

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2023

AGM 21st June 2024

The finances in 2023 reflected the successful year at the museum with a surplus of over £5000. We are grateful for the continuing support of Blandford Forum Town Council with a grant of £2,250 and Dorset County Council with a grant of £5000. We are also grateful to Bristol Council, Blandford Environmental Trust and Freelance Opportunity My Career for further grants.

Membership subscriptions, donations and shop sales all increased in 2023. Not surprisingly there was quite a large increase in the cost of energy despite the solar panels which at least helped to offset the increase. A donation of £1000 was received from the legacy of the late Michael Le Bas.

I would like to thank Kirsty Astin and Francesca Campbell for their hard work on the 2023 accounts and also Elaine Lofthouse and Gisela Paulley for so capably looking after the Victorian Garden and Archaeology Group funds.