

# THE MARKET LAVINGTON MUSEUM

England & Wales · Charity number 293631

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 1986-05-16

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY ESTABLISHING IN MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTSHIRE, A MUSEUM FOR THE PRESERVATION AND DISPLAY OF ARTEFACTS AND OTHER CHATTELS OF LOCAL AND HISTORIC INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE TO MARKET LAVINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AND TO DEVELOP AND ENLARGE THE SAME FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.

**Activities:** The Museum continues to advance the education of the public by preserving and displaying artefacts and other chattels of local and historic interest and importance to Market Lavington and the surrounding area, and continues to develop and enlarge the same in an ongoing manner for the benefit of both the present and future generations.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MARKET LAVINGTON AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£7,750	£3,683	-	-
2024-03-31	£5,249	£3,314	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,070	£11,818	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,689	£22,226	-	-
2021-03-31	£10,016	£8,899	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Jackie Clark</b>	Chair	2021-05-24
Ann Chumbley		2024-11-01
CAROL MARGARET TRELOAR		2016-04-19
Jean Edwards		2024-11-01
June Wright		2024-11-01
Katie Behan		2024-11-01
MICHAEL THOMAS ALLEN		2016-06-08
Nicholas Randolph Beard		2023-06-01
Paul Churchill		2024-11-01
Rev THOMAS DAY MACMEEKIN		
SUSAN MARGARET FROST		
Susan McDonald		2018-11-12

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## Chairman's report 2025

The museum continues to go from strength to strength with a few hiccups along the way.

Our museum is Accredited which means we have to reach certain standards and we are checked every few years. Due to Covid our Accreditation renewal was delayed but we were finally called this year. Jean Edwards and I looked through the list and said "This wont be too much work" how wrong we were. We had a small working party who worked tirelessly. We went on training courses, met with our mentor and finally gathered the required documentation. Now we await the verdict. A huge thankyou to Jean, Nick, Paul and Mike for all your hard work and to Jean's husband Dave who along with Jean formatted all the documents.

We traditionally start our year with the Miscellany and this year our talks ranged from Market Lavington businesses to a demonstration of the Phantasmagoria currently on long term loan to the museum. It's a popular event and is a great advertisement for the museum and a fundraiser.

If anyone would like to suggest titles for any short talks for future events we would be delighted to hear them.

This year the museum is celebrating its Ruby anniversary and the garden party was based around an 80's theme with appropriate food and music. We didn't have as many visitors as usual but

it was a relaxed fun celebration of our wonderful museum.

We have tried this year to engage more youngsters with child centred activities on Wednesday afternoons in August. This is something we will continue along with our closing family Halloween activities. It is difficult to engage the young but they represent the future.

Families are an important part of our museum's story and we have visitors from far and wide looking up family connections. Our brilliant curator Sue Frost answers them in as much detail as possible.

Imber bus day was a hugely successful event both for the organisers and for us. We had many visitors to the museum and we made over £2000 in profit from selling bacon buns and cream teas. We are brilliantly supported in this by generous donations of all the consumables from trustees, stewards and the people in Market Lavington and Easterton. This generosity explains why we make so much money in one day.

We had a presence at two local fairs this year with our lovely gazebo. A special thanks to Nick Beard and Judy Boyt for the fantastic photos which we put up in the gazebo or at any other event.

The new board of trustees has really pulled together this year and I know the museum is in safe hands. Our events are better publicized, we have

new initiatives in the museum and our money is in safe hands with a qualified treasurer. One initiative is a film to make the museum more accessible to everyone. Paul Churchill has done an amazing job with this, the film is being processed as we speak and should be available for the 2026 season.

We say a fond farewell to Sue McDonald as a trustee this year but she remains a steward. Unfortunately she is unable to be here this evening. Sue pestered me for many years to join the board of trustees so I will certainly hold her to her promise of remaining a steward. She has been responsible for the stewards this year and set up the Whatsapp group which has proved so successful. We are looking for a trustee to replace Sue, someone who would like to take control of all things stewarding. If anyone is interested in joining the board of trustees please see me afterwards or contact any of the current trustees.

Stewards are the lifeblood of the museum. They turn up three times a week from May to October in all weathers and sometimes there are no visitors. They are a lovely group of people but we always need more. This year we have secured a grant to improve the training we give our volunteers so we intend to have a fun away day in the Community Hall with lunch provided. If you want to volunteer as a steward let us know. We will be delighted to welcome you to the team. You can volunteer as

often or as little as you like and there are always two of you in the museum.

So finally a huge thankyou to everyone who has helped the museum in anyway this year. It only survives because you help.

last years accounts		12186.25				
payments in last year		£341.84		<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Apr 24 to date</b>	
Bank account 31.3.24		<b>£11,844.41</b>				
<b>Miscellany 2024</b>				Rent	£ 10.00	
Profit		£ 1,484.97		Electricity	<b>£527.04</b>	
				Maintenance	£ 33.98	
				Building improvements	£ 68.25	
				Webhosting Sept	£57.46	
				Domain renewal Jan	£ 15.59	
				SSL cert biennial May	£ 95.99	
<b>Garden party 2024</b>				Fireline Jan	£69.48	
Profit		£ 522.91		Modes April	£ 63.50	
				Insurance Oct 2nd	£ 354.08	
				Harwell Sept	£ 99.00	
				Hiring	£133	
				Stationery	£ 184.38	
<b>Imber Bus Day 2024</b>				sundries	£ 1,971.47	
Profit		£ 1,990.86			<b>£ 3,683.22</b>	
Bank Interest		£ 112.78		Income- expenditure	£4,067.23	profit in the year
Grants		£2,550				
Museum donations		£908.93				
Book sales		£180.00				
		<b>£ 7,750.45</b>		profit	4067.23	
				beginning balance	11844.41	
				Bank and cash	<b>15911.64</b>	
Bank account	31/03/2025	£ 14,500.73				
		£1,194.51				
		<b>£15,695.24</b>				
cash in hand		£216.40				
		<b>£ 15,911.64</b>				

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## Chairman's report for 2024 AGM

This has been another great year for the museum, building on our strengths and identifying where we need to focus going forward. We had nearly 1000 visitors this year, most on Imber Bus day, the Vintage Meet and Easterton Fete.

We have had some wonderful fundraising events this year.

The Miscellany was enjoyed by many people and we had an actual live singer telling us about Imber. The original idea for the Miscellany came from Peggy Gye who could talk for ever on all things Market Lavington. We have adopted a more varied approach which is why we jumped at the idea of a singer. Apparently he thought he was singing to a few people in a small hall so the full Community Hall was a little daunting. We are hoping to get a recording of the song for our archives although I will have to try to sneak it past the curator as Imber is not in our parish. There were other varied talks and the next Miscellany is in the planning.

We had another enjoyable garden party and the rain stayed off. It is always lovely to see the people who did so much work when the museum was set up still supporting us now. The garden party is a small thankyou for all their hardwork and a chance for all our wonderful stewards to socialize.

I don't usually bake scones but I do for Imber bus day and it would seem that there are a lot of very generous bakers in Market Lavington and Easterton. It was a hectic day, I think we had sold out of Cream teas by 3.30pm and everything by 4pm. But it was our most profitable year yet. Lots of the visitors also went up to the museum and while their experience might have been a little crowded they were generous with their donations. We even had a mention on Radio Caroline. A highlight of the day was Tom MacMeekin resplendent in his museum

polo shirt and hat. We wanted to mark Tom's sterling efforts over the years in kidnapping visitors as they step off the bus and directing them our way so we thought an official shirt and cap was the answer.

Thankyou Tom.

Our final event was the family day on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Amid much hilarity we had children teenagers and adults trying their mouths at apple bobbing. The future of this museum depends on the next generation so we are really trying to engage with young people.

I have deliberately not mentioned names in this report because there are too many to mention but I would like you all to give a round of applause to the trustees who give tirelessly of their time, energy and money and all our volunteers in all their roles.

One of the more difficult things we achieved this year was to convert the museum from a charitable limited company to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) I wont bore you with the details of why this was essential , mainly because I was blown away by the documentation we had to fill in to achieve this status but also because the bulk of the hard graft was done by someone else. The museum owes a huge debt of gratitude to Gerald Millward-Oliver who stepped forward and guided us through the process. By guided I really mean he did the work and I sent the documents off. There were so many times when after a session at my kitchen table Nick and I looked at each other and said Thank God for Gerald. Thank you Gerald.

Moving onto the financial statement.

This covers the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March we had a healthy bank balance of just over £12000 and over the year we had more income than expenditure. Fortunately for us electricity prices are lower now so going forward our electricity

costs have come down. We were fortunate to receive £1500 from the Imber Bus Day charity.

Any questions?

As a result of becoming a CIO we now have a new constitution. The constitution will be available on the website shortly but if anyone wants a copy please let me know. The new trustees are :

Jackie Clark

Nick Beard

Mike Allen

Gill Morris

Ann Chumbley

Sue Frost

Tom MacMeekin

Carol Treloar

Jean Edwards

Paul Churchill

June Wright

Katie Behan

## Accounts from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

### Income

#### Miscellany and Coronation

Cash to bank after expenses	£	685.00
Sumup bar at Miscellany	£	226.64
sum up tickets	£	45.25
sumup bar at coronation	£	81.10
	<b>£</b>	<b>1,037.99</b>

#### Garden party 9th July 2023

Cheques	£	235.00
Cash	£	409.00
Sumup	£	88.47
Donations on line	£	50.00
	<b>£</b>	<b>782.47</b>

#### Imber Bus Day 19th August 2023

cash to museum	£	137.37
Sum up	£	21.64
Contactless payments	£	287.53
Cash payments after costs	£	781.66
	<b>£</b>	<b>1,228.20</b>

Bratton History Soc	£40
Total fundraising	<b>£ 3,088.66</b>

Grants PC	£	500.00
Museum donations	£160	
Gift aid		
Imber grant	£	1,500.00
	<b>£</b>	<b>2,160.00</b>

**Total Income** **£5,248.60**

Total funds 31-Mar 2023 £ 10,252.00

Total funds 31-Mar 2024  
 Deposit Ac £ 7,603.84  
 Current Ac £ 4,383.11

cash in hand £199.30

Total funds 31-Mar 2024 **£12,186.25**

### Expenditure

#### Apr 23 to date

Rent	£	10.00
Electricity	£	1,550.45
Maintenance	£	211.00
Building improvements	£	427.00
Webhosting Sept	£	57.46
Domain renewal Jan	£	9.54
SSL cert biennial May	£	79.99
Fireline Jan	£	64.50
Modes April	£	58.00
Insurance Oct 2nd	£	326.58
Harwell Sept	£	95.34
Companies House	£	375.00
Stationary	£	19.49
sundrys	£	30.00
	<b>£</b>	<b>3,314.35</b>

Income over expenditure £1,934.25

**Total expenditure** **£3,314.35**

Income over expenditure: £1,934.25

Brought forward £10,252.00

**£12,186.25**