

WATCHET MARKET HOUSE MUSEUM SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 275645

Details

Other names	WATCHET MUSEUM SOCIETY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1978-05-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A MUSEUM IN WATCHET FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDY OF MATTERS OF LOCAL HISTORY OF WATCHET AND DISTRICT.

Activities: The objects of the society (as set out in the trust deed) shall be to provide and maintain a museum in Watchet for the benefit of the education of the public and to encourage the study of matters of local history of Watchet and district.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WATCHET CP
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£18,241	£16,835	-	-
2024-10-31	£18,347	£18,196	-	-
2023-10-31	£16,509	£22,203	-	-
2022-10-31	£15,797	£25,561	-	-
2021-10-31	£25,776	£10,020	-	-
2020-10-31	£11,879	£9,792	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAMES NICHOLAS	Chair	
DOROTHY AMERY		2021-03-23
Dr Jane Catherine Armstrong		2024-12-10
GILLIAN WILLIAMS		2019-03-13
HUGH AMERY		
John Irven		2026-05-11
John Richards		2025-05-12
Katherine Emilie Long		2023-10-24
MRS GAY CHILCOTT		
MRS MOLLY QUINT		2018-02-22
PETER HOWARD MURPHY		
SUSAN UPSTONE		

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Watchet Museum AGM
Methodist Schoolroom

March 9th 2022

7.30pm

It is good to be getting back to some normality with this AGM back on track. As our last was only 6 months ago I will try and keep this short. Our speaker at the AGM will be Jon England, who is responsible for all the hammers and nails we have seen around the town and our 'Timwood Man' who will be coming out of hibernation next week.

We enjoyed a modest season last year with 12,479 visitors which included 2313 children. As we didn't open until May and then with reduced days, also the trains on the West Somerset Railway were on a limited service I think we did alright. This year we intend to open on the weekend of 19th March, when the trains start and then from the 26th March right through until November albeit we will keep Fridays for bookings only.

Our Winter Talk series have been well attended and we only had one cancelled event when the Omnicron variant was at its height. It is hoped to re-arrange that talk by Alan Bunyan for the autumn.

The Junior Museum has not yet resumed and I think it is fair to say the position is still unclear in that regard. We are considering utilising an Outreach Worker at the school, to carry our aims forward.

Our Accreditation renewal is still on hold and we await our invitation to submit our plans and procedures for scrutiny. I confess that I find it difficult to focus on this when they don't give us a date, it keeps getting pushed to the back of my job list.

We continue to collaborate with other local organisations in the town. In particular Watchet Conservation Society, who we work with a lot through Nick Cotton especially, but we also loan out items to WSMR and Friends of Watchet Station. Regarding Nick, a two week exhibition of James Date's photography, from the 19th century, is being arranged for the autumn of 2022; to be held in the Lynda Cotton Gallery. Details will be released soon. James Date was Watchet's first professional photographer.

Of some concern is the situation regarding our lease on the Market House, it expired in September, last year. Savills, land agents for the Wyndham Estate are proving difficult to deal with. Watchet Town Council, being our trustees, are pursuing the matter.

Our 'thank you outing' for our stewards, to Lynton & Lynmouth was much enjoyed. It is such a delightful area.

Our committee of trustees remain committed and I thank them all for their help this past year.

As ever we are so grateful too, for all the behind the scenes work that helps us function smoothly and special thanks to Robin Williams and Maurice and Joyce Chidgey who edit our newsletters and minutes.

It is of course our stewards who keep us running through the season, without them we would not manage; a huge thank you. And you the members who continue to support us, also many thanks.

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Refreshments will be available after the business of the AGM is completed, and I thank Molly for organising that.

Report from the Curator on activities

Hopefully we will have a full season this year.

We have not been idle over the winter and are always exploring ways to keep the Museum dynamic and relevant. In particular we have upgraded our website so that it is fresh and easier to access. (watchetmuseum.co.uk) Our thanks to Jonathan Westcott for heading up this project.

At the last AGM I mentioned the 'Brian Pearce Geology Collection' donated to us by his widow. I am happy to say that Andy King, of Geckoella., is arranging to have the local samples displayed in the Museum on a map of the area, which will also show the local strata.

Another exciting donation was a Thomas Chidgey, picture of the Harbour with the lifeboat sailing inwards, dated around the 1920s. It was kindly donated by John Wedlake Griffiths, has been cleaned by Nick Cotton and reframed and will be unveiled when we re-open on 19th March 2022.

Our photographic display this year has been arranged by Dot & Hugh Amery, and is based on the '*Looking Back*' articles that we have supplied to West Somerset Free Press. Thank you both.

To have more space available Sue is arranging a single frame timeline, in conjunction with Active Signs, to replace the Chronology which has served us well over the last few years. It should be ready by the end of the month. Thank you Sue.

We are slowly having the 'swing frame photos' remounted by Courtyard framing. It is a long fiddly job but the result will be worth the cost & effort.

A new display case exhibit features the Ancient 'Court Leet', which has existed since the 13th Century. The Ale Taster's role is the prime appointment as I know from experience.

A long term project, headed up by Keith Sullivan, is to digitise our large photographic archive so that it can be accessed on an interactive display, available to our visitors. This will take time and is only in its infancy. We hope to collaborate with Bridgwater College on this.

Adrian Webb and Philip Ashford's book about 17th C St Decuman's Parish is at the editing stage. It has been delayed by COVID and family bereavements.

Gill Williams and Gay Chilcott have taken on the mantle, left by Toby, in arranging memberships and will now be busy with the stewards rota for our pending re-opening. Thank you ladies.

So you see that all of our committee of trustees are involved in keeping the Museum functioning

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and interesting so that we remain a positive asset to the town.

Compiled on behalf of the Trustees of Watchet Market House Museum Society
by Jim Nicholas, Chairman and Curator

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INCOME

Table 1

EXPENDITURE

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YEAR END REC

Table 1

Excel Worksheet Name

[INCOME](#)

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Date	Details	Paid In	Sales	Donations	Interest	Meetings	Subs	Grant	Stew Outing
09/11/20	Interest	0.08			0.08				
03/12/20	SWT Grant	1,334.00						1,334.00	
09/12/20	Interest	0.08			0.08				
11/01/21	Interest	0.09			0.09				
28/01/21	SWT Grant	238.00						238.00	
28/01/21	SWT Grant	2,001.00						2,001.00	
28/01/21	SWT Grant	4,000.00						4,000.00	
09/02/21	Interest	0.08			0.08				
09/03/21	Interest	0.07			0.07				
11/03/21	SWT Grant	2,096.00						2,096.00	
09/04/21	Interest	0.09			0.09				
04/05/21	SWT Grant	8,000.00						8,000.00	
04/05/21	Sum Up	1.96							
10/05/21	Interest	0.14			0.14				
12/05/21	Sum Up	0.98							
04/06/21	Sum Up	16.71							
09/06/21	Deposit - 500500	130.00	45.90	84.10					
09/06/21	Deposit - 500500	50.00		50.00					
09/06/21	Deposit - 500499	275.00	100.60	174.40					
09/06/21	Interest	0.19			0.19				
30/06/21	Deposit - 500502	161.00		161.00					
30/06/21	Deposit - 500501	366.00	108.30	257.70					
05/07/21	Sum Up	61.06							
09/07/21	Interest	0.19			0.19				
12/07/21	SWT Grant	1,000.00						1,000.00	
13/07/21	Deposit - 500503	315.00	54.30	260.70					
13/07/21	Deposit - 500504	140.00	33.40	106.60					
23/07/21	Deposit - 500505	336.00	181.10	154.90					
30/07/21	Deposit - 500506	311.00	134.79	117.61			58.60		
04/08/21	Sum Up	122.10							
09/08/21	Interest	0.19			0.19				
16/08/21	Subs	5.00					5.00		
18/08/21	Deposit - 500507	365.00	124.70	240.30					
18/08/21	Deposit - 500508	575.00	374.00	201.00					
18/08/21	Deposit - 500509	127.00		127.00					
23/08/21	Subs	5.00					5.00		
25/08/21	Onions Collective	27.00	27.00						
31/08/21	Deposit - 500510	315.00	181.39	133.61					
01/09/21	Deposit - 500511	422.00	78.90	343.10					
03/09/21	Sum up	223.96							
06/09/21	Subs	10.00					10.00		
09/09/21	Interest	0.20			0.20				
13/09/21	Deposit - 500512	420.00	150.90	269.10					
15/09/21	Subs	10.00					10.00		
17/09/21	Subs	5.00					5.00		
24/09/21	Subs	5.00					5.00		
24/09/21	Deposit - 500513	565.00	164.40	300.60			100.00		
24/09/21	Deposit - 500513	10.00					10.00		
30/09/21	Subs	5.00					5.00		
04/10/21	Deposit - 500514	302.00	131.80	170.20					
06/10/21	SWT	122.71						122.71	
11/10/21	Deposit - 500515	227.00	45.40	181.60					
11/10/21	Interest	0.22			0.22				
21/10/21	Deposit - 500516	336.00	141.60	194.40					
21/10/21	Deposit - 500516	55.00		5.00			50.00		
21/10/21	Deposit - 500517	341.00	62.30	112.70			70.00		96.00
29/10/21	Deposit - 500518	236.00	21.40	164.60			50.00		
29/10/21	Deposit - 500518	10.00					10.00		
	MBS - Interest	26.73			26.73				
	CBS - Interest	67.07			67.07				
TOTALS		25,775.90	2,162.18	3,810.22	95.42	0.00	393.60	18,791.71	96.00
		25,775.90							

Date	Details	Payment	Stock	Store Rent	W'ham Rent	Electric	Maint'	Curator	Printing	Insurance	Phone	Subs	Meeting	Rates	Steward	Baskets	Advert	Misc	Projects	Notes	
02/11/20	Keith	41.04		41.04																	
05/11/20	Keith	41.81		41.81																	
05/11/20	Active Signs	32.76						32.76													
30/11/20	Alberts	11.21					11.21														
30/11/20	Keith	41.04		41.04																	
06/12/20	D Bryant - Chq 1751	2.60					2.60													Toby Card	
29/12/20	SANHS	30.00										30.00									
04/01/21	Keith	41.04		41.04																	
04/01/21	BT	94.57									94.57										
07/01/21	Coomber Security	112.32					112.32														
08/01/21	Keith	26.49					26.49														
18/01/21	EDF	273.61				273.61															
01/02/21	Keith	41.04		41.04																	
01/03/21	Keith	41.04		41.04																	
01/03/21	FSEG	210.00															210.00				
15/03/21	Oily Cotton	63.99					63.99														
15/03/21	Modes	87.60						87.60													
15/03/21	James N	217.42							161.52									55.90		Postage	
23/03/21	Wyndham	600.00			600.00																
23/03/21	Tindle News	187.20															187.20				
23/03/21	NJ Nurseries	140.00														140.00					
23/03/21	Coomber Security	360.00					360.00														
25/03/21	NJ Nurseries	100.00														100.00					
01/04/21	Keith	41.24		41.24																	
01/04/21	BT	108.83									108.83										
01/04/21	Alberts	12.17					12.17														
07/04/21	EDF	229.00				229.00															
13/04/21	MIS	69.50								69.50											
28/04/21	M Chidgey - Chq 1752	60.00						60.00				COINS									
04/05/21	Keith	41.24		41.24																	
04/05/21	Murphy	273.63						273.63													
17/05/21	James N	20.00	20.00																		
28/05/21	Fire Service	169.80					169.80														
28/05/21	WAG	70.00	70.00																		
01/06/21	Keith	41.24		41.24																	
01/07/21	Keith	41.24		41.24																	
02/07/21	BT	112.70									112.70										
07/07/21	EDF	229.00				229.00															
13/07/21	Alberts	5.60					5.60														
13/07/21	James N	42.95						18.00										24.95			
14/07/21	Crow	52.50	52.50																		
15/07/21	SWT - Rates	7.66												7.66							
15/07/21	SWT - Rates	6.00												6.00							
16/07/21	HIGOS	2,106.73								2,106.73											
02/08/21	Keith	41.24		41.24																	
10/08/21	NORMAN	44.00	44.00																		
16/08/21	SWT - Rates	6.00												6.00							
23/08/21	Whitley	1,348.99																	1,348.99	Website	
01/09/21	Keith	41.24		41.24																	
02/09/21	Wyndham	600.00			600.00																
13/09/21	James N	20.00	20.00																		
13/09/21	BR Fossils	192.50	192.50																		
21/09/21	Tom Brown - Chq 1753	289.00	289.00																		
01/10/21	Keith	41.24		41.24																	
04/10/21	BT	121.72									121.72										
15/10/21	SWT - Rates	6.00												6.00							
15/10/21	Phil Ashford - Chq 1754	40.00											40.00								
15/10/21	Rock House - Chq 1755	111.60												111.60							
19/10/21	EDF	229.00				229.00															
25/10/21	Ridlers	350.00												350.00							
		10,020.34	688.00	535.69	1,200.00	960.61	764.18	471.99	161.52	2,176.23	437.82	30.00	40.00	25.66	461.60	240.00	397.20	80.85	1,348.99		
		10,020.34																			

YEAR END RECONCILIATION					
PAID IN	25,775.90				
OPENING BAL	421.82				
	10,064.67				
	5,940.35				
	10,260.71				
	52,463.45				
PAID OUT		10,020.34			
CLOSING			42,443.11		
FUNDS HELD					
CURRENT ACCOUNT				1,591.96	
DEPOSIT				24,556.29	
MBS				5,967.08	
CBS				10,327.78	
				42,443.11	
RECONCILIATION					0.00

Treasurer			P H Murphy						
Independent examiner			M Waterman						

WATCHET MARKET HOUSE MUSEUM STOCKTAKE JANUARY 2022					
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS					
Items	No	Cost Price	Total Cost Price	Retail Price	Total Retail Price
CD's & DVD's					
Short Sharp Shanties Vol.1 - CD	6	6.50	39.00	10.00	60.00
Short Sharp Shanties Vol.2 - CD	2	6.50	13.00	10.00	20.00
Short Sharp Shanties Vol.3 - CD	0	6.50	0.00	10.00	0.00
Songs from the Bell Man - CD	1	8.00	8.00	12.00	12.00
Watchet Voices - CD	59	4.00	236.00	6.00	354.00
Discover Somerset Vol 1 - DVD	10	9.95	99.50	15.00	150.00
Discover Somerset Vol 2 - DVD	9	9.95	89.55	15.00	135.00
Discover Somerset Vol 3 - DVD	9	9.95	89.55	15.00	135.00
Somerset at War - DVD	4	9.00	36.00	13.00	52.00
The Watchet Story - DVD	32	3.50	112.00	5.50	176.00
West Somerset Railway	6	10.95	65.70	15.00	90.00
POSTCARDS & NOTELETS					
Annie Christian - postcard	1778	0.14	248.92	0.20	355.60
Ancient Mariner - postcard	424	0.14	59.36	0.20	84.80
HMS Fox – postcard	12	1.00	12.00	1.30	15.60
Yankee Jack - postcard	72	0.14	10.08	0.20	14.40
Lighthouse - notelet	0	1.00	0.00	1.50	0.00
Watchet Sea Wall Mural (5)	11	1.70	18.70	2.00	22.00

FRIDGE MAGNETS						
Ancient Mariner Fridge Magnet	70	0.56	39.20	1.00	70.00	
Harbour Fridge Magnet	79	0.56	44.24	1.00	79.00	
Lighthouse Fridge Magnet	40	0.56	22.40	1.00	40.00	
Market House Museum Fridge Magnet	89	0.56	49.84	1.00	89.00	
Train Fridge Magnet	13	0.56	7.28	1.00	13.00	
PRINTS						
Watchet Harbour 1900	11	0.30	3.30	0.40	4.40	
MISCELLANEOUS						
Silver Penny	57	1.00	57.00	1.50	85.50	
My Fossil Collection	76	1.23	93.48	2.50	190.00	
TOTAL		94.25	1454.10	141.30	2247.30	

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BOOKS

Title	No	Cost Price	Total Cost Price	Retail Price	Total Retail Price
Anglo-Saxon Watchet and the Mint. A.L Wedlake	322	0.00	0.00	1.00	322.00
A History of Watchet (updated by P. Upton)	104	20.00	2,080.00	25.00	2,600.00
A Pocket Picture Book- The Quantock Year	9	1.50	13.50	2.00	18.00
A Sailors Life of John Short, Watchet	2	6.50	13.00	10.50	21.00
Boot Up - Exmoor Vol 2	3	2.45	7.35	5.00	15.00
Boot Up - Quantocks	0	2.45	0.00	5.00	0.00
Dinosaurs	0	3.25	0.00	5.00	0.00
Maritime History of Somerset Vol 1	0	11.49	0.00	16.00	0.00
Maritime History of Somerset Vol 2	3	11.49	34.47	16.00	48.00
Maritime History of Somerset Vol 3	1	11.49	11.49	16.00	16.00
Old Mineral Line	0	3.99	0.00	6.00	0.00
Pocket Guide to Fossils	34	1.05	35.70	1.50	51.00
Railways Round Exmoor	5	3.49	17.45	10.00	50.00
Rime of Ancient Mariner (Anne Crowe)	8	6.00	48.00	8.00	64.00
Rime of Ancient Mariner	38	1.33	50.54	2.00	76.00
Usborne Rocks and Minerals	0	3.90	0.00	6.00	0.00
Study of Fossils	102	0.87	88.74	1.30	132.60
Tales of Watchet Harbour	3	4.30	12.90	6.60	19.80
The Broad Gauge Railway at Watchet	4	6.00	24.00	9.00	36.00
The Book of Watchet, a Millenium Portrait	3	8.50	25.50	13.00	39.00
The Forgotten History of Somerset	5	6.50	32.50	10.00	50.00
The Pubs and Clubs of Watchet	9	9.00	81.00	15.00	135.00

The Quantocks Illustrated	3	3.00	9.00	4.50	13.50
The Seashore	0	3.99	0.00	6.00	0.00
Somerset. A Troubled Century	10	8.50	85.00	13.00	130.00
Somerset Coast	2	0.00	0.00	12.00	24.00
The Lorna Doone Trail	5	6.50	32.50	10.00	50.00
Thomas Chidgey (Paul Upton)	6	4.00	24.00	6.00	36.00
Time and Tide	6	7.00	42.00	8.00	48.00
Watchet Around and About	6	2.00	12.00	3.00	18.00
Watchet Market House Museum	97	2.00	194.00	3.00	291.00
Watchet and Williton Revisited	2	13.99	27.98	20.00	40.00
Watchet Reunited	5	13.99	69.95	20.00	100.00
TOTAL		190.52	3,072.57	295.40	4,443.90



**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** WATCHET MARKET HOUSE MUSEUM SOCIETY

On accounts for the year ended	31 OCTOBER 2021	Charity no (if any)	275645
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Set out on pages 1 - 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 OCTOBER 2021**

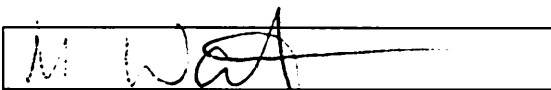
Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable. Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 3 | 10 | 2022

Name: Miss Michelle Waterman

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the user to provide details of items for disclosure as requested in the text above.