THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

THE AIM OF THE SOCIETY

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2014. The aim or object of the organisation, set out in our governing document is:

"To advance the education of the public in general on the subject of the achievements of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton philanthropist and MP for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis 1818-37 and in particular his achievement of the abolition of Slavery throughout the British Empire by Act of Parliament in 1833".

THE SOCIETY'S OBJECTIVES FOR 2025

The Objectives of the Society for 2025 were to continue to educate the public in accordance with our aim by means of the following activities.

a) The care of the Buxton Monument and its Information Board, erected on Bincleaves Green Weymouth. The monument and its information board provide a silent witness to Buxton's achievements and is now a feature of the town's heritage.
b) As far as practicable, to organise public events to foster recognition of Buxton as a philanthropist, reformer and abolitionist.
c) To keep members informed via newsletters and a website.

THE SOCIETY'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

Annual General Meeting 2025

This was held in March. The Mayor, Cllr. Jonathan Orrell, as president of our Society opened the proceedings. James Buxton gave the Trustees report.
The Society's Trustees Annual Report needs to demonstrate that we are still fulfilling our constitutional aim to educate the public about the life and achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton, MP for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis 1818-1837, especially regarding the abolition of slavery in the British Dominions.

Presentations to outside organisations

The Society's education team includes Joyce Fannon (Education Officer), Carl Whitehouse, Graham Perry, John Fannon, Frances Jones-Davies and Ben Buxton in Dorset. Alison Dow and Paul Dickson in Norfolk and Hazel Phillips in London.

In 2025 the team gave presentations in-house and to outside organisations in Dorset, Scotland and Norfolk. Five presentations have been given in Norfolk, two in Scotland and five in Dorset.