



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 01/02/2024 **Period end date:** 31/01/2025

Charity name: Solomon Browne Memorial Hall Association (SBMHA)

Charity registration number: 1099312

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The four core objectives of the SBMHA are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To reduce feelings of isolation within our community.2) To promote the physical, mental & emotional wellbeing of our community.3) Increase the knowledge of Mousehole's history.4) Increase skill levels & employability of volunteers and beneficiaries.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>We are running groups, classes and projects which aim to reduce isolation and improve feelings of cohesion and wellbeing in our community. These include markets, exercise classes, workshops, free IT sessions, and our community garden project. This year we have also gained Shared Prosperity</p>

benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.		funding which has enabled us to create the new Mousehole Heritage and Archive Centre in the downstairs area of the Hall. We have developed the Archive Centre in conjunction with the Mousehole Archive group. We are also offering volunteering opportunities, which include learning new skills throughout our programme of activities and projects.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The SBMHA can confirm that its Trustees know the core objectives and therefore the purpose of our Charity. The Trustees can confirm that these objectives seek to improve the wellbeing of its members and assist them in maximising their potential. The Trustees thereby make decisions based on real benefit to the public.</p> <p>As far as is reasonably possible we base all of our decision making solely on how we can enhance the lives of local residents and holiday makers who visit the village of Mousehole.</p>

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	Para 1.38	

including program related investment		
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		Charity Commission Report Feb 24 - Jan 25 <div>Reducing Social Isolation</div>

<p>the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>This year we have continued to offer regular free IT support sessions delivered to those who need it. These have helped people in a variety of ways from being able to access vital information, to being able to connect with families. The IT sessions have been run in the hall, but we have also visited people in their homes, when they needed support but couldn't attend the hall due to mobility problems. We also host regular monthly coffee mornings. These are an opportunity for people to socialise and to volunteer, they have also raised money for many other local charities. We have also continued to act as a drop off point for the Penzance Street Food Project, and regularly delivered a large amount of essential food supplies. We once again ran our popular community festive meal for our local elderly residents and those who are alone at Christmas. This is always a fantastic social event for the most elderly and isolated in our community. Our weekly playgroup is very affordable and welcoming so that we can be available to parents of young children who are feeling isolated and need to socialise. All of these events have been successful in creating and supporting social connections and reducing isolation.</p> <p>Improving Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Our weekly pre-school playgroup 'Pipsqueaks' continues to be a vital opportunity for parents of young children in the village to socialize and support one another. We offer free healthy snacks for the children and a fun educational activity. These weekly sessions are providing a positive and healthy space for young children and a vital support group for the parents. We have regular yoga and dance classes here at the hall. We offer a discounted rate to qualified practitioners who provide classes that improve health and wellbeing. This means that the classes can then be kept at an affordable rate, and we have many people from a range of backgrounds and abilities attending these classes and getting huge physical and social benefits from these classes.</p> <p>We continue to develop our community garden and have a regular group of volunteers who help to maintain the garden and grow a selection of herbs, veg, fruit and berries. We run regular community garden volunteering sessions, aswell as the usual garden maintenance the volunteers are learning new skills such as include tree planting, seed sowing, making compost, drying and harvesting seeds and harvesting veg, fruit and herbs. The volunteers and local children have been tasting produce, enjoying working together and cooking on an open fire. We have found that the inter-generational as well as the outdoor nature of this project has huge social and emotional benefits to our volunteers of all ages.</p> <p>Improving Social Cohesion and Knowledge of Mousehole</p> <p>We have a varied programme of events throughout the year that have helped people to learn new skills, improve their wellbeing, inspire creativity, generate community spirit and learn more about their community. These events include: A monthly film club, pop-up food nights, a music quiz night, a community film screening, classical music performances and a 3 day jazz festival.</p>	
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		<p>We have hosted a local photographers exhibition, local art exhibitions, several theatre shows and many fundraising events to support other local charities (including RNLI, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Penhaligons friends, WC Women's aid to name a few). We also host weekly farmers and craft markets, and run popular creative workshops in every school holiday. We have also run a family heritage treasure hunt in the village, engaging more children with their local history.</p> <p>We gained Shared Prosperity funding and worked with the Mousehole Archive and Heritage Group to create a new Mousehole Archive and Heritage Centre in the downstairs of the hall. This new facility enables people to get a sense of the history and increase their understanding of the area. For older inhabitants of Mousehole this centre is an opportunity to volunteer, reminisce, reconnect and an opportunity to tell their stories. It also enables newer residents in the village, and visitors to learn more about the village and its history.</p> <p>We have hosted several village meetings this year - all working to improve communication and resilience in our community, and providing opportunities for local people to interact directly with local councillors and government agencies.</p> <p>Improving Skills and Employability of Volunteers and Beneficiaries</p> <p>We have many opportunities for people to volunteer throughout the year. As well as the social and emotional benefits of volunteering, the volunteers also benefit from training to work in the café, and have the opportunity to gain new skills and qualifications, such as first aid and food hygiene. Several of our staff, trustees and volunteers have successfully completed a Paediatric First Aid at Work course this year. Volunteers at our playgroup also gain experience in childcare and playgroup management.</p> <p>Our weekly craft and farmers markets gives opportunities for local people to sell their work and grow small businesses which benefits the wider community.</p> <p>We have also hosted many talks and creative learning workshops that aim to improve knowledge and skills, examples of these include our Christmas wreath making workshop, Shakespeare reading workshops, learning Spanish and talks on a wide range of subjects. We have also provided a space for local theatre groups and comedians to rehearse. All of these strands of work combine to improving the health, knowledge and resilience of our community.</p>	
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity requires grants to supplement the income generated from Hall Hire, Hall Event, Café Income and Donations. In this financial year we have successfully applied for grants that have covered our community work and the creation of the new Heritage Centre. Despite many of our overhead costs increasing this year we have finished the year with a surplus of £7,279.85.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold funds in a separate account, as our main account does not earn interest. This is held to provide the Charity with operating costs if our main account and activities needed financial assistance to ensure the Charity could continue to operate for a period of time until fund-raising/grant/income could be generated.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£95,908.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The SBMHA has reduced the staff numbers following the end of the National Lottery 5 year grant. The staffing costs are now able to be covered by the reduced expected income and we feel confident about the charity continuing in a positive financial position.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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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		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted on 28/11/2002, amended 02/05/2014 as amended 10/02/2022
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
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	Should a trustee resign or retire then, should a particular skill set be required, relevant persons from within the community can be proposed at a Trustees meeting and a democratic vote made with regard that appointment. Ordinarily however Trustees are appointed and reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

		Trustees meet once a month and new Trustees are sent as part of their welcome an Induction and Welcome pack with details of all trustees and/staff, contact details and
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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	information on the Hall's operations, Constitution and out latest Accounts. The previous 3 months of Minutes are also sent out so they can get up to speed with any pending issues that need resolving.
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	We work with the Mousehole Archive Group who provide content the Hall's Heritage Centre.
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Solomon Browne Hall Association
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1099312
Charity's principal address	Solomon Browne Hall Duck Street Mousehole Cornwall TR19 6QW

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	Diana Hilton	Secretary	14/09/23 to present	
	2	Tom Hender	Chair	01/05/21 to present	

	3	Tim Mclerney		17/06/25 to present	
	4	Amanda Owen		01/05/21 to present	
	5	Thalia Hughes		07/08/22 to present	
	6	Katherine Baxter		06/12/24 to present	
	7	Nicola Messham		19/11/24 to present	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian	

charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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

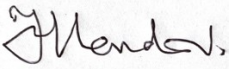
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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)		
		Full name(s)	Tom Hender	
		Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
		Date	01/11/2025	

Appendix A

Income	2025	2024
Grants	42843.50	36648
CLUP Grant (re Heritage Centre)	48864.04	13837
Donations & Sponsorship	6122.95	4422
Hall Hire & Tickets	18604.03	20739
Hall Events	12497.76	7996
Café & refreshments	11222.06	5643
Tenant Income	0.00	765
Merchandise	252.41	349
Community Garden Project	0.00	0
Bank Interest	2233.61	1676
TOTAL INCOME	142640.36	92075
Expenditure		
Hall Events (includes 50/50 split)	5440.97	312
Hall Hire	213.50	585
Commuity Garden Project	0.00	5796
Heritage Centre (CLUP funded)	39260.12	11835
Other Community Projects/ Initiatives	142.88	2919
Salaries, Pensions & Costs	68980.13	61528
Licences	706.99	623
Equipment	230.55	2104
Café Costs & Refreshments	4873.27	2407
Waste/ Recycling	1323.38	984
Cleaning	491.57	270
Insurance	2089.88	1615
Rent & Water Rates	674.88	373
Electricity	3969.25	1204
Printing, Postage & Stationery	584.69	629
Telephones/ Internet	798.47	1467
Website and IT	851.52	879
Professional Fees	128.80	162
Sundries	100.00	153
Repairs & Maintenance	1603.79	1484
Security & Fire	2810.87	977
Bank Charges	85.00	60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	135360.51	98366
SURPLUS (Deficit) for the year	7279.85	-6291

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 JANUARY 2025**

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THE SOLOMON BROWNE MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Solomon Browne Memorial Hall Association.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 January 2025, which is set out in Appendix A.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

THE SOLOMON BROWNE MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name:
Relevant professional qualification or body:

KRISTIN CAROL SIMMONS
ACCA 1299292

Signature: 

Date: 25/11/25