

# THE FRIENDS OF DINOSAUR ISLE CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1170688

## Details

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**Other names** FODI CIO

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-12-12

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

## Contact

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**Address** Dinosaur Isle  
Culver Parade  
Sandown  
PO36 8QA

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**Email** [hornettsnest@aol.com](mailto:hornettsnest@aol.com)

**Website** <http://friendsofdinosaurisle.org>

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN PALAEOLOGY AND GEOLOGY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR BY ASSISTING DINOSAUR ISLE MUSEUM IN DEVELOPING AND DISPLAYING ITS COLLECTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND PROMOTING THE STUDY OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT'S PALAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS AND FACILITATE CONTACT BETWEEN ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

**Activities:** We advance the education of the public in palaeontology and geology through a programme of lectures, open days and field trips. We run fund raising events supporting projects including the acquisition of specimens, purchasing equipment for the museum which enhances the development and display of the collection and support for moves to bring the museum under the management of a charitable trust.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Isle Of Wight

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-04-06 | £4,596 | £620        | -      | -         |
| 2024-04-06 | £1,896 | £2,000      | -      | -         |
| 2023-04-06 | £570   | £20         | -      | -         |
| 2022-04-06 | £560   | £1,910      | -      | -         |
| 2021-04-06 | £1,048 | £0          | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                                  | Role | Appointed  |
|---------------------------------------|------|------------|
| Bridgette Daphne Sibbick              |      | 2024-01-03 |
| Dr Jeremy Augustus Frederick Lockwood |      | 2016-12-12 |
| Dr Neil John Gosling                  |      | 2025-11-01 |
| Martyn Charles George Hornett         |      | 2023-02-22 |
| PATRICIA LOCKWOOD                     |      | 2016-12-12 |
| Shane Fern Gausden                    |      | 2025-11-01 |
| Tegan Lily Hicks                      |      | 2025-11-01 |

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Mr W Thurbin (Secretary)

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## Review of Activities and Achievements.

### FODI ORGANISATION

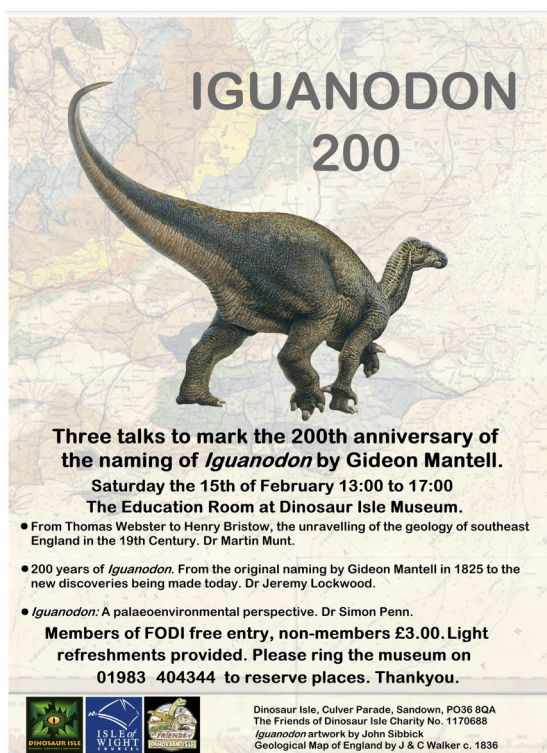
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### EVENTS

During the reporting period, the charity organised and supported a wide range of events and activities to promote public engagement, support the museum, and raise funds in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

The charity continued to deliver its two well-established and popular quiz evenings, with a Christmas quiz and social gathering held in December and a further quiz event in February. These events were well attended and provided both social and fundraising benefits.

The charity supported and contributed to a number of talks at the museum during the year. These included events celebrating the 200th anniversary of the naming of *Iguanodon*, as well as the Wealden Conference held in June 2024. These activities again contributed to public education and increased awareness of the museum's scientific and historical significance.



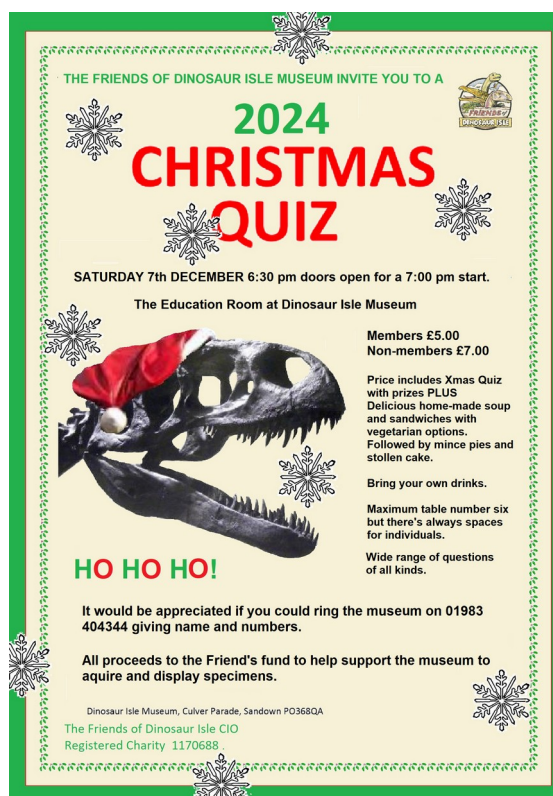
**IGUANODON  
200**

Three talks to mark the 200th anniversary of the naming of *Iguanodon* by Gideon Mantell.  
Saturday the 15th of February 13:00 to 17:00  
The Education Room at Dinosaur Isle Museum.

- From Thomas Webster to Henry Bristow, the unravelling of the geology of southeast England in the 19th Century. Dr Martin Munt.
- 200 years of *Iguanodon*. From the original naming by Gideon Mantell in 1825 to the new discoveries being made today. Dr Jeremy Lockwood.
- Iguanodon*: A palaeoenvironmental perspective. Dr Simon Penn.

Members of FODI free entry, non-members £3.00. Light refreshments provided. Please ring the museum on 01983 404344 to reserve places. Thankyou.

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*Iguanodon* artwork by John Sibbick  
Geological Map of England by J & C Walker c. 1836



THE FRIENDS OF DINOSAUR ISLE MUSEUM INVITE YOU TO A

**2024  
CHRISTMAS  
QUIZ**

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 6:30 pm doors open for a 7:00 pm start.  
The Education Room at Dinosaur Isle Museum

Members £5.00  
Non-members £7.00

Price includes Xmas Quiz with prizes PLUS  
Delicious home-made soup and sandwiches with vegetarian options.  
Followed by mince pies and stollen cake.

Bring your own drinks.  
Maximum table number six but there's always spaces for individuals.  
Wide range of questions of all kinds.

It would be appreciated if you could ring the museum on 01983 404344 giving name and numbers.

All proceeds to the Friend's fund to help support the museum to acquire and display specimens.

Dinosaur Isle Museum, Culver Parade, Sandown PO368QA  
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The annual Bone Day event was again well attended, with significant assistance provided by FODI volunteers, whose support was integral to the success of the event. In addition, FODI organised its customary summer barbecue, which was well supported and provided an informal setting for members to meet and develop stronger relationships.

As usual the Friends also supported the “Blast from the Past” event in November, further enhancing public engagement with the museum. All events held during the year provided valuable fundraising opportunities and represented an important source of income for the charity. Additional funds were raised through collection boxes located at the museum reception and at selected meetings. During the year, the Friends, working in collaboration with museum staff, designed and constructed a dinosaur-head-themed collection box located next to the laboratory window in the museum. This initiative has generated a positive return on the charity’s investment and has proved to be an engaging and effective fundraising tool.

For the first time, the charity hosted a stand at the popular island event, the Chale Show. This resulted in excellent engagement with visitors, raised awareness of the charity’s work, and generated a good level of donations.

The charity also launched a new website and expanded its social media presence during the year. These developments have proved highly successful, significantly improving communication and outreach within the local community and increasing awareness of the charity’s activities and aims.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

The Friends continue to play an important role in attracting volunteers to the museum, who support the museum with work at the museum and in the laboratory but also by collecting and donating important specimens.

## **FUTURE OF DINOSAUR ISLE MUSEUM**

The Isle of Wight’s Cretaceous coast is as globally significant as Dorset’s Jurassic Coast—yet remains underdeveloped. In just the last five years, our island has produced ten newly named dinosaur species, generating headlines worldwide. The island dinosaur heritage goes back 200 years to the discovery that led Richard Owen to name the Dinosauria itself.

The Isle of Wight Council (IWC) decided to dispose of Dinosaur Isle Museum in September 2017. However, delays, procedural changes, and opposition to using land around the existing site have stalled progress. Therefore, the future of the museum still remains uncertain, however the Friends are committed to supporting the transfer of control to a charitable trust and will continue to work hard to realise this goal.

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|                            | £<br>(2024/25) | £<br>(2023/24) |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>  |                |                |
| <b>Membership Fees:</b>    | 728            | 641            |
| <b>Income:</b>             | 3868           | 1255           |
| <b>Expenditure:</b>        |                |                |
| <b>Grant to the museum</b> | 500            | 2000           |
| <b>Operating Costs</b>     | 120            |                |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>   | <b>620</b>     | <b>2000</b>    |
| <b>Net income</b>          | <b>3976</b>    | <b>1896</b>    |

**Reconciliation of funds**

Total funds brought forward (April 2024) - £10,495

**Total funds carried forward (April 2025) - £14,471**

**M C G Hornett**

Wg Cdr M C G Hornett, BSc (Hons), RAF (Rtd) - Chair of Trustees

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and again provided an excellent venue to allow members to get to know each other better. **The Friends** also supported the Blast from The Past event in November. All events have provided the opportunity for fundraising and have been a useful source of income for the Friends. Another source of fundraising are the collection boxes at the museum reception and at some of the meetings.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

The Friends continue to play an important role in attracting volunteers to the museum, who support the museum with work at the museum and in the laboratory but also by collecting and donating important specimens. We now have a very strong team of volunteers who are providing significant support to the museum in the preparation, conservation and display of specimens. The museum organised a substantial scientific dig at Yaverland during 2023 with a number of students and members of the public involved. FODI volunteers provided significant support to the event which was very successful and added to the scientific understanding of the Wessex formation sediments in the succession at Yaverland.

## **FUTURE OF DINOSAUR ISLE MUSEUM**

The Isle of Wight Council (IWC) decided to dispose of Dinosaur Isle Museum in September 2017. The Friends put in an expression of interest and teamed up with Dinosaurier Parks as a consortium. However, the procurement exercise was abandoned by the IWC and what followed was a series of workshops in 2023, supported by the Friends, that decided to transfer responsibility for the museum to a Trust. Hampshire Cultural Trust was chosen as the likely candidate to take over the museum responsibility and talks with the Friends charity were undertaken to see how we could support the transfer to trust control. However, the IWC have now decided to carry out another procurement exercise in 2025. Therefore, the future of the museum remains uncertain. However the Friends are committed to supporting the transfer of control to a trust and will continue to work hard to realise this goal.

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|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                  |                |                |
| <b>Membership Fees:</b>                    | 641            | 550            |
| <b>Donations:</b>                          | 1255           | 20             |
| <b>Expenditure:</b>                        |                |                |
| <b>Purchase of Specimen for the museum</b> | 2000           | 1000           |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                   | <b>2000</b>    | <b>1000</b>    |
| <b>Net income</b>                          | <b>1896</b>    | <b>570</b>     |

**Reconciliation of funds**

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**Total funds carried forward (April 2024) - £11,523**

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These accounts represent the fifth statement of financial activities that the charity has had to submit.

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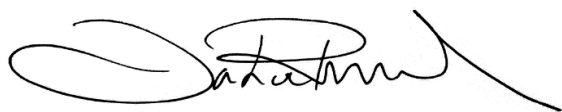
| <b>Incoming resources</b> | <b>£ (2023)</b> | <b>£ (2022)</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Membership Fees:          | 550             | 506             |
| Donations:                | 20              |                 |
| <hr/>                     |                 |                 |
| <b>Expenditure</b>        |                 |                 |
| <hr/>                     |                 |                 |
| Purchase for the Museum:  |                 |                 |
| Prep tools.               |                 | 455             |

|  |            |               |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Specimen purchase                              |            | 1000          |
| Website running costs                          | 20         |               |
| Other event expenses: Catering for SVPCA 2019. |            | 58            |
| Total expenditure                              | <b>20</b>  | <b>1910</b>   |
| Net income                                     | <b>550</b> | <b>(1350)</b> |

### **Reconciliation of funds**

Total funds brought forward £11059

**Total funds carried forward £11609**



Dr J.A.F. Lockwood Chair of Trustees

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- Hold lectures, discussions, displays, workshops and seminars.
- Organise and assist in helping to promote special events, activities, field trips and visits.
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## Review of Activities and Achievements.

The year was very much affected by the Covid pandemic as many of our events from quiz evenings to Blast from the Past were unable to proceed.

We now feel that we should resume normal activities and intend to implement a full schedule of events commencing in January 2023.

During this time, we took the opportunity to redesign our website and our thanks go to Trudie Wilson for undertaking this task.

## New Dinosaurs

Even though Covid adversely affected many things, it didn't slow down the discovery and publication of four Isle of Wight dinosaurs that were new to science.

**FOUR NEW DINOSAURS. Talk via Zoom FRIDAY 4th MARCH 7:00 pm**

### AN EVENING OF DISCOVERY



#### **CERATOSUCHOPS & RIPAROVENATOR**

Two fish-eating spinosaurid dinosaurs.  
A talk by **Dr Neil Gostling**,  
University of Southampton.

#### **VECTIRAPTOR**

A small but vicious dromaeosaurid.  
A talk by **Prof David Martill**,  
University of Portsmouth.

#### **BRIGHTSTONEUS SIMMONDSI**

The first well characterised iguanodont on the Isle of Wight for a hundred years.  
A talk by **Dr Jeremy Lockwood**,  
University of Portsmouth &  
Natural History Museum.



Join us on Zoom 4th March at **7 PM**  
For the link please Email: [jlockwood156@aol.com](mailto:jlockwood156@aol.com)

[www.friendsofdinosaurisle.org](http://www.friendsofdinosaurisle.org)

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The last year was a particularly spectacular one for Isle of Wight dinosaurs, with four new species being described. These include two types of spinosaurid, fish-eating dinosaurs, *Ceratosuchops inferodios*, 'Hell's Heron' and *Riparovenator milnerae* named after Angela Milner, a world-renowned palaeontologist who worked at the Natural History Museum but sadly died last year. Also appearing was *Vectiraptor greeni*, a small but undoubtedly ferocious, feathered dinosaur, named after island collector Mick Green, who originally found the material. And last but not least, *Brighstoneus simmondsi*, a new iguanodontian dinosaur named after the village of Brighstone.

To celebrate this, we had an evening of talks on Zoom. Dr Neil Gostling, lecturer in Evolution and Palaeobiology at the University of Southampton talked about the new spinosaurids, Professor David Martill, palaeobiologist at the University of Portsmouth looked at the Raptors of the Isle of Wight, and Dr Jeremy Lockwood explained the importance of the new iguanodontian find on the island. The poster shows some pictures and details of the event.

### **Promoting Palaeontology and Dinosaur Isle Museum.**

Our meetings continue to promote palaeontology by fielding local lectures and allowing people to experience recent finds first hand, although unfortunately Covid has curtailed much of our activities.

### **Volunteers**

The Friends have played an important role in attracting volunteers who continue to play a vital role in enhancing the collection, both by undertaking preparatory work and collecting specimens. Indeed, we now have a strong team of dedicated volunteers including Eleanor Foxwell, Sandra Garbett, Tegan Hicks and Martyn Hornett who continue to make substantial inroads into the preparation, conservation and display of specimens.

### **Equipment**

The Friends provided the funding for some new preparation tools for the Dinosaur Isle lab.

### **Specimens**

A particularly fine specimen of an Early Cretaceous turtle from Yaverland was acquired by the Friends for the museum.

### **Organisational Structure**

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Conflicts of interest are assessed at the first meeting after the AGM which is usually in January using our conflicts of interest policy.

A third of the trustees must stand down each year and this is rotated over a three-year period. Trustees may stand again for office and voting is undertaken at the AGM which is usually held in December of each year.

A policy on how we control personal information has also been drawn up to ensure that we comply with The Data Protection Act 2018.

### **Future of Dinosaur Isle Museum**

The problems with the future of the museum continue. Our plans to erect a new museum building in Sandown with an accompanying dinosaur theme science park, have been abandoned by the Isle of Wight Council, as it was felt that the extra land required would take up too much of the Brown's Golf site. We fully understand that the golf attraction is important to many people in Sandown but doubt its sustainability in the long term. Developing an internationally known palaeontological museum would be a huge advantage to the Isle of Wight with enormous potential. This could become central to the Isle of Wight acquiring UNESCO Geopark status as well as providing jobs and income from increased tourism. A similar project in the town of Lourinhã in Portugal led to 5 million euros of inward investment over a three-year period. We still have backing to fund our project and are currently actively looking for a new site on the island to build a new museum and park. The collection is undoubtedly of international importance and in the last few years its standing with the palaeontological community has increased considerably with the discovery of several new taxa. We will continue to work hard to ensure that the collection remains in an Arts Council England accredited facility and is available for public benefit.

**Friends of Dinosaur Isle CIO**  
**Registered charity number 1170688**

**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

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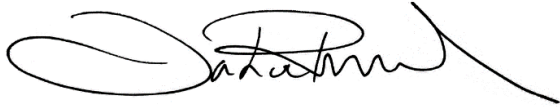
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| <b>Incoming resources</b>   | <b>£ (2022)</b> | <b>£ (2021)</b> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Membership Fees:</b>   | 560             | 1048            |
| <b>Expenditure</b>  |                 |                 |
| <b>Purchase for the Museum:</b>                                   |                 |                 |
| <b>Prep tools.</b>  | 455             |                 |
| <b>Specimen purchase</b>  | 1000            |                 |
| <b>Other event expenses<sup>2</sup>: Catering for SVPCA 2019.</b> | 58              | 0               |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>  | <b>1910</b>     | <b>0</b>        |
| <b>Net income</b>   | <b>(1350)</b>   | <b>1048</b>     |

**Reconciliation of funds**

Total funds brought forward £12409

**Total funds carried forward £11059**

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Dr J.A.F. Lockwood Chair of Trustees

**THE FRIENDS OF DINOSAUR ISLE CIO**

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# Accounts

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# **The Friends of Dinosaur Isle**

**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Report and financial statements  
for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

**Charity Number 1170688**

# The Friends of Dinosaur Isle

## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

### Reference and Administrative Information.

**Charity Name:** The Friends of Dinosaur Isle CIO

**Charity registration number:** 1170688

Registered office and operational address.

Dinosaur Isle Museum,  
Culver Parade  
Sandown  
Isle of Wight  
PO36 8QA

### Trustees Committee

Dr J Lockwood (Chair)

Mr A Peaker (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)

Mrs P Ash (Social Secretary)

Mr J Ash

Mr S Hutt

Miss T. Wilson

Mrs P Lockwood

Mr S Smith

Mrs F Trowbridge

Mr T Trowbridge

### **Non-voting committee members**

Dr M Munt

Mr P Pusey

**Bankers:** Lloyd's Bank, 22 St Thomas' Square, Newport. Isle Of Wight, PO30 1SQ

**Solicitors:** Belcher Frost Solicitors Ltd. 3 West St, Emsworth, Hampshire. PO10 7DX

## **Our Aims and Objectives.**

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are to:

**To advance the education of the public in palaeontology and geology for the benefit of the public, in particular by assisting Dinosaur Isle Museum in developing and displaying its collections for the benefit of the public and promoting the study of the Isle of Wight's palaeontological collections and facilitate contact between all interested persons.**

**Our aims are to see a greater understanding of palaeontology and a co-ordinated approach to ensuring that specimens are safeguarded for education and scientific research. We believe that our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up for.**

## **Ensuring that our work delivers our Aims**

We review our Aims on an annual basis generally during the first meeting of the Trustees following the AGM. We also review and feedback on all of our activities to ensure that they are fulfilling the aims of the charity.

## **The main objectives for the year have been to:**

- Support Dinosaur Isle Museum by raising funds to support the acquisition of equipment and specimens, and to receive contributions to support Dinosaur Isle Museum's projects.
- The Covid Pandemic has halted most social activities during the year to March 2021. The museum has been closed for long periods of time and the committee and events such as quiz evenings, talks and meals, Bone Day, Blast from the Past and Family Fun Day have had to be cancelled.

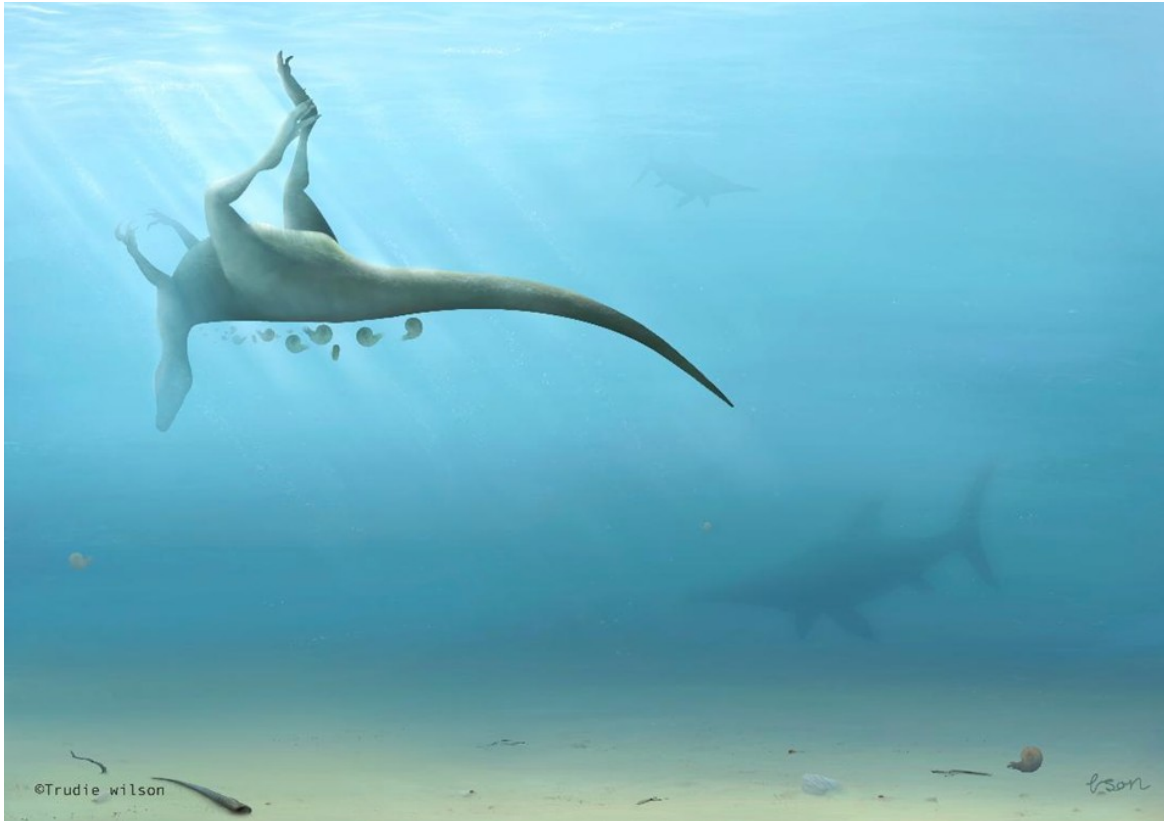
- A new and slick website has been developed thanks to Trudie Wilson which now needs to be populated.
- A news booklet has been produced outlining some of the exciting new discoveries that have continued to be made despite the periods of lock down.
- Practical help and assistance on a voluntary basis under the direction of museum staff has continued but patchily due to museum closure and concern for the safety of volunteers. However, preparatory work and cataloguing have continued.
- Support the Museum through the current process of its disposal by the Isle of Wight Council by working to ensure that the accreditation status of the museum is always maintained and that the collections remain safe, well cared for and available for scientific research.

## **COVID**

The year ending March 2020 was a time of difficulty for many museums and charitable organisations. All our usual fundraising and social activities were halted due to the Covid 19 pandemic. At the time the vaccination programme hadn't started, and we were seeing frightening daily death rates together with strict lock down rules. We had hoped that things would ease up once vaccinations were underway but at the time of writing the Omicron variant is sweeping through the country and many people still have strong reservations about meeting in crowded rooms. We are grateful for members continuing to pay their membership fees through this period.

## **CRETEACEOUS REPTILE DISCOVERIES**

Despite the negative effects of Covid on the social activities and normal functioning of the museum, it was nevertheless a successful year for the identification of new species of Barremian aged Early Cretaceous reptiles.



*An artist's impression of the body of the new dinosaur Vectaerovenator inopinatus, floating out in an Early Cretaceous sea. © Trudie Wilson.*

*Vectaerovenator opinatus*, a theropod dinosaur new to science was added to the museum's stable of dinosaur holotype specimens. These also include three other theropods, *Neovenator salerii*, *Eotyrannus lengi* and *Yaverlandia bitholus*. Holotypes increase the importance of the collection and enhance its national and international recognition. For a provincial museum this is a good tally.

The artwork for this new dinosaur was provided by Friends of Dinosaur Isle Museum member Trudie Wilson. The picture of the dead dinosaur floating out into an early Aptian Sea was inspired and caught the attention of press agencies around the world.

*Vectaerovenator inopinatus* was a surprise find (*inopinatus* means the unexpected in Latin) as it came from marine deposits. The bones were discovered by three different collectors who donated them to the museum. On behalf of the Friends of the Museum we are extremely grateful to these collectors for their generous actions which demonstrate the importance of responsible fossil collection to the advancement of science.



*James Lockyer and Right: Robin Ward who with Paul Farrell found and donated the material the museum.*

Discoveries have also been made of two new pterosaurs. One was a small piece of the rostrum, discovered by Friend of Dinosaur Isle Museum, Will Thurbin, lying on the foreshore near Sudmoor Point on the south coast of the island. Two Spanish workers, Borja Holgado and Rodrigo Pêgas have now reclassified the fossil IWCMS 2014.82 as belonging to the closely related Anhanguerid pterosaur and called it *Uktenadactylus rodriguesae*, bringing yet another pterosaur holotype to the museum's collection.



*Will Thurbin in 2015 with his rare find.*

Also discovered by local collector John Winch and donated to the museum by Mick Green was another fragment of a pterosaur rostrum. This one had evolved to have no teeth and was identified as coming from a group of pterosaurs called tapejarids. It was named by Professor Dave Martill and colleagues as *Wightia declivirostris*.

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## **Promoting Palaeontology and Dinosaur Isle Museum.**

We have issued a new letter to our members to keep them updated on significant finds during the lockdown.

### **Volunteers**

The Friends have played an important role in attracting volunteers who continue to play a vital role in enhancing the collection, both by undertaking preparatory work and collecting specimens. Indeed, we now have a strong team of dedicated volunteers including Sandra Garbett, Martyn Hornett and Gabriel Hullmann who continue to make substantial inroads into the preparation, conservation and display of specimens, although this has obviously been hampered this year by extended closures of the museum and lockdowns.

### **Equipment**

No equipment was purchased this year.

## **Organisational Structure**

The Friends of Dinosaur Isle is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Trustees Committee meet formally four times a year with other ad hoc meetings arranged as appropriate. The Trust is governed by its constitution. A maximum of twelve trustees are allowed by the constitution.

Conflicts of interest are assessed at the first meeting after the AGM which is usually early in the year using our conflicts of interest policy.

A third of the trustees must stand down each year and this is rotated over a three-year period. Trustees may stand again for office and voting is undertaken at the AGM which is usually held in December of each year.

A policy on how we control personal information has also been drawn up to ensure that we comply with The Data Protection Act 2018.

## **Future of Dinosaur Isle Museum**

The Isle of Wight Council (IWC) have decided to dispose of Dinosaur Isle Museum. The process was formally initiated in September of 2017, when a soft market testing exercise was organised with calls for expressions of interest. The Friends initially put in an expression of interest and teamed up with Dinosaurier Parks, a German company with a great deal of experience of working with museums, helping to fund museums and their staff and also in promoting science. Our plan is to form a new trust to take over the museum which will continue to be supported by the Friends, while Dinosaurier will form a British company to run a dinosaur themed attraction with a strong emphasis on schools and 'edutainment'. The two bodies will act as a consortium and ensure financial support for the museum and its staff. Our bid if accepted by the Isle of Wight Council will also ensure that the Museum retains its accreditation status, that the collection remains in public ownership and that the museum has long-term financial stability. We also expect that it will provide a major boost for the regeneration of Sandown and play an important role in promoting the sciences to young people. The latter two outcomes are an integral part of the plan. We see the new museum as developing into a national centre for British dinosaurs, which combined with a large area for family activities and plenty of interactive hands-on experiences will provide a major boost to the Sandown and Isle of Wight economy. Our main concern remains the slow progress being made by the Isle of Wight Council in making a decision about our vision.

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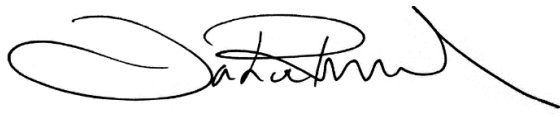
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|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Membership Fees:</b>  | 1048            | 717             |
| <b>Income from Quiz Evenings:</b>                                      | 0               | 250             |
| <b>Charity Box Takings:</b>  | 0               | 223             |
| <b>Income from Blast from the Past and Family Fun Day<sup>1</sup>:</b> | 0               | 452             |
| <b>Income from other events<sup>2</sup>:</b>                           | 0               | 131             |
| <b>Miscellaneous:</b>  | 0               | 0               |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>  | <b>1048</b>     | <b>1773</b>     |
| <b>Expenditure</b>   |                 |                 |
| <b>Blast from the Past and Family Fun Day expenses<sup>1</sup>:</b>    | 0               | 98              |
| <b>Purchase for the Museum:</b>  | 0               | 0               |
| <b>Other event expenses<sup>2</sup>:</b>                               | 0               | 58              |
| <b>Miscellaneous<sup>3</sup>:</b>                                      | 0               | 15              |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>171</b>      |
| <b>Net income</b>  | <b>1048</b>     | <b>1602</b>     |

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Dr J.A.F. Lockwood Chair of Trustees