

Chairman's Report for AGM 2024

The year has been one of consolidation, moving from the trauma of the Covid years to a more steady and established way of running the Museum. As ever, we opened our doors to visitors after Easter 2023, which necessitated much activity in the preceding weeks to make the building and contents fit and ready. We are fortunate to have a band of volunteers who are prepared to spend time cleaning and ensuring that the Museum is as welcoming as we all like it to be.

The year's exhibition was based on sport and with many original photographs of sporting teams and individuals, it was interesting to see how many participants it was possible to identify. There were also trophies, items of clothing and sports equipment donated and loaned to the Museum for the occasion.

A number of tours of the Palace grounds and the Museum were arranged which proved to be popular and well attended. English Heritage have been particularly co-operative and, fully aware of the historical importance of the site, have taken major steps to make it a valuable asset for Bishop's Waltham, both for its residents and its visitors. It has been agreed that a viewing platform will be constructed in the West Tower and the final details are in the process of being settled.

We have had a small decline in our membership over the year which we have plans to correct. Visitor donations have also been down, possibly due to fewer people carrying cash. In consequence, we are exploring ways of making it easier for cards to be used as well. As you can see from the Finance report, we remain solvent with a healthy bank balance and we continue to seek ways to make our Museum an even greater attraction to visit.

Dr Roy Stainton

Chair of Bishop's Waltham Museum Trust

Museum Final Income and Expenditure 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Friends Subscriptions	370.00	469.33
Donations	1351.94	1711.96
Bank Interest	329.98	52.12
Book sales	392.51	311.99
Gift Aid	423.93	544.04
Grants	0.00	850.00
Insurance (EH Contribution)	208.25	208.25
Rates (EH Contribution)	136.19	0.00
Events	668.00	812.00
	<u>3880.80</u>	<u>4959.69</u>
PAYMENTS		
Rates	64	340.48
Insurance	624.50	656.22
Exhibitions & Acquisitions	585.00	460.62
Printing & Stationery	85.00	55.81
Website	354.50	230.67
Museum Development	198.35	589.66
Computer / museum equipment	61.13	127.33
Book Purchase	208.40	1707.93
Conservation	269.49	202.18
Events	1097.09	603.01
Organisation Subscriptions	220.97	110.00
Grants	0.00	0.00
Alarm costs	0.00	0.00
	<u>3768.43</u>	<u>5083.91</u>

Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>112.37</u>	<u>-124.22</u>
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FUNDS BALANCES

Balance at 1st January	21719.79	21844.01
Surplus for the Year	112.37	-124.22

Balance at 31st December	<u>21832.16</u>	<u>21719.79</u>
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Revd Canon Nick Whitehead

Treasurer and Trustee

April 2024