GROSVENOR MUSEUM SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 513234

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1982-11-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Grosvenor Museum Society c/o Grosvenor Museum 27 Grosvenor Street Chester CH1 2DD
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY IS THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY (1) SUPPORTING AND ASSISTING AND IMPROVING THE GROSVENOR MUSEUM (AND THE BRANCH MUSEUMS) AND PROMOTING ITS USE AND ENJOYMENT BY THE PUBLIC. (2) ENCOURAGING, IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE GROSVENOR MUSEUM, CULTURAL PURSUITS SUCH AS LOCAL HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND EXCAVATIONS, NATURAL HISTORY, THE STUDY OF THE FINE AND APPLIED ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE CHESTER AREA AND GENERALLY DOING ALL THINGS NECESSARY OR EXPEDIENT FOR THE DUE CONDUCT OF THE SOCIETY NOT HEREIN OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR.

Activities: The charity exists to support and assist the Chester Grosvenor Museum and promote its use and enjoyment by the public. In furtherance of this, to make loans or gifts of money to enable the Grosvenor Museum to acquire artefacts and also provide funds for their maintenance.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE CHESTER AREA
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Flintshire
- Liverpool City
- Wirral
- Wrexham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£171,398	£6,620	-	-
2024-12-31	£3,425	£2,054	-	-
2023-12-31	£3,855	£4,267	-	-
2022-12-31	£14,631	£9,076	-	-
2021-12-31	£16,183	£26,206	-	-
2020-12-31	£5,345	£1,239	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Hopkinson		2017-01-01
Kath Chaloner		2019-04-15
Peter David Forster-Dean		2022-02-28

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Committee changes

In November Peter Forster-Dean has volunteered to join the committee. I welcome this wholeheartedly. PFD has been a Trustee for the Society since 2021 and was on the GMS committee in its early years in the 1980s-90s. I welcome the experience and insight that he brings to the committee and we will put this to good experience.

In September, Stephanie Clenton very kindly stepped forward and offered to attend meetings and prepare draft minutes. We are most grateful to Stephanie for doing this and for her care and attention to the minutes – it is most welcome and helps all members to concentrate on matters for discussion. Stephanie also makes very welcome and perceptive comments, but she prefers not to be a permanent, full member of the committee.

Other members of the committee are our President V N-W and Peter Ratcliffe, who have struggeled against various adversities to contribute to meetings, Mark Chaloner is responsible for arranging preparing the lecture programme. I pay tribute to Mark for the varied, interesting, stimulating, well attended and profitable lecture series. Kath Chaloner is our hon Treasurer and has complete mastery of her brief, and negotiated several difficulties I have pushed in her direction, including selling tickets for all our autumn special events for tickets at £10.00 leaving her totally unable to distinguish which payments were for which event. The arrival of payment by card presents similar issues for Kath. Kath is assisted with banking matters by the GMS secretary Andrea Hopkinson. I am extremely grateful to Kath and Andrea for their teamwork, and their work on behalf of the soc. Malc Chaloner is a great and willing helper and facilitator for Kath and the GMS.

In 2025 we have welcomed Jessie Petheram to all formal committee meetings. Jessie was promoted to Senior Curator at the GM in 2025. I hold JP in the highest regard and am confident that in Jessie the mus is fortunate to have a young curator of great promise who possesses a deep and growing understanding of the objects under her oversight. We really value the time and care she gives to our meetings. I place on record my sincere gratitude to all committee members.

2025 marked several innovations for GM. The outstanding event was the exhibition 'Gladiators of Britain'. The exh was organised by British Museum and toured to three venues. This is the first time that Chester had received loans from a major nation institution, and was a great success being exceptionally well received by visitors and generating interest from a young age groups. We hope that further loans and exhibitions from the London and other major galleries will be scheduled and we are ready to assist with these.

The Trustees supervised sending of the GMS accounts to the auditor and accountant for auditing. Trustees approved the grant made to the Grosvenor Museum for educational purposes.

The Trustees oversaw and approved the day to day activities of the GMS and satisfied themselves that commercial and social activities were well run and all funds raised passed to the Society for its charitable function.

Membership of the GMS increased to 84 individual members in 2025.

The Trustees advise that they accept this report and thank the committee for its work on behalf of the Society.

GROSVENOR MUSEUM SOCIETY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Grosvenor Museum Society

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

		2025	2024
Income			
	Outings & Events	2,539	559
	Subscriptions	1,005	765
	Interest	811	684
	Visitors Donations	1,130	1175
	Legacy Mrs W Hazelhurst	165,913	0
	HMRC Gift Aid	-	243
		171,397	3425
Expenses			
	Outings & Lectures	1,921	1032
	Printing & Administration	237	170
	Website	807	0
	Accountants charges	300	282
	Grant - Gladiator Experience	3,120	500
	Card charges	49	0
	Sundries	186	70
		6,620	2054
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		164,777	1371
	Grants given	0	0
Increase in funds during the year		164,777	1,371
Funds Brought forward		45,071	43,700
Funds Carried forward		209,848	45,071

Represented By:

Lloyds Current Account	3,052	1,787
Lloyds Instant Access Account	175,389	12,522
Lloyds Fixed Term Deposit Accounts	31,307	30,662
Cash Float	100	100
	209,848	45,071

I certify that the above figures prepared from books, vouchers, explanations and information given represent a fair and true view of the affairs of the Society

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