

THE HERITAGE GROUP BELLINGHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1041300

Details

Other names	THE HERITAGE CENTRE BELLINGHAM
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1994-10-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED ASPECTS OF THE NORTH TYNE VALLEY

Activities: Preserve and display the Heritage of The North Tyne and Redesdale Valleys

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTH TYNE VALLEY
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2023-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2022-12-31	£58,944	£82,259	-	-
2021-12-31	£79,320	£71,938	-	-
2020-12-31	£43,809	£27,972	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Gibbon	Chair	2019-06-01
Katrine Anderson		2021-10-18
STANLEY FREDERICK OWEN M.A.		2017-04-01

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Accounts



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants - NCC/Local Government	-	10,800	-	10,800	28,500
Grants - Historic England	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Museums Development	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Northumberland National Park Authority	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Blakenberg Collection	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - MDNE	-	-	-	-	10,000
Grants - Digital Skills	-	-	-	-	350
Grants - Wansbeck CVS	-	-	-	-	1,450
Grants - Ray Wind Farm	-	9,000	-	9,000	-
Income - Donations/Fundraising	4,896	-	-	4,896	7,450
Income - Sales/Admissions (TIC)	31,807	-	-	31,807	19,010
Income - Utilities (TIC/Carriages)	-	-	-	-	1,122
Income - Rent (TIC/Carriages)	2,441	-	-	2,441	5,600
Income - Misc (Insurance Claims & Bank Charges refund)	-	-	-	-	5,837
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,144	19,800	-	58,944	79,320
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,144	19,800	-	58,944	79,320
A3 Payments					
Promotions/Advertising	1,214	-	-	1,214	1,406
Post & Printing	2,431	-	-	2,431	3,060
Rent Premises	4,883	-	-	4,883	4,580
Miscellaneous (Events/Collection Care/Non TIC/PC)	275	-	-	275	24
TIC staffing expenses	11,454	-	-	11,454	6,273
Property/Maintenance	15,255	21,800	-	37,055	3,051
Telephone	840	-	-	840	610
Utilities including Service Provision & Electrical Installations	3,543	-	-	3,543	2,837
Insurance	2,041	-	-	2,041	2,429
Trading Stock/Cost of Sales	13,824	-	-	13,824	3,405
Displays/Exhibits	1,944	-	-	1,944	1,021
Stationery/Consumables	161	-	-	161	1,975
IT & Equipment Costs	1,099	-	-	1,099	4,123
Legal, Professional & Consultancy	1,495	-	-	1,495	10,145
Investment	-	-	-	-	27,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,459	21,800	-	82,259	71,938
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,459	21,800	-	82,259	71,938
Net of receipts/(payments)	(21,315)	(2,000)	-	(21,315)	7,382
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,269	5,000	-	41,269	18,050
Cash funds this year end	14,954	3,000	-	17,954	25,432

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays	14,828	3,000	-
	Petty Cash	125	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,954	3,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	COIF Charity Funds Investment	27,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

THE HERITAGE GROUP BELLINGHAM

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Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

The Heritage Group Bellingham

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2021 Charity no (if any) 1041300

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 12 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: G. Dagg Date: 24/02/21

Name: Gemma Dagg

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body Association of chartered certified accountants.

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays	36,142	5,000	-
	Petty Cash	127	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	36,269	5,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

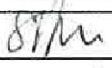
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	COIF Charity Funds Investment	27,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 K. I. Anderson	S. P. GIBBON K. I. ANDERSON	4/3/22 4/3/22

(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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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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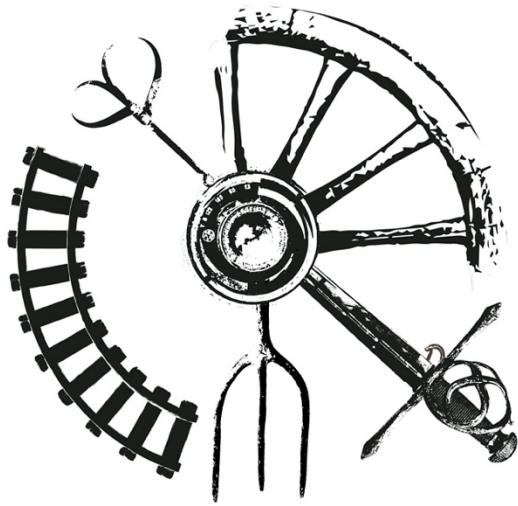
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants - NCC/Local Government	28,500		-	28,500	25,000
Grants - Historic England	-	-	-	-	2,000
Grants - Museums Development	-	-	-	-	2,112
Grants - Northumberland National Park Authority	-	-	-	-	1,337
Grants - Blakenberg Collection	-	-	-	-	3,000
Grants - MDNE	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Grants - Digital Skills	-	350	-	350	-
Grants - Wansbeck CVS	-	1,450	-	1,450	-
Income - Donations/Fundraising	7,450	-	-	7,450	1,470
Income - Sales/Admissions (TIC)	19,010	-	-	19,010	4,146
Income - Utilities (TIC/Carriages)	1,122	-	-	1,122	744
Income - Rent (TIC/Carriages)	5,600	-	-	5,600	4,000
Income - Misc (Insurance Claims)	5,837	-	-	5,837	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,520	11,800	-	79,320	43,809
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,520	11,800	-	79,320	43,809
A3 Payments					
Promotions/Advertising	1,406	-	-	1,406	3,957
Post & Printing	3,060	-	-	3,060	1,681
Rent Premises	4,580	-	-	4,580	4,276
Miscellaneous (Events/Collection Care/Non TIC/PC)	24	-	-	24	-
TIC staffing expenses	6,273	-	-	6,273	2,213
Property/Maintenance	3,051	-	-	3,051	2,698
Telephone	610	-	-	610	744
Utilities including Service Provision & Electrical Installations	2,837	-	-	2,837	2,267
Insurance	2,429	-	-	2,429	1,901
Trading Stock/Cost of Sales	3,405	-	-	3,405	1,297
Displays/Exhibits	1,021	-	-	1,021	644
Stationery/Consumables	1,479	496	-	1,975	552
IT & Equipment Costs	2,284	1,839	-	4,123	2,293
Legal, Professional & Consultancy	680	9,465	-	10,145	-
Investment	27,000	-	-	27,000	-
Grant Expenditure - Northumberland National Park Authority	-	-	-	-	1,337
Grant Expenditure - Museums Development	-	-	-	-	2,112
Sub total	60,138	11,800	-	71,938	27,972
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,138	11,800	-	71,938	27,972
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,382	0	-	7,382	15,837
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,887	5,000	-	33,887	18,050
Cash funds this year end	36,269	5,000	-	41,269	33,887

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Accounts



HERITAGE CENTRE BELLINGHAM

*Explore the Heritage
of the Northern Borders*

Chairman's Annual Report for the AGM 25th May 2021

I would like to start by thanking everyone, Friends, Volunteers, Trustees, Committee Members, and our visitors, for their support of the Heritage Centre during an unprecedented and difficult period in 2020.

Two committee members have stood down this year, due to personal pressures, so I take this opportunity to thank Ben Dickson-Green and John Stevenson for their contribution to the Centre.

Several volunteers have also stepped down for various reasons including ill health and age. Thank you to all of them for their time and effort in supporting us. However, the number of friends and Volunteers continues to increase. In 2018 when I became Membership Secretary, we had 48 Friends and Volunteers on the database. Today there are 114 on the database.

To say that I landed in the frying pan in February 2020 when elected Chairman, is to understate the storm that lay ahead of us. It has been a very challenging year for us all personally and for the Centre itself. Loss of revenue, loss of visitors, volunteers understandably reluctant to come to the Centre, financial challenges – just some of the issues your Committee and Trustees have had to deal with while the leadership of the team changed, which is always a challenge.

However, every cloud can have a silver lining. Normally we might say 'has' a silver lining, but I know elsewhere in the museum sector that many museums like ourselves are in great difficulty and may not survive to see 2022. Sadly, there may be no silver lining for them.

The Heritage Centre however will survive. Financially the Committee took immediate action in March 2020 and cut all non-essential expenditure and identified other savings. We applied for a number of Government grants and Arts Council England funding – some successfully – and we created a plan which allowed us to partially re-open in July 2020, generating much needed income, albeit at a lower level than normal.

Committee meetings went online very successfully using Zoom, with which many of you will have become familiar, and the Committee worked on a whole range of initiatives we might not have otherwise had time to deal with, including:

1. Improved financial tracking and forecasting. Development of more detailed budgets.
2. Development of a risk register to assess and mitigate risks to the management and success of the Heritage Centre.
3. Launch of a new publication –A Country Bairn, written by our Friend Tom Batey, formerly of Broomhill and Gilchesters farms, with three new publications now ready for May 2021.
4. Development of a reserves policy and allocation of funding to reserves.
5. Conversion to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status as agreed at the AGM in 2018 but not enacted upon at the time.
6. Completing of the cataloguing of our collections backlog.
7. Tidying up of the archive store in the roof space.
8. Creation of a secure storage shed at the side of the premises for non-collection related items (these were previously scattered in the loft).
9. Display and signage of two mine tubs on the station platform.
10. Development and expansion of Historic England's Heritage Schools Programme to be launched formally later this year and underlining the words of the Heritage Centre that "Heritage is not just for Grown-Ups"

Many of the normal events we attend in person as Trustees or Committee members have moved online. However, there have been so many more opportunities to interact with others and learn online than there would have been otherwise. We have taken advantage of these to the full.

Later in 2020 we were successful in attracting grant funding from Museum Development North East which has allowed us to commence a range of projects including:

1. A new Interpretation Plan for the future use of the Centre to present, enhance and focus the current and future exhibitions for our target audiences, supported by social history and real-life stories.
2. A Volunteer and Trustee Recruitment and Development Plan.
3. Social Media training (currently underway).
4. An external Governance Review.
5. Governance improvements including checking progress against our Forward Plan and all our policies and procedures.
6. Development of Welcome Host training (currently underway).
7. Purchase of PPE to enable us to protect our volunteers and visitors and open the Centre when able.

In addition, we are also:

1. Undertaking development of our Volunteer policies, induction process and Volunteer Handbook.
2. Over 2020/21 – rewriting of our Accreditation Procedures and Policies to update them to the latest standard (Spectrum 5.0).

We are also involved in programmes from Museum Development North East covering:

1. Audience surveys and satisfaction.
2. Organisational Health Check.
3. Working with Newcastle University Business School on a small business sustainability programme.
4. (later this year) Developing digital initiatives in museums.

Thanks to the considerable generosity of a number of individuals we have received some substantial donation funding in the last year. Many thanks to every one of you.

We are not out of the woods yet, and indeed, are predicting a poor season in 2021 with income significantly down and a deficit on our balance sheet. We do anticipate recovery in 2022 both in terms of our finances and in terms of visitor numbers. This is in line with expectations of the Museum sector generally.

As we look forward to the remainder of 2021 and 2022 there are several areas the Heritage Centre will be developing.

- We will continue to recruit new volunteers, not just front of house, and offer them a range of training opportunities and roles.
- We wish to recruit more Trustees and committee Members with a wide range of expertise and experiences to help the Centre develop and expand.
- We have an online shop in development where online visitors will be able to buy our most popular books and games and other items.
- We are also enhancing our list of benefits to Friends and volunteers. Later this year we hope to be hosting some online digital sessions for you including previews of seasonal exhibitions and potentially an historical virtual village tour. We will be informing you about these later, and it is important that we have your email address if we do not have it already so that you can participate in these events.
- There has been a massive change in digital offerings in the museum sector in the last year, due to the Pandemic, and our own online offering has changed. It will continue to develop so that visitors have access to information and resources pre and post visits to the Centre.
- For the 2022 season start we are looking at further enhancements to the shop to improve our offer to visitors and to increase income to the Centre.
- Implementation of the Interpretation plan either by Grant funding or by our own investment in priority areas.
- Revamping and refurbishing the interior of the Parcel Shed on the Station Platform.
- To develop a new Forward Plan for the Heritage Centre, having already achieved so much against the existing 2018 Forward Plan.

As ever, if you have any ideas for the future of the Centre, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Many thanks for your support during a very difficult period for the Centre.

Best wishes

Steve Gibbon
Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE HERITAGE GROUP BELLINGHAM

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st DECEMBER 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1041300

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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**Responsibilities and
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Signed: **G. Dagg**

Date: **10/03/21**

Name: **GEMMA DAGG**

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

**ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS.**

Address:

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NORTHUMBERLAND
NE48 2AZ**

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