



Parkside, 36 High Street, Corsham, an early 17th century stone house with a late 18th century refacing and refurbishment. The noted composer Sir Michael Tippett, lived there in 1961 and made alterations. Photo by Paul Jack

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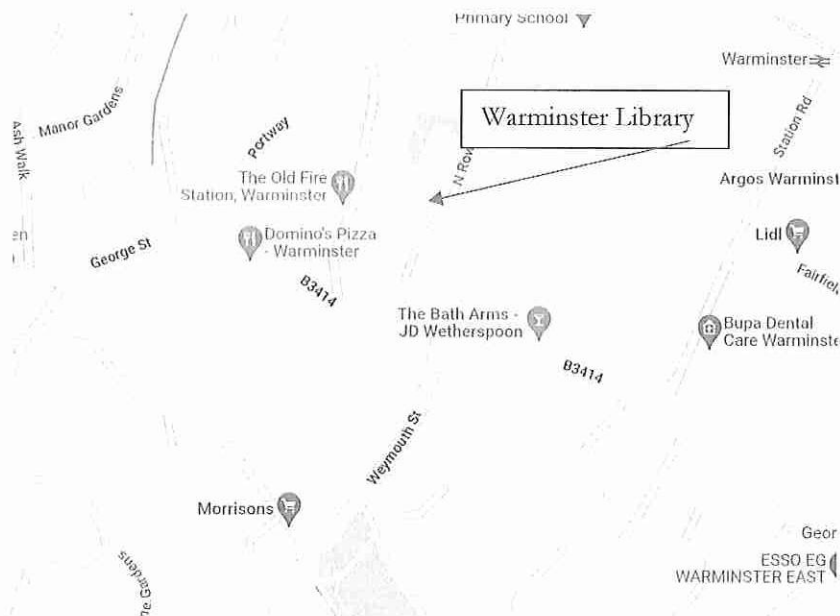
Agenda

For the forty-third Annual General Meeting. This is to be held on Saturday 8th July 2023 at 2.00pm at Warminster Library in the centre of the town at Three Horseshoes Walk, BA12 9BT. There is ample pay and display parking close by.

After the business meeting tea and cake will be served. Following this there will be an address by Sidney Blackmore, chairman of the Warminster History Group. Afterwards, there will be a walking tour of the centre of Warminster to look at prominent buildings, and some of those that have surprisingly early dates from dendrochronology.



Warminster Town Hall - Circa 1837 by Edward Blore. Tudor style in imitation of Longleat (a 2 storey replica of a section of Longleat in fact).



Business Meeting

1. Apologies
2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 18th June 2022 at 2.00pm at the Wiltshire Museum, Long Street, Devizes.
3. **Report by Chairman** (enclosed).
4. **Report by Principal Buildings Historian** (enclosed).
5. **Accounts for the period April 2022-March 2023** (enclosed).
6. **Publication Editor's Report** (enclosed).
7. **Dendrochronology Report** (enclosed).
8. **Membership Report** (enclosed).
9. **Election of Officers:** (present officers listed below) Gerald Steer is in the second year of a 3-year term as Chairman. Secretary Alyson Curtis has completed the third year of a three-year term and is willing to stand again. Membership Secretary Tom Smith has served the second year of a 3-year term. Tim Mayhew is willing to stand as Treasurer. Diana Miller of MC Accounting, Warminster remains contracted as our Accountant.
10. **Election of committee members:** (present members listed below). The constitution allows for a minimum of 2 and maximum of 6 elected members. The current committee has 5 elected members: Clive Carter and Tim Mayhew have completed the third year of a three-year term and are willing to stand again. Nigel Walker, Louise Purdy and Paul Jack have completed the first year of a three-year term. Louise has stood down from the committee.
11. **Confirmation of Trustees:** By direction of the Constitution, the trustees of Wiltshire Buildings Record shall be the Chairman of WBR and the Principal Archivist of Wiltshire. Former Principal Archivist, John d'Arcy, has agreed to remain a trustee alongside the present Principal. The role of Principal Archivist for Wiltshire has traditionally also been a trustee. This role has recently been filled by Ally McConnell, and we welcome her as a trustee.
12. **WBR in the Future:** Future funding, project direction and expansion. Members' views are invited.
13. **Any Other Business** or matters members wish to raise about the current work of the WBR.

Present Committee 2022/2023

Officers:	Chairman	Gerald Steer
	Treasurer	Diana Miller, MC Accounting
	Secretary	Alyson Curtis
	Membership Sec.	Tom Smith
Nominated members:	Wiltshire Council	Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger
	RIBA	Gerald Steer
Elected members:	Clive Carter, Tim Mayhew, Paul Jack, Louise Purdy, Nigel Walker	
Principal Buildings Historian:	Dorothy Treasure	
Publications Editor:	Pam Slocombe FSA	
Trustees:	Chairman of WBR: Gerald Steer	
	Senior Archivist: Ally McConnell	
	Senior Archivist <i>emeritus</i> : John d'Arcy	
President:	James Ayres FSA	

Chairman's Report 2022/2023



This last year has been busy, in terms of enquiries and on-site surveys on a wide range of buildings and histories. The down-turn in the financial position of the WBR, due to the 2 years of the pandemic, as reported previously, has been turned round with an increase in income, grant aid, bequests and returns of gift aid tax. However, the situation remains of concern as we need to fund various projects from dendro research to publishing of informative books about the architectural development of buildings in Wiltshire, from the late medieval times to the present day.

Pam Slocombe is working on an up-dated version of our original book on Traditional Farm Buildings of Wiltshire and also organising the next tranche of dendro surveys on cruck framed houses and barns. After James Holden completed his new book on Wiltshire's non-conformist Chapels he is completing the next volume on major civic buildings. All books, will be printed in the same format as our later publications. We will let our membership know when the new titles will be ready for sale.

The committee members and our accountant, have not changed, with one exception. Louise Purdy has stepped down but, thankfully, continues to be involved in valuable historic research. All have managed their particular fields of interest with skill and enthusiasm.

Tim Mayhew, Paul Jack and Clive Carter continue to be active in the recording of farms before they are re-used or removed. The dated buildings project by Paul Jack will be progressed now, as time and access permits. Our membership secretary, Tom Smith, has done an excellent job of not only looking after the membership records but he and Tim have revised a system for the return of Gift Aid, which is now helping with the increase of our coffers.

We all thank Dorothy Treasure for her continued enthusiasm and skill in ensuring that the WBR continues to be recognised as an important resource within the county. Our organisation is recognised as a nationally influential building record and one that serves as a model to other counties.

Alyson Curtis, particularly, has been stalwart in her support to Dorothy and in her survey work. I thank all our volunteers for their time and hard work and, most of all, for their continued enthusiasm. Without dedicated volunteers the WBR would not function as well as it does.

In the coming year, I must stand down as chairman. We will be looking for a replacement to take over what is a pleasant duty to experience. Fuller details will be explained at our AGM.

Gerald Steer

Principal Building Historian's Report 2022/2023

I am very fortunate to be part of a dedicated team as this year has been as busy as the last. We have been called to look at a diversity of buildings in every corner of Wiltshire, from a late Victorian School in Maxwell Street, Swindon to early 20th century plumbing in Fisherton Street, Salisbury and more. We had an out-of-county commission in Fordingbridge, Hampshire to record a house and shop in the High Street of 1700. Building techniques don't respect county borders, of course, though as a rule, the further away we travel, the more unfamiliar the buildings become.

Our county's buildings are rich and diverse, requiring an agile mind to switch between the differing types of timber-framing to masonry construction as well as comparing vernacular and polite forms. Wiltshire's buildings are a constant education: in every building there will be a feature or a local method of construction that we have never seen before, testing our powers of interpretation to the limit. I am constantly reminded that our strength lies in the differing skill-sets among us which make for the detailed reports we have become known for. My thanks go (in no particular order) to Phyl Martin, Alyson Curtis, Peter Filtness, Pam Slocombe, Paul Jack, Clive Carter, Louise Purdy and Rose Barclay for their time.

The usual office chaos of donated material that has piling up steadily over the last couple of years since Hilary Dunscombe retired has been energetically tackled by new volunteer Kathryn Edwards. She has been helped by Paul Jack, and between them and Pam Slocombe, the pile of photos, plans, notes, newspaper cuttings and

ephemera, are being slotted more speedily into their rightful files. We have carried out twenty-one separate recording and research projects – one more than last year, answered 202 emails, welcomed 112 visits to our office (almost double from the year before as still affected by Covid), and answered 26 phone calls.



Maxwell Street School, Swindon undergoing transformation. A record of the building as it was will be preserved in the Wiltshire Buildings Record archive for future generations

We continue to work with the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre to provide services. Last year we carried out a joint project to celebrate the reopening of Melksham Library by giving a talk on the short-lived Spa there. Rose Barclay was instrumental subsequently in recording and writing about the individual Spa houses and their fates.

Our newsletter continues to be ably edited by Alyson Curtis, for which I am eternally grateful, in addition to managing the website, monitoring social media and assisting with commissions. Special thanks go to GEL Studios in Swindon who generously maintain our website free of charge, and Diana Miller at Robinson Miller who continues to likewise provide accountancy services.

Of course, none of the above would be possible without membership, grants, and the engagement of colleagues and committee. We gratefully acknowledge the continuing long-standing support from Wiltshire Council, in particular Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger, County Archaeologist.

Dorothy Treasure

Treasurer's Report 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

We are extremely grateful for these accounts prepared by Diana Miller at Robinson Miller Chartered Accountants.

WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 RESTATED £	2021 £	2020 £	2019 £	2018 £
GENERAL FUND INCOME						
GENERAL FUND - WBR SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,902.50	1,570.50	1,628.00	1,694.00	2,232.50	3,291.00
GENERAL FUND - WBR DONATIONS AND GRANTS	7,605.46	2,353.00	40.00	1,821.67	2,355.00	2,030.50
GENERAL FUND - WBR RECORDING	16,113.00	16,249.00	9,847.00	8,996.81	7,676.50	16,211.00
GENERAL FUND - BANK INTEREST RECEIVED	23.17	1.32	3.42	6.98	8.19	6.33
GENERAL FUND - WBR FEES FOR TALKS	255.00	210.00		180.00	260.00	175.00
GENERAL FUND - WBR - STUDY DAY	1,567.05			2,609.80	2,370.50	2,623.25
GENERAL FUND - WBR CHRISTMAS LUNCH				135.90	76.00	185.35
GENERAL FUND - OTHER INCOME (AS YET UNCLASSIFIED)						
GENERAL FUND - GIFT AID RETURN	903.45	591.68				
GENERAL FUND - TRANSFER FROM FARMSTEAD PROJECT						
GENERAL FUND - WBR FURLOUGH			2,539.68			
	28,369.63	20,975.50	14,058.10	15,445.16	14,978.69	24,522.43
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES						
GENERAL FUND-WBR BUILDING HISTORIAN SALARY	15,375.20	11,146.30	8,025.84	8,025.84	8,025.84	8,025.84
GENERAL FUND - WBR INSURANCE		224.52	221.76	208.32	208.32	198.00
GENERAL FUND - EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE PENSION COST	800.80	873.60	830.48	880.95	766.26	356.80
GENERAL FUND - PAYE AND NIC PAYMENTS	3,758.59	4,853.66	4,267.61	5,377.83	3,503.18	3,050.65
GENERAL FUND - WBR WBR RESEARCH & RECORDING EXP	584.56	1,540.99	125.20	783.94	460.60	854.96
GENERAL FUND - WBR BUILDING HISTORIAN ASSISTANT EXP	2,781.02	1,099.78	700.00	1,216.20	2,856.55	4,563.83
GENERAL FUND - WBR GENERAL EXP & ADMIN	300.70		30.00	0.00	110.00	70.00
GENERAL FUND - WBR EVENTS- WBR STUDY DAY	986.20			965.70	967.60	1,130.15
GENERAL FUND-WBR WEBSITE AND TRAINING COSTS	342.80	180.00	145.00	105.00	720.00	
GENERAL FUND-WBR EVENTS-WBR CHRISTMAS LUNCH	60.00			140.00		270.60
GENERAL FUND - REPAY LOAN TO BOOK FUND						1,000.00
GENERAL FUND - REPAY LOAN FROM FARMSTEAD NORTH						1,000.00
GENERAL FUND-REPAY LOAN FROM FARMSTEAD SOUTH						1,000.00
GENERAL GUND-EVENT COSTS- AGM VENUE HIRE	40.00			56.25	20.00	78.00
GENERAL FUND - WBR AFFILIATION FEES AND SUBS.	35.00	35.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
	25,064.87	19,953.85	14,365.89	17,780.03	17,658.35	21,618.83
GENERAL FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	2,941.68	1,920.03	2,227.82	4,562.69	7,242.35	4,024.18
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	3,304.76	1,021.65	(307.79)	(2,334.87)	(2,679.66)	2,903.60
GENERAL FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	6,246.44	2,941.68	1,920.03	2,227.82	4,562.69	6,927.78
BOOK FUND INCOME						
BOOK FUND - SALE OF BOOKS	1,495.60	411.50	302.66	934.81	561.31	349.35
BOOK FUND - RECEIPT OF LOAN REPAYMENT						1,000.00
BOOK FUND - GRANT		1,000.00				
	1,495.60	1,411.50	302.66	934.81	561.31	1,349.35
BOOK FUND EXPENSES						
BOOK FUND - EDITING AND PUBLISHING COSTS	250.81	1,852.50	0.00	236.38	1,408.83	378.11
BOOK FUND - EDITORS EXPENSES	111.93		0.00	465.41	595.06	826.55
BOOK FUND - POSTAGE AND PACKING						
	362.74	1,852.50	0.00	701.79	2,003.89	1,204.66
BOOK FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	2,191.79	2,632.79	2,330.13	2,097.11	3,539.69	3,395.00
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	1,132.86	(441.00)	302.66	233.02	(1,442.58)	144.69
BOOK FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	3,324.65	2,191.79	2,632.79	2,330.13	2,097.11	3,539.69

WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

	2023 £	2022 RESTATED £	2021 £	2020 £	2019 £	2018 £
FARMSTEAD PROJECT NORTH PROJECT INCOME						
FARMSTEAD PROJECT NORTH- DONATIONS RECEIVED	20.00					400.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT NORTH- LOAN REPAYMENT FROM GENERAL						1,000.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT NORTH- TFR FROM ORIGINAL PROJECT						
	20.00					1,400.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT NORTH PROJECT EXPENSES						
						0.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT NORTH PROJECT BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	4,459.00	4,459.00	4,459.00	4,459.00	4,459.00	3,059.00
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT NORTH PROJECT BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	4,479.00	4,459.00	4,459.00	4,459.00	4,459.00	4,459.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH PROJECT INCOME						
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH- DONATIONS RECEIVED						40.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH- FEES RECEIVED						300.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH- LOAN REPD FROM GENERAL						1,000.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH - TFR FROM ORIGINAL PROJECT						
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,340.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH PROJECT EXPENSES						
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH - STATIONERY COSTS					93.16	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.16	0.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH PROJECT BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	4,305.84	4,305.84	4,305.84	4,305.84	4,399.00	3,059.00
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(93.16)	1,340.00
FARMSTEAD PROJECT SOUTH PROJECT BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	4,305.84	4,305.84	4,305.84	4,305.84	4,305.84	4,399.00
DENDRO PROJECT INCOME						
DENDRO PROJECT- PAYMENTS/GRANTS RECEIVED	50.00	2,700.00		2,000.00	625.00	4,600.00
	50.00	2,700.00	0.00	2,000.00	625.00	4,600.00
DENDRO PROJECT EXPENSES						
DENDRO FUND - DENDRO PROJECT EXPENSES	700.00	2,150.00		2,000.00	2,500.00	2,600.00
	700.00	2,150.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,600.00
DENDRO PROJECT BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	718.00	168.00	168.00	168.00	2,043.00	43.00
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	(650.00)	550.00	0.00		(1,875.00)	2,000.00
DENDRO PROJECT BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	68.00	718.00	168.00	168.00	168.00	2,043.00
CONTINGENCY FUND BROUGHT FORWARD	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR						
CONTINGENCY FUND CARRIED FORWARD	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD	20,423.93	16,616.31	15,485.66	15,490.79	17,592.64	23,368.47
TOTAL FUNDS REPRESENTED BY -						
LLOYDS BANK TREASURERS	8,146.66	3,362.21	2,237.88	2,186.43	3,363.26	6,796.00
LLOYDS BANK BB INST ONLINE	12,221.07	13,197.90	13,196.58	13,193.16	14,186.18	16,529.27
LLOYDS TREASURERS ACCOUNT	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20
CHEQUES NOT YET BANKED	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00		
CASH CONTROL ACCOUNT	13.00	13.00	8.00	8.00		
	20,423.93	16,616.31	15,485.66	15,490.79	17,592.64	23,368.47

Publication Editor's Report 2022/2023

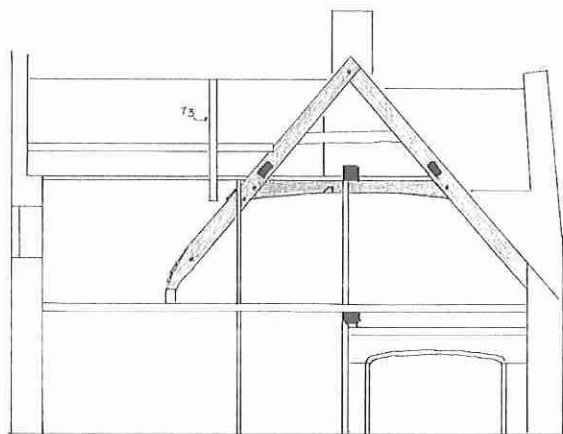
Our total book sales were up to 160 this year, a very pleasing amount. Another box of *Wiltshire Farm Buildings 1500-1900* was found so the book is not now, for a while, out of print. The new edition, to be called *Traditional Farm Buildings of Wiltshire*, is still in preparation.

We were given by members several lots of second-hand books to sell at the Study Day. This again proved very popular and we plan to repeat it at the next Study Day. James Holden has made an excellent start on a book about the public buildings in Wiltshire towns. This is a subject which is quite unexplored and will be another in our series on building types.

Pam Slocombe

Report on WBR Wiltshire Dendrochronological Project 2022/2023

Our funds were exhausted by the end of 2021/2 but we were able to add one more building in Phase 4 of the Project. Overhouse, The Avenue, Tisbury was sampled on 27th June at the owner's expense. Several probable cruck trusses did not date which was disappointing but there was more success with later stages of the house. Beams in the hall ceiling gave a felling date of 1532-57 and those of the hall chamber ceiling above 1575-85. We will be starting Phase 5 of the Project in 2023/4 with fresh funding from the Vernacular Architecture Group.



*Sketch of Truss 4 (west side) at Overhouse, Tisbury
(Drawn by Peter Filtness, based on dwg no. OH/100/09
dated 21.06.04 by John Comparelli, Architect)*

Pam Slocombe

Membership Secretary's Report 2022-2023

At the end of the 2022-2023 membership year in March, we had 73 single/family, 44 Life/Joint life/Hon and 14 paying corporate members which in total was eight more than the previous year at the same time. The main growth has been in the number of Life members. So far in Late April 2023, seventeen members and just three corporate members have yet to renew for the current year. Reminder letters were sent out in August 2022 to those who had not renewed at that time with some success.

Tom Smith

Minutes

For the forty-second Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 18th June 2022 at 2.00pm at the Wiltshire Museum, Devizes.

Present

Gerald Steer (Chair), Glyn Bridges, Jeff Boyan, Clive Carter, Jill Channer, Alyson Curtis, David Dawson, Hilary Dunscombe, Peter Filtness, Paul Kefford, Phyllis Martin, Brian Gibbons, Neil Maw, Louise Purdy, Judy Shercliff, Liz Smith-Gibbons, Ivor Slocombe, Pam Slocombe, Dorothy Treasure (via Zoom) and Nigel Walker.

1. **Apologies:** James Ayres (President), Rose Barclay, Paul Jack, Colin Johns, Dina La Vardera, Tim Mayhew, Jane Mayhew, Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger and Tom Smith.
2. **Minutes** of the previous AGM held at the Christ Church Community Centre, Swindon on Saturday 10th July 2021 at 2.00 pm were proposed for acceptance by Clive Carter, seconded by Hilary Dunscombe and approved.
3. **Chair's Report, Principal Buildings Historian's Report:** Reports by the Chair Gerald Steer and Principal Buildings Historian Dorothy Treasure had been circulated to members previously. Dorothy joined the meeting electronically as she was unable to attend in person due to covid. The salient points of the reports were highlighted. Gerald pointed out WBR is unique in the UK. No other similar organisation has a public-facing officer such as Dorothy. He also reminded us of Julian Orbach's statement in his revision of Pevsner's Buildings of England Series for Wiltshire, that "The Wiltshire Buildings Record is an asset that every county should emulate". Dorothy reported that the workload had been frantic and thanked her volunteers for their help. She had been delighted to welcome some new volunteers, who were already putting their skills to good use and making a difference. Surveys were going from strength to strength, with WBR gaining an excellent reputation for producing high quality work. The reports were accepted.
4. **Accounts:** The Report and Accounts for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 prepared by Diana Miller had been circulated previously. Gerald gave a brief overview. Income was up from the previous year, which was promising. However it was still below that achieved in 2018, and the ambition was to raise income to beyond that figure in order to fund more projects. The accounts were adopted. Proposed Jill Channer, seconded Nigel Walker.
5. **Election of Officers:** Chair Gerald Steer, Secretary Alyson Curtis and Membership Secretary Tom Smith were confirmed in post. Diana Miller of MC Accounting, Warminster was confirmed as Treasurer.
6. **Election of Committee Members:** Elected Committee members Clive Carter and Tim Mayhew were confirmed in post. Paul Jack, Louise Purdy and Nigel Walker had completed a three-year term, were willing to stand again and were elected. Proposed by Peter Filtness, Seconded by Hilary Dunscombe.

7. **Confirmation of Trustees:** The Trustees were confirmed: Gerald Steer Chair of WBR and John d'Arcy former Principal Archivist. The role of Principal Archivist had traditionally been a Trustee, however this role was currently vacant. When a new archivist was in place, they would be approached.
9. **WBR in the future:** A discussion took place on the future of WBR, including issues surrounding funding and development of projects, consideration of succession planning, and thinking about how WBR can best move forward in future years.
10. **AOB:** There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 1435 hrs.

After the formal business, David Dawson gave an insightful talk about plans to restore the iconic Assize Courts in Devizes and bring it back into use as a fabulous new home for Wiltshire Museum. Refreshments were served including scrumptious home-made cakes. After tea, Pam Slocombe led a fascinating walking tour through the churchyard of St John's, which was part of the outer bailey of Devizes Castle. We looked at some of the buildings in the vicinity and discussed their historic features. The final port of call was the former garrison church of circa 1139, St John's church, which contains some unique Norman features. We were extremely grateful to the generous church guides who were on hand to answer questions and join our in-depth discussions. This was a stimulating day, enjoyed by all.



Overhouse, Tisbury. Part of phase 4 of the Dendro Project - hall ceiling dendro felling date 1532-57, hall chamber ceiling above 1575-85

Photo: Peter Filtness

WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD

ON THE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

SET OUT ON PAGES 1 TO 6

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wiltshire Buildings Record for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities And Basis Of The Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act).

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

Independent Examiner's Report

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed.....

Date8/7/2023.....

Name.....PINA MILLER.....

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