

PRITTLEWELL PRIORY MUSEUM

Charity Registration No 1027112

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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Trustees Annual Report

The Trustee is pleased to present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Charities SORP (FRS102).

Objectives and activities

To provide a museum for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Southend on Sea.

Prittlewell Priory Museum was given in trust to the Borough [sic] Council by Robert Arthur Jones in 1918 as part of the transfer to the Borough [sic] under trust of Priory Park.

The museum is now a listed building having originally been established in 1110 as a monastic residence.

The museum re-opened in June 2012 having been closed for extensive restoration and conservation work since September 2009 following the successful application for a Heritage Lottery Funding Bid. The site now features the public sponsored paving stones and new visitor centre.

The Trustees in making decisions about the Trust make those decisions with due regard to the objects of the Trust.

In addition, they have due regard to their legal duty to carry out the Trust's charitable purposes for the Public Benefit and the Charity Commissions' guidance thereon.

Prittlewell Priory Museum has remained available for all members of the public to benefit from and use freely for the purposes of recreation and pleasure throughout the period.

Achievements and performance

Prittlewell Priory Museum is currently maintained to allow the purposes in its Governing document set out below to take place during the financial year 2024-25.

The Trustee considers that the performance of the charity during the year was satisfactory.

Plans for the future

The Trustees intend to continue to expand the programme of events and enhance the quality of the visitor offer at Prittlewell Priory Museum.

Financial review

The total income for the year of £124,022 (2024: £100,092) includes a donation received from Southend City Council General Fund of £65,387 (2024: £54,384). This donation was received to cover the unrestricted deficit created by the fact that the cost of maintaining the museum exceeded the net income of the charity.

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Reserves Policy

The trust does not need to hold reserves as any deficit which arises on the operation of the trust, should the trust have no funds to meet it, is funded by Southend on Sea City Council, which is sole trustee of the trust.

Going concern

Prittlewell Priory Museum meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The Trust's Governing document is in the form of a Declaration of Trust made on 23 April 1992.

Trustee recruitment and training

Southend City Council elected members are corporate Trustees. Therefore, Councillors once elected become a corporate Trustee of the Trust.

Risk Assessment

The city council, when carrying out risk assessments for its own activities, includes within the assessment the activities of the trust, so any major risks applicable to the trust are covered by the council arranging appropriate insurance or having in place strategies to cover other contingencies.

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Reference and administrative details

Trustee

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Secretary/Treasurer to the Trust

Southend-on-Sea City Council

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of each financial year and the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable and applicable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in business.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity legislation and the relevant governing instruments. They are responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Results

The Trust's financial results are as per the annexed accounts.

By order of the Trustees

Signed	
	<u>Joe Chesterton (Jan 27, 2026 16:47:46 GMT)</u>
	Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)
Date	27/01/26

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

For and on behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 29 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	2024/25 Unrestricted Funds £	2024/25 Restricted Funds £	2024/25 Endowment Funds £	2024/25 Total Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £
Income From						
Donations	3	67,254	-	-	67,254	56,933
Investments	4	41	-	-	41	33
Charitable activities	5	56,727	-	-	56,727	43,126
Total Income		124,022	-	-	124,022	100,092
Expenditure on						
Charitable activities	6	151,265	-	120,871	272,136	248,284
Total expenditure		151,265	-	120,871	272,136	248,284
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		(27,243)	-	(120,871)	(148,114)	(148,192)
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total funds brought forward		490,392	4,928	1,690,670	2,185,990	2,334,186
Total funds carried forward		463,149	4,928	1,569,799	2,037,876	2,185,990

All income and gains for the year are recognised on the statement of financial activities. All the Charity's activities are classified as continuing.

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Balance Sheet

		2024/25 Total Funds	2023/24 Total Funds
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	7	463,149	490,392
Heritage Assets	7	1,569,799	1,690,670
Total Fixed Assets		<u>2,032,948</u>	<u>2,181,062</u>
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		5,878	5,768
Total Current Assets		<u>5,878</u>	<u>5,768</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(950)	(840)
Net current assets	9	<u>4,928</u>	<u>4,928</u>
Total assets		<u><u>2,037,876</u></u>	<u><u>2,185,990</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds	10	1,569,799	1,690,670
Restricted income funds	11	4,928	4,928
Unrestricted funds		463,149	490,392
Total charity funds		<u><u>2,037,876</u></u>	<u><u>2,185,990</u></u>

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by an authorised signatory.

Signed

Joe Chesterton

Joe Chesterton (Jan 27, 2026 16:47:46 GMT)

Joe Chesterton, Executive Director (Finance & Resources)
Southend on Sea City Council for the Trustee

Date 27/01/26

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Legal Status

Prittlewell Priory Museum is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 1027112).

Note 2 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and the Charities Act 2011.

Prittlewell Priory Museum meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern given the continued support of Southend City Council.

The financial statements are prepared in Pounds Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

Cash Flow Statement

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of it being a small charity.

Income

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Charitable activities - represent income from rent and are recognised when receivable.

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis exclusive of the element of VAT which is recoverable by Southend City Council in accordance with VAT Notice 749 para 7.5.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

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Note 2 Accounting Policies (continued)

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible and heritage fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Land is not depreciated. Buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 27-30 years.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. A separate bank account is maintained by the Trust, this is used for donations from the public and expenditure related to the sponsored pavers scheme. All other income and expenditure pass through the City Council's account, and its cash balances are held within the City Council's general bank account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

Note 3 Income from Donations

Donations of £1,867 (2024: £2,549) were received from the public.

Donations of £65,387 (2024: £54,384) were from Southend City Council as the funding required to make up the operational deficit for the year. This donation is equitably apportioned across all operational trust expenditure. Included in the donation of £65,387 (2024: £56,934) are the following donated services:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employees – seconded staff	37,810	38,695
Administration	298	285
	<u>38,108</u>	<u>38,980</u>

Note 4 Income from Investments

Investment income is from interest earned on the cash balances held.

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Note 5 Income from Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sales	32,482	33,183
Facilities Hire	12,876	-
Fees & Charges	11,369	9,943
	<u>56,727</u>	<u>43,126</u>

Note 6 Cost of Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employees	69,725	68,081
Building/Ground Maintenance	10,503	14,512
Utilities	17,261	(10,734)
Transport	299	-
Insurance	12,550	12,450
Supplies & Services	12,185	14,520
Depreciation	148,114	148,114
Governance costs	950	840
Administration	549	501
	<u>272,136</u>	<u>248,284</u>

The support costs incurred are the administration services provided by Southend City Council and governance costs. Total support costs for the year were £1,499 (2024: £1,341).

Governance costs comprise solely of fees paid to independent examiners. During the year £950 (2024: £840) was paid to the independent examiner in respect of examination services.

Employee costs relate to employees of the Council.

No staff were remunerated over £60,000 in the year.

The charity is managed by Southend City Council and doesn't have any key management personnel.

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Note 7 Fixed Assets

The Prittlewell Priory Museum land and buildings are recognised in the accounts as heritage assets.

	£ Tangible Assets	£ Heritage Assets	£ Total
Asset cost, valuation, or revalued amount			
Balances as at 01/04/24 and 31/03/25	804,723	3,613,017	4,417,740
Accumulated depreciation and impairment reviews			
Balance brought forward @ 01/04/24	314,331	1,922,347	2,236,678
Charge for the year	27,243	120,871	148,114
Balance carried forward @ 31/03/25	341,574	2,043,218	2,384,792
Net Book Value			
Brought forward @ 01/04/24	490,392	1,690,670	2,181,062
Carried forward @ 31/03/25	463,149	1,569,799	2,032,948

Note 8 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	950	840

Note 9 Net Current Assets

The net current asset of £4,928 (2024: £4,928) reflects the closing balance of the separate bank account held by the Prittlewell Priory Museum Trust.

Note 10 Endowment fund

The endowment fund arose from Robert Arthur Jones' donation of the Prittlewell Priory Museum in 1918.

Note 11 Restricted fund

The restricted fund represents amounts received to be specifically used for the improvement of Prittlewell Priory Museum.

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Note 12 Trustee remuneration

No trustee was paid in respect of their services as a trustee in 2024 or 2025 and no expenditure was reimbursed.

Note 13 Related Party Transactions

During the year the trustee (Southend City Council) donated £65,387 (2024: £54,384) to the Trust in respect of the funding required to cover the operational deficit for the year. Southend City Council collected a further £56,727 (2024: £43,126) in respect of other charitable income. The Trust paid the Council £123,072 in respect of operating costs for the year (2024: £99,252).

Note 14 Comparative funds

	2023/24 Unrestricted Funds £	2023/24 Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Endowment Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £
Income From				
Donations	56,933	-	-	56,933
Investments	33	-	-	33
Charitable activities	43,126	-	-	43,126
Total Income	100,092	-	-	100,092
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	127,335	78	120,871	248,284
Total expenditure	127,335	78	120,871	248,284
Net expenditure and net movement in funds	(27,243)	(78)	(120,871)	(148,192)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	517,634	5,006	1,811,546	2,334,186
Total funds carried forward	490,392	4,928	1,690,670	2,185,990

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Note 15 Net Assets Between Funds

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
Fixed Assets	463,149	-	1,569,799	2,032,948
Current Assets	950	4,928	-	5,878
Current Liabilities	(950)	-	-	(950)
Total	463,149	4,928	1,569,799	2,037,876

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
Fixed Assets	490,392	-	1,690,670	2,181,062
Current Assets	840	4,928	-	5,768
Current Liabilities	(840)	-	-	(840)
Total	490,392	4,928	1,690,670	2,185,990