

THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1072427

Details

Other names FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 1998-11-13

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE STIMULATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND CARE FOR THE BEAUTY HISTORY AND CHARACTER OF THE LOCALITY AND THE PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT THEREIN OF FEATURES OF HISTORIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST.

Activities: The objectives of the charity are the continuing operation of the museum.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED.IN PRACTICE IN FORDINGBRIDGE, HYDE AND SANDLEHEATH.
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-30	£16,588	£10,058	-	-
2023-12-30	£4,915	£7,464	-	-
2022-12-30	£7,096	£4,480	-	-
2021-12-30	£10,211	£10,063	-	-
2020-12-30	£5,518	£4,798	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev FRANCES ANNE PEGGY JACKSON	Chair	2023-04-04
Anna Louise Wilson		2020-11-11
Carolyn McCay		2025-12-11
Claire Lesley Booth		2025-12-11
David Marshall		2026-05-14
Deborah Jane Ireland		2018-09-11
GEOFFREY ROBINSON		2026-05-14
HELEN PATRICIA TAGUE		2012-02-27
Jonathan Hugh Ingham		2024-03-07
Michael Julian Hewitt		2015-05-08
PHILLIPA ANN DUCKWORTH		
Tina Marie Woodley		2024-03-07

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2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

for the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Fordingbridge Museum Trust

To be held on THURSDAY 1st May 2025, 2.30pm

at Avonway

Published April 2025

Patrons: Rowan Brockhurst, Philippa Duckworth

Registered Charity No. 1072427

King's Yard, Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 1AB

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About this report

Dear Members,

Enclosed in this report you will find the following papers for the Annual General Meeting: -

- Agenda
- Annual Report and Accounts
- Appointment of Trustees
- Trustees' and Members' Resolutions

The AGM is an opportunity for Members to make suggestions as to how the Trust is run. No such members' resolutions have been received.

Election of Trustees

The Trustees are elected for a period of three years. The constitution stipulates that a third of Trustees retire on rotation each year. At the March 2024 Trustees meeting, it was decided that Joan Miller, Anna Wilson, Jane Ireland and Pamela Shering would retire the first year. They will become available for re-election immediately.



THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST
NOTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
to be held in the West Room, Avonway Community Centre
on Thursday 1st May 2025 at 2.30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. To receive and approve the minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th February 2024
3. To receive the Trustees' report by the Chair Peggy Jackson
4. To receive and approve the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025
5. To elect 4 Trustees of the Fordingbridge Museum Trust CIO
6. To appoint an independent examiner of accounts for 2025

Mr John Williams has been proposed by Helen Tague and seconded by Joan Miller

7. To consider Trustee resolutions
8. To consider Members' resolutions
9. The AGM of the Fordingbridge Museum Trust is formally closed

**The meeting will be followed by a presentation on
Heyward Sumner by Jeremy Houghton Brown**

To be followed by refreshments



The Fordingbridge Museum Trust 2025

Annual Report of Trustees to the Members

Report of the Chair

I am pleased to present this Annual Report of Trustees to the Members, in this the year of our Silver Jubilee anniversary, and after completion of our first full year in operation, as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

Organisation and Development: -

This time last year, we completed the merger of the Friends of Fordingbridge Museum with the former Fordingbridge Museum Trust, and since 28th February 2024, we have been operating as a single legal entity. Our thanks to those trustees who negotiated the complex path through the necessary legalities.

Since then, we have started the process of rationalising the various internal Museum groups and committees, and are confident that this will help us manage the Museum's affairs even more effectively in future. A growing number of volunteers have continued to work 'behind the scenes' throughout the year, on cataloguing and sorting out our collections; and we are very grateful to all of them for the time and dedication.

For this process, we have been grateful for the opportunity to draw on wider expertise from the museums world, in particular from Alice Le Page and Sheila Pott, Museum Development Officers for the Hampshire Cultural Trust and Museum Development South-West (MDSW), and also advisers from the Association of Independent Museums (AIM), which the Trust joined in 2024.

Trustees have attended Forum meetings of MDSW and enrolled on training courses for 'Kids In Museums' and 'Volunteering Fit for the Future'.

Celebrating 25 Years: -

Our twenty-fifth anniversary will be celebrated over the weekend of 1st-3rd August 2025. The detail will be well-publicised nearer the time; but highlights to look forward to include the publishing of a new book on the History of Fordingbridge Museum, the unveiling of the first of a series of Green Plaques around the town, giving details of historic buildings, indoor displays and outdoor activities on the Rec and the river, referencing the



historic Fordingbridge Regattas of the late nineteenth/early twentieth centuries.

The Museum in the Local Community:

One of the most valuable discoveries during the planning of this celebration has been the goodwill which exists towards the Museum, from across the town, and among the many local community groups in Fordingbridge. Many local community organisations have shared in the planning and active support for this weekend.

We are particularly grateful to Avon Valley Shed, who have given us excellent help this year, enhancing the physical displays in the Museum, as well as collaborating in plans for our Jubilee. We have valued our continuing ties with Fordingbridge History Society, attended meetings of the former Fordingbridge Events Group and been involved in plans for this year's VE Day commemoration in the town. Most recently, we are among the founder members of the newly formed Fordingbridge Arts Network, and supporting their work to enhance the overall cultural life of the town.

Trustees: -

At the last AGM, on 28th February 2024, twelve trustees were elected who have all served throughout the year:

Peggy Jackson (Chair)	* Joan Miller (Secretary)
Jon Ingham (Vice-Chair)	Julian Hewitt
Philippa Duckworth	Helen Tague (Treasurer)
* Pam Shering	Sue Broderick
* Jane Ireland	* Anna Wilson
Katharine Puttick	Tina Woodley

* At the forthcoming AGM, these four trustees will retire by rotation. Each of them is eligible for re-election and has indicated their willingness to stand again.

No trustees received any remuneration from the Museum Trust.

The trustees have met seven times during the year, to ensure a smooth transition into the new organisation. The reports which follow illustrate the immense amount of work undertaken by them for the Museum, along with our committed volunteers, during the past year. I am grateful to them all for the dedication and energy they have brought to this task - ensuring that the Museum has continued to operate smoothly, while also preparing to expand our horizons in future, and grow ever further into the community life of the town.



The Museum in Operation: -

The Museum and Visitors: -

The Museum opened its doors for the 2024 season on Tuesday 26th March and closed on Saturday 2 November. Although we had a few new stewards, numbers were still very low, and we only managed to keep the museum open thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers; so, if you know anyone who you think might be interested, please try to encourage them to join us!

Our visitor numbers totalled 3,892, amazingly consistent, as it was only twenty-five more than the previous year! The visitors' comments have again been overwhelmingly positive, saying how all the stewards are very welcoming and knowledgeable. As always there has been praise for the Doll's House and the Pianola and general comments such as 'Wonderful, one of the loveliest museums around' and 'simply superb.'

As usual the Museum had stalls at Frogham, Sandleheath and Damerham Fairs and will do so again this year, so please come and support us! The Take Over day held in November last year was another success. The children were incredible, a real credit to their school.

We joined in the town's festivities with 'Christmas Lights switch on' when two hundred or so visitors joined us for Glühwein and stollen!

A fantastic group of volunteers have worked hard through the closed season to get the Museum ready, and I must thank them for doing such an amazing job, the museum looks fantastic. 'Temporary displays' have been built commemorating VE Day, Local heroes, Women in war and Modern technology. All the displays are fascinating so please make sure you come in to see them.

We will be in the Recreation Ground for the Fordingbridge celebrations for VE Day on 10th May, and then, of course, there is our own celebrations
.....!

Jane Ireland

The Collections and Conservation Group: -

The Collection and Conservation group has met regularly throughout the year. When the museum was open, they focused on rationalising the collection and looking at how to conserve and store artefacts within the limited space available.



Having spent a considerable time clearing the garage store in 2023, it is sad to see that the space has filled up again and needs to be cleared once more.

During the closed season, the Collections team have spent considerable time planning and constructing the new displays and cleaning the Museum in readiness for the 2025 season.

We will continue planning and constructing our displays for the town's VE Day Celebrations and the Museum's 25th anniversary weekend in August.
Jane Ireland

The Photographic Team: -

The four members of the Photographic team met on 43 Tuesday mornings during 2024. It has been a very busy year.

Work included selecting and accessioning both original photographs and originals loaned for copying. Photos of Damerham from the Michael Jerrard collection and Fordingbridge photos taken by Janet Elkins were lent for copying and accessioned. Original photos from the Bill Edward and Bill Bray collections of Fordingbridge events during the late 1900s and an extensive collection relating to the Read family brickyard at Sandleheath were accessioned.

Photos were prepared for WW2 and D-Day displays. During the summer specific village related displays were produced for our outreach visits to Sandleheath and Frogham Fairs and Damerham Show.

In the autumn two significant donations of photographs relating to the Neave family were received. The granddaughter of Elise Constance Neave (born 1889), living in Canada, offered family photographs from her grandmother's albums dating from the 1880s through to 1913 when the family emigrated. Included were original photos of the town in the 1880s, Fordingbridge regattas in the early 1900s, notable persons and families of the town at that time, local views and family activities: punting, picnicking and swimming in the Avon.

The other donation, made locally, was from the granddaughter of Theodora Lillian Neave (born 1876). Studio portraits of the family of Josiah Neave of Highfield House were loaned for copying. (Elise Constance and Theodora were first cousins.)



Following the paper accession procedure, accession details and images are then entered onto eHive. The updating of these records and uploading of images onto eHive is ongoing.
Katharine Puttick, Jon Ingham

The Cataloguing Group: -

After having trialled the free version of the online cataloguing system, eHive, in June 2024 the Trust paid a subscription for the silver level of the system. This allows us 3 user logins and 5120MB of storage space. The Trust also paid for the existing Access catalogue to be transferred to the new system.

The Access catalogue had many errors and no photographs. A team was recruited to begin the mammoth task of checking and adding to each record. Three volunteers were recruited, through Community First's online volunteer adverts. Steve Willoughby joined Joan Miller on the team in August 2024. He was followed by John Netherway and Ben Creasey. Work began by going through all the items in boxes in store room one.

The existing entries are updated with as much detail as possible and a low definition photo added. The location of the items and their condition is also recorded. Two existing Museum volunteers, Jo Hewitt and Wendy Cracknell, later joined the team. Katharine Puttick has also been working on photograph catalogue entries. In the 8 months of work, more than 2000 items have been fully catalogued and the Museum collection is now available to be searched online.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all those involved for their work on this important project.
Joan Miller

Beyond the Museum Walls: -

The Friends' Sub Committee: -

The Friends AGM held in 2024 was the last of its kind as the decision to merge the Friends and the Museum into a single entity had been taken. This, as a proposal was accepted, the merger took place and has been a complete success. The following is a brief revue of activities in the year that will end on 1st May 2025 with the Museum AGM.

We began with a talk by David Boyd-Haycock entitled Brilliant Destiny: the Age of Augustus John. This took place on 26 April 2024 and was extremely successful and well attended. Another talk was organised for



the 14th June when Gale Pettifer presented New Forest and Commoning. This was another successful evening.

This completed our "formal" fund raising for the year but, as in previous years, the Museum had a presence at the Sandleheath fete, Frogham fair, a one-off Fordingbridge festival and Damerham fair. At each event our gazebo display comprised photographs from the Museum collection and depicted scenes and events associated with each of the places we attended. This turned out to be very popular. In each location, we had around a hundred visitors. I am hoping we can repeat this exercise for this Summer's events.

To round off the year our Summer Barbecue was held, by kind permission of John and Sue Broderick, in their garden. This was, as always, good fun although numbers attending seemed slightly down on previous years. However, readers will take note that there will be another barbecue this year.

This year we have had one talk by Doctor Cindy Crawford. Her subject was the Graffiti in Winchester Cathedral. This was held in the Town Hall on the 4th April and was reasonably well supported and very successful. As with previous talks refreshments were offered after the presentation. Although not as lavish as they have been they were much appreciated and grateful thanks are due to the donors. Another Talk is scheduled for 13th June, the subject being the Hardy Sisters.

To conclude our sub committee continues to meet on alternate months and our active minds are busy working on ideas for the future.
Jonathan Ingham

Public Relations: -

Since the last review I have continued to issue news releases for use by the news media and social media. The Fordingbridge Journal, the Lymington Times and the Southern Daily Echo are very supportive. Posters, leaflets and flyers are distributed to a wide range of outlets. The George Pub, Adrian Dowding Estate Agents and Tina at Timothy's have been very supportive.

The Museum has continued to host the take over day by Western Downland School. This is extremely popular with staff, pupils and parents.

I have continued to give talks to local groups and organisations. I write a monthly article on historical topics for local magazines. The Town Trail is being revised in a more professional looking format.



The web site has been refreshed and we can now make changes ourselves without having to go through a web master.

I gave a short interview for That's TV and we have commissioned an advertisement in the Stour and Avon Magazine.

We have hosted visits by local Cubs and Brownies groups. We have a presence on the Go New Forest web site.

Julian Hewitt

Report from the Treasurer to The Fordingbridge Museum Trust

This is the first year that the accounts are now combined with the Friends with one Treasurer.

There is £100 being retained by the Friends as Membership is still operated by them.

John Williams, our Independent Examiner, made a few amendments on my layout and figures.

His only comment of the new system with the banking and payments out was that perhaps the Trustees could consider a discretionary amount that the Treasurer can pay without the need for it to be authorised e.g. there is a great difference between a £7.80 payment and a £200 payment.

I have been Treasurer now for a number of years and have come to the decision that I would like to relinquish the post at the next AGM.

I would like to propose that John Williams is invited to be the Independent Examiner for the year ending 31st December 2025.

Helen Tague



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Receipts and Payments for year ending 31st December 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	2024	2023
	£	£
Visitors	2,467	2,228
Friends transfer	9,220	1,000
Gift Aid	1,079	0
Shop	618	931
Grants	400	0
Donations	520	0
Outreach Outside Fairs	325	0
Fund raising- Talks & BBQ	1,735	550
Membership	221	0
Bank interest	3	0
	<u>16,588</u>	<u>4,709</u>

EXPENDITURE

Insurance	1,870	1,853
Electric/Water	1,695	1,047
Broadband & telecoms	462	827
Conservation	1,870	388
Equipment/Software	1,761	0
Advertising/Promotion	434	609
Accountant fee	360	360
Fundraising	635	0
Shop	190	641
Companies House	0	163
Avonway Room hire	221	0
Avon Valley Shed	200	0
Website	96	0
AIM membership	71	0
Window cleaning	42	0
Pat Testing	40	0
Sundries	111	0
	<u>10,058</u>	<u>5,888</u>

Surplus of income over expenditure 6,530 -1,179

Accumulated funds b/f 12,998 14,177

Accumulated funds c/f 31/12/24 19,528 12,998

Balance sheet as at 31/12/24

	2024	2023
Lloyds - current	9495	12998
Lloyds-Business	10003	0
Barclays current	100	0
Cash	30	0
	<u>£ 19,628</u>	<u>£ 12,998</u>

Note to balance sheet

Legacy from the late Robert Conrad	1000
Legacy from the late Margaret Hallas	1100
Coop grant remaining	1782

3882

Hon. Treasurer

Helen Tague

April

2025

I have examined the transactions and supporting information in respect of the receipts and payments in this statement covering the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 and I am satisfied that this represents an accurate presentation of the Fordingbridge Museum Trust financial affairs. I confirm that in undertaking this examination I have followed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and that I do not have any conflict of interest that prevents me from being an independent examiner.

Independent Examiner

John Williams

April

2025



**FORDINGBRIDGE
MUSEUM**

FRIENDS OF FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM

**Income and Expenditure Account for two months from 1 January 2024 to 28 February 2024
(being the date of the Merger of the Friends with Fordingbridge Museum Trust)**

31.12.2023	<u>INCOME</u>	28.02.2024
525	Subscriptions	299
356	Donations	84
2458	Income from fund-raising events: Soup and Pud Lunch	384
650	Proceeds from 50 : 50 Club - from 2024 transferred to Trust Account	
<u>138</u>	Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid Scheme	86
4127		853
	 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
100	Fees (membership of BAFM)	0
268	Insurance	0
23	Postage	0
3	Stationery: card (posters/tickets), paper (newsletters)	2
598	Fund-raising expenses - hire of hall and various expenses for S&P	106
56	Misc.: Hire of Avonway for Annual Gen. Mtg and Special Gen. Mtg	0
40	Purchases for Friends: mini fridge for kitchen	0
49	Purchases on behalf of Trustees	0
1000	Regular £250.00 quarterly payments towards running costs of Museum	0
<u>2137</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>108</u>
<u>1990</u>		<u>745</u>

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

2023		2024
6585	Accumulated Funds Brought Forward	8575
<u>1990</u>	Balance of Income over Expenditure	<u>745</u>
<u>8575</u>	Balance in Barclays Account as at 28 Feb. 2024	<u>9320</u>
	Transferred to Fordingbridge Museum Trust on 12 March 2024	<u>9220</u>
	Carried Forward Balance in Friends' Barclays Account	<u>100</u>

Hon. Treasurer *Katharine M Puttick* Katharine Puttick 12th February 2025

I have examined the transactions and supporting information in respect of the income and expenditure described in this Income and Expenditure Statement covering the period 1 January 2024 to 28 February 2024 and I am satisfied this represents an accurate presentation of the Friends of Fordingbridge Museum financial affairs. I confirm that in undertaking the audit I have followed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and that I do not have any conflict of interest that prevents me from being an independent examiner.

Independent Examiner *John Williams* John Williams 12th February 2025



Trustee Nominations

The following nominations for Trustees have been received: -

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Jane Ireland	Anna Wilson	Jonathon Inghan
Anna Wilson	Jane Ireland	Jonathon Ingham
Joan Miller	Julian Hewitt	Christine Pope
Pamela Shering	Joan Miller	Julian Hewitt

Trustees' Resolutions – AGM 2025

The Trustees propose an increase in the annual subscription from January 2026 to £12 for an individual and £15 for a couple.

Proposed by Jon Ingham

Seconded by Julian Hewitt

Members Resolutions 2025

None received.

2026 AGM the Fordingbridge Museum Trust

Date to be set.

This concludes the 2025 AGM Report of the Fordingbridge Museum Trust.

THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1072427

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2023		31st	December	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Fordingbridge Museum Trust
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1072427
Charity's principal address	43 Jubilee Road
	Fordingbridge
	Hampshire
	Postcode SP6 1DP

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	Peggy Jackson	Chairperson	3/4/2023	
2	Sue Broderick		3/4/2023	
3	Philippa Duckworth			
4	Julian Hewitt			
5	Jane Ireland			
6	Joan Miller		3/4/2023	
7	Pamela Shering			
8	Helen Tague			
9	Anna Wilson			
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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)	Trust.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Trust

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object is for the advancement of education and the stimulation of public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the locality and the preservation, development and improvement therein of features of historic and environmental interest

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 Fordingbridge Museum opens to visitors from Easter to the end of October.
The Friends of the Fordingbridge Museum have fundraising activities to support the work of the museum. They also attend outside fairs to promote the Museum
Trustees undertake outreach work to clubs, organisations and schools.

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

To continue to promote the museum in the locality.
To continue to open six days a week for visitors
To continue outreach activities
Together with the Friends of the Museum to support fund raising activities

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Museum only has one bank account. There are insufficient funds for reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds 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)	H. P. Tague	
Full name(s)	Helen Patricia Tague	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee & Treasurer	
Date	25 th September 2024	

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03570941 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1072427

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are the continuing operation of the charity.

Significant activities

In the year under review we have again balanced our books but remain conscious of the continuing need for careful husbandry with our resources. There has been a very good rapport created with local schools resulting in several visits from schools. Our skilled and dedicated volunteers continue to work behind the scenes in many different ways to ensure the continuing improvement and success of the Museum.

As at 5 December 2023, by way of Special Resolution, the company converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Grantmaking

No grants were made.

Volunteers

The museum is manned on a voluntary basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are trained as required.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03570941 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1072427

Registered office

Kings Yard
Fordingbridge
Hampshire
SP6 1AB

Trustees

P A Duckworth	A Wilson
M J Hewitt	S Broderick (appointed 3.4.2023)
J Ireland	F Jackson (appointed 3.4.2023)
P R Shering	J Miller (appointed 3.4.2023)
H P Tague	C Ansell (resigned 12.6.2022)
J G Totty	C Booth (resigned 29.11.2022)

Company Secretary

J Brian

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
M J Hewitt - Trustee

THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		1,549	2,116
Other trading activities	2	3,366	5,013
Total		<u>4,915</u>	<u>7,129</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	360	360
Other		7,464	4,437
Total		<u>7,824</u>	<u>4,797</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,909)	2,332
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		15,608	13,276
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>12,699</u></u>	<u><u>15,608</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		12,999	15,908
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(300)	(300)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		12,699	15,608
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		12,699	15,608
NET ASSETS		12,699	15,608
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	7	12,699	15,608
TOTAL FUNDS		12,699	15,608

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
M J Hewitt - Trustee

THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Shop & other income	3,366	5,013

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Support costs	360	360

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	2,116
Other trading activities	5,013
Total	<u>7,129</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	360
Other	4,437
Total	<u>4,797</u>
NET INCOME	2,332
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	13,276
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>15,608</u></u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	300	300
	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,608	(2,909)	12,699
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,608</u>	<u>(2,909)</u>	<u>12,699</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,915	(7,824)	(2,909)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,915</u>	<u>(7,824)</u>	<u>(2,909)</u>

THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,276	2,332	15,608
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,276</u>	<u>2,332</u>	<u>15,608</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7,129	(4,797)	2,332
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,129</u>	<u>(4,797)</u>	<u>2,332</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,276	(577)	12,699
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,276</u>	<u>(577)</u>	<u>12,699</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,044	(12,621)	(577)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,044</u>	<u>(12,621)</u>	<u>(577)</u>

THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

THE FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM TRUST
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	1,549	2,116
Other trading activities		
Shop & other income	3,366	5,013
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Total incoming resources	4,915	7,129
 EXPENDITURE		
Other		
Insurances	1,853	1,722
Light, heat & power	2,189	1,010
Telephone	828	677
Repairs & renewals	389	41
Office & sundry costs	2,205	987
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	7,464	4,437
 Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	360	360
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Total resources expended	7,824	4,797
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Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(2,909)</u>	<u>2,332</u>