

ASHDON VILLAGE MUSEUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1070499

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1998-07-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BY THE PROVISION OF THE MUSEUM COMPRISING THE EXISTING COLLECTION TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER OBJECTS SPECIMENS OR COLLECTIONS AND TO PRESERVE THE SAME AS A COLLECTION ("THE COLLECTION").(B) TO FORM ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT AND TO AID IN THE FORMATION ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT OF ANY OTHER CHARITABLE COMPANIES INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATIONS TRUSTS OR SOCIETIES FORMED FOR OBJECTS SIMILAR TO THE OBJECTS SET OUT ABOVE.

Activities: EXHIBITS RELATING TO LOCAL VILLAGE HISTORICAL LIFE AS A MEANS TO EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION & HERITAGE

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ASHDON , ESSEX
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-09	£27,250	£11,876	-	-
2024-07-09	£24,982	£8,087	-	-
2023-07-09	£12,906	£19,667	-	-
2022-07-09	£14,575	£10,306	-	-
2021-07-09	£12,720	£6,253	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PHILIP A BIDWELL	Chair	
GLENN J MILLER		
ROSEMARIE IRENE GANT		
Tracy Alison Dewhurst		2025-10-20

Accounts

Trustees' annual report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Period start date Period end date

Charity name Charity No (if any)

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO PRESERVE THE MUSEUM
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	TO PROVIDE EXHIBITS RELATING TO LOCAL VILLAGE HISTORICAL LIFE AS A MEANS TO EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	THE TRUSTEES ARE FULLY AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE TRUST DEED AND CHARITY COMMISSION GUIDANCE

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	/
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	/
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	/
Other		/

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	VISITOR NUMBERS IN THE PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN VERY SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS YEARS. SOME AFTERNOONS BE VERY BUSY WHILE OTHER AFTERNOONS NOT. HOWEVER, JUDGING BY THE VISITORS BOOK THERE ARE MANY WHO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION IN THE COMPLIMENTARY COMMENTS WE RECEIVE.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	/
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	/
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	/
Other		/

Financial Review

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	LAND AND BUILDINGS ARE VALUED AT £498,244. CASH ASSETS AT £501,259
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	NO SPECIFIC POLICY.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	CASH DEPOSITS £501,259
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NONE
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NONE
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NO UNCERTAINTY

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	/
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	/
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	/
Other		/

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	TRUST DEED DATED 7/4/1998
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	TRUSTEES INVITE AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS AND WHEN A VACANCY OCCURS.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	/
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	/
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	/
Other		/

Reference and Administrative details

(cont)

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NONE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NONE
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NONE

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Colin James O'Grady	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer	
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Date

12/3/26

ASHDON VILLAGE MUSEUM

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 11th July 2025

Jul-24		Jul-25
£	£ INCOME	£
	16876 Interest Received	18674.49
	96 Subscriptions - Friends of the Museum	0.00
	7500 Rent from Agricultural Land	7500.00
	0 Wayleave	220.33
	510 Donations	855.68
24982		27250.50
	EXPENDITURE	
	749 Rates & Water	759.45
	59 Drainage Charges	1060.10
	1211 Electricity	1066.02
	888 Telephone	946.39
	1382 Insurance	1459.79
	59 Museum Exhibits & Archive Material	74.49
	157 Exhibition Redesign & Consumables	375.15
	154 Printing, Postage & Stationery	163.46
	666 Property Repairs & Improvements	0.00
	427 Site Landscaping	437.79
	70 Bank Charges	71.60
	120 Alarm Maintenance	120.00
	0 Skip Hire	360.00
	660 Legal Fees	0.00
	553 Cataloguing	673.28
	358 Pest Control	625.80
	0 Battlefields Trust	2640.00
8087	574 Miscellaneous	1042.87
		11876.19
16895	Excess of Income over Expenditure	15374.31

Balance Sheet as at 9th July 2025

145347 Freehold Property	145346.83	
183294 37947 Refurbishment Costs	37946.98	183293.81
315000 Agricultural Land		315000.00
88265 Cash at Bank - Nationwide	90432.07	
42964 Cash at Bank - HSBC	66273.30	
102603 Cash at Bank - Saffron Building Society	85000.00	
91508 Cash at Bank - Cambridge & Counties Bank	95178.18	
85000 Cash at Bank - Hampshire Trust Bank	88622.82	
75000 Cash at Bank - Skipton Building Society	75000.00	
485885 545 Cash in Hand	752.97	501259.34
984179 Total Assets		999553.15
Represented by:		
967284 Reserves brought forward	984178.84	
984179 16895 Add Excess	15374.31	999553.15
984179		999553.15

These accounts were produced from the books and records in my possession and certified correct.

[Signature]

01/09/2025

Income & Expenditure account
independently examined and agreed
with Museum Books. 12/2/2025