



Baverstock Manor, Dinton was investigated by the WBR recording team in summer 2024. The present building is a farmhouse dating from the mid-16th century, though it may have earlier origins as a Pilgrim's Rest built between 1485-1528 by Cecilia Willoughby, Abbess of Wilton. Photo by Paul Jack

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

Present Committee 2024/2025

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Chairman's Report 2024/2025



As members may recall, the WBR was asked by the national Vernacular Architecture Group (VAG) to organise their annual, three-day, conference, based in south Wiltshire. We accepted the challenge, as it is a fine feather in our cap, but it entailed a lot of planning. To ensure that the basic work for the WBR continued as smoothly as possible a dedicated sub-committee was set up to manage this task. The members – Alyson Curtis,

Tim Mayhew, Paul Jack and Kathryn Edwards - delivered a high-quality event to 60 national high-profile delegates.

We are rightly proud of our architectural heritage in Wiltshire and did our best to showcase it. The conference was based at Sarum College, in what is arguably the most beautiful Cathedral Close in the country. During the conference we were blessed by fine and sunny weather, which added to the ambience. Over the three days delegates toured a number of interesting buildings including, on the first day, Place Farm in Tisbury, which originated from the monastic grange of Shaftesbury Abbey and has one of the largest barns in England. The second day of visits included The Chantry, Mere, an almost complete medieval building originally housing the parish priests and later on the home to William Barnes, the Dorset poet. Other visits included perhaps the not so well-known floor maltings in Warminster, remodelled in 1879 and still processing malt in the

same way. The last day of the conference explored Salisbury itself – our glorious medieval city with its own gated community of ecclesiastical dwellings in The Close dating from the 13th century onwards.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the VAG to cover dendrochronology (tree-ring dating). This allowed us to take samples from four key buildings which the conference visited. The results have brought new insights into the date of their construction and evolution. The results were: Prezzo 52-54 High Street, Salisbury dated to 1363; Foyer of the Odeon, New Canal, Salisbury dated to 1459; Oriel Cottage, 91 Castle Street, Salisbury, dated between 1456-75; Timber Cottage, Crockerton, Longbridge Deverill dated between 1503-1528.

Our President Pam Slocombe made a visit to the conference where she met with some of the delegates who have worked with her over many years. Some fondly remember attending the last VAG conference to be held in Wiltshire in 1990, which was needless to say expertly organised virtually single-handedly by Pam.

As part of the VAG brief the sub-committee produced a Handbook for delegates that explained and illustrated the buildings visited and gave brief histories of the localities. A lot of work went into it resulting in a high quality, professional-looking document greatly appreciated by all the delegates. The conference was a huge success and thanks go to everyone associated with it, particularly the core team headed up by Alyson Curtis who made sure everyone was on track.

Whilst all of the above was being undertaken, Dorothy Treasure, who was also part of the organising sub-committee, continued managing the core tasks of WBR – survey work lecturing, assisting the public in their research and generally helping the other specialists at The History Centre.

As Dorothy performed her valuable tasks, so did membership secretary Tom Smith. He has kept the member lists up-to-date, and diligently chased up non-paid subscriptions. Deputy chair, Nigel Walker has also been called in to help on detailed aspects of the management of the committee. I would also like to thank our principal researcher Louise Purdy, who has consistently provided exceptional historical information to support commissioned reports.

I am pleased to report that our financial situation remains reasonably buoyant. This has allowed us to continue to add to our knowledge and expand our archive of the fascinating stocks of Wiltshire's buildings.

Gerald Steer RIBA

WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £	2023 £	2022 RESTATED £	2021 £	2020 £	2019 £
GENERAL FUND INCOME							
GENERAL FUND - WBR SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,617.00	2,081.50	1,902.50	1,570.50	1,628.00	1,694.00	2,232.50
GENERAL FUND - WBR DONATIONS AND GRANTS	7,592.60	4,448.00	7,605.46	2,353.00	40.00	1,821.67	2,355.00
GENERAL FUND- WBR RECORDING	11,569.00	13,562.50	16,113.00	16,249.00	9,847.00	8,996.81	7,676.50
GENERAL FUND - BANK INTEREST RECEIVED	137.78	130.13	23.17	1.32	3.42	6.98	8.19
GENERAL FUND- WBR FEES FOR TALKS	195.00	460.00	255.00	210.00		180.00	260.00
GENERAL FUND -WBR- STUDY DAY	2,772.75	2,725.01	1,567.05			2,609.80	2,370.50
GENERAL FUND - WBR CHRISTMAS LUNCH						135.90	76.00
GENERAL FUND - OTHER INCOME (AS YET UNCLASSIFIED)							
GENERAL FUND- GIFT AID RETURN	4,321.82	260.12	903.45	591.68			
GENERAL FUND- TRANSFER FROM FARMSTEAD PROJECT					2,539.68		
GENERAL FUND- WBR FURLOUGH							
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	28,205.95	23,667.26	28,369.63	20,975.50	14,058.10	15,445.16	14,978.69
GENERAL FUND-WRB BUILDING HISTORIAN SALARY	14,375.20	15,375.20	15,375.20	11,146.30	8,025.84	8,025.84	8,025.84
GENERAL FUND - WBR INSURANCE	222.30	520.80		224.52	221.76	208.32	208.32
GENERAL FUND - EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE PENSION COST	873.60	873.60	800.80	873.60	830.48	880.95	766.26
GENERAL FUND - PAYE AND NIC PAYMENTS	3,195.84	3,307.28	3,758.59	4,853.66	4,267.61	5,377.83	3,503.18
GENERAL FUND - WBR WBR RESEARCH & RECORDING EXP	1,321.25	1,245.22	584.56	1,540.99	125.20	783.94	460.60
GENERAL FUND- WBR BUILDING HISTORIAN ASSISTANT EXP	1,660.84	1,944.40	2,781.02	1,099.78	700.00	1,216.20	2,856.55
GENERAL FUND - WBR GENERAL EXP & ADMIN			300.70		30.00	0.00	110.00
GENERAL FUND- WBR EVENTS- WBR STUDY DAY	1,004.00	967.00	986.20			965.70	967.60
GENERAL FUND-WBR WEBSITE AND TRAINING COSTS	217.00		342.80	180.00	145.00	105.00	720.00
GENERAL FUND-WBR EVENTS-WBR CHRISTMAS LUNCH	105.52	115.70	60.00			140.00	
GENERAL FUND - REPAY LOAN TO BOOK FUND							
GENERAL FUND- REPAY LOAN FROM FARMSTEAD NORTH		490.00					
GENERAL FUND-REPAY LOAN FROM FARMSTEAD SOUTH							
GENERAL FUND-EVENT COSTS- AGM VENUE HIRE			40.00			56.25	20.00
GENERAL FUND- WBR AFFILIATION FEES AND SUBS	848.00	45.00	35.00	35.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
	23,823.55	24,884.20	25,064.87	19,953.85	14,365.89	17,780.03	17,658.35
GENERAL FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	5,029.50	6,246.44	2,941.68	1,920.03	2,227.82	4,562.69	7,242.35
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	4,382.40	(1,216.94)	3,304.76	1,021.65	(307.79)	(2,334.87)	(2,679.66)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	9,411.90	5,029.50	6,246.44	2,941.68	1,920.03	2,227.82	4,562.69
BOOK FUND INCOME							
BOOK FUND - SALE OF BOOKS	640.25	728.81	1,495.60	411.50	302.66	934.81	561.31
BOOK FUND - RECEIPT OF LOAN REPAYMENT							
BOOK FUND - GRANT				1,000.00			
	640.25	728.81	1,495.60	1,411.50	302.66	934.81	561.31
BOOK FUND EXPENSES							
BOOK FUND - EDITING AND PUBLISHING COSTS	0.00	0.00	250.81	1,852.50	0.00	236.38	1,408.83
BOOK FUND -EDITORS EXPENSES	1,075.85	62.28	111.93		0.00	465.41	595.06
BOOK FUND - POSTAGE AND PACKING							
	1,075.85	62.28	362.74	1,852.50	0.00	701.79	2,003.89
BOOK FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	3,991.18	3,324.65	2,191.79	2,632.79	2,330.13	2,097.11	3,539.69
MOVEMENT IN THE YEAR	(435.60)	666.53	1,132.86	(441.00)	302.66	233.02	(1,442.58)
BOOK FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	3,555.58	3,991.18	3,324.65	2,191.79	2,632.79	2,330.13	2,097.11

WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025
REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD
ON THE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wiltshire Buildings Record for the year ended 31st March 2025

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.....

Date12/07/2025.....

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