

THE MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST

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

The Mawnan Anvil Trust

	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								