

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – MARCH 2025.

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 2024 –25, activities have taken place in furtherance of these aims.

LECTURES AND TALKS, SPECIAL EVENTS, VISITS:

2024 saw a full programme, starting with a talk by Simon Hancock describing the Vanished Glories of Medieval Haverfordwest looking at the Walls and Gates the town had then. April saw the formal launch of “HARRIER – Out of the Blue” a book on the Military history of the Kete site written by Mrs Pam Haines. In keeping with the military theme, the talk which had been postponed from 2023 by Gareth Mills discussed The Friendly Invasion – American GIs arriving in numbers in our area. A complete change of direction from Dr Martin Crampin explaining the techniques of Stain Glass using the windows at St Bridgets church, St Brides as examples. Dr Julian Whitewright took us through the history of Coastal Limekilns of West Wales while Dr Toby Driver gave an overview of the CHERISH project to which the group contributed as the project was now closing. Dr Ken Murphy caused great excitement with his description of the dig which uncovered the Chariot Burial in Pembrokeshire. Simon Hancock returned to give a whistle stop tour of Historic Shipwrecks in Pembrokeshire and the year ended with Gareth Reynolds recounting his experience Rowing the Atlantic. Members had a visit to Penrhos Cottage with an extra visit to Haverfordwest Museum thrown in.

THE OLD STABLES HERITAGE CENTRE;

Coastlands Local History Group leases The Old Stables Heritage Centre from Dale Castle Estate.. 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.

Other 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 2024 with an Exhibition “HARRIER – Out of the Blue” to compliment the launch of the book by Mrs Pam Haines.

CONTACT WITH OTHER GROUPS:

Members were involved with the War Memorial Committee in St Ishmaels as a new War Memorial was commission.

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

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

We have liaised with other groups such as PLANED, Dyfed Archaeology Trust and Pembrokeshire County Council to showcase our area's history.

Whilst the CHERISH project has closed, the group continue to work with RCAHMW as it continues to record and monitor vulnerable sites.

RESEARCH:

- The recording of the archive material online continues. It is hoped, in time, it will be available to the wider community via the Group's website.
- 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, Dyfed Archaeology Trust and The Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments Wales, as they come up, monitoring our area for sites which need preserving, or investigating before they completely disappear, and would urge members to become part of the scheme.
- The Group has drawn the attention of RCAHMW to various sites of interest and Dr Julian Whitewright, RCAHMW, is working with members to record as many as possible.

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 also has 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, and our assets. 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 Barrack Room Cartoons. Interested parties are taken to view the cartoons when requested.

COMMITTEE:

The Trustees met nine 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 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME		2024
Memberships subs		345.00
Meetings donations		276.00
Donations at Old Stables		282.92
Harrier Book (incl postage)		2760.00
Sales at Old Stables		21.00
TOTAL INCOME		3684.92
EXPENDITURE		
Premises		495.20
Insurance		222.56
Website and IT costs		129.11
Book printing		1204.00
Other printing		12.00
Subscriptions		105.00
Meeting costs		192.00
Harrier Book launch		115.00
Harrier book postage		180.40
Sum Up Charges		10.17
Misc		47.99
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2713.43
Net outcome		971.49

BALANCE SHEET

	£
Opening Balance	
Cash	6013.15
Bank	
TOTAL	6013.15
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	971.49
Calculated Closing Balances	6984.64
Actual Closing Balances	
Bank Statement	6984.64
Petty Cash	0.00
TOTAL	6984.64

Independently Examined

Signed

Date

By Richard Nade

5/2/2025