

THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM OF SOMERSET

England & Wales · Charity number 1188706

Details

Other names	FOTMOS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-03-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Park Field Cottage Langford Budville Wellington Somerset TA21 0QU
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Website	friendsofthemuseumofsomerset.com

Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY PROMOTION,SUPPORT,ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE MUSEUM OF SOMERSET.

Activities: THE CHARITY SUPPORTS THE MUSEUM OF SOMERSET BY MAKING SPECIFIC DONATIONS TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OR CONSERVATION OF OBJECTS. THERE IS A MONTHLY PROGRAMME OF HIGH QUALITY, INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING TALKS HELD AT THE MUSEUM AND OCCASIONAL VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£5,764	£2,340	-	-
2024-09-30	£6,354	£11,697	-	-
2023-09-30	£4,851	£3,558	-	-
2022-09-30	£3,897	£3,545	-	-
2021-09-30	£2,033	£1,610	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRISTOPHER DAVID COOPER	Chair	2020-01-16
BARBARA ROSEMARY COOPER		2020-01-16
BRIAN JAMES HUNTER		2020-01-16
CHRISTINE MAY JESSOP		2020-01-16
DONALD EDWARD RUFFELL		2020-01-16
Lauraine Newcombe		2021-02-16
MARION PATRICIA HOLLEY		2020-01-16
Veronica Matthews		2020-01-16
WENDY FLINT		2020-01-16

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	October	2024		30	September	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Park Field Cottage,	
Langford Budville,	
Wellington, Somerset	
Postcode	TA21 0QU

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	Christopher Cooper	Chair		
2	Barbara Cooper	Treasurer		
3	Christine Jessop	Secretary		
4	Wendy Flint			
5	Donald Ruffell			
6	Marion Holley			
7	Brian Hunter			
8	Veronica Matthews			
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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

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, adopted 18/02/2020, registered 23/03/2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected from membership

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.

Somerset Council's financial difficulties continue to have a long-term effect on the grants made to the South West Heritage Trust and, in turn, to The Museum of Somerset.

The Friends of the Museum of Somerset work closely with the South West Heritage Trust, supporting them with grants for acquisitions, but also support the Museum of Somerset with direct purchases to enable them to continue to provide a varied and consistent programme of events for the public.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the education of the public by promotion, support, assistance and improvement of The Museum of Somerset.

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)

Monthly lectures, those during BST being face to face at The Museum of Somerset, whilst those during GMT are by Zoom.
Regular newsletters.
Occasional visits to places of interest.
Annual lecture by a well-known speaker.
All activities are advertised, and reports of meetings are displayed on the website and sent to local newspapers.
The trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The charity is run exclusively by volunteers.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Annual programme of lectures and an Annual Lecture by a well-known speaker, this year Nigel Phillips. Nigel is associated with Somerset's landscape through his work as a marine and coastal ecologist and author of books like Somerset's Coast – A Living Landscape and The Nature of the Quantocks. He was also the Coastal Ambassador for the Somerset Wildlife Trust, which involved leading coastal walks and marine awareness campaigns. These lectures encourage a wider audience than just members of FOTMOS and hopefully lead to the recruitment of new members.

Only a small donation was made to The Museum of Somerset in this year, towards the purchase of a lectern. However, £1000 has been promised towards the purchase of a locally discovered Roman ring, £5000 has been promised towards the displaying of the Chew Valley Hoard, and a further £2500 has been promised towards various smaller purposes.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held to be available to assist The Museum of Somerset in purchases of specific objects or for specific projects.

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 has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Membership subscriptions are the chief source of funds, supplemented by proceeds from the Annual Lecture. Funds also come from the sale of second-hand books on display in The Museum, occasional plant sales, raffles and quizzes.

Section F Other optional information

Many of the grants made by The Friends to The Museum show local support and lead to funding becoming available from much larger philanthropic bodies.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>C D Cooper</i>	<i>B. R. Cooper</i>
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Full name(s)	Christopher David Cooper	Barbara Rosemary Cooper
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
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Date

15/01/2026

15/01/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Friends of the Museum of Somerset

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/10/1024		9/30/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Members' Subscriptions	2,303	-	-	2,303	2,614
Fund Raising	1,764	-	-	1,764	1,577
Gift Aid	517	-	-	517	310
Bank Interest	1,009	-	-	1,009	585
Donations	127	-	-	127	1,258
Miscellaneous	44	-	-	44	10
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,764	-	-	5,764	6,354
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,764	-	-	5,764	6,354
A3 Payments					
Donations to Museum	130	-	-	130	9,800
Speakers	345	-	-	345	376
Insurance	91	-	-	91	96
Website hosting and maintenance	-	-	-	-	22
Printing, postage and stationery	444	-	-	444	158
Venue	1,102	-	-	1,102	1,050
Miscellaneous	127	-	-	127	195
Subscription to BAFM	100	-	-	100	-
Banking fees	1	-	-	1	-
Sub total	2,340	-	-	2,340	11,697
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,340	-	-	2,340	11,697
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,424	-	-	3,424	5,343
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,424	-	-	3,424	5,343

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	Co-Operative bank accounts	3,151	-	-
	Ecology Building Society	3,459	-	-
	United Trust Bank bonds	13,000	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,610	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	#VALUE!	Barbara Rosemary Cooper	1/15/2026
	#VALUE!	Christopher David Cooper	1/15/2026

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From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day01	Month10	Year2023		Day30	Month09	Year2024

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Charity's principal address

Park Field Cottage
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

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Annual lecture by a well-known speaker.
All activities are advertised, and reports of meetings are displayed on the website and sent to local newspapers.
The trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

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)

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Annual programme of lectures and an Annual Lecture by a well-known speaker which encourage members of the public to join the Friends of the Museum of Somerset, thus enabling their subscriptions to be used to support The Museum of Somerset.

In December 2023, £4,800 was given to The Museum of Somerset to assist with the cost of displaying the Cheddar Brooch, the Friends having contributed to £2,000 to the purchase price in the previous year.

In May 2024, £5,000 was given to The Museum of Somerset to help with the acquisition of the Chew Valley Hoard. The hoard is 2,528 coins dating from the mid-11th century, very shortly after the Norman Conquest of England in 1066. The hoard was found in the Chew Valley, Somerset, in 2019. It is one of the largest finds of Norman coins in the UK.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

FOTMOS has no deficits.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Membership subscriptions are the chief source of funds, supplemented by the Annual Lecture, the sale of second-hand books permanently on display at The Museum, occasional plant sales, raffles, and quizzes. At present £3,640 is reserved to help with the purchase of a lectern for use by any speakers visiting The Museum (£130). A further £1,000 is reserved towards the purchase of a Roman Ring. The remaining £2510 is for The Museum to use in ways that will enhance their visitors' experience.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>B. R. Cooper</i>	<i>C D Cooper</i>
Full name(s)	Barbara Rosemary Cooper	Christopher David Cooper
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
Date	07/11/24	07/11/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2023	To	Period end date 30/09/2024
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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					
Members' Subscriptions	2,614	-	-	2,614	1,644
Fund raising	1,577	-	-	1,577	939
Gift Aid	310	-	-	310	259
Bank Interest	585	-	-	585	132
Visists	-	-	-	-	192
Events	-	-	-	-	1,582
Donations	1,258	-	-	1,258	34
Miscellaneous	10	-	-	10	69
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,354	-	-	6,354	4,851
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,354	-	-	6,354	4,851
A3 Payments					
Donations to Museum	9,800	-	-	9,800	2,223
Speakers	376	-	-	376	217
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Website hosting and maintenance	22	-	-	22	56
Printing, postage and stationery	158	-	-	158	5
Visits	-	-	-	-	130
Events	-	-	-	-	659
Venue	1,050	-	-	1,050	72
Miscellaneous	195	-	-	195	100
Sub total	11,697	-	-	11,697	3,558
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,697	-	-	11,697	3,558
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,343	-	-	- 5,343	1,293
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,528	-	-	21,528	20,235
Cash funds this year end	16,186	-	-	16,186	21,528

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	Co-operative Accounts	3,071	-	-
	Ecology Building Society	426	-	-
	United Trust bank	12,689	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,186	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	<i>B. R. Cooper</i>	B R COOPER	07/11/2024
	<i>C D Cooper</i>	C D COOPER	07/11/2024

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/10/2022** Period start date To **30/09/23**
Period end date

Charity name: **Friends of the Museum of Somerset**

Charity registration number: **1188706**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public by promotion, support, assistance and improvement of The Museum of Somerset.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Monthly lectures, some of which are face to face and others by Zoom. Regular newsletters. Occasional visits to places of interest. Annual lecture by well-known speaker. All activities are advertised, and reports are displayed on the website and sent to local newspapers.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is run exclusively by volunteers. Some speakers give their services voluntarily.

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Annual programme of lectures and an Annual Lecture by a well-known speaker which encourage members of the public to join the Friends of the Museum of Somerset, thus enabling their subscriptions to be used to support The Museum of Somerset.</p> <p>In November £225 was given to purchase a play mat to improve the ambience of the room used for story telling to young children.</p> <p>In April £2000 was given towards the purchase of the Cheddar Brooch, a remarkable Early Medieval silver and copper alloy disc brooch from Cheddar, dating to c. AD 800-900.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The annual profit was £1294.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to be available to assist The Museum in purchases of specific objects or for specific projects e.g. conservation of a picture. At present, £5130 is earmarked to help with the purchase of a Roman ring (£1000), display of the Cheddar Brooch (£4000) and the purchase of a lectern (£130). A further £2405 is set aside for The Museum to use in ways that will enhance their visitors' experience.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£18,567
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	FOTMOS has no deficits.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	An ageing membership, and reluctance of members willing to become trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions are the chief source of funds, supplemented by the sale of second-hand books, permanently on display at the Museum, occasional plant sales, raffles and quizzes.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Money is invested, where possible in higher earning accounts, but with the need to access funds being the chief consideration.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Lack of members willing to become trustees.
Other		The decline in membership appears to have been halted, but greater numbers have necessitated moving to a larger, more expensive, venue.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution derived from Charity Commission template.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees elected each year by members at the Annual General Meeting. Officers are elected at the AGM from amongst the trustees. The trustees may co-opt further trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The trustees hold regular quarterly meetings.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Head of Museums at the South West Heritage Trust, the Museums Operations manager, the Curator of Archaeology and the Museum of Somerset Manager regularly attend trustees' meetings to advise on needs.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of the Museum of Somerset
Other name the charity uses	FOTMOS
Registered charity number	1188706
Charity's principal address	The Museum of Somerset, Castle Green, Taunton TA1 4AA

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	Chris Cooper	Chair		
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3	Barbara Cooper	Treasurer		
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5	Lesley Herriot			
6	Marion Holley			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

10/1/2022

To

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A1 Receipts					
Members' Subscriptions	1,644	-	-	1,644	1,332
Fund Raising	939	-	-	939	637
Gift Aid	259	-	-	259	567
Bank Interest	132	-	-	132	73
Visits	192	-	-	192	540
Events	1,582	-	-	1,582	592
Donations	34	-	-	34	156
Miscellaneous	69	-	-	69	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,851	-	-	4,851	3,897
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,851	-	-	4,851	3,897
A3 Payments					
Donations to Museum	2,223	-	-	2,223	2,200
Speakers	217	-	-	217	490
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Website hosting and maintenance	56	-	-	56	45
Printing , postage and stationery	5	-	-	5	-
Visits	130	-	-	130	542
Events	659	-	-	659	100
Venue	72	-	-	72	72
Miscellaneous	100	-	-	100	-
Sub total	3,558	-	-	3,558	3,545
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,558	-	-	3,558	3,545
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,293	-	-	1,293	352
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,235	-	-	20,235	-
Cash funds this year end	21,528	-	-	21,528	352

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	Co-operative Account	2,461	-	-
	Ecology Building Society	6,567	-	-
	United Trust Bank	12,500	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,528	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM OF SOMERSET

England & Wales - Charity number 1188706

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/10/21** Period start date To **30/09/22**
Period end date

Charity name: **Friends of the Museum of Somerset**

Charity registration number: **1188706**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public by promotion, support, assistance and improvement of The Museum of Somerset.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Monthly lectures, some of which are face to face and others by Zoom. Regular newsletters, Occasional visits to places of interest. Annual lecture by well-known speaker. All activities are advertised, and reports are displayed on the website and sent to local newspapers.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related	Para 1.38	Not applicable

investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is run exclusively by volunteers. Some speakers give their services voluntarily.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Annual programme of lectures, and an Annual Lecture by a well-known speaker, which encourage members of the public to join The Friends of the Museum of Somerset, thus enabling their subscriptions to be used to support the Museum. In October, £400 was given to assist with the purchase of a medieval gold finger ring. In January, £1000 was given to help with the staging of an exhibition of art work by local artist, Brian Rice. In September, £800 was given to enable the Museum to employ children's illustrator, Kristina Stephenson, to run two activity days for children in connection with the display of over 70 artworks by 17 of the most-celebrated children's book illustrators.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities	Para 1.41	

against objectives set		
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The annual profit was £352
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to be available to assist the Museum in purchases of specific objects or for specific projects eg conservation of a picture. At present £5,600 is earmarked to help with specific purchases; £1,000 is earmarked to help with the purchase of a Roman ring and £2000 for the purchase of an early medieval silver disc brooch from Cheddar. A further £2,600 is set aside for the Museum to use in ways that will enhance their visitors' experience.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£17,771
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	FOTMOS has no deficits.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	An ageing and declining membership is a worry. The effects of possible further Covid outbreaks on Museum footfall, resulting in loss of income from established fund-raising activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions are the chief source of funds, supplemented by the sale of second-hand books, permanently on display at the Museum, and occasional plant sales.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Money is invested, where possible, in Higher earning accounts, but with the need to access funds being the chief consideration.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The slight but steady fall in membership over recent years. This may be due to the average age of the membership. Lack of members willing to become trustees.

Other		Some face-to face meetings have been held recently. Zoom meetings will be resumed during the winter months.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution derived from Charity Commission template.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees elected each year by members present at the Annual General Meeting. Officers are elected from amongst the trustees at the AGM. The trustees can co-opt further trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The trustees hold regular quarterly committee meetings.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Head of Museums at the South West Heritage Trust, the Museums Operations Manager, the Curator of Archaeology and the Museum of Somerset Manager regularly attend trustees' meetings to advise on needs.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of The Museum of Somerset
Other name the charity uses	FOTMOS
Registered charity	1188706

number	
Charity's principal address	The Museum of Somerset, Castle Green, Taunton TA1 4AA

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	Chris Cooper	Chair		
2	Chris Jessop	Secretary		
3	Barbara Cooper	Treasurer		
4	Wendy Flint			
5	Lesley Herriot			
6	Marion Holley			
7	Brian Hunter			
8	Nicky Matthews			
9	Lauraine Newcombe			
10	Donald Ruffell			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

B. R. Cooper	C D Cooper
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Full name(s)

Christopher David Cooper	Barbara Rosemary Cooper
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

13/10/22

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/1/2021	To	Period end date 9/30/2022
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Members' Subscriptions	1,332	-	-	1,332
Fund raising	637	-	-	637
Gift Aid	567	-	-	567
Bank Interest	73	-	-	73
Visits	540	-	-	540
Events	592	-	-	592
Donations	156	-	-	156
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,897	-	-	3,897
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,897	-	-	3,897
A3 Payments				
Donation to Museum	2,200	-	-	2,200
Speakers	490	-	-	490
Insurance	96	-	-	96
Website hosting and maintenance	45	-	-	45
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	-	-
Visits	542	-	-	542
Events	100	-	-	100
Venue	72	-	-	72
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,545	-	-	3,545
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,545	-	-	3,545
Net of receipts/(payments)	352	-	-	352
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	352	-	-	352

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	2,464	-
	Savings Accounts	17,771	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	20,235	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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			-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
<i>C D Cooper</i>	Christopher Cooper
<i>B. R. Cooper</i>	Barbara Cooper

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Last year

to the nearest £

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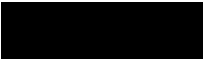
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Endowment funds

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When due (optional)

Date of approval

10/13/2022
10/13/2022

THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM OF SOMERSET

England & Wales - Charity number 1188706

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/10/20** Period start date
Period end date

To **30/09/21**

Charity name: **The Friends of The Museum of Somerset**

Charity registration number: **1188706**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public by promotion, support, assistance and improvement of The Museum of Somerset.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Monthly lectures, thrice yearly newsletter, visits to places of interest. Annual lecture by well-known speaker. All activities are advertised, and reports are displayed on the website and sent to local newspapers.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
		The charity is run exclusively by

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	volunteers. Some speakers give their services voluntarily.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Annual programme of lectures, and an Annual Lecture by a well-known speaker, which encourage members of the public to join The Friends of the Museum of Somerset, thus enabling their subscriptions to be used to support the Museum. In February, £500 was donated to the Museum to help in the purchase of a silver seal matrix found in Wincanton.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The annual profit was £423.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to be available to assist the Museum in purchases of specific objects or for specific projects eg conservation of a picture. At present £1,400 is earmarked to help with specific purchases; £1,000 is earmarked to help with the staging of an exhibition of art work by a local artist; £3,500 is set aside for the Museum to use in ways that will enhance their visitors' experience.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£19,883
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	FOTMOS has no deficits.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	An ageing and declining membership is a worry. Lack of footfall to the Museum due to Covid restrictions has affected income from book sales and quizzes, and many chances to promote the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions are the chief source of funds, supplemented by book sales.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Money is invested, where possible, in Higher earning accounts, but with the need to access funds being the chief consideration.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The slight but steady fall in membership. This may be due to the average age of the membership. Lack of members willing to become trustees.

Other		The charity has continued with monthly meetings vis Zoom, but not all members can access this. More newsletters than previously have been produced in an effort to give members value for money for their membership.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution derived from Charity Commission template.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees elected each year by members present at the Annual General Meeting. Officers are elected from amongst the trustees at the AGM. The trustees can co-opt further trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Head of Museums at the South West Heritage Trust, the Museums Operations Manager and the Curator of Archaeology attend trustees' meetings to advise on needs.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of the Museum of Somerset
Other name the charity uses	FOTMOS
Registered charity number	1188706

Charity's principal address	The Museum of Somerset, Castle Green, Taunton TA1 4AA

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	Christopher Cooper	Chair		
2	Christine Jessop	Secretary		
3	Barbara Cooper	Treasurer		
4	Wendy Flint			
5	Lesley Herriot			
6	Marion Holley			
7	Brian Hunter			
8	Veronica Matthews			
9	Lauraine Newcombe		Elected 16/02/21	
10	Donald Ruffell			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

<i>C D Cooper</i>	<i>B. R. Cooper</i>
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Full name(s)

Christopher David Cooper	Barbara Rosemary Cooper
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

24/01/22



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of the Museum of Somerset

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/1/2020	To	Period end date 9/30/2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Members subscriptions	1,368	-	-	1,368
Fundraising	227	-	-	227
Gift Aid	2	-	-	2
Bank Interest	107	-	-	107
Visits	279	-	-	279
Guests	3	-	-	3
Doantions	47	-	-	47
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,033	-	-	2,033
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,033	-	-	2,033
A3 Payments				
Doantion to Museum	500	-	-	500
Speakers	339	-	-	339
Insurance	96	-	-	96
Website hosting and maintenance	90	-	-	90
Printing, postage and stationery	134	-	-	134
Visits	368	-	-	368
Events	-	-	-	-
Venue	72	-	-	72
Miscellaneous	11	-	-	11
Sub total	1,610	-	-	1,610
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,610	-	-	1,610
Net of receipts/(payments)	423	-	-	423
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	423	-	-	423

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	1,062	-
	Savings Accounts	18,821	-
			-
	Total cash funds	19,883	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

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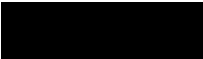
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Date of approval

1/13/2022
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