

NEWQUAY OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY



REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2010

BY

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Registered Charity No: 285004

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Trustees; as of 31st December 2010:

Mrs Moira Tangye (President),
Mr. Peter Hicks (Chairman),
Mr. Chris Shinner (Vice-chairman & Treasurer),
Miss Rosemary Pritchard (Secretary),
Mr. Mervyn Mitchell (Membership Secretary),
Miss Sheila Harper (Warden of Ancient Monuments),
Miss Rachel Parry ,
Mrs Stella Jenkin,
Mrs Pat Bransgrove,
Mrs Irene Karkeek.

No trustee has resigned during the year

Constitution:

The Society is governed by its Constitution adopted 12th April 1967, revised May 1992, April 2003 and April 2005 with amendments.

Management:

The Society is managed by its elected Officers and a Committee drawn from the membership of the Society. Requirements for the election and rotation of Officers and members are defined in the Constitution. The Committee meets a number of times each year at a frequency defined by the level of business to be dealt with. Sub-committees may be formed to undertake specific tasks agreed by the committee.

Financial Affairs:

The Society's finances are controlled by the Treasurer reporting to the Committee. The Treasurer prepares an annual set of accounts for 31st December each year which are subject to independent audit. The audited accounts and Treasurer's Report are approved by the Committee and submitted to the Annual General Meeting for the approval of the membership.

The Society's income for the year to 31st December 2010 was £10,075.14 derived from membership fees, fund raising events and a grant, for the Newquay and the Sea Exhibition and Fish Festival from the Heritage Lottery Fund totalling £6,126.00

Expenditure was £ 9,366.86 including payment from grants.

A reserve fund is held towards the eventual founding of a Local History Museum for Newquay; during 2010 this sum increased through accrued interest to £16,199.98

Objectives and Activities:

The objectives of the Society are set out in the Constitution:

- a) *The Object of the Society is to advance the education of the public in Cornish pre-history, history, topography, place-names, folklore, traditions, dialect, music, industries and other subjects (with special reference to the Newquay area) and in the Cornish language.*
- b) *In furtherance of that object the Society shall have power:*
 - i) *to acquire, conserve, repair and restore exhibits, objects and collections of Cornish antiquities and other items of educational value and to exhibit them in a museum or otherwise;*
 - ii) *to arrange exhibitions, lectures, visits and seminars;*
 - iii) *to publish, print and disseminate (gratuitously or otherwise) literary, visual and aural educational material including reports, periodicals, books, pamphlets and other literature;*
 - iv) *to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise;*
 - v) *to do all such other lawful things as shall further the attainment of the objects of the Society."*
- vi) *In consequence of these objectives the Society has an objective of the establishment of a Local History Museum for Newquay provisionally described as "The Museum of Newquay"*

Achievements 2010/11

During the months from September 2010 to April 2011 the Society presented a programme of 9 lectures relevant to the history and culture of Cornwall. Attendance at each of these lectures was in the range 30 to 40 members.

A number of Social and fund raising events are organised including an Annual lunch, Pasty Lunch and Cream Tea Garden Party.

The Society joined in a wide range of community activities including the Summer Fete and Crantock Fiesta. It joined with other Old Cornwall Societies for the Cornish Gorsedd and Winter and Summer Festivals.

The Society joined with Newquay Society of Artists in staging a week-long Art and Heritage exhibition under the title "Newquay and the Sea". Three major sites were involved; the Newquay Methodist Hall and the Headland and Atlantic Hotels. Exhibitions of paintings and archive photographs were presented in shops and restaurants throughout the town and at the Blue Reef Aquarium. Thanks are due to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their generous support of this project which extended to a further joint exhibition during the Newquay Fish Festival.

The Society deployed audio visual equipment equipment obtained with Lottery grants in support of local organisations and presented slide shows, for example, to Newquay Rowing Club.

An exhibition of pictures and artefacts was maintained at DairyLand Farm Park thanks to the generous facilities provided by the Management of the attraction. This was our fifth year on the site and work is under way for the 2010 summer season including the provision of two new interpretation boards.

Whilst the establishment of a town museum remains a difficult objective, progress has been made in the fitting out the central store with new racking and preparing for the appraisal, maintenance and re-cataloguing of the collection.

The Society's archive room continued to function within the Borough Council Offices in Newquay providing a resource for local history research and for the local press. A number of interesting exchanges have taken place with expatriate Newquay people from as far away as Australia seeking help in tracing family history.

Sheila Harper has energetically pursued her role as Warden of Ancient Monuments and has established an Archaeological Group to support the monitoring and maintenance of sites.

Signed:

Date: 16/4/11



Stella Jenkin
Chair, Newquay Old Cornwall Society