



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	1	April	2024	To	31	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

New Romney Old School Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1049893

Charity's principal address

New Romney Old School

Church Lane

New Romney

Kent

TN28 8ER

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Thomas	Chair		
2	Patricia Goodsell	Vice-Chair		
3	Adrian Goodsell	Treasurer		
4	Ann Stark			
5	Ann Bidwell			
6	Claire Martin			
7	Rae Bark			
8	Elizabeth Lindsey			
9	Sally Jones			
10	Alison Jeffery			
11	Michael Shannon		From 22 May 2025	
12	Jennifer Brill		From 22 May 2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is to refurbish, maintain and utilise the Old School, New Romney and such other property as the CIO may acquire in Trust for the communal use by the residents of and visitors to New Romney for a meeting place, provision of facilities for study and exhibition, a library, museum and any other use having a purpose beneficial to the whole or part of the community of New Romney and its surrounding areas.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Old School provides the local community with a venue to meet for educational, social and entertainment purposes. A variety of local groups hire rooms in the School. This income allows the Trust to maintain the building to a good standard. It also funds maintenance of the School's garden, which is an attractive asset to the New Romney townscape.

The School is also open to the public on a regular basis throughout the year, when the Trust's local history collection of documents, photographs, artifacts and other media may be viewed and studied.

The three priorities in the collection, in priority order are:

- the building's previous use as a junior school,
- the local history of the town of New Romney and,
- the local history of Romney Marsh.

The Trust owns the Old School building and has a long-term lease on the adjoining garden.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. The Trust continued to provide a venue for use by the local community for educational, social and entertainment purposes. The groups hiring rooms in the Old School included Art Appreciation and Spanish classes, Leisure Painters, the Sunflower Dementia Café, New Romney History Society, Romney Marsh Poetry Society, Sunday Sewing, Country Mice Needlecraft Club, the Romney Marsh Archaeology Society, Carers Support Group, and Kent & Medway Health and Social Care Partnership.
2. The Old School also hosted a number of one-off bookings and various fund-raising events, including several lantern making sessions for the annual "Light Up New Romney" event.
3. The Trust's collection of local history documents, photographs and artifacts was open to the public on two Saturday mornings each month.
4. The Trust are now the custodians and owners of the Edit Nesbit Archives. The collection was donated by the Edith Nesbit Society in February 2025, and selected items are now on public display in the Old School. E Nesbit is the author of "The Railway Children" and many other books for children and adults. She also published several books of her poems. She spent many summers in Dymchurch and in her final years bought a property in St Mary's Bay and is buried in St Mary in the Marsh.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust does not have Allocated Reserves.

Our Unallocated Reserves are used for running costs. These include insurance, cleaning, and utilities. In addition, there are maintenance costs for the Fire and Intruder Alarm systems, the Gas Boiler, grass-cutting, a part-time gardener, and for rubbish collection. Building repairs and re-decoration, both internal and external, are required every few years.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	AP Goodsell	
Full name(s)	Adrian Goodsell	
Position	Treasurer	
Date	15 September 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
New Romney Old School Trust	1049893

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-24		31-Mar-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Room Hire	8,649	-	-	8,649	8,945
Donations	277	-	-	277	1,320
Fundraising	1,487	-	-	1,487	3,102
Gift Aid	316	-	-	316	527
Interest	1,385	-	-	1,385	883
Sales	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,113	-	-	12,113	14,777
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,113	-	-	12,113	14,777
A3 Payments					
Insurance	3,157	-	-	3,157	2,389
Cleaning	2,245	-	-	2,245	2,229
Utilities	2,083	-	-	2,083	1,599
Administration	101	-	-	101	162
Heritage Collection	1,412	-	-	1,412	119
Repairs/Maintenance	8,313	-	-	8,313	5,783
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,310	-	-	17,310	12,281
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,310	-	-	17,310	12,281
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,197	-	-	- 5,197	2,496
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,828	-	-	66,828	64,332
Cash funds this year end	61,631	-	-	61,631	66,828

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	NatWest Current Account	5,064	-	-
	NatWest Deposit Account	20,077	-	-
	Petty Cash	67		
	Charity Bank Investment Account	36,424	-	-
	Total cash funds	61,631	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	4	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Old School Building		269,822	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	AP Goodsell	Adrian Goodsell	15/09/2025	