

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

(Company Limited by Guarantee)

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ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2012



THE TALE OF WILTSHIRE MOONRAKERS

US WUR CLEVERER THAN 'E-AH, US DIDDLED 'E ALRIGHT

In a pond up 'Vizes way – smugglers 'ad 'idden a keg 'o brandy & us wur trying to get at un Us were scrabbling away with gurt 'ay rakes when us spied 'zizeman 'a'watching So us pointed to moon's 'flection in water & told un us wur "raking vor that gurt chase" 'e thought us wur caddled & 'ad 'ad too much tiddley So off 'e went, laffing fit to bust 'is britches That's why Wiltshiremen be called "Moonrakers", s'now

2011-12 AT A GLANCE ...

21,576	number of Users of the Museum and its facilities
56	number of archaeological, art, recent history and numismatics acquisitions or collections
96,000	items listed on the 'search the collections' on our website (93,000 on MODES database)
3,940	participants in education activities
£106,659	total in Endowment Fund at 31 March 2011
37	events, lectures, previews and fundraising events held
44	family events, holiday activities and events for children
16	visits by colleges and universities
41	visits by and to schools by Education Officer
38	talks given to outside organisations
£7	earned for each £1 in revenue grant received from Wiltshire Council/Devizes Town Council
£240,258	income
£331,628	expenditure

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES

at 1 January 2012

Member - £38 00
Member and Partner - £49 50
Family (2 adults & children) - £50 50
Student - £21 00
Member Organisation - £44 50
Donor Membership - £60 and £120
Life (over 50) - £750
Life (under 50) - £1,000

A Corporate membership is available to businesses

Subscriptions run for 12 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 interests

Front cover from top

Plate depicting *The Tale of the Wiltshire Moonrakers*, produced by Mary White in Malmesbury The tale is inscribed on the plate in a Wiltshire dialect written by the donor Gift from Marjorie Couzens (2011 56)

Children taking part in various Museum activities February 2012, pupils from Shaw School with Assistant Curator, Kerry Nickels, November 2011, Young WANHS, July 2011, Medieval Devizes Family Day

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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 and develop their understanding of the local environment and its history (including school visits to the Museum and workshops at schools)

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LEGAL INFORMATION, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SOCIETY STAFFING AND FORMAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

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 of whom retire each year and are eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. In addition up to four Trustees may be nominated, two by Wiltshire Council, and one each by Devizes Town Council, and the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum. The Trustees have the power to co-opt three 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.

An induction session and other training are provided for all Trustees to familiarise them with the organisation of the Society, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, their legal obligations under company and charitable law, the current forward plan and the financial position and budget. Board meetings are held regularly and additional meetings are held during the year to discuss matters of importance to the Society and to brief Trustees on current strategy.

PATRONS

J B Bush, OBE, JP
P Harding, DUniv, FSA, MIFA
D Inshaw

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman.

N B Harte, DSc(Econ), FRHistS, FSA

Hon. Treasurer:

P Glasson, FCA

Elected Trustees

D J M Carson
Lt Col R C Chamberlain (resigned 4 11 2011)
C R Chippindale, BA, PhD, MIFA, FSA
D J Field, PhD, FSA, FSA Scot (from 8 10 11)
J Gunter, BA (Hons), MA, MAPM, PIFA (to 8 10 11)
Ms A M Hemmins, BEd, ACE, Cert Ed
Mrs S P Ingram Hill, BA (Hons), FIH, JP (from 8 10 11)
W A Perry, MSc (to 8 10 11)
M G Pope
Prof A Reynolds, BA, PhD, FSA, FSA Scot, FRHistS
D L Roseaman, BSc(Eng), CEng, MIMech E (from 8 10 11 - co-opted 10 12 10)
P R Saunders, BA, FSA, FMA, FRSA
Mrs J Triggs (to 8 10 11)

Co-opted Trustee

W A Perry, MSc (co-opted 4 11 11)

Nominated Trustees

C Callow, BSc, ARCS, MBCS (Member Devizes Town Council)
C G Cochrane, BSc (Hons), PhD, DMS
Member, Wiltshire Council (from 29 7 11)
A X T Green, BA, MA, AMA (Director, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum)
J G Ody (Member, Wiltshire Council)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

STAFF AS AT 31.3.2012

Director: David Dawson, BA, FSA, AMA
Museum.

Curator Lisa Brown, BA, MA
Assistant Curator & Volunteer Co-ordinator
Heather Ault, BA
Assistant Curator Kerry Nickels, BA
Education Officer Ali Rushent, BA, MA

Administration:

Marketing & Administration Manager
Karen Jones, BA
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General Assistant Jackie Davies

FORMAL APPOINTMENTS

Auditors

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Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine

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Wiltshire
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COLLECTIONS TRUST

The Society is the Corporate Trustee of the Collections Trust in which ownership of the Museum and Library collections is vested

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

The Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society has had yet another highly successful year. The Society's journal has continued to maintain a high standard rivalled by few if any of the publications of other county societies. We have organised a remarkably successful series of lectures on archaeological and historical themes, well attended and much welcomed. Children have poured into the Museum to come to a variety of family events. The Museum itself has held a number of excellent exhibitions, including a remarkable one showing the finds of metal detectors, a once shunned group now agreeably brought within the fold of respectability and responsibility for our heritage.

The staff of the Museum in Devizes continue to be overworked, underpaid, and quite excellent. The new Archivist and Librarian, Dr Ellie Pridgeon, performed brilliantly in beginning to put our wonderful collections into professional order. But we lost her when she was appointed to a full-time post at the Science Museum, partly in London and partly at their outpost on Wroughton. We wish her well. We were delighted to welcome Kerry Nicholls as a new Assistant Curator, who has been such a success.

The great loss of the year was the resignation from the Board of Trustees of Lt Col Colvin Chamberlain, a member of the Board for many years and a former Chairman. His support of the Society and the Museum over many years is widely recognised, and much appreciated throughout the Society.

The most notable event of the year was the settlement, after a long period of quietude and then negotiation, of the Society's residual remaining pension commitment to Wiltshire Council. The large sum claimed was eventually settled at £21,000 a year to be paid over the next 20 years to Wiltshire Council. At the same time, the Council decided to charge us £4,500 per annum in rates, previously waived. This repayment to the Council

of over £25,000 per year is to be contrasted with their total grant to us of £35,000 per year.

When Dr Pridgeon resigned we froze the post, and the Library is now run entirely by volunteers. But the Society really ought to have to a professional archivist to handle our fine collections. Sadly we have not been able to attract any substantial contribution to the costs of running the Museum and Library, both excellent facilities that we are all determined to maintain. It is these costs that produce the annual deficit, carried for many years, in the accounts.

But how can it be paid for? The great news of the year was the award of a major grant of £370,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the reconstruction of our Bronze Age and other prehistoric galleries, plus £100,000 from English Heritage. And we have already raised the extra amount to bring it to over half a million pounds. This is a great achievement for the Museum, and our Director, David Dawson, is particularly to be congratulated for having orchestrated this complex grant.

The paradox for the Museum is that we can get capital grants for our excellent collections, but we struggle to raise the funding to run them. We hope that the new galleries will attract more paying visitors. We hope there will be a 'Stonehenge effect' from the new visitor centre there, just starting to be built, and which will contain exhibits provided by our Museum.

And we hope too that as many members as can afford it will decide to pay their subscriptions to the Society at one of the new 'donor' rates – paying either £60 a year to the Society or £120 a year to the Society. That is £5 a month or £10 a month. If many more members took up this opportunity it could transform our finances.

Dr Negley Harte

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report, together with the summary financial statements of the charity, for the year ended 31 March, 2012. A copy of the full accounts may be obtained from the Honorary Treasurer.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 3 forms 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.

The Director is the senior member of staff responsible for the ongoing operations in consultation with the Chairman.

There are separate committees reporting to the Board, responsible for Archaeology, Archaeology Field Group, Buildings and Monuments, Finance, Fundraising, Marketing and Membership, Industrial Archaeology, Archive and Library, Programme, Publications, and Stonehenge. A Deficit Working Group was set up during the year. Reports from these committees, and professional staff are included in this report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DEVELOPMENT

The year began with the completion of work to install a lift and the refurbishment of the new North and South Galleries from the former Natural History Gallery. This marked a major step forward for the Museum, making it more accessible to those who find stairs difficult, including families with pushchairs, or those with walking difficulties. Over the year this has resulted in a significant number of people being able to attend talks and events at the Museum, access the library and see the collections.

During the year, the main central heating boiler had to be urgently replaced, at a cost of £28,000. We were fortunate in raising some grant aid towards this, but it has still been a major drain on our finances.

The Stonehenge Museums Partnership has continued to develop during the year and the Stonehenge Interpretation Strategy (developed by English Heritage working with the Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The National Trust and other partners) was launched. This has led to joint work on marketing as well as informing the development of our own bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for support for new Prehistoric Wiltshire Galleries. With the support of the North Wessex Downs AONB and a number of other funders, the Museum trialled the 'Henge Hopper' – a community bus service to link Stonehenge and Avebury. While those who used the service were enthusiastic, the number of users was too small for it to be economic. It was clear that few visitors recognised that Stonehenge and Avebury could be visited on the same trip. The opening of the new Stonehenge Visitor Centre and joint marketing will offer the opportunity to restart the service.

In March 2012 the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded us £370,000 to support our Prehistoric Wiltshire project to create a new gallery focusing on our outstanding Bronze Age archaeological collections. The new gallery will tell the story of the people who built and used the world renowned monuments of Stonehenge and Avebury. For the first time in generations the unique gold and amber finds from Wiltshire, which date back to the Bronze Age will be displayed. We plan to build on our existing learning and outreach programme to inspire local people and visitors to become engaged and informed about the prehistoric landscapes of Wiltshire.

The story to be told in the new gallery forms part of an integrated approach to the interpretation of Stonehenge. The Stonehenge Museums Partnership links the Museum with new galleries being developed by English Heritage for the new Stonehenge Visitor Centre and plans for new galleries at the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum. English Heritage is supporting the project with a major grant and Wiltshire Council have also helped behind the scenes. We hope the new gallery will open in May 2013, ahead of the planned

opening in October 2013 of the Stonehenge Visitor Centre.

We continue to work with Wiltshire Council, particularly in relation to the development of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. This is of particular significance as it recognises that new housing developments have a significant impact on archaeology and that there is a need to provide adequate storage for archaeological archives.

We have also been working with others in Devizes to address the closure by Wiltshire Council of the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in October 2011. This has included Wadworth Visitor Centre, the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust and accommodation providers to host leaflets about local attractions, answer telephone and email enquiries and to begin to promote the town. The Devizes Area Tourism Partnership has been supported by a grant from Devizes Town Council and is helping to encourage people to visit the town. As a result of the closure of the TIC we hosted the 'Cards for Good Causes' - providing a venue for the sale of Charity Christmas cards. This proved to be very successful, particularly in bringing many people into the Museum that had not visited for some time.

ACQUISITIONS

During the year the Museum acquired a number of important objects. The most significant was an Anglo-Saxon gold sword pommel, found near Cricklade and acquired through the Portable Antiquities Scheme after being declared 'treasure' under the Treasure Act. It was the focus of the Vikings and Saxons Family Day held at the Museum in February 2012. We are very grateful to the Beecroft Bequest, The Headley Trust and the V&A Purchase Grant Fund for their grants towards the purchase of this item. We also used a small portion of Den Shelton's generous legacy.

We also acquired a number of significant works of art during the year. These included a 'dummy' book by artist Eric Ravilious (1903-1942) for a planned Puffin book *White Horses*. The book features pencil drawings, photographs and postcards of the artist's work, including views of Westbury and Uffington White Horses. The book was to have been based on *Downland Man* by H J Massingham, which mentions the Museum and its collections. Sadly the book was not completed before Ravilious died on active service as a War Artist in 1942. Four limited edition signed prints by David Inshaw were also acquired (see *Art Acquisitions for details*). Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville kindly gave us a wood engraving of Sutton Mandeville Church by Howard Phipps (signed by the artist and dated 2004).

We are very grateful to all those who have donated objects to the Museum as they help to form an important record of the archaeology and history of the County as well as a rich source for researchers and for exhibitions.

LOANS

Over the year we made a number of loans for exhibitions not at the Museum. The most important was the loan of a sepia wash drawing by John Martin Avebury Reconstructed, 1823-4 and a copy of John Britton's Beauties of Wiltshire for the *John Martin Apocalypse* exhibition at the Tate Gallery. Two chalk axes from Durrington were loaned to Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum for their 'Out of the Earth' exhibition. Preparations were also made to loan items to English Heritage for their *Stonehenge Monumental Journey* exhibition at the Quadruga Gallery, Wellington Arch in May 2012.

DOCUMENTATION

A full audit of the Wiltshire Life Society collection was carried out, including a conservation check of all the items. All the objects and their locations were recorded and added to the MODES database.

With the assistance of Tim Burge (WC Museums Advisory Service Documentation) 1,000 digital images and 6,000 records were uploaded via MODES to our website in October. This included items contained in 600 boxes deposited by Wessex Archaeology and Cotswold Archaeology, and records for over 300 items from the Owen Meyrick Collection, material from excavations at Oliver's Hill Field, Cherhill and Iron Age finds from several Wiltshire sites. Digital images of paintings photographed by the Public Catalogue Foundation were also added to the MODES database, the images are also available through the BBC *Your Paintings* website. The total number of records available online is now over 96,000, with 5,700 digital images.

We are receiving more enquiries and research requests than any other Museum in the county. This is partly down to the fact that most of the Museum and Library collections are now available to view online. A great deal of the enquiries the curatorial staff received during the year referred to the online catalogue on the 'Search the Collections' part of the website, demonstrating the success of this major project.

RESEARCHERS

We saw many researchers again this year including John Robinson who spent three days in January carrying out research on Dobunnian coins, including coins from Upavon, Potterne and Nettleton. A team from English Heritage and the Oxford Radiocarbon dating laboratory took samples from material excavated in 1969 from Marden Henge by Geoffrey Wainwright. This initial sampling will identify material suitable for radio-carbon dating.

FILMING

The Director was interviewed for *Ancient Skies*, a feature film being produced for dome projection, and due for release in 2013.

CONSERVATION

During the year, the Wiltshire Council Museums Conservation Service supported the Museum by undertaking a number of projects. These included the preparation of the Anglo-Saxon sword pommel from near Cricklade for display and the conservation

of bones excavated from Lanhill long barrow. We also received assistance with a pest infestation of our costume store and with woodworm discovered in several items in the Wiltshire Life Society collection.

EXHIBITIONS

A diverse range of exhibitions were held during the year and the new, albeit temporary, North and South Galleries were also utilised, meaning that often we had three temporary exhibitions on display at any one time.

Art Gallery

Oexmann Art Award Exhibition - 26 March to 9 May 2011. 523 entries were judged, including 323 from children.

Landscapes of Thomas Hardy's Wessex - 28 May to 29 August 2011. An exhibition of works by Rob Pountney, Dave Gunning and David Inshaw, depicting the spectacular landscapes and ancient archaeological sites that feature in the novels and poems of Thomas Hardy. Over 100 people attended the preview and subsequent sales resulted in nearly £2,500 commission.

Devizes Camera Club, an exhibition of photographic works by members - 4 September to 2 October 2011.

The Past is Another Country an Exhibition by the Elementals Art Group - 5 November 2011 to 2 January 2012. A display of artworks by the Elementals group, local artists - Jenny Ford, Jan Knight, Julia Leyden, Christine Shorney, Josephine Sumner, plus guest artist Charlotte Sainsbury. The artwork had been inspired by the prehistory of Wiltshire and our own collections.

Landscape with Stones paintings and woodcuts by Nick Schlee - 14 January to 2 September 2012. Oil paintings and woodcuts focusing on Avebury and the Ridgeway. Linked to this exhibition were three PAWS workshops with artist Belinda Chandler, organised between the Museum and the Army Welfare Service for Larkhill Mums and Tots group.

Temporary Exhibition Gallery

Collecting Bug - 21 May to 30 August 2011. Personal collections from members and the general public included decorated miniature plates, elephants (representations of in a variety of materials from wood and ceramic to pava shell, soapstone and Welsh coal), model steam engines, bar brooches and World War One postcards and medals.

Crafts for Christmas - 15 October 2011 to January 2012. An exhibition of works by local businesses including watercolours by Wendy Trinder, glass sculpture by Sandra Young, handbags by Steve Weekes, pewter ware by Glover and Smith, crafts by Angela Bowerman plus doll's house furniture and crochet hats and scarves.

Detecting Wiltshire's Past - 19 February to 2 September 2012. An exhibition of finds by the Trowbridge Metal Detecting Club, recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme. Highlighting the collaboration between the Museum, metal detectorists and Wiltshire's Finds Liaison Officer,

and the contribution the scheme and responsible detecting make to local archaeology

North and South Galleries

Devizes District Great War - 18 June to 17 July 2011 This exhibition, developed by local author Richard Broadhead to complement his book of the same title, proved very popular and the end date was extended. An evening lecture was also well attended.

The Story of Devizes - May to September 2012 Although opening after the end of the year under review, work commenced on this new exhibition early in 2012. This included an invitation for those with long memories to come and share their stories, pictures and objects with us. Many of them will be included in the exhibition.

Archive and Library Showcase Displays

Two showcases in the Long Room are now being used to highlight material held in our collections and subjects included Wiltshire Churches and the village of Aldbourne.

EVENTS AND VISITORS

In addition to the exhibitions, a full programme of events for members and visitors were organised. Many will be mentioned elsewhere in this report, but include the Saturday lectures, Wednesday lunchtime talks, outings, activities for children and Family Days. The Industrial Archaeology Symposium was held in October 2011 and continues to be as popular as ever. There were also a number of new events this year, including the Director leading evening tours around Stonehenge, evening classes on a variety of topics and very popular 'Night at the Museum' evenings run by John Girvan. All these events have brought new visitors to the Museum, raised our profile, and, brought in much needed income.

The total number of visitors for the financial year was 21,576, slightly below that of previous years. An increase in admission charges in January 2012 may have contributed to a lower than expected number of 'feet through the door' visitors early in the year, although this decline was shared by other local tourist attractions. On the plus side there was an increase in attendance at events, use of our Lecture Hall by outside organisations – partly the result of the closure of the Crown Centre for a number of weeks in 2011 – and casual visitors due to hosting the Cards for Good Causes scheme in December 2011.

MUSEUM STAFF

Ali Rushent was on maternity leave from May 2011, her daughter Amelia arriving in June. Rebecca Warren covered Ali's maternity leave between May and December, when she left to take up a post as Schools Liaison Officer with the Cheltenham Festivals. Ali returned from maternity leave in March 2012 and will be working part-time.

Curator Lisa Webb married Dr David Brown in May and her daughter Charlotte was born in November. Charlotte made her first visit to the Museum for the Volunteer's Christmas Party in December. Lisa will return from maternity leave in Autumn 2012.

Our Future Jobs Fund employee (employed via Wiltshire Council for a period of six months), Steve Nolan, finished his contract on 20 June 2011. This employment helped him secure a permanent post with a local business.

Kerry Nickels joined the staff in June 2011 as an Assistant Curator, to enable the Director and Curator to concentrate on the Stage 2 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Archivist and Librarian, Dr Ellie Pridgeon, left at the end of November to take up the post of Deputy Archivist at the Science Museum (London and Wroughton).

Archive and Library

The management and storage of the archive and library collections were substantially improved over the year. A programme of cleaning, tidying and de-duplicating was completed, along with an audit of the book collections to check the completeness and accuracy of the records. In addition, items at risk were identified and a report commissioned to support a funding application to the National Manuscripts Conservation Trust. This was in addition to a busy year spent helping people answer a wide variety of research topics.

In January 2011 Mike Marshman, County Local Studies Librarian, recommended the transfer of the Wiltshire Gazettes (held at the Museum, but on loan from the Devizes Gazette and Herald), to the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in Chippenham. He indicated that the storage conditions at the Museum were poor and the volumes were deteriorating rapidly due to constant use by readers. Gary Lawrence (Editor, Gazette and Herald) viewed the collection and approved the transfer, which duly took place in August. The Gazettes would no longer be accessible to readers because of their fragile condition.

Education

The service offered by the Education Officers during the year continued delivering formal education activities, running half-term holiday activities, Young WANHS sessions and participating in the Family Open Day at Riverbourne Community Farm, Salisbury. The Family Days continue to be popular and three were held during the year.

Volunteers

The Society relies upon the support and enthusiasm of a team of volunteers. During the year we have welcomed many new volunteers and have completed work on a Volunteer Policy, which aims to recognise their contribution and also to guide volunteers and staff engaged in voluntary work and management.

A number of events were organised during the year, including a Christmas Party and a very successful coffee morning. As many volunteers work on different days of the week this is an excellent way for people to meet and to share ideas and successes.

Heather Ault, David Dawson, Karen Jones,

Kerry Nickels and Ali Rushent

Further information on pages 8 to 12

COLLECTION ACQUISITIONS

ARCHAEOLOGY

- A Romano-British stamped building tile or brick from Minety, found during damage assessment by the Central Excavation Unit, transfer April 2011 (DZSWS 2011 5)
- Nine boxes of archaeology archives (finds and reports) excavated and deposited by Cotswold Archaeology. The assemblages are from a number of sites across Wiltshire, including High Street in Wootton Bassett, The Green in Urchfont and Barnes Coaches in Aldbourne. Transfer from Cotswold Archaeology June 2011 (DZSWS 2011 6-11)
- Anglo-Saxon, 500-700 AD, pyramidal mount, copper alloy and silvered. Pyramidal mounts were used to adorn belts, scabbards and sword harnesses, found with the use of a metal detector in the parish of Everleigh, near Marlborough, in 2011. Reported and acquired through the Portable Antiquities Scheme. Gift from Tony Brown (DZSWS 2011 13)
- Collection of worked flint, not British, including cores, saw and an unfinished arrowhead. Part of an archive of material once belonging to the archaeologist J F S Stone (DZSWS 2011 32)
- 99 boxes of archaeology archives (finds and reports) excavated and deposited by Chippenham College Archaeology A Level Programme. The assemblages are from a number of sites across Wiltshire including Lackham Manor, Ditteridge, Mother Anthonys Well, Malmesbury and Stanton St Quintin. Transfer from Chippenham Museum and Heritage Centre August 2011 (DZSWS 2011 40 – 52)
- Medieval, probably 13th century, silver annular brooch with zoomorphic decoration (depicting animal heads with rounded snouts), complete with its sheet silver pin, found with the use of a metal detector in Westbury, August 2010. Purchase (DZSWS 2011 53)
- Loop of an Anglo-Saxon miniature silver buckle, 7th century AD, found with the use of a metal detector in December 2008, from the Swindon area. Purchase (DZSWS 2011 54)
- Iron Age terret ring, used to guide the reins of a horse pulling a chariot, found with the use of a metal detector in September 2011, found in the Devizes area. Reported and acquired through the Portable Antiquities Scheme. Gift from Christopher Altmann (DZSWS 2011 55)
- Archaeological archive from Brynards Hill, Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, excavated by John Moore Heritage Services in 2010. Transfer from John Moore Heritage Services September 2011 (DZSWS 2011 57)
- Archaeology archives (finds and reports) from Tilshead Nursery School and Cumberwell Park excavated and deposited by WANHS Archaeological Field Group 2008-10 (DZSWS 2011 58 – 60)
- Anglo Saxon, or early medieval, gold and copper alloy sword pommel cap, of 'cocked-hat' type, dating to 7th century AD. Both faces bear beaded filigree interlace, one end is

missing and one end is distorted from plough damage. Found with the use of a metal detector in September 2010, in the Cricklade Area. Purchase (DZSWS 2011 61)

- Five flint flakes found on the spoil heap during a controlled excavation in Marden. Gift from Pete Glastonbury (DZSWS 2012 1)
- Five boxes of archaeological finds, including a Medieval leather shoe, from excavations at Angel Mill, Westbury. Transfer from Westbury Heritage Society March 2012 (DZSWS 2012.2)
- Archaeological archives (finds and reports) from an excavation at Everleigh Cross Roads, Peak Down in 1971 by Vivien Swan. Gift from Jane Timby (DZSWS 2012 4)

ART

- Watercolour sketch depicting a view of Martinsell Hill, Wiltshire. Believed to be by John Collinson circa 1779. Gift from Dr K J Fielden (DZSWS 2011 1007)
- Coloured print of a measured drawing depicting Ogbourne Maizey Manor House, Wiltshire, by Graham Excel, ARIBA. Gift from the artist. (DZSWS 2011 1008)
- Coloured print of a measured drawing depicting Sevington Village School, Wiltshire, by Graham Excel, ARIBA. Gift from the artist (DZSWS 2011 1009)
- A view of the Westbury White Horse by T V Axon. Donated by Mr B Edwards. (DZSWS 2011 1011)
- Limited edition print, *Wiltshire Landscape - Silbury Hill*, by David Inshaw. Purchase (DZSWS 2011 1012)
- Limited edition print, *Silbury Hill on a Starry Night*, by David Inshaw. Purchase (DZSWS 2011 1013)
- Limited edition print, *Silbury Hill in the Moonlight*, by David Inshaw. Purchase (DZSWS 2011 1014)
- Limited edition print, *Storm over Silbury Hill*, by David Inshaw. Purchase (DZSWS 2011 1015)
- Compressed charcoal drawing *Stonehenge*, signed and dated by the artist Robert Pountney. Purchase (DZSWS 2011 1016)
- Wood engraving of Sutton Mandeville Church, Wiltshire, signed and dated 2004 by the artist Howard Phipps. Gift from Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville (DZSWS 2011 1017)
- *White Horse - A Puffin Picture Book*. A book proposal or dummy by artist Eric Ravilious, containing proposed layout, sketches and photographs. Purchase (DZSWS 2012 1)
- Various drawings of the Devizes Millennium White Horse with notes on reverse by Sarah Padwick, initiator of the Millennium Project. Gift from Roundway Parish Council (DZSWS 2012 2 and 3)

RECENT HISTORY

- Head from the statue of a young Queen Victoria, damaged The statue was made by a Devizes stonemason in the mid 1800s, to fit inside the niche of the door at 45 Estcourt Street, in Devizes The statue was removed from The Green in Devizes in 2008 after repeated vandalism and a new head has since been made Gift from Trust for Devizes (DZSWS 2011 12)
- Five items made by a blacksmith in Alton Barnes Gift from Mr Hampshire (DZSWS 2011 14)
- Wooden ploughshare mould associated with a blacksmith in Great Bedwyn Gift from Tom Maslen (DZSWS 2011 15)
- Farming smock with white embroidery, which belonged to Miss Gingell's great grandfather who lived in Bulkington Gift from Miss Gingell (DZSWS 2011 16)
- Collection of items relating to World War II, including gas mask, flying goggles and coupon books, associated with Stanton St Quintin and Bromham Gift from John Drew (DZSWS 2011 17)
- Soldier's service and paybook from World War II, thought to be from Wiltshire Gift from Roger Carter (DZSWS 2011 18)
- Red and white Devizes Town Football Club scarf Gift from Andy Muckle (DZSWS 2011 19)
- Medal awarded to Devizes Town Football Club, inscribed 'Wilts League II Champions, 1929-30' Gift from Jeanette Von Berg (DZSWS 2011 20)
- Military button, unidentified Gift from Brian Edwards of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 21)
- Button for 'D A Gibbs, Devizes' Gift from Dr Paul Robinson of Potterne (DZSWS 2011 22)
- Badge commemorating the 'Enter the Elizabethan Experience' event at Avebury Manor in 1989 Gift from Brian Edwards of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 23)
- Two badges from BBC 'Hands on History' (DZSWS 2011 24)
- Matchbox for The Sun Inn, High Street, Marlborough Gift from Brian Edwards of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 25)
- Small plate commemorating the Golden Age of Queen Victoria (1819-1901) from the Royal Collection Gift from Margaret Clarke (DZSWS 2011 26)
- Button for 'AMES, Devizes' Gift from Dr Paul Robinson of Potterne (DZSWS 2011 28)
- Makers plate for W E Chivers & Sons Ltd, Contractors, Devizes From an anonymous donor (DZSWS 2011 29)
- Four postcards from the 'Inspired by Stonehenge' exhibitions at Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum (2008) and Wiltshire Heritage Museum (2009) (DZSWS 2011 30)
- Collection of school craft tools from the 1930s and wallpaper samples from the 19th and 20th centuries, from Old School House, Long Street, Devizes Gift from Lyn Payne of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 31)
- Medal depicting Stonehenge for The Vintage Motorcycle Club, Stonehenge Section, 1998 Gift from Dr Paul Robinson of Potterne (DZSWS 2011 33)
- Packaging for 'Harris, Wiltshire, Sausage Rolls', made solely by C & T Harris Ltd, Calne, a well known pork processing and bacon curing factory during the 19th and 20th centuries Gift from Brian Edwards of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 35)
- Two beer bottles for 'Nick Stafford's Hambleton Ales' which depict a white horse Gift from Brian Edwards of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 36)
- Pack of playing cards for 'BLACKOUT', a game developed during the 1940s to be played in air raid shelters during a blackout Gift from Brian King of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 37)
- 19 cigarette cards from the Wiltshire Downs series, issued by E W Anstie Ltd, Devizes Gift from Brian Edwards of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 38)
- Collection of items used as part of the White Horses and Hill Figures exhibition at the Museum in 2010 Gift from Brian Edwards of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 39)
- Plate depicting 'The Tale of the Wiltshire Moonrakers', produced by Mary White in Malmesbury The tale is inscribed on the plate in a Wiltshire dialect written by Marjorie Couzens Gift from Marjorie Couzens of Chippenham (DZSWS 2011 56)
- Two badges 'The National Trust, Avebury' and 'Wiltshire meets the chief, Corsham Park 1979' Gift from Tim Burge of Chippenham (DZSWS 2011 62)
- Wall plaque from the Devizes Visitor Centre commemorating its official opening on 24th April 1999 The visitor centre closed on 30th September 2011 Gift from John Girvan of Devizes (DZSWS 2011 63)
- Collection of items relating to the village of Aldbourne, including commemorative items and the Carnival Queen's crown Gift from Graham Palmer of Ramsbury (DZSWS 2012 3)
- Collection of items relating to World War II from Corsley The items originally belonged to the donors grandfather Gift from Charlotte Forward of Andover (DZSWS 2012 5)
- Tobacco tin for Anstie's Brown Beauty Tobacco, made by E W Anstie Ltd, Devizes Gift from Clare Conybeare (DZSWS 2012 6)

ARCHIVE AND LIBRARY

There was a generous response to a Book Appeal and 44 books were added to the library, with more to be purchased in 2011/12 Another extremely useful addition was over 100 transcripts of parish registers donated by the Wiltshire Family History Society The books and documents received from the former Wiltshire Life Society in 2010 have been added to the library and are in the process of being sorted and catalogued

LOANS

- Two chalk axes from Woodhenge, Durrington, Wiltshire, excavated by Mrs M E Cunington, 1926-8 (DZSWS 2004 256 1) and volume of watercolour drawings by Philip Crocker, produced for Sir Richard Colt Hoare's, *Ancient Wiltshire* (Volume 1), plate XXXIV – showing barbed and tanged flint arrowheads and a copper dagger found inside a barrow at Woodyates (Wimbourne St Giles G20) (DZSWS 1990 501) For the exhibition *Out of Earth* (October 2011 to – January 2012 at Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum
- Grave goods from Wilsford G7 and G8, part of the Normanton Down Barrow Group, will go on loan in rotation, for 2 5 years each to English Heritage's Stonehenge Visitor Centre
- The painting of Ophelia II by Graham Arnold was returned to the owner in November 2011
- Framed and signed prints by the artist and architect Graham Excell for an exhibition at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre - Bear Inn, Devizes (DZSWS 2008 1095), St Lawrence School (DZSWS 2009 1001 9) Sevington School (DZSWS 2011 1009), Kingsbury Hill House (DZSWS 2010 1005) Blunsdon Abbey (DZSWS 2010 1004), St John's Almhouse (DZSWS 2010 1002), Calcutt Farm, Cricklade (DZSWS 2010 1003), Ogbourne Maizey Manor (DZSWS 2011 1008)
- John Martin's *Avebury Reconstructed* 1823-4, a sepia wash drawing (DZSWS.1982 3270) and a copy of John Britton's *Beauties of Wiltshire*, loaned to the Tate Gallery for the *Apocalypse Exhibition* (January to February 2012)
- Preparations to loan items to English Heritage for their *Stonehenge Monumental Journey* exhibition to be held in May 2012 at the Quadriga Gallery, Wellington Arch

RESEARCHERS

- Dr Poly Baker, English Heritage animal bone from the excavations of Roman wells near Silbury Hill (DZSWS 571to 599 & DZSWS 2004 1096), as part of the ongoing project about the Romans at Silbury
- Richard Davies, Research Fellow at Nottingham University Late Bronze Age spearheads, for his work on a book in the *Prähistorische Bronzefunde* series on Late Bronze Age British spearheads
- David Field, Jim Leary & Eddie Lyons (English Heritage) artefacts and archives related to excavations near Silbury Hill, as part of the ongoing project about the Romans at Silbury
- Neil Fleming, Chief Examiner in A Level Archaeology Bronze Age axeheads and material relating to Sir Richard Colt-Hoare as part of his student coursework in A-Level archaeology
- Dr Catherine Frieman, Post-doctoral research fellow at RLAHA, Oxford University Early Bronze Age flint daggers in the collection
- Steven Froud, Reader in Archaeology at University of Bristol Samian ware from excavations at Westbury Iron Works, as part of an archaeological illustration module for the course
- Nicola Hembrey, Project Manager (English Heritage) paper archives and notebooks for excavations by J W Brooke and the Cunningtons, as part of the ongoing project about the Romans at Silbury
- Dr Stuart Needham artefacts from the primary inhumation in Bell Barrow Wilsford G58
- John Robinson Dobunnic and peripheral Dobunnic coins from Wiltshire in the numismatics collection, as part of his ongoing personal research at the Celtic Coin Index
- Elizabeth Schech, Research Postgraduate, Department of Archaeology, Durham University Iron Age glass beads in the collection, for her research on Iron Age and Roman period glass beads in Britain
- Fay Worley, English Heritage zooarchaeologist, Seren Griffiths, English Heritage dating team, and Dr Fiona Brock, Oxford University radiocarbon lab antler from Marden Henge for radiocarbon dating
- Dr John Wright, Royal Holloway University of London three small ammonites from the William Cunington III collection (DZSWS 2006 9005 727), for his research on *Perisphinctes*

CONSERVATION

In February, Helen Williams, senior conservator from the WC Museum Service carried out the biannual conservation visit to the Museum This involved the inspection of all galleries and store rooms, including our off-site store, to check environmental conditions, including light and humidity levels, and to look for any signs of pest infestation or pollution

The costume store was found to have a pest infestation All affected items were removed and sent to Wiltshire Council Conservation Service to undergo treatment and repacking The source of the infestation was identified as a boarded up window in the cupboard The cupboard has now been conservation cleaned and the window has been sealed and blacked out instead of being blocked off The costume and textiles have now been returned to the store and regular monitoring of insect sticky traps is now being carried out

The Wiltshire Life Society collection was found to have several objects with active woodworm Most of these items were also treated by the Conservation Service and have been returned to the Hopton store Several of the larger items have been isolated and are awaiting conservation treatment along with the remaining carts in the collection at Lackham

The newly acquired gold Saxon pommel cap (DZSWS 2011 61) was cleaned and treated by Helen Williams at Wiltshire Conservation Service in January in order for the object to go on permanent display in the Saxon Gallery The pommel cap was officially unveiled as part of our Saxon and Viking Family Day in February

VOLUNTEERS

Mr Don & Mrs Livvy Ainge	Mr Bobby Gibbs	Mr Dan Miles	Mr N Smith
Mr Joe Aiston	Mr C Gingell	Mr Tim & Mrs Ruth Miles	Mrs Penny Smith
Mrs Lynn Amadio	Mr John Girvan	Mr Robert Moody	Mrs Wendy Smith
Mrs Myra Annable	Mrs Sarah Goodall	Miss J Moody	Mr Nicol Smith
Mrs Helen Armstrong	Mr Peter Goodhugh	Mrs P Morgan	Mr Richard & Dr Phillida Sneyd
Mrs L Baker	Rev Dr J W F Gosling	Ms Sara Morgan	Mrs Penny Spink
Ms Joanne Barry	Mr Colin & Mrs Rosemary Green	Mrs Mary Mortimer	Mrs Jean Springett
Mr John Baumber	Mr Jim Gunter	Mrs Christine Mudge	Ms Christina Staff
Dr J D Belt	Dr M H Handford	Mr & Mrs Niles	Mrs Heather Stone
Mrs Astrid Bleich	Miss Constance Handley	Miss J Northey	Mr Mike Stone
Mr H Bradford	Mrs Sarah Harris	Mrs Gill Ody	Mrs Pat Straw
Lt Col I Branton OBE	Dr Lorna Haycock	Mr Terry O'Flynn	Mrs Summers
Mrs P Brazier	Mrs Sandy Haynes	Mr & Mrs B D Oram	Mrs Gill Swanton
Miss Holly Brenthall	Mr M Heaton	Miss E A Paddon	Miss Kathryn Swindell
Mr R Brindle	Mrs Marti Hilliard	Mr D Parker	Prof & Mrs L Symon
Mr Richard Broadhead	Mr J A Hinchliffe	Mr R W Parrack	Mr Philip Taverner
Mrs Catherine Brown	Mr Michael Hiscock	Mr J R Paton	Mrs Alison Taylor
Mr D A Brown	Mrs Patricia Howard	Mr J F Phillips	Mr Michael & Mrs Sue Teale
Ms Penny Bruce	Mr & Mrs M J Hudson	Miss Edith Pickering MBE	Mr Colin Thomas
Miss Naomi Bulson	Mrs Shelagh Hurwitt	Mr C J Pollard	Dr James Thomas
Mr Roy Canham	Mrs Joanne Hutchings	Mrs Melanie Pomeroy- Kellinger	Ms Lauren Tilley
Mr Tim Carson	Mr Tony & Mrs Carole Jones	Mr Dennis Powney	Mr A H Thomsett
Dr John Chandler	Rev & Mrs G H Jones	Mrs J Ralph	Mr Peter Tolhurst
Mrs Janice Chapman	Mr Dallas Kendall	Mr M Ramsay	Mrs F J Tomaselli
Mr R M Charles	Mr Brian & Mrs Ann King	Mr Alun Rees	Mr & Mrs P Q Treloar
Mr R Clarke	Mrs Val Knowles	Mrs Mary Rennie	Mrs Judith Triggs
Mrs Margaret R Clarke	Mr J W Lambert	Mrs Dorothy Robertson	Mrs Libby Turner
Mrs N S T Clarke	Mr & Mrs A H Lancashire	Dr Paul & Mrs Diane Robinson	Mrs Jean Volpi
Mrs Nicky Clarke	Mr Arthur & Mrs Wendy Lansdown	Mrs Doris Roddham	Mrs Joyce Walsh
Dr Rosamund Cleal	Mr Peter Lavis	Mr Ken & Mrs Helen Rogers	Mr Bryn Walters
Miss Emma Cobb	Mr A J Lawson	Mrs Eileen Rollo	Mrs M Watts
Mrs Judith Colls	Mrs Marlene Lewis	Miss Susan Rooke	Mrs R Webb
Ms Clare Conybeare	Miss E Lobb	Mrs Judith Roseaman	Mr & Mrs Roy Webber
Mr Michael Cornwell	Mr Adrian & Mrs Jill Lovett	Mr Rick & Mrs Marion Rowland	Mrs Barbara Welfare
Mr Brian K Davison	Capt F D Lowe	Mr Anthony Sampson	Mrs Wendy Weller
Mrs Catherine Dawson	Mr Mike McQueen	Miss J M Y Sanders	Mr D West
Mr R Day	Ms Stella Maddock	Mr P Scrivens	Mrs S A Wheeler
Mr R A Dewhurst	Ms Jean Martin	Ms Zoe Seed	Ms Katy Whitaker
Mr Owen Dicker	Miss Jessica Martin	Miss Sally-Anne Shearn	Mrs Lucy Whitcher
Miss Janet Dore	Mrs Adrienne Massey	Mr B Sheldrake	Mrs Grace White McLeod
Miss J A Drew	Mr D J Matlock	Dr Colin Shell	Mr M R Williams
Mrs Kate Fernie	Prof & Mrs S McGrail	Mrs Peggy Shergold	Mr Antony Wilson
Mrs Pauline Ferguson	Mrs Joyce McMurray	Mr R J Skinner	Mr Shaun Wilson
Mr G Fitzgibbon	Mrs Margaret Melsom	Mrs Pamela Slocombe	Mr James Yeowel
Mrs Joy Francis		Mr Mike & Mrs Anne Smith	
Mrs Joan Friend			
Mrs Barbara Fuller			
Mrs I Geddes			

NEW MEMBERS

Mr R H Arkell, Trowbridge	Mr F Guinness, Near Andover	Mrs C Purchas, Worton
Mrs H Armstrong, Malmesbury	Mr A I Hack, Trowbridge	Dr R O'Neil, Salisbury
Mr N & Mrs D Baring, Marlborough	Miss A Hall, Warminster	Mrs S J Padwick, Devizes
Mr A W Batchelor, Devizes	Mr M Harvey & Miss K Ward, Devizes	Mr G D Pearce, Lacock
Mr J Berrett, Trowbridge	Mr W Hawkins, Stert	Miss M Phillips, Stroud
Mr J Bigley, Swindon	Mr D Howse, Trowbridge	Mr C D Randolph, Castle Bar
Mr C O E & Mrs A G Bowen, Salisbury	Mr M Huntley, Westbury	Mr D & Mrs T Rawlings, Millbrook
Mrs S Brierley, Devizes	Mrs S Ingram-Hill, Pewsey	Mrs K Reed, Marlborough
Mr E Browning, Swindon	Miss E A Ivens, Devizes	Mrs Y & Miss C Rich, Devizes
Ms J Bryant, Melksham	Mr S Jonathon, Devizes	Mr P Richardson, Trowbridge
Mr D H Chandler, Marlborough	Mr P M G Jones, Newbury	Mr L Robertson, Devizes
Miss E N Clark, Salisbury	Mr A G Keen, Harrogate	Mr M Robinson, Hungerford
Mrs M R Clarke, West Lavington	Mrs P Keers, Pewsey	Mr M Saunders & Mrs E Gaunt, Devizes
Mrs S Clarke, Devizes	Mrs L Kirk, Corsham	Mr J B Sheldrake, Swindon
Mr B & Mrs S Colson, Marlborough	Mr N & Mrs A Kirkham, Corsham	Mr P J Smith, Corsham
Mr L Davis, Hemel Hempstead	Ms C Leonard-Nelson, Devizes	Mr P Snook & Mrs I Snook- Brown, Easterton
Mr M & Mrs G Davis, Box	Miss M R Lestrage, Devizes	Mr J Stocks & Ms V Franklin, Worton
Mrs T Fairbourn, Wroughton	Mrs R Marsden, Melksham	Mr & Mrs C Taylor, Chippenham
Ms P Ferguson, Devizes	Mrs K Mason, Swindon	Miss L J Towe, Market Lavington
Mr J Fletcher & Ms H Winton, Swindon	Mrs S McGrath, Chippenham	Mr F Westmoreland, Salisbury
Mr B Fox, Ogbourne St Andrew	Mrs O Meyler, Marlborough	Mrs C Wiltshire, Bristol
Mr P Glastonbury, Devizes	Mr A & Mrs K Miller, Calne	Mr P J Wiltshire, Henley On Thames
Mr L & Mrs J Golding, Pewsey	Miss S Mills & Mr P Jackson, Marlborough	Mr M & Mrs F Wood, Urchfont
Mr J & Mrs S Goodall, Market Lavington	Mr R M Morton, Upavon	
Mr D Grant, Highworth		

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Archaeology

The Committee has continued to meet during the year, and to share information about developments in archaeology across the County. The Committee has also begun to develop plans for a conference to highlight recent archaeological activity in Wiltshire, to be held during 2013.

Gill Swanton

Archaeology Field Group

The Field Group continues to be active, undertaking a range of projects during the year. An unusual project was to identify and study Anglo-Saxon moot sites, part of a national research project being run by the Institute of Archaeology. Field-walking projects were undertaken in the Kennet Valley and the Vale of Pewsey. Excavations were conducted in Stanton St Bernard, Bedwyn Brailes and at the World War I airfield at Yatesbury.

Jim Gunter

Buildings and Monuments

The Committee reviewed 58 planning applications to which 28 responses were made. Of these responses, 24 had a positive effect on the decision outcomes. The link with the CBA and local officers has strengthened and buildings at risk are being preserved by gaining support from the Planning Authority to seek remedial actions by instruction. Planning applications concerning Avebury WHS site have had the Committee's contribution respected both by the CBA and local officers resulting in the Committee having a positive influence on key WHS landscape proposals. The Committee has gained an additional three members and it builds on the close relationship with the CPRE & Trust for Devises.

John Baumber

Fundraising, Marketing and Membership

The past year was another successful one for the committee with more events attended and successful new initiatives launched to raise money. Membership edges upwards bucking the trend seen elsewhere. We are very grateful for the continued support of our members and donors. I wish to thank the committee, all our helpers and the staff for their support during the year.

Doug Roseaman

Industrial Archaeology

The Biennial symposium was a great success with only four of the 96 tickets unsold. When asked a large majority of the attendees expressed support for the event to be made annual. The Committee is now planning the biennial symposium in 2013 and a 'new' railway themed conference for 2014 to meet these requests.

Mike Stone

Archive and Library

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, the Archivist & Librarian, Dr Ellie Pridgeon, left in November 2011 and the post frozen. The Archive and Library does remain open to visitors, although advance notice of intended visits is requested so material can be got out beforehand. Appointments can also be made to use the Archive and Library on the first Saturday of the month. The work of book and document preservation and cataloguing on MODES is being continued by volunteers, many of whom have valuable relevant experience. A list of the Society's extensive holdings of journals, dating back to 1770, is now available on the website. The acquisition of books has been reported elsewhere in the report.

Due to their increasingly fragile state it was unfortunately necessary to transfer the bound copies of the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald to the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, where they will no longer be available in the library and stored in controlled conditions. The work in the archive has yielded some interesting discoveries, notably a 19th century tracing of a mural in Highworth Church, since painted over.

Val Knowles and Bill Perry

Programme

The events programme continues to be very busy and popular. Two 'Night at the Museum' events with John Girvan were very popular and it is hoped to organise something similar for children in the coming year. Sadly two lectures, including the Fundraising Lecture, had to be cancelled due to ill health, but many forwent a refund. The summer outings continued to be popular and help to generate much needed income for the Society. Volunteers to assist with organising and running these events are very welcome.

Stonehenge

Committee members have continued to monitor and advise on all aspects of the management of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. In this year English Heritage has brought its Visitor Centre to the point of construction, and announced the timetable for the welcomed closure of the A303 junction and removal of the A344 roadway by Stonehenge itself. Members have participated in the initial consultation associated with the Woodland Strategy and Governance Review underway for both halves of the World Heritage Site. The Committee has recognised that many of the pressures on the Stonehenge WHS are being experienced in Avebury, in some aspects, such as tree planting, often with significant impact on monuments and their setting. The Committee has therefore proposed to the Board that its remit be extended to include also the Avebury part of the World Heritage Site.

Colin Shell, Chairman

TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are directors for the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that Law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial 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 financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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 initially and monitored on a regular basis. The Board employ Williams de Broe to manage both the investment portfolio and the endowment fund portfolio with the primary investment objective to achieve a balanced return from income and capital with a medium level of risk.

The Society does not hold any indemnity insurance against any liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by a Trustee.

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 a budget is prepared each year assessing the likely income receivable and costs of activities, which is monitored carefully and reported to the Trustees at

each Board meeting.

RESERVES AND FUNDRAISING

The Trustees consider, in line with the Charity Commission advice, that the Society should have general reserves equivalent to at least one year's costs, that is some £300,000, to provide a measure of security, however, as the Society is dependent on its investments to provide ongoing income for its operations the reserves have to be substantially greater. In 2011-12 investment income was £23,500. Without this contribution the operational deficit was £113,000. With markets showing substantial declines since our year end it is difficult to calculate the additional capital input required to keep the Society solvent on its present level of activity. Based on an optimistic 4% return a capital input of some £2,000,000 would be necessary to obtain financial security.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This has been another challenging year for the Society. The budget deficit on operations for the year was £76,000, against the actual deficit of £90,000. An unexpected net cost for a boiler replacement (after a grant of £5,000 from the Wiltshire Council) of £23,000, more than accounted for the main part of this difference.

We received support from Wiltshire Council who continued their grant of £35,500, which was supplemented for this year only by underwriting the newly introduced property rates charge of £4,500. We also received £3,000 from Devizes Town Council. Both these grants are very useful as they are available for core expenses.

Specific grants were contributed by the Heritage Lottery Fund for development work on the Prehistoric Wiltshire Galleries project, Devizes Area Board of Wiltshire Council towards the cost of replacing boilers.

Specific project grants enable the Society to extend its work in ways it would be unable to undertake without such support and we are extremely grateful for all the grants we receive.

Our capital reserves are now £496,000 and as stated the Trustees consider that these should not fall below £300,000. There is also an ongoing pension liability as described in Note 1 to the accounts. Without any material improvements in income the Society will have to seriously consider its viability by the middle of 2014.

Our staff are fully aware of the situation and working as a team continue to maintain our normal high standards. Expenditure is closely monitored and monthly accounts are produced to ensure we are operating to budget.

Investment income from the Society's portfolio and from the Sandell Trust was £49,000, the same amount as last year. £125,000 was drawn from the Society's portfolio mainly to finance our operating deficit of £90,000. After taking into account profits on realised and unrealised gains of £15,500 the net deficit was reduced to £74,000.

A series of lectures on varied subjects were well received and well attended. An evening lecture series on experimental archaeology run by Katy Whitaker was very popular and it is hoped to run similar courses next year. The summer outings also continued to be popular and helped to generate much needed income for the Society. £1,500 will be transferred to the Society's general accounts as a result of these activities.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Fund is managed by Williams de Broe on a low to medium risk mandate, and, thanks to donations from members, dividends received and profit on unrealised investments, the value has increased in the year by £5,000 to £106,700.

Under the terms of the Endowment Trust the capital is not available for distribution but must be invested to provide income for the Society at some future date to be decided by the Trustees.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources are allocated on the basis of the purposes for which they are raised, the income for designated and restricted funds being credited to those funds. The accounts include £135,000 for restricted funds, primarily the Endowment Fund. These funds are not available to the Society for general use and must therefore be disregarded when assessing the Society's financial position. On this basis there was a decrease in the funds attributable to the Society of £74,000, primarily due to the operating deficit.

FORWARD PLAN

Each year the Board approves a Forward Plan that contains objectives and targets for the year. Most targets for 2011-2012 were fully achieved, including the installation of a lift, visitor figures target, increased membership, and improvements in storage and the use of the membership database. A few objectives fell short of target, or were held over for lack of funding, particularly in view of the general economic situation. The plan for 2012-2013 aims to complete a Stage 2 bid to the HLF, continue to increase membership and income, as well as to work in partnership with Wiltshire Council on museum storage and English Heritage on the development of the Stonehenge Visitor Centre.

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 co-operation on exhibitions. Adrian Green is a nominee on the Board and our Director is a nominee on their Board. The support of Wiltshire 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 Council conservation staff have continued to give great support and help to the Society. We are pleased to be working with English Heritage on the proposed Stonehenge Visitor Centre, and hope that more visitors to Stonehenge will be encouraged to visit the Museum. The Board is aware that progress through partnership is the most effective pathway to success and will be pursuing every available opportunity to build strong partnerships.

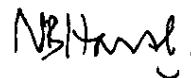
AUDITORS

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 2006 relating to small entities.

The Trustees have taken all steps which they ought to have taken to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Society's auditors are aware of that information. So far as the Trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the Society's auditors are unaware.

Approved by the Trustees on 20 July 2012 and signed on their behalf by



Dr N B Harte
20 July 2012

Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

Independent Auditors' Report
to the Members 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 31 March 2012 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 13) the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

The trustees have elected for the financial statements to be audited in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 rather than the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly we have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Museum Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2012 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to the financial review section of the Trustees' Financial Report and in particular reference to the viability of the Society.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements, or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



David Owen & Co,
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
17 The Market Place, Devizes, Wiltshire

Date 20 July 2012

David Owen & Co is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Fund	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
					2012	2011
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE						
Incoming Resources						
From Generated Funds						
Voluntary Income	2	83,473	280	839	84,592	74,017
Activity Generated Funds	3	32,300			32,300	36,084
Investment Income	4	23,528		2,880	26,408	23,804
From Charitable Activities						
Grants and Contributions	5	85,970			85,970	497,449
Admissions		9,950			9,950	10,319
Education Receipts		5,037			5,037	9,422
Programme Committee			9,820		9,820	6,119
Total Incoming Resources		240,258	10,100	3,719	254,077	657,214
Resources Expended						
Cost of Generating Funds	7	23,581			23,581	30,178
Cost of Charitable Activities	8	256,956	15,399	171	272,526	410,814
Governance Costs	9	51,091			51,091	41,091
		331,628	15,399	171	347,198	482,083
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)		(91,370)	(5,299)	3,548	(93,121)	175,131
Resources for the Year						
Profits(Losses) on investments						
Realised investments	13	(1,500)			(1,500)	9,286
Unrealised investments		17,054		1,661	18,715	12,482
Net Resources Incoming/		(75,816)	(5,299)	5,209	(75,906)	196,899
(Expended) before transfers						
Transfers between Funds	16	1,500	(1,500)			
Net Movement in Funds		(74,316)	(6,799)	5,209	(75,906)	196,899
Fund Balances brought forward						
at 1 April 2011		(202,787)	295,716	129,895	222,824	25,925
Total Funds carried forward at						
31 March 2012		(277,103)	288,917	135,104	146,918	222,824

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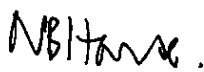
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2012

		2012		2011	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	12		99,290		100,745
Managed Investments					
Securities	13	663,567		557,676	
Cash		<u>11,827</u>	675,394	<u>230,355</u>	788,031
Restricted Fund Assets					
Managed Endowment Investments					
Securities	13	103,210		95,901	
Cash		<u>3,450</u>		<u>5,645</u>	
	17		106,660		101,546
Current Assets					
Stock		9,869		9,647	
Debtors	14	45,444		75,066	
Cash at Bank		<u>173,497</u>		<u>120,884</u>	
		228,810		205,597	
Liabilities					
Creditors due within one year	15	<u>190,173</u>		<u>200,032</u>	
Net Current Assets			38,637		5,565
Net Assets			<u>919,981</u>		<u>995,887</u>
Reserves and Funds					
Capital Reserve			773,063		773,063
Revenue Funds					
General		(277,103)		(202,787)	
Designated	16	<u>288,917</u>		<u>295,716</u>	
			11,814		92,929
			784,877		865,992
Restricted Funds	17		135,104		129,895
			<u>919,981</u>		<u>995,887</u>

The notes on pages 18 to 24 of these financial statements form part of these accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20 July 2012, and signed on their behalf

Dr N B Harte, Chairman



P Glasson, Honorary Treasurer



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities', and applicable accounting standards. Where necessary the headings laid down in the Act have been adapted to meet the special activities of the Company. The Company qualifies as a small company under the Act and the Trustees have elected to take advantage of the exemption under FRS 1 not to prepare a cash flow statement.

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 a 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

Investments

Realised gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities and unrealised gains and losses are shown separately in that statement. Investment Income has been taken into account on the basis of the due date of payment.

Stock

Stock consists of purchased goods for resale and unsold publications. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value after making allowance for obsolete and slow moving stock.

Incoming Resources

Legacies are normally taken into account when received and if not given for specific purposes are utilised either for general expenditure or for the specific purposes which the Trustees believe the Testator would have approved.

Donations of items for resale are included in receipts when received.

Subscriptions are spread over the year in which they are received. No life membership subscriptions were received in the year.

All receipts and expenditure are shown in full in the accounts.

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.

Allocation of Expenditure

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

Pensions

At 31 March 2012 pension provision was made for four employees by membership of The Pension Trust Scheme, a defined contribution pension scheme. All other employees have been offered membership of this scheme but did not wish to join or were past the age for admittance. Employer's contributions of £5,078 (2011 £5,102) are charged to employee costs as incurred. The Society ceased to be a scheme employer in the Wiltshire Pension Fund (the local authority scheme) on 29 February 2008 when the former Curator retired. At that date the scheme was under-funded and under the rules a withdrawing employer is required to make a cessation deficit payment to meet the difference between the liabilities and assets of its share of the fund, which the Fund's actuary advised was £423,000. The Society has entered into an agreement with Wiltshire Council whereby the Council has undertaken to guarantee this sum against future variations in the value of the assets and liabilities, which allowed the Fund to revalue the deficit to £261,000 on an 'ongoing' basis. Payments towards this of £20,000 were made in earlier years, so reducing this sum to £241,000. Agreement has been reached to fund this liability over 20 years with payments of £21,000 per year up to and including December 2031. Payments amounting to £5,250 were made in the year to 31 March 2012, (2011 £800) and charged to employee costs.

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 22 November 2003.

Going Concern

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

The Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is a charity established to raise and hold capital, the income from which will be used to support the activities of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society. The Company is the corporate trustee of the Fund which shares the Company's charity registration number. Under the terms of the Charity Registration the accounts of the Fund are included in the Company's accounts but as a separate charity these funds do not form part of the Company's assets.

The Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society Collections Trust

The Company is the Corporate Trustee of the Collections Trust which owns the Collections. On 3 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 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.

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2012 £	Carried Forward £	Total 2011 £
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds							
2 Voluntary Income							
Membership Subscriptions		33,677			33,677		31,073
Donations and Tax Refunds		24,561	280	839	25,680		16,344
Legacies		-	-	-	-		-
Income transferred by Old Society							
Sandell Trust		25,235			25,235		26,600
		<u>83,473</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>84,592</u>		<u>74,017</u>
3 Activity Generated Funds							
Shop Sales	6	17,322			17,322		16,839
Other Sales		1,322			1,322		8,879
Museum Income		6,052			6,052		2,905
Fund-raising Events		7,604			7,604		7,461
		<u>32,300</u>			<u>32,300</u>		<u>36,084</u>
4 Investment Income							
Income from Investments		23,528		2,880	26,408		23,803
Bank Interest		-			-		1
		<u>23,528</u>		<u>2,880</u>	<u>26,408</u>		<u>23,804</u>
5 Grants and Contributions							
Wiltshire Life							270,812
Wiltshire Council		40,047			40,047		35,500
Wiltshire Council - Boiler contribution		5,000			5,000		
English Heritage Bronze Age Galleries						100,000	
HLF - Bronze Age Galleries		30,071			30,071	22,309	
Devizes Area Tourism		364			364	4,636	
Vodafone World of Difference		2,750			2,750		
Wiltshire Council Apprentice		176			176	7,955	10,724
English Heritage							10,428
Kennet District Council (not received)							(3,215)
Devizes Town Council		1,250			1,250	1,750	3,000
Parish Councils							200
Oexmann Fund							1,289
MLA							2,179
William Doc Couch Trust		294			294	1,870	906
DCMS Wolfson							139,467
Mercers Trust		548			548	452	4,500
Littlecote Fund							9,425
WANHM Sponsorship		1,830			1,830		4,370
Wessex Archaeology		-			-	2,249	5,260
Wiltshire & Swindon Community Foundation							2,000
Stonehenge Bus		3,410			3,410	5,295	105
Other Grants		230			230		499
		<u>85,970</u>			<u>85,970</u>	<u>146,516</u>	<u>497,449</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £
6 Shop Sales						
Shop sales		17,322			17,322	16,839
Less Purchase cost		9,124			9,124	11,341
Gross Profit		8,198			8,198	5,498
Less Shop costs		--			--	10
		<u>8,198</u>			<u>8,198</u>	<u>5,488</u>
Gross Profit % on sales		<u>47 33%</u>			<u>47 33%</u>	<u>32 65%</u>
7 Cost of Generating Funds						
Cost of Sales						
Shop		9,124			9,124	11,351
Salaries		7,660			7,660	8,966
Members' services		3,081			3,081	3,903
Marketing		891			891	999
Fundraising costs		206			206	2,309
Support costs		2,619			2,619	2,650
		<u>23,581</u>			<u>23,581</u>	<u>30,178</u>
8 Cost of Charitable Activities						
Museum Services		180,112			180,112	271,401
Library Services		46,555			46,555	42,842
Educational work		21,446			21,446	34,786
WANHM		8,843			8,843	13,516
Designated Funds	16		15,399		15,399	33,658
Restricted Funds	17			171	171	14,610
		<u>256,956</u>	<u>15,399</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>272,526</u>	<u>410,813</u>
After Sponsorship Grants of £1,830 the net cost of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society Magazine (WANHM) to the Company's General Fund was £7,013 (2011 £9,145)						
9 Governance Costs						
Employee costs		35,637			35,637	32,040
Audit Fees		5,500			5,500	4,500
Support costs		9,954			9,954	4,551
		<u>51,091</u>			<u>51,091</u>	<u>41,091</u>
Volunteers' travel expenses £6,379 have been allocated to the separate activities in the current year						
10 Staff costs						
Wages and Salaries					139,699	157,458
Social Security costs					11,605	12,045
Pension costs					10,328	5,902
					<u>161,632</u>	<u>175,405</u>
Costs attributable to activities						
Museum					76,320	81,521
Library					25,331	26,554
Education					15,109	26,325
Cost of Generating Funds					7,660	8,966
Management and Administration					37,212	32,040
					<u>161,632</u>	<u>175,406</u>

Pension costs include £5,250 repayment of the deficit from previous years

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

The average number of employees in 2012 was 5 full time and 6 part time (2011 5 full time and 8 part time)

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

11 Trustees' Expenses

No trustee either received or waived any emoluments for acting as Trustee during the year. One Trustee was paid £3,000 on a freelance basis as editor of *WANHM*.

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land £	Freehold Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipm't £	Total £	2011
Cost at 1 April 2011	72,750	72,750	7,345	152,845	152,845
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 April 2011		44,855	7,245	52,100	50,645
Charge in year		1,455		1,455	1,455
Accumulated Depreciation at 31 March 2012		46,310	7,245	53,555	52,100
Net Book Value at 31 March 2012	72,750	26,440	100	99,290	100,745

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 Original Portfolio 2012	Total Endowment Portfolio 2011	Total Original Portfolio 2011	Total Endowment Portfolio 2011
Market Value at 1 April 2011	557,676	95,901	597,562	
Purchases	170,061	5,395	103,152	95,148
	727,737	101,296	700,714	95,148
Sales	79,724		157,518	6,535
	648,013	101,296	543,196	88,613
Net profits/(losses)				
Realised	(1,500)		8,036	1,250
Unrealised	17,054	1,914	6,444	6,038
Market value at 31 March 2012	663,567	103,210	557,676	95,901

Historical Cost of investments at 31 March 2012 = £629,773 (31 March 2011 = £540,872) for the General Portfolio and £95,262 (31 March 2011 = £89,867) for the Endowment Portfolio.

14 Debtors

	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £
Grants and Donations receivable	9,879	13,915
Trade Debtors	3,633	3,632
Debtors and Prepayments	14,889	13,956
Gift Aid refund receivable	7,424	5,572
Vat repayable	2,084	29,141
Monies owed by the Old Society	7,535	8,850
	<u>45,444</u>	<u>75,066</u>

15 Liabilities – Amounts falling due within one year

Grants received in advance	146,516	25,671
Trade Creditors	6,211	140,120
Accruals	12,675	6,567
Pension Contributions	731	874
Taxes including NIC	2,143	3,380
Prepaid membership subscriptions	19,133	20,118
Programme Committee	2,764	3,302
	<u>190,173</u>	<u>200,032</u>

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

16 Designated funds

	Incoming Resources				
	Balance 1 April 2011	Income, Donations & Gift Aid	Other Income	Inter-Fund Transfers	Expenditure
	£	£	£	£	£
Archaeology Festival Fund	462				
Archaeology Field Group	910	30			(132)
Improvement Fund	11,112				
Library Fund	8,717		191		(2,208)
Littlecote Fund	425				
Programme Committee	2,805	9,819		(1,500)	(5,495)
Publications Fund	17,587		60		(1,164)
Wiltshire Life	253,698				(6,400)
	295,716	9,849	251	(1,500)	(15,399)
					288,917

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
Archaeology Field Group	To finance archaeological activity
Improvement Fund	Established by the original Society to finance improvements to the galleries
Library Fund	To finance items of library conservation and management
Littlecote Fund	To finance the archiving and publication of the Littlecote excavations
Programme Committee	To finance members' events and generate funds for the Society
Publications Fund	To finance publications The expenditure is the cost of a write down in the value of stocks
Wiltshire Life	To finance the care and development of the Wiltshire Life Society Collections The expenditure consists of direct costs and ignores curatorial charges as the trustees consider that these are offset by investment income

17 Restricted Funds

	Incoming Resources				
	Balance 1 April 2011	Income, Donations & Gift Aid	Unrealised profit on investm'ts	Inter-Fund Transfers	Expenditure
	£	£	£	£	£
English Heritage Fund	2,574	267			
Seeking Roman Calne	900				
Oexmann Fund	24,875				(171)
	28,349	267			(171)
Endowment Trust Fund	101,546	3,452	1,661		
	129,895	3,719	1,661		(171)
					135,104

The restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes

English Heritage Fund	To finance specific publications and projects
Seeking Roman Calne	To finance and assist residents to search for material remains of Roman settlement in the area and to encourage a sense of ownership and pride in the town's past, present and future
Oexmann Fund	To finance a biennial art exhibition

These fund balances at 31 March 2012 are held as part of the Company's overall assets and cash at bank

Endowment Trust Fund	This is a separate charity, of which the Company is the corporate trustee It is established to raise capital, the interest from which will be paid to the Company for its general use The funds are invested separately and do not form part of the Company's fixed assets
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WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
COLLECTIONS TRUST - Linked Charity Number 1080096
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

	General Fund £	2012 Restricted Funds £	Total £	2011 Total £
Incoming Resources				
Grants	6,050		6,050	
Legacy		10,000	10,000	
Donations	273		273	1,178
Sale of chairs	296		296	
Bank Interest	1		1	1
Total Incoming Resources	6,620	10,000	16,620	1,178
Resources Expended				
Acquisitions costing less than £1,000				
Museum	7,340		7,340	
Library	1,695		1,695	102
	9,035		9,035	102
Costs				25
Bank Charges			-	
Total Resources Expended	9,035		9,035	127
Excess of Expenditure over Income	(2,415)	10,000	7,585	1,051
Transfers between Funds	3,330	(3,330)	-	
Balance at 1 April 2011 brought forward	4,307	2,380	6,687	5,636
Balance at 31 March 2012 carried forward	5,222	9,050	14,272	6,687

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2012

Heritage Assets

Balance at 1 April 2011	4,990	4,990
Acquisitions over £1,000	6,144	
	11,134	4,990

Current Assets

Cash at Bank	3,138	1,697
	14,272	6,687

Represented by

	Balance at 01 04 11 £	Legacy £	Income, Grants & Donations £	Inter Fund Transfers £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 03 2012 £
Museum and Art Fund	4,307		6,620	3,330	(9,035)	5,222
Restricted Funds						
Primrose Trust	2,380			(2,380)		-
Shelton Legacy		10,000		(950)		9,050
	6,687	10,000	6,620	-	(9,035)	14,272

Notes

- 1 The Trustees resolved that the balance on the Primrose Trust should be used towards the purchase of a Puffin book titled 'The White Horse'
- 2 £950 from the legacy from Mr Denis Shelton was used to supplement the grants received for the Anglo Saxon pommel
- 3 At 31 March some of the funds from Mr Shelton's legacy had been used to purchase the Puffin book, the restricted fund will be reimbursed as soon as possible

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
COLLECTIONS TRUST - Linked Charity Number 1080096
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

Museum and Art Collections

The collections fall within the definition of heritage assets for the purposes of Financial Reporting Standard 30

Accounting Policies

- 1 No value has been placed on the collections held prior to 1 April 2005 To establish a value would involve significant costs, onerous compared to the additional benefit derived by the users of the financial statements
- 2 The Trustees have adopted a policy whereby acquisitions costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised but are written off in the year of purchase
- 3 Acquisitions costing in excess of £1,000 are capitalised and stated at cost as heritage assets
- 4 No depreciation is provided on heritage assets as all are deemed to have indefinite lives

Policies for acquisition, disposal and conservation

Policies for acquisition, disposal and conservation meet Accreditation Standard, which has been awarded by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, and has been approved by the Board of Trustees

Summary of Transactions

	Year to				
	31 03 2012	31 03 2011	31 03 2010	31 03 2009	31 03 2008
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of assets acquired and capitalised	6,144	0	0	0	6,155
Less grants received	0	0	0	0	(4,900)
Net cost capitalised	6,144	0	0	0	1,255
Value of assets acquired by donation and not reported in the Balance Sheet	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of assets written off in year of purchase as per accounting policy	9,035	102	2,520	470	2,486

WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Charity No 1080096

Company No 3885649

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

held in the Town Hall, Devizes on Saturday 8 October 2011, commencing at 2 30 pm

01/11 Present

Dr N Harte (Chairman) and members of the Board of Trustees Mr C Callow (Devizes Council Nominee), Lt Col R C Chamberlain, Dr C Cochrane (Wiltshire Council Nominee), Mr P Glasson (Hon Treasurer), Mr J Gunter, Ms A M Hemmins, Mr J Ody (Wiltshire Council Nominee), Mr W A Perry, Mr P R Saunders, and 89 members of the Society

In Attendance Mr D Dawson (Director), Mrs K P Jones (Company Secretary)

02/11 Apologies for Absence

Mrs O Ainge, Mrs S Ainslie, Mrs M Annable, Miss V Barlow, Mr D Carson (Trustee), Dr C Chippindale (Trustee), Mr & Mrs N S Clarke, Miss K G Forbes, Mr A Green (Trustee), Mrs J Hillier, Mrs B F Hillier, Mrs S Ingram Hill, Mr K E and Mrs M L Jenssen, Miss A Kempson, Mrs E L McQuitty, Mr J R Paton, Miss E Pickering MBE, Mr M Pope (Trustee), Prof A J Reynolds (Trustee), Mr D L Roseaman (Trustee), Mrs J Roseaman, Mr R Rowland, Mr A J Sampson, Mr P A & Mrs S Taverner, Mrs J Triggs (Trustee), Mrs M Watts

03/11 Chairman's Opening Address

The Chairman introduced himself to the meeting and said it was a great honour to be allowed to lead this organisation in the interesting county of Wiltshire He welcomed members to the 158th meeting of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society and the twelfth Annual General Meeting since its reconstitution in to a Company Limited by Guarantee

The meeting stood for a few minutes to remember those members of the Society who had died since the last AGM Mr D H Bradfield, Mrs Marilyn F Day, Mrs A M Dumbreck, Mr R David Margesson, Mrs S Meriali Moore, Mr J C Morgan, Mr Shaun Ogbourne, Mr F V J Small and Mr A H Tomsett

Note these names are those notified to the Membership Secretary, the Society apologises for any omissions

04/11 Minutes of meeting held 9 October 2010

The Chairman thanked Mrs Wendy Lansdown for all her years of service to the Museum and Society and introduced

Mrs Karen Jones as her successor as Company Secretary Proposed by Mr J Ody and seconded by Mr P Saunders, the minutes of the AGM held on 9 October 2010 were adopted as a true record of the meeting *nem con*

05/11 Board of Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011

a - Report by the Chairman

In addition to an active programme of lectures and outings, a splendid new lift had been installed in the Museum and the Natural History Gallery cleared out to form two temporary exhibition spaces, during which a fine Victorian floor had been re-discovered

b - Report by the Treasurer

Mr Peter Glasson commenced his report by thanking staff and trustees for their help and assistance during his first full year in office, and in particular the invaluable support of his predecessor, Mrs Wendy Lansdown The abbreviated version of the Annual Report and Accounts had been circulated to all members, the more detailed accounts were available on request from the Company Secretary or via our website

Major income in the year were £271,000 from the Wiltshire Life Society (held as a designated fund), and £145,000 received from the DCMS/Wolfson for the lift However, there was a deficit for the year was of £79,000 and due to a fall in the stock market investments had decreased by £38,000, including on the Endowment Fund Members should be aware, however, that funds are invested on a low to medium risk basis and have therefore suffered less than the all share index

The ability of the Society to remain a viable entity was continually questioned The position had now arrived that in a little over two years it would not be possible to operate within our existing establishment At the last year end the reserves were £570,000, with designated and restricted funds of £426,000 - which could not be used to support the Society The projected deficit for the year to 31 March 2012, before revaluation of investments, would be in the region of £120,000, including £28,000 for replacing the Museum boiler which was

believed to be about 30 years old - Devizes Area Board had awarded us a £5,000 grant towards this cost. If there was also a deficit of £120,000 in the following year the accounts would be very close to the £300,000 reserve deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees. It was recognised that in the past large legacies and donations the Society had been received, but that it would be unwise to base operating policies on such expectations. It was possible that investments would recover over this period, but this would not happen quickly.

The Treasurer assured the members that the Trustees were fully aware of the seriousness of the situation and had set up a working group to make recommendations on how to reduce the scale of the annual deficits. Painful decisions could be necessary to ensure the Company did not breach its statutory obligations. The Treasurer concluded that it was a shame he had to deliver such a report in his first year and stressed again that all Trustees were aware of the situation.

Mr Arthur Lansdown, asked the Treasurer why the Wiltshire Life Society (WLS) funds (Note 16, page 25 of the Annual Report and Financial Statements) had been designated rather than restricted. He suggested this had not been the wish of the donor and that the Board of Trustees should change this. He further added that the meeting should not receive the Report and Accounts until the status of the WLS funds had been changed and the notes amended. The Treasurer advised that the distinction between designated and restricted funds was somewhat tenuous, but that there was no intention to use the WLS funds to finance WANHS. The issue had been discussed by the Board of Trustees at length and they had agreed the funds should be designated. There was an agreement between WANHS and the WLS to this effect. The matter could be reviewed and legal advice sought if necessary. Although Mr Lansdown remained unhappy, he agreed with Lt Col Chamberlain's suggestion that the Trustees review the matter at their next Board meeting.

The meeting noted the Treasurer's very blunt report regarding the financial situation and asked what plans existed to rectify the situation, and whether an action plan would be made available to the members. The Chairman advised that the Board had formed a working group on this issue, who would report to the next meeting of the Trustees. It was noted that Wiltshire was very rare in having museum run by a society, which was very expensive. Museums run by societies in Dorset, Sussex and Cornwall all faced a similar problem as did the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, despite the success of their recent Constable exhibition.

Proposed by the Lord Lieutenant, Mr J Bush, and seconded by Mr T O'Flynn, and subject to the Board of Trustees reviewing whether the Wiltshire Life Society funds should be restricted or designated, the meeting received the Trustees Report and Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011, together with the Auditors' Report. There were two abstentions.

• *Wiltshire Pension Fund*

Mr Perry briefed the meeting on the background of why WANHS would be paying a cessation deficit payment to the Wiltshire Pension Scheme, a final salary scheme run by Wiltshire Council. WANHS staff had been members of the scheme until some 15 years ago when, as it had become increasingly expensive, it was closed to new staff - who now had the opportunity to join a defined benefit scheme run by the Pensions Trust. In 2008 WANHS formally withdrew from the Wiltshire Pension scheme on the retirement of the last remaining contributing employee.

Unfortunately in 2008, as with many other pension funds the Wiltshire Pension Scheme, and our share of it, were underfunded. Under the scheme rules WANHS are required to make a 'cessation deficit payment' to cover the difference between our share of the assets of the fund and the liabilities for pensions to our former staff. The initial request was for £425,000, but negotiations over the last three years have reduced this to £241,000, mostly due to Wiltshire Council agreeing to act as a guarantor for our liability, regardless of whether in the meantime the investments perform less well than predicted and pensioners live longer than predicted.

Although a greatly reduced sum, the repayment would still be crippling and if it were paid now it would bring our funds perilously close to the £300,000 minimum. Wiltshire Council had, however, offered the opportunity to pay over 20 years at a rate, including interest (at a fixed rate), of £21,000 per annum. A condition of the offer would be a charge on our Long Street property - the amount claimed equivalent to the outstanding amount at the time of any default. Legal and financial advice had been sought and although some issues were still to be clarified, it was likely that the Board would accept the deferred

payment option. Mr Perry was thanked for his presentation and helping to bring this long outstanding matter to a close.

• *Director's Report*

There had been a number of staff changes during the year, including the retirement of Dr Lorna Haycock and Mrs Margaret Clarke and both Curator Mrs Lisa Brown and Education Officer, Mrs Ali Rushent, were both on maternity leave. There had been many events and exhibitions during the year. Evening classes had been held on a number of topics and a variety of exhibitions including the *Landscapes of Thomas Hardy's Wessex* exhibition - a collaboration between artists David Inshaw, Dave Gunning and Rob Pountney and the *Collecting Bug* curated by Mrs Heather Ault. The Archaeology Field Group had been very busy, including organising an exhibition about Calne Castle at Calne Heritage Centre which had been very popular.

There was much going on behind the scenes too. A store had been acquired to house the Wiltshire Life Society collection and roller racking had been installed for the Library's 12,000 journals. A lift had been installed and in preparation for the new Prehistoric Wiltshire galleries the Natural History Gallery had been closed and emptied to form two temporary galleries. They were already being put to good use hosting the 'Cards for Good Causes' in the run up to Christmas and a Devizes exhibition was planned for the spring - using new cases purchased due to the DCMS/Wolfson grant. The Heritage Lottery Fund had awarded a stage 1 grant for the Prehistoric Wiltshire galleries project and work on the stage II application, which included an activity plan, was progressing. Mr Robert Clarke was thanked for his generous contribution to the project, he had donated proceeds from his recently published book '*Prehistoric Wiltshire*' - visitors at Avebury had already been spotted with a copy!

One of the highlights of the items added to the collections during the year was the scout uniform owned by one of our Patrons, Phil Harding, and a Saxon sword pommel found near Cricklade. We hoped to acquire the pommel, which had been valued at £7,500, and grants of £4,000 had already been secured. Further funding would be sought and a small portion of the £10,000 legacy received from Mr D N Shelton would also be used.

A Devizes Areas Tourism Partnership had been formed to work on attracting more visitors to Devizes and ensuring tourist information remained available despite the closure of the Devizes Visitor Centre in September 2011.

The Director thanked his colleagues for all their hard work and the volunteers for all they do for the Society.

06/11 Election of Trustees

Under the Society's constitution one-third of elected Trustees, excluding Officers, had to retire by rotation each year. The three retiring Trustees, Mr Gunter, Mr Perry and Mrs Triggs, had all served their maximum term (i.e. six years) and were not eligible for re-election. All were thanked for their contribution to the Society.

The proposed new Trustees were Mrs Sarah Ingram Hill (a business woman), Dr David Field (an archaeologist of distinction) and Mr Doug Roseaman (who had been in charge of fundraising for many years and had been co-opted to the Board of Trustees during the year). All had been proposed and seconded and the meeting duly elected to the Board of Trustees *nem con* Mrs Sarah Ingram Hill, Dr David Field and Mr Doug Roseaman.

07/11 Appointment of Auditors

Proposed by Lt Col R C Chamberlain and seconded by Ms A N Hemmins, the meeting unanimously re-elected Messrs David Owen & Co as Auditors, and authorised the Trustees to determine their remuneration.

08/11 Any Other Business

The Chairman highlighted the work of our devoted and helpful volunteers and in recognition of her contribution to the Society Mrs Joan Friend was presented with Honorary Life Membership.

The Director was thanked for incorporating the Museum in the local tourism network.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.28 pm and was followed by a lecture *West Kennet Long Barrow - Investigation and Reconstruction* by Julian Richards.

Date of next Meeting Saturday 6 October 2012
To be held at the Town Hall, Devizes, Wiltshire

