



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			
9	Lauraine Newcombe			
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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)

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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

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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)

C D Cooper

B. R. Cooper

Full name(s)

Christopher David Cooper

Barbara Rosemary Cooper

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

15/01/2026

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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
01/10/1024

To

Period end date
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	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	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

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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