

THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

(Registered Charity No.1109859 in England and Wales)

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

Introduction

This is the fourteenth annual report. The period covered by the Report is 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021.

Details of the Trust

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

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

The principal office of the Trust is at **Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent. ST6 6DU.**

The address for e-mail contact is www.forestersheritagetrust@outlook.com

The website address is www.forestersheritagetrust.org

Constitution of Trust

The Trust is constituted by a **Trust Deed** dated **19th April 2005.**

The Trust was registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the **3rd of June 2005**, with the following 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, 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 benefit guidance demonstrate their understanding of the Public Benefit Requirement.

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

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	
Kevin G Carpenter	
Janet S Pooley	
Cheryl P Eagleson	
Anthony R E Lewis	
Michael 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 serve as a Trustee to make 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 Friendly Society Ltd. This is in accordance with the Trust Deed.

The Trust does not have an induction or training program for new Trustees, however all applicants for a post are advised to familiarize 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 2021 – 31st December 2021 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 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

The major financial funding received by the Trust during 2021 was derived from delegates to the Foresters Friendly Society annual national conference in September 2020 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 2021 was £38,958.92

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

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

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.

As a result of the Government's Covid-19 restrictions the Museum was closed to the public until Summer 2021.

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. 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.

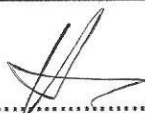
Enquiries continue to be received for information on the history and people involved in the friendly society movement and for the loan of material held by the Trust for exhibitions and Meetings around the Country.

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	£ 26049.00	£ 7242.54
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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>	119147.58	<u>0.00</u> 92068.58

Current Liabilities

other		0.00	0.00
Creditors		1300.00	270.00
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	£	117847.58	£ 91798.58
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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>
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	£	117847.58	£ 91798.58
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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 2021

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FORESTERS HERITAGE TRUST

The Foresters Heritage Trust

Charity Registration No. - 1109859

I report on the accounts of The Foresters Heritage Trust for the year ended 31st December 2021, 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.



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