

Charity number: 1127084
Company number: 05378881

The Workington Heritage Group Limited
(A company limited by guarantee)

Trustees' report and financial statements
for year ended 31 March 2025

ProCount Ltd
Accountants

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1127084
Company registration number	05378881
Registered office	Helena Thompson Museum Park End Road Workington CA14 4DE
Trustees	Mrs J M Haughan Mr J Cook Mr A Wareing Mr M I Jenkinson Mrs A Wareing Mrs E Todhunter Mr P Norman Mr J Connell Mr S D Smith
Secretary	Mrs A Wareing
Accountants	ProCount Ltd Doretti Cross Lane Wigton CA7 9DB
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 3 Pow Street Workington CA14 3AH

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors report)
for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees who are also directors of The Workington Heritage Group Limited for the purposes of law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 1st March 2005. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, trustees are elected at the Annual General meeting or by invitation from the Board of Directors of Workington Heritage Group Limited. Trustees retire by rotation and may, if willing to act, be reappointed.

The board members are J Mercia Haughan, John Cook, Gail Inglis, Tom Ryan, Ann Wareing and Eleanor Bates. Tony Wareing is still Chairman and Trustee.

Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed all risks to which the charity is exposed and have taken steps to mitigate these risks where appropriate. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors.

Objectives and activities

Our charity's objects as set out in the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are to ensure the advancement of education and the public benefit, in particular through the maintenance of historical artefacts, management of museums and organisation of events and publication relevant to the local historical and social development. We have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives.

Main activities undertaken

The charity has continued to work closely with officers of Allerdale Borough Council to ensure the continual successful management of the Helena Thompson Museum, the building and contents of which were left to the people of Workington in the will of Helena Thompson.

Volunteers

The trustees wish to thank the volunteers who in the current year supported Workington Heritage Group Limited by donating time amounting to 10,000 hours free of charge to the company.

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The Museum has continued to provide the local community with an essential social service as well as a heritage centre albeit that there was a significant downturn in turnover over the past two trading years due to the reduction in weddings and some of our regular users for meetings etc.

Tricia has continued to actively pursue alternative events to help supplement the £30K annual grant which we receive from Cumberland Council and which has not been increased in the last 12 years. The café continues to open 3 days in the week and has continued to become very popular with local residents and user groups who are now making regular visits. The hard work by Tricia and the team of volunteers has significantly contributed towards a positive financial outcome to the year.

The Museum remains a very popular venue for local user groups, schools and visitors to the area which aligns with the wishes of Helena Thompson, albeit at affordable prices and the fact that we cannot charge an entrance fee for visitors.

The lack of buildings maintenance over the previous years was highlighted to ABC in 2022 which resulted in a detailed survey which must have addressed the significant damp issues in both ends of the education gallery and the rotting window frames etc. Cumberland Council have commissioned work to eradicate the damp in the two chimneys and painted the exterior end walls whilst the scaffold was up but we still await essential work to be completed to other parts of the building.

The Museum staff and volunteers have continued to keep the internal housekeeping of the building, and gardens, in impeccable condition, which is often remarked on by visitors.

During the year, under and agreement with HMRC and the Arts Council, the Luck of Workington was returned to us, which originally came from Workington Hall and is an important part of the Town's and the Hall's history. It is now part of the collection owned by Cumberland Council.

I must continue to compliment our dedicated staff and volunteers for their diligence and dedication over another difficult but successful year.

A J Wareing

Chairman

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors report) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Financial review

The net incoming resources for the year amounted to £ 17233 The balance on the unrestricted reserves at 31st March 2025 is £213991 and the restricted reserves are £ 130512

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to hold in reserve a minimum of 12 months working capital which is to be found in the Number 2 account at the Workington branch of HSBC.

Principle funding sources

The charity receives an annual grant from Allerdale Borough Council towards the cost of managing the Helena Thompson Museum. Extra funding is obtained through grants, sale of goods, fund raising and donations.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of The Workington Heritage Group Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and applications of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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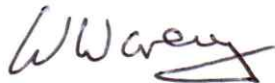
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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time in the financial position of the charitable company and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



A J Wareing
Director

1/12/2025

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Independent examiners report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements

I report on the accounts of The Workington Heritage Group Limited for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for an independent examination, 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 Charities Commission under section 145(5) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities 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 statement below.

Independent examiners statement

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

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (ii) 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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J N Stamper BA Hons
ProCount Ltd

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Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Income

Cumberland Council Grant	37366
Fund Raising Events	6155
Weddings	11624
Donations	3589
Room Hire	7598
Catering	30247
Bar Sales	6339
Shop Sales	1328
Bank Interest	4066

Total Income	108312
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Expenditure

Wages & PAYE	35581
Insurances	2030
Consumables	5979
Cleaning	209
Food & bar purchases	23008
Printing, stationery & advertising	2301
Repairs & renewals	2015
Legal & professional	2244
Book Keeping	1520
Licenses	2611
Telephone & post	945
Motor expenses	190
Bank Charges	557
Subscriptions	1951
Depreciation	9938

(91079)

Excess of Income over Expenditure	£ 17233
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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets		31309
Heritage Assets		10150
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		41459

Current Assets

Cash at bank & in hand	312547
Stock	2990
Debtors	2146
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	317683

Current Liabilities

Creditors	(14639)	
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		303044
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		£ 344503

Capital & Reserves

Restricted income funds	130512
Unrestricted income funds	213991
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	£ 344503

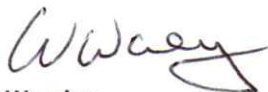
For the financial year ending 31st March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

The financial statements were approved by the board 11/12/2025 and signed on its behalf by



A Wareing

Director

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Fixed Asset Schedule

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Total</u>
As at 01/04/24	166422	1495	167917
Additions	10099	---	10099
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As at 31/03/25	176521	1495	178016
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Depreciation

As at 01/04/24	136769	---	136769
Charge for year	9938	---	9938
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As at 31/03/25	146707	---	146707
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Net book Value

As at 31/03/25	29814	1495	31309
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As at 31/03/24	29653	1495	31148
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Heritage Assets

	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Total</u>
As at 01/04/24 & 31/03/25	10150	10150
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