

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.

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