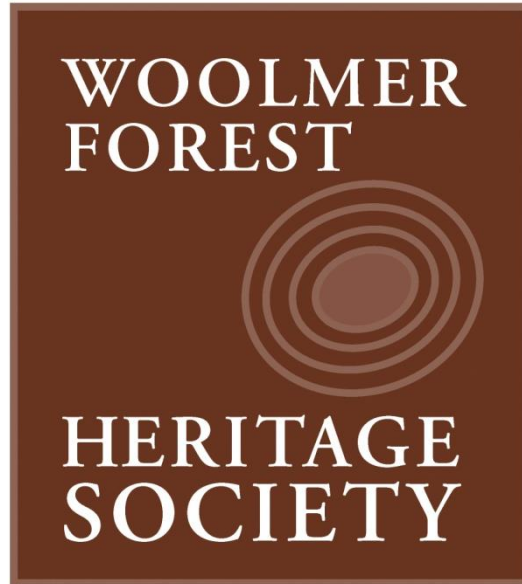


WOOLMER FOREST HERITAGE SOCIETY



Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 30 September 2023

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Charity's principal address:

c/o The Haywain, Hollywater Road, Bordon, Hants, GU35 0AD

Trustees and Committee Members:

Mr D Graham, FSA	President
Cllr A Carew	Patron
<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Office</u>
Dr C B Wain	Chair
Mr C R Brash	Vice-Chairman
Dr W H Wain	Treasurer
Mrs L Vychodil	Minutes Secretary
Mr P Burgess	Secretary
Mr C Perry	Webmaster
Mr D Delve	
Mrs L Delve	Facebook Co-ordinator
Mrs D Chennell	
Mrs M Perry	

Appointment of Trustees

Number of charity trustees

- (a) There should be not less than three (3) nor more than fourteen (14) appointed trustees;
(b) There must be at least three charity trustees (3). If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

No trustee appointment may be made in excess of these provisions.

Chairing of meetings

The charity trustees may appoint one of their number to chair their meetings and may at any time revoke such appointment. If no-one has been so appointed, or if the person appointed is unwilling to preside or is not present within 10 minutes after the time of the meeting, the charity trustees present may appoint one of their number to chair that meeting.

Trustees shall elect from amongst themselves a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting

Bankers: - The Bankers of the Society are

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WFHS Chair's Report 2022-2023

This report is for the financial year from 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023. The Society has been able to meet without the restrictions of the Pandemic which has allowed more freedom of choice in our programme for our hardworking Trustees. Many thanks are due to their efforts.

Monthly meetings have continued with the first being a look at the effects of the Pandemic from March 2020 to February 2022 with the shutdown of schools, queues for food and vaccinations for the vulnerable and the elderly. As Queen Elizabeth II had died on the 8th September 2022 we removed the display in the library on Jubilees in the town and replaced it in April 2023 with a display on Coronations celebrated locally. We were very fortunate in that two of our trustees had mugs from the Coronation of 1953 and a plate from the Coronation of George VI in 1937. Whitehill Town Council ran a gardening competition in which one of the categories was for a Coronation display which was won by your Chair!

Society members and neighbours were invited to celebrate at a Coronation tea party on the 6th May. The Town Council placed a Coronation plaque above the gates of Jubilee Park in celebration of the event. In April 2023 we took our new gazebo for the stall to the Secrets of the Heath in Hogmoor Inclosure. The weather was fine and our display complemented the history being re-enacted around us with Romans, Saxons and prehistory displays.

At the beginning of June we were asked to remove our Time Line boards from the Community Centre Hall as they wished to redecorate and put in a new a hearing system. These boards have now been stored in anticipation of being used in the new rooms we have been promised in the Mess Hall.

In June we took part in the Blessing of the Bower built by the DVT staff and the children of Woodlea School on the Walldown Monument. Our usual Gilbert White was unable to attend so a volunteer from the Forest Community Centre actors read from the relevant piece from The Natural History of Selborne instead. Rev Alison Waterhouse took the service and produced a small programme for it.

The Society attended the September Woodland Fair in the Deadwater and our first visitor was the Mayor Cllr Leeroy Scott.

The Society changed the Library Display again in September, with many artefacts of WWII collected by Society member Chris Abraham used as the basis for a display of images about Whitehill and Bordon during WWII.

At the end of September Hogmoor Inclosure held a Military History day and we took along our display boards showing the Army's involvement in the area since 1859. Again we were visited by the Mayor Cllr Leeroy Scott.

Chris Wain, Chair WFHS October 2023

General Report

1. The Society

The governing document of the Society is the Constitution, formally accepted by the Trustee's with effect from October 1st 2016. The Society has been in existence, prior to having charitable status, since 1983.

2. Objectives of the Society

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public in the history of Whitehill and Bordon and neighbourhood in the district of East Hampshire by maintaining an archive of artefact, document, digital and photographic material and to foster archaeological fieldwork, excavation and historical research.

3. Education

A display cabinet is available to the public in the local library. It has a removable section to enable examples of artefacts to be taken to public events locally.

4. Community

The display cabinet in Bordon Library, with the assistance of the Library Staff, has been used for exhibitions about Commemorations in the Town for past Jubilees and Coronations

5. Public Benefit

To facilitate the raising of the public's awareness of their local heritage, the Society maintains a series of lectures and events open to the public as well as maintaining the display in the library.

6. Talks and Events

During the year there have been nine talks. The Society has attended three local events with a new gazebo for the stall at Secrets of the Heath (South Downs National Park), Woodland Fayre (Deadwater Valley Trust) and WWII Military History Day (Land Trust).

7. Press and Publicity

Many Society activities were posted on the website. Linda Delve, a Trustee, has kindly taken on the role of Facebook Co-ordinator to ensure the Society retains a place in the digital community.

8. Fund Raising

Subscriptions and visitor Fees	£288.00	(£324 rcd in 2022)
Donations	£23.07	
Fund Raising	£40.00	
Gift Aid	£229.40	

9. Reserves

The Society maintains a General Fund sufficient to cover six months operating costs

10. The Year Ahead

We aim to maintain and develop the profile of the Woolmer Forest Heritage Society, both for the benefit of the local community and furthering the knowledge of the heritage in our area. We continue to press for premises in which we can hold, identify and conserve local finds. The Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration Company have designated a space within the Mess Hall of the new Town Centre as a Heritage Centre and work should commence there in 2024. We intend that our Society's contribution towards the life of the local community will lead to a greater awareness of Whitehill and Bordon's heritage and sense of place.

11. Acknowledgements

The Chair wishes to thank all the dedicated members and volunteers who have supported our Society over the past year. She extends her thanks to the Officers and Trustees of the Society without whose help and support the success of the Society could not be maintained.

Receipts and Payments Account
for the period from 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	30/09/2022 £
Receipts					
Members Subscriptions	288.00			288.00	324.00
Gift Aid	229.40			229.40	-
Visitors' Fees				-	51.00
Donations	23.07			23.07	1,082.20
Sale of Refreshments	294.00			294.00	235.02
Fund Raising (4 Tee shirts and raffles)	40.00			40.00	88.00
Amazon refund				-	7.33
Books & post				-	17.04
EHDC Cllr Wild Life Videos				-	1,000.00
HCC Cllr Digital Images				-	468.00
WBTPJubilee				-	380.14
Bank Interest Gold and Ellis Gold	67.82	1,462.21		1,530.03	183.88
Total Receipts	£ 942.29	£ 1,462.21	£ -	£ 2,404.50	£ 3,836.61
Payments					
Hall Hire	353.00			353.00	158.73
Lecture Fees	55.00			55.00	245.00
Refreshments/SumUpfees	7.63			7.63	-
Laptop Cllr Pond				-	900.00
Gazebo purchase	2,169.24		517.56	2,686.80	-
Bank charges	60.00			60.00	91.50
Historic England aerial images			468.00	468.00	-
HCC Cllr Whitehill Village Hall Barrows (1 and 2)				-	2,752.00
EHDC Cllr Wild Life Videos			500.00	500.00	500.00
WBTPJubilee				-	380.14
Printing and stationery	259.48			259.48	114.70
Tee shirts				-	120.80
Insurance	517.88			517.88	490.92
Total Payments	£ 3,422.23	£ -	£ 1,485.56	£ 4,907.79	£ 5,753.79
Net of Receipts (Payments)	(2,479.94)	1,462.21	(1,485.56)	(2,503.29)	(1,917.18)
Cash Funds last year End	4,220.79	100,128.47	3,529.56	107,878.82	109,796.00
Cash funds this Year End	£ 1,740.85	£ 101,590.68	£ 2,044.00	£ 105,375.53	£ 107,878.82

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30th September 2023

Categories	Details	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	30/09/2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds	General Fund	1,740.85			1,740.85	4,220.79
	Grants for Excavations			41.54	41.54	41.54
	Office Rent (use for cellar fees 2024)			476.02	476.02	476.02
	HCC Cllr Storytelling Grant			461.69	461.69	979.25
	EHDC Cllr Davies Wildlife Videos				-	500.00
	HCC Cllr A Carew Whitehill Village Hall Barrows			1,064.75	1,064.75	1,064.75
	HCC Cllr A Tree Historic England Aerial images			-	-	468.00
	Ellis Fund		101,590.68		101,590.68	100,128.47
		£	£	£		£
	Total Cash Funds	1,740.85	101,590.68	2,044.00	105,375.53	107,878.82
Other Monetary Assets	None					
Investment Assets	None					
Assets retained for the charity's own use and belonging to the charity						
	Slide Scanner				120.00	120.00
	VHS DVD recorder				520.00	520.00
	Storage Cabinets				2,310.00	2,310.00
	Portable Sound Equipment				1,743.00	1,743.00
	Epson GT - 15000 A3 Scanner				767.00	767.00
	Display Cabinets				4,412.00	4,412.00
	Display Panels				1,436.67	1,436.67
	Timeline Panels				2,598.00	2,598.00
	Digital Display				636.00	636.00
	Computer Equipment				900.00	900.00
	Gazebo				2,686.80	-
	Dig Supplies				504.94	504.94
	Replicas				1,341.20	1,341.20
	Projector				343.65	343.65
	Hollywater Loop exhibit				500.00	500.00
					£	£
	Total Assets				20,819.26	18,132.46
Liabilities						
	Total Liabilities				-	-
Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees						
	Signature	Print Name		Date of Approval		

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of the

WOOLMER FOREST HERITAGE SOCIETY

On the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 6 of this Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date 1st December 2023

Name: Mr. R J Wilson, FCA

Address: 5 Pilgrims way, Headley, Bordon, Hants, GU35 8LB