

# MOUNTSORREL MUSEUM AND HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1174559

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-09-07
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A MUSEUM AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITY FOR ITEMS OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST, ARCHIVES, PHOTOGRAPHS, FLORA AND FAUNA AND ARTS AND CRAFTS ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATING TO THE VILLAGE OF MOUNTSORREL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

**Activities:** We aim to maintain Mountsorrel's flora & fauna by maintaining a Site of Importance CBCW5814/2(25498) by traditional methods like hand scything. We aim to inform on Mountsorrel's past at our Monthly Meetings. Our Museum opened in September 2019 to display our artefacts and photographic material on Mountsorrel subjects to inform and educate visitors. Our Website also offers heritage information.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Leicestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£3,508	£3,539	-	-
2024-12-31	£2,557	£2,776	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,931	£3,889	-	-
2022-09-30	£3,461	£2,482	-	-
2021-09-30	£1,355	£2,696	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN DOYLE	Chair	2017-09-05
Christopher Lyon		2023-08-24
Eric Makin		2021-09-17
Jonathan Craig Boon		2024-11-04
KEITH FOSTER		2017-09-05
LINDA TYMAN		2017-09-05
Mary Gearey		2019-02-12
PATRICK NEAL		2017-09-05
Trisha Anne Stones		2021-10-15

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# Mountsorrel Museum and Heritage Trust

## Report of Trustees for 2025

### 1. Objectives and aims

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The trustees are satisfied that MHG's aim and objectives continue to be met; the provision of a museum facility, the continuing development of an archive of local materials to support local history studies have been promoted and maintained, as has work in the further development of the Navins Wildflower Meadow and general support of other wildlife related initiatives within the village.

The results of research have been disseminated widely through open access to the Museum and Archive, talks and publications. The use of the website and social media has led to a wider engagement locally and even internationally.

### 2. Risk management statement

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We do not work with children or vulnerable adults; we are not providing social services or support to any identified group at risk, although we may come into contact with them. The Group has a suite of policies and a code of conduct for volunteers which are reviewed annually and together with a copy of our Constitution, are available for inspection at the Museum.

### 3. Achievement and Performance

#### 3.1 Talks Series

The Group holds a series of Talks at Mountsorrel Memorial Centre with a minimal admission fee for both Members and members of the public to cover room hire and speaker costs. Charges for Members are discounted. Attendance at talks averaged out at 41 per meeting.

Talks series from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025:

14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Abolition of Slavery.

11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Lost Windmills of Leicestershire

11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Florence Nightingale

8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Allied Airpower in Support of D Day.

20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Lady Jane Grey’s House

10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Noel Wakeling Memorial Talk – Mountsorrel Slide Show

9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Jarrow Crusade

14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Mindblowing Facts about the Universe we live in

11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Mountsorrel Castle and it’s place in history

9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Members’ Quiz Night & Social

### 3.2 Museum Exhibitions and Other Displays

Following on from our “Blast from the Past” quarrying history exhibition that closed at the end of 2024 we have held a series of smaller displays looking at various aspects of the village history. Alongside our own displays we have hosted displays by the Charnwood Forest Geopark Project looking at the geology of the area, and in particular, that of our own village area. This latter display was followed by a display of local tiles which linked to a loan of floor and roof tile fragments from Mountsorrel Castle loaned by the County Museum Service.

Throughout the period we have been preparing a new series of displays which will be installed during the Christmas 2025/New Year 2026 period ready for re-opening around the end of January 2026.

The Group has also supported commemorative events in village by the production of short-term single subject displays used in the village library and in the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre.

<b>Visitor numbers 2025</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Opening Sessions</b>
January	26	11
February	28	12
March	14	13
April	15	10
May	27	12
June	22	13
July	26	13
August	67	15
September	22	13
October	27	14
November	23	13
December	12	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>142</b>

Museum opening sessions are dependent upon volunteer availability with a minimum of two present but often with three. Regular opening sessions are advertised and are routinely scheduled as; Thursdays and Fridays 2pm – 4pm and Saturdays 09:30am – noon. On request and subject to volunteer availability we will also open at other hours.

### **3.3 Publications**

An illustrated Newsletter is published monthly and emailed to the Membership together with other interested parties. For those members who are not IT users a printed copy is provided.

Whilst no new publications have been produced in this period, sales of our previous publications relating to the village in WW1 and Quarrying continue to be purchased by visitors.

We have regularly provided articles and news items to local publications, notably Village Life and Mountsorrel Post. These articles provide a successful engagement opportunity with the wider community in the Charnwood area.

### **3.4 Website and Social Media**

The Group website is widely accessed and generates questions on a wide range of subjects including, understandably, many family history research queries. Website usage numbers for 2025 were 4,700 visitors and 9,500 views. We continue to restructure and update the site however, as we are reliant upon internal resources, progress is slow.

Our social media presence is limited to a Facebook page which in addition to Group News, updates details of upcoming talks etc is used for a "Fortnightly Photo" article. This has proved particularly popular both locally and with many followers who have Mountsorrel roots but are now spread across the globe. Followers and general readership of our postings vary in numbers very much depending on the subject matter with the average about 1000 but that in one case hit 2700. It is particularly pleasing to see these postings generate on-line discussions amongst members and the general public that add information not previously recorded and, in some instances, furnish photographic and other artefacts to add to the Collections and Archive.

In addition, the Museum is marked on GoogleMaps with regularly updated information regarding opening hours.

### **3.5 Other Engagement**

The Group has supported the history curriculum of our village Primary School in the provision of archival material for lesson content. Additionally, we arranged and part hosted a site visit for pupils to St Peter's Church, the oldest extant building in the village.

Through winter 2025/6 we mounted a display at Charnwood Museum, Loughborough, utilising their Community Showcase facility which resulted in a variety of contacts, enquiries and visitors to our Mountsorrel facility.

## **4. Membership**

There were the usual small fluctuations in memberships over the year following new memberships, members leaving (resigned, deceased or simply departed the village) with 44 members at the year end.

## **5. Committee**

The Trustees fill the roles of Officers of the Group and form, with a Co-opted Member the Management Committee. Details are set out below.

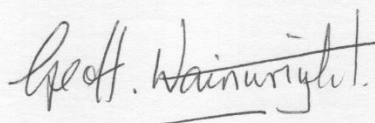
## 6. Financial position – Balance Sheet 01 01 2025 – 31 12 2025

Mountsorrel Museum & Heritage Trust  
Balance Sheet for the period  
January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025

	<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>
Balance b/fwd	2271.40	Room Hire	559.00
Members' Subs	350.00	Speakers' Fees	270.00
Meetings Income	1062.00	Insurance	304.50
Donations & Sales	181.00	Stationery	27.60
Grants etc	825.00	Web Hosting	200.00
Quiz Eve Income	659.00	Quiz Eve Expenses	540.00
REVIVAL	430.75	Equipment	826.85
		Printing	454.12
		Sundry Expenses	108.25
		Balance c/fwd	2488.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,779.15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,779.15</b>

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	2410.67
Cash in hand	78.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,488.83</b>

These accounts have been Independently Examined  
by  
Geoff. Wainwright.



January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026

**NB: A signed copy of the balance sheet is available for inspection at the AGM.**

## 7. Reserves policy

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## 8. Future Plans

The intention of the Trustees is to continue to deliver the aims and objectives of the Society through encouraging the active interest in all aspects of the heritage of Mountsorrel by:

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## **9. Structure, Governance and Management**

### **9.1 Governing document**

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The Committee meets on a regular basis and is responsible for the overall policy of the charity, and matters relating to finance and the delivery of the charitable objects.

## **10. Reference and Administrative Details**

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1174559

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### **10.3 Trustees and Management Committee**

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**Trustee:** Linda Tyman

**Trustee:** Mary Geary

**Trustee:** Trish Stones

**Trustee:** Eric Makin

**Trustee:** Keith Foster

**Trustee:** Craig Boon

**Co-opted Member:** Leanne Boon

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## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

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9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Mountsorrel Hills.

13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Beatrix Potter.

12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Disappearing Mountsorrel.

9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Bits and Bobs.

7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Stonywell Cottage

10<sup>th</sup> September – Roman Leicester

8<sup>th</sup> October – Vaccinations

5<sup>th</sup> November – History of St Peter's Church

10<sup>th</sup> December – Members' Night

## **2. Museum Exhibitions and Other Displays**

Throughout the period under review the Museum has been the site of our "Blast from the Past" exhibition looking at all aspects of the history of quarrying within and around the village. This has been enabled by financial contributions by TARMAC, and a Charnwood Borough Council Ward Councillors Grant. The exhibition, some two years in production, consisted of artefacts, display panels and research papers. It was further enhanced by the long loan of artefact from the Leicestershire County Museum Service including for a short period, the "Mountsorrel Bucket". That Exhibition ended in December 2024 at which point we temporarily closed the Museum whilst we prepared for our new exhibition approach. We plan to re-open in March 2025 with a mix of permanent and changing displays.

The Group has also supported commemorative events in village by the production of short-term single subject displays used in the village library and in the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre. These displays focussed on the roles of Mountsorrel Service personnel in the key battles of World War 2 that saw their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries in 2024.

## **3. Publications**

An illustrated Newsletter is published monthly and emailed to the Membership together with other interested parties. For those members who are not IT users a printed copy is provided.

A small pamphlet was produced to support the "Blast from the Past" Exhibition as was, with the support of Christ Church & St Peter's School a quiz sheet aimed at primary school pupils.

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	<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>
Balance B/f	£2,490.24	Room Hire	£397.00
Members Subs	£410.00	Speakers Fees	£250.00
Meetings Income	£981.00	Insurance	£304.50
Donations	£66.00	Stationary	£41.04
Sales of books etc	£115.00	Web Hosting and Maintenance	£200.00
Quiz Evening Income	£674.00	Quiz Evening Expenses	£669.00
Revival Income	£311.16	Revival Expenses	£79.93
		Sundry Expenses	£82.23
		Computer Updating	£635.99
		Castle Materials	116.31
		Balance C/f	£2,271.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,047.40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,047.40</b>
		<b>LLOYDS BANK</b>	<b>£2,159.41</b>
		<b>TREASURERS ACCOUNT</b>	
		<b>CASH IN HAND</b>	<b>£111.99</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,271.40</b>
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**Trustee:** Trish Stones

**Trustee:** John Hingley (Resigned 26 Sept 2024)

**Trustee:** Eric Makin

**Trustee:** Chris Lyon

**Trustee:** Caig Boon (Elected 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024)

**Co-opted Member:** Leanne Boon

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## **Mountsorrel Heritage Group**

### **Chairman's Report for the Annual General Meeting 2024**

With a current membership of 50, MHG was formed officially in 2005 from a previous informal gathering of interested individuals. We were registered as a Charitable Trust in 2017 with key charitable objectives of delivering a museum facility for items of historical and archaeological interest, archives, photographs, flora and fauna and arts and relating to the village of Mountsorrel and the surrounding area.

Whilst our membership numbers are slightly down on previous years our public engagement is certainly up in particular with our Facebook postings where our Fortnightly Photo feature reaches between 500 and 3000 viewers and generates conversation amongst not only village residents but the wider Mountsorrel diaspora across the UK, Europe and to the US and Australia. Our Monthly Talks on a wide range of subjects attracts a regular average audience of around 30. I would like to say a word of thanks here to the staff of MMC Venue where the talks are held, who are always so supportive of us in the admin that goes on behind the talks. Additionally, our Monthly Newsletter goes not just to the membership but also to a wide number of other individuals and organisations.

In the Museum we still have on display our "Blast From The Past" exhibition looking at the village's quarrying heritage but are now starting to move to a more permanent set of subject displays that we will rotate over time coupled with far smaller short term displays. Our small but regular through flow of visitors to the Museum, some 585, was quite dwarfed at Revival 2023 when, thanks to us having gained the short-term loan of the Mountsorrel Bucket from the County Museum Service, we had over 600 visitors on the day.

With support through Borough Councillor Ward Grants we have been able to make the whole electronic Archive, photographic and documentary, available to view within the Museum.

Our Trust Aims also include Flora and Fauna and our main effort here is on the Navins Wildflower Meadow which this spring had a mass of cowslips in flower following on from the Snowdrops, and particularly a burgeoning number of Snakes-Head Fritillaries. Work on the Meadow started in 2005/6 and now has a proper marker stone courtesy of TARMAC with a small information board that we put together with input from pupils at Christ Church & St Peters Primar School. The meadow is managed organically within a programme of seasonal scything, seed-set and clearance. Additionally, we carry out some limited work in the Peace Garden ensuring that it looks at its best not only for Armistice Day but also during the summer when many folk enjoy the site as a peaceful corner of the village.

We recognise that to ensure the longevity of the Group we must recruit new and younger members and are actively addressing this challenge.

*John C Doyle*

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Chairman  
Mountsorrel Museum & Heritage Trust  
<http://mountsorrelarchive.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/mountsorrelarchive/>

MOUNTSORREL MUSEUM AND HERITAGE TRUST  
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 21st2023

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Balance b/fw	£3,448.10	Room Hire	£495.00
Members Subs	£301.00	Speakers Fees	£410.00
Meetings Income	£857.00	Insurance	£304.50
Donations	£80.49	Stationary	£183.34
Sales	£238.00	Web Hosting	£200.00
Quiz Eve Income	£555.00	Quiz Eve expenses	£381.12
Grants	£500.00	Printing	£1,867.44
Amazon	£24.39	Sundry Expenses	£47.00
Lloyds (compensation)	£60.00		
Revival	£302.76	Balance C/f	£2,490.34
Sundry Income	£12.00		
TOTAL	£6,378.74	TOTAL	£6,378.74
		Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	£2,138.47
		Cash In hand	£351.77
		TOTAL	£2,490.34

These accounts have been independantly examined by  
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## **Mountsorrel Museum and Heritage Trust**

### **Chairman's Report for the Annual General Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023**

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our AGM 2023.

AGMs have traditionally been sparsely attended or have been seen as an “add-on” to talks evenings and we wanted to ensure that the membership had time to express views, raise issues of concern and view the current displays. There was also the question of the cost of room hire and availability. So, despite space been a little cramped in the unlikely event of the full membership attending we decided meet here within the Museum.

Like many other small groups, we are still recovering from the challenges of COVID lock downs. Although life is considerably easier, we are still not where we were some three years ago, but we continue to meet the core aims of our Constitution in establishing and maintaining a museum facility for items of historical and archaeological interest, archives, photographs and working to support the flora and fauna and arts and crafts of Mountsorrel. In meeting those aims we have:

- Continued to provide a village Museum facility here at the library which we normally open two afternoons and one morning per week. This year we took the decision to close the museum between display changes to allow ourselves the time to set displays out to their best advantage. That has taken the pressure off Committee Members who for most part are the ones who carry out research, develop displays and staff the museum. Following a plea in a recent Newsletter we now have two Members who have volunteered to assist on an ad hoc basis for which we are grateful, and we would welcome more.
- Visitor numbers are a variable but over the 125 days the museum has been open this last 12 months we have had 330 visitors. The Primary School's History Detectives After School Club have again visited our exhibitions and are helping develop for us display related quiz sheets suitable for the younger visitor.
- The electronic archive of photographic and written material which covers all aspects of the village's history and environment, continues to grow albeit now more slowly than at first but new (as in previously unknown) material continues to arrive. We currently hold approx. xxxx photos (some duplicates) and xxxx documents. There is also a printed archive of documents and books and a collection of artefacts. The accessibility improvements we made last year have paid off with displays now supported by appropriate material access using the large touch-screen with printing available should visitors wish copies.
- Our autumn to spring Monthly Talks held at the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre (MMC) continue to be popular with members and non-members alike and I would like to note our thanks to MMC staff who have always been very supportive of the Group.
- Whilst we have not carried out any Archaeological Test Pit digs this last year, we continue to look for appropriate opportunities to do so.
- Our environmental work still concentrates on the Navins Wildflower Meadow, which we continue to develop organically through a traditional regime of scything, seed

drop and set followed by hay collection. We have also continued our regular work-party in the Peace Garden from spring through to Remembrance Day.

- Our website is still a challenge for us to maintain but does have visitors and does generate queries and requests from across the UK and worldwide. In 2022 the site had 3496 visitors with a total of 10,844 views.
- We have continued to use Facebook as an immediate engagement point with members and the public and our Fortnightly Photo feature sparks comments, memories, and questions. As with the website it is also a conduit for specific queries and requests for information from near and far. On Facebook we have 1097 “Followers” and we average up to 2000 readers of our postings.
- We recognise that there is a large cohort who neither use social media nor IT generally and for members in that bracket we provide printed copies of our Monthly Newsletter which electronically goes to the Membership of 46 plus a further 22 individuals and Groups mostly outside the village including some overseas.

## **Future**

There are two priority challenges membership and the Museum space.

We welcome (and need!) more members, and whilst we fully welcome those who are simply interested in any aspect of the village, we particularly need those with an active interest in researching the village’s past and environment – we haven’t covered every aspect of the village’s history, there is more out there needs to be captured for the Archive and made available to our community. At present it is essentially only members of your committee who do research work but we would really welcome input from any, indeed all, members. If you feel you are able to help in this please talk to us, similarly if you feel research is a challenge to far but have memories of the village that could be recorded, again please talk to us.

The other priority is one which is really out of our hands and that is the further development of the Village Museum to more effectively exploit the available space. Here we need to wait on the Council finalising all the arrangements concerning the building and the relationship with the Owner and the County Council. They know we wish to progress but we recognise that they cannot advance until all the legalities are settled.

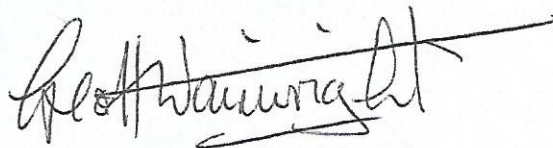
Thank you, are there any questions?

**Mountsorrel Museum & Heritage Trust**  
**Balance Sheet for the period**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

	<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>
Balance b/fwd	2469.04	Room Hire	361.00
Members' Subs	50.00	Speakers' Fees	260.00
Meetings Income	836.00	Insurance	304.50
Donations	70.00	Stationery	208.26
Sales	421.72	Web Hosting	200.00
Quiz Eve Income	565.00	Quiz Eve Expenses	472.20
Grants	1500.00	Sundry Expenses	186.57
Sundry Income	18.00	Equipment	489.13
		Balance c/fwd	3448.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,929.76</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,929.76</b>

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	£3,390.17
Cash in hand	£57.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,448.10</b>

These accounts have been Independently Examined  
 By  
 Geoff. Wainwright.



January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023

**MOUNTSORREL MUSEUM AND HERITAGE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174559

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Report of Mountsorrel Museum and Heritage Trust**

### **2021/2022**

In common with village museums across the UK the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic has left its mark and many of our village activities have ground to a halt plus the sad loss of some of our villagers and supporters.

One of our significant sources of income is our village 'Revival Day' and this has not happened for two years. Thankfully this will be "revived" this year in August 2022 (2020 and 2021 were cancelled) and will allow us all to draw a line under 2020 and 2021 and move forward.

We are currently running an exhibition in our museum regarding the Mountsorrel Village Green and its occupants over the ages which has proved both interesting and stimulated a lot of memories to our visitors.

We are now working on our next exhibition which will cover the Mountsorrel Quarry. Mountsorrel granite has been quarried from Roman times right through to the present day and we are currently preparing an exhibition which will cover the people who worked in the quarry and the roads, railway(s) and river which distributed the stone products throughout the UK.

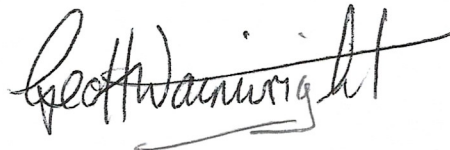
We continue to have our monthly meetings with guest speakers and members of our group on various subjects which continue to stimulate and enlighten both members and visitors.

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**Mountsorrel Museum & Heritage Trust**  
**Balance Sheet for the period**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

	<b><u>Income</u></b>		<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>
Balance b/fwd	3810.29	Room Hire	136.99
Members' Subs	165.00	Speaker's Fee	30.00
Meetings Income	432.00	Insurance	314.04
Donations	43.74	Stationery & Cards	79.98
Sales (other than WWI books)	122.00	Web Hosting	200.00
Sales of WWI Books	36.00	Sundry Expenses	22.00
Grants	536.00	Museum	1892.98
Revival – Money Refunded	20.00	Revival Pitch	20.00
		Balance c/fwd	2469.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,165.03</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,165.03</b>

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 Geoff. Wainwright.



January 15<sup>th</sup> 2022