



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Friends of the Museum of Somerset
Other names charity is known by	FOTMOS
Registered charity number (if any)	1188706
Charity's principal address	Park Field Cottage
	Langford Budville
	Wellington
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	Christine Jessop	Secretary		
3	Barbara Cooper	Treasurer		
4	Wendy Flint			
5	Lesley Herriott			
6	Marion Holley			
7	Brian Hunter			
8	Veronica Matthews			
9	Lauraine Newcombe			
10	Donald Ruffell			
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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

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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.

<p>Somerset Councils financial difficulties are expected to have a long-term effect on the grants made to the South West Heritage Trust and in turn, The Museum of Somerset.</p> <p>We 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 with a varied and consistent programme of events for the public. We have recently increased membership fees, giving a variety of types of membership to enable us to keep our funds to a level we consider satisfactory.</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

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

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

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)

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

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

The charity is run exclusively 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.

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

FOTMOS has no deficits.

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 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

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

The Friends of The Museum of Somerset

1188706

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

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
Visits	-	-	-	-	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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	B. R. Cooper	B R COOPER	07/11/2024	
	C D Cooper	C D COOPER	07/11/2024	