

THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1109859

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-06-03

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

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Activities

Objects: THE TRUSTEES SHALL HOLD THE TRUST PROPERTY AND APPLY IT TO PROMOTE EDUCATION IN THE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF THE FRIENDLY SOCIETY MOVEMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN (IN PARTICULAR THAT OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY) BY THE COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF RELEVANT MATERIALS, ARTEFACTS AND PUBLICATIONS, AND TO MAKE SUCH MATERIALS, ARTEFACTS AND PUBLICATIONS FREELY AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

Activities: The Foresters Heritage Trust was been set up to formally open a museum and maintain the history of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society Limited which was founded in 1834. In addition it provides an archive service to academics and members of the public researching social history and/or investigating family backgrounds. This service responds to enquiries received from around the world.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREAT BRITAIN
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£53,949	£98,916	-	-
2023-12-31	£99,521	£43,808	-	-
2022-12-31	£46,660	£34,559	-	-
2021-12-31	£58,130	£32,081	-	-
2020-12-31	£40,663	£33,420	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Robert Edward Lewis		2018-05-31
KG CARPENTER		2017-06-13
MR AJ POOLEY		2016-11-28
MRS J POOLEY		2016-11-28
Michael Charlton-Hubble		2019-06-11
Mrs CP Eagleson		2017-06-13

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Accounts

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(Registered Charity No. 1109859 in England and Wales)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

Introduction

This is the seventeenth report. The period covered by the Report is 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

Details of the Trust

The name of the registered charity is **The Foresters Heritage Trust.**

The number of the registered charity is 1109859.

The principle office of the Trust is at Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 6DU

The address for email contact is www.forestersheritagetrust@outlook.com

The website address is www.forestersheritagetrust.org

Constitution of the Trust

The Trust is constituted by a Trust deed dated **19th April 2025.**

The Trust was registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the 3rd June 2005 with the following objects.

"The Trustees shall hold the trust property and apply it to provide education in the history and background of the friendly society movement in Great Britain (in particular that of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society) by the collection and maintenance of relevant materials, artifacts and publications and to make such materials, artifacts and publications freely available for public inspection."

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Trustees consider that the following responses to the questions posed in the Charity Commission's public benefits guidance demonstrate their understanding of the Public Benefit Requirements.

- What the charity is set up to achieve – this is known as the charity's purpose
Providing education in the history of the friendly society movement.
- How the charity's purpose is beneficial – this is the "benefit aspect of public benefit
Development of a wider knowledge of the history of the friendly society movement.

- How the charity's purpose benefits the public or a sufficient section of the public – this is the "public aspect" of public benefit. **Extending the understanding of the role of the friendly society movement by the population at large.**
- How the trustees will carry out the charity's purpose for the public benefit – this is what is known as "furthering" the charity's purpose for the public benefit. **Providing a fully accessible Research Enquiry Service, Website and Museum and archive.**

Tenure Information

The Trust purchased Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Tren ST^ 6DU in March 2023.

Details of Trustees in post at the date the Annual Report was signed:-

Andrew J Pooley	Chairman
Kevin G. Carpenter	
Janet S Pooley	
Cheryl P Eagleson	
Anthony R E Lewis	
Michael J Charlton-Hubble	

Appointment of new Trustees

The appointment of new Trustees is provided for in the Trust Deed. As and when it becomes appropriate existing Trustees issue invitations for anyone wishing to service as a Trustee to make an application in writing. Such applications are considered and voted on by the Board of Trustees.

One Trustee is appointed annually (ex-officio) by the Ancient Order of Foresters, however all applicants for a post are advised to familiarise themselves with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales as to fitness and suitability.

The day-to day administration of the Trust for the period 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024 was carried out by Janet Pooley, Trustee who also held the role of Treasurer.

The provision of front-line services was provided by Peter Nixon (Curator).

Income and Expenditure

The gross income of the Trust during 2024 amounted to £53,949.38 (2023 - £99,520.92), with total expenditure of £98,916.11 (2023 - £43,808.39). A copy of the 2024 Accounts is appended.

Principle Sources of Funding

The major financial funding received by the Trust during 2023 came from three sources.

The first was derived from delegates to the Foresters Friendly Society Annual National Conference in July 2023 passing a resolution authorising financial support from Branch funds as at the end of 2022. The amount paid into the Trust's Bank Account in 2024 was £40,054.52.

The second came from donations by Branches of the Foresters Friendly Society (£6,210) and the third from Fund Raising (£5,889.03).

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees agreed that £30,000 should be invested in a suitable interest-bearing investment and that a maximum of £10,000 be invested in Units and £20,000 in deposits.

However this is on hold pending urgent repairs to Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 6DU.

Funds in Deficit

None of the funds of the Trust are in deficit.

Independent Examination of Accounts

The Trust uses R.K. Lawrence & Co for the examination of its annual account. A copy of the report is appended.

Progress of the Foresters Heritage Trust during 2024

The Trustees continue to hold face to face or virtual meetings at least four times a year and otherwise when necessary.

The Museum is open to the public on the first and third Saturday of each month and groups can be accommodated on other days by arrangement with the Curator.

The Trustees applied for the registration of the Foresters Heritage Trust as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2024.

Continuing activity

Work continues with the acquisition, preservation and stabilization of exhibits.

Digitalization of documents held by the Museum to aid research and the preservation of records was commenced after a contract was signed at the end of 2024 with a major company which provides such services to other museums and institutions.

Conclusion

The Trustees continue to manage the Trust and promote education in the history and background of the friendly society movement with the museum being the focus of this activity.

Enquiries continue to be received for information on the history and people involved in the friendly society movement and for the loan of material held by the Trust for exhibitions and Meetings around the Country.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees Report

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature..... 

Full Name..... ANDREW JONES

Position Trustee

Signature..... 

Full Name..... CHERYL PATRICIA EAGLESON

Position TRUSTEE

Date..... 29/10/2025

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Hire Income	40054.52	39673.62
Donations	6210.00	3170.00
Other Donations (Inc Gift Aid where App)	0.00	55601.39
Sale of Books & Publications	41.96	135.34
Interest	1753.87	940.57
Fund Raising	5889.03	0.00
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	53949.38	99520.92
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Tunstall Building Running Costs	16917.43	11248.74
Tunstall Curator Services	11912.40	12378.70
Trustees Indemnity Insurance	2754.39	2936.54
Aquisitions & Preservation	58837.31	6100.48
Storage	0.00	3138.78
Equipment & Website	3078.78	2063.04
Business Rates	2604.78	2848.31
Postage & Telephone	386.50	49.99
Travel, Food & Accommodation	1607.52	2142.06
Setting up costs (Tunstall)	0.00	0.00
Sundries	5.00	307.75
Professional fees	812.00	594.00
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	98916.11	43808.39
Surplus/Deficit for the year	£ -44966.73	£ 55712.53
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The Foresters Heritage Trust

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fixed Assets		
Station Chambers Museum	16000	16000
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors & Prepayments	0.00	0.00
Bank	0.00	0.00
Instant Access acc	99462.49	147708.62
Current Acc	26041.14	22749.74
Prepayments (ins)	0.00	0.00
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	125503.63	170458.36
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
other	0.00	0.00
Creditors	810.00	798.00
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£ 140693.63	£ 169660.36
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Represented by:

General Fund

Balance at 1.01.24	185660.36	129947.83
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	<u>-44966.73</u>	<u>55712.53</u>
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I have examined the books and vouchers in support of the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account and have obtained any explanations that were necessary to complete the audit and in my opinion the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Committee at 31st December 2024

J Lee M.A.A.T. *J Lee*
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I report on the accounts of The Foresters Heritage Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, set out on the attached page.

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 the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- * Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- * To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)b) of the Charities Act, and
- * To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. Any examination includes review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 statement below.

Independent examiners statement

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

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 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

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27/10/2025

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023

Introduction

This is the sixteenth annual report. The period covered by the Report is 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

Details of the Trust

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Tenure information

The Trust purchased Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6DU in March 2023.

Details of Trustees in post at the date this Annual Report was signed:-

Andrew J Pooley Chairman
Malcolm J Prechner
Kevin G Carpenter
Janet S Pooley
Cheryl P Eagleson
Anthony R E Lewis
Michael J Charlton-Hubble

Appointment of new Trustees

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The day-to-day administration of the Trust for the period 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023 was carried out by Janet Pooley, Trustee who also held the role of Treasurer.

The provision of front-line services was provided by Peter Nixon (Curator).

Income and Expenditure

The gross income of the Trust during 2023 amounted to £99,520.92 (2022 – £46,659.72), with total expenditure of £43,808.39 (2022 - £34,559.47). A copy of the 2023 Accounts is appended.

Principle Sources of Funding

The major financial funding received by the Trust during 2023 came from two sources.

The first was derived from delegates to the Foresters Friendly Society annual national conference in June 2022 passing a resolution authorising financial support from Branch funds as at the end of 2021. The amount paid into the Trust's Bank Account in 2023 was £39,673.62.

The second came from a one-off appeal by the President of the Society during his year in office which raised over £55,000

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees agreed that £30,000 should be invested in a suitable interest-bearing investment and that a maximum of £10,000 be invested in units and £20,000 in deposits.

However, this is on hold pending urgent repairs to Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 6DU.

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The Museum is open to the public on the first and third Saturday of each month and groups can be accommodated on other days by arrangement with the Curator.

The Trustees have decided to apply to the Charity Commission for the registration of the Foresters Heritage Trust as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2024.

Continuing activity

Work continues on the acquisition, preservation and stabilization of exhibits.

Digitalization of documents held by the Museum to aid research and the preservation of records will be commenced in 2024. Several companies have been identified to conduct the work and an agreement will be signed with one of them in early 2024.

Meanwhile work indexing the documents in the archive storage racks is ongoing. Volunteers are being sought through local branches of the Foresters Friendly Society and contact continues with the Stoke on Trent Museum services.

Conclusion

The Trustees continue to manage the Trust and promote education in the history and background of the friendly society movement with the museum being the focus of this activity.

Enquiries continue to be received for information on the history and people involved in the friendly society movement and for the loan of material held by the Trust for exhibitions and Meetings around the Country.

Declaration

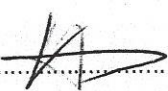
The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature.....

Full Name.....ANDREW JAMES POOLEY

Position TRUSTEE

Signature.....

Full Name.....KEVIN GLYNDWR CARPENTIER

Position TRUSTEE

Date.....25/10/24

The Foresters Heritage Trust **Charity Registration No. - 1109859**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Hire Income	39673.62	38425.58
Donations	3170.00	8104.00
Other Donations (Inc Gift Aid where App)	55601.39	0.00
Sale of Books & Publications	135.34	80.57
Interest	940.57	49.57
Fund Raising	0.00	0.00
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	99520.92	46659.72
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Tunstall Building Running Costs	11248.74	12000.00
Tunstall Curator Services	12378.70	11312.40
Trustees Indemnity Insurance	2936.54	710.71
Aquisitions & Preservation	6100.48	3955.64
Storage	3138.78	0.00
Equipment & Website	2063.04	468.23
Business Rates	2848.31	883.20
Postage & Telephone	49.99	0.00
Travel, Food & Accommodation	2142.06	1599.29
Setting up costs (Tunstall	0.00	0.00
Sundries	307.75	830.00
Professional fees	594.00	2800.00
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Surplus/Deficit for the year	£ 55712.53	£ 12100.25
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fixed Assets		
Station Chambers Museum	16000	0
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors & Prepayments	0.00	0.00
Bank	0.00	0.00
Instant Access acc	147708.62	96768.05
Current Acc	22749.74	34974.78
Prepayments (ins)	0.00	0.00
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>0.00</u> 170458.36	<u>0.00</u> 131742.83
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
other	0.00	0.00
Creditors	798.00	1795.00
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	£ 185660.36	£ 129947.83
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Represented by:

General Fund

Balance at 1.01.23	129947.83	117847.58
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	<u>55712.53</u>	<u>12100.25</u>
	185660.36	129947.83
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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

The Foresters Heritage Trust

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26.09.2024

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Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Trustees consider that the following responses to the questions posed in the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance demonstrate their understanding of the Public Benefit Requirements.

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Development of a wider knowledge of the history of the friendly society movement.
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Tenure information

The Trust did not own any land or property during the Report period. A lease of the ground floor and basement or premises at Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent was commenced on the 25th February 2016 for a term of ten years with a break clause after five years.

In early 2021 the Trustees were informed that the lease would not be renewed, and the premises would be sold. In late 2022 the Trustees made an offer which was accepted by the Landlord for the purchase of the premises. Contracts will be exchanged in early 2023.

Details of Trustees in post at the date this Annual Report was signed:-

Andrew J Pooley	Chairman
Malcolm J Prechner	
Kevin G Carpenter	
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The gross income of the Trust during 2022 amounted to £46,659.72 (2021 – £58,129.86), with total expenditure of £34,559.47 (2021 - £32,080.86). A copy of the 2022 Accounts is appended.

Principle Sources of Funding

The major financial funding received by the Trust during 2022 was derived from delegates to the Foresters Friendly Society annual national conference in June 2021 passing a resolution authorising financial support from Branch funds as at the end of 2020. The amount paid into the Trust's Bank Account in 2022 was £38,425.58.

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The Trustees agreed that £30,000 should be invested in a suitable interest-bearing investment and that a maximum of £10,000 be invested in units and £20,000 in deposits.

However, this is on hold pending the purchase of Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 6DU.

Funds in Deficit

None of the funds of the Trust are in deficit.

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The Trust uses R.K. Lawrence & Co for the examination of its annual account. A copy of the report is appended.

Progress of the Foresters Heritage Trust during 2022

The Trustees continue to hold face to face or virtual meetings at least four times a year and otherwise when necessary.

The Museum is open to the public on the first and third Saturday of each month and groups can be accommodated on other days by arrangement with the Curator.

Various items including Honour Boards, historical documents and photographs are held in storage in Tunstall, Stoke on Trent.

Continuing activity

Work continues on the acquisition, preservation and stabilization of exhibits.

Digitalization of the documents held by the Museum is being planned which will ease searching of their content for research purposes. Various companies able to carry out this task have been contacted and have provided ideas of the scale of the work and the cost. This will be progressed in 2023 when the future of the Museum will be settled with the purchase of Station Chambers, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent ST6 6DU.

Meanwhile work continues on indexing the documents in the archive storage racks. Volunteers are being sought through local branches of the Foresters Friendly Society and contact continues with the Stoke on Trent Museum services.

Conclusion

The Trustees continue to manage the Trust and promote education in the history and background of the friendly society movement with the museum being the focus of this activity.

Enquiries continue to be received for information on the history and people involved in the friendly society movement and for the loan of material held by the Trust for exhibitions and Meetings around the Country.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature..... *Cheryl Eagleson*

Full Name. *CHERYL PATRICIA EAGLESON* Position *TRUSTEE*

Signature..... *Andrew James Foster*

Full Name. *ANDREW JAMES FOSTER* Position *CHAIRMAN*

Date..... *24th OCTOBER 2023.*

THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST
Registered Charity No. 1109859

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Foresters' Friendly Society Special Donation from Courts	38,425.58	38,958.92
Court General Donations	8,104.00	19,145.00
Other Donations (inc Gift Aid, where applicable)	0.00	0.00
Sale of Books & Publications	80.57	0.00
Interest	49.57	8.44
Sundry Income	0.00	17.50
	46,659.72	58,129.86
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Tunstall Building Running Costs	12,000.00	12,000.00
Tunstall Curator Services	11,312.40	11,312.40
Trustees' Indemnity Insurance	710.71	691.51
Acquisitions & Preservation	3,955.64	4,852.03
Equipment & Web Site	468.23	230.29
Business Rates	883.20	883.20
Stationery	0.00	0.00
Postage & Telephone	0.00	9.55
Travel, Food & Accommodation	1,599.29	805.81
Professional Fees	2,800.00	0.00
Sundries	830.00	296.07
	34,559.47	31,080.86
Surplus for Year	12,100.25	27,049.00

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>31/12/2022</u>	<u>31/12/2021</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	0.00	0.00
<u>Cash at Lloyds Bank plc:</u>		
Instant Access Account	96,768.05	96,718.48
Current Account	34,974.78	22,429.10
	131,742.83	119,147.58
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	1,795.00	300.00
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 129,947.83	£ 118,847.58
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The Foresters Heritage Trust

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors & Prepayments	0.00		0.00
Bank	0.00		0.00
Instant Access acc	96768.05		96718.48
Current Acc	34974.78		22129.10
Prepayments (ins)	0.00		0.00
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>0.00</u>	131742.83	<u>0.00</u> 118847.58

Current Liabilities


other	0.00		0.00
Creditors	1795.00		1000.00
		—————	—————
	£ 129947.83		£ 117847.58
		—————	—————

Represented by:

General Fund

Balance at 1.01.22	117847.58		91798.58
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	<u>12100.25</u>		<u>26049.00</u>
	129947.83		117847.58
		—————	—————
	0.00		0.00
		—————	—————
	£ 129947.83		£ 117847.58
		—————	—————

I have examined the books and vouchers in support of the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account and have obtained any explanations that were necessary to complete the audit and in my opinion the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Committee at 31st December 2022

J Lee M.A.A.T.
94 Brook Street
Erith
DA8 1JF 

I report on the accounts of The Foresters Heritage Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, set out on the attached page.

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 the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- * Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- * To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)b) of the Charities Act, and
- * To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. Any examination includes review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 statement below.

Independent examiners statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, and material aspect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

R.K.Lawrence & Co
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J.Lee MAAT

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st December 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Hire Income	38425.58	38958.92
Donations	8104.00	19145.00
Other Donations (Inc Gift Aid where App)	0.00	0.00
Sale of Books & Publications	80.57	0.00
Interest	49.57	8.44
Fund Raising	0.00	17.50
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	46659.72	58129.86
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Tunstall Building Running Costs	12000.00	12000.00
Tunstall Curator Services	11312.40	11312.40
Trustees Indemnity Insurance	710.71	691.51
Aquisitions & Preservation	3955.64	4852.03
Equipment & Website	468.23	230.29
Business Rates	883.20	883.20
Stationary	0.00	0.00
Postage & Telephone	0.00	9.55
Travel, Food & Accommodation	1599.29	805.81
Setting up costs (Tunstall	0.00	0.00
Sundries	830.00	1296.07
Professional fees	2800.00	0.00
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	34559.47	32080.86
Surplus/Deficit for the year	£ 12100.25	£ 26049.00
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THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1109859

Accounts

THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

(Registered Charity No.1109859 in England and Wales)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2021

Introduction

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Details of the Trust

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The number of the registered charity is **1109859**.

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In early 2021 the Trustees were advised that the lease would not be renewed, and the premises would be sold. Negotiations are continuing with the Landlord

Details of Trustees in post at the date this Annual Report was signed: -

Andrew J Pooley	Chairman
Malcolm J Prechner	
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Janet S Pooley	
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The provision of front-line services was provided by Peter Nixon (Curator).

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The gross income of the Trust during 2021 amounted to £58,129.86 (2020 - £40,662.76), with total expenditure of £31,080.86 (2020 - £33,420.22). A copy of the 2021 Accounts is appended.

Principle Sources of Funding

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Policy on Reserves

The Trustees agreed that £30,000 should be invested in a suitable interest-bearing investment and that a maximum of £10,000 be invested in units and £20,000 in deposits.

However, this is on hold pending the outcome of the Lease negotiations.

Funds in Deficit

None of the funds of the Trust are in deficit.

Independent Examination of Accounts

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Progress of the Foresters Heritage Trust during 2021

Governance matters

The Museum has now been open to the public on the first and third Saturday of each month since September 2018 and groups can be accommodated on other days by arrangement with the Curator.

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Work continues on the acquisition, preservation and stabilization of exhibits.

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Volunteers are being sought through local branches of the Foresters Friendly Society and contact continues with the Stoke on Trent museum services.

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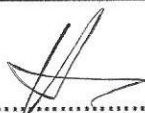
Enquiries continue to be received for information on the history and people involved in the friendly society movement and for the loan of material held by the Trust for exhibitions and Meetings around the Country.

The upper floor of the Museum's premises continues to be occupied by staff of the Foresters Friendly Society whose assistance in day to day help with administrative matters has been invaluable.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature.....

Full Name.....*K.G. CARDENTER*

Position.....*TRUSTEE*

Signature.....

Full Name.....*ANDREW JAMES POOLEY*

Position.....*CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES*

Date.....*24th OCTOBER 2022*

The Foresters Heritage Trust Charity Registration No. - 1109859

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st December 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Hire Income	38958.92	40195.80
Donations	19145.00	360.00
Other Donations (Inc Gift Aid where App)	0.00	0.00
Sale of Books & Publications	0.00	0.00
Interest	8.44	26.96
Fund Raising	17.50	80.00
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	58129.86	40662.76
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Tunstall Building Running Costs	12000.00	12000.00
Tunstall Curator Services	11312.40	11312.40
Trustees Indemnity Insurance	691.51	556.97
Aquisitions & Preservation	4852.03	6138.91
Equipment & Website	230.29	1584.94
Business Rates	883.20	883.20
Stationary	0.00	41.96
Postage & Telephone	9.55	37.77
Travel, Food & Accommodation	805.81	614.07
Setting up costs (Tunstall	0.00	0.00
Sundries	1296.07	250.00
	0.00	0.00
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	32080.86	33420.22
 Surplus/Deficit for the year £		
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	26049.00	£ 7242.54

The Foresters Heritage Trust

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors & Prepayments	0.00		0.00
Bank	0.00		0.00
Instant Access acc	96718.48	80710.04	
Current Acc	22429.10	11358.54	
Prepayments (ins)	0.00		0.00
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>0.00</u>	<u>119147.58</u>	<u>0.00</u> 92068.58

Current Liabilities

other		0.00	0.00
Creditors		1300.00	270.00
		_____	_____
	£	<u>117847.58</u>	£ <u>91798.58</u>

Represented by:

General Fund

Balance at 1.01.21		91798.58	84556.04
Surplus/Deficit for the Year		<u>26049.00</u>	<u>7242.54</u>
		<u>117847.58</u>	<u>91798.58</u>
		0.00	0.00
		_____	_____
	£	<u>117847.58</u>	£ <u>91798.58</u>

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

The Foresters Heritage Trust

Charity Registration No. - 1109859

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It is my responsibility to

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Independent examiners statement

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R.K. Lawrence & Co
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J.Lee MAAT

05.10.22

THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1109859

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Andrew J Pooley	Chairman
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Kevin G Carpenter	
Janet Pooley	
Cheryl P Eagleson	
Anthony R E Lewis	
Michael Charlton-Hubble	Appointed Ex-officio June 2019

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The day to day administration of the Trust for the period 1st January 2020 – 31st December 2020 was carried out by Janet Pooley, Trustee who also held the role of Treasurer.

The provision of front-line services was provided by Peter Nixon (Curator).

Income and Expenditure

The gross income of the Trust during 2020 amounted to £40,662.76 (2019 £38,425.77), with total expenditure of £33,420.22 (2019 £28,594.55). A copy of the 2020 Accounts is appended.

Principle Sources of Funding

The major financial funding received by the Trust during 2020 was derived from delegates to the Foresters Friendly Society annual national conference in June 2019 passing a resolution authorizing financial support from Branch funds as at the end of 2019. The amount paid into the Trust's Bank Account in May 2020 was £40,195.80

Policy on Reserves

In September 2020 it was agreed that the Trust would look for and invest £30,000 in a suitable interest bearing investment with a maximum of £10,000 invested in units and £20,000 in deposits

Funds in Deficit

None of the funds of the Trust are in deficit.

Independent Examination of Accounts

The Trust uses an honorary Independent Examiner, C P Morris, FFA, FFTA, FIAB, for the examination of its annual accounts. A copy of his report is appended.

Progress of the Foresters Heritage Trust during 2020

Governance matters

The Museum has now been open to the public on the first and third Saturday of each month since September 2018 and groups can be accommodated on other days by arrangement with the Curator.

As a result of the Government's Covid-19 restrictions the Museum was closed to the public from 23 March 2020.

Various items including Honour Boards, historical documents and photographs are held in storage in Tunstall, Stoke -on- Trent.

Continuing activity

Climate control with the use of dehumidifiers in the Basement so that documents can be stored there safely without deterioration, continues.

A major project for the digitisation of the collection held by the Museum is being planned which will make it more accessible.

Work continues on the acquisition, preservation and stabilization of exhibits. In respect of Banners this has entailed working with a design company to build a suitable unit to display them at their best. Regrettably due to the size of the Banners and lack of space only one can be displayed at a time.

Meanwhile work continues on indexing the documents in the archive storage racks.

Volunteers are being sought through local branches of the Foresters Friendly Society and contact continues with the Stoke on Trent museum services.

Conclusion

The Trustees continue to manage the Trust and promote education in the history and background of the friendly society movement with the Museum being the focus of this activity.

Enquiries from around the world continue to be received for information on the history and people involved in the friendly society movement. Requests are also received for the loan of material held by the Trust for exhibitions and Meetings around the Country. A new website was launched in 2020 with the existing website being retained to hold archive material. The Trust's FaceBook page has a growing number of followers with an interest in the history of friendly societies.

The digitisation project will enable us to make key elements of the collection more widely accessible to our members, the public and academics.

The upper floor of the Museum's premises continues to be occupied by staff of the Foresters Friendly Society whose assistance has been invaluable.

Declaration


The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature.....

Full Name.....ANDREW JAMES POOK

Position.....CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES

Signature.....

Full Name.....CHERYL PATRICIA EAGLESON

Date.....12/11/2021

Position.....TRUSTEE

THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1109859

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Income		
Foresters' Friendly Society Special Donation from Courts	40,195.80 ✓	37,606.66
Court General Donations	360.00 ✓	775.00
Other Donations (inc Gift Aid, where applicable)	0.00 ✓	0.00
Sale of Books & Publications	0.00 ✓	6.00
Interest	26.96 ✓	38.11
Sundry Income	80.00 ✓	0.00
	<u>40,662.76</u>	<u>38,425.77</u>
Expenditure		
Tunstall Building Running Costs	12,000.00 ✓	12,000.00
Tunstall Curator Services	11,312.40 ✓	11,311.36
Trustees' Indemnity Insurance	556.97 ✓	556.83
Acquisitions & Preservation	6,138.91 ✓	1,356.49
Equipment & Web Site	1,584.94 ✓	28.81
Business Rates	883.20 ✓	855.07
Stationery	41.96 ✓	119.23
Postage & Telephone	37.77 ✓	1.72
Travel, Food & Accommodation	614.07 ✓	2,134.06
Setting Up Costs (Tunstall)	0.00 ✓	0.00
Sundries	250.00 ✓	230.98
	<u>33,420.22</u>	<u>28,594.55</u>
Surplus for Year	7,242.54 ✓	9,831.22

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>31/12/2020</u>	<u>31/12/2019</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	0.00 ✓	0.00
<u>Cash at Lloyds Bank plc:</u>		
Instant Access Account	80,710.04 ✓	80,683.08
Current Account	11,358.54 ✓	3,978.96
	<u>92,068.58</u>	<u>84,662.04</u>
	92,068.58	84,662.04
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	270.00 ✓	26.00
	<u>270.00</u>	<u>26.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 91,798.58	£ 84,636.04
	=====	=====


 9/12/2021

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST.

(Charity Registration No 1109859.)

I report on the accounts of The Foresters Heritage Trust for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on the attached page.

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 the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- *Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- * To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)b) of the Charities Act, and
- * To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. Any 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 of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

1. which gives me a reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

Christopher P Morris

C.P.Morris FFA/ FIPA Incorporated Financial Accountant M/Ship no 157311
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5th August 2021.