WHIMPLE HISTORY SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

Registered Charity No 1051725

Lockyer's Linhay, Church Road, Whimple, Devon EX5 2TA

Trustees:

Roger James Smith

Jenny Elizabeth Fells

Jane Mary Hughes

Joanne Yarwood

Sarah Margaret Johnson

Jonathan Prideaux

Margaret Rosemary Burrough

Alan Gresswell Smith

David Sydney Rastall

Our Constitution

The society is an unincorporated association and operates under rules originally drawn up in June 1991 and as subsequently amended in October 1995, March 2006 and March 2011.

The Trustees are all members of the General Committee and are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Our Objectives

The charity objectives are to advance the education of the public in the history of village of Whimple.

In planning our activities the trustees have always sought to preserve the memory of the past history of Whimple and bring this to the attention of all those who may be interested. We also seek to preserve and display local artifacts, photographs and records.

In addition to this we seek to promote an interest in local history in general through organising a variety of talks. The trustees believe this meets the public benefit requirement as outlined in the Charity Commission guidelines.

Activities and Achievements

The Society maintains and manages The Whimple Heritage Centre which preserves and displays items relating to the history of the area and in particular the history of cider-making in the village. We do not charge an entry fee. The society also maintains an archive of village records and makes this information available to anyone seeking to research any particular subject. We are very grateful for the large amount of work undertaken by our volunteer curator. We also rely

heavily on two other volunteers, our archivist and another who provides vital additional technical support. In addition we have a rota of volunteers who open and man the Heritage Centre on our behalf.

We hold regular talks during the winter months in the village hall on historical subjects with a particular emphasis on those with local interest. These are open to both members of the society and the general public.

In January each year we stage the popular Whimple Wassail. This is a historical event which genuinely took place annually here in the village up until the Second World War, and was later revived by the History Society. We aim to keep this a local event carried out in the traditional informal manner.

In 2025 we held 5 talks on varied subjects. These included The History of British New Towns, Devon in the 1920s, A History of Whiteways Advertising, The RAF at Exeter Airport 1939 to 1945, and The Story of Sidmouth Toy and Model Museum. In July we also hosted a musical event featuring popular songs of the 1920s as part of the Festival of Devon in the 1920s. In the museum we also created an additional display about Whiteways Cider in the 1920s.

In 2025 a number of changes were made to improve the preservation of our collection. These included the installation of new thermostatically controlled heaters. Volunteers have also been working on digitising and improving the cataloguing of our existing collection as well as correctly documenting new acquisitions.

Our Finances

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2025 unusually included the receipt of a grant of £20,011 from the Devon Carbon Action Fund. This was a contribution towards the £22,234 cost of installing solar panels, replacing our old storage heaters and generally upgrading our heating system. Our own contribution to this cost was £2,223.

The Society's other income from subscriptions, donations, shop sales and the profit from events held is not sufficient to cover the full cost of our outgoings. Our savings account balance of £29,941 does generate interest which makes a significant contribution towards our annual income. This balance is held in reserve and is available to cover the shortfall for future years, as well as being available to meet any unexpected repairs should the need arise. The main risk to the Society's finances may come in the long-term if there is a decline in membership and donations and the savings balance continues to decline. In this event we shall need to reconsider our position and find a way to either increase our income through additional fundraising or other means, or reduce our annual expenditure.

Our principal outgoings arise from the need to maintain and heat the Heritage Centre. It is hoped that the new solar panels and heating system will help reduce our costs as well as providing a more reliable environment in which to store our artefacts and records. In future we also plan to install additional loft insulation to help reduce our heating costs.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Jenny Fells

Secretary and Trustee

WHIMPLE HISTORY SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance the Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011

signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Jane Hughes
Treasurer and Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	2025	2024
Grant EDDC Carbon Action Fund	20011	
Other Grants Received	727	420.42
Subscriptions	928.34	863.42
Donations and Bequests	693.29	628.88
Shop Sales	1139.59	932.74
Building Society Interest	866.12	1433.89
Gift Aid Rebate	468.06	37.51
Events	2229.7	1899.4
100 Club	484.66	475
Other Income	5	44.99
	27552.76	6736.25
EXPENDITURE		
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Telephone	905.8	928.9
Shop Purchases	458.51	364.96
Insurance	1555.75	1515.65
Repairs Heritage Centre	1665.22	762
Electricity	1775.96	1445
Computer related costs	867.1	311
Water	213.94	158
Events	1602.52	1773.7
Display Costs	209.54	685.77
100 Club Prizes and Licence Fee	320	300
Depreciation	1370.4	335
Bank Charges	95.54	87.2
Subscriptions and Sundry Expenses	110.37	85.21
	11150.65	8752.39
Profit or Loss	16403.11	-2017.14

WHIMPLE HISTORY SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT
DECEMBER 31 2025

	2025		2024	
FIXED ASSETS		259176.3		238055
HERITAGE ASSETS		16000		16000
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	1116		1411	
Debtors & Prepayments	839		4239	
Balance at Bank	822.68		486	
Balance at Building Society	29941		31359	
Cash in hand	60.36		68	
		32779		37563
		307955		291618
less CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditirs and Accruals		1125		1191
		306830		290427
REPRESENTED BY				
Balance brought forward		290427		292443
Profit or Loss		16403		-2016
Balance carried forward		306830		290427

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2025

1 FIXED ASSETS

	LAND & PROPERTY	INTERGAL FEATURES	FIXTURES FITTINGS	FENCING	DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	COMPUTE	PLANT & MACHINERY	TOTAL
COST								
at 1.1.25	237604		7650	2315	16464	3126	1290	268449
Additions		22234	0		258			22492
Disposals								0
at 31.12.25	237604	22234	7650	2315	16722	3126	1290	290941
DEPRECIATION								
at 1.1.25	0		7650	2315	16013	3126	1290	30394
Charge for year		1112			259			1371
Disposals								0
at 31.12.25	0	1112	7650	2315	16272	3126	1290	31765
NET BOOK VALUE								
at 1.1.25	237604	0	0	0	451	0	0	238055
at 31.12.25	237604	21122	0	0	450	0	0	259176

All Fixed Assets are capitalised at cost, with the exception of Heritage Assets where an estimated valuation was used where cost was not known.
Fixed Assets acquired from the proceeds of a grant are included at their full acquisition cost without netting off the grant proceeds.
Expenditure on assets less than £250 is not capitalised
The rates of depreciation are estimated to write off the assets over the estimated useful lives

Land and Property	No depreciation
Integral Features	5% on a straight line basis
Heritage Assets	No depreciation
Computers	33% on a straight line basis
All Other Assets	15% on a straight line basis

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position, reserves and expected future cashflows. They have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existance for the forseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The accounts are prepared using the accruals basis of accounting
Donations and Gift Aid refunds are included in the accounts only when received or agreed.
Stock is valued at the lowest of cost or net realiseable value

3 GRANTS

Grants were received from

East Devon Carbon Action Fund	20011
East Devon District Council	320.83
Whimple Parish Council	149
Devon County Council	258
	20738

4 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

Interest Accrued	62
Display Costs - Pathe Licence	292
Computer Costs	485
	839

5 CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Membership subscriptions paid in	0
Christmas lunch cost outstanding	1125
	1125

6 TRUSTEES

The charity trustees were not paid any renumeration or any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year ended 31 December 2025.
On;y direct out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the accounting period.
There are no related party transactions or balances that require disclosure under FRS 102 or the charities SORP during the financial year.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Whimple History Society		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1051725
Set out on pages	4 to 8		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

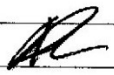
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	21/09/2026
Name:	Robert Sims		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCMA,		
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