

THE MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1099398

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2003-09-12

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

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Activities

Objects: A) TO SECURE, PROTECT, PRESERVE, DEVELOP AND IMPROVE BUILDINGS AND OTHER FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL MERIT IN THE PARISH OF MAWNAN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND, IN PARTICULAR, CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE IN TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY ARTS AND CRAFTS; AND THE ARCHITECTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF CORNWALL AND, IN PARTICULAR, OF THE PARISH OF MAWNAN..

Activities: The charity has purchased and restored The Old Blacksmith's Workshop, a listed building which gave its name to the village. The workshop is now let to a traditional blacksmith,a silversmith, a sign writer and a contemporary furniture maker, to form a rural craft centre. As well as encouraging economic development, the project provides a unique educational resource for schools.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH OF MAWNAN, CORNWALL.
- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£9,699	£7,577	-	-
2024-08-31	£8,304	£8,534	-	-
2023-08-31	£9,550	£10,301	-	-
2022-08-31	£12,997	£10,189	-	-
2021-08-31	£6,717	£5,613	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Mason		2022-03-23
Alan Tully		2015-09-10
David Rhys Morgan		2014-01-13
Ian Martin		2021-06-24
Katherine Jane Sykes		2026-01-22
MALCOLM IAN NEWMAN		
Robert Ashburn		2025-07-24

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VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2025

The year began much as usual with only minor items of repair and maintenance arising.

Trustees - In January 2025 the long-standing Chairman, Allan Evans, resigned as both a Trustee and Chairman due to an impending house move to Hampshire and continuing ill-health.

It was with great sadness that the Trustees learned that he passed away on 1st July.

In June 2025, another founder Trustee, Martin Tremayne, tendered his resignation as a Trustee but happily for the Trust, continues to act in a volunteer capacity.

A new Trustee, Rob Ashburn, was voted on board in July, bringing a depth of experience in engineering that is particularly useful in respect of the Smithy.

An additional Trustee is being sought, ideally a person with company administrative skills.

Tenants – the four Tenants remained stable until the Summer, when the Blacksmith and the Wood Carver encountered difficulties. The Blacksmith suffered an infection that prevented him from working and with no quick return to good health and the ability to undertake demanding physical work in prospect, it was agreed that he would terminate his tenancy at the end of August. Traditional blacksmiths are hard to find and the Trust may have an empty Smithy for a while...and also contemplate an alternative to a blacksmith, such as a metal worker.

The Wood Carver (Unit 1) had been forced to take other employment to supplement his income thus reducing the hours spent at his workshop to a level below that agreed. After discussion with the Trustees, he decided to relinquish his tenancy and also left at the end of August.

Fortunately a new Tenant for Unit 1 has already been found and will take over from 1st October.

Fund Raising - the traditional annual event, Penwame Garden Open Day, was blessed by fine weather and resulted in record net takings of £1,261.73. As always, our thanks go to our President, Mrs Ruth Sawyer, owner of Penwame Manor for enabling the event to happen.

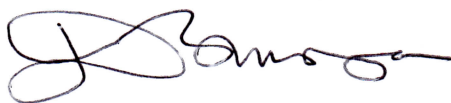
Works – compared to the previous financial year, there was little expenditure on maintenance / repairs. £1,586.62 was the total, of which £729 was for the refurbishment of the Courtyard floor. *(Its first proper cleaning since it was completed in 2007).* Fortunately, the Trust received a grant of £250 towards the cost from the Parish Council.

Finances - our closing bank balance of £10,067.74 is some £2,000 greater than the previous year, reflecting good management.

Thanks to all Trustees for their commitment to the smooth running of The Old Smithy Workshops.

David Morgan

Vice Chairman



13 October 2025

	MAWVANAN ANVIL TRUST ACCOUNTS 1st Sept 2024 - 31st August 2025					As at 3rd September 2025			
INCOME		2023-24		2024-25		EXPENSES	2023-24		2024-25
Donations Individuals		10		13		Maintenance	2631.8		1586.62
Fund Raising		622		1270		Fund Raising	24.06		78.26
Grants				250		Hall Hire			
						Insurance	1913.96		1891.4
Sundries		4.09				Sundries	498.68		236.88
Rent		6904		7,664					
Sale of Equipment						BT	763.29		824.16
Elec Reimbursement		763.61		502.33		Publicity			159.6
Ground Rent (5 yrs)						Elec	1102.93		893.72
						Water	255		270
						Cleaning	992.47		1009.34
						Fire	351.86		626.81
TOTAL		8303.7		9,699.33			8,534.05		7576.79
BANK RECONCILIATION									
Balance year beginning		8,175.55		7,945.20					
Receipts		8,303.70		9,699.33					
Expenditure		8,534.05		7,576.79					
Balance year ending		7,945.20		10,067.74					

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST, 2024.

The year's end marked the 20th anniversary of the Trust as a charity entered into the Charity Commission's national register for England and Wales.

With 20 years' experience to draw upon, I am hopeful that most of the major challenges that the Trust can expect to face have been met and overcome and the year just past, while not uneventful, has been relatively smooth.

The year began with an upgrading of the lights in units 1, 2, and 3 to low energy LED, at a cost of £646 and of direct benefit to the tenants.

The roof has also been subject to rather more than routine maintenance with work to the roof lights and tiles, some of which have been slipping.

The aged Monitor Screen and malfunctioning Media Player were replaced: £379.

During this summer, J Badger was engaged to undertake staining of cladding and painting of walls: £1,442. Together with the voluntary work of Clare Lake in refurbishing and restocking the planters this has helped to offer an attractive and welcoming appearance to the Craft Centre.

The tenants have remained unchanged with our two longest tenants entering the tenth year of their tenancy. All of the tenants are noted for producing work of the highest quality and are an asset to the village.

One tenant, the blacksmith, has attracted the attention of the Arts Council and, in cooperation with the Trust as landlord, is currently applying for grant aid to replace the courtyard gates.

I am pleased to report the thanks of the Trust to our president, Mrs. Ruth Sawyer, for opening her garden at Penwarne to the public. Although the amount this year, £632, was less than our pre-covid openings, it is still a very welcome addition to our funds.

I am pleased to report that our finances are sound and in good order for the future.

Finally I would like to thank all the Trustees for their dedication and commitment for the smooth running of the centre.

Allan Evans

 28/11/2024.

Chairman

The Mawnan Anvil Trust

MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST ACCOUNTS 2023-24						As at 30 September 2024				
INCOME		2022-23	2023-24	EXPENSES		2022-23	2023-24			
Donations Individuals		34.15	10	Maintenance		2000	2631.8			
Fund Raising		1064	622	Fund Raising		23.29	24.06			
Grants				Hall Hire						
Amazon		18.78		Insurance		3796.92	1913.96			
Sundries			4.09	Sundries		250.61	498.68			
Rent		6122	6904	Reg Fee						
Sale of Equipment				BT		1007.49	763.29			
Elec Reimbursement		408.17	763.61	Publicity		234				
Scam Refund		1898.46		Elec		784.82	1102.93			
Ground Rent (5 yrs)		5		Water		297.8	255			
				Audit						
				Cleaning		922.8	992.47			
				Fire		983.94	351.86			
		12997	8303.7			10301.67	8534.05			
BANK RECONCILIATION		2022-23	2023 -24							
Balance year beginning		8,926.66	8,175.55							
Receipts		9,550.56	8,303.70							
Expenditure		10,301.67	8,534.05							
Balance year ending		8,175.55	7,945.20							

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st.AUGUST, 2023.

Two issues were prominent during the past year. One was the appointment of new tenants and the second was the protracted saga of the electricity supply to the Craft Centre.

Nigel Wills, who has been our blacksmith and an excellent tenant since 2019, decided to retire at the end of December. This is an iconic position for the Centre and we were fortunate to attract interest from the Cornwall Blacksmiths' Collective - a group of professional smiths with Jeremy Cash as the lead tenant. Jeremy took over the tenancy in January 2023 thereby minimizing the time that the unit was vacant and not yielding a rent. The Trust, in the person of Martin Tremayne, also took an updated inventory of the contents of the smithy which coincided with the change of tenant.

The Trust also welcomed new tenant, Jim Head, a wood sculptor, specialising in ornate decoy ducks and other small items.

The problems with accounting for the electricity supply to the Centre was a carry-over from the previous year. In questioning the amount charged by the electricity suppliers, we entered into a bureaucratic maze which was only solved after 6 months thanks to the diligence and perseverance of our Vice Chairman, David Morgan. I am most grateful for his work, which involved contacting the ombudsman (who was unable to help as brokers were involved) and the MP. David eventually brought the matter to a successful conclusion. As a direct result of his efforts, we have amended the tenancy contracts to exclude the involvement of electricity brokers.

Our annual fundraising day at Penwarne was resumed after the Covid break and we recorded the impressive sum of £1,064. Our thanks are due to our President, Ruth Sawyer for kindly opening the garden for this event.

Among other items I should mention is the replacement of the roof lights. My thanks to Martin Tremayne for his perseverance in seeing this through.

Also this year saw preparation and printing of an updated notice board and brochure to encompass our new tenants.

A new BT hub was installed along with three booster units giving a fast broadband connection.

I am pleased to report that our finances are sound and that all the rents are up-to date. Ian Newman, our treasurer, resigned at the beginning of the year - but remains a trustee and our thanks are to him for his meticulous work as treasurer and, of course, for the loan of his dining table for our monthly meetings. David Morgan has now assumed the role.

Clare Lake attends to the flowers and planting in the courtyard and I am grateful for her work in ensuring that it presents an attractive face to the public.

Finally I would like to thank all the Trustees for their dedication and commitment for the smooth running of the centre.

Allan Evans

Chairman

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	MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST ACCOUNTS 2022-23				As at 30.11.23						
INCOME			2021-22		2022-23		EXPENSES	2021-22		2022-23	
Donations Individuals			150		34.15		Maintenance	6206.5		2000	
Fund Raising			987		1064		Fund Raising			23.29	
Grants			5000				Hall Hire				
Amazon					18.78		Insurance	1756.2		3796.92	(inc. Scam)
Sundries							Sundries	12		250.61	
Rent			6860		6122		Reg Fee				
Sale of Equipment							BT	871.71		1007.49	
Elec					408.17		Publicity	10.59		234	
Scam refund					1898.46		Elec	234		784.82	
Ground Rent (5 yrs)					5		Water	258		297.8	
							Audit				
							Cleaning	840		922.8	
							Fire			983.94	
			12997		9550.56			10189		10301.67	
	BANK RECONCILIATION		2021-22		2022 -23						
	Balance year beginning		6,118.57		8,926.66						
	Receipts		12,997.00		9,550.56						
	Expenditure		10,189.00		10,301.67						
	Balance year ending		8,926.66		8,175.55						

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st.AUGUST, 2022.

The year has been dominated by seemingly endless battles with two of the main pillars of British Industry, namely the banks and the electricity supply industry. After many months and many tribulations, we have succeeded in opening an on-line bank account. As for electricity, the transfer of supply from one tenant to his successor is proving to be a bureaucratic maze of competing interests. A saga that is still ongoing. I must thank my vice-chairman, David, and the treasurer, Ian, in particular for their time and patience in tackling these problems.

As for property matters, the main item has been obtaining quotes for, and eventually obtaining replacements for the roof windows which had been causing concern. Our thanks to Martin Tremayne for pursuing this. Additionally, there has been the usual run of smaller matters ranging from replacing roof slates to installing toilet roll holders- not to mention restoring the iconic bike!

Our finances have held up well in a difficult climate. Although we were unable to hold the annual fundraising event at Penwarne (we hope to resume again next Spring). We have been fortunate to benefit from a hog roast at the Jubilee celebrations which raised £987. Out thanks go to Martin's daughter for generously providing the roast. I must also record our thanks to the Parish Council for the grant of £5,000 towards the cost of the roof windows.

After holding the tenants' rents steady for some years, the Board decided to increase for the coming year. Even allowing for the increase, the rents are still very attractive for new tenants seeking to establish a craft business.

It looks like by the end of the year there will be two workshops vacant however once the electricity supply is sorted Jim Head is still keen to move in and as I write this Jeremy Cash an experienced blacksmith who belongs to the Cornish Blacksmith Collective (CBC) is also keen to take on the Smithy premises. The CBC would also like to run some training and demonstrations at the Smithy which would fulfil the Trust's ethos. Let's hope that this will happen.

I regret to report that one of our longest serving Trustees, indeed a founder member of the Trust, Rex Sadler, has decided to resign. Rex been a stalwart supporter of the Trust over 20 years and we have benefitted greatly from his advice and guidance on many occasions. Our thanks to Rex.

Two new Trustees have joined us and I am pleased to welcome Adam Mason and Shelley Tonkin to our ranks.

I would also like to thank Clare Lake for her work keeping the courtyard tidy and free of weeds etc.

Lastly I would like to thank all the Trustees for their continued work and dedication in these uncertain and troubled times.

Allan Evans

Chairman

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		MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST ACCOUNTS 2021-22							
2020-21	INCOME			2021-22		2020-21	EXPENSES		2021-22
	Donations Individuals			150.00		930	Building		6206.50
	Fund Raising			987.00			Fund Raising		
	Grants			5000.00			Hall Hire		
	Refund					1641	Insurance		1756.20
22.08	Sundries						Sundries		12.00
6695	Rent			6860.00			Reg Fee		
	Sale of Equipment					753	BT		871.71
							Leaflets		10.59
						270	Elec		234.00
	Ground Rent (5 yrs)					268	Water		258.00
						552	Audit		
						873	Cleaning		840.00
						325	Fire		
				12997.00					10189.00
		BANK RECONCILIATION							
	4955	Balance year beginning		6,118.57					
	6717	Receipts		12,997.00					
	5612	Expenditure		10,189.00					
	6118	Balance year ending		8,926.66					

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st.AUGUST, 2021.

The year was the first full year to show the effects of the pandemic.

The Board responded by limiting attendance at its meetings to 6 trustees and by cancelling some meetings altogether to be replaced by notes collected and circulated by the chairman. Fortunately, the tenants workload seemed largely unaffected by Covid restrictions although footfall at the centre varied with the extent of the lockdown. They could also benefit from the governments grants.

The year also saw - after prolonged negotiations - the transformation of the Trust from a charitable company limited by guarantee to a new constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (**CIO**). This means that we are no longer subject to the rules and regulations of Companies House which will enable us to reduce significantly the amounts that we have to spend on preparing our annual accounts. We can now prepare our own accounts rather than a Chartered Accountant and have them ratified at a trustee meeting.

Turning to the work units, two units were improved by the installation of mezzanine flooring/storage areas while the floor of the smithy was resurfaced with gravel. Attention was given to the updating of the signboards. Some boundary trees, which were beginning to cause concern, were trimmed by the housing association next door at no expense to the Trust and the painting of the rear wall was completed by another neighbour also cost free.

To comply with our statutory duties, the electrics at the centre were tested and found to be satisfactory and certificates of conformance were issued to all of the workshops.

A wide variety of essential routine tasks ranging from resiting heaters to attending to leaky windows, were undertaken to ensure that the Centre offers a pleasant and welcoming experience to visitors and workers alike.

Sylvia King a founder member of the Trust resigned and a suitable letter and a posy of flowers were presented as a token of our thanks for her 20 year contribution.

The Trustees are now looking for any suitable replacement Trustee to fill the gap.

Finally, our spring garden opening at Penwarne was cancelled for the second year running because of the pandemic. I hope that 2022 promises to be a better year.

Allan Evans Chairman The Mawnan Anvil Trust

		MAWMAN ANVIL TRUST ACCOUNTS 2020-21		(DRAFT)	
2019-20	INCOME	2020-21	2019-20	EXPENSES	2020-21
	Donations Individuals		2955	Building	930.84
47	Fund Raising			Fund Raising	
1712	Grants			Hall Hire	
	Loans		52	Web Site	
	Refund		1631	Insurance	1640.77
	Sundries	22.08	139	Sundries	
7230	Rent	6695.00	13	Reg Fee	
	Sale of Equipment		807	BT	753.43
	Insurance		144	leaflets	
			444	Elec	270.00
				Court Fee	
	Ground Rent (5 yrs)		195	Water	268.18
			660	Audit	552.00
			937	Cleaning	873.15
8989		6717.08	324	Fire	324.48
			8301		5612.85
	BANK RECONCILIATION				
	4267 Balance year beginning	4,954.63			
	8989 Receipts	6,717.08			
	8301 Expenditure	5,612.85			
	4955 Balance year ending	6,118.57			
	Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,163.94			