

COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (CIO)
Dale, Marloes, St Brides, St Ishmaels

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – MARCH 2023.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES:

To advance the education of the public in the history, heritage and culture of Dale, Marloes, St Brides and St Ishmael and the surrounding areas through research, compiling of records, publication of books and leaflets, arranging lectures, meetings, events, exhibitions and by the establishment of an archive containing information, artefacts and photographs and the provision and maintenance of a Heritage Centre; and by such other charitable means as the Trustees shall think fit..

Again during 2022 –23, activities have taken place in furtherance of these aims.

LECTURES AND TALKS, SPECIAL EVENTS, VISITS:

2022 saw a full programme back in place. Starting at the AGM where a DVD of “Pembrokeshire – the way we were” opened the year, followed by a talk from Chris Jessop to mark the 185th anniversary of the demise of The Albion, while the last village leaflet – for St Brides was launched with a weekend of events highlighting the history of St Brides. Clare Deacon discussed some of the buildings of the Kensington Estate, while Keith Johnson delved into Pembrokeshire Ferries and Ferryman. Simon Hancock illustrated the History of Haverfordwest in Forty Items and Andy Shobbrock gave an update on the Ockie White dig. Meanwhile Guided tours were enjoyed of Dale Fort and Castlemartin as was a visit to Jeff’s Museum of Scrimpinology in Llangwm.

THE OLD STABLES HERITAGE CENTRE;

The group continues to lease The Old Stables Heritage Centre from Dale Castle Estate.

Maintenance work on the doors and windows was undertaken, fulfilling the lease obligations.

Risk Assessments have been undertaken for “Fire” and “Health and Safety” by Dr Steve Morrell the appointed Safety Officer for The Old Stables Heritage Centre.

Mrs Harriet Bishop, the appointed Data Protection Officer for the group, continues to supervise adherence to the Group's Data Protection Procedures.

Policies held by the group are on Safeguarding, child protection, welsh language and equal opportunities.

All policy documents are available for scrutiny in The Old Stables Heritage Centre.

The Old Stables Heritage Centre will continue to be used by the community, especially those doing their own research.

The Old Stables Heritage Centre was open in 2022 with an Exhibition “St Brides – a history” to mark the launch of the St Brides leaflet.

CONTACT WITH OTHER GROUPS:

The Llangwm History Group visited The Old Stables Heritage Centre.

The Group liaised with the National Trust to produce a leaflet on their Kete site, replacing the information board which used to be at the entrance to the Kete car park . The leaflet had its first full visitor season in 2022, and includes a self guided walk around former HMS Harrier and other military establishments on the site.

Members attended the PCNP/Dyfed Archaeology Trust Archaeology Day at Pembrokeshire College.

Members have joined visits, tours and workshops organised by PLANED and PAVS.

We have liaised with other groups such as PLANED to showcase our area’s history.

The Group is working with RCAHMW on their CHERISH initiative

We are participants in The Community Forum in Dale.

RESEARCH:

- Work is ongoing cataloguing the archive material which in time it is hoped will be available online via the Group’s website.
- Mrs Pam Haines is finalising her book on the history of Kete from RAF Kete through RNADC Kete via HMS Goldcrest 2 to HMS Harrier.
- Work continues on the Dyfed Archaeology Trust Local Sites Survey, in which members are asked to visit sites listed on the database to check if the information given is up to date and

correct. We are also asked to notify Cambria Archaeology of any other sites we know of which are not listed on the database.

- We participate in projects, run by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and Dyfed Archaeology Trust, monitoring our area for sites which need preserving, or investigating before they completely disappear, and would urge members to become part of the scheme. This is now linked to the CHERISH project.

WEBSITE:

We own our domain site. Kevin Rogers has updated and streamlined the website. We continue to get queries through the site and thank members who have helped to answer these.

The Group now have a Face Book page.

INSURANCE:

We continue to use the British Association of Local History Societies' Insurance policy, covering the Coastlands Local History Group (CIO) for Public Liability and Equipment. We have increased the cover to include visitors to The Old Stables Heritage Centre. Members are reminded that they should cover themselves for Personal Accidents.

AIRCRAFT CARTOONS, DALE CAMP:

The group continues to rent the premises on Dale Camp containing the cartoons.

COMMITTEE:

Mr Fil Marshall was elected as a Trustee at the 2022 AGM and joins the Committee. The Trustees have met seven times during the year to plan the programme, take administrative decisions, co-ordinate research work and ensure that records are preserved.

Members are advised by email as to any items the committee may become aware of which might be of interest to them or to impact on them.

COASTLAND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022

	£
Opening Balances	
Cash	30.00
Bank	14352.34
TOTAL	14382.34
INCOME	
Memberships subs	155.00
Meetings donations	123.00
Donations at Old Stables	324.12
Sales at Old Stables	70.00
TOTAL INCOME	672.12
EXPENDITURE	
Premises	312.07
Insurance	110.56
Website	59.98
Records archiving	5550.00
Subscriptions	75.00
Hall Hire	20.00
Donation (Llangwm)	25.00
Sum Up Charges	0.16
Equipment (Sum Up Card Reader)	70.80
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6223.57
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-5551.45
Calculated Closing Balances	8830.89
Actual Closing Balances	
Bank Statement	8830.89
Petty Cash	0.00
TOTAL	8830.89

Independently Examined:

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Date 8th February 2023