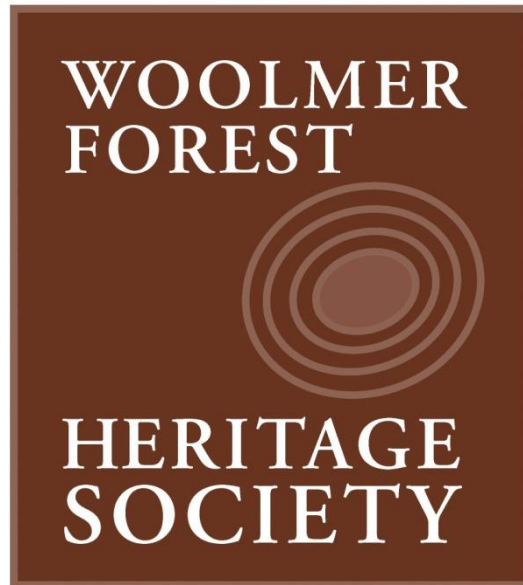


WOOLMER FOREST HERITAGE SOCIETY



Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 30 September 2024

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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	Minutes Secretary
Mrs L Vychodil	
Mr P Burgess	Secretary
Mr C Perry	Webmaster,, Facebook Co-ordinator
Mrs D Chennell	
Mrs M Perry	Treasurer
Mr P H Kennedy	Until August 2024
Mr C Abraham	Co-opted August 2024

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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Chairperson's Report for 2023/2024

Chris Wain began by thanking all the Trustees for their dedicated efforts to keep the Society's work known throughout the pandemic and during the less restricting time afterwards. Further research on education topics is continuing.

During 2023 the Chair and Secretary had been in correspondence with a research group in the Netherlands looking at the many allied planes which had been shot down returning to the UK after raids in Germany.

This was advertised on Facebook and members of the Wrighting and Holland family came to the October meeting to hear about the demise of the plane in which one of their family died. We finished the presentation with a video sent to us by the Dutch group taken on Christmas Eve when candles are lit on all the War graves.

After the October meeting we had an outdoor trip to HMS Nelson Open Day when there were displays from WWII. One of our original members Bob Mallinson was especially keen to visit this event.

This was an opportunity to renew the display in the library with material from WWII material sent to us by the Dutch Research Group on our Local Heroes.

Our AGM in December was followed by a Quiz of the talks we had had during the year compiled by Chris Perry.

On March 16th, the only sunny day in Spring we visited the Longmoor Firing Ranges to look at the area burnt out in the summer of 2023. This was led by Chris Abraham and Chris Perry to look for any signs of worked flints which are not easily seen in the natural herbage. Nothing significant was found but Chris Perry wrote a report which was submitted to the Longmoor Conservation Group and the DIO Archaeologist.

In recognition of the approach of the 80th anniversary of D Day the WTC asked us to provide a display on this event for their AGM in March. This we were able to do as we had information on preparations taking place here and the formation of an Atlantic Wall nearby. We also prepared another two boards to go into Whitehill Village Hall and the Phoenix for the 6th June. Here the flag was raised and the Beacon supplied by the Red Cross lighted

In April we had invited the Dinosaur Museum in the IOW to join us in Hogmoor Inclosure for a Dinosaur Day. This was well attended and much enjoyed by members of the Public.

In June the Hogmoor Inclosure hosted another Secrets of the Heath which we attended with our new Gazebo.

In June we also attended the Blessing of the Bower taken by Father John from the Sacred Heart Church, we were very lucky for the weather here.

At the beginning of September we saw the latest plans for the Sergeants Mess as proposed by the Arts Commission. We were not on it!

The rest of September was very wet and we were unable to attend the Woodland Fair or the WWII event in Hogmoor Inclosure.

Chris Wain, Chair WFHS October 2024

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 different aspects of WWII, including Local Heroes and D-Day 80 years on

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

Many of the talks this year were given by members of the Society which attracted a new audience, including the families of Local Heroes. The display in the Library, as at other venues in the town, demonstrated the local connection with D Day preparations. An outside visit to Fort Nelson in Portsmouth to see their interpretation of D Day was much enjoyed

7. Press and Publicity

Many Society activities were posted on the website. Events are posted on the Facebook page to ensure the Society retains a place in the digital community.

8. Fund Raising

Subscriptions and Visitor Fees	£396
Fund Raising	£38

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 2027/28. 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.

Accounts

	<u>Receipts and Payments Account</u>					
	<u>for the period from 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024</u>					
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	30/09/2023
Receipts		£	£	£	£	£
Members Subscriptions		396.00			396.00	288.00
Gift Aid					-	229.40
Visitors' Fees		111.00			111.00	-
Donations		-			-	23.07
Sale of Refreshments		344.00			344.00	294.00
Fund Raising (4 Tee shirts and raffles)		-			-	40.00
Raffle		38.00			38.00	-
Bank Interest Gold and Ellis Gold		95.66	2,555.87		2,651.53	1,530.03
	Total Receipts	£ 984.66	£ 2,555.87	£ -	£ 3,540.53	£ 2,404.50
Payments		£	£	£	£	£
Hall Hire		265.00			265.00	353.00
Lecture Fees		100.00			100.00	55.00
Sum Up fees		15.02			15.02	7.63
Website		180.00			180.00	-
Gazebo purchase					-	2,686.80
Bank charges		60.00			60.00	60.00
Historic England aerial images					-	468.00
Storage				90.00	90.00	-
EHDC Cllr Wild Life Videos					-	500.00
Health & Safety costs		27.02			27.02	-
Printing and stationery					-	259.48
Insurance			548.08		548.08	517.88
	Total Payments	£ 647.04	£ 548.08	£ 90.00	£ 1,285.12	£ 4,907.79
Net of Receipts (Payments)		337.62	2,007.79	(90.00)	2,255.41	(2,503.29)
Transfer between funds		617.50	(617.50)		0.00	0.00
Cash Funds last year End		1,740.85	101,590.68	2,044.00	105,375.53	107,878.82
Cash funds this Year End		£ 2,695.97	£ 102,980.97	£ 1,954.00	£ 107,630.94	£ 105,375.53

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30th September 2024						
Categories	Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	30/09/2023 £
Cash Funds	General Fund	2,695.97			2,695.97	1,740.85
	Grants for Excavations			41.54	41.54	41.54
	Office Rent (use for cellar fees 2024)			386.02	386.02	476.02
	HCC Cllr Storytelling Grant			461.69	461.69	461.69
	HCC Cllr A Carew Whitehill Village Hall Barrows			1,064.75	1,064.75	1,064.75
	Ellis Fund		102,980.97		102,980.97	101,590.68
	Total Cash Funds	£ 2,695.97	£ 102,980.97	£ 1,954.00	107,630.94	£ 105,375.53
Other Monetary Assets	None					
Investment Assets	None					
Assets retained for the charity's own use	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	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	£ 20,819.26
Liabilities						
	Total Liabilities				NIL	Nil
Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees						
	Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval			

C. Brash
D Chennell

C. BRASH 13/6/25
D CHENNEL 13/6/25

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Committee Members of the

WOOLMER FOREST HERITAGE SOCIETY

On the accounts for the years ended 30 September 2024

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 5 and 6 of this Report

Respective responsibilities of the committee members and the examiner

The Committee Members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The Committee Members 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 Association 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 Committee Members 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

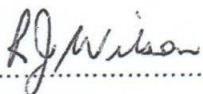
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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


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Date

15th June 2025

Name: Mr Robert Wilson FCA

Address: 5 Pilgrims Way, Headley Hants