



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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		<p>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.</p>
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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)

C D Cooper	B. R. Cooper
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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



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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

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	-
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	Total cash funds	19,883	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B3 Investment assets			-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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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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**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value
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**Current value
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**When due
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Date of
approval

1/13/2022

1/13/2022