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BELPER NORTH MILL TRUST

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2021, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Trust's Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Chair's Report

This annual report covers 2021 which was a year when we were forced to take a very difficult decision. It was a year when the Trust was still suffering from the impact of Covid and was managing the operation of the museum under the prevailing restrictions which restricted opening hours. . The body blow was the decision of Amber Valley Borough to stop our grant funding from April 2022. In the light of this decision we sought alternative funding but such a large amount of funding (£47,600) proved impossible to replace.

In the autumn of 2021 we took the last action that was open to us and asked our Landlord, First Investment (FI), to step in to help. We made that approach in hope rather than expectation and we were listened to and help was given. We were given a reprieve from closure of the museum effectively free short-term occupation of North Mill museum space beyond the date the lease ended 23 April 2022 on a rolling 3 month basis. At the end of 2021 I was hoping that we had secured a deal that would last to the end of 2022 and I said this to the Trustees and the volunteers. Unfortunately, I was too optimistic and our reprieve is to terminate on 31 October 2022 with closure of the Strutt's museum to the public set for 30 September 2022.

Closure of the Strutt's museum does not bring an end to the operation of the Trust and we are currently in negotiation with FI to retain a presence at North Mill at a much smaller location where a range of services will be available. Whilst the deal is still being negotiated during this period FI have been supportive to the Trust in helping the Trust to retain a presence on the North Mill site and I thank them for their support.

We will announce our future plans for the future later in 2022. We thank all our visitors, supporters, volunteers for help with the museum in the past and ask for their continued support for this interregnum period when we will operating to ensure there is continued public access to parts of the North Mill and that other services will be on offer.

Our overall financial position in 2021 improved by £13,706 owing to one off Covid related grants provided to heritage charities and we now have accumulated reserves of £417,228. The Trust had a choice of using our reserves to keep the museum open and decided that this would rapidly run down our reserves and at the end of it we would not have the created the much improved visitor attraction we aspire for. The reserves will be held as a contribution to securing our long term accommodation aims, which is a scheme that will enable the North Mill to become the visitor attraction it should be. The Trust continues to aspire to map a future course where we have more impact than we have had, where we have more a sustainable future and where we have a secure future occupation of the premises. For now that aspiration has to be on hold but we believe it is still achievable in the next decade.

The trustees, our volunteers and employees are working as hard as they are able to ensure that we can continue to operate as a visitor attraction in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site beyond 2022. I personally thank them all for their efforts and hope that they will continue to provide support which we will need more than ever in 2023 and beyond.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Trust if you wish to help or if you would like further information.

E-mail - chair@belpernorthmill.org.uk

John Layton

31 May 2022

Our purpose and activities

The objects of the charity and its principal activities continue to be: the conservation, maintenance and protection for the public benefit of the historical, architectural, archaeological and industrial heritage of the Derwent Valley in Derbyshire and; to advance the education of the public into the industrial heritage of the Derwent Valley, with particular reference to Belper North Mill.

The charity operates both a museum at Belper North Mill and the Derwent Valley Visitor Centre at the same site with the support of Amber Valley Borough Council and Belper Town Council.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The public benefits derived from the Trust's activities include:

- The promotion of public education into the industrial heritage of the Derwent Valley, with particular reference to Belper North Mill through the museum and the provision of guided tours of the site for the public, schools and other parties.
- The availability from the museum shop and Derwent Valley Visitor Centre of specialist texts relating to industrial heritage and local history.
- The provision of organised talks and walks to sites of related local historical interest.
- Liaising with the North Mill owners / agents on conservation and maintenance requirements for the Grade 1 listed North Mill building.

More details of the events and activities that have delivered public benefit are described in the sections below.

Belper North Mill: conservation and planning

The condition of the North Mill, a Grade 1 Listed building and one of the most significant structures within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, continues to be a cause for concern as only minimal maintenance is carried out by the owners. The general condition of the building, in the Trust's opinion, continues to deteriorate and consequently the costs of bringing the building back into a good state of repair continue to increase, as identified in the Trust's Outline Masterplan (2017).

The North Mill, together with the footbridge and horseshoe weir are on Historic England's 'At Risk Register'. There are also concerns about the integrity of the Rock Weir, on the south side of the river bridge.

During the year the Trust kept a watching brief on an as yet incomplete Planning Application for the Belper Mills complex submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council in May 2018 by the North Mill's owner GHL Property Management and Development Ltd through their agent FI Real Estate Management Ltd. The Trust welcomes proposals for the redevelopment and revitalisation of the site and, together with other heritage based organisations, is concerned to ensure that the opportunity presented by the re-development proposal is used to preserve and enhance the significance of the heritage of the site and in particular of the North Mill.

The Trust is ready and keen to support stakeholders in finding a solution to the conservation and financially viable, adaptive re-use of the North Mill and the larger Belper Mills site.

2. The Trust

Strategic Plan

The current Strategic Plan covering the period from 2017 and 2022 is mainly focused on:

- Partnering with stakeholders in securing a use for the site that facilitates a safe and sustainable long term future for the Belper Mills complex.
- Identifying, in collaboration with our WHS partners, a viable long term heritage based visitor offer for the Belper Mills site.
- Pending a long term solution to the Belper Mills complex, to prepare and deliver a short term offer which takes account of available financial and people resources, whilst ensuring value for money from any lease entered into on the site, following the planned closure of the museum in October 2022.
- Ensuring capacity and relevant skills amongst Trustees, Volunteers and staff.
- Retaining Arts Council England museum re-accreditation if possible.

Museum and Collections Management

Belper North Mill achieved full Museum Accreditation in 2014. This scheme, administered by Arts Council England (ACE), is the UK industry standard for museums and galleries and measures museum performance against national standards. Areas considered are collections information and care, governance and forward planning and public services. Work towards the renewal of museum accreditation continued throughout 2019 but has now been delayed until 2022 by the Arts Council due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The final stage of the collections cataloguing project was concluded in 2018 and identified how our collections can be utilised better. With the uncertainty over the location from which our future offer will be based from, we are currently in discussions with ACE and Museum Development East Midlands on our future accreditation position.

Selected items from the collections have been showcased on the Strutts North Mill website with the project 'Our Favourite Things' featuring some favourite objects chosen by our volunteers. Additionally, we now have a 3D interactive tour of the museum and basement on our website.

External Funding

The Trust is extremely grateful to Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) and Belper Town Council for their continued financial support throughout 2021.

The Trust was extremely disappointed to be told by AVBC, that their annual grant support would end in March 2022. The Leader of AVBC made this decision in light of the Councils own financial position. This ends a 24 year association between AVBC and the Trust.

The AVBC annual grant (£47,600) was material to the ongoing financial viability of running the museum & visitor centre. Without replacement funding and / or a reduction in lease costs for the premises then Trustees would have had to make the difficult decision to close the museum in October 2022, at the end of a short term lease offered by the Landlord (from April 2022 to October 2022) at a peppercorn.

Museums Development East Midlands also continued to be a valuable source of support and advice for the Trust in 2021.

During the year, normal operations were disrupted from the enforced closure of the museum linked to the COVID-19 response. External funding opportunities concentrated on ensuring COVID support grants were claimed where available. Smaller grants were claimed for:

- A £1,754 Foundation Derbyshire grant towards new items following a flood
- A £400 Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage grant towards accessibility improvements.
- MDEM grants towards:
 - £1,500 digitally scanning the basement
 - £1,000 towards collection disposals following a flood
 - £200 Earth Museum promotion

The Trust set up the Strutt's North Mill Community Lottery in 2019 aimed at generating some additional funds and this was launched in January 2020. The lottery currently has 72 monthly tickets sold and generated £842 in 2021 for the Trust (on a 50 / 50 split between prizes and funds for the Trust). The Lottery will be further promoted in 2022.

We have continued our collaboration with partners to provide the Derbyshire Day Out Discount offer with: Cromford Mills, Crich Tramway Village, and Derby Museums.

The policy for 2022 is for external funding to be linked to actions arising from the new Strategic Plan and specifically to fund costs associated with our move out of the museum and setting up an alternative offer on the site, from smaller premises.

Volunteers

The Trust's ability to operate the museum and Visitor Centre on a daily basis with minimal financial resources is due entirely to its volunteers who undertake a diverse range of roles including guided tours of the museum, of the town and of related historic sites, receptionist duties, providing educational programmes for school visits, and a range of other activities supported by specialist volunteer teams.

In a normal year we utilise approx. 3,900 volunteer hours and 1,700 Trustee hours by approximately 50 volunteers and by our Trustees. Financially this can be notionally valued at around £120,000 using the standard National Lottery Heritage Fund volunteer value basis. Obviously in 2021, because of COVID related closures the opportunity to volunteer was less and we estimate that 2021 volunteer hours were 2,209 and Trustee hours 1,593.

Our part time Volunteer Support Officer co-ordinated a "keep in touch" programme with individual volunteers throughout the COVID closure period and also organised Zoom catch up meeting for volunteers

The Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

The Trust gratefully acknowledges the continuing help and support of Derbyshire County Council's Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership team to the work of the Trust in both their professional capacities and, on many occasions, as volunteers.

The Trust is also most grateful to our partners at The Arkwright Society, its staff and volunteers, for their support and advice and for sharing the benefit of their experience with Trust members.

Individual trustees and members of staff serve on the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Conservation and Planning Panel; Learning and Research Panel; Development Panel; the Collections Group and the Research Sub-group.

Covid-19 Impact

2021, like 2020, continued to be severely impacted by the impact of Covid-19 and in line with Government requirements we delayed re-opening to museum until May and had to close the season early in November.

When government guidelines allowed the re-opening of museums, we reviewed our capacity to re-open (as the museum is run by our volunteers), revised how we could make the museum accessible to meet Covid-19 Safe Working guidelines and prepared new Risk Assessments for our activities.

We introduced changes to the museum visit to include an external tour of the mills site as well as a more condensed tour of the museum which minimises the amount of time spent inside the museum in a group setting. Timed tours and online booking in advance introduced in 2020, were continued in 2021 and will be maintained going forward.

Admission numbers when we re-opened were very low in May and June. But encouragingly from July to October, they were similar to pre Covid-19 levels. With a drop off in November pending the re-introductions of Covid-19 restrictions.

During 2021, we had just 1,437 paying visitors, 1,200 lower than 2019, a “normal” year.

The number of participants on our Heritage Walks was very low and we are looking to promote these differently in 2022.

Education

During 2021 we hosted two school groups and two Rainbows / Brownies groups. This is significantly below our normal levels because of the Covid-19 limitations.

The education programme concentrates on the science element that the mill offers. The aim continues to be to widen the age group of children and students that utilise the mill, targeting both schools and other children's and young people's groups (such as scouts, beavers etc.). An outreach offer is also being developed and more heavily promoted, pending the museum closure in October 2022.

Events and exhibitions

These were also heavily curtailed in 2021 because of COVID, but in addition to our core offer of a museum, visitor centre and heritage walks we was able to deliver:

1. A range of school children themed activities including
 - Online craft activities over the Easter half term holidays for schoolchildren.
 - Summer activities in the River Gardens - quiz and mouse hunt as well as online activity sheets.
 - Hosted a school children themed Halloween event in the neighbouring River Gardens
2. Started a new online only, free of charge tour, via Heygo. This has been very successful in terms of numbers. We have had online visitors from across the world, with America being the most popular (obviously due to our existing links with Pawtucket). [Heygo - Belper - Live-streaming tours with local guides](#)
3. Completed the project to digitise a virtual tour of the museum and basement. This provides a high quality “record in time” of the museum and basement.
[Virtual Tour - Strutts North Mill Museum Belper \(belpernorthmill.org.uk\)](http://belpernorthmill.org.uk)
4. Hosted a free of charge event – Spools, Mules, Knitting & Nailers costume event in November attracting 55 visitors.

The Trust's aims for 2022

Establish a longer term home

- To establish arrangements with the owners of Belper North Mill for the Trust's continued occupation on site at a price that can be afforded
- Liaise with our remaining Local Authority funder, Belper Town Council over continued grant funding and potential greater aligned partnership working.

Maintain our offer for 2022

- Within the limitations of a short term lease to October 2022, we will look to continue to offer an engaging experience for visitors.

Improve what we do

- To address the long-term viability of the museum, including the care of, access to, and use of the collections
- To collect, preserve and interpret items relating to the museum's Core Stories
- To work for the continuous improvement of our education offer, walks and talks

Develop a sustainable income base

- To establish and implement income raising projects that provide a firm base for future activities

Boost our volunteer numbers and skills

- To continue to recruit more volunteers from a diversity of backgrounds, supported by regular induction and training

Improve and enhance communication

- To develop the use of social media to promote the museum and site
- To enhance our website and all forms of publication

Develop greater links with the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and its visitor attractions

- To work with our World Heritage Site Partners and in particular to work in collaboration with the Arkwright Society at Cromford Mills.
- To continue the pilot exercise of a transport based tour of the DVMWHS.

Future Plans

The Trust will remain predominately funded from Local Authorities for the period to April 2022. With the ending of AVBC funding from March 2022, our key funding source, we are currently reliant on the Landlord to offer us a peppercorn lease.

For the period post April 2022, a six month licence to operate from the museum and basement on a peppercorn basis has been agreed with the Landlord. We plan to close the museum in October 2022 and are considering a future on site offer, from smaller premises to be available to the public from 2023. Concurrently we will work alongside relevant stakeholders for a longer term, sustainable, heritage based offer from the site.

The Trust's long term preference remains to operate on the Belper Mills site. The Ross bequest could be used to supplement either the current owner's / future owners' plans to bid for external grant funding associated with any future re-development of the Mills site. In return the Trust would look to provide the heritage offer at the site for the long term. Realistically, for this to work financially on an annual revenue basis, any lease costs would need to be below commercial levels and preferably on a peppercorn basis.

The owner's Planning Application submitted to AVBC in May 2018 is currently subject to review by the Council. The Trust will monitor next steps by the Local Authority and the owner on plans for the site.

Our Pricing Policy

Prices charged in 2021 remained at £5 for general admissions with accompanied children under 16 free. We offer Gift Aid and the admission price includes a free return visit pass valid for 12 months.

The charge is competitively priced against similar local attractions and we believe our pricing policy reflects our strategy of enabling all within our community, whatever their means, to take part in our activities, to visit our museum and to view our exhibitions. We would normally also host a number of free community events during the year that bring new visitors to the site, most notably the Discovery Days weekend in October.

Financial Review

The underlying balance sheet position of the Trust remains strong. This is due to the 2016 bequest from the Reverend Canon Raymond Ross of £340,768. The trustees have indicated their preference that the bequest be used towards securing the long term accommodation needs of the Trust, ideally at the Belper North Mill site. Consequently there is an earmarked reserve specifically for this purpose.

With the ending of AVBC grant funding in March 2022, this has reduced close to half of our core income. It is not commercially viable to operate at the historic commercial lease cost levels (around £60,000 including VAT), without grant support being available.

The "long term accommodation" preference would be a financially viable quality heritage offer at the Belper Mills site, integral with the overall redevelopment. The recent Derbyshire County Council report "Options for a Visitor Centre at Belper" identified various options for how such a centre could operate. The Trust is in support of development at the Belper Mills site as identified in the report.

Additionally, the current owners in their opening paragraph of their planning application for the Belper Mills site stated “First Investment Real Estate Management (‘FIREM’) has a Vision to provide new homes, leisure and business uses to the Mills to complement the North Mill Museum and existing business to create a visitor destination that celebrates the importance of Belper Mills as part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Sites”. We share their vision of a visitor destination worthy of representing the World Heritage Site.

The Trust would look to use the majority of its earmarked reserve as match funding towards external funding linked to creating a heritage based visitor centre to interpret, develop and preserve the heritage of the DVMWHS with a particular emphasis on the Belper Mills site.

During 2021, the Trust continued to access a number of Government provided COVID support grants – these are detailed in Note 4. We were fortunate that these grants have more than covered our loss in operational income from being closed due to COVID-19. We are fortunate that there are general reserves of £76,460 available to invest in our post museum offer and underwrite likely future short term losses.

Financially, the impacts from the COVID-19 closure in 2020 and 2021 have been ameliorated and there is no impact on our going concern statement from COVID-19.

Investment powers and policy

Following notification that the Trust was to receive the Ross bequest, the Trust adopted a new Investment Policy. This was to invest the bequest money in:

- A number of deposit accounts, each to be covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS);
- Such accounts may include a mixture of fixed deposit bonds and variable interest deposit accounts.
- The lead trustees of the Finance and Resources sub-committee will decide upon and administer these accounts as part of their subcommittee’s work;
- An annual update to the Board and proposals for the following year’s investments will take place towards the end of each calendar year.

Currently the bequest monies are held in a mixture of deposit accounts and bonds. Returns are slowly increasing in line with the increases in interest rates, but are significantly below inflation levels.

This gives the Trust some flexibility in accessing funds if a funding opportunity arises, whilst getting secure annual returns in the meantime. Working capital funds will continue to be held in the current account.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

Unrestricted General funds at the year-end are £76,460

An earmarked reserve has been created with the Ross bequest of £340,768 and it is the intention of the Trustees that this original sum is not used to fund day to day costs, but towards securing the Trust’s future operations, described as its ‘Development Program’. This is predominately linked to securing long term accommodation for the Trust.

The balancing unrestricted general funds of £76,460 do provide some contingency to cover minor unforeseen costs and allow some re-investment of reserves in plans to fund a post museum premises offer and tolerable levels of losses beyond 2022, whilst the longer term lease position is developed. It is planned that these unrestricted general funds should not fall below £15,000.

The Trustees therefore take the view that the Trust is a going concern.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Number 1068485
Company Number 03509183
Registered Office Derwent Valley Visitor Centre
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Our advisors

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Bankers HSBC Bank plc 1 King Street, Belper, Derbyshire

Directors and Trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The Trustees and officers and those serving during 2021 were as follows:

Chair	Mr John Layton
Company Secretary	Mr Jon Hayes
Treasurer	Mr Michael Kirk
	Mrs Ruth Bellamy
	Mr Barry Dawber
	Mr Peter Dunkerley Volunteers' Association representative
	Mr George Jones (resigned 22 nd March 2021)
	Mr Adrian Keetley nominated by Belper Historical Society
	Mr Steven Magill (resigned 30 th March 2022)
	Mr Richard Massey (resigned 25 th March 2022)
	Cllr John Nelson nominated by Derbyshire County Council (appointed 30 July 2021)
	Cllr Richard Watson nominated by Belper Town Council

Key management personnel

Manager	Ms Katherine Tonks
Volunteer Support Officer	Ms Victoria Sheldon

Attendance at Trustee Meetings

Name	Number of meetings eligible to attend in 2021	Number of meetings attended in 2021
Mr John Layton	7	7
Mr Jon Hayes	7	7
Mr Michael Kirk	7	7
Mrs Ruth Bellamy	7	7
Mr Barry Dawber	7	7
Mr Peter Dunkerley	7	7
Mr George Jones	1	0
Mr Adrian Keetley	7	4
Mr Steven Magill	7	1
Mr Richard Massey	7	4
Cllr John Nelson	4	3
Cllr Richard Watson	7	5

Seven ordinary meetings of the Board and the Annual General Meeting were held during 2021 and in addition regular planning meetings were held between Board meetings.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is managed by the Board of Trustees, which can have up to 18 members. There are currently 10 members.

A part-time Manager is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity, supported by a part time Volunteer Support Officer. To facilitate effective operations the Manager has delegated authority, within terms approved by the Trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and visitor experience related activity.

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12 February 1998 and registered as a charity on 9 March 1998. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association that defined its objects and powers and is governed under its Articles of Association. The Members are Trustee representatives from Derbyshire County Council; Amber Valley Borough Council; Belper Town Council; Belper Historical Society and the Belper North Mill Volunteers' Association plus Trustees. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Appointment of Trustees

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Board receives nominations for membership (one per organisation) from Derbyshire County Council; Amber Valley Borough Council; Belper Town Council; Belper Historical Society and the Belper North Mill Volunteers' Association.

Members of staff of Amber Valley Borough Council and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, together with a representative of the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust may attend Trust meetings, at the Board's invitation, to provide additional information and advice.

Formal procedures for the appointment of trustees are used for appointments and all applicants, including trustees seeking reappointment and those nominated by organisations, complete the same procedures. A selection sub-committee of the Trust reviews applications and makes its recommendations to the full Board, which votes on all appointments.

Trustee Induction and Training

Trustee applicants are provided with background information about the Trust, its current programs and priorities to inform their application, together with an introduction to the museum and discussion with members of the selection sub-committee. This process has been extended since 2018 to include more extensive initial discussions to identify those areas in which potential trustees can contribute to the work and current skills needs of the Trust.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of the Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or staff member of the charity with a supplier to the charity must be disclosed to the full board of Trustees. Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in Note 14 to the accounts.

Pay policy for staff

The pay of the employees is assessed annually on January 1st by the Management Committee and the recommended salary is submitted for the approval of Trustees.

Risk Management

The Trust maintains a continual overview of the potential risks that could affect the charity in future years. The trustees are satisfied that sufficient provision is in place to mitigate these risks and that the reserve funds are necessary and prudent in the circumstances.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Belper North Mill Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our Independent Examiner

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the independent examiners in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware, and
- the Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the charity's independent examiners that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiners are aware of that information.



By order of the Board of Trustees
John Layton (Chair)

Date: 29 July 2022

Independent Examiners

A resolution proposing Hunter Jones Alton be re-appointed as independent examiners of the charity will be put to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Approval

This report has been approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees and is signed on its behalf:

 Secretary

Dated: 29 July 2022

BELPER NORTH MILL TRUST
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Report of the Independent Examiners to the Members of Belper North Mill Trust

We report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages twelve to nineteen which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page fourteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As described on pages one to ten the charity's trustees who are also the directors of the Belper North Mill Trust for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The charity's trustees consider 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.

Our responsibility is to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act);

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and

to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with s41 of the 1993 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Hunter Jones Alton

Dated: *20/07/2022*

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</u>	<u>Restricted funds 2021 £</u>	<u>All unrestricted, restricted and endowed funds 2021 £</u>	<u>All unrestricted, restricted and endowed funds 2020 £</u>
<u>Income</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	632	-	632	651
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
Operation of museum and visitor centre	4	109,771	-	109,771	118,557
<i>Income from other trading activities</i>					
Commercial trading operations	5	2,907	-	2,907	1,941
<i>Income from investment activities</i>					
Deposit account interest		-	3,237	3,237	5,198
Total incoming resources		<u>113,310</u>	<u>3,237</u>	<u>116,547</u>	<u>126,347</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>					
<i>Costs of raising funds:</i>					
Commercial traded operations	6	1,545	-	1,545	1,143
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>					
Operation of museum and visitor centre	7	101,286	-	101,286	102,060
Total expenditure		<u>102,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,831</u>	<u>103,203</u>
Net income		10,479	3,237	13,716	23,144
Movement in funds for the year		<u>3,237</u>	<u>(3,237)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		13,716	-	13,716	23,144
<u>Reconciliation of funds</u>					
Total Funds brought forward		62,744	340,768	403,512	380,368
Movement in funds		13,716	-	13,716	23,144
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>76,460</u>	<u>340,768</u>	<u>417,228</u>	<u>403,512</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 15 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	10		-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors	11	15,767		15,055	
Stocks		4,237		3,118	
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>413,042</u>		<u>416,081</u>	
		433,046		434,254	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>15,818</u>		<u>30,742</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>417,228</u>		<u>403,512</u>
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Funds					
Unrestricted income funds – General Funds			76,460		62,744
Restricted funds – Development Program reserve			<u>340,768</u>		<u>340,768</u>
Total Reserves			<u>417,228</u>		<u>403,512</u>

- For the year ending 31 December 2020 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
- 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 companies subject to the small companies' regime

The financial statements on pages 13 to 20 were approved by the Trustees on 29th July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....Michael Kille.....
Director

Dated: 29.7.22

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis 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 (Charities SORP(FRS102)), and the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Belper North Mill Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Trustees have at the time of approving the financial statements a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c) Income recognition policies

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and the amount can be measured reliably.

d) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity, this is normally upon notification of interest receivable per the bank / building society.

e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Restricted funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the Trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading, mainly the shop in the Visitor Centre.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of running the museum and visitor centre including staff costs.

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Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust owns a number of display items and artefacts. Items below a de-minimis level of £5,000 per item are not capitalised. The Trust considers that there are no (owned) display items and artefacts valued above £5,000.

The size of the collections held in trust by Belper North Mill Trust comprises no more than 1,000 objects, the majority of which are on loan from the owners. These are accessible to the public in the museum's galleries and material in store is available by appointment.

The Acquisition & Disposals policy (covering the the policy for the acquisition, preservation, management and disposal of heritage assets) complies with the requirements of the Museum Accreditation scheme, administered by Arts Council England. The Trust had its Accredited Status with Arts Council England renewed in 2014 and is planning for renewal in 2022.

Existing display items and exhibits were fully written off in 2014.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful economic life.

General	-	20% on cost
Display Items	-	20% on cost
Exhibits	-	25% on cost

In 2019 the residual book value of General items were written off.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value after making due allowances for obsolete and slow moving items.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash, current account and deposit accounts / fixed term accounts with a maturity of twelve months or less from the date of opening.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities

Pensions

The company makes payments to a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of certain staff. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they fall due.

2 Legal status of the Trust

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per Member of the charity.

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Income from donations	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations received	632	651
	<u>632</u>	<u>651</u>

The Trust is grateful for a number of small donations received throughout the year.

Additionally, Shire Curious, a local ceramics and antiques retailer has generously set up a commission based donation, linked to sales of their Belper Mills related merchandise.

The Trust benefits greatly from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with accounting standards, the economic contribution of general volunteers is not measured in the accounts.

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Income from charitable activities	2021	2020
	£	£
<i>Grants receivable</i>		
Amber Valley Borough Council – Grant	47,176	56,376
Belper Town Council – Grant	11,078	10,860
COVID – Leisure, Retail, Hospitality Grant	-	25,000
COVID – Job Retention Scheme	1,784	12,689
COVID – Local Restrictions Support Grant	6,500	4,000
COVID – Restart Grant	22,000	-
MDEM – Volunteers Grant	-	1,425
MDEM – Family Fund Grant	-	500
Derbyshire County Council – Flood Relief Fund	-	300
Foundation Derbyshire – Flood Relief Fund	1,754	-
DVMWHS – Accessibility Grant	400	-
MDEM – Basement scanning	1,500	-
MDEM – Earth Museum	200	-
MDEM – Collections Disposal	1,000	-
	<u>93,392</u>	<u>111,150</u>
Visitor Fees	9,536	5,088
Gift Aid	-	558
Other Income – COVID Business Interruption	6,001	-
Insurance Payment		
Other Income – Net income from Trusts lottery	842	776
Other Income – Electricity Refund	-	985
	<u>109,771</u>	<u>118,557</u>

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Income from other trading activities	2021	2020
	£	£
Shop sales	<u>2,907</u>	<u>1,941</u>

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Cost of raising funds	2021	2020
	£	£
Cost of sales	<u>1,545</u>	<u>1,143</u>

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Expenditure on charitable activities	2021	2020
	£	£
General promotion	906	2,252
Direct spend from grants received	3,120	862
Rent, service charges and buildings insurance – museum	55,013	59,546
Salaries & pensions	28,007	27,923
Operating insurances	1,604	1,230
Accountancy	504	504
Electricity	2,861	3,271
Clearance of museum basement (after flood) and digital interpretation of the basement	3,678	-
Other administrative costs – office rents, equipment, IT, events costs, training, volunteer recruitment etc.	5,593	6,472
	<u>101,286</u>	<u>102,060</u>

8 INCOME FOR THE YEAR

The surplus of income over expenditure is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	<u>504</u>	<u>504</u>

9 STAFF COSTS

No remuneration was paid to the trustees in the year, nor were any expenses reimbursed to them.
The staff costs were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries & Pension contributions	28,007	27,923
Employers National Insurance	—	—
	<u>28,007</u>	<u>27,923</u>

The average weekly number of staff employed, calculated as full time equivalents during the year were as follows:

	2021	2020
Administration	1.13	1.13

No employee received remuneration of more than £50,000.

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10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	General £	Display £	Exhibits £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 January 2021	12,519	1,115	2,954	16,588
Additions	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2021	<u>12,519</u>	<u>1,115</u>	<u>2,954</u>	<u>16,588</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2021	12,519	1,115	2,954	16,588
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2021	<u>12,519</u>	<u>1,115</u>	<u>2,954</u>	<u>16,588</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2021	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	-	-	-	-

There have been no material display or exhibit additions or disposals in the past five years.

11 DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	14,111	12,055
Other Debtors	1,656	1,000
Grant income to be claimed	-	2,000
	<u>15,767</u>	<u>15,055</u>

12 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	575	13,830
Social Security & other taxes	560	554
Grants received in advance of spend	14,683	16,358
	<u>15,818</u>	<u>30,742</u>

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13 Statement of funds

	At 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Movement between funds	At 31 December 2021
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	62,744	116,547	(102,831)	-	76,460
Earmarked Funds					
Development Program reserve	340,768	-	-	-	340,768
	<u>403,512</u>	<u>116,547</u>	<u>(102,831)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,228</u>

14 Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

During the year no Trustees were either employed or received any remuneration.

During the year a Trustee was reimbursed for costs they incurred buying items for staff Christmas presents. The total amount reimbursed was £25.

15 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

16 Group undertakings

On 31 December 2019, Belper North Mill Trust became a 50% shared owner with The Arkwright Society Ltd of Derwent Valley Tours Ltd (company number 12381104). This joint venture, predominately funded from DVMWHS Great Place Scheme – D3 Experiment Fund, is to assess the feasibility of a sustainable transport based heritage visitor “day trip” offer across the World Heritage Site. Trading commenced in 2021 but was limited by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pilot project is planned to now be extended to summer 2022.

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