

Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust.

Trustees Report 2022.

General.

This year the Trust has been involved in a very rewarding project thanks to a substantial grant from the Association of Independent Museums (AIM) and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project, which has been co-ordinated by SNHT, has brought together historians, museums, teachers, artists, musicians and students in both Sturminster Newton and Twillingate Newfoundland. As well as making use of historical archives, the Sturminster Newton students have used digital video link-ups to collaborate with their counterparts in Twillingate Newfoundland. This has resulted in two excellent displays, one at the Mill and one at the Museum, as well as a very well-produced video which was projected onto the side of the Mill at a special presentation evening at the Mill on the 17th July. This evening was very well attended with speeches from various participants, supporters and our mentor for this project. A sign was unveiled at the Mill by one of the participating students. This project is still ongoing.

We have also signed up to another project, along with several other local museums, offered by Windrose. Windrose are a well-established film/video/oral history organisation which aims to collect archive films and videos as well as oral history of the people of Dorset. Sadly, last week we were informed that their Heritage Lottery Fund grant request had been rejected. I believe they are thinking of asking for a review of this discission.

Two Trustees (Peter Loosmore and Jane Palmer) along with our Miller (Jonathan Clayton) took part in the open/parents evening at the High School displaying tools and associated items pertaining to the Mill as well as talking to attendees about the Mill and the Newfoundland Project and the role played by the students.

Thanks to Jessica England (Trustee) the Trust has been conducting a survey regarding visiting both the Mill and Museum. Face to Face, Paper Questionnaires, QR Coded Posters, Links in the Newsletter and on the Trust's Website have been used to obtain information. The results are being analysed by the Trustees.

Throughout the year there have been a number of talks in the Exchange with varying size audiences. In August we also had a stall in the Railway Gardens for the Stur Buzz event. There were a few enquiries and we sold several items.

The Trustees have reviewed all policies due for review in 2022 (Nos. 1 to 15 inclusive).

Mill.

For some time, the Mill had been clad in scaffolding so that the rotten and broken windows could be replaced. This job has now been completed. There have been several Milling Days at the Mill this year, including milling during the Cheese Festival Weekend and National Mills Weekend. The North Dorset Radio Hams were in attendance during this weekend as usual. General maintenance has been carried out including replacing rotten flooring under the mill stone and safety barriers/wire and new padlocks. Men at the Mill is up and running again after

being shut down because of Covid. The Mill took part in the Dorset Architectural Week which entails opening the Mill free of charge to visitors on a specific day as advertised by DAHW. Booklets for this event were available from Libraries and TICs. We hosted a "Teddy Bears Picnic and Open Day" on the Thursday and Friday of the Jubilee Weekend. There have also been three successful visits from a special education school. The Swanskin/Newfoundland evening in July, as previously mentioned, was a great success. Owners of the Japanese Motorcycle Group paid a return visit to the Mill. Peter, Jonathan, Zilla and Jane hosted four very successful morning sessions for groups of 24 year 7 students with a number of activities including tours, sketching, pond dipping and bird watching on one morning.

Museum.

Visitor numbers are up on last year and the number of children has doubled. We retained the Hardy, Barnes and Young display for this year's Literary Festival and the "Hardy's Wessex" event. The "Town Crier" display was replaced by one covering waste and its impact on the environment. There was also a temporary display on wedding dresses and photographs during the town's "Bridal Fair". This was replaced by the Swanskin/Newfoundland display. The Museum hosted three "Finds Days" where Mrs Trevarthen, Dorset's Finds Liaison Officer, identified items brought in by members of the public. Throughout the year there have been small window displays covering Easter, Summer Holidays by Train, the Queen's Jubilee and sadly her death. An Emergency Call Button system linked to our fire and intruder alarm system has been installed by Partnership who will be monitoring this alarm along with the fire and intruder alarms

In conclusion

A much better year than last year. Looking to the future, we are planning a new display for the Museum featuring the history of our town. We are also looking at replacing our railway layout located upstairs in the Museum. Hopefully we will secure funding to do this. Any donations towards this project would be gratefully received. We have a team of railway modelers who have come up with some excellent plans. Finally: I wish to say thank you so much to the students and staff at the High School for all of their excellent work in providing such a brilliant display and video. Also, many thanks to Zilla and Jane who have been co-ordinating this project. Our thanks are also due to our backroom team who meet during the week in the Museum to keep the paperwork up to date, research and help with displays. Thank you to Jo who looks after the Museum Shop and produces the Museum Duty Rotas and thank you Zilla who does the Mill Rotas and Jane who looks after the Mill Shop. This year Jane's husband, Roger, spent many hours checking our Policies. Thank you very much for doing this. Thanks are also due to my fellow Trustees who have put in a lot of work to keep everything running smoothly. Last, but by no means least, thank you to all of our loyal volunteers who enable us to keep the Museum and Mill open for the enjoyment of our visitors. We would like a few more volunteers for both the Mill and the Museum. If you think you could help, please contact us by e-mail via our website, by phone, letter or just pop into the Museum or Mill when they are open. Without all of these people who give so freely of their time we would not be here; so, thank you one and all.

Treasurer's report 2022

After a successful year both in the Museum and the Mill the finances do not reflect this as in the end, we made a loss of just over £5000. This is not as bad as it looks as half of this loss will be repaid from the outstanding Swanskin grant and the other half was the final payment for the new heaters in the Museum. These heaters have been remarkably successful in reducing our electricity heating costs, currently saving over £1000 a year.

Looking at the Receipts register our donations fell dramatically without the Covid grants but our income from the Museum and Mill both increased as did our gift aid claim. Gift aid is a very lucrative addition to our income as we are allowed to claim on all eligible visitor ticket sales to the Mill. Next year our claim will be over £2000 as we are always claiming one year behind.

The Payments register shows that our admin costs rose significantly due to solicitor's charges and 2 years curatorial honorarium payments. We bought £4000 more stock this year some of which is an investment which will be profit making in due course. A new venture at the Mill is the sale of Ice creams which have proved extremely popularthis leads to more stock purchases.

As a charity and Trust, we are financially sound with around £25,000 cash funds.

We own the Museum building, worth around £200,000, with a mortgage of £47,000 owing. This will be repaid in 10 years.

Our Accounts Examiner, Audrey Groves, has decided to step down this year and we would like to thank her sincerely for the many years she has been examining!



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
STURMINSTER NEWTON HERITAGE TRUST

No (if any)
1184320

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2021	To	Period end date 30/09/2022
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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					
BANK INTEREST	9			9	
DONATIONS/GRANTS	9171			9171	30162
FLOUR SALES	2569			2569	1738
GIFT AID CLAIMS	1566			1566	501
LECTURES	1512			1512	33
MILL DONATIONS	898			898	391
MILL ENTRANCE FEES	7385			7385	4701
MILL REPAIR DONATION BOXES	226			226	158
MILL SALES	5477			5477	3385
MUSEUM DONATIONS	485			485	315
MUSEUM SALES	2547			2547	1764
RAILWAY INCOME	15			15	8
RENTAL INCOME					- 200
SUBSCRIPTIONS	861			861	770
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32721			32721	43726
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	32721			32721	43726
A3 Payments					
ADMIN & MISC EXPENSES	3313			3313	640
ADVERTISING & MARKETING	55			55	25
ELECTRICITY MUSEUM	508			508	1804
EQUIPMENT & RESTORATION	6122			6122	5413
EXTERNAL SUBS	260			260	269
FLOUR PRODUCTION COSTS					96
GRAIN PURCHASE	675			675	250
INSURANCE	3716			3716	3048
MAINT. MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT	1794			1794	3268
MORTGAGE REPAYMENTS	6568			6568	6556
PRINTING, POSTAGE & STATIONERY	161			161	61
STOCK	6256			6256	2335
TELEPHONE MILL	268			268	274
TELEPHONE/BROADBAND MUSEUM	491			491	592
WAGES	7458			7458	4568
WATER	207			207	149
Sub total	37853			37853	29348
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	37853			37853	29348
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5131			- 5131	14378
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year ended	29900			29900	

Cash funds this year end	24768			24768	14378
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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	25		
	LLOYDS TREASURERS ACCOUNT	4669		
	LLOYDS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	15009		
	BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	5067		
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	24768 OK	 OK	 OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	PROPERTY, 1 OLD MARKET CROSS HOUSE			200000
	MUSEUM & MILL STOCK			4903
	MUSEUM ARTIFACTS & EQUIPMENT			31635
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	MORTGAGE (CHARITY BANK)		47735	IN 10 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)		