioneering excavations at Kents Cavern between 1865 and 1880. Now Torquay Museum holds the finds as an outstanding Designated Status Collection. The Society was once a pioneer in the early days of field archaeology and research and has credentials of which many institutions would be justifiably jealous.

Torquay Museum Society consistently goes from strength to strength with new initiatives and new platforms. The President, and Trustees, have been instrumental in transforming the society by building on strong foundations to deliver an exceptional lecture programme, new films and social media. We also continue to provide a unique and valuable research archive and library.

We remain an innovative, expansive and explorative institution drawing on the past to shape our future. We have founded a pioneering Exploration, Education and Field Archaeology Research named the "Community Archaeology & Science Hub". Its mission is to inspire our local community through education, research and fieldwork to explore the archaeology, history and environment of Torbay and further afield. we are also revisiting our rich cultural roots by the establishment of our "West Country History, Mystery and Folklore Unit". Each season we hold a number of themed talks from local experts and it has become a solid fixture in the Society's lectures, potential new conferences, documentaries, museum events and social media.

Historically our Lectures attract both high profile speakers and local personalities and included a diverse range of outstanding orators as well. They are consistently well attended and reach maximum capacity on a number of occasions. We are attracting non-members and a significant number have become members of our society and we hope to continue with that momentum into the future.

Our summer weekly 'Conversazione' (or conversations) complement our lecture programme. Conversaciones are a tradition which goes back to the beginning of our organisation as a learned society. These lecturettes are an informal way to give members an opportunity to socialise and discuss topics of mutual interest or completely unique ones. In the past some go on to give talks in the Pengelly Lecture theatre in a more formal capacity. They give the opportunity to deliver short talks or readings in a more relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

The Trustees remain committed to fostering activities that are fundamentally for the public good, relating to promoting the study of Natural Sciences, Local History and Education. As a 'Cultural Hub' we wish to bring any benefits we can through engaging with our local community. As a 'Community Hub' we provide a focal point and facilities to foster greater local community activity and bring residents, the local business community, and smaller organisations together to improve the quality of life in our area.

The Torquay Natural History Society was founded almost 175 years ago and we are privileged to uphold its traditions and precepts and protect its intellectual capital. We are the proud custodians of a unique and historic book collection that began at our inception as the Torquay Natural History Society in 1844.

As well as for our members this collection remains an invaluable local and international resource for specialist researchers and academics pursuing and exploring our common heritage. We deliver an exceptional programme of lectures. We are both a 'learning' and 'learned' society that is striving to go from strength to strength, by shaping the local cultural landscape and promoting the intellectual value of our Museum collection and its exceptional heritage. *The Society has always faced challenges throughout its unique history. Next year we hope to return more resilient, wiser and able to survive into the next 175 years adapting to whatever we face as we always have. As pioneers, visionaries, curators and custodians of a unique organisation and a fraternity of friends.*

On behalf of the Trustees:



David J. Wills

President

Torquay Museum Society

Dated:

8th December, 2022

Torquay Museum Society – 1161126**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022****RECEIPTS**

	30/09/2022	30/09/2021
Membership Subscriptions	9,230	7,060
Lecture Fee Income	2,506	0
Fund Raising Income	0	0
TMT refund of costs – prior year	0	243
Barclays Bank compensation	0	200
Donations	1,130	830
Misc. Income	<u>48</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Income	<u>12,913</u>	<u>8,333</u>

PAYMENTS

Staff Costs	1,545	6,182
Speaker Costs	2,317	1,067
Lecture Promotion Costs	1,200	0
Payments to Support TMT	694	0
“Transactions” Costs	0	0
TMS Projects	1,018	350
Equipment	629	0
Membership Mailing Costs	86	41
Rental Payment to TMT (% of Subs)	1,890	0
Programme Printing Costs	934	0
Newsletter Costs	0	168
Photo-copying etc Costs	30	39
Phone/Internet Costs	0	97
Publications	60	40
Insurance	1,542	1,408
Accountant’s Fees	660	0
Donation	17	0
Miscellaneous	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Payments	<u>12,638</u>	<u>9,392</u>

Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments	<u>276</u>	<u>-1,059</u>
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Bank and Cash Brought Forward	11,226	12,285
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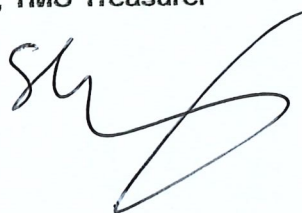
Bank and Cash Carried Forward	11,502	11,226
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

	30 September 2022	30 September 2021
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Cash at bank	11,477	11,222
Cash in hand	25	4
	<u>11,502</u>	<u>11,226</u>
Other Assets		
Heritage assets (books)	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
 Notes:		
<i>Total membership numbers</i>		
Annual members	145	125
Life members	<u>66</u>	<u>65</u>
	<u>209</u>	<u>190</u>

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the Trustees on 26 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by
 Simon Crabtree, TMS Treasurer

 8/12/2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Torquay Museum Society
Charity (CIO) number 1161126**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Torquay Museum Society for the period ended 30th September 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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Dated: 08/12/2022