

GREAT TORRINGTON HERITAGE MUSEUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1166793

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-04-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND ESTABLISH A MUSEUM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND ESPECIALLY THE INHABITANTS OF GREAT TORRINGTON AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXHIBITION OF SUCH HISTORIC OBJECTS BEING BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BEING OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE INHABITANTS OF GREAT TORRINGTON AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT AND FURTHER TO ESTABLISH A CENTRE FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION FOR THE INHABITANTS OF GREAT TORRINGTON AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT IN THE HISTORY OF GREAT TORRINGTON AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

Activities: A Museum displaying and preserving collections pertaining to the history of Great Torrington.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-30	£6,617	£8,918	-	-
2024-03-30	£7,507	£7,935	-	-
2023-03-30	£7,507	£7,935	-	-
2022-03-30	£61,265	£13,908	-	-
2021-03-30	£24,519	£15,868	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Robert Gibbons	Chair	2020-09-29
Adam Kirby		2020-09-29
Colin Anthony Wynne		2020-09-29
Emily Louise Victoria Wapshott		2020-09-29
Sue Mills		2019-01-16

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Chair Of Trustees' Annual Report 2025

Our key presentations this year revolved around VE Day. We offered visitors of all ages a chance to try on original wartime clothing and uniform, and sounded our air raid siren in the town square to mark the beginning and end of the two minutes' silence. New research around the anniversary led to some significant new knowledge about Torrington's three Home Guard units and a local war hero.

In September we were part of the national Heritage Open Days and presented a display based around the award-winning Torrington Castle archaeology project.

The trustees note that the heritage sector has been significantly impacted by rising costs and that volunteerism has also been impacted. There have been a number of days when it has been impossible to open because of a lack of available volunteers.

David Gibbons MInstLM, MA, BA(Hons)

Chair of Trustees.

Precept Summaries

2023 - 2024 Opening Balance	£89,691.94	2023 -2024 Income	£6,529.84
2023 - 2024 Closing Balance	£85,025.09	2023-2024 Expenditure	£10,243.85

Difference:	£4,666.85	Net:	-£3,714.01
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2024 - 2025 Opening Balance	£85,025.09	2024 -2025 Income	£1,574.88
2024 - 2025 Closing Balance	£61,050.01	2024-2025 Expenditure	£25,423.46

Difference:	£23,975.08	Net:	-£23,848.58
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£952.84

£126.50

Year 2021-2022

Utilities	£4,972.14
Telephone	£242.71
Insurance	£107.24
Rates	£64.68
Subscriptions (Software & Organisation)	£417.10
Regular (Stationery, cleaning products, refreshments etc)	£1,977.16
Regular (Building materials etc)	£1,025.12
Cleaning (Windows & Carpets)	£228.00
Capital (Boiler, Alarms, CCTV, Carpets)	£5,673.55
Miscellaneous (eBay, Paypal, Museum Gifts etc)	

£14,707.70

Grants	£10,650.00
Museum Donations (Bookshop & Other)	£2,134.98
External Donations (Local Organisations)	£2,633.07
eBay	£0.00
Bequest	£44,177.01
Other (including Refunds)	£1,719.88
Interest Earned	

£61,314.94

Year 2022-2023	Year 2023-2024
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£2,870.10	£6,560.46
£575.76	£719.73
£504.70	£499.84
£211.84	£150.37
£174.00	£275.80
£677.02	£367.41
£466.88	£0.00
£87.00	£75.00
£664.55	£832.80
	£762.44

£6,231.85	£10,243.85
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£4,000.00	£3,500.00
£3,714.50	£2,215.00
£680.00	£171.32
£198.22	£186.37
£0.00	£0.00
£57.00	£0.00
	£457.15

£8,649.72	£6,529.84
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Year 2024 - 2025

Income

Bank Interest	£482.85
Book Sales	£930.00
Donations	£9.99
Events	£50.00
Grants	£0.00
HR Books / Bequests	£0.00
Other	£102.04

£1,574.88

Expenditure

Business Rates	£259.17
Insurance	£499.84

Utilities:

Broadband	£1,063.22
Electric	£2,052.36
Gas	£1,007.61
Water	£237.00

Building Maintenance:

Boiler Service	£66.00
Fire Extinguishers	£173.94
Fire Alarm	£0.00
Intruder Alarm	£348.00
Window Cleaner	£105.00

Credit Accounts:

Duffys	£124.97
Tamar Trading	£171.31

Equipment:

£856.74

Subscriptions:

AIM	£71.00
Devon Museums Group	£20.00
Modes	£108.00

Miscellaneous:

Other	£290.35
Project : Access Audit	£693.60
Project : Remedial Fire Work	£17,275.35

£25,423.46

Year 2025 - 2026

£0.00

£0.00



Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2023	To	Period end date 3/31/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

2024 - 2025	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					
Bank Interest	457	-	-	457	-
Book Sales	2,386	-	-	2,386	2,280
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,227
Events	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	3,500	-	-	3,500	4,000
HR Books / Bequests	-	-	-	-	-
Other	274	-	-	274	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	6,617	-	-	6,617	7,507
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,617	-	-	6,617	7,507
A3 Payments					
Business Rates	150	-	-	150	212
Insurance	500	-	-	500	505
Utilities : Broadband	720	-	-	720	576
Utilities : Electric	5,534	-	-	5,534	1,579
Utilities : Gas	1,026	-	-	1,026	1,038
Utilities : Water	195	-	-	195	195
Buildings : Boiler Service	64	-	-	64	99
Buildings : Fire Extinguishers	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings : Fire Alarm	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings : Intruder Alarm	120	-	-	120	-
Buildings : Window Cleaner	75	-	-	75	-
Credit Account : Duffys	258	-	-	258	3,622
Credit Account : Tamar Trading	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions : AIM	68	-	-	68	-
Subscriptions : Devon Museums Group	112	-	-	112	-
Subscriptions : Modes	96	-	-	96	109
Miscellaneous: Other	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous: Access Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous: Remedial Fire Work	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,918	-	-	8,918	7,935
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,918	-	-	8,918	7,935
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,301	-	-	- 2,301	- 428
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 2,301	-	-	- 2,301	- 428

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	Lloyds (01097261) - Main	41,637	-	-
	Lloyds (35438668) - Reserve	43,388	-	-
	Total cash funds	85,025	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2024	To	Period end date 3/31/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

2024 - 2025	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					
Bank Interest	483	-	-	483	457
Book Sales	930	-	-	930	2,386
Donations	10	-	-	10	-
Events	50	-	-	50	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	3,500
HR Books / Bequests	-	-	-	-	-
Other	102	-	-	102	274
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,575	-	-	1,575	6,617
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,575	-	-	1,575	6,617
A3 Payments					
Business Rates	259	-	-	259	150
Insurance	500	-	-	500	500
Utilities : Broadband	1,063	-	-	1,063	720
Utilities : Electric	2,052	-	-	2,052	5,534
Utilities : Gas	1,008	-	-	1,008	1,026
Utilities : Water	237	-	-	237	195
Buildings : Boiler Service	66	-	-	66	64
Buildings : Fire Extinguishers	174	-	-	174	-
Buildings : Fire Alarm	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings : Intruder Alarm	348	-	-	348	120
Buildings : Window Cleaner	105	-	-	105	75
Credit Account : Duffys	125	-	-	125	258
Credit Account : Tamar Trading	171	-	-	171	-
Equipment	857	-	-	857	-
Subscriptions : AIM	71	-	-	71	68
Subscriptions : Devon Museums Group	20	-	-	20	112
Subscriptions : Modes	108	-	-	108	96
Miscellaneous: Other	290	-	-	290	-
Miscellaneous: Access Audit	694	-	-	694	-
Miscellaneous: Remedial Fire Work	17,275	-	-	17,275	-
Sub total	25,423	-	-	25,423	8,918
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,423	-	-	25,423	8,918
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 23,849	-	-	- 23,849	- 2,301
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 23,849	-	-	- 23,849	- 2,301

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	Lloyds (01097261) - Main	45,547	-	-
	Lloyds (35438668) - Reserve	42,931	-	-
	Total cash funds	88,478	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Chair of Trustees' Annual Report 2024

- We intended to open in March 2024 but work done over the winter severely hampered opening plans which were put back to May, then July, then August, at which point it was clear that we would be better served by waiting until 2025.
- The Market House, which was scheduled to be opened in 2025, is still very much on the back burner as a project following the ceiling collapse over Christmas 2023. We cannot move forward until Torridge District Council have agreed to establish a plan of works and we will not begin until their side has been completed. As before, it is currently used as an area for sorting through the collections and occasional temporary displays.
- The bookshop continues to do well, open in Reception outside normal opening and upstairs during the season.
- Our fire system is now fully functional and compliant, albeit at a substantial financial cost.
- We will, from the beginning of 2025, start implementing the work required for applying for Museums Association Accreditation.
- The archive continues the process of sorting, indexing and storing. The long-term plan is to digitise everything and make it accessible online for free.
- The museum is in a good position and expects to go from strength to strength.

David Gibbons

14.12.2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Precept	1,500	-	-	1,500	3,300
Grants	2,500	-	-	2,500	9,000
Donations	1,227	-	-	1,227	46,500
Book Sales	2,280	-	-	2,280	2,465
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,507	-	-	7,507	61,265
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,507	-	-	7,507	61,265
A3 Payments					
Torrige District Council (Rates)	212	-	-	212	108
Electricity	1,579	-	-	1,579	2,029
Water	195	-	-	195	227
Telephone / WiFi	576	-	-	576	413
Fees (Software & Subscription)	109	-	-	109	415
Traders / Shops	3,622	-	-	3,622	8,041
Infrastructure (Alarm System & Boiler)	99	-	-	99	711
Insurance	505	-	-	505	528
Gas	1,038	-	-	1,038	1,436
Sub total	7,935	-	-	7,935	13,908
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,935	-	-	7,935	13,908
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 428	-	-	- 428	47,357
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 428	-	-	- 428	47,357

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	Lloyds (01097261)	45,547	-	-
	Lloyds (35438668)	42,931	-	-
	Lloyds (01163183) - ACCOUNT CLOSED	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	88,478	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	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)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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Chair of Trustees' Annual Report 2023

- We opened in March 2023. Visitor numbers for the year, excluding out-of season pop-up bookshop, are 2983, a 15% increase on the previous year.
- The Market House, which was scheduled to be opened in 2025, is now very much on the back burner as a project following the ceiling collapse over Christmas 2023. We cannot move forward until Torrington District Council have agreed to establish a plan of works and we will not begin until their side has been completed. As before, it is currently used as an area for sorting through the collections and occasional temporary displays.
- The bookshop continues to do well, open in Reception outside normal opening and upstairs during the season.
- Following a survey of our fire systems it has been established that the antiquated current setup does not meet current legal requirements. On these grounds the Trustees agreed that we would not open until such time as the works have been completed, hopefully in time for the summer holidays.
- In the light of the two major projects above, the Trustees have decided to withdraw from applying for Museums Association Accreditation for the present and will reconsider when the above issues are dealt with.
- The archive continues the process of sorting, indexing and storing. The long-term plan is to digitise everything and make it accessible online for free.
- The museum is in a good position and expects to go from strength to strength.

David Gibbons

23.03.2024



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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Precept	1,500	-	-	1,500	3,300
Grants	2,500	-	-	2,500	9,000
Donations	1,227	-	-	1,227	46,500
Book Sales	2,280	-	-	2,280	2,465
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,507	-	-	7,507	61,265
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,507	-	-	7,507	61,265
A3 Payments					
Torrige District Council (Rates)	212	-	-	212	108
Electricity	1,579	-	-	1,579	2,029
Water	195	-	-	195	227
Telephone / WiFi	576	-	-	576	413
Fees (Software & Subscription)	109	-	-	109	415
Traders / Shops	3,622	-	-	3,622	8,041
Infrastructure (Alarm System & Boiler)	99	-	-	99	711
Insurance	505	-	-	505	528
Gas	1,038	-	-	1,038	1,436
Sub total	7,935	-	-	7,935	13,908
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,935	-	-	7,935	13,908
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 428	-	-	- 428	47,357
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 428	-	-	- 428	47,357

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	Lloyds (01097261)	45,547	-	-
	Lloyds (35438668)	42,931	-	-
	Lloyds (01163183) - ACCOUNT CLOSED	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	88,478	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds 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

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Chair of Trustees' Annual Report 2022

- We opened in March 2022. Visitor numbers for the year, excluding out-of season pop-up bookshop, are 2593.
- The Market House, which was scheduled to be opened in 2023, is now likely to be 2025 or 26 as Torridge District Council have finally agreed to establish a plan of works and we will not begin until their side has been completed. As before, it is currently used as an area for sorting through the collections and occasional temporary displays.
- The bookshop continues to do well, open in Reception outside normal opening and upstairs during the season.
- A number of grants and bequests were received which have put us on a more stable financial footing than before.
- A new room dedicated to the Battle of Torrington is scheduled for opening on 18/02/2023. Grants were secured from Torridge District Council, Torrington Cavaliers and the Sealed Knot Society to support it.
- Preparation for Accreditation brings us close to presenting our application to the Museums Association.
- The archive is in the process of sorting, indexing and storing. The long-term plan is to digitise everything and make it accessible online for free. A bequest has been received to support this.
- The museum is in a strong position and expects to go from strength to strength.

David Gibbons

28/02/2023