

Honorary Directors' report to the fifth (2020/21 year) Annual General Meeting of Richmondshire Museum

The year opened remaining subject to varying Covid19 pandemic restrictions and in consequence the Museum re-scheduled its intended opening date remaining closed until 19th July 2021. The Museum was therefore open to the public for only fifteen weeks closing on 31st October 2021. The total of 1399 visitors achieved in this period was 30% low compared with the same period pre pandemic in 2019. This we believe was due to public post pandemic reticence but also to front of house manning coverage issues caused mainly by Covid19 concerns.

Our Museum Manager and Cleaner were still employed during the closed period with only necessary attendance at the Museum for collections care, maintenance and security purposes. We thank our Museum Manager for her diligence and note in particular how she kept in touch with our Volunteers during this difficult time.

We thank all our Volunteers who returned to the Museum after the shutdown period and understand why other Volunteers felt unable to help this year.

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 show a loss of (£10,525) and we are due to receive our Independent Examiner's report later in May. No adverse comments are expected. This loss results from restricted opening against the unavoidable costs of investing in a viable Museum beyond the pandemic. Its effect on following years is profound and requires attention to regain sustainability.

Cost mitigation measures were carried out where possible during the year but fixed overheads were subject to normal inflation.

The Management Committee met eleven times during the year. There were three Hon Director's meetings. A Sub-Committee was formed to consider the future strategic direction of the Museum and we thank Brian Benson for leading this Sub-Committee.

The lift became inoperable before we opened. To enable a cost reduced repair and improved service our lift service provider was changed and our accounts contain a provision for a disputed amount with our previous service provider.

During the year two Management Committee Members decided to leave and we thank Mrs Fiona Vasey and Mr Rob Oades for their work in the past.

The pandemic has had a major detrimental impact on the Museum. Contributory to this was lack of significant support from any level of

government. Whilst most in the business sector received sustaining financial assistance small voluntary organisations received little, if any. The consequences are concerning to the future of Richmondshire Museum well beyond the 2020/21 year.

16th May 2022

Richmondshire Museum
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 March 2022

Last year

	£	£	£
Income			
Shop Sales	558		181
Shop Stock purchases	260		18
Net	298		163
Admission	4,494		0
Cash Donations within Museum	337		531
Grants	5,900		14,677
Donations	6,002		28,570
Gift Aid	801		2,416
Lottery	672		624
Fundraising Events	469		50
Research	25		60
Education	0		25
Membership Subscription	570		1,105
Interest	0		1
Miscellaneous	40		0
		£19,608	48,222
Expenses			
Wages	11,124		10,447
Electricity	3,237		2,247
Insurance	2,120		3,191
Telephone	379		396
Lift	3,714		1,082
Alarms	1,038		1,312
Water	100		143
Lottery Wins	575		625
Newsletter, Stationery and Postage	613		439
Museum Building Improvements	0		309
Repairs and Maintenance	813		16,791
Advertising	624		230
Curating Materials	1,154		3,084
Housekeeping	45		24
Miscellaneous	4,597		910
Honorarium	0		0
		£30,133	41,230
Profit/-loss		-£10,525	£6,991

Al P. Jr.
 26 May 2022