



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date			
	From	Day 01	Month October	Year 2020	To	Day 30	Month September	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Patrick Ager	Chair		
2	Richard Brown	Treasurer/Members		
3	Zilla Brown	Secretary		
4	Sylvia Denham	Curator		
5	Peter Loosmore	Miller/Supervisor		
6	Jane Palmer	Publicity		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Museums Advisor for Dorset	Vicky de Wit	Dorset Council, Dorchester, Dorset

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Our object is to advance the education of the public in the history and heritage of Sturminster Newton and its surrounding villages, in particular, but not exclusively by: The maintenance and management of a Grade II* listed working mill: The maintenance and management of Sturminster Newton Museum to nationally recognised accreditation standards of governance, collections management and visitor services: Making our collections accessible through displays and provision of research facilities: Actively engaging with schools and adult interest groups through regular talks, events and targeted activities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Museum: During normal times the Museum is open for eleven months of the year, only closing in January for updating the displays. Entrance to the Museum is free. For Town events, like the Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival, we extend our opening times to cover the event. Where possible we also put on a relevant display e.g. display regarding Thomas Hardy, William Barnes and Robert Young for the Literary Festival. We also host "Finds Days" where the County Finds Officer comes to identify objects found by members of the public.

This year (2020 to 2021) the Museum was closed to the public until the end of May, having been closed since mid March 2020. Since re-opening there have been a steady flow of visitors, although numbers are lower than for the same period in 2019. We have extended our weekday opening hours by one hour, closing at 4-00 pm instead of 3-00 pm, to provide more of an opportunity for, among others, visitors after school hours. As a new venture we have set up an area in the Museum where members of the public can browse, under supervision, through our large photographic archive and documents relating to family history, such as census records. A computer and desk for this was financed by a grant. We have also restarted our evening talks, the first one was in September, although the frequency will be somewhat less than previous.

Mill: During normal times the Mill is open from April to the end of September from 11-00 a.m. to 5-00 p.m. There is an admission charge for the Mill but this also includes an optional guided tour. We host various events for the public and for members and volunteers at the Mill; including being a venue for the "Honky Tonk Festival". Due to Covid the Mill was closed throughout 2020.

This year (2020 to 2021), due to the ongoing difficulties posed by Covid restrictions we were unable to open until the end of May. We have welcomed a steady flow of visitors and as Covid restrictions eased we were able to host a visit by Hazelgrove Junior School. We were also able to restart our "Men at the Mill" group, a meeting forum for local men to chat and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. Since closing at the end of September, scaffolding has been erected at the Mill so that repairs to the Mill can commence. This is a joint venture between the Trust, the Town Council and the Mill owners, the Pitt-Rivers Estate.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our volunteers are very important to us and in the past we have held a special event to thank them and allow them to purchase items from our shop at a discount during a special late opening of the Museum. Now that Covid restrictions are easing we hope to do this in the near future. We have also produced this year a small pocket sized folding booklet for Museum and Mill volunteers giving relevant and useful information. We hope to issue a new version to all volunteers each year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

The Trust has been able to re-open both the Museum and the Mill for visitors. We have also been able to take part in the Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival by extending our opening hours at the Museum to include all day Saturday and Sunday; the Mill is normally open on both days and this year was no exception. For the Sturminster Newton Literary Festival we had a dedicated display at the Museum covering the three authors/poets; Thomas Hardy, Robert Young and William Barnes. Once again we extended our opening hours to cover both Saturday and Sunday. We have also obtained a grant to finance the purchase of a computer so that members of the public can access, under supervision, our large photographic archive as well as other documents relating to family history. We have set aside a dedicated area for this activity. Another grant from Dorset Council's Community & Culture Project Fund has made it possible to make virtual tours of both the Mill and Museum, particularly the upper floors for those with mobility problems. We have also invested in new efficient heaters throughout the museum for the better protection of our collections, the building and for the comfort of our volunteers. At the Mill we have re-started "Men at the Mill" which is a forum for local men to meet, chat and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. Since the Mill closed in September scaffolding has been erected and repair work has started. This is being carried out in partnership with the Town Council and the Pitt-Rivers Estate; the Mill owner. We have also started our talks programme, the first one was in September.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We will provide a level of working capital that protects the continuity of our core work (£5,000 - £10,000). This will provide funding for unexpected opportunities and cover for risks of unexpected expenditure or loss of income.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure

We survived 2020 thanks to a £10,000 coronavirus grant from the government. We are eligible for these grants as our shops are classed as businesses and we pay business rates for the two buildings we occupy and maintain. We were required to cease trading whilst in lockdown.

This situation continued into 2021 and we received further coronavirus grants totalling over £12,000. Further grants from Dorset County council and other organisations and benefactors lifted this income to over £30,000.

We resumed trading later in the year and made significant profits from the Mill & Museum. These increases from the previous year can be seen on the Receipts area of the account sheet. Our total income for the year rose to £43,726.

Unfortunately, our payments rose but not as dramatic as our income.

With the years profits were able to replace our ageing and uneconomic heating system in the Museum. The payment for this has been spread over 2 years and totals nearly £10,000. This investment will last 20 years or more.

We also bought a new computer system for our new family research area and

has supported the key objectives of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

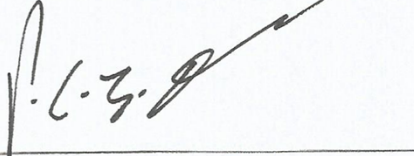
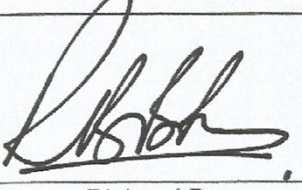
also an electronic tour guide for the Mill for those visitors who cannot walk round the Mill.
At the end of the accounting year our bank balance stood at a record £29,900. We have 2 major payments to come this year, namely the second payment for the Museum heaters and our solicitor fees for the changes to our mortgage and charity status. We stand in a good financial position ready for 2022.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Patrick Ager	Richard Brown
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer/Membership
Date	01 NOV 2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
STURMINSTER NEWTON HERITAGE TRUST

No (if any)
1184320

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2020	To	Period end date 30/09/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
COACHES FOR VISITS	-	-	-	-	25
DONATIONS/GRANTS	30,162	-	-	30,162	13,985
DRAWS				-	177
FLOUR SALES	1,738			1,738	2,758
GIFT AID CLAIMS	501			501	1,895
LECTURES	33			33	373
MILL DONATIONS	391			391	25
MILL ENTRANCE FEES	4,701			4,701	
MILL REPAIR DONATION BOXES	158			158	149
MILL SALES	3,385			3,385	144
MUSEUM DONATIONS	315			315	219
MUSEUM SALES	1,764			1,764	1,424
RAILWAY INCOME	8			8	
RENTAL INCOME	- 200			- 200	2,400
SUBSCRIPTIONS	770			770	1,288
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	43,726	-	-	43,726	24,862
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	43,726	-	-	43,726	24,862
A3 Payments					
ADMIN & MISC EXPENSES	640	-	-	640	4,408
ADVERTISING & MARKETING	25	-	-	25	250
COOP ACCOUNT	-	-	-	-	548
ELECTRICITY MUSEUM	1,804			1,804	1,982
EQUIPMENT & RESTORATION	5,413			5,413	839
EXTERNAL SUBS	269			269	282
FLOUR PRODUCTION COSTS	96			96	1,027
GRAIN PURCHASE	250			250	600
INSURANCE	3,048			3,048	3,621
MAINT. MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT	3,268			3,268	1,752
MORTGAGE REPAYMENTS	6,556			6,556	5,771
PRINTING, POSTAGE & STATIONERY	61			61	509
STOCK	2,335			2,335	1,771
TELEPHONE MILL	274			274	230
TELEPHONE/BROADBAND MUSEUM	592			592	503
WAGES	4,568			4,568	
WATER	149	-	-	149	163
Sub total	29,348	-	-	29,348	24,256
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,348	-	-	29,348	24,256
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,378	-	-	14,378	606
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,522	-	-	15,522	-
Cash funds this year end	29,900	-	-	29,900	606

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CASH ACCOUNT	23	-	-
	LLOYDS TREASURERS ACCOUNT	24,644	-	-
	BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	5,233	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,900	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	PROPERTY. 1 OLD MARKET CROSS HOUSE		-	200,000
	MUSEUM & MILL STOCK		-	5,160
	MUSEUM ARTIFACTS & EQUIPMENT		-	31,635
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	MORTGAGE (CHARITY BANK)		50,000	IN 11 YEARS
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		P.AGER (CHAIRMAN)		
		R.B.BROWN(TREASURER)		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

STURMINSTER NEWTON HERITAGE TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 Sept 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1184320

Set out on pages

1-3.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

A Groves

Date:

19/10/21

Name:

AUDREY GROVES

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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G.C.S.A. MATHEMATICS
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.