

BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1017387

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	02786730
Registered	1993-02-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES,THE PRESERVATION,INTERPRETATION AND PRESERVATION OF BATTLE SITES AS EDUCATIONAL AND HERITAGE RESOURCES

Activities: The preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefields.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£81,079	£83,457	-	-
2024-09-30	£62,993	£61,201	-	-
2023-09-30	£56,052	£63,412	-	-
2022-09-30	£56,002	£72,349	-	-
2021-09-30	£139,775	£41,752	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW PAUL JEFFREY		2022-01-29
Anthony John Edmund Rich		2022-05-28
Christopher May		2019-04-28
David Austin		2022-05-28
Dr Christopher Lance Scott		2026-04-18
Dr Ismini Pells		2023-10-07
Dr Rachael Elizabeth Whitbread		2024-04-06
Gregg James Archer		2023-03-25
HOWARD WILLIAM SIMMONS		2023-05-29
Kevin James Winter		2023-03-25
Neil Hart		2025-04-05
Norman Bruce Sangster Logan		2023-03-25

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Accounts



THE BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30th SEPTEMBER 2025

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE No: 2786730

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: No: 1017387

Registered Office

Crown House, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AX

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2025

The Trustees (who are also the Directors) present their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30th September 2025.

Trustees The following served as Trustees in the year to 30th September 2025

Gregg Archer
David Austin
Prof Anne Curry (Chair until 5th April 2025) (resigned 5th April 2025)
Julian Humphrys
Andrew Jeffrey (Treasurer)
Bruce Logan
Chris May
Dr Ismini Broadhurst (Pells)
Phil Philo (resigned 5th August 2024)
Anthony Rich (Chair from 28th April 2025)
Howard Simmons
Neil Hart (appointed 5th April 2025)
Kevin Winter
Dr Rachael Whitbread

Company Secretary: Bruce Logan

Registered Office: Crown House
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Independent Examiner: Mr Philip Clark FCA

President and Patron: Prof. Michael Wood OBE

Honorary Vice Presidents: Kelvin van Hasselt
Harvey Watson

Patrons Earl of Ulster
The Lord Boswell of Aynho
The Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC, DL
Sir Robert Worcester, KBE, DL
The Duke of Northumberland DL (from 5th April 2025)

Officers

Director of Operations – David Austin
Research and Threats Co-ordinator – Simon Marsh
Magazine Editor – Chris May
Membership Officer – David Austin
Events Officer – David Austin
Governance and Board Officer - Bruce Logan
Archaeological Adviser - Sam Wilson

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Battlefields Trust was established as an incorporated charity in 1993 having Memorandum and Articles as its Governing Document. Its charitable purposes are the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefields as heritage and educational resources, the term “battlefields” covering actions of any type on land, at sea or in the air, ranging from skirmishes and sieges to full scale battles.

The Trust is a membership organisation with overall policy, strategic direction and management of the Trust vested in the Board of Trustees who are elected by the membership and meet four times across the year. Trustee terms of office are three years with a maximum of three consecutive terms (nine years) before a mandatory break from office. The office of Chair is similarly limited to four consecutive years. Trustees are briefed on their legal duties and responsibilities and kept updated on good practice guidance and changing governance requirements as well as issues affecting the charity sector. The Board, in considering Trustee appointments has regard to the importance of ensuring it has the skills, knowledge, experience and capacity needed to manage the Trust effectively both for the present and in the longer term, to ensure there is diversity in perspective and appointment of new Trustees to renew the board and prevent any staleness. There are Codes of Conduct in place for Members, Trustees and Officers which are available on the Trust's website.

The Trust has a regional member network with Regional Committees determining and co-ordinating local activities in consultation with local members and often in collaboration with local partner organisations and associations that share the Trust's interests and objectives. The regions are aligned with groupings of local authority areas for administrative reasons but boundaries are not impermeable and joint working and mutual support across regional boundaries is strongly supported as it works towards the Trusts' overall success. Regional boundaries are periodically reviewed to reflect factors such as size, ease of coverage, the extent and significance of battlefield heritage and related issues within a region and the local capacity available. There currently are 11 regions with heads/co-heads. Some regions have designated county co-ordinators with a sub-regional focus who provide valuable additional capacity through co-ordinating local events and communications.

Nationally, an Operations Group comprising Regional Chairs and relevant Trust Officers reports to the Trustees and is responsible for co-ordinating the Trust's day to day operations and implementation of agreed plans. The Group also takes the lead on co-ordinating regional priorities, plans and funding bids for recommendation to the Trustees for incorporation in the Trust's overall business plan and makes recommendations as appropriate on other matters to do with the day to day running of the Trust.

ACTIVITIES

Most of the Trust's activities and especially those in which it engages with the public, are initiated and organised by members through the regional structure. These include battlefield walks, talks, seminars or study days and the provision or installation of battlefield interpretation material such as trail guides and information panels. It is generally through regional initiatives that battlefield projects such as research investigations or commemorations are conceived, worked up and delivered as part of the overall programme and with funding support from the Trust centrally if required.

Likewise, member volunteers in the regions sustain links and work in collaboration with many local organisations and individuals that share the Trust's objectives, interests and concerns. These include local battlefield, historical and heritage societies as well as local educational or academic bodies. Members from the regions also provide valuable support to the Research and Threats Co-ordinator in identifying and responding to threats to local battlefields when they arise. During the year the Trust organised a conference for partner battlefield heritage organisations providing a forum for sharing information, ideas, issues of common concern and good practice.

More detail on the Trust's full range of activities towards achieving its objectives is reported below.

Battlefield Protection and Preservation

The Trust maintains a watching brief on potential threats to battlefields, typically related to inappropriate development proposals. Planning authorities usually notify the Trust about proposed development on registered battlefields. Members locally act as the Trust's eyes and ears in reporting and monitoring threats and their vigilance, complemented by partner organisations and concerned members of the public reporting threats independently.

The Research and Threats Co-ordinator assesses reported threats and with support from the regional network determines what action to take. If development looks likely to proceed the Trust usually presses for prior archaeological investigations if appropriate and recommends actions that would mitigate the effect of the development on battlefield interpretation. The Trust also works collaboratively with landowners where possible to mutually resolve issues around managed access to battlefield sites and dealing with unsupervised access and metal detection. This role was further strengthened in 2023 with additional support and capacity from dedicated volunteers to help assess planning applications and support on the quarterly reports to the Board on protection and preservation.

The Trust engages with regulatory bodies and key players in the planning framework to ensure there is advocacy for battlefield heritage and that decisions on development threats or the protection of battlefields can be fully informed by the experience and knowledge available within the Trust. An annual meeting with Historic England enables the Trust, via its independent Battlefields Panel, to raise and review battlefield planning and regulatory issues. The Battlefields Panel includes those with expertise in planning, battlefield archaeology, conflict history and weapons and armour and provides a forum for specialist input on policy and practice relating to battlefield heritage and a source of advice for the Trust.

In the last year the Trust supported the Battlefields Panel meeting with Historic England in October 2025 to continue discussions about possible Panel input into Historic England battlefield registration decision making. It presented to Portable Antiquities Scheme Finds Liaison Officers on 17th century bullet standardisation and identification with the Trust's archaeological advisor. It helped Natural England develop environmental guidance for managing registered battlefield in partnership with Historic England and the Forestry Commission. The Trust's Archaeological advisor and Research and Threats coordinator also co-authored an article for the Chartered Institute for Archaeologist's journal highlighting the Trust's guidance on managing change on historic battlefields.

The Trust remains concerned about the impact that Permitted Development can have on registered battlefields and continues to press local planning authorities to consider adoption of Article 4 directions for such landscapes, though without success to date. This issue was highlighted this year by damage to the 1469 Battle of Edgcote by HS2 (see below for more detail).

Key actions and events during the year concerning threats to battlefields were as follows:

Registered Battlefields

The Trust continues to see a range of low-level development pressures on registered battlefields and in the current reporting period responded to around 20 applications on 11 registered battlefields. This compares to 15 applications on 9 registered battlefields in the previous reporting period.

Examples have included Cropredy Bridge (1644) where a metal detecting survey is part of a condition of replacement of an all-weather cricket pitch at the request of the Trust; and Tewkesbury (1471) where an application for construction of a self-build bungalow in the middle of the registered area was withdrawn following Trust (and other) objections. The Trust is also in the process of commenting on the impact of the local plan on Adwalton Moor (1643); a woodland planting scheme at Bosworth (1485); and proposed developments at Chalgrove (1643). The Trust has also been involved in pushing for repairs and ongoing maintenance plans for Powick Bridge, the site of a battle in 1642 and a key part of the 1651 battlefield after its collapse in January 2024.

Battle of Edgcote

As mentioned above there was significant concern raised by the Trust around the HS2 impact on the site of the 1469 Battle of Edgcote. HS2 has stripped topsoil at the site of the 1469 Battle of Edgcote without conducting an archaeologically supervised metal detecting survey. This was done to temporarily store excess earth from the construction of the high-speed rail line from London to Birmingham. Despite concerns from Historic England about potential harm to the battlefield, West Northamptonshire Council determined that an environmental impact assessment was not necessary and agreed to HS2 exercising its permitted development rights under existing planning law to undertake the work. The Battlefields Trust and the Northamptonshire Battlefields Society raised concerns, noting that the original distribution of artefacts can never be recovered and is working with HS2 on what can be salvaged once the work is complete. HS2 has now agreed a retrospective metal detecting survey in partial mitigation, but the exercise of permitted development rights continue to threaten battlefield archaeology, landscape and setting.

Unregistered Battlefields

The Trust also looks to review impacts to unregistered battlefield sites to mitigate or prevent damage. Examples where the Trust was involved in the last year include Northam (1069) where a Marina Development was rejected following Trust comment and archaeological advice; and Ripple Field (1643) where an archaeological condition was attached to development plans at the request of the Trust.

Interpreting Promoting and Presenting Battlefield Heritage

The Trust has a number of functions and a range of activities that all contribute to achieving its objectives of raising awareness and understanding of battlefield heritage. These include:

Magazine

The Trust's quarterly magazine "Battlefield" is highly rated by its readers and a key factor in membership retention and recruitment. The magazine keeps members and external subscribers up to date with news, events and current battlefield heritage issues as well as publishing articles covering a range of battles and military campaigns across its 36 pages. We published 4 magazines in the last year with the main stories covering: Spion Kop, The Wars of the Roses, The Battle of Castillon and May 1639 – The First Shots of the Civil Wars. The Winter Magazine was a Special Edition covering the Wars of the Roses. This was particularly well received and there are plans do other special editions in future years.

Research and Information Resources

The reporting year saw further investment in the Trust's on-line battlefield information centre: the Battlefields Hub. One battle – Birmingham 1643 has been added to the Hub, with others in preparation, including Assandun 1016 and Sherburn in Elmet 1645. The Battlefields Hub now contains details of 97 battles and is a key resource for anyone wishing to understand the details of these engagements.

The on-line database of Wars of the Roses Memorial Database went live with a soft launch in March 2025 following a successful partnership project to develop the database involving the Battlefields Trust, the Mortimer History Society, the Northamptonshire Battlefields Society, the Richard III Society, the Tewkesbury Battlefield Society, and the Yorkist History Trust. The database provides a guide to the many monuments that mark this critical but often overlooked historical period. The British Civil Wars Memorial database launched in 2024, continues to expand and now has almost doubled to 480 entries, showing how this resource continues to evolve.

The Trust continues to publish its Annual Journal, Battalia. This is an interdisciplinary academic journal, dedicated to the study of battles, battlefields, and military campaigns across the world. Its scope covers any period and geographical location. It is a free, fully open-access, online and peer-reviewed publication. Battalia Volume III 2025 included articles on The 'Battle' of Wakefield 1460 Reconsidered, British Civil War Field Words and Field Signs – An Initial Hand List, Brunnanburh and Brunanburh: Two Names, One Place and a Battle in a Cambridgeshire Valley and Review Article: The Ottoman Empire and the First World War.

The Trust's research function is important to furthering understanding and interpretation of battlefields in addition to providing a resource for supporting actions to protect and preserve them, for instance in pressing the case for inclusion in Historic England's Register of Historic Battlefields.

Examples include Archaeological and project work for

Western Rebellion 1549 battlefield investigations at Fenny Bridges in Devon in cooperation with University of Exeter, Devon Archaeological Society, Devon County Council, and Past Participate. While this did not uncover any battle-related artefacts, but further investigations are planned for 2025. A public meeting with around 60 attendees was held to explain the project and gather information about the battle and related finds. Artefacts were brought in by the public and a number will be examined by the Archaeology and History Department of Exeter University using advanced scanning equipment.

Continuing research into the site of the Battle of Assandun (1016): 4 resistivity studies, research by an architectural historian and a medieval charter expert to examine the churches of St Andrew in Ashingdon and St Nicholas in neighbouring Canewdon; and Ground Penetrating Radar survey report for All Saints church at Ashdon. This work was done along with grants from the Essex Heritage Trust and Ashdon Museum Trust.

At Montgomery (1644) there has been extensive survey work and the Welsh Marches and West Midlands region and it also led the preparation of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for Wales for just under £250K to undertake a community-based project at Montgomery. The bid (outside of this reporting period), unfortunately was rejected, but further work is being planned funded by the Trust in the future.

In addition, this region's archaeological survey team collaborated with the National Trust at Powis Castle to undertake investigatory survey work. to find evidence of the 1644 siege of Powis Castle and to determine whether the methodology used could be adopted across the National Trust.

Events and Activities

The range of events and activities described below are fundamental to achieving the Trust's aims and provide opportunities to engage and involve the community at large, generating a wider understanding and interest in battlefield heritage and its preservation. They are also a source of new Trust members as well as raising funds through donations or other fund-raising activities. Many activities take place in collaboration with other organisations that share the Trust's objectives and the Trust regularly supports the work of these organisations through collaboration with them or with practical support such as funding or sharing of expertise.

Walks, Talks and Study Days: The Trust runs a full programme of activities including guided battlefield walks, talks and lectures (both on-line and venue based) as well as study days and conferences. It works closely with partner organisations, regularly collaborating with them on joint events and conferences.

Walks included annual visits to battlefields such as Warrington Bridge, Maldon, Stoke Field, Cheriton and Clifton Moor; and visits to museums such as Norwich Castle Museum and Cumbria's Museum of Military History Carlisle. This year we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Register of Historic Battlefields in England, which identified the 43 (now 47) most important battlefields in England and gave them limited protection in the planning system. The walks were also timed to coincide with Heritage Open Days weekends to increase publicity and encourage those who might never have visited a battlefield, or encountered the Battlefields Trust before, an opportunity to do so. Walks were held at the battlefields of Tewkesbury (1471), Northampton (1460), Otterburn (1388), Edgcote (1469), Maldon (991), Winwick (1648), Newark (1644), Lansdown (1643), St Albans II (1461), Myton (1319), Ethandun (878), Newbury I (1643), and Rowton Heath (1645) and had around 275 participants.

In person Talks included a Presentation on Battle of Assandun to Essex Records Office 21st June 2025 – 100 attendees; involvement in the annual Civil War Conference, this time looking at the events in the second half of 1645 jointly organised with the Friends of the National Civil War Centre - Newark Museum and a

seminar involving the National Trust and University of the 3rd Age and BT members explored the Civil War in West London and the role of great houses such as Osterley and Syon.

The Trust also ran an online series of Zoom talks, continuing the momentum from what was previously a temporary(!) Covid measure. These have the advantage of a wider outreach than just those that can attend the walks with typical audiences averaging 140 and ranging from 80-180 and logging on from multiple time zones. In the last reporting year we held 18 talks covering topics ranging from “Arms and Armour of the British Civil Wars” to “The Shelter of the Tubes: Taking Refuge in the London Underground in Two World Wars”; and from “The People of 1381” to “O’Neil’s Rebellion, 1596 – England’s Worst Defeat in Ireland.”

AGM: This year the Mercia Region hosted the Battlefields Trust Annual AGM in Reading in April 2025. Just over eighty members attended the two-day event that had talks on Day 1 covering the Norman Art of War, memorials to the Battles of the Wars of the Roses, The First Battle of Newbury and a History of Greenham Common and a coach tour on Day 2 to Greenham Common and the Second Battle of Newbury with lunch at Shaw house.

Battlefield Trails and Information: The creation and maintenance of trails, self-guiding leaflets, mobile interpretation apps and information panels is key to generating public awareness of and interest in battlefields. The Trust also posts battlefield video tours and mini-documentaries on its social media sites and sponsors or supports other organisations, such as historical or battlefield societies that work towards their own battlefield information projects. New interpretation boards were erected in the last year at Stow on the Wold (1646), Fornham (1173), and Nibley Green (1470) and Mortimer’s Cross (1461).

Festivals and Commemorative Events: The Trust has maintained its presence at key festivals such as Tewkesbury, Barnet, Evesham, and Hastings. These events provide an opportunity to promote awareness of the Trust and the importance of battlefields by engaging with the public and also for recruitment of new members.

Education and Outreach: The Trust’s Education and Outreach sub-committee progressed its activities with a focus on the historical curriculum and producing materials which can be used within a classroom environment. Current efforts are concentrating on materials to support teaching on the Battle of Hastings .

Support and training is provided for members of local communities who take up the opportunity to participate in Trust projects and where particular skills are required, such as archaeological survey work, advice is given on best practice and protocols. The Trust’s education packs whilst created with educational settings in mind, remain freely available on-line to the public. As mentioned above considerable work has been undertaken on environmental and archaeological guidance with external bodies.

Social Media: The Trust maintains a regular presence on Facebook and Twitter/X. In particular, the Trust uses these fora to publish “on this day” reports on a historic battle, publicise forthcoming events and report on walks and talks that have been held. We have almost 13k followers on these two platforms.

Grant aided projects: All Grant aided projects are listed in the financial review. Whether run directly by the Trust or in collaboration with other organisations, these projects add to the Trust’s scope for protecting and promoting battlefields and raising awareness of battlefield heritage amongst local communities and the general public. This year the official delivery of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funded Mortimers Cross Battlefield Project finally closed with delivery of 4 interpretation panels, the purchase of audio visual equipment for the region and an unveiling event with talks by members of the original project team at Kingsland Church. In total the project spent £71k over 7 years. An underspend of £7k was returned to the HLF, and a small amount of £1k in unspent monies from the Trust’s resources remains for future activities on this battle.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT ENGAGEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION

The Trust relies entirely on volunteers to organise all the activities described in this report as well as the background technical and administrative support needed for day to day running of the Trust. Volunteers are drawn mostly from the Trust's membership via regional networks and also from organisations with shared objectives. At the close of the reporting year, it was estimated that there are some 85 regular volunteers with many more individuals involved on an ad hoc basis.

The Trust encourages inclusion and active involvement of local communities in its projects offering support and training as necessary, for instance by involving community volunteers in archaeological projects. Likewise, the Trust frequently offers support to local community groups or associations wishing to explore and promote battlefield heritage by sharing its expertise or providing funding towards local initiatives, particularly for the provision of information panels.

The Trust readily co-operates and collaborates with other organisations with shared concerns and interests so that volunteer resources and effort can be pooled and used to maximum effect. Working with communities and alongside other organisations such as educational bodies, museums and heritage organisations, generates interest in and awareness of the Trust's work which in turn opens up a wider pool of potential volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP

The Trust had 1546 members (in 1393 memberships) on 30 September 2025 compared with 1628 members (in 1455 memberships) on 30 September 2024. This reduction is primarily as a result of increase in subscription rates. The Board approved an increase in subscription rates and a simplification of membership categories for 2024/2025 which is still filtering through in subscriptions.

New membership comes from attendance at events, in particular festivals covered above, and online applications. The Trust also has historically had a high retention rate of over 90%.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that the Trust's activities provide a public benefit in line with its objects of the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefield sites as educational and heritage resources.

The Trust seeks to secure and promote battlefield heritage for the public benefit generally and welcomes and encourages public involvement in its activities with most of the Trust's activities, such as battlefield walks, study days and seminars open to the public. The Trust's battlefield guides, trail leaflets and information boards provide in situ public information whilst other specific resources are freely available to the public via its website including:

- The Battlefields Hub containing detailed reference information on numerous battles.
- Education and learning material – in particular the Battlefield education packs focused on specific battles

The Trust's social media sites additionally host short documentaries and battlefield tours produced by the Trust as well as highlighting topical or important information about battlefield heritage. Whether supporting specific battlefield projects (such as major battle commemorations or archaeological investigations) or dealing with queries or concerns about battlefields from the public, the Trust contributes to a better understanding of national history.

As well as working collaboratively with partner organisations sharing similar aims, the Trust also works with public bodies such as Historic England that are concerned with heritage, sharing advice and expertise as required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A risk register is regularly reviewed and updated by the Trustees. With the Trust relying entirely on volunteers there is an ongoing risk related to securing and mobilising sufficient capacity and expertise within the Trust's membership to run the Trust and its activities without over-reliance on too few individuals and the associated risk of "single points of failure". Trustees are also aware of Charity Commission best practice that management decisions, particularly at Board level should be made with the benefit of a range of inputs and perspectives.

Risk assessments are carried out for Trust-led projects, events and activities such as walks in line with the Health and Safety Policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income for the year was £81,078 (2024: £62,993) with expenditure of £83,457 (2024: £61,201). The net unrestricted surplus was £13,560 (2024 surplus: £1,792) with a deficit on restricted funds of £15,939 (2024 deficit: £Nil). At the end of the year, unrestricted reserves were £111,282 (2024: £97,722).

In the previous years the Trust received a very generous legacy which will give it a sound financial base on which to develop future activities. The online lecture series continues to lead to a number of donations. The Trust is well set to continue to develop its activities, focussing on delivering regional priorities.

The restricted reserves principally relate to expenditure for the Mortimer's Cross project with funding for this was largely received in the prior years. 2024-25 saw the completion of work linked to the HLF funding and repayment of unspent grants. A small balance remains to cover maintenance of the project boards and other related promotions. Other restricted projects are coming to a close with modest expenditure to complete.

Funds

In addition to the unrestricted funds, the Trust manages a number of restricted funds for specific purposes. Although most resources received for such funds are in the form of grants, others are raised through individual fundraising appeals.

The funds are: -

Unrestricted Funds: available for the general use of the Trust in pursuance of its charitable activities, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds: funds received for specific purposes as defined by the donors and agreed by the Trustees, including;

Education (Historic England): to develop educational resources relating to battlefields in England. This project completed during the year and Historic England has agreed to unspent funds being used towards a resource pack relating to battles in the Tees Valley.

Mortimer's Cross: (Heritage Lottery Fund) to undertake an archaeological and research project around the site and events of the battle at Mortimer's Cross and to present the site to the public. The Trust is holding money fundraised by the Mortimer's Cross project, on their behalf

Shrewsbury: residual funding received from the Shrewsbury 1403 project to fund the restoration of signage at the site and any other form of promotion of the battlefield.

Boroughbridge: a project to fund interpretation of the Battle of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold a national cash reserve (less liabilities and excluding money held by regional groups which are used locally but consolidated into these accounts) of six months of normal expenditure (i.e. excluding restricted funds and specific projects), to allow for the annual cyclical variation in income from membership as compared to the regular nature of expenditure on items such as the magazine and annual AGM and conference. Currently, this equates to a target of approximately £16,000. Appropriate unrestricted reserves at 30th September 2025 amounted to £111,282 (2024: £97,721). Trustees have allocated some of these funds towards regional plans and a significant upgrade to the Resource Centre website and will consider other proposals as they come forward.

All reserves are held at the bank and with current interest rates and cash flow requirements, funds are held in current accounts.

Trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory and believe that the Trust remains a going concern for the foreseeable future, recognising the uncertainties of funding sources.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Battlefields Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year for that period. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As far as the Trustees are aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant information of which the Trust's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Signed:


18/4/2026

Anthony Rich,
Chair
On behalf of the Board of Trustees



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

THE BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Charity no.:	1017387	Company no.:	2786730
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended **30/09/2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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: 13 April 2026

Name: PHILIP CLARK FCA

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 30th September 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2023-24 £
Subscriptions and donations	2	52,012	-	52,012	42,858
Activities for raising funds	3	27,438	-	27,438	19,564
Investment income		1,629	-	1,629	571
Incoming resources from generated funds		81,079	-	81,079	62,993
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		81,079	-	81,079	62,993
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	21,122	-	21,122	15,607
Charitable activities	6	46,396	15,939	62,335	45,594
Total Resources expended		67,518	15,939	83,457	61,201
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		13,560	(15,939)	(2,379)	1,792
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		13,560	(15,939)	(2,379)	1,792
Funds brought forward		97,722	26,302	124,024	122,231
Funds carried forward		111,282	10,363	121,645	124,023

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Balance Sheet
as at 30th September 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2023-24 £
Current Assets					
Cash		111,583	10,363	121,946	116,148
Debtors		-	-	-	8,176
Total Current Assets		111,583	10,363	121,946	124,324
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	300	-	300	300
Net Assets		111,283	10,363	121,646	124,024
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds	8	111,283	-	111,283	97,722
Restricted Funds	8	-	10,363	10,363	26,302
Total Funds		111,283	10,363	121,645	124,024

For the year ending 30th September 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 and the Charity SORP. The notes on pages xx to xx form part of these accounts.



Anthony Rich
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on: 18/4/2025

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ending 30th September 2025

Note 1: Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the financial framework applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and previous periods.

b) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. No stock was recorded during the year as any resources expended on saleable items were minimal and charged to expenditure.

c) Funds

Restricted funds are given to the Trust for specific purposes and are expendable by the Trustees in furtherance of particular projects. Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose of the Trust.

d) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Life memberships are offered however, due to the small numbers, the full income from these has been credited to the subscription income in the year of receipt. Gift Aid income is recorded on receipt.

e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure.

Grants are only made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. A liability for such grants is recognised when approved by the Trustees.

f) Cost of generating funds

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating incoming resources for the Trust, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities.

g) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objectives of the Trust.

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730

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for the year ending 30th September 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024-25	2023-24
Note 2: Subscriptions and donations				
Donations	552	-	552	218
Subscriptions	39,181	-	39,181	34,464
Gift Aid	12,279	-	12,279	8,176
	<u>52,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,012</u>	<u>42,858</u>

All subscription and donation income in 2023-24 was unrestricted

Note 3: Activities for raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	27,438	-	27,438	19,564
	<u>27,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,438</u>	<u>19,564</u>

All activities for raising funds in 2023-24 were unrestricted

Note 4: Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

Mortimer's Cross Project	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

All incoming resources from Charitable Activities in 2023-24 were restricted

Note 5: Raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	19,637	-	19,637	13,854
Web site costs	1,485	-	1,485	1,753
	<u>21,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,122</u>	<u>15,607</u>

All costs of raising funds in 2022-23 were unrestricted

Note 6: Charitable Activities

Mortimer's Cross	-	15,939	15,939	-
Magazine	27,264	-	27,264	29,282
Interpretation and Conservation of Sites	15,770	-	15,770	14,110
Governance and support costs	3,363	-	3,363	3,953
	<u>46,397</u>	<u>15,939</u>	<u>62,336</u>	<u>47,346</u>

In 2023-24, all costs relating to the Mortimer's Cross project were restricted.
All other costs were unrestricted.

Note 7: Creditors	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024-25	2023-24
Accrued Expenses	300	-	300	300
	300	-	300	300

In 2023-24, the accrued expenses were unrestricted.

Note 8: Analysis of Funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd
Restricted Funds					
Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Mortimers Cross	16,942	-	(15,939)	-	1,002
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Boroughbridge	5,167	-	-	-	5,167
Total Restricted Funds	26,302	-	(15,939)	-	10,363
General Funds	97,722	81,078	(67,518)	-	111,283
Total Funds	124,024	81,078	(83,457)	-	121,646

Restricted Funds 2023-24

Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Mortimers Cross	16,942	-	-	-	16,942
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Boroughbridge	5,167	-	-	-	5,167
Total Restricted Funds	26,302	-	-	-	26,302
General Funds	95,929	62,993	(61,201)	-	97,722
Total Funds	122,231	62,993	(61,201)	-	124,024

Trustees are in the process of reviewing unspent restricted funds. Where projects still have funds outstanding, Trustees are working on future plans to ensure that the funding is spent in accordance with the terms of individual funding.

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions (2024 - £Nil)

Note 10: Trustee Expenses

During the year expenditure totalling £4,613 was reimbursed to Trustees (2024 - £3,795). This relates to operational expenditure incurred on the Trusts behalf and allowable travel expenses.

BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1017387

Accounts



THE BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30th SEPTEMBER 2024

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE No: 2786730

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: No: 1017387

Registered Office

Crown House, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AX

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2024

The Trustees (who are also the Directors) present their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30th September 2024.

Trustees The following served as Trustees in the year to 30th September 2024

Gregg Archer
David Austin
Prof Anne Curry (Chair)
Andrea Hill (resigned 25th October 2023)
Julian Humphrys
Andrew Jeffrey (Treasurer)
Bruce Logan
Chris May
Ismini Pells (appointed 7th October 2023)
Phil Philo
Anthony Rich
Howard Simmons
Harvey Watson (resigned 6th April 2024)
Louise Whittaker (resigned 6th April 2024)
Kevin Winter
Rachael Whitbread (appointed 6th April 2024)

Company Secretary: Bruce Logan

Registered Office: Crown House
27 Old Gloucester Street
London WC1N 3AX

Independent Examiner: Mr Philip Clark FCA

President and Patron: Prof. Michael Wood OBE

Vice President : Kelvin van Hasselt

Patrons Earl of Ulster
The Lord Boswell of Aynho
The Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC
Sir Robert Worcester

Officers

Director of Operations – David Austin
Research and Threats Co-ordinator – Simon Marsh
Magazine Editor – Chris May
Membership Officer – David Austin
Events Officer – David Austin
Governance and Board Officer - Bruce Logan
Archaeological Adviser - Sam Wilson

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Battlefields Trust was established as an incorporated charity in 1993 having Memorandum and Articles as its Governing Document. Its charitable purposes are the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefields as heritage and educational resources, the term "battlefields" covering actions of any type on land, at sea or in the air, ranging from skirmishes and sieges to full scale battles.

The Trust is a membership organisation with overall policy, strategic direction and management of the Trust vested in the Board of Trustees who are elected by the membership and meet four times across the year. Trustee terms of office are three years with a maximum of three consecutive terms (nine years) before a mandatory break from office. The office of Chair is similarly limited to four consecutive years. Trustees are briefed on their legal duties and responsibilities and kept updated on good practice guidance and changing governance requirements as well as issues affecting the charity sector. The Board, in considering Trustee appointments has regard to the importance of ensuring it has the skills, knowledge, experience and capacity needed to manage the Trust effectively both for the present and in the longer term, to ensure there is diversity in perspective and appointment of new Trustees to renew the board and prevent any staleness. There are Codes of Conduct in place for Members, Trustees and Officers which are available on the Trust's website.

The Trust has a regional member network with Regional Committees determining and co-ordinating local activities in consultation with local members and often in collaboration with local partner organisations and associations that share the Trust's interests and objectives. The regions are aligned with groupings of local authority areas for administrative reasons but boundaries are not impermeable and joint working and mutual support across regional boundaries is strongly supported as it works towards the Trusts' overall success. Regional boundaries are periodically reviewed to reflect factors such as size, ease of coverage, the extent and significance of battlefield heritage and related issues within a region and the local capacity available. There currently are 11 regions with heads/co-heads. Some regions have designated county co-ordinators with a sub-regional focus who provide valuable additional capacity through co-ordinating local events and communications.

Nationally, an Operations Group comprising Regional Chairs and relevant Trust Officers reports to the Trustees and is responsible for co-ordinating the Trust's day to day operations and implementation of agreed plans. The Group also takes the lead on co-ordinating regional priorities, plans and funding bids for recommendation to the Trustees for incorporation in the Trust's overall business plan and makes recommendations as appropriate on other matters to do with the day to day running of the Trust.

ACTIVITIES

Most of the Trust's activities and especially those in which it engages with the public, are initiated and organised by members through the regional structure. These include battlefield walks, talks, seminars or study days and the provision or installation of battlefield interpretation material such as trail guides and information panels. It is generally through regional initiatives that battlefield projects such as research investigations or commemorations are conceived, worked up and delivered as part of the overall programme and with funding support from the Trust centrally if required.

Likewise, member volunteers in the regions sustain links and work in collaboration with many local organisations and individuals that share the Trust's objectives, interests and concerns. These include local battlefield, historical and heritage societies as well as local educational or academic bodies. Members from the regions also provide valuable support to the Research and Threats Co-ordinator in identifying and responding to threats to local battlefields when they arise. During the year the Trust organised a conference for partner battlefield heritage organisations providing a forum for sharing information, ideas, issues of common concern and good practice.

More detail on the Trust's full range of activities towards achieving its objectives is reported below.

Battlefield Protection and Preservation

The Trust maintains a watching brief on potential threats to battlefields, typically related to inappropriate development proposals. Members locally act as the Trust's eyes and ears in reporting and monitoring threats and their vigilance, complemented by partner organisations and concerned members of the public reporting threats independently.

The Research and Threats Co-ordinator assesses reported threats and with support from the regional network determines what action to take. If development looks likely to proceed the Trust usually presses for prior archaeological investigations if appropriate and recommends actions that would mitigate the effect of the development on battlefield interpretation. The Trust also works collaboratively with landowners where possible to mutually resolve issues around managed access to battlefield sites and dealing with unsupervised access and metal detection. This role was further strengthened in 2023 with additional support and capacity from dedicated volunteers to help assess planning applications and support on the quarterly reports to the Board on protection and preservation.

The Trust engages with regulatory bodies and key players in the planning framework to ensure there is advocacy for battlefield heritage and that decisions on development threats or the protection of battlefields can be fully informed by the experience and knowledge available within the Trust. An annual meeting with Historic England enables the Trust to raise and review battlefield planning and regulatory issues whilst the independent Battlefields Panel, facilitated by the Trust, includes those with expertise in planning, battlefield archaeology, conflict history and weapons and armour and provides a forum for specialist input on policy and practice relating to battlefield heritage and a source of advice for the Trust.

The Trust remains concerned about the impact that Permitted Development can have on registered battlefields and continues to press local planning authorities to consider adoption of Article 4 directions for such landscapes, though without success to date.

The Trust has also been working with Natural England, Historic England and the Forestry Commission to develop environmental guidance for the better management of registered battlefields.

Key actions and events during the year concerning threats to battlefields were as follows:

Applications to amend battlefield registrations were also made during the year:

Ripple (1643): Historic England refused an appeal from the Trust for the registered area on the grounds that the battle was not of sufficiently significant and the route of the parliamentarian fighting retreat was uncertain.

Stow-on-the-Wold (1646): Following the conclusion of archaeological and documentary research by the Trust at the end of 2022, an application was made in mid-2023 by the Battlefield Panel to Historic England to review the registration for the battlefield at Stow-on-the-Wold. Historic England refused this application in October 2024 without engaging with the arguments put forward, but the Battlefield Panel has appealed this decision and awaits an outcome.

Registered Battlefields

The Trust continues to see a range of low-level development pressures on registered battlefields and in the current reporting period responded to 15 applications on nine registered battlefields. This compares to 25 applications on 13 registered battlefields in the previous reporting period.

Examples have included one for new sheltered accommodation at Stow on the site for the battle indicated by Battlefield Trust research where the application was withdrawn and at Edgehill for the development of a forest school business, the application for which remains undecided.

At Homildon Hill battlefield in July 2024 the Trust objected to an application for an agricultural storage building on basis of a failure to comply with local plan and the impact on heritage. It commented further on 22 Sept 2024 following submission of archaeological assessment, highlighting failure to address the impact

of the development on the battlefield and highlighting the harm vs public benefit test that is required by planning rules. The application was refused, partly on the grounds highlighted by the Trust in early October 2024.

Interpreting Promoting and Presenting Battlefield Heritage

The Trust has a number of functions and a range of activities that all contribute to achieving its objectives of raising awareness and understanding of battlefield heritage.

Magazine

The Trust's quarterly magazine "Battlefield" is highly rated by its readers and a key factor in membership retention and recruitment. The magazine keeps members and external subscribers up to date with news, events and current battlefield heritage issues as well as publishing articles covering a range of battles and military campaigns.

Research and Information Resources

The reporting year saw further investment in the Trust's on-line battlefield information centre: the Battlefields Hub. Eight battles have been added to the Hub, including five relating to the Prayerbook Rebellion. The Battlefields Trust's research on the battle of Stow on the Wold was published on the Trust's website late in 2023. The on-line database of British Civil War Memorials was officially launched in October 2023 following a successful partnership project to develop the database involving the Battlefields Trust, the Cromwell Association, Fortress Study Group, John Hampden Society, National Civil War Centre, Pike and Shot Society, Scottish Battlefields Trust, and Sealed Knot – feel we need to explain this a bit further including partnerships and a similar project related to the Wars of the Roses was also initiated.

After an abeyance of a number of years Volume II 2024 of the Battlefields Trust annual journal, *Battalia*, was reinstated under a new editorial team. This is an interdisciplinary academic journal, dedicated to the study of battles, battlefields, and military campaigns across the world. Its scope covers any period and geographical location. It is a free, fully open-access, online and peer-reviewed publication. Articles were published on the Second Battle of St Albans 1461 and the Use of Lighter Muskets in Civil War England.

The Trust's research function is important to furthering understanding and interpretation of battlefields in addition to providing a resource for supporting actions to protect and preserve them, for instance in pressing the case for inclusion in Historic England's Register of Historic Battlefields.

Archaeological survey work was conducted at Langport (1645) in early October 2023 by the Wessex Region which confirmed that the registered battlefield is in the correct location despite being one of three proposed sites. Information about the survey has been published on the Trust's website. At Assandun a total of 11 pieces of ground survey work at two north Essex sites; extensive research into Cnut's Minster; potential battle sites; routes and potential landing places for Cnut's fleet was carried out as part of a long term investigation to try and locate the site of this battle. Further survey work is under discussion at Barnet (1471) and is planned for Fenny Bridges (1549) in early 2025.

Events and Activities

The range of events and activities described below are fundamental to achieving the Trust's aims and provide opportunities to engage and involve the community at large, generating a wider understanding and interest in battlefield heritage and its preservation. They are also a source of new Trust members as well as raising funds through donations or other fund-raising activities. Many activities take place in collaboration with other organisations that share the Trust's objectives and the Trust regularly supports the work of these organisations through collaboration with them or with practical support such as funding or sharing of expertise.

Walks, Talks and Study Days: The Trust runs a full programme of activities including guided battlefield walks, talks and lectures (both on-line and venue based) as well as study days and conferences. It works closely with partner organisations, regularly collaborating with them on joint events and conferences.

Walks included annual visits to battlefields such as Winceby, Cheriton and Myton; visits to museums such as Royal Ordnance Depot Weedon and a D-Day themed visit to Maldon Combined Services Museum; In - person talks included the Battle of Bramham Moor, an illustrated talk by Graham Turner on researching and painting medieval warfare and Buckinghamshire during the Civil War; on-line there were three series of Zoom talks on battlefields and related studies that allowed outreach to a wider audience, including members of the Trust from abroad, and selected partner bodies. might be good to give total number of online talks in period and total attendance

Study Days included 'The earls of Warwick and battle' held at Warwick. Joint events included inauguration of WW2 V2 Rocket strike at Potters Bar event with local historians, Hertsmere District and Hertfordshire County Councils; the Annual Civil War Conference held at Newark; partnering with the Tewkesbury Battlefield Society in a conference looking at battlefield preservation, interpretation and research; and involvement in the English Civil War exhibition at Wycombe Museum in conjunction with the John Hampden Society, 'John Hampden, local Parliamentary leader with global reach', which had over 10,000 visitors.

AGM: This year the Yorkshire Region hosted the Battlefields Trust Annual AGM in York in Spring 2024. Around eighty members travelled from almost every Trust region including a member from the USA. The AGM was held at York St John University and included research presentations, a Presentation from our President Michael Wood on the Battle of Brunanburh, and visits to some of the region's sites. These included walking tours of York's Civil War past; Jorvik Centre; and a guided tour of the battlefield at Towton.

Battlefield Trails and Information: The creation and maintenance of trails, self-guiding leaflets, mobile interpretation apps and information panels is key to generating public awareness of and interest in battlefields. The Trust also posts battlefield video tours and mini-documentaries on its social media sites and sponsors or supports other organisations, such as historical or battlefield societies that work towards their own battlefield information projects. Changes to interpretations included new boards at Fornham, North Walsham, -, Fenny Bridges. A replacement board at Middleton Cheney was installed following damage caused by a hedging contractor to the one installed in June 2023.

Festivals and Commemorative Events: The Trust has maintained its presence at key festivals such as Tewkesbury, Evesham, Bosworth, and Hastings. These events provide an opportunity to promote awareness of the Trust and the importance of battlefields by engaging with the public and also for recruitment of new members. There was also a special event commemorating the 850th Anniversary of the Battle of Fornham in East Anglia with a range of local talks and this year The Yorkshire Region of the Battlefields Trust exhibited this year at the International Medieval Congress hosted by the University of Leeds – the world's largest gathering of medieval scholars and enthusiasts

Education and Outreach: The Trust published a strategic review of its objectives and approach to its educational and outreach activities. This has prompted the creation of a new Education and Outreach sub-committee in 2024 which is refining its focus on the historical curriculum and looking to appoint an Education Officer to lead this effort.

Support and training is provided for members of local communities who take up the opportunity to participate in Trust projects and where particular skills are required, such as archaeological survey work, advice is given on best practice and protocols. The Trust's education packs whilst created with educational settings in mind, remain freely available on-line to the public. Work with Universities is ongoing with York St John University's War Studies programme, running events for students alongside research staff and Exeter University as part of the Prayerbook Rebellion project.

Social Media: The Trust maintains a regular presence on Facebook and Twitter/X. In particular, the Trust uses these fora to publish "on this day" reports on a historic battle, publicise forthcoming events and report on walks and talks that have been held. We have in excess of 11.600 followers on these two platforms.

Grant aided projects: All Grant aided projects are listed in the financial review. Whether run directly by the Trust or in collaboration with other organisations, these projects add to the Trust's scope for protecting and promoting battlefields and raising awareness of battlefield heritage amongst local communities and the general public.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT ENGAGEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION

The Trust relies entirely on volunteers to organise all the activities described in this report as well as the background technical and administrative support needed for day to day running of the Trust. Volunteers are drawn mostly from the Trust's membership via regional networks and also from organisations with shared objectives. At the close of the reporting year, it was estimated that there are some 85 regular volunteers with many more individuals involved on an ad hoc basis.

The Trust encourages inclusion and active involvement of local communities in its projects offering support and training as necessary, for instance by involving community volunteers in archaeological projects. Likewise, the Trust frequently offers support to local community groups or associations wishing to explore and promote battlefield heritage by sharing its expertise or providing funding towards local initiatives, particularly for the provision of information panels.

The Trust readily co-operates and collaborates with other organisations with shared concerns and interests so that volunteer resources and effort can be pooled and used to maximum effect. Working with communities and alongside other organisations such as educational bodies, museums and heritage organisations, generates interest in and awareness of the Trust's work which in turn opens up a wider pool of potential volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP

The Trust had 1628 members (in 1455 memberships) on 30 September 2024 compared with 1651 members (in 1463 memberships) on 30 September 2023. This slight reduction is a result of increase in subscription rates

New membership comes from attendance at events, in particular festivals covered above, and online applications. The Trust also has a high retention rate of over 90%. The Board approved an increase in subscription rates and a simplification of membership categories for 2024/2025. It is assessing the impact on membership from this increase in subscriptions.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that the Trust's activities provide a public benefit in line with its objects of the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefield sites as educational and heritage resources.

The Trust seeks to secure and promote battlefield heritage for the public benefit generally and welcomes and encourages public involvement in its activities with most of the Trust's activities, such as battlefield walks, study days and seminars open to the public. The Trust's battlefield guides, trail leaflets and information boards provide in situ public information whilst other specific resources are freely available to the public via its website including:

- The Battlefields Hub containing detailed reference information on numerous battles.
- Education and learning material – in particular the Battlefield education packs focused on specific battles

The Trust's social media sites additionally host short documentaries and battlefield tours produced by the Trust as well as highlighting topical or important information about battlefield heritage. Whether supporting specific battlefield projects (such as major battle commemorations or archaeological investigations) or dealing with queries or concerns about battlefields from the public, the Trust contributes to a better understanding of national history.

As well as working collaboratively with partner organisations sharing similar aims, the Trust also works with public bodies such as Historic England that are concerned with heritage, sharing advice and expertise as required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A risk register is regularly reviewed and updated by the Trustees. With the Trust relying entirely on volunteers there is an ongoing risk related to securing and mobilising sufficient capacity and expertise within the Trust's membership to run the Trust and its activities without over-reliance on too few individuals and the associated risk of "single points of failure". Trustees are also aware of Charity Commission best practice that management decisions, particularly at Board level should be made with the benefit of a range of inputs and perspectives.

Risk assessments are carried out for Trust-led projects, events and activities such as walks in line with the Health and Safety Policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income for the year was £62,993 (2023: £56,052) with expenditure of £61,201 (2023: £63,413). The net unrestricted surplus was £1,792 (2023 deficit: £4,015) with a surplus on restricted funds of £Nil (2023 deficit: £3,345). At the end of the year, unrestricted reserves were £97,721 (2023: £95,929).

In the previous years the Trust received a very generous legacy which will give it a sound financial base on which to develop future activities. The online lecture series continues to lead to a number of donations. With the easing of Covid restrictions the Trust is well set to continue to develop its activities, focussing on delivering regional priorities.

The restricted reserves principally relates to expenditure for the Mortimer's Cross project with funding for this was largely received in the prior years. Other restricted projects are coming to a close with modest expenditure to complete.

Funds

In addition to the unrestricted funds, the Trust manages a number of restricted funds for specific purposes. Although most resources received for such funds are in the form of grants, others are raised through individual fundraising appeals.

The funds are: -

Unrestricted Funds: available for the general use of the Trust in pursuance of its charitable activities, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds: funds received for specific purposes as defined by the donors and agreed by the Trustees, including;

Education (Historic England): to develop educational resources relating to battlefields in England. This project completed during the year and Historic England has agreed to unspent funds being used towards a resource pack relating to battles in the Tees Valley.

Mortimer's Cross: (Heritage Lottery Fund) to undertake an archaeological and research project around the site and events of the battle at Mortimer's Cross and to present the site to the public. The Trust is holding money fundraised by the Mortimer's Cross project, on their behalf.

Shrewsbury: residual funding received from the Shrewsbury 1403 project to fund the restoration of signage at the site and any other form of promotion of the battlefield.

Boroughbridge: a project to fund interpretation of the Battle of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold a national cash reserve (less liabilities and excluding money held by regional groups which are used locally but consolidated into these accounts) of six months of normal expenditure (i.e. excluding restricted funds), to allow for the annual cyclical variation in income from membership as

compared to the regular nature of expenditure on items such as the magazine and annual AGM and conference. Currently, this equates to a target of approximately £16,000. Appropriate unrestricted reserves at 30th September 2024 amounted to £97,721 (2023: £95,929). Trustees have allocated some of these funds towards regional plans and a significant upgrade to the Resource Centre website and will consider other proposals as they come forward.

All reserves are held at the bank and with current interest rates and cash flow requirements, funds are held in current accounts.

Trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory and believe that the Trust remains a going concern for the foreseeable future, recognising the uncertainties of funding sources.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Battlefields Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year for that period. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

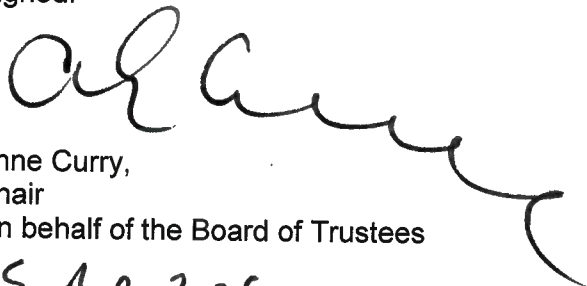
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As far as the Trustees are aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant information of which the Trust's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Signed:



Anne Curry,
Chair
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

5 Aug 2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of	THE BATTLEFIELDS TRUST		
On accounts for the year ended	30 SEPTEMBER 2024		
	Charity no.:	1017387	Company no.: 2786730
Set out on pages	10 TO 14		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30/09/2024.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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:** 2 April 2025

Name: PHILIP CLARK FCA

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 30th September 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2022-23 £
Subscriptions and donations	2	42,858	-	42,858	34,907
Activities for raising funds	3	19,564	-	19,564	21,145
Investment income		571	-	571	-
Incoming resources from generated funds		62,993	-	62,993	56,052
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		62,993	0	62,993	56,052
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	15,607	-	15,607	22,314
Charitable activities	6	45,594	-	45,594	41,098
Total Resources expended		61,201	-	61,201	63,412
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		1,792	-	1,792	(7,360)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,792	-	1,792	(7,360)
Funds brought forward		95,929	26,302	122,231	129,592
Funds carried forward		97,721	26,302	124,023	122,231

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Balance Sheet
as at 30th September 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2022-23 £
Current Assets					
Cash		89,846	26,302	116,148	122,531
Debtors		8,176	-	8,176	122,531
Total Current Assets		98,022	26,302	124,324	122,531
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	300	-	300	300
Net Assets		97,722	26,302	124,024	122,231
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds	8	97,722	-	97,722	95,929
Restricted Funds	8	-	26,302	26,302	26,302
Total Funds		97,722	26,302	124,024	122,231

For the year ending 30th September 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 and the Charity SORP. The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Anne Curry
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on:

5 April 2025

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ending 30th September 2024

Note 1: Accounting Policies

a) **Basis of Preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the financial framework applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and previous periods.

b) **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. No stock was recorded during the year as any resources expended on saleable items were minimal and charged to expenditure.

c) **Funds**

Restricted funds are given to the Trust for specific purposes and are expendable by the Trustees in furtherance of particular projects. Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose of the Trust.

d) **Incoming resources**

Incoming resources are recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Life memberships are offered however, due to the small numbers, the full income from these has been credited to the subscription income in the year of receipt. Gift Aid income is recorded on receipt.

e) **Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure.

Grants are only made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. A liability for such grants is recognised when approved by the Trustees.

f) **Cost of generating funds**

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating incoming resources for the Trust, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities.

g) **Charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objectives of the Trust.

Battlefields Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ending 30th September 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023-24	2022-23
Note 2: Subscriptions and donations				
Donations	218	-	218	2,841
Subscriptions	34,464	-	34,464	32,039
Gift Aid	8,176	-	8,176	28
	42,858	-	42,858	34,907

All subscription and donation income in 2022-23 was unrestricted

Note 3: Activities for raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	19,564	-	19,564	21,145
	19,564	-	19,564	21,145

All activities for raising funds in 2022-23 were unrestricted

Note 4: Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

Mortimer's Cross Project	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

All incoming resources from Charitable Activities in 2022-23 were restricted

Note 5: Raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	13,854	-	13,854	12,863
Web site costs	1,753	-	1,753	9,451
	15,607	0	15,607	22,314

All costs of raising funds in 2022-23 were unrestricted

Note 6: Charitable Activities

Mortimer's Cross	-	-	-	3,345
Magazine	29,282	-	29,282	27,631
Interpretation and Conservation of Sites	14,110	-	14,110	7,921
Governance and support costs	3,953	-	3,953	2,201
	47,346	-	47,346	41,098

In 2022-23, all costs relating to the Mortimer's Cross project were restricted.

All other costs were unrestricted.

Note 7: Creditors	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023-24	2022-23
Accrued Expenses	300	-	300	300
	300	-	300	300

In 2022-23, the accrued expenses were unrestricted.

Note 8: Analysis of Funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd
Restricted Funds					
Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Mortimers Cross	16,942	-	-	-	16,942
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Boroughbridge	5,167	-	-	-	5,167
Total Restricted Funds	26,302	-	-	-	26,302
General Funds	95,929	62,993	(61,201)	-	97,721
Total Funds	122,231	62,993	(61,201)	-	124,023

Restricted Funds 2022-23

Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Mortimers Cross	20,287	-	(3,345)	-	16,942
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Boroughbridge	5,167	-	-	-	5,167
Total Restricted Funds	29,648	-	(3,345)	-	26,302
General Funds	95,929	52,012	(60,067)	-	95,929
Total Funds	129,592	52,012	(63,413)	-	122,231

Trustees are in the process of reviewing unspent restricted funds. Where projects still have funds outstanding, Trustees are working on future plans to ensure that the funding is spent in accordance with the terms of individual funding.

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions (2023 - £Nil)

BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1017387

Accounts



THE BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30th SEPTEMBER 2023

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE No: 2786730

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: No: 1017387

Registered Office

Crown House, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AX

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2023

The Trustees (who are also the Directors) present their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30th September 2023.

Trustees The following served as Trustees in the year to 30th September 2023

Sophie Anderton (to 25th March 2023)
Gregg Archer (from 25th March 2023)
David Austin
Prof Anne Curry (Chair)
Andrea Hill (resigned 25th October 2023)
Julian Humphrys
Andrew Jeffrey (Treasurer)
Bruce Logan (from 25th March 2023)
Chris May
Ismini Pells (from 7th October 2023 - post year-end appointment)
Phil Philo
Anthony Rich
Howard Simmons (from 29th May 2023)
Robert Simmons (resigned 20th March 2023)
Phil Steele (resigned 18th May 2023)
Russell Walters (to 25th March 2023)
Harvey Watson
Louise Whittaker
Kevin Winter (from 25th March 2023)
Sam Wilson (to 25th March 2023)

Secretary: Ruth Gibson

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Independent Examiner: Mr Philip Clark FCA

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Vice President : Kelvin van Hasselt

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The Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC
Sir Robert Worcester

Officers

Director of Operations – David Austin
Research and Threats Co-ordinator – Simon Marsh
Magazine Editors – Harvey Watson/Chris May/Catherine Brooks
Membership Officer – David Austin
Events Officer – David Austin
Governance and Board Officer Bruce Logan
Archaeological Adviser - Sam Wilson

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Battlefields Trust was established as an incorporated charity in 1993 having Memorandum and Articles as its Governing Document. Its charitable purposes are the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefields as heritage and educational resources, the term "battlefields" covering actions of any type on land, at sea or in the air, ranging from skirmishes and sieges to full scale battles.

The Trust is a membership organisation with overall policy, strategic direction and management of the Trust vested in the Board of Trustees who are elected by the membership and meet on a quarterly basis. Trustee terms of office are three years with a maximum of three consecutive terms (nine years) before a mandatory break from office. The office of Chair is similarly limited to four consecutive years. Trustees are briefed on their legal duties and responsibilities and kept updated on good practice guidance and changing governance requirements as well as issues affecting the charity sector. The Board, in considering Trustee appointments has regard to the importance of ensuring it has the skills, knowledge, experience and capacity needed to manage the Trust effectively both for the present and in the longer term. There are Codes of Conduct in place for Members, Trustees and Officers which are available on the Trust's website.

The Trust has a regional member network with Regional Committees determining and co-ordinating local activities in consultation with local members and often in collaboration with local partner organisations and associations that share the Trust's interests and objectives. The regions are aligned with groupings of local authority areas for administrative reasons but boundaries are not impermeable and joint working and mutual support across regional boundaries is strongly supported as it works towards the Trusts' overall success. Regional boundaries are periodically reviewed to reflect factors such as size, ease of coverage, the extent and significance of battlefield heritage and related issues within a region and the local capacity available. During the year the North West region was re-aligned and three regions covering the North East and Cumbria combined into one North Region so that there are currently 11 regions. Many regions have designated county co-ordinators with a sub-regional focus who provide valuable additional capacity through co-ordinating local events and communications.

Nationally, an Operations Group comprising Regional Chairs and relevant Trust officers reports to the Trustees and is responsible for co-ordinating the Trust's day to day operations and implementation of agreed plans. The Group also takes the lead on co-ordinating regional priorities, plans and funding bids for recommendation to the Trustees for incorporation in the Trust's overall business plan and makes recommendations as appropriate on other matters to do with the day to day running of the Trust.

ACTIVITIES

Most of the Trust's activities and especially those in which it engages with the public, are initiated and organised by members through the regional networks. These include battlefield walks, talks, seminars or study days and the provision or installation of battlefield interpretation material such as trail guides and information panels. It is generally through regional initiatives that battlefield projects such as investigations or commemorations are conceived, worked up and delivered with funding support from the Trust centrally if required and support in applying for funds from other bodies such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Likewise, member volunteers in the regions sustain links and work in collaboration with many local organisations and individuals, such as local battlefield, historical and heritage societies that share the Trust's objectives, interests and concerns and may also forge links with educational or academic bodies. These Member volunteers in the regions also provide valuable support to the Research and Threats Co-ordinator in identifying and responding to threats to local battlefields when they arise.

More detail on the Trust's full range of activities towards achieving its objectives is reported below.

Battlefield Protection and Preservation

The Trust maintains a watching brief on potential threats to battlefields, typically related to inappropriate development proposals. Members locally act as the Trust's eyes and ears in reporting and monitoring threats and their vigilance, complemented by partner organisations and concerned members of the public reporting threats independently.

The Research and Threats Co-ordinator assesses reported threats and with support from the regional network determines what action to take. If development looks likely to proceed the Trust usually presses for prior archaeological investigations if appropriate and recommends actions that would mitigate the effect of the development on battlefield interpretation. The Trust also works collaboratively with landowners where possible to mutually resolve issues around managed access to battlefield sites and dealing with unsupervised access and metal detection.

The Trust engages with regulatory bodies and key players in the planning framework to ensure there is advocacy for battlefield heritage and that decisions on development threats or the protection of battlefields can be fully informed by the experience and knowledge available within the Trust. An annual meeting with Historic England enables the Trust to raise and review battlefield planning and regulatory issues whilst the independent Battlefields Panel, facilitated by the Trust, (and including representatives with expertise in planning, battlefield archaeology, conflict history and weapons and armour) provides a forum for specialist input on policy and practice relating to battlefield heritage and a source of advice for the Trust.

The Trust remains concerned about the impact that Permitted Development can have on registered battlefields and continues to press local planning authorities to consider adoption of Article 4 directions for such landscapes, though without success to date.

During the year the Trust's Policy and Guidance on Battlefield Investigation was updated and supplemented with additional guidance specifically for professionals involved in battlefield heritage.

Occasionally, the Trust finds itself in possession of battlefield artefacts and a Portable Antiquities Policy has been agreed which establishes that the Trust would not generally seek to acquire such objects, but instead would aim to lodge any that came into its possession with recognised institutions such as museums.

Key actions and events during the year concerning threats to battlefields were as follows:

Registered Battlefields

The Trust continues to see a range of low-level development pressures on registered battlefields and in the current reporting period responded to 25 applications on 13 registered battlefields. Some examples of the types of application responded to are below:

Nantwich (1644): a school in Acton on the Nantwich battlefield applied to install a below ground heat-pump system using its playing field. Clearly there were public benefits to this, but the proposal risked harm to the battlefield archaeology. The Battlefields Trust therefore requested an archaeological survey be undertaken in advance of the works commencing, which was imposed as a condition on the planning permission.

Winwick (1648): A draft Local Plan which included house building adjacent to the battlefield at Winwick, which the Trust had opposed, was agreed, but with a requirement for a metal detecting survey, which the Trust had also requested. The Trust has also worked with the consultants to help develop a heritage trail on the former Parkside Colliery area of the registered battlefield. The heritage trail was a condition of the planning permission.

Marston Moor (1644) The Trust has responded to a series of low-level development proposals on this battlefield, often asking for a suitable heritage impact assessment to be made.

Applications to amend battlefield registrations were also made in the course of the year.

Naseby (1645): Historic England refused an application from the Trust for the registered area to be extended on the grounds that the case did not meet the priorities for listing review established by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Stow-on-the-Wold (1646): Following the conclusion of archaeological and documentary research by the Trust at the end of 2022, an application was made to Historic England to review the registration for the battlefield at Stow-on-the-Wold. The outcome of this remains pending.

Unregistered Battlefields

Ripple (1643): The Trust objected to a proposed gravel extraction development affecting the area of parliamentary fighting withdrawal on the battlefield. An application was separately made by the Battlefield Panel to have the battlefield registered, but this was rejected by Historic England on the grounds that it did not meet the necessary significance threshold.

Interpreting Promoting and Presenting Battlefield Heritage

The Trust has a number of functions and a range of activities that all contribute to achieving its objectives of raising awareness and understanding of battlefield heritage.

Magazine

The Trust's quarterly magazine "Battlefield" is highly rated by its readers and a key factor in membership retention and recruitment. The magazine keeps members and external subscribers up to date with news, events and current battlefield heritage issues as well as publishing articles covering a range of battles and military campaigns. The Winter issue of 2022 trialed a single focus on Magna Carta and the Barons' Wars. The production of further special editions outside the four issues per annum is being explored.

Research and Information Resources

The reporting year saw the successful re-launch of the Trust's on-line battlefield information centre, re-branded as the Battlefields Hub which, via the Trust's website, now provides information in a more interactive and user-friendly way. An on-line database of British Civil War Memorials was also launched during the year and a similar project related to the Wars of the Roses is being considered. Following appointment of three co-editors, work is underway to produce new issues of "Battalia," the Trust's inter-disciplinary on-line academic journal.

The Trust has also collaborated with the Fortress Study Group in hosting a symposium on the often-overlooked topic of English Civil War fortifications and sieges and during the year archaeological survey work was carried out at Stow and Langport.

The Trust's research function is important to furthering understanding and interpretation of battlefields in addition to providing a resource for supporting actions to protect and preserve them, for instance in pressing the case for inclusion in Historic England's Register of Historic Battlefields.

Research work, which started in 2015, was concluded by the Trust at Stow on the Wold (1646) in November 2022. The results of this work, which included documentary, landscape and archaeological studies, have been published on the Trust's website and indicate that the battlefield is currently registered incorrectly. The Trust also undertook archaeological work at Middleton Cheney (1643) and Langport (1645) during the course of the year. The investigations at Middleton Cheney failed to locate the battlefield, but at Langport the battlefield was confirmed as the registered site. The Revitalising Redesdale project in which the Trust was a partner and which involved archaeological and documentary research on the battle of Otterburn 1388, also concluded in December 2022.

Events and Activities

The range of events and activities described below are fundamental to achieving the Trust's aims and provide opportunities to engage and involve the community at large, generating a wider understanding and interest in battlefield heritage and its preservation. They are also a source of new Trust members as well as raising funds through donations or other fund-raising activities. Many activities take place in collaboration with other organisations that share the Trust's objectives and the Trust regularly supports the work of these organisations through collaboration with them or with practical support such as funding or sharing of expertise.

Walks, talks and study days: The Trust runs a full programme of activities including guided battlefield walks, talks and lectures (both on-line and venue based) as well as study days and conferences. It works closely with partner organisations, regularly collaborating with them on joint events and conferences. In April 2023 it ran a conference for organisations involved in battlefield heritage to share experience and good practice.

Battlefield Trails and Information: The creation and maintenance of trails, self-guiding leaflets, mobile interpretation apps and information panels is key to generating public awareness of and interest in battlefields. The Trust also posts battlefield video tours and mini-documentaries on its social media sites and sponsors or supports other organisations, such as historical or battlefield societies that work towards their own battlefield information projects. During the reporting year following collaboration between local groups and associations and with support from the Trust, information panels were installed at Middleton Cheney, Northampton, North Walsham and Stanhope Park.

Festivals and Commemorative Events: The Trust has maintained its presence at key festivals such as Tewkesbury, Evesham, Bosworth, Barnet, Chalke Valley and Hastings. These events provide an opportunity to promote awareness of the Trust and the importance of battlefields by engaging with the public and also for recruitment of new members.

The Trust has liaised with UK organisations such as the National Army Museum and National Archives as well as parliamentarians about events and actions to mark the up-coming anniversary of the American Revolutionary War (America 250). The Trust is exploring compilation of a gazetteer of people, places and memorials in the UK that are associated with the Revolutionary War.

A study day focused on the 850th anniversary of the battle of Fornham St. Genevieve was arranged towards the end of the reporting year having successfully obtained funding from the local authority which will also be funding an information board.

Education and Outreach: A strategic review of the Trust's objectives and approach to its educational and outreach activities is currently underway with valuable input from the American Battlefields Trust which has shared experience of its outreach and education programmes.

Support and training is provided for members of local communities who take up the opportunity to participate in Trust projects and where particular skills are required, such as archaeological survey work, advice is given on best practice and protocols. The Trust's education packs whilst created with educational settings in mind, remain freely available on-line to the public.

Grant aided projects: All Grant aided projects are listed in the financial review (page 7). Whether run directly by the Trust or in collaboration with other organisations, these projects add to the Trust's scope for protecting and promoting battlefields and raising awareness of battlefield heritage amongst local communities and the general public.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT ENGAGEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION

The Trust relies entirely on volunteers to organise all the activities described in this report as well as the background technical and administrative support needed for day to day running of the Trust. Volunteers

are drawn mostly from the Trust's membership via regional networks and also from organisations with shared objectives. At the close of the reporting year, it was estimated that there are some 85 regular volunteers with many more individuals involved on an ad hoc basis.

The Trust encourages inclusion and active involvement of local communities in its projects offering support and training as necessary, for instance by involving community volunteers in archaeological projects. Likewise, the Trust frequently offers support to local community groups or associations wishing to explore and promote battlefield heritage by sharing its expertise or providing funding towards local initiatives, particularly for the provision of information panels.

The Trust readily co-operates and collaborates with other organisations with shared concerns and interests so that volunteer resources and effort can be pooled and used to maximum effect. Working with communities and alongside other organisations such as educational bodies, museums and heritage organisations, generates interest in and awareness of the Trust's work which in turn opens up a wider pool of potential volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP

The Trust had 1651 members (1463 memberships) on 30 September 2023 compared with 1545 members (1374 memberships) on 30 September 2022. This is the highest figure in the Trust's history.

Prior to Covid the Trust derived a majority of its new membership from attendance at key historical festivals and re-enactments. The cancellation of all events during the Covid pandemic severely impacted recruitment which, since their resumption in summer 2021, has been increasing.

The 2022/23 increase has also been partially generated by an increase in members joining online as a result of the Trust's online lecture programme introduced in response to the Covid situation and now firmly established as part of the Trust's programme of activities. It has also been facilitated by a membership retention rate of 92%. The Trust increased membership fees in 2021 in line with inflation for the first time since the previous increase in 2014. This increase in subscription rates seems to have had little effect on retention rates, although the impact of the on-line lectures and resumption of Trust attendance at events may well be a factor in offsetting this.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that the Trust's activities provide a public benefit in line with its objects of the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefield sites as educational and heritage resources.

The Trust seeks to secure and promote battlefield heritage for the public benefit generally and welcomes and encourages public involvement in its activities with most of the Trust's activities, such as battlefield walks, study days and seminars open to the public. The Trust's battlefield guides, trail leaflets and information boards provide in situ public information whilst other specific resources are freely available to the public via its website including:

- The Battlefields Hub containing detailed reference information on numerous battles.
- Education and learning material – in particular the Battlefield education packs focused on specific battles

The Trust's social media sites additionally host short documentaries and battlefield tours produced by the Trust as well as highlighting topical or important information about battlefield heritage. Whether supporting specific battlefield projects (such as major battle commemorations or archaeological investigations) or dealing with queries or concerns about battlefields from the public, the Trust contributes to a better understanding of national history.

As well as working collaboratively with partner organisations sharing similar aims, the Trust also works with public bodies such as Historic England that are concerned with heritage, sharing advice and expertise as required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A risk register is regularly reviewed and updated by the Trustees. With the Trust relying entirely on volunteers there is an ongoing risk related to securing and mobilising sufficient capacity and expertise within the Trust's membership to run the Trust and its activities without over-reliance on too few individuals and the associated risk of "single points of failure". Trustees are also aware of Charity Commission best practice that management decisions, particularly at Board level should be made with the benefit of a range of inputs and perspectives.

Risk assessments are carried out for Trust-led projects, events and activities such as walks in line with the Health and Safety Policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income for the year was £56,052 (2022: £56,002) with expenditure of £63,413 (2022: £72,349). The net unrestricted deficit was £4,015 (2022 surplus: £7,207) with a deficit on restricted funds of £3,345 (2022 deficit: £23,554). At the end of the year, unrestricted reserves were £95,929 (2022: £99,944).

In the previous years the Trust received a very generous legacy which will give it a sound financial base on which to develop future activities. The online lecture series continues to lead to a number of donations. With the easing of Covid restrictions the Trust is well set to continue to develop its activities, focussing on delivering regional priorities.

The decrease in the restricted reserves principally relates to expenditure for the Mortimer's Cross project of £3,345. Funding for this was largely received in the prior year. Other restricted projects are coming to a close with modest expenditure to complete.

Funds

In addition to the unrestricted funds, the Trust manages a number of restricted funds for specific purposes. Although most resources received for such funds are in the form of grants, others are raised through individual fundraising appeals.

The funds are: -

Unrestricted Funds: available for the general use of the Trust in pursuance of its charitable activities, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds: funds received for specific purposes as defined by the donors and agreed by the trustees, including;

Education (Historic England): to develop educational resources relating to battlefields in England. This project completed during the year and Historic England has agreed to unspent funds being used towards a resource pack relating to battles in the Tees Valley.

Mortimer's Cross: (Heritage Lottery Fund) to undertake an archaeological and research project around the site and events of the battle at Mortimer's Cross and to present the site to the public. The Trust is holding money fundraised by the Mortimer's Cross project, on their behalf.

Shrewsbury: residual funding received from the Shrewsbury 1403 project to fund the restoration of signage at the site and any other form of promotion of the battlefield.

Boroughbridge: a project to fund interpretation of the Battle of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold a national cash reserve (less liabilities and excluding money held by regional groups which are used locally but consolidated into these accounts) of six months of normal expenditure (ie excluding restricted funds), to allow for the annual cyclical variation in income from membership as compared to the regular nature of expenditure on items such as the magazine and annual AGM and conference. Currently, this equates to a target of approximately £16,000. Appropriate unrestricted reserves at 30th September 2023 amounted to £95,929 (2022: £99,945). Trustees have allocated some of these funds towards regional plans and a significant upgrade to the Resource Centre website and will consider other proposals as they come forward.

All reserves are held at the bank and with current interest rates and cash flow requirements, funds are held in current accounts.

Trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory and believe that the Trust remains a going concern for the foreseeable future, recognising the uncertainties of funding sources.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Battlefields Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year for that period. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As far as the Trustees are aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant information of which the Trust's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Signed:



Anne Curry,
Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees
27th January 2024



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

The Battlefields Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 September 2023

Charity no.:

1017387

Company no.:

2786730

Set out on pages

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30/09/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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:

Philip Clark

Date:

25-03-24

Name:

PHILIP CLARK

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October 2018

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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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Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 30th September 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2021-22 £
Subscriptions and donations	2	34,907	-	34,907	46,406
Activities for raising funds	3	21,145	-	21,145	9,498
Incoming resources from generated funds		56,052	-	56,052	55,904
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	-	-	-	98
Total incoming resources		56,052	0	56,052	56,002
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	22,314	-	22,314	31,263
Charitable activities	6	37,753	3,345	41,098	41,086
Total Resources expended		60,067	3,345	63,412	72,349
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(4,015)	(3,345)	(7,360)	(16,347)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,015)	(3,345)	(7,360)	(16,347)
Funds brought forward		99,944	29,648	129,592	145,939
Funds carried forward		95,929	26,302	122,231	129,592

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Balance Sheet
as at 30th September 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2021-22 £
Current Assets					
Cash		96,229	26,302	122,531	129,892
Total Current Assets		96,229	26,302	122,531	129,892
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	300	-	300	300
Net Assets		95,929	26,302	122,231	129,592
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds	8	95,929	-	95,929	99,944
Restricted Funds	8	-	26,302	26,302	29,648
Total Funds		95,929	26,302	122,231	129,592

For the year ending 30th September 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 and the Charity SORP. The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these accounts.



Anne Curry
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on 27th January 2024

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ending 30th September 2023

Note 1: Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the financial framework applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and previous periods.

b) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. No stock was recorded during the year as any resources expended on saleable items were minimal and charged to expenditure.

c) Funds

Restricted funds are given to the Trust for specific purposes and are expendable by the Trustees in furtherance of particular projects. Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose of the Trust.

d) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Life memberships are offered however, due to the small numbers, the full income from these has been credited to the subscription income in the year of receipt. Gift Aid income is recorded on receipt.

e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure.

Grants are only made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. A liability for such grants is recognised when approved by the Trustees.

f) Cost of generating funds

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating incoming resources for the Trust, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities.

g) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objectives of the Trust.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022-23	2021-22
Note 2: Subscriptions and donations				
Donations	2,841	-	2,841	6,097
Subscriptions	32,039	-	32,039	34,505
Gift Aid	28	-	28	5,804
	34,907	-	34,907	46,406

All subscription and donation income in 2021-22 was unrestricted

Note 3: Activities for raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	21,145	-	21,145	9,498
	21,145	-	21,145	9,498

All activities for raising funds in 2021-22 were unrestricted

Note 4: Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

Mortimer's Cross Project	-	-	-	98
	-	-	-	98

All incoming resources from Charitable Activities in 2021-22 were restricted

Note 5: Raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	12,863	-	12,863	13,366
Web site costs	9,451	-	9,451	17,897
	22,314	0	22,314	31,263

All costs of raising funds in 2021-22 were unrestricted

Note 6: Charitable Activities

Mortimer's Cross	-	3,345	3,345	13,639
Boroughbridge	-	-	-	9,833
Magazine	27,631	-	27,631	14,267
Interpretation and Conservation of Sites	7,921	-	7,921	3,347
Governance and support costs	2,201	-	2,201	-
	37,753	3,345	41,098	41,086

In 2021-22, all costs relating to the Mortimer's Cross project were restricted. All other costs were unrestricted.

Note 7: Creditors	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022-23	2021-22
Accrued Expenses	300	-	300	300
	300	-	300	300

In 2021-22, the accrued expenses were unrestricted.

Note 8: Analysis of Funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd
Restricted Funds					
Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Mortimers Cross	20,287	-	(3,345)	-	16,942
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Boroughbridge	5,167	-	-	-	5,167
Total Restricted Funds	29,648	-	(3,345)	-	26,302
General Funds	99,944	56,052	(60,067)	-	95,929
Total Funds	129,592	56,052	(63,413)	-	122,231

Restricted Funds 2021-22

Langport	3,292	-	(180)	(3,112)	-
Magna 800 Committee	1,184	-	-	(1,184)	-
Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Agincourt 600	185	-	-	(185)	-
Mortimers Cross	33,828	98	(13,639)	-	20,287
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Boroughbridge	15,000	-	(9,833)	-	5,167
Total Restricted Funds	57,682	98	(23,652)	(4,480)	29,648
General Funds	88,257	55,904	(48,697)	4,480	99,944
Total Funds	145,939	56,002	(72,349)	(0)	129,592

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions (2022 - £630)

BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1017387

Accounts



THE BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE No: 2786730

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: No: 1017387

Registered Office

Crown House, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AX

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2022

The Trustees (who are also the Directors) present their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30th September 2022.

Trustees

The following served as Trustees in the year to 30th September 2022

Sophie Anderton
David Austin (from 28th May 2022)
Prof Anne Curry (from 28th May 2022 - Chair as of 17th July)
Andrea Hill
Julian Humphrys
Andrew Jeffrey (from 29th January 2022 - Treasurer as of 1st October 2022)
Chris May
Phil Philo
Anthony Rich (from 28th May 2022)
Howard Simmons (Chair until and retired 28th May 2022)
Robert Simmons
Phil Steele
Russell Walters (Treasurer to 30th September 2022)
Harvey Watson
Louise Whittaker
Sam Wilson

Secretary: Ruth Gibson

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(From 21st November 2022)

Independent Examiner

Mr. Philip Clark FCA

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Prof. Michael Wood OBE

Vice President

Kelvin van Hasselt

Patrons

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The Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC
Sir Robert Worcester

Officers

Director of Operations – David Austin
Research and Threats Co-ordinator – Simon Marsh
Magazine Editors – Harvey Watson/Chris May
Membership Officer – David Austin
Events Officer – David Austin
Governance and Board Officer – Ruth Gibson
Education Officer – (vacant)

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Battlefields Trust's was established as an incorporated charity in 1993 having Memorandum and Articles as its Governing Document. Its principal objectives are the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefields as heritage and educational resources, the term "battlefields" covering actions of any type on land, at sea or in the air, ranging from skirmishes and sieges to full scale battles.

The Trust is a membership organisation with overall policy, strategic direction and management of the Trust vested in the Board of Trustees who are elected by the membership for three-year terms and meet on a quarterly basis. Trustee terms of office are limited to three consecutive terms (nine years) without a break of one year and the office of Chair is similarly limited to four consecutive years. Trustees are briefed on their duties and responsibilities and kept up to date on changing governance requirements, good practice guidance and issues affecting the charity sector. When considering appointments to the Board they have regard to the on-going need to ensure the Board of Trustees has the skills knowledge and experience needed to manage the Trust effectively.

The Trust has a regional member network with Regional Committees determining and co-ordinating local activities in consultation with local members and often in collaboration with local partner organisations and associations that share the Trust's interests and objectives. Regional boundaries, whilst aligned with local authority areas are adjustable depending on factors such as size, ease of coverage, the extent and significance of battlefield heritage within it and the capacity available within the regional membership. There are currently twelve regions with a new Durham and Tees Region established during the year (replacing the North East and Borders South area) and the South East region split along the line of the Thames into two more manageable regions (South East and London South and Beds Herts & Middx). Regional capacity is being strengthened by a growing number of designated county co-ordinators within the regions. The regional boundaries are not impermeable and joint working and mutual support across them is strongly supported as beneficial to the Trusts' overall success.

Nationally, an Operations Group comprising Regional Chairs and relevant Trust officers reports to the Trustees and is responsible for co-ordinating the Trust's day to day operations and implementation of agreed plans. The Group is also responsible for co-ordinating and recommending regional priorities to the Trustees for inclusion in the Trust's overall business plan and makes recommendations when appropriate on other matters to do with the running of the Trust.

The Trust as a charity has emerged from the Coronavirus pandemic relatively unscathed and during the year returned to normal activities including the first venue-based AGM for two years. After its success as an alternative activity during the pandemic, a programme of on-line talks has now been introduced into the Trust's main programme of activities.

Taking a lead from responses to the 2021 member survey, priorities during the year have focused on website improvements particularly the re-launch of a more user friendly and interactive Battlefield Resource Centre, (see page 4) development of an education and outreach strategy (page 5) and boosting the Trust's social media presence. In a new initiative, the Trust facilitated a training day on battlefield heritage for planners and heritage professionals where it was evident there was an appetite for further guidance and advice on dealing with battlefield heritage.

ACTIVITIES

More detail on principal activities is reported below. In pursuing its objectives, the Trust and its volunteers work in collaboration with many organisations and individuals with comparable objectives or interests including battlefield and heritage societies, educational and academic interests and national and regional authorities.

Battlefield Protection and Preservation

The Trust maintains a watching brief on potential threats to battlefields (typically related to inappropriate development proposals) and takes action as required when a threat materialises. It encourages its members to act as the Trust's eyes and ears in reporting and monitoring threats and their vigilance is complemented by partner organisations and concerned members of the public reporting threats independently.

A dedicated Threats Co-ordinator assesses reported threats and with support from the regional network determines what action should be taken. When development on a battlefield seems likely the Trust presses for prior archaeological investigations if appropriate and recommends actions that would mitigate the effect of the development on battlefield interpretation. The Trust also works collaboratively with landowners where possible to mutually resolve issues around managed access to battlefield sites and dealing with unsupervised access and metal detection. The Trust's research function (*see page 4*) is important in assembling supporting information for challenging battlefield threats or making the case for protection and inclusion on Historic England's Register of Historic Battlefields.

The Trust also engages with regulatory bodies and key players in the planning framework to ensure there is advocacy for battlefield heritage and that decisions on development threats or the protection of battlefields can be fully informed by the experience and knowledge available within the Trust. During the year, the Trust ran its first training day for planners and heritage professionals aimed at improving awareness about battlefield heritage, the challenges and issues it faces and methodologies for investigating battlefields. The training day was well-attended and sparked an interest in further guidance and training on battlefield heritage and at the close of the reporting year the Trust issued a document covering Policy and Guidance on Battlefield Investigations.

The independent Battlefields Panel, facilitated by the Trust, includes representatives with expertise in planning, battlefield archaeology, conflict history and weapons and armour and provides a forum for specialist input on policy and practice relating to battlefield heritage and a source of advice for the Threats Co-ordinator.

Key actions and events during the year concerning threats to battlefields were as follows:

Registered Battlefields

Adwalton Moor (1643) The Trust objected to a planning application to build a large commercial unit directly adjacent to the battlefield, which is on Historic England's 'At Risk' register. This development would have further surrounded the battlefield's setting with development and destroyed sight lines of the parliamentarian withdrawal from the battlefield. The application was subsequently refused.

Bosworth (1485): The Trust objected to proposals for a small scale housing development on part of the battlefield, suggesting amendments to the design and asked for a metal detecting survey if the development went ahead. It has also discussed developing an Article 4 Direction under the General Development Order to address concerns about permitted development on the battlefield with the local council and this is being progressed.

Marston Moor (1644) The Trust has responded to a series of low-level development proposals on this battlefield, often asking for a suitable heritage impact assessment to be made.

Naseby (1645): Historic England continues to consider an application from the Trust for the registered area to be extended

Winwick (1648): The Trust has raised concerns about permitted development on the battlefield with Warrington Council during the year. Following the Secretary of State's decision to allow development on the northern part of the registered battlefield, the Trust has commenced engagement with the developer's sub-contractor on the establishment of a heritage trail relating to the battlefield which was stipulated as a condition for planning permission.

Unregistered Battlefields

Fulford (1066): The Trust continues to support an application to register this important early medieval battlefield.

Gainsborough (1643): The Trust made an application for this battlefield to be registered but this was rejected by Historic England on the grounds that the battle could not be securely located and was not of sufficient historical importance. The Trust reapplied later in the year with more information and supporting letters from academics. Historic England accepted that the battle could be securely located and was of historical significance, but refused registration on the grounds that landscape changes had made the battlefield difficult to understand.

Interpreting Promoting and Presenting Battlefield Heritage

The Trust has a number of functions and a range of activities that all contribute to achieving its objectives of raising awareness and understanding of battlefield heritage.

Magazine

The Trust's quarterly magazine "Battlefield" is valued by its readers and is clearly a key factor in recruiting and retaining members. The magazine keeps members and external subscribers up to date with news, events and current battlefield heritage issues as well as publishing articles covering a range of battles and military campaigns.

Research

The Trust's research function is important to furthering understanding and interpretation of battlefields in addition to providing a resource for supporting actions to protect and preserve them.

A priority during the year was improvements to the (former) UK Battlefields Resource Centre which provides on-line resources and information about battlefields via the Trust's website. The Resource Centre is useful to members and the public generally whether they are planning to visit a battlefield or undertaking more serious study. At the close of the reporting year, following investment of £10,000, it was re-launched as the Battlefields Hub which provides quicker access to the resource in a more user friendly and interactive way.

A project to investigate Mortimer's Cross (1461) completed during the year and although findings were inconclusive, it was successful in raising awareness and interest in the battle and battlefield heritage particularly through involvement of the local community. Further archaeological surveys were undertaken at Stow (1646) the results of which suggest that the battle took place nearer to Stow than thought. At Newbury, a pilot project invited some 150 households to report on any finds that might be related to any of the battles and although no significant finds were reported the project raised local interest and awareness of battlefield heritage and archaeology.

The Trust is also collaborating with other organisations in a project to compile a record of all memorials, plaques and information boards associated with the British Civil Wars of 1639 – 1660 and worked with the Fortress Study Group to hold the first ever symposium on Civil War fortifications and sieges, an important but often overlooked element of the Civil War.

Events and Activities

The range of events and activities described below are fundamental to achieving the Trust's aims and in particular provide opportunities to engage and involve the community at large, generating a wider understanding and interest in battlefield heritage and its preservation. They are also a source of new Trust members as well as raising funds through donations and other fund-raising activities. Many activities take place in collaboration with other organisations that share the Trust's objectives and the Trust regularly supports the work of these organisations through contributions to particular activities or joint-working.

Walks, talks and study days: The Trust has returned to a full programme of activities which now incorporates a programme of on-line talks as well as regional study days and conferences. It continues to collaborate with partner organisations on other events such as a joint conference held at St Fagan's Museum with the Cromwell Association.

Battlefield Trails and Information: The creation and maintenance of trails, self-guiding leaflets, mobile interpretation apps and information boards is key to generating public awareness of and interest in battlefields. The Trust also posts battlefield video tours and mini-documentaries on its social media sites and sponsors or supports other organisations, such as historical or battlefield societies that work towards their own battlefield information projects. During the year the Trust supported a collaborative project with the South Downs National Park Authority for installation of a QR coded video trail at Lewes (1264) and a project at Otterburn (1388) was completed with re-modelling of the visitor area in collaboration with the Heritage Lottery funded Revitalising Redesdale Partnership.

Festivals and Commemorative Events: The Trust has maintained its presence at key festivals such as Tewkesbury, Evesham, Bosworth, Barnet and Hastings and its members were active in commemorations related to the 700th anniversaries of the battle of Byland (in association with the North Yorkshire Moors National Park) and Boroughbridge (in association with the Boroughbridge District Historical Society). These events provide an opportunity to engage with the public to promote and raise awareness of the Trust and recruit new members.

Education and Outreach: A strategic review of the Trust's approach to its educational work and objectives is currently underway with valuable input from the American Battlefields Trust which has shared experience of its outreach and education activities and programmes.

Support and training is provided for members of local communities who take up the opportunity to participate in Trust projects and where particular skills are required, such as archaeological survey work, advice is given on best practice and protocols. The Trust's education packs whilst created with educational settings in mind, remain freely available on-line to the public

Grant aided projects: All Grant aided projects are listed in the financial review (*page 7*). Whether run directly by the Trust or in collaboration with other organisations, these projects add to the Trust's scope for protecting and promoting battlefields and raising awareness of battlefield heritage amongst local communities and the general public.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT ENGAGEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION

The Trust relies entirely on volunteers to organise all the activities described in this report as well as the background technical and administrative support needed for day to day running of the Trust. Volunteers are drawn mostly from the membership and through the Trust regional networks and also from organisations with shared objectives. At the close of the reporting year, it was estimated that there are some 95 regular volunteers with many more individuals involved on an ad hoc basis.

The Trust encourages inclusion and active involvement of local communities in its projects offering support and training as necessary. It has become regular practice to involve local community volunteers wherever possible in archaeological investigations, cleaning and cataloguing work as well as other project activities and in 2022, the Newbury Gardens Project (*page 4*) introduced a new dimension to community involvement.

The Trust readily co-operates and collaborates with other organisations with shared concerns and interests so that volunteer resources and effort can be pooled and used to maximum effect. Working with communities and alongside other organisations such as educational bodies, museums and heritage organisations, generates interest in and awareness of the Trust's work which in turn leads to an increase in the pool of potential volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP

The Trust had 1545 members on 30 September 2022 compared with 1506 members on 30 September 2021. This is the highest figure in the Trust's history.

Prior to covid the Trust derived a majority of its new membership from attendance at historical fairs and re-enactments. The cancellation of all events due to the Covid pandemic severely impacted this recruitment but it has been increasing since summer 2021 due to their resumption.

The 2021/22 increase has also been partially generated by an increase in members joining online as a result of the Trust's online lecture programme introduced as a response to the Covid situation. The lecture programme is now an established part of the Trust's offer to its membership.

It has also been facilitated by a membership retention rate of 92%. The Trust increased membership rates in 2021 in line with inflation for the first time since the previous increase in 2014. This increase in subscription rates seems to have had little effect so far on retention, although the impact of the lectures may well be a factor in offsetting this.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that the Trust's activities provide a public benefit in line with its objects of the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefield sites as educational and heritage resources.

The Trust seeks to secure and promote battlefield heritage for the public benefit generally and welcomes and encourages public involvement in its activities. The Trust's battlefield guides, trail leaflets and information boards provide in situ public information whilst other resources are freely available to the public via its website including:

- The Battlefields Hub which contains detailed reference information on numerous battles.
- Education and learning material such as its Battlefield education packs focused on specific battles

The Trust's social media sites additionally host short documentaries and battlefield tours produced by the Trust and most of the Trust's events and activities such as battlefield walks and seminars are open to the public. Whether supporting specific battlefield projects (such as major battle commemorations or archaeological investigations) or dealing with queries or concerns about battlefields from the public, the Trust contributes to a better understanding of national history.

As well as working collaboratively with partner organisations sharing similar aims, the Trust also works with public bodies such as Historic England that are concerned with heritage, sharing advice and expertise as required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A risk register is regularly reviewed and updated by the Trustees. With the Trust relying entirely on volunteers there is an ongoing risk related to securing and mobilising sufficient capacity and expertise within the Trust's membership to run the Trust. This is important for avoiding the risk inherent in over-concentration and reliance on too few individuals and ensuring in line with Charity Commission best practice that management decisions are made with the benefit of a range of inputs and perspectives.

Risk assessments are carried out for Trust-led projects, events and activities such as walks in line with the Health and Safety Policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income for the year was £56,002 (2021: £139,775) with expenditure of £72,349 (2021: £41,752). The net unrestricted surplus was £7,207 (2021 surplus: £61,371) with a deficit on restricted funds of £23,554 (2021 surplus: £36,652). At the end of the year, unrestricted reserves were £99,945 (2021: £88,257).

In the prior year Trust received a very generous legacy during the year which will give it a sound financial base on which to develop future activities. The online lecture series continues to lead to a number of donations. With the easing of Covid restrictions the Trust is well set to continue to develop its activities, focussing on delivering regional priorities.

The decrease in the restricted reserves principally relates to expenditure for the Mortimer's Cross project of £13,639 and for the Battle of Boroughbridge project of £9,833. Funding for these were largely received in the prior year. Other restricted projects are coming to a close with modest expenditure to complete.

Funds

In addition to the unrestricted funds, the Trust manages a number of restricted funds for specific purposes. Although most resources received for such funds are in the form of grants, others are raised through individual fundraising appeals.

The funds are: -

Unrestricted Funds: available for the general use of the Trust in pursuance of its charitable activities, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds: funds received for specific purposes as defined by the donors and agreed by the trustees, including;

Langport: to develop the interpretation at the site of the Battle of Langport which was completed during the year and remaining funds transferred to unrestricted funds.

Magna Carta 800 Committee: holding three conferences on Magna Carta and production and launch of a booklet highlighting the actions of the Magna Carta and Barons' Wars. This project was completed during the year and remaining funds transferred to unrestricted funds.

Education (Historic England): to develop educational resources relating to battlefields in England. This project completed during the year and Historic England has agreed to unspent funds being used towards a resource pack relating to battles in the Tees Valley.

Agincourt 600: to develop educational resources for sites relating to the Battle of Agincourt and the events leading up to and after the battle. This project was completed during the year and remaining funds transferred to unrestricted funds.

Mortimer's Cross: (Heritage Lottery Fund) to undertake an archaeological and research project around the site and events of the battle at Mortimer's Cross and to present the site to the public. The Trust is holding money fundraised by the Mortimer's Cross project, on their behalf.

Shrewsbury: residual funding received from the Shrewsbury 1403 project to fund the restoration of signage at the site and any other form of promotion of the battlefield.

Boroughbridge: a project to fund interpretation of the Battle of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold a national cash reserve (less liabilities and excluding money held by regional groups which are used locally but consolidated into these accounts) of six months of normal expenditure (ie excluding restricted funds), to allow for the annual cyclical variation in income from membership as compared to the regular nature of expenditure on items such as the magazine and annual AGM and conference. Currently, this equates to a target of approximately £16,000. Appropriate unrestricted reserves at 30th September 2022 amounted to £99,945 (2021: £88,257). Trustees have allocated some of these funds towards regional plans and a significant upgrade to the Resource Centre website and will consider other proposals as they come forward.

All reserves are held at the bank and with current interest rates and cash flow requirements, funds are held in current accounts.

Trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory and believe that the Trust remains a going concern for the foreseeable future, recognising the uncertainties of funding sources.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Battlefields Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year for that period. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As far as the Trustees are aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant information of which the Trust's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Signed:



Anne Curry,
Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees
21st January 2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/ members of

BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Charity no.:

1017387

Company no.:

2786730

Set out on pages

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended **30/09/2022**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

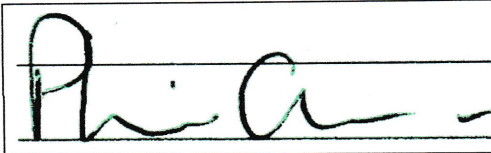
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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:

23rd February
2023

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

N/A

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 30th September 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2020-21 £
Subscriptions and donations	2	46,406	-	46,406	88,603
Activities for raising funds	3	9,498	-	9,498	1,720
Incoming resources from generated funds		55,904	-	55,904	90,323
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	-	98	98	49,452
Total incoming resources		55,904	98	56,002	139,775
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	31,263	-	31,263	6,021
Charitable activities	6	17,434	23,652	41,086	35,731
Total Resources expended		48,697	23,652	72,349	41,752
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		7,207	(23,554)	(16,347)	98,023
Transfers between funds		4,480	(4,480)	-	-
Net movement in funds		11,687	(28,034)	(16,347)	98,023
Funds brought forward		88,257	57,682	145,939	47,916
Funds carried forward		99,944	29,648	129,592	145,939

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

Battlefields Trust

Balance Sheet

as at 30th September 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2020-21
Current Assets					
Cash		100,244	29,648	129,892	149,039
Total Current Assets		100,244	29,648	129,892	149,039
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	300	-	300	3,100
Net Assets		99,944	29,648	129,592	145,939
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds	8	99,944	-	99,944	88,257
Restricted Funds	8	-	29,648	29,648	57,682
Total Funds		99,944	29,648	129,592	145,939

For the year ending 30th September 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 and the Charity SORP. The notes on pages 13-15 form part of these accounts.



Anne Curry
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on 21st January 2023

Note 1: Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the financial framework applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and previous periods.

b) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. No stock was recorded during the year as any resources expended on saleable items were minimal and charged to expenditure.

c) Funds

Restricted funds are given to the Trust for specific purposes and are expendable by the Trustees in furtherance of particular projects. Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose of the Trust.

d) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Life memberships are offered however, due to the small numbers, the full income from these has been credited to the subscription income in the year of receipt. Gift Aid income is recorded on receipt.

e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure.

Grants are only made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. A liability for such grants is recognised when approved by the Trustees.

f) Cost of generating funds

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating incoming resources for the Trust, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities.

g) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objectives of the Trust.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ending 30th September 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021-22	2020-21
Note 2: Subscriptions and donations				
Donations	6,097	-	6,097	47,742
Subscriptions	34,505	-	34,505	32,455
Gift Aid	5,804	-	5,804	8,406
	46,406	-	46,406	88,603

All subscription and donation income in 2020-21 was unrestricted

Note 3: Activities for raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	9,498	-	9,498	1,699
	9,498	-	9,498	1,699

All activities for raising funds in 2020-21 were unrestricted

Note 4: Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

Mortimer's Cross Project	-	98	98	33,760
	-	98	98	33,760

All incoming resources from Charitable Activities in 2020-21 were restricted

Note 5: Raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	13,366	-	13,366	1,115
Web site and governance costs	17,897	-	17,897	5,218
	31,263	0	31,263	6,332

All costs of raising funds in 2020-21 were unrestricted

Note 6: Charitable Activities

Mortimer's Cross	-	13,639	13,639	7,595
Boroughbridge	-	9,833	9,833	-
Magazine	14,267	-	14,267	19,520
Battlefields Panel	1,295	-	1,295	-
Interpretation and Conservation of Sites	1,872	180	2,052	-
	17,434	23,652	41,086	27,115

In 2020-21, all costs relating to the Mortimer's Cross project were restricted.

All other costs were unrestricted.

Note 7: Creditors	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021-22	2020-21
Accrued Expenses	300	-	300	3,100
	300	-	300	3,100

In 2020-21, the accrued expenses were unrestricted.

Note 8: Analysis of Funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd
Restricted Funds					
Langport	3,292	-	(180)	(3,112)	-
Magna 800 Committee	1,184	-	-	(1,184)	-
Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Agincourt 600	185	-	-	(185)	-
Mortimers Cross	33,828	98	(13,639)	-	20,287
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Boroughbridge	15,000	-	(9,833)	-	5,167
Total Restricted Funds	57,682	98	(23,652)	(4,480)	29,648
General Funds	88,257	55,904	(48,697)	4,480	99,944
Total Funds	145,939	56,002	(72,349)	-	129,592

Restricted Funds 2020-21

Langport	3,292	-	-	-	3,292
Magna 800 Committee	1,184	-	-	-	1,184
Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Agincourt 600	185	-	-	-	185
Mortimers Cross	7,663	33,760	(7,595)	-	33,828
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Carham	4,513	692	(5,816)	611	-
Boroughbridge	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Total Restricted Funds	21,030	49,452	(13,411)	611	57,682
General Funds	26,886	90,323	(28,341)	(611)	88,257
Total Funds	47,916	139,775	(41,752)	-	145,939

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

Mr. S. Wilson was paid £630 during the year for professional survey work done on Langport and Stow battlefields. There were no other related party transactions during the year.

BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1017387

Accounts



THE BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE No: 2786730

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: No: 1017387

Registered Office

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BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2021

The Trustees (who are also the Directors) present their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30th September 2021.

Trustees

The following served as Trustees in the year to 30th September 2021

Sophie Anderton
Prof Anne Curry (Chair until and retired 20th March 2021)
Jon Day (resigned 20th March 2021)
Clive Hallam-Baker (retired 20th March 2021)
Andrea Hill (from 23rd January 2021)
Julian Humphrys
Chris May
Phil Philo
Emily Sewell (resigned 15 October 2020)
Howard Simmons (Chair as of 20th March 2021)
Robert Simmons (from 20th March 2021)
Phil Steele
Russell Walters (Treasurer)
Harvey Watson (from 20th March 2021)
Louise Whittaker
Sam Wilson (from 20th March 2021)

Secretary: Ruth Gibson

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Independent Examiner

Mr. Philip Clark FCA

President and Patron

Prof. Michael Wood OBE

Vice President

Kelvin van Hasselt

Patrons

Earl of Ulster
The Lord Boswell of Aynho
The Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC
Sir Robert Worcester

Officers

Director of Operations – David Austin
Membership Officer – David Austin
Research and Threats Co-ordinator – Simon Marsh
Magazine Editors – Harvey Watson/Chris May
Education Officer – Tony Fox (to June 2021)
Events Officer – David Austin
Governance and Board Officer – Ruth Gibson

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Battlefields Trust was established as an incorporated charity in 1993 in response to threats posed to battlefield heritage from road, building or other developments. Its principal objectives are the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefields as heritage and educational resources, the term "battlefields" meaning actions of any type on land, at sea or in the air, ranging from skirmishes and sieges to full scale battles.

The Trust is a membership organisation with overall policy, strategic direction and management of the Trust vested in the Board of Trustees who are elected by the membership for three-year terms and meet on a quarterly basis. Trustees cannot serve more than three consecutive terms (nine years) without a minimum break of one year and the office of Chair is similarly limited to a maximum of four consecutive years. Trustees seek to ensure that the Board contains or has available to it the skills knowledge and experience needed to manage the Trust effectively and are kept up to date on changing governance requirements, best practice and issues affecting the charity sector. Prospective Trustees are fully briefed on the duties and responsibilities of the role and on guidance provided by the Charity Commission and Companies House.

The Trust currently has eleven regions in England which are aligned with local authority boundaries but with the configuration and arrangements for each region determined according to a number of factors such as geographical size and ease of coverage, the number and significance of battlefields or related activity and the capacity available within the regional membership. The Board keeps this under review and adjusts regional boundaries when appropriate. For instance, during the year the Berkshire area was re-allocated from the South East to Mercia and during the coming year, a new Durham and Tees Region will supersede the North East and Borders (South) area. The regional boundaries are not impermeable and joint working and mutual support across them is strongly supported as beneficial to the Trusts' overall success.

Regional Committees determine, manage and co-ordinate local activities in consultation with local members, often in collaboration with local partner organisations and associations that share the Trust's interests and concerns. An Operations Group comprising Regional Chairs and relevant Trust officers reports to the Trustees and is responsible for co-ordinating the Trust's day to day operations and implementation of agreed plans. The Group also determines regional priorities for submission to the Trustees for inclusion in the Trust's overall business plan and makes recommendations when appropriate on other matters to do with the running of the Trust.

There was an enthusiastic response from members to a wide-ranging survey of the membership carried out during the year. A good proportion of the responses was positive about the Trust and its activities generally and also pointed to an untapped source of potential volunteers. The Trust is now addressing the issues raised including a review of education strategy, improvement of the website (including a re-platforming of the UK Battlefield Resource Centre) and development of social media. A new initiative has been launched encouraging members to act as the Trust's eyes and ears in monitoring and protecting local battlefields under an informal Battlefield Rangers scheme.

The year was again dominated by the impact of Covid 19 with restriction of the AGM to an on-line event (under emergency powers) but with the gradual re-introduction of the walks and venue-based events programme later in the year as restrictions were lifted. A positive by-product has been the evident success of a programme of on-line talks, conferences and study days including switching the Annual Conference in May to an on-line event. The participant capacity for on-line events has consequently been increased and the Trust is trialling hybrid events combining venue based activity with on-line access.

ACTIVITIES

More detail on principal activities is reported below. In pursuing its objectives, the Trust and its volunteers work in collaboration with many organisations and individuals with shared or comparable objectives including battlefield and heritage societies, educational and academic bodies and specialists.

Battlefield Protection and Preservation

The Trust maintains a watching brief on potential threats to battlefields (usually related to inappropriate development proposals), taking action as required when a threat materialises. It encourages its members to act as the Trust's eyes and ears in reporting and monitoring threats and their vigilance is complemented by partner organisations and concerned members of the public reporting threats independently. A dedicated Threats Co-ordinator assesses reported threats and with support from the regional network determines what action should be taken. The Trust's research function (see page 4) is also crucial in providing supporting information for challenging battlefield threats or making the case for protection and inclusion on Historic England's Register of Historic Battlefields.

The Trust also engages with regulatory bodies and key players in the planning framework to ensure there is advocacy for battlefield heritage and that decisions on proposed developments or the protection of battlefields can be fully informed by the experience and knowledge available within the Trust.

The independent Battlefields Panel, which is facilitated by the Trust includes representatives with expertise in planning, battlefield archaeology, conflict history and weapons and armour and provides a forum for specialist input on policy and practice relating to battlefield heritage and a source of advice for the Threats Co-ordinator. A Trust-led seminar focused on local authority planners and archaeologists has been re-scheduled for the coming year and aims to promote a greater understanding and awareness of battlefield heritage issues amongst those primarily involved in decisions affecting battlefields.

When development on a battlefield is likely to proceed the Trust continues to press for prior archaeological investigations if appropriate and to recommend actions that would mitigate the effect of the development on battlefield interpretation. The Trust also works collaboratively with landowners where possible to mutually resolve issues around managed access to battlefield sites and dealing with unsupervised access and metal detection.

Key actions and events during the year concerning threats to battlefields were as follows:

Registered Battlefields

Bosworth (1485): The Trust objected to proposals for a small scale housing development on part of the battlefield which were later withdrawn. An application for a solar array on adjacent land which the Trust also opposed was rejected.

Edgcote (1469): The Trust has pressed for an Environmental Impact Assessment on proposals for a solar array on part of the battlefield.

Nantwich (1644): An application for a small housing development to which the Trust had objected was refused.

Naseby (1645): Historic England is considering an application from the Trust for the registered area to be extended

Neville's Cross (1346): Proposed inclusion of a western relief road in the Local Plan for Durham (which would have affected an un-registered area that could prove to be of importance to the battle) but was subsequently rejected by the planning inspector. The Trust continues to seek an extension of the battlefield's registration to the cover area concerned.

Shrewsbury (1403): The Trust responded to two development proposals within the southern edge of the registered battlefield area.

Winwick (1648): The Trust met with success in having the battlefield registered in 2018 and continued to oppose plans for a warehousing development affecting the site of the parliamentary advance. The planning application has since been called in by the Secretary of State, who subsequently agreed with the Planning Inspector that the development could go ahead.

Unregistered Battlefields

Fulford (1066): The Trust continues to support an application to register this important early medieval battlefield. During the year, the Trust pledged support to the Parish Council's fundraising campaign to purchase land (including the battlefield site) for amenity use but the land was subsequently sold privately.

Newbury II (1644): The Trust's application to Historic England to have this site registered was rejected during the year. Areas of the battlefield have seen planning permission for housing granted.

Gainsborough (1643): Historic England is considering an application from the Trust to have the site of this battle registered

Interpreting Promoting and Presenting Battlefield Heritage

The Trust has a number of functions and a range of activities that all contribute to achieving its objectives of raising awareness and understanding of battlefield heritage.

Magazine

The Trust's quarterly magazine "Battlefield" is clearly valued by members as borne out in the Membership Survey and keeps them and external subscribers up to date with news, events and current battlefield heritage issues as well as publishing articles covering a range of battles and military campaigns. The quality and attractiveness of the magazine is evidently a key factor in recruiting and retaining membership.

Research

The Trust's research function is important to furthering understanding and interpretation of battlefields in addition to providing a resource for supporting actions to protect and preserve them.

During the year, research resumed on Otterburn (1388) where the Trust is working with the Revitalising Redesdale Landscape Project (funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund) and Mortimer's Cross (1461) which is sponsored directly by the Trust. Further archaeological survey work is planned for the coming year at Stow on the Wold (1646).

The UK Battlefield Resource Centre is available on the Trust's website and provides detailed information on numerous battles for use by members of the public generally whether they are planning a site visit or embarking on a more in-depth study

As well as supporting archival and archaeological research on battlefields and providing an opportunity to present research at Trust events or in its magazine.

Events and Activities

The range of events and activities described below are fundamental to achieving the Trust's aims and in particular provide opportunities to engage and involve the community at large, generating a wider understanding and interest in battlefield heritage and its preservation. They are also a source of new Trust members as well as raising funds through donations and other fund-raising activities.

Many activities take place in collaboration with other organisations that share the Trust's objectives and the Trust regularly supports the work of these organisations through small contributions to particular activities or through joint-working.

Walks, talks and study days: As mentioned above the Trust has developed a very successful on-line programme of talks, conferences and study days. These will continue in parallel with the re-introduction of the normal programme of walks and venue-based events which provide an opportunity to engage and involve the wider community and for members to meet face to face.

Battlefield Trails and Information: The creation and maintenance of trails, self-guiding leaflets, mobile interpretation apps and information boards is key to generating public awareness of and interest in battlefields. The Trust provides many of these facilities directly but also sponsors other organisations, such as historical or battlefield societies that raise funds for their own battlefield information projects. Increasingly the Trust also offers on-line battlefield video tours and mini-documentaries that are posted on the Trust's social media sites.

Festivals and Commemorative Events: The Trust has been able to resume its presence at principal annual events such as the Chalke Valley Festival and Battle of Hastings Anniversary event as coronavirus measures lifted. These events provide an opportunity to promote and raise awareness of the Trust and recruit new members.

Education: The Trust's education packs whilst created with educational settings in mind, are freely available on-line to the public. Support and training is provided for members of the local community who take up the opportunity to participate in Trust projects and where particular skills are required (e.g. assisting with archaeological survey work) advice is shared on best practice and protocols.

The Trustees have agreed to carry out a review in the coming year with the aim of embedding education and learning into all areas of Trust activity.

Grant aided projects: All Grant aided projects are listed in the financial review (page7). Two projects (Carham 1018) and Battle of Barnet (1471) were successfully completed during the year. Others were held up by coronavirus measures but progress resumed later in the year. Whether run directly by the Trust or in collaboration with other organisations, these projects add significantly to the Trust's scope for protecting and promoting battlefields and raising awareness of battlefield heritage amongst local communities and the general public.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT ENGAGEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION

The Trust relies entirely on volunteers to organise all the activities described in this report as well as the background technical and administrative support needed for day to day running of the Trust. Volunteers are drawn mostly from the membership and the Trust regional networks and also from organisations with shared objectives. At the close of the reporting year, it was estimated that there are around 95 regular volunteers with many more individuals involved on an ad hoc basis.

The Trust encourages inclusion and active involvement of local communities in its projects offering support and training as necessary. It has become regular practice to involve local community volunteers wherever possible in archaeological site surveys, cleaning and cataloguing work as well as other project activities.

The Trust readily co-operates and collaborates with other organisations with shared concerns and interests so that volunteer resources and effort can be pooled and used to maximum effect. Working with communities and alongside other organisations such as educational bodies, museums and heritage organisations, generates interest in and awareness of the Trust's work which in turn leads to an increase in the pool of potential volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP

The Trust had 1506 members on 30 September 2021 compared with 1430 members on 30 September 2020. This exceeds the previous highest figure of 1487 on 30 September 2019.

This is an increase of 6% in the year to 30 September 2021 and reverses the decrease in membership of 4% in the previous year.

The Trust derives a majority of its new membership from attendance at historical fairs and re-enactments. The cancellation of all events due to the Covid pandemic in 2019/20 severely impacted this recruitment but has been offset in 2020/21 by their, albeit limited, resumption.

However, 1506 is the highest membership in the Trust's history and the 2020/21 increase has also been partially generated by an increase in members joining online as a result of the Trust's online lecture programme introduced as a response to the Covid situation.

It has also been facilitated by a membership retention rate of 95%. The Trust increased membership rates in 2021 in line with inflation since the previous increase in 2014. This increase in subscription rates seems to have had little effect so far on retention, although the impact of the lectures may well be a factor in offsetting this.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that the Trust's activities provide a public benefit in line with its objects of the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefield sites as educational and heritage resources.

The Trust seeks to secure and promote battlefield heritage for the public benefit generally and welcomes and encourages public involvement in its activities. The Trust's battlefield guides, trail leaflets and information boards provide in situ public information whilst other resources are freely available to the public via its website including:

- The UK Battlefields Resource Centre which contains detailed reference information on numerous battles.
- Education and learning material such as its Battlefield education packs focused on specific battles

The Trust's social media sites additionally host short documentaries and battlefield tours produced by the Trust and most of the Trust's events such as study days and battlefield walks are open to the public. In supporting specific battlefield projects (such as major battle commemorations or archaeological investigations) the Trust contributes to a better understanding of national history and it deals with many queries from members of the public requesting information or wishing to raise matters of concern about battlefields.

As well as working collaboratively with partner organisations sharing similar aims, the Trust also works with public bodies such as Historic England that are concerned with heritage, sharing advice and expertise as required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A risk register is regularly reviewed and updated by the Trustees. A risk around the impact of Covid restrictions has been addressed by switching to alternative on-line events. As the Trust is run entirely by volunteers, largely from within the membership, there is an ongoing risk of sustaining a membership base that can provide the organisational capacity and expertise to deliver on Trust objectives.

Risk assessments are carried out for Trust-led projects, events and activities such as walks in line with the Health and Safety Policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income for the year was £139,775 (2020: £50,599) with expenditure of £41,752 (2020: £70,571). The net unrestricted surplus was £61,371 (2020 deficit: £6,294) with a surplus on restricted funds of £36,652 (2020 deficit: £26,266). At the end of the year, unrestricted reserves were £88,257 (2020: £26,886).

The Trust received a very generous legacy during the year which will give it a sound financial base on which to develop future activities. In addition, the instigation of the online lectures led to a number of donations. Between these two sources of funds and the inevitable reduction in activity due to Covid and lockdown, the Trust is well set to develop its activities, focussing on delivering regional priorities and a significant upgrade to the Resource Centre.

The increase in the restricted reserves principally related to the second main tranche of HLF funding for the Mortimer's Cross project of £33,760 and for the Battle of Boroughbridge, via CIL funding, of £15,000. Other restricted projects are coming to a close with modest expenditure to complete. After many years, it is pleasing to note that the interpretation of Langport is underway and that this project will come to a close.

Funds

In addition to the unrestricted funds, the Trust manages a number of restricted funds for specific purposes. Although most resources received for such funds are in the form of grants, others are raised through individual fundraising appeals.

The funds are: -

Unrestricted Funds: available for the general use of the Trust in pursuance of its charitable activities, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds: funds received for specific purposes as defined by the donors and agreed by the trustees, including;

Langport: to develop the interpretation at the site of the Battle of Langport.

Magna Carta 800 Committee: holding three conferences on Magna Carta and production and launch of a booklet highlighting the actions of the Magna Carta and Barons' Wars. This project was very nearly completed during the year and will be finalised in the coming year.

Education (Historic England): to develop educational resources relating to battlefields in England. This project completed during the year and Historic England has agreed to unspent funds being used towards a resource pack relating to battles on Teesside.

Agincourt 600: to develop educational resources for sites relating to the Battle of Agincourt and the events leading up to and after the battle.

Mortimer's Cross: (Heritage Lottery Fund) to undertake an archaeological and research project around the site and events of the battle at Mortimer's Cross and to present the site to the public. The Trust is holding money fundraised by the Mortimer's Cross project, on their behalf.

Shrewsbury: residual funding received from the Shrewsbury 1403 project to fund the restoration of signage at the site and any other form of promotion of the battlefield.

Battle of Carham (Heritage Lottery Fund): a project bid for and funded to the North East and Borders region to investigate the archaeology of the Battle of Carham.

Boroughbridge: a project to fund interpretation of the Battle of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to hold a national cash reserve (less liabilities and excluding money held by regional groups which are used locally but consolidated into these accounts) of six months of normal expenditure (ie excluding restricted funds), to allow for the annual cyclical variation in income from membership as compared to the regular nature of expenditure on items such as the magazine and annual AGM and conference. Currently, this equates to a target of approximately £16,000. Due to the very generous legacy, donations from the online lectures and the inability to progress work during the year, appropriate unrestricted reserves at 30th September 2021 amounted to £79,143 (2020: £22,006). Trustees have allocated some of these funds towards regional plans and a significant upgrade to the Resource Centre website and will consider other proposals as they come forward.

All reserves are held at the bank and with current interest rates and cash flow requirements, funds are held in current accounts.

Trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory and believe that the Trust remains a going concern for the foreseeable future, recognising the uncertainties of funding sources.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Battlefields Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year for that period. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As far as the Trustees are aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant information of which the Trust's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Signed:



Howard Simmons,
Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees
29th January 2022



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/ members of Charity Name
BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

On accounts for the year ended 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Charity no.:	1017387	Company no.:	2786730
Set out on pages	11-16		

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended **30/09/2021**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

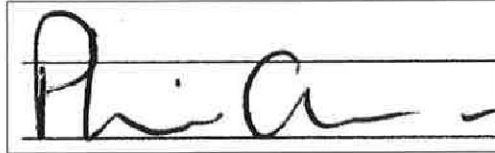
Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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:

3rd March 2022

Name: PHILIP CLARK

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

N/A

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
 Battlefields Trust
 Statement of Financial Activities
 for the year ending 30th September 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2019-20 £
Subscriptions and donations	2	88,603	-	88,603	30,905
Activities for raising funds	3	1,720	-	1,720	6,406
Incoming resources from generated funds		90,323	-	90,323	37,311
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	-	49,452	49,452	13,288
Total incoming resources		90,323	49,452	139,775	50,599
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	6,021	-	6,021	12,850
Charitable activities	6	22,320	13,411	35,731	57,721
Total Resources expended		28,341	13,411	41,752	70,571
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		61,982	36,041	98,023	(19,972)
Transfers between funds		(611)	611	-	-
Net movement in funds		61,371	36,652	98,023	(19,972)
Funds brought forward		26,886	21,030	47,916	67,888
Funds carried forward		88,257	57,682	145,939	47,916

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

as at 30th September 2021

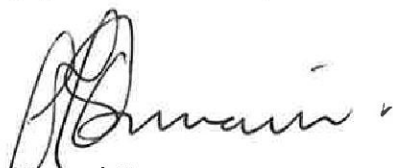
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2019-20 £
Current Assets					
Cash		91,357	57,682	149,039	53,355
Total Current Assets		91,357	57,682	149,039	53,355
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	3,100	-	3,100	5,439
Net assets		88,257	57,682	145,939	47,916
Represented by					
Unrestricted funds	8	88,257	-	88,257	26,886
Restricted funds	8	-	57,682	57,682	21,030
Total funds		88,257	57,682	145,939	47,916

For the year ending 30th September 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 and the Charity SORP. The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these accounts.



Howard Simmons
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on 29th January 2022

Charity Number 1017387 Company Number 02786730
Battlefields Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ending 30th September 2021

Note 1: Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the financial framework applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and previous periods.

b) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. No stock was recorded during the year as any resources expended on saleable items were minimal and charged to expenditure.

c) Funds

Restricted funds are given to the Trust for specific purposes and are expendable by the Trustees in furtherance of particular projects. Unrestricted funds are available for any purpose of the Trust.

d) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Life memberships are offered however, due to the small numbers, the full income from these has been credited to the subscription income in the year of receipt. Gift Aid income is recorded on receipt.

e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure.

Grants are only made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. A liability for such grants is recognised when approved by the Trustees.

f) Cost of generating funds

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating incoming resources for the Trust, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities.

g) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objectives of the Trust.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ending 30th September 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020-21	2019-20
Note 2: Subscriptions and donations				
Donations and legacies	47,742	-	47,742	1,628
Subscriptions	32,455	-	32,455	25,447
Gift Aid	8,406	-	8,406	3,830
	88,603	-	88,603	30,905

All subscription and donation income in 2019-20 was unrestricted

Note 3: Activities for raising funds				
Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	1,720	-	1,720	6,406
	1,720	-	1,720	6,406

All activities for raising funds in 2019-20 were unrestricted

Note 4: Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

Historic England (Development Officer)	-	-	-	13,164
Mortimer's Cross Project	-	33,760	33,760	44
Carham	-	692	692	80
Boroughbridge	-	15,000	15,000	-
	-	49,452	49,452	13,288

All incoming resources from Charitable Activities in 2019-20 were restricted

Note 5: Raising funds

Conferences, Study Days, Walks and Talks	803	-	803	7,661
Web site and governance costs	5,218	-	5,218	5,189
	6,021	-	6,021	12,850

All costs of raising funds in 2019-20 were unrestricted

Note 6: Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020-21	2019-20
Historic England (Development Officer)	-	-	-	9,928
Mortimer's Cross	-	7,595	7,595	15,724
Carham	-	5,816	5,816	9,816
Magazine	22,320	-	22,320	21,275
Battlefields Panel	-	-	-	128
Interpretation and Conservation of Sites	-	-	-	850
	22,320	13,411	35,731	57,721

In 2019-20, all costs relating to Historic England, Agincourt, Mortimer's Cross and Carham projects were restricted.

All other costs were unrestricted.

Note 7: Creditors

Accrued Expenses	3,100	-	3,100	5,439
	3,100	-	3,100	5,439

In 2019-20, the accrued expenses were unrestricted.

Note 8: Analysis of Funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd
Restricted Funds					
Langport	3,292	-	-	-	3,292
Magna 800 Committee	1,184	-	-	-	1,184
Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Agincourt 600	185	-	-	-	185
Mortimer's Cross	7,663	33,760	(7,595)	-	33,828
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Carham	4,513	692	(5,816)	611	0
Boroughbridge	0	15,000	-	-	15,000
Total Restricted Funds	21,030	49,452	(13,411)	611	57,682
General Funds	26,886	90,323	(28,341)	(611)	88,257
Total Funds	47,916	139,775	(41,752)	-	145,939

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ending 30th September 2021

Langport: to develop the interpretation at the site of the Battle of Langport.

Magna Carta 800 Committee: holding three conferences on Magna Carta and production and launch of a booklet highlighting the actions of the Magna Carta and Barons' Wars. This project was very nearly completed during the year and will be finalised in the coming year.

Education (Historic England): to develop educational resources relating to battlefields in England. This project completed during the year and Historic England has agreed to unspent funds being used towards a resource pack relating to battles on Teesside.

Agincourt 600: to develop educational resources for sites relating to the Battle of Agincourt and the events leading up to and after the battle.

Mortimer's Cross: (Heritage Lottery Fund) to undertake an archaeological and research project around the site and events of the battle at Mortimer's Cross and to present the site to the public. The Trust is holding money fundraised by the Mortimer's Cross project, on their behalf.

Shrewsbury: residual funding received from the Shrewsbury 1403 project to fund the restoration of signage at the site and any other form of promotion of the battlefield.

Battle of Carham (Heritage Lottery Fund): a project bid for and funded to the North East and Borders region to investigate the archaeology of the Battle of Carham.

Boroughbridge: a project to fund interpretation of the Battle of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area.

Restricted Funds 2019-20	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd
Langport	4,142	-	(850)	-	3,292
Magna 800 Committee	1,184	-	-	-	1,184
Historic England	0	13,164	(13,164)	-	0
Historic England Education	795	-	-	-	795
Agincourt 600	185	-	-	-	185
Mortimer's Cross	23,343	44	(15,724)	-	7,663
Shrewsbury	3,399	-	-	-	3,399
Carham	14,249	80	(9,816)	-	4,513
Total Restricted Funds	47,296	13,288	(39,554)	-	21,030
General Funds	20,592	37,311	(31,017)	-	26,886
Total Funds	67,888	50,599	(70,571)	-	47,916

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

