



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/10/2022**
Period end date

Period start date To **30/09/23**

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

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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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Friends of the Museum of Somerset

1188706

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

10/1/2022

To

9/30/2023

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	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
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	