

Chairman's Report 2017 - 2018

It has been a very exciting year for the museum with the acquisition of the 10 Gallo-Belgic coins of the Chiddingstone Hoard as the British Museum named them and we are very proud to have been able to bring them back to the Eden Valley. They now take pride of place in our main gallery displayed in a brand new display cabinet. This would not have been possible without generous donations from the South East Museums Development Programme's 'Ready to Borrow' Fund, the V&A Purchase Grant Fund and The Headley Trust and to our members who were, for the first time, invited to help us to purchase the coins; the grants being subject to a specified amount of local match funding. Donations from other local supporters helped us to reach the figure needed and I should like to express our gratitude to them all.

The triumvirate leadership of Jane Higgs, Miranda Charalambous and Claire Donithorn working with the Coins Procurement Sub Committee under the leadership of Alan Smith and assisted by Anna Macmillan, Robert Orridge and Lee Ward with Dr Ian Beavis our Museum Mentor and Joanna Low, Museum Development Officer dealt with all the technical and logistic details of the project which culminated in a full house for the opening talk by Jo Ahmet, finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme with a reception held in the museum to which we were able to invite all members and local supporters to a preview of the coins display.

Further talks were arranged to raise funds and broaden our knowledge. Claire Donithorn has given very successful talks about the coins to outside audiences which included Chiddingstone Castle. We also produced badges, sold for £1 each which have been helping to keep the funds coming in. Whilst we reached our target to acquire and display the coins further funding is always needed to promote, improve and care for our collections and possibly to add new items of merit.

The British Museum were very pleased that we opted to keep the Hoard intact. Whilst the acquisition of the Chiddingstone Hoard of 10 gold staters kept our sub group busy for a year Miranda Charalambous, who took over the post of Collections Manager and the team of museum volunteers have been mounting and planning the exhibition programme.

My thanks go to Jean Reader who for some years was our House Manager and Membership Secretary. However, Jean wanted to reduce some of her Museum responsibilities so from February this year moved into the role of Deputy House Manager. Jean also continues in the role of Membership Secretary.

I am pleased to advise that Paul Byrne, who took up the role of House Manager from Jean, has successfully settled into museum life. Paul also agreed to stand in as interim Treasurer due to Vic Jennings' retirement. The museum has a wonderful team who regularly put in extra hours to make sure the programme runs smoothly and that all our visitors enjoy a pleasant and informative visit to our wonderful Grade II listed building with its fascinating collections and exhibitions.

After nearly a decade our President, Elizabeth Fleming who has guided us so well, will step down as I too regretfully am after serving 13 years. I hope it will not be long before we have new candidates and I shall act as a bridge President until these two posts are filled.

I should like to thank Walter Walker, who regrettably is not standing for re-election, for his service to the museum, particularly for engaging with a solution for the aging environmental control system. The new Executive Committee will be charged with rebuilding the team which this year will see the appointment of a Deputy Chairman, a post we realised should be created to improve succession planning and bring in new ideas and skills to see our local museum through to its 20th birthday in 2020 and beyond. Since we opened in June 2000 society has changed a great deal. The advance of computer communication and changes within the workplace for families requires different skills and poses new problems of volunteer availability which have to be addressed. The population of the district is set to rise and we hope that they will benefit from having our museum in Edenbridge to help them learn more about the area they have moved into. We hope their descendants will become interested in local history and will enjoy the records the museum collects and realise that they too will be a part of the history of the Eden Valley.

Alan Smith November 2018



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	Apr-17		Mar-18

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	£2,292	-	-	2,292	1,904
Donations	£4,461	-	-	4,461	1,432
Events and fundraising	£520	-	-	520	1,558
Grants	£23,750	-	-	23,750	11,500
Shop sales	£1,128	-	-	1,128	988
Room hire	£594	-	-	594	442
Donation boxes	£954	-	-	954	1,182
Outreach	£134	-	-	134	196
Professional services	£69	-	-	69	51
VAT recovered	£1,229	-	-	1,229	2,188
Other	£148	-	-	148	196
IC	£0	-	-	-	610
Restricted fund	£0	-	-	-	5,500
VAT on income	£639	-	-	639	554
Difference					13
Interest	£2	-	-	2	9
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	35,919	-	-	35,919	28,323

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,919	-	-	35,919	28,323

A3 Payments					
House manager	5280	-	-	5,280	4,003
Items for sales	574	-	-	574	838
curity	1928	-	-	1,928	1,865
Office costs	817	-	-	817	802
Pest control	135	-	-	135	137
Phones, website	607	-	-	607	2,555
Gas and electricity	1579	-	-	1,579	1,529
Publicity	609	-	-	609	232
Repairs and maintenance	1730	-	-	1,730	9,149
ICT	2038	-	-	2,038	27
Rent and rates	4000	-	-	4,000	4,000
Insurance	1791	-	-	1,791	1,709
Conservation materials	203	-	-	203	550
Services contract	3860	3,500	-	7,360	2,049
Exhibits	6370	-	-	6,370	21
Other costs	409	-	-	409	834
Outreach project	1174	-	-	1,174	1,680
VAT on expenses	2081	-	-	2,081	2,538
Difference	10	-	-	10	15
Fund raising/events	291	-	-	291	-
Display costs	1254	-	-	1,254	-
Artwork - grant refund	1,520	-	-	1,520	-
Sub total	38,260	3,500	-	41,760	34,503

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
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	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	38,260	3,500	-	41,760	34,503
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,342	- 3,500	-	- 5,842	- 6,180
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,794	3,500	-	26,294	32,474
Cash funds this year end	20,452	-	-	20,452	26,294

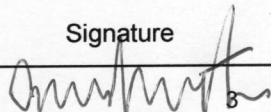
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	DEPOSIT A/C	6,634	-	-
	CURRENT A/C	17,038	-	-
	CHQS NOT YET PRESENTED	- 3,431	-	-
	CASH IN SAFE	211	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,452	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Stock at retail price	2,524	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Signature



Print Name

ALAN M SMITH

Date of approval

18/11/2018



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2018

**Charity no
(if any)**

1065466

Set out on pages

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

I J Currie

Date:

22.10.18

Name:

I J Currie

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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