

Simonsbath and Exmoor Heritage Trust

Charity No 1186622

Annual Report

Report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

Trustees

Steven Pugsley Chair
Michael Bickersteth
Mark de Wynter Smith
Frances Nicholson
Francis Schott
Tegan Gowlland
Anthony Robin Ashburner (Until 31st of March)
Jayne Chanter (Until 31st March)
Louise Flagg (Until 31st of March)
Jill Wright (From 13th of May)
Dr G. Edward Greenall (From 13th of May)

Charity Contact Address

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Meetings of Trustees

Trustees met on the 2nd March, 31st of March, 13th May and the 15th of July, all remotely; and on the 14th of October in person.

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

Negotiations proceeded with the Exmoor National Park Authority for a 99-year lease of White Rock Cottage and the Old Schoolroom at Simonsbath. This was duly signed at a public ceremony at White Rock Cottage on the 11th of September and the property transferred. The ongoing effects of the Coronavirus pandemic made letting and fundraising difficult, although a hiring agreement and standard conditions of hire were reviewed and adopted by Trustees, with Covid 19 special conditions.. The Trustees ensured that the property has been carefully tended and maintained in a good state of repair. Throughout the Trustees have worked closely and cooperatively with the Exmoor National Park Authority.

Financial Review

The Trust carried forward £2500 from the 2020 year. In the course of 2021 a further £50 was received in donations. Expenditure was incurred on electricity, insurance and bank charges, totalling £713.19. During the course of the year the Trust was able to open a bank account with Unity Trust Bank.

Declaration

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| Name | Steven Pugsley |
| Position | Chair of Trustees |
| Date | 19 th of October 2021 |

SIMONSBATH & EXMOOR HERITAGE TRUST.
Summary of Income & Expenditure for the year ended
31st December 2021.

Income

Opening balance:
£2,500.00

Donations:
£50.00

£2,550.00

Expenditure: Electricity, Insurance and Bank Charges.

£713.19

Closing balances:

Balance Carried Forward:
£1836.81