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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2006

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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LEGAL INFORMATION

Constitution

Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society is a company limited by guarantee, registration number 3885649, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and a charity, registration number 1080096. The members of the society are subscribing members; in the event of the society being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

Directors and Trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the Society) are its trustees for the purpose of charitable law and throughout the report are referred to collectively as "the trustees". As set out in the Articles of Association twelve trustees are elected by the membership, one third retire each year and are eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. In addition up to five trustees may be nominated, two by Wiltshire County Council, and one each by Devizes Town Council, Kennet District Council and the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum. The trustees have the power to co-opt additional trustees who serve until the end of the next Annual General Meeting at which they may be nominated and elected. The maximum number of trustees at any time is twenty.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman:

W. A. Perry, MSc

Deputy Chairman:

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Elected Trustees:

Miss A. Arrowsmith, BS (Hons.) Microbiology (Lon)

Lt. Col. R. C. Chamberlain (co-opted 9/12/05)

Ms C. Conybeare, MA, FMA

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Cllr. P. A. Brown (resigned 10/05/05)

Cllr. N. Fogg (appointed 08/07/05)

Cllr. D. H. Lay (resigned 05/05/05)

Cllr. A Molland (appointed 08/07/05)

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Cllr. Mrs J Swabey (appointed 08/07/05)

Cllr. Mrs K. J. Walling, BA (Hons), PGCE

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Member Kennet District Council

Member Kennet District Council

Member Wiltshire County Council

Member Wiltshire County Council

Director, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum

Member Wiltshire County Council

Member Devizes Town Council

**SOCIETY STAFFING, FORMAL AND HONORARY APPOINTMENTS
AS AT 31st MARCH, 2006**

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

STAFF: Museum

Curator	Paul Robinson, BA, PhD, FSA, AMA
Assistant Curator	Lisa Webb, BA (Hons), MA
Finds Liaison Officer	Katie Hinds, BA (Hons), MA
Education/Outreach Officer	Ali Siviter, BA, MA

Library

Sandell Librarian	Lorna Haycock, BA (Hons), PhD, DipELH, Cert. Ed, F.R.Hist.S
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Administration

Volunteer Co-ordinator	Heather Ault, BA (Hons)
Administrative Officers	Margaret Clarke; Karen Jones, BA (Hons)
Accountancy Assistant	Rosalie Humphrey
Shop Manager/Receptionist	Diann Barnett
Receptionist (Saturday)	Jean Volpi
General Assistant	Jim Dibdin

FORMAL APPOINTMENTS

Auditors:	David Owen & Co., 17, Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1BA
Bankers:	Lloyds TSB plc, 38, Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1JD
Solicitors:	Wansboroughs, Northgate House, Devizes, SN10 1JX
Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine:	
Editor	Andrew Reynolds, BA., PhD., FSA
Assistant Editor	Stuart Brookes, BA (Hons), MA, PhD, PGCTILL

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

General Programme Organiser:	Kate Walling
Programme Bookings Secretary:	Diane Lloyd.

REGISTERED OFFICE

41 Long Street, Devizes, Wiltshire. SN10 1NS.

VOLUNTEERS 2005-2006

Mr Don Ainge	Dr A Chadburn	Mr Stephen Durant
Mrs Livvy Ainge	Dr John Chandler	Dr John Elliot
Miss Juliet Allan	Mr Christopher Chippindale	Ms P M Eyre
Mr Christopher Allen	Mrs N S T Clarke	Ms Lynne Farrow
Mrs Myra Annable	Mrs M R Clarke	Mr D Field
Miss Rachel Argles	Dr Rosamund Cleal	Dr Kate Fielden
Mrs Leslie Baker	Mr Philip Cole	Mrs Joy Francis
Ms Isabelle Bedu	Mrs Judith Colls	Miss Elizabeth Freshwater
Mr P B Bell	Miss Mary Cooper	Mrs Joan Friend
Dr Martin Bell	Mr Mark Corney	Mrs Phillida Frost
Dr J D Belt	Mr B Coupe	Mrs Barbara Fuller
Mr Warren Berry	Mrs Janice Dando	Mrs Elizabeth Gardner
Mr A J Billingham	Dr M Darby	Mrs Marion Geeves
Mrs S Blease	Mr J N D'Arcy	Mr Bobby Gibbs
Mr M Bowden	Ms S Davies	Mrs Audrey Gibbs
Mr Hubert Bradford	Mr Brian Davison	Mr Peter Goodhugh
Mr J S Brazier	Mr Roger Day	Rev Dr J W F Gosling
Mr David Brown	Mr Andrew Day	Mr R Greatorex
Mrs Daphne Bryant	Mr & Mrs J A DeNormann	Mr Thomas Green
Ms L Burden	Mr R A Dewhurst	Dr Eric Gruber Von Arni
Mr Roy Canham	Miss Janet Dore	

Mr	Paul	Hadley	Miss	J	Northey	Mr	Nicol	Smith
Mrs	Patricia	Hallam	Miss	Virginia	Novarra	Mr	Richard	Sneyd
Mrs	Christine	Hannington	Mrs	Gill	Ody	Mr	Alessandro	Sogos
Mr & Mrs	Richard	Hatchwell	Mr & Mrs	B D	Oram	Mr	Tony	Spencer
Ms	Marilyn	Hayes	Mr	R	Osgood	Mrs	Anne	Spencer
Mrs	Molly	Heath	Mrs	Christine	O'Sullivan	Mr	Ray	Spencer
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Mr	Michael	Hiscock	Mr	D	Parker	Mrs	Penny	Spink
Mr & Mrs	M J	Hudson	Mrs	Margaret	Parkinson	Mrs	Jean	Springett
Mrs	Ros	Humphrey	Mr	Richard	Parrack	Mrs	Christina	Staff
Mr	Robin	Jenkins	Mr	J R	Paton	Mr	Eric	Stanford
Rev & Mrs	G H	Jones	Mr	Tim	Payne	Mr	Mike	Stone
Mrs	Carole	Jones	Mr	John	Phillips	Mrs	Audrey	Summers
Mr	Jim	Keates	Miss	Jean	Philpott	Mrs	Gill	Swanton
Mrs	Elizabeth	Kemp	Miss	Edith	Pickering	Prof	L	Symon
Mrs	Jasmine	Kendall	Mr	C J	Pollard	Mr	Philip	Taverner
Lord	W	Kenet	Dr	David	Pollard	Mrs	Gina	Tay
Mr	John	Lambert	Mrs	M	Pomeroy-Kellinger	Mr	M	Teale
Mr & Mrs	A H	Lancashire	Ms	Cynthia	Poole	Mrs	S	Teale
Mr	Arthur	Lansdown	Mr	Dennis	Powney	Mr	Colin	Thomas
Mr	Peter	Lavis	Mr	Chris	Rea	Dr	J	Thomas
Mr	A J	Lawson	Mrs	Mary	Rennie	Mr	A H	Thomsett
Mrs	Diane	Lloyd	Mrs	Dorothy	Robertson	Mr	Peter	Tolhurst
Mr	Edward	Look	Mr	Tim	Robey	Mrs	Francine	Tomaselli
Capt	F D	Lowe	Mrs	D	Robinson	Lady	Nancy	Tomlinson
Ms	Stella	Maddock	Mrs	Doris	Roddham	Mr & Mrs	P Q	Treloar
Mr	D G	Magill	Mrs	Helen	Rogers	Mrs	Marianne	Walker
Ms	Jean	Martin	Mrs	Eileen	Rollo	Mr & Mrs	Peter	Wallis
Mr	D J	Mattock	Miss	Susan	Rooke	Mrs	Joyce	Walsh
Miss	Josephine	May	Mrs	Judith	Roseaman	Mr	B	Walters
Prof & Mrs	Sean	McGrail	Mrs	Marion	Rowland	Mr	John	Watts
Mrs	Beryl	McKie	Mr	Rick	Rowland	Mrs	R	Webb
Mrs	Margaret	Melsom	Mr	Anthony	Sampson	Mr & Mrs	Roy	Webber
Mr	Robert	Moody	Miss	Joan	Sanders	Mr	Peter	Webster
Mrs	Meriall	Moore	Mr	Peter	Saunders	Mrs	Barbara	Welfare
Mrs	Alison	Morison	Dr	Colin	Shell	Mrs	Wendy	Weller
Mrs	Barbara	Morrison	Mr	Den	Shelton	Mrs	Susan	Wheeler
Mr	Nick	Morrison	Mrs	Anne	Sheperdson	Ms	K	Whitaker
Miss	Helen	Mortimer	Mrs	Peggy	Shergold	Mrs	Lucy	Whitcher
Mrs	Mary	Mortimer	Mr	R J	Skinner	Miss	Jenny	Wildblood
Mrs	Christine	Mudge	Mrs	Pamela	Slocombe	Mr	David	Williams
Mrs	Debbie	Munro	Mrs	Anne	Smith	Mrs	Sylvia	Young
Miss	Elizabeth	Murray	Mr	Mike	Smith	Mrs	Karin	Zeidler
			Mrs	Wendy	Smith			

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

At the start of the year we were extremely concerned about how we were going to pay for the major building repairs that were nearing completion and the projected £30,000 deficit on the rest of the annual budget. As you know we asked members for their help and they responded most generously; the details are given in the report of the Fundraising, Marketing and Membership Committee. We had a successful year in fundraising not least due to the assistance of Sir David Attenborough whose lecture helped us raise some £3,000, last November, including profits on books and other connected sales. As a result the outturn for the year was a small deficit of less than £6,000. When unrealised gains on investments are taken into account there was actually an underlying improvement in our balance sheet.

Those who attended the AGM or have read *Trilithon* will know that the meeting authorised the Trustees to proceed with the setting up of an Endowment Fund as a means of improving our future income position. Regrettably this is taking longer than we hoped, and at the time of writing we are still waiting for the Charity Commission's approval of the draft Trust Deed and other matters before we can put these to a general meeting for final approval. It now seems unlikely that it will be possible to do this before the next AGM.

As you will see in the report this has been an eventful and exciting year with 22,611 visitors (up 5.9%) and 71,242 user sessions on our website. Our 'Romans' Family Day in February recorded an attendance of 1,079 by far the largest number to visit the museum in one day. We also had a number of successful exhibitions, listed in this report, but I would like particularly to highlight the exhibitions of pictures of Sheep Street in Devizes which proved most popular with local people and the outstanding pictures of dolmens from Gangwa Island by David Gunning. David Gunning also generously donated a number of prints for us to use in connection with fundraising for the museum. We are giving careful consideration to how we can make best use of these. 2005 was also one of the years for our bi-annual Oexmann Art Competition which again attracted a number of very high calibre entries. We were very pleased that David Inshaw, Jenevora Searight and Helen Stanford agreed to judge the competition and were delighted to welcome members of the Oexmann family, from the USA, for the prize giving.

During the year the museum was visited by David Margesson, the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, and towards the end of the year we were pleased to welcome him as the speaker at our Annual Dinner.

After the loan of the Wessex Gold from Bush Barrow for a Bronze Age exhibition at the Museum in Halle, Germany in 2004, the first time these objects had travelled abroad, we have now been asked if we would loan them for another exhibition in Basle, Switzerland later in 2006.

In January, we became one of the first Museums in the South West to be granted Full Accreditation under the Government's new scheme for museums registration. The award of Accreditation is confirmation that the Museum meets high standards of museum management, user services, visitor facilities and collections care. I would like to congratulate and thank our staff for their hard work in achieving this award and indeed for the excellent care they take of the collections on a continuing basis.

The end of the year saw the completion of our two year documentation project funded by the Designation Challenge Fund, to record the collections on a computer database and put particulars of the holdings with pictures of the most interesting artefacts on the museum website. More details are given later in the report. We are most fortunate that we have received a grant of £40,000 from the Pilgrim Trust to enable us to continue the work over the next two years. The documentation project also included the production of a DVD showing what goes on 'Behind the Scenes at the Museum', which is now showing to visitors to the museum on a monitor in the Henge Gallery.

Our financial position remains a matter of concern; our grants from the local authorities for 2006-07 have been further reduced and costs continue to increase faster than the rate of general inflation. Nevertheless we believe it remains controllable. In addition to the grant from the Pilgrim Trust already mentioned, we were fortunate, at the end of the year, to receive a £10,000 grant from the McLaren Foundation and we will also be receiving grants from the DCMS/Wolfson Museums Improvement Fund, the Landfill Tax Credits scheme and a number of donations from local companies towards the planned refurbishment of the Art Gallery and Lecture Room. During 2005-06 the old Society (which still exists for this purpose) received three legacies, from Col. E R A Sewell, Mrs K M Walker and Ms O J Potter, from wills written before the Company was incorporated. The Trustees have resolved that these will be transferred to the Company in 2006-07. These and the demonstrated and continuing support of our members not only endorse but also encourage our endeavours.

Bill Perry

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March, 2006.

Legal and administrative information set out on pages 2 and 3 form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The objects for which the Society is registered are to educate the public by promoting, fostering interest in, exploration, research and publication on the archaeology, art, history and natural history of Wiltshire for the public benefit.

To achieve this the Society:

Maintains a museum, library and art gallery and mounts exhibitions to stimulate and enhance appreciation of the county of Wiltshire.

Promotes, encourages and undertakes research and publishes newsletters, an annual magazine, reports, periodicals, books and other literature which are relevant to its activities.

Provides lectures and visits on topics and places of interest, both inside and outside the county, to disseminate greater knowledge and appreciation of our heritage.

Operates an archaeological field group which encourages members to become involved actively in the current archaeological scene in the county.

Provides activities for young people to enable them to appreciate the local environment and to explore their creative powers.

ORGANISATION.

The Company is administered by a Board of Trustees of up to twenty members. The Curator is the senior member of staff responsible for the ongoing operations in consultation with the Chairman. There are sub-committees for Archaeology, Building and Monuments, Finance, Fund-raising, Marketing and Membership, Industrial Archaeology, Library, Natural History, Programme, Publications, and Stonehenge; an Archaeology Field Group and a working group on the Disability and Discrimination Act all of which report to the Board. Reports from the Curator, the Librarian, the Volunteer Co-ordinator, the Education Officer and these committees and groups are included below.

CURATOR'S REPORT

The number of visitors to the museum was another record (22,611). There were also 71,242 visits (visitor sessions) to the Society's web-site where the number of 'hits' combined with the number of foreign visitors and researchers coming to the museum (and library) show clearly the interest in the museum by people from abroad.

We welcomed Ms Ali Siviter as the Education Officer, who took up her post in July. She has a BA Hons in Archaeology and Prehistory from Sheffield University and an MA in Museum Studies from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. She previously worked as Education Workshop co-ordinator at the Coalport China Museum, part of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust. The post is generously supported by the Garfield Weston Trust, the Foyle Foundation and the D'Oyley Carte Charitable Trust. Sue Gayton left the Museum at the end of August after working as a Receptionist for 14 years. Diann Barnett now works full-time as Shop Manager and Jean Volpi joined us in October to run the Reception desk on Saturdays and other necessary times. Philip O'Brien left at the end of March 2005 and his important duties of keeping the Museum clean, welcoming and presentable have been taken on by Jim Dibdin. Finally with very great reluctance we also said 'goodbye' at the end of the year to Dr Andrew Martin, the DCF Documentation Project Manager and Philippa Luscombe the DCF Documentation Project Assistant, who helped to ensure that the first stage of the museum's documentation project (described further below) was brought to a successful conclusion. At the end of March, following the very successful completion of the first stage of the Portable Antiquities Scheme, the management of Katie Hinds, the Finds Liaison Officer for Wiltshire, was transferred to Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum. Katie, however, will continue to work in Devizes several days each month.

Blacknall Field Post-Excavation Project

We submitted to English Heritage in 2005 the draft account of the highly important excavations undertaken by F K Annable between 1969 and 1975 of the early Saxon Cemetery at Blacknall Field, Pewsey. This was approved with a request for a number of revisions which are now nearly complete. The 'breathing space' has given us time to re-examine carefully some new facts that only came to light at a late stage in the preparation of the report. This will ensure that the content of the published report will be more accurate and more complete. Work on the final text is now nearing completion and we would expect to publish the excavation report before the end of 2006.

Designation Challenge Fund Documentation Project

In 2004 the Museum was given a grant by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) from the Designation Challenge Fund (DCF) for the documentation of all its collections, including the internationally important *Stourhead Collection*, onto a computer database and then to upload the data onto the internet (www.wiltshireheritage.org.uk – click on 'search the collections').

Andrew Martin, Lisa Webb, Philippa Luscombe and Heather Ault, together with a team of over 40 volunteers (who have together contributed over 2,600 hours of their time), successfully reached the 42,000 MODES record target with 1000 accompanying digital images as set by the MLA. In fact, the final number of MODES records created at the end of March has exceeded 45,500 and there are 1500 digital images from the extensive archaeology, recent history, natural history, art, numismatic, photograph and postcard collections. Visitors to the Museum website can now search this online.

However, documentation of the collections is not yet finished, as the task, and the extent of the collections, has proved far greater than previously anticipated. At the start of the project the curatorial staff expected that all the collections could be documented with about 50,000 MODES records (some archaeological assemblages or groups of objects being one database entry). However, in the course of the work it has become apparent that the initial survey seriously underestimated the number of individual objects in the reserve collection storage boxes and although most of the recent history, art and numismatic collections have been catalogued, the database still only represents about half of the archaeology and natural history collections.

There is therefore much work still to be done, and having created the database, effort is needed to keep it up to date and maintain its integrity, so that it remains a living tool for the management of the collections and, via the website, as a current information base for public access. Therefore, the Museum is most grateful to the Pilgrim Trust, who have generously given us a grant to support this project for a further two years. As a result we are now able to employ a part time Documentation Officer for this period, who will be in charge of record creation, looking after the database, including migrating records from the present MODES for Windows software to MODES XML later this year, as well as adding newly created records and digital images to the website some time in the Autumn.

Re-labelling the Galleries

Following the replacement in 2004-05 of the labels of the Neolithic, Iron Age and Saxon Galleries, a project that was part-funded by the DCMS/Wolfson Museums & Galleries Improvement Fund, the labels in the 'Henge Gallery' have been revised and re-written by Josephine May, incorporating up to date information and theory about Stonehenge and other sites in Wiltshire. The new labels are more accurate and certainly much easier to read as they are printed in larger type and do not contain quite as much information as on previous labels.

Conservation

The ever-helpful staff from the conservation laboratory of Wiltshire County Council have continued to make regular visits to the museum and library to monitor environmental conditions in the public areas and the stores and to help and to advise the staff. They provided training for staff and volunteers on the identification and control of pests in the museum and have arranged the de-infestation of newly acquired items, including a banner and two samplers, as well as of the Society's herbarium.

Items that have been conserved during the year are the remaining seven late Bronze Age axe-heads from the Manton hoard, which is among the most important Bronze Age finds from the county made in recent years, a collection of 17th century cannon shot from Roundway Down (needed for an exhibition on the Civil War battle which was fought there) and a Roman storage jar from Casterley Camp. Certainly the most important project, however, was the repacking of the early Bronze Age gold objects, which are the outstanding objects in the museum collection, to ensure that they are much better protected for the future. The Conservation Laboratory staff also assisted the Society's Archaeology Field Group by x-raying iron objects for them.

Researchers -

Professor Seichi Suzuki (Kansai Gaidai University), Anglo-Saxon button brooches. Ms T Hawtin and Ms C McKenzie (Sheffield University), human skeletal remains from Potterne. Ms S Mottram (Swindon College), finds from Neolithic long barrows. Dr R Cleal (Alexander Keiller Museum, Avebury), Neolithic pottery. Dr J Pollard (Bristol University), Neolithic Pottery. Simon Hounsell (Reading University), Palaeolithic finds. Dr Frances Healey (Cardiff University), Neolithic animal bones from Knap Hill. Ms Helen Leaf (Institute of Archaeology, UCL), medieval bone flutes. Ms Christine Harrison (Southampton University), Neolithic pottery from West Kennet Long barrow. Ms M lafrate (University of Winchester), Saxon finds from Broadchalke cemetery. Professor Dr F Bertemes (Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg). Dr Harald Meller (State Museum of Prehistory, Halle), Dr Volker Heyd and Dr J. Pollard (Bristol University), Early Bronze Age gold artefacts. Ms Jenna Spiller (University of Winchester), Anglo-Saxon grave finds. B Lean, Anglo Saxon coins. Paul Tubb (Bristol University), Iron Age finds from the Pewsey Vale. Chris Parker (Bristol University), polished Neolithic Axe-head from Stockbridge. Simon Gibson, Roman finds from Easton Gray. Z Pryce-Maher (Southampton University), Middle Bronze Age personal ornaments. Professor Thomas Strasser (Providence College), Emery-axe head from Calne. Dr J J Taylor (Liverpool University), Early Bronze Age gold. Dr C Shell (University of Cambridge), Early Bronze Age wood remains. Dr M Hamilton (University of Wales, Newport), human bone remains of the Beaker phase. Dr Nobuyuki Yamaguchi (Oxford University), the Cape Lion.

Major Loans

Four important loans were made during the year. These loans help to promote the museum and increase our audience, and also reveal important new information about the collections, leading in turn to an improvement in our knowledge of the archaeology of Wiltshire or of archaeology in general.

<i>Nov 2005 - Jan 2006</i>	Loan of the jadeite axehead from Breamore to the National Museum of Scotland for scientific analysis at Paris, to determine the source of the jadeite.
<i>Nov 2005 - Mar 2006</i>	Loan of the human bone assemblage from Bowl's Barrow, Heytesbury for examination as part of a Leverhulme Trust funded project to analyse and date Neolithic assemblages which have not been examined recently.
<i>Dec 2005 - Mar 2006</i>	Loan of animal bone samples from Knap Hill to Dr Frances Healey as part of a project funded by AHRB and English Heritage to date Neolithic causewayed enclosures.
<i>Nov 2005 - Mar 2006</i>	Loan of samples of iron objects from Blacknall Field, Pewsey early Saxon cemetery to Dr Brian Gilmour at Oxford University, for radio-carbon dating.

Exhibitions

The following exhibitions were staged during the year -

Art Gallery

2 April - 22 May	'An Engraver's Landscape'. Wood engravings, drawings and paintings by Howard Phipps.
11 June - 24 July	Oexmann Art Award Competition Exhibition
31 July - 4 Sep	'Biennial Print Exhibition'. Photographs by members of Devizes Camera Club.
17 Sept - 30 Oct	'Recent Works'. An exhibition by members of Calne Artists Group.
12 Nov - 31 Dec	'Dolmens of Gangwa Island. Drawings of Megalithic tombs in South Korea' by David Gunning.
14 Jan - 17 March	'Images of a Devizes Street'. Paintings, drawings and photographs of Sheep Street, Devizes.

Old Entrance Hall

29 April - 19 June	'Objects of Desire: the art of Collecting'. Pottery from the Museum's reserve collection.
4 July - 27 Aug	'The siege of Devizes and the Battle of Roundway Down'. Exhibition of original sources and relics.
3 Sept - 23 Oct	'Recipes, Menus and Cookery Books from Wiltshire'. An exhibition linked to the first Devizes Food Festival.
13 Nov - 31 Dec	'Posser, Twybill or Housewife's Darling'. A Christmas quiz.
1 Feb - 18 April	'Life in Edwardian Devizes'. To celebrate the centenary of the Devizes Chamber of Commerce.

Staff Publications

- P H Robinson 'Medieval and Post Medieval Objects', in Chapter 4, The Finds, in Laurence Keen and Peter Ellis, *Sherborne Abbey and School Excavations 1972-76 and 1990*, Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society Monograph No. 16 (Dorchester 2006).
- P H Robinson review of Timothy Darvill's *Long Barrows of the Cotswolds and surrounding Areas* (Tempus, Stroud. 2006), in *Minerva* 17i (Jan-Feb 2006), p 57.
- P H Robinson review of Rodney Castleden *Britain 3000 BC* (Sutton, Stroud, 2004), in *Minerva* 17i (Jan-Feb 2006), p 57f.
- L Haycock *Devizes: History and Guide* (Tempus, Stroud, 2006). Third edition.

COLLECTIONS TRUST

The Society is the Corporate Trustee of the Collections Trust and the Curator's Report on additions to the museum collection is included here.

Museum Acquisitions

On the whole fewer acquisitions to the museum collection have been made this year. The principal reasons are firstly the shortage of storage space to store, in suitable condition, the reserve collections of the museum, and secondly that a number of coroner's inquests on items of 'treasure' are pending. As these are some of the most significant archaeological discoveries to be made in Wiltshire it has been necessary to conserve our resources to ensure that, when they do become available to us to purchase after the inquest, we are in a position to do so. Two items of 'treasure' of medieval date were acquired during the year and are described below. We are very grateful to the Primrose Trust for enabling us to secure one of them. The Trust also helped us to purchase at auction a large, fine early print of Salisbury Cathedral and we are very grateful to them for their support.

A number of members of the public and members of the Society very kindly presented objects to the museum to whom we are very grateful.

There have been no natural history acquisitions while additions to the library are included in the Librarian's report below.

Archaeological Acquisitions

As stated above the lack of appropriate storage space continues to prevent us from accepting large assemblages of finds from excavations in the county, normally the source for the most important new finds. We could, however, accept a number of small assemblages from watching briefs, site valuations or very small projects. They include the assemblages from St Martin's Carmelite Priory at Marlborough, Savernake Hospital near Marlborough, and Box, all potentially of high importance. The most important, however, was an assemblage of finds from gardens in Nursteed Close, found and donated by Mr Colin Thomas, and which Bernard Phillips has kindly catalogued for us. This collection, principally of Roman finds, makes a major contribution to our knowledge of the Devizes area in Roman times.

A small number of single finds were acquired all of Medieval date, with one exception. They include two rings which have been declared 'Treasure' under the Treasure Act (1997). A late Medieval gold ring from Purton inscribed TOUT MA VIE is possibly a marriage ring. A silver ring from Rushall Down is an important addition to the collection of finds of Norman date from the region. Mr Collier donated a late Medieval sword-belt fitting, from Brinkworth, of a type not previously represented in the Museum, while Ms M Grodger presented, as part of the estate of our late member, Tom Blake, two Medieval tile fragments which are most likely to have come originally from the church at Tilshead. Finally, Mr M Bransom donated a large fragment from a shale bracelet, probably either of Iron Age or Roman date, which he had found at Stanton St Bernard.

Recent History

The more recent acquisitions fall principally into four categories - objects which relate to the local history of Devizes and its immediate neighbourhood, general commemorative items and items relating specifically to Stonehenge and Avebury; and decorative and find art items.

Several items were acquired which relate to Devizes shops and tradesmen of the 19th and 20th centuries, and which will be invaluable, if and when, we create a display on the history of Devizes in the museum, which would, we believe, be popular with both local people and visitors to the town. They include clothes brushes from J Clappen (clothier) and John Oglesby (draper); a medicine bottle from Walter Hill (chemist), two boxes for holding false teeth from F G H Armin (dental surgeon) and a glasses case from S A George (optician). All of these came from the estate of our late member, Mr T Blake. Other local items include a gas mantle from A G Richards (ironmonger) and the trade sign from 'the Original Cheese Cake' bakery (given by Paul Marby).

Commemorative items relating to the town include stoneware mugs issued by the Devizes Round Table and St James's Church. The two outstanding local items, however, were firstly the picturesque regalia of the Clock Inn Social Club at Lydeway used from 1947 to the late 1950s. The images on the chain of office and mace of the 'chief winder' and the badge of office of the 'deputy chief winder', all, of course, illustrate clocks. Ms Julie Stewart presented the regalia in memory of her late father, who was the last chief winder of the club.

Mr A Aldridge donated a late Victorian china plate with a long hand-painted inscription referring to Bourton Hall at Bishops Cannings, to Grant Meek, town clerk of Devizes and to the 'Great Tempest' of Ash Wednesday 1897.

Non-local commemorative items acquired include examples of heraldic china with the coats of arms of Marlborough (gift of Brian Edwards), and of Wiltshire (gift of Colin Thomas). A mug commemorating the end of the First World War issued by the village of Poulshot was purchased, while another issued by the Stourton Liberal Club was donated by Mr D Sheldon. A second 'political' item acquired was a silver cup for small-bore rifle shooting presented in 1939 by R E Sandell (for many years the Society's honorary librarian and editor of its magazine) to the Bateson Conservative Club in Devizes. In 1952 it was won outright by R C Pearce and was donated to the museum by his son, Richard Pearce.

Two other commemorative ceramic items were a plate with a transfer print depicting Malmesbury Abbey, which was purchased as was a mug commemorating the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, issued by the Wiltshire branch of the British Limbless Ex-Servicemens Association (B.L.E.S.M.A.).

Further additions were also made to our collection of modern ephemera relating to Stonehenge and Avebury. They include an example of early Goss china (a class of china not previously represented in the collection) with a coloured transfer print of Stonehenge on it and a Victorian souvenir plate also with a coloured transfer print of the monument. Two toy buses were purchased. One commemorates the Avebury Manor Toy Fair of 1989, planned as an annual event which, however, was never repeated, while the other is a souvenir of the Wilts and Dorset bus service to Stonehenge. Mr A Aldridge donated a Victorian sewing bag frame which has already been described and illustrated in *Trilithon* and Mr B Edwards a 'puzzle postcard' of Avebury designed by Ian Edelman, one-time curator of the Wiltshire Folk Life museum at Avebury.

We were pleased to add items to the decorative arts collection. A square bowl with combed slip-ware design made by the Ramsbury pottery was purchased, while Mr M Stone donated four matching goblets made by the Cricklade pottery. The 'Warren Jones Collection', a collection of 19th and early 20th century pottery mainly from Wessex, was donated in 2005 by the McLaren Foundation. It is at present being catalogued and a more detailed report will be given in the next annual report.

Other miscellaneous items include a collection of cannon shot found at Heddington, not far from the site of the Battle of Roundway Down. These we suspect have not been fired but were either cast or distributed there to the soldiers who would use them in the battle in the village. A gilded bronze button with the arms of the Long family was found at Eastcott and donated by Keith Palmer. A Georgian engraved carnelian seal in a gold setting with unusual, possibly Scottish heraldry, found at Chirton was purchased at auction.

Numismatics

Again, only a few additions were made to the museum collection during the year. The most significant of these were commemorative and prize medals associated with Wiltshire. They include examples of the George V 1935 Jubilee medal issued by Tidworth Town Council and the George VI Coronation medal of 1937 issued by Salisbury. Two silver agricultural medals issued by Wiltshire County Council in 1925-6 and 1929-30 were purchased. A souvenir medal promoting Littlecote House, Berkshire (sic!) and a medal/token in wood advertising the coin dealer F J Jeffery were also acquired. Brian Edwards generously donated to the Museum a silver pendant in the form of a medal illustrating a scene in the Market Square, in Devizes.

One locally found coin was acquired - a Ptolomaic Egyptian bronze coin found in Warminster. The discovery of Ptolomaic coins in England has long been a controversial subject. Were they ancient losses or were they acquired in Egypt in modern times and subsequently lost or discarded in England? From its findspot our example is perhaps more likely to have been a souvenir originally acquired by a soldier who had served in Egypt in the 19th century and subsequently discarded in the town. It is, nevertheless, useful to have an example of this type of coin find in the museum collection.

The Art Collection

The following works have been added to the collection:

- Collection of 22 watercolour paintings and pencil drawings depicting different views in Sheep Street, Devizes by Geoffrey Underwood (1940s and early 1950s). Given by Mr B Underwood, the artist's brother.
- *A Northeast Perspective view of the Cathedral, Church and Close of Sarum*, engraving after B Jackson (1759). Purchased through the Primrose Trust.
- *Stonehenge*, watercolour by Sophia Lydia Wright (1873) with a handwritten description of the monument on the reverse. Purchased.
- *Black Kettle with Onions*, oil painting by Cameron Street (2005). Purchase prize winner in the Oexmann Art Competition.
- *Sloperton Cottage*, engraving by Rock & Co (c. 1870). Given by P Renno.
- *Silbury Hill*, monochrome print with added colour by Lorraine Walcroft (1988). Gift by the artist.

Paul Robinson, Curator

SANDELL LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

With such a venerable and valuable collection, conservation is always an important consideration and steady progress has been made in improving storage and care of the books and other material. The repair and rebinding of the large Goddard Room volumes and the 'grangerised' WAMs is complete; they are now stored horizontally as are the scrapbooks in the Catalogue Room. Other books have been repaired as finances allow.

The Society's website has helped to increase the number of visits and e-mail enquiries and the Library has enhanced its profile by outside talks and attendance at various events. Visits by members of the Sealed Knot, postgraduate archaeology students from London University, Devizes Visitor Centre staff and new members of this Society have helped to make our collections more widely known. A talk was given to a large audience at the Industrial Archaeology Symposium last October and the Library was represented at the University of the West of England Local History Conference at Bristol in January as well as the BBC Family History Day at Chippenham in February and the Roundway Battle re-enactment last July. Much Library material was on display in the recent exhibitions on Wiltshire cookery, Sheep Street and Edwardian Devizes. The Battle of Roundway has been much in the news recently, with the joint project between Kennet District Council, Wiltshire County Council and the Battlefields Trust to commemorate the battle site and there has been much historical input into this from the Library.

Despite all this effort and activity, the Library is still under-used by Society members. I would urge everyone to take advantage of having this wonderful collection of printed, pictorial and manuscript material freely available to them.

Notable additions to the collection include-

Aston, M (2000), *Monasteries in the Landscape*
Attenborough, D (2005), *Life in the Undergrowth*
Betty, J (ed.) (2005), *Wiltshire Farming in the Seventeenth Century*
Brown, M (1988), *Australia Bound; the Story of West Country Connections*
Burl, A and Mortimer, N (eds.) (2005), *Stukeley's Stonehenge; an Unpublished Manuscript 1721-1724*
Darvill, T (ed.) (2005), *Stonehenge World Heritage Site; an Archaeological Research Framework*
Dennis, V S (2005), *Discovering Friendly and Fraternal Societies, their badges and regalia*
Fenwick, C (ed.) (2005), *The Poll Taxes of 1377, 1379 and 1381*
Gemmett, R J (2003), *Beckford's Fonthill; the rise of a romantic icon*
Gibson, A (1998), *Stonehenge and Timber Circles*
Pugin, A W (1898), *Contrasts, or a Parallel between the noble edifices of the Middle Ages, and corresponding buildings of the present day, shewing the present decay of taste*
Richardson, A (2005), *The Forest, Park and Palace of Clarendon c.1200-1650*
Rogers, K H (2005), *Clothiers' Workshops in Trowbridge*

We are grateful to members and friends who have donated books to the collection.

Lorna Haycock (Sandell Librarian and Archivist)

VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Once again this has been a year of steady progress, although the last two years' main focus of volunteer recruitment and endeavour - the Documentation Project - is now well-established and no major new recruitment of volunteers has taken place in the last six months. As a result of this, we have seen the volunteer hours for 2005/06 plateau somewhat at 7,925, which is down slightly on the hours for 2004/05, which were 8,020 for the same period.

However, the Documentation Project is now entering another funded period of two years and in order to maintain our targets for this work more volunteer recruitment will take place in the near future. Indeed we have already welcomed another two volunteers on board for this.

A volunteer handyman has also now been recruited - replacing our previous handyman who left over a year ago. Our new handyman is now working very hard to tackle a great backlog of jobs needing attention around the Museum.

Front of house cover also continues to progress smoothly and once again we have welcomed three new volunteers to this work in the latter part of last year. More recruitment for this area will also take place over the coming year.

Other more established volunteer initiatives continue to work and progress well - for example Sunday volunteer cover at the Museum will be celebrating its fifth anniversary in July of this year, and we have recently welcomed on board another new volunteer to help with this valuable work. Volunteers also continue to come forward to assist with a great variety of jobs in the Museum including mailings and courier deliveries, fundraising events, exhibition previews and so on as well as working in more specialised areas with curators and staff.

A big thank you to all our volunteers for all their kind and wonderful efforts on the Museum's behalf.

Heather Ault, Volunteer Co-ordinator

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

This year, the museum has continued to run and develop its formal and informal educational programmes, including working with schools, adults, families, clubs, groups with special educational needs, universities and colleges. However, as there was no education officer between February and July, this inevitably reduced the number of educational visits made during this time. Since then, publicity through newsletters and mail-outs, newspapers and radio has been essential to regain awareness of the service and the educational events that the museum runs.

971 school children have visited the museum since April 2005 and the Education Officer ran sessions for another 463 children in schools. These educational sessions have been based around the collections on display and use the substantial number of items we have in our educational handling and reserve collections. The Education Officer has also run handling sessions for out of school clubs, university and college groups.

As well as offering handling sessions, there has been an emphasis on expanding the appeal of workshops offered to schools through the development of art based workshops which are proving popular.

In regards to activities for families, these have attracted a total of 1031 children and have included family days, holiday activities and Young WANHS sessions. We have had 3 family days this year – National Archaeology Day, The Big Draw event and a Roman Family Day. The Roman Day was particularly popular with over 1000 visitors in just 4 hours, proving the importance of linking activities where possible to the National Curriculum and good publicity.

We have held 11 holiday activity sessions with children of all ages attending and our Young WANHS club is still proving popular. We average about 20 children per session and a number of new members have joined this year. With the funding we have received we have been able to work with re-enactors and freelance workshop leaders to deliver a wide range of exciting sessions.

With a number of partnerships planned, next year should prove to be exciting. Hopefully, there will be an increased awareness of the museum's educational service and the activities and sessions we can offer for all ages will become more popular as a result.

Ali Siviter, Education Officer

ARCHAEOLOGY COMMITTEE

During 2005, with great regret, the Committee said goodbye to its enthusiastic and efficient secretary, Wendy Smith. Wendy's contribution to the Committee was tremendous and we hope to live up to her standards in the future.

The 1995 concerns over proposed surface work on the Ridgeway within the Avebury World Heritage Site re-emerged in 2005. With the Committee's backing the issue is being addressed by the Avebury WHS Steering Committee.

The new agri-environment schemes continue to be monitored by the Committee.

During 2005/6 there has been a change in the post of Avebury WHS Officer. Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger has left to take up a post with Oxford Archaeology. A new Officer, Sarah Simmonds, has been appointed.

CBA Wessex is hosting the national CBA Members meeting in October 2006 including visits to the Museums in Salisbury and Devizes. The meeting celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Inscription of the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site.

During 2006 the Committee will be reviewing research strategies pertinent to the County.

Gill Swanton, Chairman

ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

Membership of the Field Group continues to grow, with some 57 WANHS members now signed up for activities.

Following a year or more of varied projects and training sessions, the focus has turned to a limited range of continuing projects. The major excavation project continued at Tilshead. Easter 2006 will see the Field Group on site for the third time in the field formerly owned by long-standing WANHS member, Tom Blake, who sadly passed away in 2005. Other sites in Tilshead have been earmarked for attention later in the year. The aim is to gradually piece together the story of Tilshead and the Early Neolithic to Roman discoveries made so far have provided an encouraging start to this project.

The Group has been involved in two sites near Calne, one fieldwalked early in 2005, producing fine Roman material, the other the scene of a rescue dig for which the AFG provided the manpower which also produced significant Roman remains. These two sites possibly indicate a more substantial Roman presence in the Calne area than has previously been recognised. The hunt for Roman Calne, therefore, forms another continuing strand of activities.

Another ongoing hunt is for earth-fast sarsen polishing stones – *polissoirs* – used in the Neolithic for making polished flint and stone axes. A limited number of these are known from within the monuments at Avebury with a few others recorded from the Marlborough Downs. These large polishing stones have, so far, only been recorded in Britain in the Avebury area although they are more common in Northern France. The task the Field Group has set itself is to check every sarsen across the whole of the Downs and beyond. Piggledene and Lockeridge Dene have already been examined but with about a million left to check, this should keep us busy for the next 150 years of the Society's existence.

Field Group members continued to provide assistance on other organisations' projects which have helped to widen their experience and grow the reputation of the AFG. These projects ranged from the prestigious Neolithic/Bronze Age Stonehenge Riverside Project run by Mike Parker-Pearson and featured in a recent TV documentary; the Potterne Medieval Burials project led by Teresa Hawtin (Sheffield University) uncovering the skeletons of the malnourished, over-worked serfs; through to the more gruelling but equally important scrub clearance of barrows near Stonehenge with FOAM (the Friends of Ancient Monuments) led by Julian Richards.

The AFG was given leads through the County Archaeologist and the County's Finds Liaison Officer which presented intriguing new challenges and often required attention at short notice. Members of the AFG have recently been excavating two hollows that appeared in a garden at Wilcot, near Pewsey. These appear to be 18th century ice-wells, with an eclectic mix of rubbish used to fill them, ranging from dozens of chamber pots to several beer barrels, identified by their lids, hoops and bungs, besides leaded window frames, a bath-chair and numerous bottles, all providing many hours of pot-washing fun for a few stalwarts. We were also asked to fieldwalk and undertake an earthwork survey of two ploughed-out Bronze Age barrows at Bishopstone, near Wilton. These are in a field which is being reverted from arable to grass so this was the last opportunity to carry out these tasks. Later in 2006 we will return to complete a geophysical survey of the barrows to pinpoint their exact location for future reference.

Less arduous, but still rewarding, training sessions have also been held. The first of what we hope will be a series of archaeological illustration workshops was run by Liz Gardner, an AFG member who also works for Cotswold Archaeology. We have also had our eyes and senses opened to the possibilities that dowsing might bring, through another workshop run by Sue Brown of the Archaeological Dowsing Group. In the absence of our own geophysical surveying equipment we need to make use of any technique that provides results.

There are times when we are becoming over-stretched both in terms of personnel and resources, so we would be delighted to see more WANHS members joining the Field Group activities or supporting it by donating to its equipment fund.

Jim Gunter, Archaeology Field Group Leader

BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

The Committee has continued to meet regularly to consider planning applications affecting alterations to Listed Buildings in Wiltshire and other relevant matters. Among the larger development proposals to which we have responded are those for a large housing development at the historic former RAF Yatesbury airfield, and a scheme to build an extension to Salisbury District Council Offices on the site of the present 19th-century extension to Bourne Hill House. We have commented on the Westbury bypass proposals, and on the Brunel Link and Harnham bypass plans, where archaeological sites are threatened.

We represent the Society on the Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) Management Plan Steering Committee and were pleased to see publication of the revised Avebury Management Plan in 2005. Nevertheless, we find that our concerns about the weakening of the Plan's protection for the WHS were ignored and we continue to raise strong objections, with a number of other organisations on the Steering Committee, to the removal from the Plan both of the concept of the WHS as a 'cultural landscape' and of the recognition of the WHS landscape as being, together with its monuments, of outstanding universal value.

We have also been consulted on a wide range of new planning documents.

Kate Fielden, Chairman

FUNDRAISING, MARKETING AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Fundraising – The appeal to members last summer was a resounding success. Many donations came with the benefit of Gift Aid and this brought the total raised in individual donations to nearly £24,000. A number of members are donating monthly amounts and again with the benefit of Gift Aid these donations are providing £2,400 per annum in extra income. These donations went a long way towards paying for the major repairs to the roof and towards the running costs of the Museum. The regular monthly donations provide essential funding for the day-to-day costs of operating the Museum and allow us to plan our work better. I would like to thank all members who made donations. As the Chairman has said above we are still in a very difficult financial position and there will be an ongoing need to raise income from all sources including members.

The now regular Spring and Christmas sales at the Museum generated further income. We also took a stall to the Devizes Lions Club May Day Fair, the Carnival Fair and the Christmas Festival. Each event allowed us to increase awareness of the Museum and to raise more money. The Chairman's Fundraising Lecture given by Sir David Attenborough was also an outstanding success producing some £3,000 in extra income.

Marketing – As last year the marketing effort has been focused on ensuring that we exceed the County Council visitor number target of 20,000 visitors. By the year-end we had attracted 22,611 visitors - an all time record. A great deal of hard work throughout the whole year goes into ensuring that we make the most of every event or exhibition that is run. Members who cannot visit the Museum often may be unaware that we raised admission charges to £4 in October as a means of increasing income. Inevitably this reduced visitor numbers and the year-end total is particularly creditable in the circumstances.

High spots in the year included the Sheep Street exhibition. Nearly 150 people came to the preview and the exhibition continued to draw visitors until it closed. This exhibition received much favourable press comment. The lecture by Sir David Attenborough was sold out soon after its announcement and again drew a great deal of favourable press and radio attention. The February family day themed on the Romans surpassed all expectations by attracting nearly 1,100 visitors. This is more than twice the number of visitors we have ever had in the Museum on one day and the staff and volunteers are to be congratulated for coping so well.

Membership – The majority of our members now pay their subscriptions by Direct Debit. Not only does this ensure continuity of membership with no effort on the part of the member it also keeps the administration work at the Museum to the minimum. Some members still prefer to pay by cheque and we do appreciate those that do so promptly. I don't suppose that the regular late payers realise how much extra work they create. During the coming year we shall be encouraging them to change to Direct Debit.

We still need to recruit more new members. Do you have a friend with similar interests to your own? The vast majority of new members come by personal introduction – could you introduce someone?

My thanks go to the committee, all of our helpers, our members and the staff for their support during the year. Without you none of this would be possible.

Doug Roseaman, Chairman

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY COMMITTEE

The committee organised another very successful Biennial Symposium which took place on 22 October 2005 at our usual venue; the Wharf Theatre, Devizes. It again raised a considerable sum (about £600) for the funds of the Society. Loma Haycock, as an addition to the programme, briefly described to the audience the main holdings of industrial archaeology interest in the Society's library.

Further to our decision last year to produce a new version of the *Guide to the Industrial Archaeology of Wiltshire*, we contacted the National Association for Industrial Archaeology to see if they could help with funding. After discussion the committee agreed to take on the local Organisation of the national conference in 2008 with the Guide produced as the accompanying handbook. The AIA will therefore pay for publication and additional copies will be available for sale in the county. In preparation for this event, which will probably be based at the college at Lackham from 29 August to 3 September 2008, John Watts of the South Wiltshire TA Society has joined the committee.

Another additional committee member this year is John Billingham, who rejoins after a gap of some years. Dennis Shelton has decided to leave us after long and valuable service, including a period as Chairman, but will keep in touch and we welcome his offer to help with events.

Pam Slocombe, Chairman

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Work has begun in the attic to tidy and to box papers relating to various aspects of the work of WANHS. This should ensure ready access to the domestic archive of the Society.

At a meeting with Wendy Smith ideas were discussed for advertising the Library, followed by her attendance as an observer at the next committee meeting, which proved fruitful. The result is the new library leaflet. Also coming from this exchange of ideas, a new survey on the use of the Library is in preparation. A meeting was also held with Michael Darby to consider sorting through the Natural History books and journals with a view to reducing their number.

A small sub-committee has been formed to carry forward the project to digitise the Library catalogue. Rick Rowland is to be co-opted on to the Library Committee to explore the feasibility of this project and to raise the necessary funds.

Ann Arrowsmith, Chairman

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

During the past year, the Programme Committee have organised a variety of lectures on a wide range of subjects, from Cold War Archaeology to Bronze Age figurines. 2005 saw the first Devizes Food Festival, and in conjunction with this, in September we hosted an informative and interesting lecture on Food in Roman Britain, given by Dr Joan Alcock. It is hoped that the Food Festival will be held annually, and that a similar lecture will be given this year. More recently, Dr Colin Shell amazed us with modern technology during his fascinating talk on the use of Lidar at Stonehenge. The lectures on Snail Down and Blacknall Field were arranged to coincide with the publication by the Society of monographs on the excavations, and both proved popular with the audience, some of whom had taken part in the excavations. Indeed, Dr Bruce Eagles' talk on Blacknall Field was the best attended lecture of the season, with all tickets sold well in advance. A waiting list was opened, and we had several hopeful souls queuing optimistically on the day! Work is already well underway on producing the new winter programme, and the committee are always happy to receive suggestions for lecture topics, speakers and visit locations.

A number of visits have been arranged for the summer months. Ray Canham has again kindly agreed to organise an archaeological walk on Salisbury Plain, whilst for those who want to explore further afield, trips to Portsmouth and Kelmscott Manor have been arranged.

This has been my first year as Chairman of the Programme Committee. It has been rewarding to see how much the efforts of this hardworking committee are appreciated by members of the Society. Equally, it has been gratifying to see how the work of this committee contributes positively to the Society's finances. In this regard we have been greatly helped by the number of lecturers who take little or no fee for their time. I am grateful for the support I have received not only from committee members, but also from other members of the Society and museum staff. Special thanks go to my predecessor, David Williams, not only for his wise advice, but also for passing on his wealth of expertise on how to work the slide projector!

Kate Walling, Chairman

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

We published our third archaeological monograph, *Snail Down*, in August 2005 and hope that in 2006-07 we shall publish the next in the series, Bruce Eagles' report on the Saxon Cemetery at Blacknall Field, Pewsey. Publication has been delayed by the need for more DNA testing on one of the skeletons and so it is likely that the book will now appear nearer the end than the beginning of the year.

There were changes to the editorial team for *WANHM* during 2005. Following John Chandler's retirement as one of the joint editors, Dr Andrew Reynolds has taken over as sole editor with his colleague Dr Stuart Brookes of UCL, joining the team as assistant editor in charge of the layout and typesetting of the volume, with assistance from Elizabeth Blackwelder. Dr Bob Clarke has been appointed as the new Reviews Editor. Dr James Thomas and Dr Michael Darby continue as Local History and Natural History editors respectively. We are most grateful to John Chandler for his sterling work over many years as an editor of *WANHM* and as 'publisher in chief' for many of our other publications and wish him well with his commercial business. I hope members will agree with me that Andrew Reynolds and his team have made an excellent start with their first volume of *WANHM*. The new full-page colour cover has been widely welcomed and we look forward with interest to the milestone volume 100 in early 2007. This seems a suitable point at which to publish a further list of contents of the journal spanning its first 100 volumes. A number of members have said they would find this useful. We propose to produce this as a stand-alone volume which might accompany volume 100, although it will probably be necessary to make a modest charge for this to cover costs.

Bill Perry, Chairman

STONEHENGE COMMITTEE

The Committee has been busy throughout the year advising the Board on matters relating to controversial schemes for the improvement of the A303 near Stonehenge and for a new Stonehenge visitor centre near Amesbury.

On the *Visitor Centre*, further planning information was supplied by English Heritage at the request of Salisbury District Council in May 2005. This did not address any of the concerns raised by the Society in respect of the original application: indeed, it was clear that the impact of the proposed Land Trains on the World Heritage Site had become even greater. The Committee therefore reluctantly advised the Board to reiterate its earlier view that the Council should refuse the application. A member of the Committee was allowed to address the Council's planning committee in September 2005. In the event, the Council refused the application.

A month later, English Heritage appealed against this refusal and a Local Inquiry into it was announced so that the appeal could be heard in public. However, on procedural grounds, the District Council then decided not to defend the appeal: instead, it invited English Heritage to resubmit its application and announced a fresh round of consultations on that application. The Committee will advise the Board on the re-submitted application in April/May 2006.

On the *A303 Improvements*, Government ministers declared in July 2005 that hugely increased costs meant that the scheme put to Public Inquiry in 2004 was no longer considered value for money and announced a review of cheaper options. This review entered its consultation phase in January 2006.

In spite of being urged to widen its choice, the government's Review Group published a narrow range of five options. On 23 January 2006 the Society joined with ICOMOS-UK and the Council for British Archaeology to issue a press release criticising the options put forward, none of which met the Society's expectations. Subsequently, after informal discussion with nine other conservation bodies, the Committee recommended that the Society should join with those bodies in rejecting the five options. This recommendation was approved and a joint press statement setting out guidelines for achieving a more satisfactory solution was issued on 30 March 2006.

The Society will give its final formal response to the Review in April 2006.

Brian K Davison, Secretary

TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these statements, the Trustees are required to :

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the company's financial position and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for the authorisation of all transactions and projects are costed originally and reviewed regularly. The Board continued to employ Gerrard Ltd to manage the investment portfolio with the primary investment objective of the client agreement being to achieve a balanced return from income and capital with a medium level of risk. The management of the equity portion to be benchmarked against the FTSE All-share index with a target to exceed that index.

RISK ASSESSMENT.

The risk assessments for all galleries are reviewed regularly and a risk assessment is made of all activities undertaken. On the financial side assessments are made of the likely costs of activities which are monitored carefully.

RESERVES AND FUND-RAISING.

As mentioned previously a special appeal was made to members during the year which was very successful. This resulted in the accounts showing a very small operating deficit, after realised profits on investments, of £5,918. The results were boosted by a transfer of £3,000 from the activities of the Programme Committee and £8,462 from the Fabric Fund which had been set aside in former years by the old Society to pay for structural repairs. The Trustees considered that the repairs to the roof were an appropriate use for this fund. Overall the accounts reveal a surplus of £86,103 after taking into account the unrealised gains on revaluation of investments. This is an encouraging result because it demonstrates the commitment of members to the Society however it is essential that the financial position is secured and accordingly the Trustees are undertaking a review to ensure that the Society operates in a cost effective way and that the activities undertaken are appropriate and maintainable. It must be realised that without the appeal and the unrealised profits on investments there would have been a deficit of some £27,100. The Society relies on grants from outside bodies to enable it to operate and it is experiencing a decline in local authority support which is causing considerable anxiety to the Trustees. The underlying problems of funding an operating deficit and essential maintenance and development of the building remain and fund-raising continues to obtain grants to assist with these costs and to enable the Society to achieve its development plans. The Board intend that, once the deficits have been eliminated, reserves will be built up to provide a six month cover for operational expenses.

FORWARD PLAN.

The Forward Plan for the two years 2005-2007, was submitted as part of the accreditation process and an up-dated version setting out on a staged time-scale for how the intended outcomes are to be achieved is the basis for operations in the forthcoming year.

RELATED PARTIES.

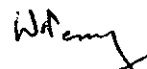
For many years the Society has enjoyed a close relationship with the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum as demonstrated by the reciprocal arrangement for free entry to the museums for members of each organisation and the presence on our Board of their Director, Peter Saunders, whose wise advice is much appreciated. Discussions are continuing with them and with English Heritage on the possibility of exhibiting some of the Collections at the proposed new Visitor Centre at Amesbury. The proposed A303 road alterations are still under discussion; the Society has made representations with other bodies and developments are awaited. The support of Wiltshire County Council and Kennet District Council in providing funding to the Society is gratefully acknowledged together with the contributions to the Board of their and the Devizes Town Council nominated trustees. The Wiltshire County Council conservation staff have continued to give great support and help to the Society. The assistance and advice given during the year by the staff of the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and the South West Museums, Libraries and Archives Council has been most helpful and it is hoped that these partnerships continue and develop in the future. The Board are aware that progress through partnership is the most effective pathway to success and will be pursuing every available opportunity to achieve new associates.

AUDITORS.

David Owen & Co. were re-appointed as auditors of the company at the Annual General Meeting and have expressed their willingness to continue to act.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Trustees on 23rd June, 2006 and signed on their behalf by:



W A. Perry

Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Trustees

23rd June, 2006

NEW MEMBERS:

Sir David Attenborough; Mr G & Mrs A Blagbrough, Easterton; Mr D Booth, Pewsey; Mr R Brown, Trowbridge; Mr G Bryant, Wootton Bassett; Dr A Bryson, Sheffield; Miss F E Bull, Devizes; Mr M & Mrs D Burnell, Calne; Miss J Caines, London; Mr D & Mrs R Calow, Guildford; Mrs M Carr, Semington; Mr A Carter, Shaftesbury; Miss E Y Chin, Chippenham; Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre; Mrs A Ervine, Hilmarton; Miss J J Evans, Westbury; Mr K W Farmer, Devizes; Mr G & Mrs J Fitzgibbon, Melksham; Cllr J N Fogg, Marlborough; Mr G Gibbons, Chipping Norton; Mr R Giles, Pewsey; Dr F Gilroy Baskett, Stanton St Quintin; Dr N B Harte, Corsham; Mr F R Hartley, Marlborough; Mr P J Hawkins, Bristol; Mrs S Haynes, Stourbridge; Ms S Hendry, Westbury; Mr M Hiscock, Devizes; Mrs M Howells, Penzance; Ms M Jordan, Leicester; Mr R & Mrs J Kemp, Devizes; Mrs E Kingston, Bath; Mrs C Langhurst, Amesbury; Ms S Lewis, Bournemouth; Mrs M Lewis, Bishops Cannings; Mr P Little, Devizes; Mr R D Margesson, Swindon; Mr C & Mrs L Mayne, Yatesbury; Mrs S McGrath, Great Somerford; Mrs S McLaren Webster, East Knoyle; Cllr A Molland, Potterne; Mr P Morgan, Devizes; Ms L & Mr R Murray & Family, Bishops Cannings; Mrs E W Neild, Lockeridge; Mr T O'Flynn, West Lavington; Mrs M Osborne, Potterne; Dr M A Peters, Devizes; Mrs S Prestwich, Worton; Mr J Price, Devizes; Mr K Radcliffe, Semington; Ms J M Rennie, Devizes; Ms H J Root, Bath; Ms N & Mr N Sampson, Marlborough; Mrs R K Schneider, Stanton St Bernard; Mr P Smith, Bromham; Mr W & Mrs T Snell, Devizes; Mrs P Straw, Potterne; Cllr Mrs J Swabey, Edington; Mr & Mrs V C Syme-Taylor, Woodborough; Mrs F Tomaselli, Swindon; Mr K Trott, Isle of Wight; Mr S Vary, Devizes; Mr M & Mrs J Watts, Fairford; Mr M J Wittock, Bradford-on-Avon; Mr B & Mrs J Wicks, Chippenham.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES from 1st January 2005

Member (26 - 60)	£31.00
Member and Partner (26 - 60)	£40.00
Senior Member (60+)	£27.00
Senior Member and Partner (60+)	£36.00
Family (2 adults and children)	£41.00
Student	£17.00
Member Organisation	£35.00

A Corporate membership is available to businesses.

Subscriptions run for twelve months from the first day of the month following that in which you joined.

Student membership is open to individuals enrolled on a full-time accredited course of study or on a part-time course of higher education leading to a recognised qualification in the areas of the Society's interest.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2006**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF THE WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

We have audited the financial statements of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society for the year ended 31st March 2006 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS

As described in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities the company's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We report to you whether, in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the information contained in the Trustees' Report and consider whether it is consistent with the financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion: the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st March 2006 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; the information given in the Trustees Report is consistent with the financial statements.



David Owen & Co

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

17 Market Place
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
23rd June 2006

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2006

		Unrestricted Funds			Total Funds	Total Funds
		General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2006	2005
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
From Generated Funds						
Voluntary Income	2	83,028	3,328	-	86,356	67,141
Activity Generated Funds	3	46,802	868	3,091	50,761	27,468
Investment Income	4	33,553	-	549	34,102	35,828
Incoming Resources From Charitable Activities						
Grants and Contributions	5/17	142,824		872	143,696	138,772
Admissions		4,577			4,577	2,741
Education Receipts		2,789			2,789	7,515
Programme Committee	16		19,252		19,252	30,944
Contributions from Archaeological Projects		1,325			1,325	687
Total Incoming Resources		314,898	23,448	4,512	342,858	311,096
Resources Expended						
Cost of Generating Funds:	7	21,581			21,581	21,943
Cost of Charitable Activities	8	284,368	17,553	9,401	311,322	309,665
Governance Costs	9	36,039			36,039	30,684
Total Resources Expended		341,988	17,553	9,401	368,942	362,292
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year		(27,090)	5,895	(4,889)	(26,084)	(51,196)
Gains on Investments: Realised	13	21,172			21,172	4,445
		(5,918)	5,895	(4,889)	(4,912)	(46,751)
Gains on Investments: Unrealised	13	89,226			89,226	66,274
Net Resources Incoming/ (Expended) before transfers		83,308	5,895	(4,889)	84,314	19,523
Transfers between Funds	16	11,462	(11,462)		-	-
Net Movement in Funds		94,770	(5,567)	(4,889)	84,314	19,523
Fund Balances at 1 st April 2005 brought forward		33,445	57,864	23,257	114,566	95,043
Total Funds carried forward		128,215	52,297	18,368	198,880	114,566

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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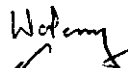
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2006.


		2006		2005	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	12		108,095		109,550
Investments	13		799,108		741,703
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			907,203		851,253
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	1	15,979		15,577	
Debtors	14	46,978		40,271	
Owed by Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society		9,900		8,550	
Cash at Bank and on Deposit		<hr/>		<hr/>	
		63,405		45,056	
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		136,262		109,454	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors due within one year	15	<hr/>		<hr/>	
		71,522		73,078	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			64,740		36,376
NET ASSETS					
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			971,943		887,629
RESERVES AND FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds:					
Capital Reserve			773,063		773,063
Revenue Funds:-					
General		128,215		33,445	
Designated	16	52,297		57,864	
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			180,512		91,309
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			953,575		864,372
Restricted Funds	17		<hr/>		<hr/>
			18,368		23,257
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			971,943		887,629

The notes on pages 23 to 27 form part of these accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23rd June, 2006 and signed on their behalf:


W. A. Perry, Chairman


W. P. Lansdown, Honorary Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2006

1 Statement of Accounting Policies.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of the fixed assets investments at market value, and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities' revised in 2005, and applicable accounting standards.

Company Status

The Company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are subscribing members. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £4,000 are capitalised and included at cost. Grant funded purchases are written off in the year of acquisition. Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life as follows:

Freehold Land	Nil.
Freehold Buildings	over 50 years.
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	over 5 years.

Stock

Stock consists of purchased goods for resale and unsold publications. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Allocation of Expenditure

Throughout the financial statements, where it is necessary to allocate staff or other costs over objective heads (i.e. Museum, Library etc.), this has been done on the assessment of the Curator and the Treasurer.

Pensions

At 31st March, 2006, pension provision for three employees was made by membership of the Wiltshire County Council Pension Scheme and for five employees by membership of The Pension Trust Scheme. The remaining employees have been offered membership of the Pension Trust Scheme but did not wish to join. Employer's contributions are charged to employee costs as incurred. Contributions to the Wiltshire County Council Scheme were £12,631 (2005 £11,308) and to the Pension Trust Scheme £2,557 (2005 £1,827). The Wiltshire County Council Scheme is a defined benefit scheme, but also a multi-employer scheme. The Society is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities but the County Council's Actuary has indicated that the most recent revaluation on 31st March, 2004 revealed a deficit on the fund with a funding level for the Society of 68.4% indicating a deficiency of £188,000. Pending the revaluation due on 31st March, 2007, the Trustees have agreed to make lump sum payments in addition to the contributions related to employees' pay. As the assessment by the actuary is not a FRS17 valuation the Trustees have resolved that the deficit should be shown by way of note and not incorporated into the accounts until the position can be reviewed after the next revaluation when market conditions may be different from those ruling in 2004. Meantime the Trustees have resolved that other than in exceptional circumstances only the Pension Trust Scheme which is a defined contribution scheme will be offered to new employees.

Grants

Where a grant is, wholly or partly, in respect of expenditure to be incurred in the following financial year the appropriate sum is deducted from income and included in liabilities as grants received in advance. Conversely in the following year this procedure is reversed with grants being withdrawn from grants received in advance and treated as income of the current year. The amounts involved are shown in Note 5.

Capital Reserve

The Capital Reserve shown in these accounts arises from the transfer of assets, reserves, funds and liabilities from the original Society and represents the balance on the General Fund at the 22nd November, 2003.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2006

The Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society Collections Trust

The Company is the Corporate Trustee of the Collections Trust which owns the Collections. On 3rd March, 2004, the Charity Commission issued a Uniting Direction under Section 96 (5) of the Charities Act 1993 stating that the Collections Trust shall be treated as forming part of the Company for the purposes of registration and accounting. The Direction points out that the Company will be the reporting charity and the Collections Trust will be the linked charity. However "the Company does not hold the endowment of the Collections Trust as corporate property. The Company is the trustee of the endowment and holds the property in trust. At no time can the endowment of the Collections Trust be considered an asset of the Company." Accounts for the Collections Trust have now been set up within the Company's books and separate bank accounts have been established. Acquisitions for the collections are made by the Collections Trust. The Collection Trust Accounts are included as a separate schedule with these accounts.

	Notes	General Fund	Designat'd Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2006	Total 2005
Incoming Resources From Generated Funds						
2 Voluntary Income						
Membership Subscriptions		25,132			25,132	25,854
Donations and Tax Refunds		26,146	3,328		29,474	10,637
Income transferred by Old Society						
Sandell Trust		31,750			31,750	28,550
Legacies					-	2,100
		<u>83,028</u>	<u>3,328</u>		<u>86,356</u>	<u>67,141</u>
3 Activity Generated Funds						
Shop Sales	6	16,583			16,583	11,460
Other Sales		4,970	868	3,091	8,929	13,973
Fund-raising Events		25,249			25,249	2,035
		<u>46,802</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>50,761</u>	<u>27,468</u>
4 Investment Income						
Income from Investments		31,826		549	32,375	33,457
Bank Interest		1,727			1,727	2,371
		<u>33,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>34,102</u>	<u>35,828</u>

	Notes	General Fund	Design'ted Funds	Restrict'd Funds	Total 2006	Carried Forward 2006	Total 2005
Incoming Resources From Charitable Activities							
5 Grants and Contributions							
Wiltshire County Council		26,060			26,060		26,000
Kennet District Council		11,600			11,600		16,500
Heritage Lottery Fund - Finds Liaison Officer		34,324			34,324		25,191
Education Officer:							
Garfield Weston		7,000			7,000	8,000	25,000
Foyle Foundation		7,000			7,000	8,000	-
D' Oyley Carte Charitable Trust		2,000			2,000	3,000	-
MLA DCF Project		41,451			41,451		32,072
DCMS Wolfson		7,847			7,847		2,854
Wiltshire Studies Sponsorship		5,469			5,469		3,900
English Heritage	17			872	872		4,155
McLaren Foundation						10,000	-
Other Grants		73			73	1,000	3,100
		<u>142,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>872</u>	<u>143,696</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>138,772</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2006

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2006	Total 2005
6 Shop Sales						
Shop sales		16,583			16,583	11,460
Less Purchase cost		8,592			8,592	7,416
Gross Profit		7,991			7,991	4,044
Less Shop costs		343			343	1,312
Net Profit		7,648			7,648	2,732
Gross Profit % on sales		48.19%			48.19%	35.29%
7 Cost of Generating Funds						
Cost of Sales:						
Shop		8,935			8,935	8,728
Other sales		590			590	435
Salaries		2,413			2,413	2,870
Members' services		3,612			3,612	3,973
Marketing		3,088			3,088	3,909
Fundraising costs		948			948	299
Support costs		1,995			1,995	1,729
		21,581	-	-	21,581	21,943
8 Cost of Charitable Activities:						
Museum Services		167,145			167,145	143,916
Library Services		34,650			34,650	37,812
Educational work		20,449			20,449	31,205
DCF Project		43,569			43,569	37,715
DCMS Project		9,003			9,003	3,904
WANHM		9,552			9,552	11,437
Designated Funds :	16					
Publications			227		227	7,966
Archaeology Field Group/Other			1,528		1,528	8
Programme Committee			15,798		15,798	28,736
Restricted Funds	17					6,966
English Heritage				8,048	8,048	-
Oexmann				1,353	1,353	-
		284,368	17,553	9,401	311,322	309,665

After sponsorship grants of £5,469 the net cost of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society Magazine (WANHM) to the Company's General Fund was £4,083 (2005 £7,537)

9 Governance Costs						
Employee costs		26,003			26,003	22,233
Volunteer travel expenses		33			33	-
Trustee travel		-			-	59
Legal fees		4,017			4,017	1,552
Audit fees		3,525			3,525	3,625
Support costs		2,461			2,461	3,215
		36,039	-	-	36,039	30,684

Volunteers' travel expenses have been allocated to the separate activities in the current year

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2006

	Total 2006	Total 2005
10 Staff costs	159,651	161,639
Wages and Salaries	11,250	10,472
Social Security costs	15,188	13,135
Pension costs	<u>186,089</u>	<u>185,246</u>
Costs attributable to activities		
Museum	124,145	124,508
Library	18,452	17,641
Outreach	15,076	17,994
Cost of Generating Funds	2,413	2,870
Governance costs	<u>26,003</u>	<u>22,233</u>
	<u>186,089</u>	<u>185,246</u>

No employee received emoluments for the period exceeding £60,000.

The average number of employees in 2006 was 5 full time and 9 part time (2005 4 full time and 10 part time).

11 Trustees' Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year. There were no out of pocket travel expenses reimbursed to trustees. (2005 £60).

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land	Freehold Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipm't	Total	2005
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 st April, 2005	<u>72,750</u>	<u>72,750</u>	<u>7,345</u>	<u>152,845</u>	<u>152,845</u>
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 st April, 2005		36,125	7,170	43,295	40,371
Charge in year		<u>1,455</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,455</u>	<u>2,924</u>
Accumulated Depreciation at 31st March, 2006	<u>-</u>	<u>37,580</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>44,750</u>	<u>43,295</u>
 Net Book Value at 31 st March, 2006.	 <u>72,750</u>	 <u>35,170</u>	 <u>175</u>	 <u>108,095</u>	 <u>109,550</u>

To give a consistent view the assets transferred from the original Society have been included at the values in its books. The property was valued professionally in 1987 at £145,500; now divided between land and buildings. The Trustees are of the opinion that the costs of revaluation would not provide sufficient benefits to justify the expenditure involved.

13 Quoted Fixed Asset Investments

	Total 2006	Total 2005
Market Value at 1 st April, 2005	741,703	680,002
Purchases	<u>125,377</u>	<u>68,029</u>
	867,080	748,031
Sales	<u>178,370</u>	<u>77,047</u>
	688,710	670,984
Net gains:		
Realised	21,172	4,445
Unrealised	<u>89,226</u>	<u>66,274</u>
Market value at 31 st March, 2006	<u>799,108</u>	<u>741,703</u>
Historical Cost of investments (including from the original Society) at 31 st March, 2006.	<u>643,426</u>	<u>671,250</u>

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2006

	Notes	Total 2006	Total 2005			
14 Debtors						
Donations and Grants receivable		32,770	25,953			
Trade Debtors		4,433	2,472			
Debtors and Prepayments		8,738	10,012			
VAT refund receivable		-	813			
Other debtors		1,037	1,021			
		<u>46,978</u>	<u>40,271</u>			
15 Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year						
Grants received in advance	5	30,000	16,000			
Trade Creditors		6,173	4,952			
Accruals		5,399	25,878			
Inland Revenue		3,650	3,638			
Donations for expenditure in 2006/07		5,833	-			
Prepaid membership subscriptions		17,618	17,702			
Programme Committee		1,374	1,511			
Other creditors		1,475	3,397			
		<u>71,522</u>	<u>73,078</u>			
16 Designated Funds						
	Incoming Resources					
	Balance 1 st April 2005	Grants and Legacies	Other Income	Inter-Fund Transfers	Expenditure	Balance 31 st March 2006
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Archaeology Festival Fund	393					393
Fabric Fund	6,174		2,500	(8,674)		0
Improvement Fund	11,112					11,112
Library Fund	16,460		828		(1,423)	15,865
Publications Fund	21,150		868	212	(227)	22,003
Archaeology Field Group	1,011				(105)	906
Programme Committee	1,564		19,252	(3,000)	(15,798)	2,018
	<u>57,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,448</u>	<u>(11,462)</u>	<u>(17,553)</u>	<u>52,297</u>

The purpose of the designated funds (which may be changed by the Company's Board of Trustees) is currently:

Archaeology Festival Fund	Established to celebrate the 150 th anniversary of the founding of the original Society by organising a Wiltshire Archaeology Festival.
Fabric Fund	To finance renovations and improvements to the building; the fund was used to finance the repair to the roof.
Improvement Fund	Established by the original Society to finance improvements to the Galleries.
Library Fund	To finance items of library conservation and management.
Publications Fund	To finance publications.
Archaeology Field Group	To finance archaeological activity.
Programme Committee	To finance members' events and generate funds for the Society.

17 Restricted Funds

Annable Memorial Fund	417					417
English Heritage Fund	8,737	872	2,466		(8,048)	4,027
Oexmann Fund	14,103		1,174		(1,353)	13,924
	<u>23,257</u>	<u>872</u>	<u>3,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,401)</u>	<u>18,368</u>

The restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes:

Annable Memorial Fund	To provide an appropriate memorial for the former curator, Mr Kenneth Annable.
English Heritage Fund	To finance specific publications and projects.
Oexmann Fund	To finance a biennial art exhibition.

The fund balances at 31st March, 2006, are held as part of the Company's overall assets and cash at bank.

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

COLLECTIONS TRUST

Linked Charity Number 1080096

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2006

	2006			2005
	£	£	£	£
	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total	
Incoming resources:				
Disposals of Duplicate Books	-			16
Donations to Museum and Art Collection Fund				
Museum	122			143
Library	-	122	122	27
Bank Interest		218	218	214
Total incoming resources	<u>340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>400</u>
Resources Expended:				
Acquisitions				
Museum	763			621
Library	334			361
		1,097	1,097	
Primrose Fund		153	153	596
Total Resources Expended	<u>1,097</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,578</u>
Excess of Income over (Expenditure)	<u>(757)</u>	<u>(153)</u>	<u>(910)</u>	<u>(1,178)</u>
Balances brought forward at 1.04.05	8,367	2,608	10,975	12,153
Balances carried forward at 31.03.06	<u>7,610</u>	<u>2,455</u>	<u>10,065</u>	<u>10,975</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2006

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank 10,065 11,841

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditor 866

10,065 10,975

Represented by:

Museum and Art Fund 7,610 8,367

Restricted Funds 2,455 2,608

10,065 10,975

No value has been placed on the collections purchased before 1st April, 2005. To establish a value would involve significant costs, onerous compared to the additional benefit derived by users of the financial statements. The collections are therefore deemed inalienable or historic for the purposes of Financial Reporting Standard 15. The SORP recommends that with effect from 1st April, 2005, collections acquisitions are capitalised and stated at cost as Heritage Assets. The Trustees have adopted an accounting policy whereby acquisitions costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised but written off in the year of acquisition.

	Balance at 1 st April, 2005	Income and Donations	Expenditure	Balance 31st March, 2006
Medieval Fund	75			75
Primrose Fund	2,533		(153)	2,380
Restricted Funds	2,608	0	(153)	2,455

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY**

**held in the Town Hall, Devizes on Saturday 8 October 2005,
commencing at 2.30 pm**

- Minute No. **Present**
01/05 Mr W A Perry (Chairman), with members of the Board of Trustees:
Miss A E M Arrowsmith, Lt Col R C Chamberlain, Mrs V Knowles, Mrs W P Lansdown (Treasurer and Company Secretary), Mr A Molland (WCC Nominee), Mrs J Swabey (WCC Nominee), Mr D Roseaman (Deputy Chairman), Mrs J Triggs, Mrs K Walling and 45 members of the Society.
- In Attendance**
Dr P Robinson (Curator) and members of staff of the Society
- 02/05 Apologies for Absence**
Were received from: Mr P R Amery, Lt Col R C Ayers OBE, Countess Badeni, Mr H J Case, Mrs N Cawthorne, Mrs R A Currie, Cllr Mr J N Fogg, Mrs M J Geeves, Mr & Mrs B N Gibbs, Dr F Gilroy Baskett, Mr R G Hurn, Mrs J L Kershaw, Ms S Maddock, Mr A Mills, Mrs D Robertson, Mr & Mrs R Savory, Mrs P Spink, Mr E & Mrs H Stanford, Mr J S S Stewart, Mrs G Swanton, Mr & Mrs P A Taverner, Professor T Traverse-Healy OBE, Mrs J Weeks, Mrs J D Williams, Miss J M Yates.
- 03/05 Chairman's Opening Address**
The Chairman welcomed members to the sixth annual general meeting of WANHS (Company limited by Guarantee).

The Chairman recorded that sadly the Society had been notified that 16 members had died during the past 12 months: Miss J Backhouse, Mr T N Blake, Mr S G Davis, Prof J D Evans, Field Marshal Sir R Gibbs, Mrs I H Ide, Miss E Libra, Miss N Logue, Mr F H C Maggs, Mr T E Nott Bower, Rev M Osborn, Miss O J Potter, Mr E R A Sewell, Mrs K Walker, Miss W R Wheeler, Mr I W Young. The meeting stood for a few moments quiet reflection to remember them. [Note: these names are those notified to the Membership Secretary; the Society apologises for any omissions.]
- 04/05 Minutes of meeting held 16 October 2004**
The Chairman proposed **that the minutes of the AGM held on 16 October 2004 be adopted as a true record of the meeting.** The resolution was passed nem con.
- 05/05 Board of Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005**
a) Report by the Chairman
The Chairman, whilst highlighting some of the events of the year ended 31 March 2005, took the opportunity to report more recent matters to the meeting. As the Annual Report indicated 2004-05 was another busy and successful year. The museum and library attracted over 21,000 visitors, a 4% increase on the previous year. It was particularly encouraging to note that almost 5,000 children, some 23% of total visitors, had taken advantage of museum facilities. The Education Officer, funded in 2005 by Garfield Weston Foundation and additionally for 2005-06 by the Foyle Foundation, was an essential element in encouraging young people to learn more about the history of Wiltshire.

A new website, designed in conjunction with Wiltshire County Council, was launched in September 2004, and in the year to 31 March 2005 some 35,000 visitor sessions were recorded to the website. As a show of hands at the meeting indicated, a large percentage of members had looked at the site.

Perhaps the most important activity during the year was the documentation project which was funded by a two year grant from the Designation Challenge Fund. This project aims to enter the records of all objects in the museum collections on to a computer database, with more detail than previously recorded; to create digital images of a minimum of 1,000 objects and to place the information on to the Wiltshire Heritage Museum website. Good progress is being made with the aid of a large team of volunteers; at the last count 25 were helping with the project. They, together with the staff, had to-date created 30,000 records, half of which were already on the website, and it was hoped the remainder would follow by the end of the year.

Mr Brian Davison and Dr Colin Shell had represented the Society at the Stonehenge Inquiry, which was considering proposals to move the roads around Stonehenge and redevelop the visitor centre. Although the Inquiry had reported its findings the government were not progressing the scheme at present. *Mr Davison and Dr Shell were thanked for all their hard work and for representing the Society at the Inquiry.*

Two books had been published in the last year, *Snail Down*, the long awaited report on the excavation of the early Bronze Age barrow cemetery near Everleigh, published in August 2005, and in February 2005 *Art in Wiltshire* illustrating pictures from the art collection. This latter had received good reviews, although sales had not been as high as expected.

Another achievement, a first, was the filming of 'Behind the Scenes at Wiltshire Heritage Museum' a DVD video presented by Julian Richards. The project was funded by the Designation Challenge Fund and is on show in the museum on a special monitor. Copies of the DVD were available for purchase.

There was a very successful programme of lectures and outings during the year, organised as usual by Mr David Williams. A successor for Mr Williams had finally been found and Mrs Kate Walling took over the chairmanship of the Programme Committee from the start of the autumn 2005 lecture programme. Mr Williams had given great service to the Society for many, many years and he had continued with the heavy workload of the Programme Committee for several years longer than he would have wished whilst his successor was sought. Mr Williams was thanked by the Chairman, and the meeting acknowledged everything he had done and congratulated him on the excellent events he had organised over the years.

A grant of £24,500 had been awarded by the DCMS/Wolfson Museums Improvement Fund which would enable the lecture room and art gallery to be refurbished. The project would start in April 2006 and plans were being drawn up to install air conditioning in the lecture room (which would ensure that people didn't fall asleep during lectures!) and art gallery (where the current lighting system would be replaced). A doorway between the rooms would be created, ensuring easier movement of people between the lecture room, art gallery and Recent History Gallery. Finally, new bookcases would be constructed in the lecture room to house the volumes of the *Devizes Gazette & Herald* which had recently been deposited in the library. However, before the project could commence a further £13,000 had to be raised. Although it could be viewed as paradoxical that the Society is considering a project of such magnitude when it is not possible to balance the budget it was considered necessary to continue to update and improve the facilities in the museum in line with public expectation. £1,500 had already been received and local companies would be approached for assistance with the balance.

Further expenditure would also be required to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act, to provide access for people with disabilities. A lot of work had already been carried out, such as new handrails on the staircases, improved lighting and a worktable and computer for wheelchair users on the ground floor. However two outstanding issues, which will need to be addressed in due course, are the provision of a toilet accessible for wheelchair users and a means of enabling them to see the exhibits displayed on the first floor. A lack of funding was hindering provision of the former, whilst the provision of a lift to overcome the latter was probably not possible although the use of digital technology would be considered.

The meeting had already remembered those members who had died during the year, but two required a more detailed acknowledgement. Mr Andrew Sewell was Chairman from 1988 to 1990 and Mr Tom Blake was a long serving member and owner of the land at Tilshead that the Archaeology Field Group had been excavating in recent months. Both made generous bequests of objects to the collections, in Mr Sewell's case archaeological finds from the Marlborough Downs and Mr Blake donated a number of artefacts to the Recent History collection, a number of them with connections to Devizes traders dating from the 19th century.

Lt Col Chamberlain was thanked for all his hard work during his period as Chairman; he had been a hard act to follow. He was still actively working for the Society, most recently on the proposals to establish an Endowment Fund.

As a result of local authority elections and the re-allocation of responsibilities to councillors a number of local authority nominated trustees had retired: David Lay, William Snow, Mark Baker, Lionel Grundy and Philip Brown. They were thanked for their contribution. The meeting welcomed Cllr Mrs Julia Swabey and Cllr Mr Tony Molland from Wiltshire County Council and Cllr Mr Nick Fogg from Kennet District Council.

Another long-standing member had resigned his position this year, Dr John Chandler, who was not

only joint editor of the *Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine*, but had designed and typeset many of the Society's publications. The success of his own publishing business meant that he no longer had time to work on the Society's publications. The Society was grateful to Dr Chandler for all the work he had done to such a high standard on so many of the Society's books and *WANHM* volumes.

Dr Andrew Reynolds, the other joint-editor of *WANHM*, had taken over as editor, with Dr Stuart Brookes, his colleague at the Institute of Archaeology at University College, London, as assistant editor for Archaeology. Dr James Thomas and Mr Michael Darby remain as editors for local history and natural history respectively.

A number of staff changes have occurred in the past few months. The Assistant Curator (Natural Sciences), Mr Andrew Tucker, had taken up a post at the Museum of Freemasonry in London, Miss Rebecca Stalker had taken up an education post running a project for disadvantaged children in Camden, London, and Mrs Sue Gayton, a receptionist at the museum for 14 years left at the end of August 2005. All were wished the very best for the future. Miss Lisa Webb had been promoted to Assistant Curator (previously Documentation Officer on the Documentation Project) and Miss Alexandra Siviter was appointed as Education Officer in July 2005. Ms Diann Barnett, formerly part-time receptionist/shop manager had taken over the role full-time Monday to Friday and a new Saturday receptionist had started recently. The staff as always remained very hard working and the Chairman thanked them on behalf of the Trustees and the members for all they did. They were always willing to lend a hand whenever anything extra needed to be done and turned out for extra events, even on top of Roundway Down in the pouring rain!

A large team of volunteers help to keep the Society running. Already mentioned are the volunteers working on the documentation project, but many others help in a variety of ways. A small team of very dedicated and professional people help the Librarian keep the library open five days a week and when the Librarian is on holiday. Volunteers are relied on to keep the museum open at lunchtimes and Sundays and many others help with other aspects of running the museum, the events programme and activities for children. The Chairman thanked them all for the work they do. There are always jobs available so please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator if you want to come and assist. Finally there are the Trustees and members of committees who put in many hours, all unpaid, to keep the Society running and oversee the governance of the museum.

The Chairman concluded his report by referring to the financial situation of the Society. Efforts to balance the budget are ongoing. However, the running costs of the museum continue to increase whilst income, such as grants from local authorities, are reduced. During the year long overdue building repairs were carried out to the roof and exterior of the building. The works were necessary to prevent deterioration in the building, for example leaks in the roof were threatening to cause damage to books in the Library and objects in store. As members were aware the Board had recently appealed to them for help. The response had been most positive. The appeal had to date raised £22,500 including gift aid with several thousand more pledged in regular giving in future years. This had not completely met the deficit but it had at least reduced it to manageable proportions for 2005-06 and stemmed much of the outflow of the Society's capital that would otherwise have occurred. The Board thanked the members, and those non-members, who had responded to the appeal. However, extra income still needed to be generated in future years and it was hoped the establishment of an Endowment Fund would help to achieve this.

b) Report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Society had been a source of concern in recent years. The Trustees had taken some painful decisions which had reduced the level of deficit, but had not achieved the balanced budget. One of the ways the deficit had been controlled had been by eliminating any expenditure which was not immediately required. This was an effective short-term policy, but costs had to be faced eventually and this year repairs to the building had been carried out and next year the car park wall must be rebuilt.

The Treasurer highlighted some of the areas where income had declined. One of the notable areas was the reduction in membership, although it was hoped that a revived Archaeology Field Group would help to reverse this. Receipts from admissions were slightly down, but admission charges to non-members had been increased from October 2005.

Whilst more grants had been received, for example from the Designation Challenge Fund (for the documentation project) and Garfield Weston (for the Education Officer) the Society has to contribute towards the costs, and this was reflected in expenditure. A successful outreach programme, particularly a summer school in Warminster in 2004, was reflected in the Outreach receipts and it was hoped this could be repeated in the future. Two enjoyable outings arranged by the Programme Committee, to Northumbria and Pompeii, had also resulted in an increase in receipts.

Proposed by Mr D Shelton and seconded by Mr H Seymour that the **Trustees Report and Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005, together with the Auditors Report be received.** The resolution was passed nem. con.

06/05 Election of Trustees

The Chairman advised the meeting that although there were three vacancies for positions on the Board, only two nominations had been received. Miss Arrowsmith, who was due to retire by rotation, had offered herself for re-election, she was thanked for her contribution over the last three years, in particular chairing the Library Committee. The other nominee, Mr J Gunter, was leader of the Archaeology Field Group, and it was hoped would ensure that the interests of the Field Group were represented on the Board, and that the issues confronting the Society could be taken into account by the Field Group.

The meeting duly elected Miss Arrowsmith and Mr Gunter to the Board of Trustees nem con.

07/05 Appointment of Auditors

Proposed by Ms C Conybeare and seconded by Mr M J C Smith, **the meeting unanimously re-elected Messrs David Owen & Co as Auditors, and authorised the Trustees to determine their remuneration.**

08/05 Establishment of an Endowment Fund

The suggestion to establish an endowment fund had come from the membership a couple of years ago. It was hoped that the establishment of such a fund would provide income for the Society, whilst ensuring that the capital was protected. Lt Col Chamberlain had been working with Stone King, Solicitors, on the idea and three proposals were put forward in the paper before the meeting. On the advice of the solicitors, the Board of Trustees were recommending that option 3 be progressed, i.e. to establish a Charitable Trust with WANHS, the company, (WANHS Co.) as the corporate trustee, similar to the Collections Trust. The Deed would be written in such a way that the capital could not be spent, but the Company could spend income received from the capital to run the Museum and Library as required. Safeguards would also be written into the deeds about provisions for the capital should the company become insolvent. Once the deed and fund were established it was anticipated that a small committee would be formed to progress fundraising. It was anticipated that it would be some two to three months before the solicitors had prepared all the necessary paperwork and liaised with the Charity Commission. An Extraordinary General Meeting would be required to alter the Memorandum and Articles of Association and it was hoped that this would be called early in 2006.

Proposed by Lt Col R Chamberlain and seconded by Lady Tomlinson, **the meeting unanimously authorised the Trustees of WANHS Co. to take the necessary measures to establish The WANHS Endowment Fund being a Charitable trust fund with permanent endowment having WANHS Co as its Corporate Trustee.**

09/05 Any Other Business

Concern was expressed that visitors did not use the donation box and that it's location and signage was not clear enough. It was agreed that this was a concern and would be investigated. Concern was also expressed that there were often too many posters on display in reception. It was noted that often demand for posters outstripped capacity to display but again it would be reviewed.

The staff and volunteers were thanked for their hard work in preparing exhibitions, events etc.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm

Date of next Meeting:

Saturday 30 September 2006

To be held at the Town Hall, Devizes, Wiltshire

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