

Simonsbath and Exmoor Heritage Trust

Charity No 1186622

Annual Report

Report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020

Trustees

Steven Pugsley Chair
Anthony Robin Ashburner
Michael Bickersteth
Jayne Chanter
Mark de Wynter Smith
Louise Flagg
Frances Nicholson
Francis Schott
Tegan Gowlland

All Trustees acted throughout the year.

Charity Contact Address

Steven Pugsley, Westerclose Lodge, Withypool, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 7QR

Meetings of Trustees

Trustees met on the 3rd of March formally in person, and subsequently remotely to monitor progress regarding property transfer discussions on 5th May, 7th July, 1st September, 3rd November, 17th November.

Objects of the Charity for the Public Benefit

- (1) To preserve the heritage of Simonsbath and Exmoor parish (in particular, but not exclusively, by preserving and maintaining buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance);
- (2) To advance education in, and promote understanding and appreciation of, the history, heritage, culture and traditions of Simonsbath and Exmoor parish;
- (3) The promotion for the benefit of the public of rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in Simonsbath and Exmoor parish) by all or any of the following means:
 - (a) the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities;
 - (b) the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance;

- (c) the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;
 - (d) the protection or conservation of the environment;
 - (e) such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commission ("the Commission"); and
- (4) To further or benefit the residents of Simonsbath and Exmoor parish and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the charity trustees shall have power to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Achievements and Performance

The Trustees spent much of 2020 in negotiation with the Exmoor National Park Authority regarding the transfer of the former Simonsbath School to the Trust , with the intention that ultimately it will provide exhibition, interpretation and meeting space, whilst at the same time securing the future of this locally historically important building.

The coronavirus pandemic prevented Trustees meeting formally in person after March, but they met remotely on several occasions through the rest of the year to monitor progress and to advance the property negotiation.

Financial Review

The Trust was not required to make any expenditure in this year. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Trust found it difficult to open a bank account, largely due to the unwillingness of the major banks to engage with potential new customers.

Two donations totalling £2000, made by cheque, were held pending the establishment of the account; a third donation of £500 from Exmoor Parish Council was retained by the Council until such time as the Trust's account was open.

Declaration

Name	Steven Pugsley
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	16 th of October 2021

S&EHT**Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st Dec 2020****Income**

Opening Balance	0.00
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Donations	2,500.00
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Unbanked deposits	£2,500.00
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Expenditure

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Closing balances

Balance Carried Forward	2,500.00
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Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2021

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S&EHT**Income for the year ended 31 March 2021**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Donations</i>	.	.
4/1/2020	The Albright Charitable Trust	Donation	£1,000.00		
4/1/2020	The Charities Aid Foundation Dr The Hon Gilbert Greenall CBE	Donation	£1,000.00		
4/1/2020	Exmoor Parish Council	Donation	£500.00		

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