BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

England & Wales · Charity number 1136175

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07191893
Registered	2010-06-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	69 High Street Blue Town Sheerness ME12 1RW
Phone	01795662981
Email	bthc@btconnect.com

Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION BY PROVIDING: MUSEUM, ART GALLERY, LIBRARY AND CENTRE FOR HISTORIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH. THE ADVANCEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY THE PROMOTION OF VOLUNTEERING. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SCIENCE.

Activities: The provision of Education in Local and National Heritage by providing a centre for a local history archive, facilities for local research a venue for lectures and conferences.Promotion of the arts by the provision of an art gallery, exhibition area, theatre, cinema and concert hall.Increasing the effectiveness of the charity by training & developing volunteers.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£162,699	£138,187	-	-
2024-03-31	£93,338	£102,228	-	-
2023-03-31	£111,446	£108,313	-	-
2022-03-31	£178,668	£149,575	-	-
2021-03-31	£76,567	£56,269	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN NURDEN		2025-03-01
Joanna Bascombe		2026-04-10
MICHAEL J BROWN		
Michael John Heron Hodgson		2025-03-01
Michael John Whiting		2025-10-25

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Charity Registration No	1136175
Company Registration No	7191893

Registered Office and principal address	69 High Street Blue Town Sheerness Kent ME12 1RW

Charity Objects	The advancement of education by providing: museum, art gallery, library and centre for historic and environmental research. The advancement of citizenship and community development by the promotion of volunteering. The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

Directors/Trustees

M J Brown
R F Seager
J Beake
P McDonald
D J Watson - resigned 10 August 2025
S J Mulchinock - resigned 15 February 2025
J C Nurden - appointed 12 February 2025
M J H Hodgson - appointed 12 February 2025

Principal Bankers	HSBC 3 Bank House Broadway Sheerness Kent ME12 1TL

Independent Examiner	L. C. Seal FCCA FAIA Blain Pritchard Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 29 High Street Blue Town, Sheerness Kent ME12 1RN

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st March 2025

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	Blue Town Remembered
Charity registration number	1136175
Company registration number	7191893
Registered address	69, High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, Kent. ME12 1RW.
Telephone Number	01795 662981
Email	criterionbluetown@outlook.com

DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

Members of the Charity elect the Management Committee, as required, at the annual meeting, The Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report: are;

Kenneth J. Ingleton, Chairman
Michael J. Brown, Treasurer
R Seager, Trustee
J Beake, Trustee

STRUCTURE

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 £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee, the directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The management committee seeks to have a broad range of skills and experience amongst its members including but not confined to; business, finance, education, heritage, publicity, fundraising, community work, construction, engineering and local government. The directors are actively seeking further trustees to broaden the skills of the management committee.

The day to day management of the centre is delegated to the company secretary/manager who has the authority of the directors to spend up to £150 each week on the provision of materials and services, within a budget agreed by the directors.

A bookkeeper has been appointed to manage QuickBooks. Systems and policies have been put in place to ensure we are compliant with new requirements and the growth of the organisation.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having no share capital, and exempted from the requirement to have the name ending with 'Limited', registered 16th March 2010 and became a registered charity on 3rd June 2010. The objectives of the Charitable Trust are: 1, the advancement of education, 2, the advancement of citizenship and community development, 3, the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

The principal activities of the company are;

The provision of education in Local and National Heritage by providing a centre for a local history .

Promotion of the arts by the provision of a music hall, exhibition area for heritage and art displays, a community cinema and research facilities.

Increasing the effectiveness of the charity by training & developing volunteers together with using volunteers to operate the centre.

FUNDING

The principal funding comes from the sale of tickets for events, admissions, a Friends scheme, private hire and grants form Swale Borough Council, Kent Community Fund, Lottery and Heritage funding as well as fundraising and donations.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted and designated funds, designated reserves are to complete the project to which they are allocated; unrestricted reserves are the available reserves of the charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Directors have examined the major risks that the charity faces by compiling a register of such risks; this is the subject of review at each management meeting. We confirm that a system of internal audit has been established as well as the provision of regular reports and accounts in order that risks may be quickly identified and action taken to minimize them.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

Since its Registration on 16th March, 2010 The Charitable Company has operated a Heritage Centre at 69 High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, leased from Ian and Jenny Hurkett.

The charity has been working on maximizing its income stream by working to its strengths promoting to groups and coach operators. This includes a unique combination of a guided tour of the Isle of Sheppey, a guided tour and talk in the museum, a heritage film or entertainment with refreshments. An added bonus for these customers is that we are accessible and flexible regarding their needs and budgets.

Promoting and preserving the heritage and culture of the area is paramount for the charity and the combination of a museum, theatre, cinema and tea room has allowed us to educate, entertain and enthuse 14,500 visitors this year.

As being accessible has been a major factor in our growth we have made this a priority by working on accessibility improvements and have been successful with grants to widen corridors and enhance the visitor experience throughout the building. More of our events and shows are being held in the daytime as this suits the elderly and families.

We have become a corporate member of The Rotary club of Minster on sea and host community activities for the Island including a Junior Scorpion Wranglers club sponsored by Rotary. The scorpions that live in the Dockyard wall opposite the charity have attracted interest from the Times science correspondent who wrote a half page article about the charity and the scorpions our founder has spoken on Radio 4 and regional and local radio explaining the history of the area and the scorpions.

It is 15 years since the charity was formed and in June 2010 it became a registered charity. In preparation for this the charity has undertaken as series of awareness raising sessions where they have engaged with a wide variety of users and listened to why they use the venue and their suggestions on how the experience could be improved.

Although not a primary aim we have recruited 3 new trustees and several volunteers and the island has become more engaged with more community groups wanting to use the facilities.

We have hosted productions from schools, a film festival, youth activities and expanded our Dementia offer to three groups.

As the building was built as a music hall making music is a priority and we have hosted the regional final of the Rotary young musicians contest, started jamming sessions for local musicians every Wednesday. Our ukulele club rehearse here every Thursday and there are around 30 of them who now perform all over the country in care homes and at events where they take the opportunity to promote the centre.

The eclectic mix of activities linked to our heritage, culture and community activities have been recognised and we have been nominated for the Kings Award for volunteering our 25 volunteers deserve to be recognised as they gave up 17,500 voluntary hours last year.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2015) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the directors who have authorized the following to Sign on behalf of the board on

10 December 2025

.....	.....
M J Brown	R Seager
Trustee	Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I can confirm I have no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. C. Seal FCCA FAIA

Blain Pritchard Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
29 High Street
Blue Town, Sheerness
Kent ME12 1RN

10 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2025

	Schedule	2025 Unrestricted General Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	*2024 Total Funds*
Income and Endowments					
Donations and Legacies	1	24,125	42,880	67,005	*18,290*
Charitable Activities	2	82,756	-	82,756	*65,462*
Other trading activities	3	12,938	-	12,938	*9,586*
Investments	4	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		119,819	42,880	162,699	*93,338*
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	5	431	-	431	*536*
Charitable Activities	6	37,442	6,033	43,475	*32,454*
Other Expenditure	7	85,757	8,524	94,281	*69,238*
Total resources expended		123,630	14,557	138,187	*102,228*
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before Transfers		(3,811)	28,323	24,512	*(8,890)*
Transfers between funds		(551)	551	-	-
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(4,362)	28,874	24,512	*(8,890)*
Other Recognised Gains and Losses					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-
Net Movements in Funds		(4,362)	28,874	24,512	*(8,890)*
Fund balances brought forward as at 1st April 2024		4,283	44,564	48,847	*57,737*
Fund balances carried forward as at 31st March 2025		**(79)**	**73,438**	**73,359**	***48,847***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Year ended 31st March 2025

Schedule to Statement of Financial Activities

		2025		*2024*
		Unrestricted funds	**Restricted income funds**	***Total funds***
Income and Endowments				
1	**Donations and Legacies**			
	General donations	21,359	-	*4,815*
	Friends	2,766	-	*3,325*
	Grants receivied	-	42,880	*10,150*
		24,125	**42,880**	***18,290***
2	**Charitable Activities**			
	Music hall & event income	48,977	-	*37,508*
	Cinema income	2,748	-	*953*
	Catering income	30,887	-	*26,527*
	Tour Income	144	-	-
	Admissions	-	-	*474*
		82,756	**-**	***65,462***
3	**Other trading activities**			
	Shop income	1,491	-	*963*
	Room hire	11,430	-	*8,623*
	Fundraising	17	-	-
		12,938	**-**	***9,586***
4	**Investments**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Expenditure				
5	**Raising Funds**			
	Shop expenses	431	-	*536*
	Room hire expenses	-	-	-
		431	**-**	***536***
6	**Charitable Activities**			
	Music hall & events costs	14,698	100	*26,674*
	Cinema costs	16,399	4,128	*1,620*
	Catering	6,113	1,587	*3,529*
	Archiving/school room	-	-	-
	Tours	-	-	-
	Advertising & promotional expenses	36	218	*396*
	Museum expenses	196	-	*235*
		37,442	**6,033**	***32,454***
7	**Other Expenditure**			
	Rent	-	-	-
	Light and heat	17,978	-	*7,979*
	Water rates	715	-	*338*
	Waste disposal	1,656	-	*1,535*
	Insurance	3,531	-	*3,437*
	Premises repairs	3,987	1,600	*1,125*
	Staffing costs	49,530	-	*39,087*
	Rental of telephone equipment	1,656	-	*1,656*
	Telephone	599	-	*512*
	Printing, postage & stationery	831	-	*1,544*
	Computer costs	1,396	-	*1,172*
	Repairs & renewals	50	-	*128*
	Hygiene, Health & Safety	580	-	*301*
	Sundry expenses	44	-	*491*
	SBC Licence	834	-	*775*
	Card machine, bank charges	744	-	*668*
	Accountancy	1,260	-	*1,200*
	Depreciation	366	6,924	*7,290*
		85,757	**8,524**	***69,238***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet

31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted General Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	*2024 Total Funds*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**6**	-	31,994	31,994	*39,283*
		-	31,994	31,994	*39,283*
Current Assets					
Shop stock		500	-	500	*500*
Debtors	**7**	1,116	2,205	3,321	*436*
Cash at bank and in hand		(210)	42,239	42,029	*9,892*
		1,406	44,444	45,850	*10,828*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**8**	1,485	3,000	4,485	*1,264*
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)		(79)	41,444	41,365	*9,564*
Net Assets		**(79)**	**73,438**	**73,359**	***48,847***
Funds of the charity					
Funds	**10**	(79)	73,438	73,359	*48,847*
		(79)	**73,438**	**73,359**	***48,847***

For the year ended 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 obtains an audit of its accounts for the year in question 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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

10 December 2025

and signed on its behalf by

…… ……..

M J Brown R Seager

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31st March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards; the Charities SORP (FRS102) "Accounting by Charities"; the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Income Recognition

Voluntary income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities at the later of receipt of monies or the period over which the income relates. Except in the case of legacies in which the income is recognised when it is certain that monies are due at the balance sheet date and can be measured with reasonable certainty, no value is attributed to donated assets or services. Other Income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities taking into account monies due relating to the financial year and accrued accordingly.

Investment Income

Investment income is credited in the accounts on a receipts basis, and no adjustment is made for accrued amounts receivable at

Resources expanded and basis of allocation of costs

Expenditure is included in the accounts using the accruals concept. Resources expended are allocated directly to the particular activity where the cost relates to that activity.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

All Assets: 10% and 20% per annum on cost.

2 Expenditure

	2025	2024
Independent examiner's fee	1,260	1,200

3 Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Type of Fund	Purpose and Restrictions
Museum Development	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to enable us to complete the museum accreditation process. This is on hold until the building work has been completed.
Defibrillator	Restricted income fund	Purchase & installation of defibrillators
Garfield Weston	Restricted income fund	Funds for lift installation
Cantocoarum	Restricted income fund	Funds to purchase a lift ramp & flooring
Dockyard room	Restricted income fund	Funds to put in new ceiling, insulation, level floor for dockyard room
SBC Cleaner Growth	Restricted income fund	funds to provide upgrade heating, lighting and insulation
Heritage Grant	Restricted income fund	Fund for re-organising archive area and surroundings
KCF Impact Fund	Restricted income fund	Grant to assist with costs of the charity's salaries & wages
SBC Grant	Restricted income fund	Grant to purchase heaters and chairs for the Criterion
Colyer Fergusson	Restricted income fund	Grant to strategic development costs.
Community Fund Lottery grant	Restricted income fund	Grant to fund the following costs: Community cinema licences, Purchase of a ukuele, Marketing expenses, admin staff, training and birthday event
Minster Parish Council grant	Restricted income fund	Grant to fund costs toward the lift shaft and cinema film licences
KCC Grant	Restricted income fund	Grant to fund improving accessibility
SBC Grant	Restricted income fund	Sale Borough Council members heritage grant
SBC Grant	Restricted income fund	Community infrastructure grant to pay for costs including solar panels, computers and POS system.
SBC Grant	Restricted income fund	Grant to fund improving accessibility
SBC Grant	Restricted income fund	Sale Borough Council members heritage grant
Sheerness town team	Restricted income fund	Grant to assist with the funding of cinema licences

4 Movement of the Restricted Funds

	Fund Balances B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure: Depreciation of assets	Expenditure: Expenditure	Transfers	Fund Balances C/Fwd
Museum Development	1,500					1,500
Defibrillator	1,103		(158)			945
Garfield Weston	30,022		(4,220)			25,802
Canticoarum	720		(240)			480
Dockyard room upgrade grant	4,200		(1,400)			2,800
SBC Cleaner Growth grant	1,811		(600)			1,211
Heritage Grant	234		(78)			156
KCF Impact Fund	100					100
SBC Grant	686		(228)			458
Colyer Fergusson grant	4,188			(1,509)		2,679
Community fund lottery grant		18,500		(210)		18,290
Minster Parish Council grant		5,000		(2,775)		2,225
KCC Grant		700		(1,200)	500	-
SBC Grant		1,000		(1,009)	9	-
SBC Grant		16,500				16,500
SBC Grant		400		(400)		-
SBC Grant		300		(8)		292
Sheerness town team grant		480		(522)	42	-
	44,564	42,880	(6,924)	(7,633)	551	73,438

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5 Members' Remuneration

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any member or to any other person or persons known to be connected with them apart from the transaction disclosed in the related party note.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Details of Movements on Assets

	Improvements to Leashold Property	Plant & Equipment	Computers	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
				£	£
COST					
Balance brought forward	30,590	43,782	4,194	5,998	84,564
Additions	-	-		-	-
Revaluations	-		-	-	-
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Balance carried forward	30,590	43,782	4,194	5,998	84,564
DEPRECIATION					
Balance brought forward	23,452	12,625	3,891	5,313	45,281
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Revaluation	-		-	-	-
Charge for the year	2,380	4,378	303	228	7,289
Balance carried forward	25,832	17,003	4,194	5,541	52,570
Net book value at 31st March 2025	**4,758**	**26,779**	**-**	**457**	**31,994**
Net book value at 31st March 2024	7,138	31,157	303	685	39,283

All fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

7 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other debtors	-	2,205	64	-
HM Revenue & Customs	1,116	-	372	-
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
	1,116	**2,205**	**436**	**-**

8 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other creditors	162	-	-	-
HM Revenue & Customs	-	-	-	-
Swale Museums Group	65	-	65	-
Funds Held for Sheppey Scene		3,000		
Accruals	1,258	-	1,199	-
	1,485	**3,000**	**1,264**	**-**

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9 Staffing

	2025	2024
Salaries and wages	48,632	38,290
Social security costs	-	216
Pension costs	898	581
	49,530	**39,087**

The charity holds funds on behalf of the Swale Museums group. This will enable the 15 museums and other heritage collections in Swale to be able to work collectively to raise the profile of this heritage area, raise funds for historic Swale and share resources. At the year end funds unspent amounted to £65 and this amount is shown in creditors. Once the Swale Museums group becomes a registered charity in its own right and has its own bank account any unused funds will be transferred to it. Mrs J M Hurkett is chair of the Swale Museums Group.

10 Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Reserves at 1st April 2024	4,283	44,564	48,847
Income	119,819	42,880	162,699
Expenditure	123,630	14,557	138,187
Transfers between funds	(551)	551	-
Reserves at 31st March 2025	**(79)**	**73,438**	**73,359**

11 Operating lease commitments

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year

		2025		2024	
		Property	Other	Property	Other
Lease Expiring:	1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-
	Over 5 years	-	-	-	-

The Charity operates from premises owned by Mr and Mrs Hurkett. Mr & Mrs Hurkett waived rent for this year. Mr & Mrs Hurkett and the charity are currently drawing up a lease for 15 years with the charity to potentially pay a peppercorn annual rent only. Mr & Mrs Hurkett have agreed to provide financial support as required.

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Charity Objects	The advancement of education by providing: museum, art gallery, library and centre for historic and environmental research. The advancement of citizenship and community development by the promotion of volunteering. The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

Directors/Trustees	K J Ingleton - resigned 1 september 2023 M J Brown R F Seager J Beake D J Watson - appointed 23 November 2023 S J Mulchinock - appointed 23 November 2023 P McDonald - appointed 23 November 2023

Principal Bankers	HSBC 3 Bank House Broadway Sheerness Kent ME12 1TL

Independent Examiner	L. C. Seal FCCA FAIA Blain Pritchard Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 29 High Street Blue Town, Sheerness Kent ME12 1RN

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st March 2024

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	Blue Town Remembered
Charity registration number	1136175
Company registration number	7191893
Registered address	69, High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, Kent. ME12 1RW.
Telephone Number	01795 662981
Email	criterionbluetown@outlook.com

DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

Members of the Charity elect the Management Committee, as required, at the annual meeting, The Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report: are;

Kenneth J. Ingleton, Chairman
Michael J. Brown, Treasurer
R Seager, Trustee
J Beake, Trustee

STRUCTURE

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 £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee, the directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The management committee seeks to have a broad range of skills and experience amongst its members including but not confined to; business, finance, education, heritage, publicity, fundraising, community work, construction, engineering and local government. The directors are actively seeking further trustees to broaden the skills of the management committee.

The day to day management of the centre is delegated to the company secretary/manager who has the authority of the directors to spend up to £150 each week on the provision of materials and services, within a budget agreed by the directors.

A bookkeeper has been appointed to manage QuickBooks. Systems and policies have been put in place to ensure we are compliant with new requirements and the growth of the organisation.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having no share capital, and exempted from the requirement to have the name ending with 'Limited', registered 16th March 2010 and became a registered charity on 3rd June 2010. The objectives of the Charitable Trust are: 1, the advancement of education, 2, the advancement of citizenship and community development, 3, the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

The principal activities of the company are;

The provision of education in Local and National Heritage by providing a centre for a local history .

Promotion of the arts by the provision of a music hall, exhibition area for heritage and art displays, a community cinema and research facilities.

Increasing the effectiveness of the charity by training & developing volunteers together with using volunteers to operate the centre.

FUNDING

The principal funding comes from the sale of tickets for events, admissions, a Friends scheme, private hire and grants form Swale Borough Council, Kent Community Fund, Lottery and Heritage funding as well as fundraising and donations.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted and designated funds, designated reserves are to complete the project to which they are allocated; unrestricted reserves are the available reserves of the charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Directors have examined the major risks that the charity faces by compiling a register of such risks; this is the subject of review at each management meeting. We confirm that a system of internal audit has been established as well as the provision of regular reports and accounts in order that risks may be quickly identified and action taken to minimize them.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

Since its Registration on 16th March, 2010 The Charitable Company has operated a Heritage Centre at 69 High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, leased from Ian and Jenny Hurkett.

This year has been another challenging year.

We have worked hard to bring back customer and attract new ones by bringing in groups. Our strategy has been to offer talks to groups and 95% of them then come for a day trip with in the next year. Once they have visited they tend to return for future shows and events.

We have been able to offer extra hours to our part time staff and have held staff training for 1st aid for the team including volunteers and introduced a training plan.

During the year we have had numerous coach group cancellations as the coach companies were unable to fill their coaches and as coaches are expensive they have had to cancel bookings with us. So although we have bought in the groups we then loose them because of transport costs.

External pressures from the increase in electricity, insurances and other costs have meant that although we are working harder we are in effect standing still.

we are currently still negotiating a lease with a peppercorn rent with the founders/landlords to ensure that the Charity can continue and survive these turbulent times. Their passion to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Sheppey is paramount to them as they have already dedicated 15 years to growing the project into one that has gained respect in museum and theatrical fields, they want to leave a thriving legacy.

BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2015) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the directors who have authorized the following to Sign on behalf of the board on

17/9/.....2024

M J Brown
Trustee

R Seager
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I can confirm I have no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. C. Seal FCCA FAIA

Blain Pritchard Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
29 High Street
Blue Town, Sheerness
Kent ME12 1RN

25/9/2024

BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2024

	Schedule	2024 Unrestricted General Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	*2023 Total Funds*
Income and Endowments					
Donations and Legacies	1	8,140	10,150	18,290	*31,229*
Charitable Activities	2	65,462	-	65,462	*69,324*
Other trading activities	3	9,586	-	9,586	*10,893*
Investments	4	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		83,188	10,150	93,338	*111,446*
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	5	394	142	536	*754*
Charitable Activities	6	32,141	313	32,454	*42,143*
Other Expenditure	7	56,511	12,727	69,238	*65,416*
Total resources expended		89,046	13,182	102,228	*108,313*
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before Transfers		(5,858)	(3,032)	(8,890)	*3,133*
Transfers between funds		(18)	18	-	-
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(5,876)	(3,014)	(8,890)	*3,133*
Other Recognised Gains and Losses					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-
Net Movements in Funds		(5,876)	(3,014)	(8,890)	*3,133*
Fund balances brought forward as at 1st April 2023		10,159	47,578	57,737	*54,604*
Fund balances carried forward as at 31st March 2024		**4,283**	**44,564**	**48,847**	***57,737***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Year ended 31st March 2024

Schedule to Statement of Financial Activities

		2024		2023
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
Income and Endowments				
1	**Donations and Legacies**			
	General donations	4,815	-	*15,553*
	Friends	3,325	-	*4,257*
	Grants receivied		10,150	*11,419*
		8,140	**10,150**	***31,229***
2	**Charitable Activities**			
	Music hall & event income	37,508	-	*45,800*
	Cinema income	953	-	*1,563*
	Catering income	26,527	-	*21,030*
	Admissions	474	-	*931*
		65,462	**-**	***69,324***
3	**Other trading activities**			
	Shop income	963	-	*1,265*
	Room hire	8,623	-	*9,628*
	Fundraising		-	-
		9,586	**-**	***10,893***
4	**Investments**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Expenditure				
5	**Raising Funds**			
	Shop expenses	394	142	*754*
	Room hire expenses	-	-	-
		394	**142**	***754***
6	**Charitable Activities**			
	Music hall & events costs	26,674	-	*35,509*
	Cinema costs	1,470	150	*439*
	Catering	3,366	163	*5,980*
	Archiving/school room	-	-	-
	Tours	-	-	-
	Advertising & promotional expenses	396	-	*100*
	Museum expenses	235	-	*115*
		32,141	**313**	***42,143***
7	**Other Expenditure**			
	Rent	-	-	*1,900*
	Light and heat	7,979	-	*6,753*
	Water rates	338	-	*687*
	Waste disposal	1,535	-	*1,378*
	Insurance	3,437	-	*3,273*
	Premises repairs	829	296	*3,010*
	Staffing costs	33,580	5,507	*29,709*
	Rental of telephone equipment	1,656	-	*828*
	Telephone	512	-	*1,506*
	Printing, postage & stationery	1,544	-	*1,908*
	Computer costs	1,172	-	*1,267*
	Repairs & renewals	128	-	*1,068*
	Hygiene, Health & Safety	301	-	*25*
	Sundry expenses	491	-	*1,436*
	SBC Licence	775	-	*486*
	Card machine, bank charges	668	-	*1,439*
	Accountancy	1,200	-	*1,453*
	Depreciation	366	6,924	*7,290*
		56,511	**12,727**	***65,416***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet

31st March 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted General Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	*2023 Total Funds*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	-	39,283	39,283	*46,574*
		-	39,283	39,283	*46,574*
Current Assets					
Shop stock		500	-	500	*700*
Debtors	7	436	-	436	*199*
Cash at bank and in hand		4,611	5,281	9,892	*11,776*
		5,547	5,281	10,828	*12,675*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,264	-	1,264	*1,512*
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)		4,283	5,281	9,564	*11,163*
Net Assets		**4,283**	**44,564**	**48,847**	***57,737***
Funds of the charity					
Funds	10	4,283	44,564	48,847	*57,737*
		4,283	**44,564**	**48,847**	***57,737***
		-	-		

For the year ended 31st March 2023 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 obtains an audit of its accounts for the year in question 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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

17/9/2024

and signed on its behalf by

M J Brown

R Seager

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31st March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards; the Charities SORP (FRS102) "Accounting by Charities"; the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Income Recognition

Voluntary income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities at the later of receipt of monies or the period over which the income relates. Except in the case of legacies in which the income is recognised when it is certain that monies are due at the balance sheet date and can be measured with reasonable certainty, no value is attributed to donated assets or services. Other Income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities taking into account monies due relating to the financial year and accrued accordingly.

Investment Income

Investment income is credited in the accounts on a receipts basis, and no adjustment is made for accrued amounts receivable at

Resources expanded and basis of allocation of costs

Expenditure is included in the accounts using the accruals concept. Resources expended are allocated directly to the particular activity where the cost relates to that activity.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

All Assets: 10% and 20% per annum on cost.

2 Expenditure

	2024	2023
Independent examiner's fee	1,200	1,453

3 Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Type of Fund	Purpose and Restrictions
Museum Development	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to enable us to complete the museum accreditation process. This is on hold until the building work has been completed.
Defibrillator	Restricted income fund	Purchase & installation of defibrillators
Garfield Weston	Restricted income fund	Funds for lift installation
Cantocoarum	Restricted income fund	Funds to purchase a lift ramp & flooring
Dockyard room	Restricted income fund	Funds to put in new ceiling, insulation, level floor for dockyard room
SBC Cleaner Growth	Restricted income fund	funds to provide upgrade heating, lighting and insulation
Heritage Grant	Restricted income fund	Fund for re-organising archive area and surroundings
KCF Impact Fund	Restricted income fund	Grant to assist with costs of the charity's salaries & wages
SBC Grant	Restricted income fund	Grant to purchase heaters and chairs for the Criterion
Colyer Fergusson	Restricted income fund	Grant to strategic development costs.
SBC Members Grant	Restricted income fund	Grant for the purchase of a replacement bulb for the cinema projector

4 Movement of the Restricted Funds

	Fund Balances B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure: Depreciation of assets	Expenditure: Expenditure	Transfers	Fund Balances C/Fwd
Museum Development	1,500					1,500
Defibrillator	1,261		(158)			1,103
Garfield Weston	34,242		(4,220)			30,022
Canticoarum	960		(240)			720
Dockyard room upgrade grant	5,600		(1,400)			4,200
SBC Cleaner Growth grant	2,411		(600)			1,811
Heritage Grant	312		(78)			234
KCF Impact Fund	100					100
SBC Grant	1,192		(228)	(296)	18	686
Colyer Fergusson grant		10,000		(5,812)		4,188
SBC Members grant		150		(150)		-
	47,578	10,150	(6,924)	(6,258)	18	44,564

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5 Members' Remuneration

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any member or to any other person or persons known to be connected with them apart from the transaction disclosed in the related party note.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Details of Movements on Assets

	Improvements to Leashold Property	Plant & Equipment	Computers	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
				£	£
COST					
Balance brought forward	30,590	43,782	4,194	5,998	84,564
Additions	-	-		-	-
Revaluations	-		-	-	-
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Balance carried forward	30,590	43,782	4,194	5,998	84,564
DEPRECIATION					
Balance brought forward	21,073	8,247	3,586	5,084	37,990
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Revaluation	-		-	-	-
Charge for the year	2,379	4,378	305	229	7,291
Balance carried forward	23,452	12,625	3,891	5,313	45,281
Net book value at 31st March 2024	**7,138**	**31,157**	**303**	**685**	**39,283**
Net book value at 31st March 2023	9,517	35,535	608	914	46,574

All fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

7 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other debtors	64	-	199	-
HM Revenue & Customs	372	-	-	-
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
	436	**-**	**199**	**-**

8 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other creditors		-	-	-
HM Revenue & Customs	-	-	248	-
Swale Museums Group	65	-	65	-
Accruals	1,199	-	1,199	-
	1,264	**-**	**1,512**	**-**

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9 Staffing

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	38,290	28,181
Social security costs	216	1,116
Pension costs	581	412
	39,087	**29,709**

The charity holds funds on behalf of the Swale Museums group. This will enable the 15 museums and other heritage collections in Swale to be able to work collectively to raise the profile of this heritage area, raise funds for historic Swale and share resources. At the year end funds unspent amounted to £65 and this amount is shown in creditors. Once the Swale Museums group becomes a registered charity in its own right and has its own bank account any unused funds will be transferred to it. Mrs J M Hurkett is chair of the Swale Museums Group.

10 Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Reserves at 1st April 2023	10,159	47,578	57,737
Income	83,188	10,150	93,338
Expenditure	89,046	13,182	102,228
Transfers between funds	(18)	18	-
Reserves at 31st March 2024	**4,283**	**44,564**	**48,847**

11 Operating lease commitments

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year

		2024		2023	
		Property	Other	Property	Other
Lease Expiring:	1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-
	Over 5 years	-	-	-	-

The Charity operates from premises owned by Mr and Mrs Hurkett. Mr & Mrs Hurkett waived rent for this year. Mr & Mrs Hurkett and the charity are currently drawing up a lease for 15 years with the charity to potentially pay a peppercorn annual rent only. Mr & Mrs Hurkett have agreed to provide financial support as required.

BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

England & Wales - Charity number 1136175

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2022 To 31st March 2023

Charity name: Blue Town Remembered

Charity registration number: 1136175

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**The advancement of education by providing museum and a centre for historic research**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**Visits from educational establishments and public access for the purpose of encouraging availability of local history**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**We confirm that all trustees are aware of and compliant**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**Ongoing engagement with all age groups in the education of local history.** **Provision of community facilities for local groups and individuals.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**The finances of the charity have continued to improve following the problems caused by Covid.**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**Reserves are held as required to cover staff redundancies and other unforeseen costs.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£12,675**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**N/A**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**None**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**No concerns**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		**N/A**
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Trust deed**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**We are a company limited by guarantee**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**Potential trustees are proposed based on required skill sets and are elected by majority vote of existing board members**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Blue Town Remembered
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1136175
Charity's principal address	69 High Street Blue Town Sheerness ME12 1RW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kenneth Ingleton	Chair	N/A	See above
2	Michael Brown	Treasurer	N/A	See above
3	Raymond Seager		N/A	See above
4	Janet Beake		N/A	See above
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michael Brown	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	5th July 2024	

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BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

(A company limited by guarantee having no share capital)

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Charity number 1136175
Company Number 07191893

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(A company limited by guarantee having no share capital)

Charity Registration No	1136175
Company Registration No	7191893

Registered Office and principal address	69 High Street Blue Town Sheerness Kent ME12 1RW

Charity Objects	The advancement of education by providing: museum, art gallery, library and centre for historic and environmental research. The advancement of citizenship and community development by the promotion of volunteering. The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

Directors/Trustees	K J Ingleton M J Brown R Seager J Beake - appointed 31 October 2022

Principal Bankers	HSBC 3 Bank House Broadway Sheerness Kent ME12 1TL

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st March 2023

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	Blue Town Remembered
Charity registration number	1136175
Company registration number	7191893
Registered address	69, High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, Kent. ME12 1RW.
Telephone Number	01795 662981
Email	criterionbluetown@outlook.com

DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

Members of the Charity elect the Management Committee, as required, at the annual meeting, The Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report: are;

Kenneth J. Ingleton, Chairman
Michael J. Brown, Treasurer
R Seager, Trustee
J Beake, Trustee

STRUCTURE

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The Directors have examined the major risks that the charity faces by compiling a register of such risks; this is the subject of review at each management meeting. We confirm that a system of internal audit has been established as well as the provision of regular reports and accounts in order that risks may be quickly identified and action taken to minimize them.

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ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

Since its Registration on 16th March, 2010 The Charitable Company has operated a Heritage Centre at 69 High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, leased from Ian and Jenny Hurkett.

Like many organisations across the whole sector, we were finding that numbers were not back to pre-pandemic levels. They were slowly building back, people were beginning to feel safe to come out, then the cost-of-living crisis hit and for many going out was an expense they could no longer afford. The result is that the coach companies could not fill their coaches so cancelled visits at short notice. This meant that the shows were not as profitable as hoped and budgeted for, so we had to seek out other sources of income and once again try to reduce expenditure.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE (continued)

We have worked on the following:

New heating and ventilation units were installed in the property to reduce energy consumption

Staff hours were reduced by a third- this shortfall has been picked up by the founder and volunteers in the short term as well as students from Sheppey college who have started to help with events.

New suppliers have been sourced and our menu re structured to include new items and price increases.

We have changed our suppliers for card payments.

We cancelled our franking machine contract as we now send all our newsletters by Mailchimp and programmes by email.

We Re negotiated our electricity contract to take onto account all the energy saving improvements we have made.

The founders/landlords have re negotiated a lease with a peppercorn rent to ensure that the Charity can continue and survive these turbulent times. Their passion to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Sheppey is paramount to them as they have already dedicated 15 years to growing the project into one that has gained respect in museum and theatrical fields, they want to leave a thriving legacy.

This project has featured in academic, and tourism books this year as an example of a unique venture. We have also featured in several newspaper articles including The Telegraph.

The University of Kent have approached us again to work with them on research projects which will be developed over the next few years

We are working with several disability groups as the venue is perfect for them. We have flexible seating, a lift, disabled toilets, and our team are trained to help with a wide variety of needs. We host a monthly dementia film club, have work experience students form special needs schools and provide day trips for groups with disabilities.

Our aim has always been to try and earn our own income from events and shows, private hire and community with project funding when required. Because of the external challenges we are facing we realise that we now need to raise a quarter of our income from grants. We realise that we are in competition with a lot of other deserving causes so have sought help from Funding for All who have linked us with a funding mentor to help us apply for large grants and seek sponsorships. We are already submitting large grants to a variety of organisations that we were unaware of before we sought help.

We have worked on marketing our venue for private hires, and these now include film festivals, conferences, as well as wedding receptions and family parties. The charity has continued to focus on how to support the community through the cost-of-living crisis, which is affecting many people in our area, which is one of the most deprived areas in the Southeast.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2015) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the directors who have authorized the following to Sign on behalf of the board on

29 September 2023

M J Brown
Trustee

R Seager
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

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In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the account did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I can confirm I have no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. C. Seal FCCA FAIA

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13/10/2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2023

	Schedule	2023 Unrestricted General Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	*2022 Total Funds*
Income and Endowments					
Donations and Legacies	1	25,810	5,419	31,229	*104,342*
Charitable Activities	2	69,324	-	69,324	*65,049*
Other trading activities	3	10,893	-	10,893	*9,297*
Investments	4	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		106,027	5,419	111,446	*178,688*
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	5	341	413	754	*3,080*
Charitable Activities	6	31,033	11,110	42,143	*45,873*
Other Expenditure	7	53,171	12,245	65,416	*100,622*
Total resources expended		84,545	23,768	108,313	*149,575*
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before Transfers		21,482	(18,349)	3,133	*29,113*
Transfers between funds		(403)	403	-	-
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		21,079	(17,946)	3,133	*29,113*
Other Recognised Gains and Losses					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-
Net Movements in Funds		21,079	(17,946)	3,133	*29,113*
Fund balances brought forward as at 1st April 2022		(10,920)	65,524	54,604	*25,491*
Fund balances carried forward as at 31st March 2023		**10,159**	**47,578**	**57,737**	***54,604***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Year ended 31st March 2023

Schedule to Statement of Financial Activities

		2023 Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted income funds	2022 Total funds
Income and Endowments				
1	**Donations and Legacies**			
	General donations	15,553	-	*13,709*
	Friends	4,257	-	*4,671*
	Grants receivied	6,000	5,419	*85,962*
		25,810	**5,419**	***104,342***
2	**Charitable Activities**			
	Music hall & event income	45,800	-	*43,178*
	Cinema income	1,563	-	*2,728*
	Catering income	21,030	-	*18,237*
	Admissions	931	-	*906*
		69,324	**-**	***65,049***
3	**Other trading activities**			
	Shop income	1,265	-	*1,319*
	Room hire	9,628	-	*7,618*
	Fundraising	-	-	*360*
		10,893	**-**	***9,297***
4	**Investments**	-	-	-
Expenditure				
5	**Raising Funds**			
	Shop expenses	341	413	*753*
	Room hire expenses			*2,327*
		341	**413**	***3,080***
6	**Charitable Activities**			
	Music hall & events costs	24,553	10,956	*33,391*
	Cinema costs	285	154	*3,373*
	Catering	5,980	-	*6,997*
	Archiving/school room	-	-	-
	Tours	-	-	-
	Advertising & promotional expenses	100	-	*2,000*
	Museum subscription	115	-	*112*
		31,033	**11,110**	***45,873***
7	**Other Expenditure**			
	Rent	1,900	-	*22,800*
	Light and heat	6,072	681	*6,025*
	Water rates	687	-	*130*
	Waste disposal	1,378	-	*1,198*
	Insurance	3,273	-	*1,837*
	Premises repairs	1,719	1,291	*6,719*
	Staffing costs	27,968	1,741	*36,257*
	Rental of telephone equipment	828	-	*1,569*
	Telephone	1,506	-	*2,715*
	Printing, postage & stationery	1,667	241	*3,623*
	Computer costs	1,108	159	*1,383*
	Repairs & renewals	496	572	*139*
	Hygiene, Health & Safety	25	-	*886*
	Sundry expenses	927	509	*2,104*
	SBC Licence	486	-	*180*
	Card machine, bank charges	1,312	127	*1,673*
	Bookkeeper	-	-	*576*
	Accountancy	1,453	-	*1,843*
	Depreciation	366	6,924	*8,965*
		53,171	**12,245**	***100,622***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet

31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted General Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	*2022 Total Funds*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**6**	-	46,574	46,574	*35,738*
		-	46,574	46,574	*35,738*
Current Assets					
Shop stock		700	-	700	*700*
Debtors	**7**	199	-	199	-
Cash at bank and in hand		10,772	1,004	11,776	*19,752*
		11,671	1,004	12,675	*20,452*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**8**	1,512	-	1,512	*1,586*
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)		10,159	1,004	11,163	*18,866*
Net Assets		**10,159**	**47,578**	**57,737**	***54,604***
Funds of the charity					
Funds	**10**	10,159	47,578	57,737	*54,604*
		10,159	**47,578**	**57,737**	***54,604***

For the year ended 31st March 2023 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 obtains an audit of its accounts for the year in question 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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

29 September 2023

and signed on its behalf by

M J Brown

R Seager

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Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31st March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards; the Charities SORP (FRS102) "Accounting by Charities"; the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Income Recognition

Voluntary income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities at the later of receipt of monies or the period over which the income relates. Except in the case of legacies in which the income is recognised when it is certain that monies are due at the balance sheet date and can be measured with reasonable certainty, no value is attributed to donated assets or services. Other Income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities taking into account monies due relating to the financial year and accrued accordingly.

Investment Income

Investment income is credited in the accounts on a receipts basis, and no adjustment is made for accrued amounts receivable at

Resources expanded and basis of allocation of costs

Expenditure is included in the accounts using the accruals concept. Resources expended are allocated directly to the particular activity where the cost relates to that activity.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

All Assets: 10% and 20% per annum on cost.

2 Expenditure

	2023	*2022*
Independent examiner's fee	1,453	*1,843*

3 Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Type of Fund	Purpose and Restrictions
Museum Development	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to enable us to complete the museum accreditation process. This is on hold until the building work has been completed.
Defibrillator	Restricted income fund	Purchase & installation of defibrillators
Garfield Weston	Restricted income fund	Funds for lift installation
Cantocoarum	Restricted income fund	Funds to purchase a lift ramp & flooring
Dockyard room	Restricted income fund	Funds to put in new ceiling, insulation, level floor for dockyard room
SBC Cleaner Growth	Restricted income fund	funds to provide upgrade heating, lighting and insulation
Lottery Grant	Restricted income fund	Funds to provide for entertainment for the elderly and the isolated
Heritage Grant	Restricted income fund	Fund for re-organising archive area and surroundings
KCC Disability	Restricted income fund	Grant to modify building to help access to the disabled
KCF Impact Fund	Restricted income fund	Grant to assist with costs of the charity's salaries & wages
SBC Grant	Restricted income fund	Grant to purchase heaters and chairs for the Criterion

4 Movement of the Restricted Funds

	Fund Balances B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure: Depreciation of assets	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund Balances C/Fwd
Museum Development	1,500					1,500
Defibrillator	1,419		(158)			1,261
Garfield Weston	38,462		(4,220)			34,242
Canticoarum	1,200		(240)			960
Dockyard room upgrade grant	7,000		(1,400)			5,600
SBC Cleaner Growth grant	9,081		(600)	(6,070)		2,411
Lottery Grant	6,472			(6,475)	3	-
Heritage Grant	390		(78)			312
KCC Disability		999		(1,009)	10	-
KCF Impact Fund		3,000		(3,290)	390	100
SBC Grant		1,420	(228)			1,192
	65,524	5,419	(6,924)	(16,844)	403	47,578

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Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31st March 2023

5 Members' Remuneration

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any member or to any other person or persons known to be connected with them apart from the transaction disclosed in the related party note.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Details of Movements on Assets

	Improvements to Leashold Property	Plant & Equipment	Computers	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
				£	£
COST					
Balance brought forward	18,694	38,694	4,194	4,856	66,438
Additions	11,896	5,088		1,142	18,126
Revaluations	-		-	-	-
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Balance carried forward	30,590	43,782	4,194	5,998	84,564
DEPRECIATION					
Balance brought forward	18,694	3,869	3,281	4,856	30,700
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Revaluation	-		-	-	-
Charge for the year	2,379	4,378	305	228	7,290
Balance carried forward	21,073	8,247	3,586	5,084	37,990
Net book value at 31st March 2023	**9,517**	**35,535**	**608**	**914**	**46,574**
Net book value at 31st March 2022	-	34,825	913	-	35,738

All fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

7 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other debtors	199	-	-	-
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
	199	-	-	-

8 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other creditors		-	126	-
HM Revenue & Customs	248	-	195	-
Swale Museums Group	65	-	65	-
Accruals	1,199	-	1,200	-
	1,512	-	**1,586**	-

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9 Staffing

	2023	2022
Salaries and wages	28,181	35,502
Social security costs	1,116	-
Pension costs	412	755
	29,709	**36,257**

The charity holds funds on behalf of the Swale Museums group. This will enable the 15 museums and other heritage collections in Swale to be able to work collectively to raise the profile of this heritage area, raise funds for historic Swale and share resources. At the year end funds unspent amounted to £65 and this amount is shown in creditors. Once the Swale Museums group becomes a registered charity in its own right and has its own bank account any unused funds will be transferred to it. Mrs J M Hurkett is chair of the Swale Museums Group.

10 Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Reserves at 1st April 2022	(10,920)	65,524	54,604
Income	106,027	5,419	111,446
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Transfers between funds	(403)	403	-
Reserves at 31st March 2023	**10,159**	**47,578**	**57,737**

11 Operating lease commitments

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year

		2023		2022	
		Property	Other	Property	Other
Lease Expiring:	1 to 5 years	-	-	-	0
	Over 5 years	-	-	-	-

The Charity operates from premises owned by Mr and Mrs Hurkett. The Charity had a lease with Mr & Mrs Hurkett which expired last year. Mr & Mrs Hurkett were paid rent for the year of £1,900 and moving forward are completing a lease for 15 years with the charity to pay a peppercorn annual rent only. Mr & Mrs Hurkett have agreed to provide financial support as required.

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Like many organisations across the whole sector, we were finding that numbers were not back to pre-pandemic levels. They were slowly building back, people were beginning to feel safe to come out, then the cost-of-living crisis hit and for many going out was an expense they could no longer afford. The result is that the coach companies could not fill their coaches so cancelled visits at short notice. This meant that the shows were not as profitable as hoped and budgeted for, so we had to seek out other sources of income and once again try to reduce expenditure.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE (continued)

We have worked on the following:

New heating and ventilation units were installed in the property to reduce energy consumption

Staff hours were reduced by a third- this shortfall has been picked up by the founder and volunteers in the short term as well as students from Sheppey college who have started to help with events.

New suppliers have been sourced and our menu re structured to include new items and price increases.

We have changed our suppliers for card payments.

We cancelled our franking machine contract as we now send all our newsletters by Mailchimp and programmes by email.

We Re negotiated our electricity contract to take onto account all the energy saving improvements we have made.

The founders/landlords have re negotiated a lease with a peppercorn rent to ensure that the Charity can continue and survive these turbulent times. Their passion to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Sheppey is paramount to them as they have already dedicated 15 years to growing the project into one that has gained respect in museum and theatrical fields, they want to leave a thriving legacy.

This project has featured in academic, and tourism books this year as an example of a unique venture. We have also featured in several newspaper articles including The Telegraph.

The University of Kent have approached us again to work with them on research projects which will be developed over the next few years

We are working with several disability groups as the venue is perfect for them. We have flexible seating, a lift, disabled toilets, and our team are trained to help with a wide variety of needs. We host a monthly dementia film club, have work experience students form special needs schools and provide day trips for groups with disabilities.

Our aim has always been to try and earn our own income from events and shows, private hire and community with project funding when required. Because of the external challenges we are facing we realise that we now need to raise a quarter of our income from grants. We realise that we are in competition with a lot of other deserving causes so have sought help from Funding for All who have linked us with a funding mentor to help us apply for large grants and seek sponsorships. We are already submitting large grants to a variety of organisations that we were unaware of before we sought help.

We have worked on marketing our venue for private hires, and these now include film festivals, conferences, as well as wedding receptions and family parties. The charity has continued to focus on how to support the community through the cost-of-living crisis, which is affecting many people in our area, which is one of the most deprived areas in the Southeast.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2015) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the directors who have authorized the following to Sign on behalf of the board on

29 September 2023

M J Brown
Trustee

R Seager
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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.

Basis of independent examiners' report

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In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the account did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I can confirm I have no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. C. Seal FCCA FAIA

Blain Pritchard Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
29 High Street
Blue Town, Sheerness
Kent ME12 1RN

13/10/2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2023

	Schedule	2023 Unrestricted General Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	*2022 Total Funds*
Income and Endowments					
Donations and Legacies	1	25,810	5,419	31,229	*104,342*
Charitable Activities	2	69,324	-	69,324	*65,049*
Other trading activities	3	10,893	-	10,893	*9,297*
Investments	4	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		106,027	5,419	111,446	*178,688*
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	5	341	413	754	*3,080*
Charitable Activities	6	31,033	11,110	42,143	*45,873*
Other Expenditure	7	53,171	12,245	65,416	*100,622*
Total resources expended		84,545	23,768	108,313	*149,575*
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before Transfers		21,482	(18,349)	3,133	*29,113*
Transfers between funds		(403)	403	-	-
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		21,079	(17,946)	3,133	*29,113*
Other Recognised Gains and Losses					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-
Net Movements in Funds		21,079	(17,946)	3,133	*29,113*
Fund balances brought forward as at 1st April 2022		(10,920)	65,524	54,604	*25,491*
Fund balances carried forward as at 31st March 2023		**10,159**	**47,578**	**57,737**	***54,604***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Year ended 31st March 2023

Schedule to Statement of Financial Activities

		2023 Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted income funds	2022 Total funds
Income and Endowments				
1	**Donations and Legacies**			
	General donations	15,553	-	*13,709*
	Friends	4,257	-	*4,671*
	Grants receivied	6,000	5,419	*85,962*
		25,810	**5,419**	***104,342***
2	**Charitable Activities**			
	Music hall & event income	45,800	-	*43,178*
	Cinema income	1,563	-	*2,728*
	Catering income	21,030	-	*18,237*
	Admissions	931	-	*906*
		69,324	**-**	***65,049***
3	**Other trading activities**			
	Shop income	1,265	-	*1,319*
	Room hire	9,628	-	*7,618*
	Fundraising	-	-	*360*
		10,893	**-**	***9,297***
4	**Investments**	-	-	-
Expenditure				
5	**Raising Funds**			
	Shop expenses	341	413	*753*
	Room hire expenses			*2,327*
		341	**413**	***3,080***
6	**Charitable Activities**			
	Music hall & events costs	24,553	10,956	*33,391*
	Cinema costs	285	154	*3,373*
	Catering	5,980	-	*6,997*
	Archiving/school room	-	-	-
	Tours	-	-	-
	Advertising & promotional expenses	100	-	*2,000*
	Museum subscription	115	-	*112*
		31,033	**11,110**	***45,873***
7	**Other Expenditure**			
	Rent	1,900	-	*22,800*
	Light and heat	6,072	681	*6,025*
	Water rates	687	-	*130*
	Waste disposal	1,378	-	*1,198*
	Insurance	3,273	-	*1,837*
	Premises repairs	1,719	1,291	*6,719*
	Staffing costs	27,968	1,741	*36,257*
	Rental of telephone equipment	828	-	*1,569*
	Telephone	1,506	-	*2,715*
	Printing, postage & stationery	1,667	241	*3,623*
	Computer costs	1,108	159	*1,383*
	Repairs & renewals	496	572	*139*
	Hygiene, Health & Safety	25	-	*886*
	Sundry expenses	927	509	*2,104*
	SBC Licence	486	-	*180*
	Card machine, bank charges	1,312	127	*1,673*
	Bookkeeper	-	-	*576*
	Accountancy	1,453	-	*1,843*
	Depreciation	366	6,924	*8,965*
		53,171	**12,245**	***100,622***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet

31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted General Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	*2022 Total Funds*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**6**	-	46,574	46,574	*35,738*
		-	46,574	46,574	*35,738*
Current Assets					
Shop stock		700	-	700	*700*
Debtors	**7**	199	-	199	-
Cash at bank and in hand		10,772	1,004	11,776	*19,752*
		11,671	1,004	12,675	*20,452*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**8**	1,512	-	1,512	*1,586*
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)		10,159	1,004	11,163	*18,866*
Net Assets		**10,159**	**47,578**	**57,737**	***54,604***
Funds of the charity					
Funds	**10**	10,159	47,578	57,737	*54,604*
		10,159	**47,578**	**57,737**	***54,604***

For the year ended 31st March 2023 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 obtains an audit of its accounts for the year in question 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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

29 September 2023

and signed on its behalf by

M J Brown

R Seager

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31st March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards; the Charities SORP (FRS102) "Accounting by Charities"; the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Income Recognition

Voluntary income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities at the later of receipt of monies or the period over which the income relates. Except in the case of legacies in which the income is recognised when it is certain that monies are due at the balance sheet date and can be measured with reasonable certainty, no value is attributed to donated assets or services. Other Income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities taking into account monies due relating to the financial year and accrued accordingly.

Investment Income

Investment income is credited in the accounts on a receipts basis, and no adjustment is made for accrued amounts receivable at

Resources expanded and basis of allocation of costs

Expenditure is included in the accounts using the accruals concept. Resources expended are allocated directly to the particular activity where the cost relates to that activity.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

All Assets: 10% and 20% per annum on cost.

2 Expenditure

	2023	*2022*
Independent examiner's fee	1,453	*1,843*

3 Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Type of Fund	Purpose and Restrictions
Museum Development	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to enable us to complete the museum accreditation process. This is on hold until the building work has been completed.
Defibrillator	Restricted income fund	Purchase & installation of defibrillators
Garfield Weston	Restricted income fund	Funds for lift installation
Cantocoarum	Restricted income fund	Funds to purchase a lift ramp & flooring
Dockyard room	Restricted income fund	Funds to put in new ceiling, insulation, level floor for dockyard room
SBC Cleaner Growth	Restricted income fund	funds to provide upgrade heating, lighting and insulation
Lottery Grant	Restricted income fund	Funds to provide for entertainment for the elderly and the isolated
Heritage Grant	Restricted income fund	Fund for re-organising archive area and surroundings
KCC Disability	Restricted income fund	Grant to modify building to help access to the disabled
KCF Impact Fund	Restricted income fund	Grant to assist with costs of the charity's salaries & wages
SBC Grant	Restricted income fund	Grant to purchase heaters and chairs for the Criterion

4 Movement of the Restricted Funds

	Fund Balances B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure: Depreciation of assets	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund Balances C/Fwd
Museum Development	1,500					1,500
Defibrillator	1,419		(158)			1,261
Garfield Weston	38,462		(4,220)			34,242
Canticoarum	1,200		(240)			960
Dockyard room upgrade grant	7,000		(1,400)			5,600
SBC Cleaner Growth grant	9,081		(600)	(6,070)		2,411
Lottery Grant	6,472			(6,475)	3	-
Heritage Grant	390		(78)			312
KCC Disability		999		(1,009)	10	-
KCF Impact Fund		3,000		(3,290)	390	100
SBC Grant		1,420	(228)			1,192
	65,524	5,419	(6,924)	(16,844)	403	47,578

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5 Members' Remuneration

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any member or to any other person or persons known to be connected with them apart from the transaction disclosed in the related party note.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Details of Movements on Assets

	Improvements to Leashold Property	Plant & Equipment	Computers	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
				£	£
COST					
Balance brought forward	18,694	38,694	4,194	4,856	66,438
Additions	11,896	5,088		1,142	18,126
Revaluations	-		-	-	-
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Balance carried forward	30,590	43,782	4,194	5,998	84,564
DEPRECIATION					
Balance brought forward	18,694	3,869	3,281	4,856	30,700
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Revaluation	-		-	-	-
Charge for the year	2,379	4,378	305	228	7,290
Balance carried forward	21,073	8,247	3,586	5,084	37,990
Net book value at 31st March 2023	**9,517**	**35,535**	**608**	**914**	**46,574**
Net book value at 31st March 2022	-	34,825	913	-	35,738

All fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

7 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other debtors	199	-	-	-
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
	199	-	-	-

8 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other creditors		-	126	-
HM Revenue & Customs	248	-	195	-
Swale Museums Group	65	-	65	-
Accruals	1,199	-	1,200	-
	1,512	-	**1,586**	-

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9 Staffing

	2023	2022
Salaries and wages	28,181	35,502
Social security costs	1,116	-
Pension costs	412	755
	29,709	**36,257**

The charity holds funds on behalf of the Swale Museums group. This will enable the 15 museums and other heritage collections in Swale to be able to work collectively to raise the profile of this heritage area, raise funds for historic Swale and share resources. At the year end funds unspent amounted to £65 and this amount is shown in creditors. Once the Swale Museums group becomes a registered charity in its own right and has its own bank account any unused funds will be transferred to it. Mrs J M Hurkett is chair of the Swale Museums Group.

10 Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Reserves at 1st April 2022	(10,920)	65,524	54,604
Income	106,027	5,419	111,446
Expenditure	84,545	23,768	108,313
Transfers between funds	(403)	403	-
Reserves at 31st March 2023	**10,159**	**47,578**	**57,737**

11 Operating lease commitments

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year

		2023		2022	
		Property	Other	Property	Other
Lease Expiring:	1 to 5 years	-	-	-	0
	Over 5 years	-	-	-	-

The Charity operates from premises owned by Mr and Mrs Hurkett. The Charity had a lease with Mr & Mrs Hurkett which expired last year. Mr & Mrs Hurkett were paid rent for the year of £1,900 and moving forward are completing a lease for 15 years with the charity to pay a peppercorn annual rent only. Mr & Mrs Hurkett have agreed to provide financial support as required.

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(A company limited by guarantee having no share capital)

Charity Registration No	1136175
Company Registration No	7191893

Registered Office and principal address	69 High Street Blue Town Sheerness Kent ME12 1RW

Charity Objects	The advancement of education by providing: museum, art gallery, library and centre for historic and environmental research. The advancement of citizenship and community development by the promotion of volunteering. The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

Directors/Trustees	K J Ingleton M J Brown R Seager J Beake - appointed 31 October 2022

Principal Bankers	HSBC 3 Bank House Broadway Sheerness Kent ME12 1TL

Independent Examiner	L. C. Seal FCCA FAIA Blain Pritchard Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 29 High Street Blue Town, Sheerness Kent ME12 1RN

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st March 2022

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	Blue Town Remembered
Charity registration number	1136175
Company registration number	7191893
Registered address	69, High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, Kent. ME12 1RW.
Telephone Number	01795 662981
Email	criterionbluetown@outlook.com

DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

Members of the Charity elect the Management Committee, as required, at the annual meeting, The Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report: are;

Kenneth J. Ingleton, Chairman
Michael J. Brown, Treasurer
R Seager, Trustee
J Beake, Trustee

STRUCTURE

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 £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee, the directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The management committee seeks to have a broad range of skills and experience amongst its members including but not confined to; business, finance, education, heritage, publicity, fundraising, community work, construction, engineering and local government. The directors are actively seeking further trustees to broaden the skills of the management committee.

The day to day management of the centre is delegated to the company secretary/manager who has the authority of the directors to spend up to £150 each week on the provision of materials and services, within a budget agreed by the directors.

A bookkeeper has been appointed to manage QuickBooks. Systems and policies have been put in place to ensure we are compliant with new requirements and the growth of the organisation.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having no share capital, and exempted from the requirement to have the name ending with 'Limited', registered 16th March 2010 and became a registered charity on 3rd June 2010. The objectives of the Charitable Trust are: 1, the advancement of education, 2, the advancement of citizenship and community development, 3, the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

The principal activities of the company are;

The provision of education in Local and National Heritage by providing a centre for a local history .

Promotion of the arts by the provision of a music hall, exhibition area for heratige and art displays, a community cinema and research facilities.

Increasing the effectiveness of the charity by training & developing volunteers together with using volunteers to operate the centre.

FUNDING

The principal funding comes from the sale of tickets for events, admissions, a Friends scheme, private hire and grants form Swale Borough Council, Garfield Weston, Collyer Ferguson and Kent Community Fund as well as fundraising and donations.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted and designated funds, designated reserves are to complete the project to which they are allocated; unrestricted reserves are the available reserves of the charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Directors have examined the major risks that the charity faces by compiling a register of such risks; this is the subject of review at each management meeting. We confirm that a system of internal audit has been established as well as the provision of regular reports and accounts in order that risks may be quickly identified and action taken to minimize them.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

Since its Registration on 16th March, 2010 The Charitable Company has operated a Heritage Centre at 69 High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, leased from Ian and Jenny Hurkett.

It has been another challenging year for us. We were managing ourselves out of the pandemic and it is taking longer than anyone could have anticipated. Because our clients are mainly elderly and many are still wary about venturing out.

We have been forced to cancel some of our shows, which are the main source of income, because the drop in bookings has meant that these shows have not been viable. So we have had to seek other forms of income as well as ways to reduce our expenditure

We have built a very positive relationship with groups over the 13 years we have been operating. It is because of this relationship that we have been able to secure several day trip bookings to view all the changes we have made to the centre. These have focussed on the heritage of the area and include a guided tour of the isle of Sheppey, lunch a talk and a history film.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE (continued)

Cash flow has been a challenge and the founder, who is also the landlord has made substantial donations to help the charity keep afloat during these turbulent times and has waivered the rent for some months. The founder and her husband continue to work as volunteers working on average 40 hours a week each.

The charity has focussed on how to bring back our regulars with free or low cost events . Whilst these are not that profitable they do show that we are part of the community and that we care for our local visitors when times are difficult for them. These events include a free community cinema for Friends of the centre, a dementia film club as well as talks and celebratory events. We have a lot of elderly single people who rely on us. They feel safe and comfortable here and for many we are the only place they attend to socialise.

Although this is not one the main aims of the charity it is something that has evolved and shows that we are embedded in the community. It is because of this that they donate some amazing artefacts to the museum and support us with help in kind and with donations.

Our outreach work with schools is growing and we now work with all the schools on Sheppey. We are also part of the annual curriculum . Another way that we are embedded into our community.

Having the facilities and licences to be a community cinema enables us to accept cinema streamings providing an opportunity for our visitors to see shows and concerts that would be out of their reach if we weren't here.

The founder and non executive director has spent a lot of time seeking funds to provide for a lift to enable our clients to visit all 3 floor of the museum. She has been very successful but this fell at a time when the cost of materials doubled within a few months. So to finish the project she had to seek help and the community of Sheppey stepped up with grants from town and parish councils, local councillors and businesses as well as the community. The lift was completed at the end of March 2022.

With the changes to the building we need to spread the word that we now have a lot more to offer so it was imperative that we focussed on marketing. We rebranded as the Criterion Blue Town, developed our online booking system and website. And continued with our personal touch talking to groups and coach companies.

Our local visitors amount to about a third of or our income the rest is from groups so we are hopeful that in 2022 – 2023 all this hard work will bring us back to pre pandemic numbers so that we are not reliant on funding to top us up. But until then we will be seeking funding, working on building back the trade as well as seeking new ways to attract local and visitors from far afield. Our reputation is spreading and we are in some national and international tourist books. We are also in an academic book featuring the history of the Thames estuary.

Performers like performing here and we are building strong links with some of them so that next years programme will have something for practically everyone at a variety of price points.

Our aim is to educate , entertain and enthuse and by having a museum, cinema and theatre under one roof we are in the position to do this on a daily basis, plus we now have all the work that we do with the community . According to museum experts doing all of these is unique.

For us to continue and grow we aim to reduce our expenditure on heating and lighting by 50% because we have obtained funding for new windows and for insulation. This is a very old and large building and all these measures will help us to achieve this target. The funds for the work are shown in this years accounts but the work will be completed and paid for in the next financial year. So with the help of funding, help in kind and a local builder doing a lot of the work at cost will enable us to be more efficient . However all of these projects are interlinked which makes it complicated to manage and administrate. We have a small team of 3 part time staff and a team of 20 volunteers. Between us we manage all the projects and 10,000 visitors. Our aim is to get back to 20,000 visitors and recruit more volunteers to help us with the projected growth.

We are confident that we can do this as we have managed through the pandemic and have loyal supporters.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2015) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the directors who have authorized the following to Sign on behalf of the board on

21 December 2022

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M J Brown
Trustee

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R Seager
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 examiner's statement - matter of concern identified

I have completed my examination and wish to drawn to your attention that the unrestricted reserves are overdrawn. This has come about due to the Covid pandemic and the time it is taking to recover from the restrictions imposed over the charity during this period. The trustees are aware of the financial position and are confident this can be turned around over the next 18 to 24 months with the centre now fully open and the public slowly returning. The landlords as can be seen in note 11 of the financial statements are committed to proving support for as long as required.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the account did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I can confirm I have no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. C. Seal FCCA FAIA

Blain Pritchard Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
29 High Street
Blue Town, Sheerness
Kent ME12 1RN

2/12/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2022

	Schedule	2022 Unrestricted General Funds	2022 Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds	*2021 Total Funds*
Income and Endowments					
Donations and Legacies	1	29,047	75,295	104,342	*86,025*
Charitable Activities	2	65,049	-	65,049	*3,336*
Other trading activities	3	9,297	-	9,297	*1,456*
Investments	4	-	-	-	*-*
Total Incoming Resources		103,393	75,295	178,688	*90,817*
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	5	3,080	-	3,080	*100*
Charitable Activities	6	39,198	6,675	45,873	*8,287*
Other Expenditure	7	91,522	9,100	100,622	*62,132*
Total resources expended		133,800	15,775	149,575	*70,519*
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before Transfers		(30,407)	59,520	29,113	*20,298*
Transfers between funds		(1,628)	1,628	-	*-*
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(32,035)	61,148	29,113	*20,298*
Other Recognised Gains and Losses					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	*-*
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	*-*
Net Movements in Funds		(32,035)	61,148	29,113	*20,298*
Fund balances brought forward as at 1st April 2021		21,115	4,376	25,491	*5,193*
Fund balances carried forward as at 31st March 2022		**(10,920)**	**65,524**	**54,604**	***25,491***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Year ended 31st March 2022

Schedule to Statement of Financial Activities

	2022 Unrestricted funds	2022 Restricted income funds	2021 Total funds
Income and Endowments			
1 Donations and Legacies			
General donations	13,709	-	*16,224*
Friends	4,671	-	*2,355*
Grants receivied	10,667	75,295	*67,446*
	29,047	**75,295**	***86,025***
2 Charitable Activities			
Music hall & event income	43,178	-	*427*
Cinema income	2,728	-	*2,566*
Catering income	18,237	-	-
Admissions	906	-	*343*
Aviation centre income	-	-	-
Tour income	-	-	-
	65,049	**-**	***3,336***
3 Other trading activities			
Shop income	1,319	-	*157*
Room hire	7,618	-	*1,299*
Fundraising	360	-	-
	9,297	**-**	***1,456***
4 Investments	**-**	**-**	**-**
Expenditure			
5 Raising Funds			
Shop expenses	753	-	*100*
Room hire expenses	2,327	-	-
	3,080	**-**	***100***
6 Charitable Activities			
Music hall & events costs	27,022	6,369	*1,100*
Cinema costs	3,067	306	*3,326*
Catering	6,997	-	-
Archiving/school room	-	-	-
Tours	-	-	-
Advertising & promotional expenses	2,000	-	*3,749*
Museum subscription	112	-	*112*
	39,198	**6,675**	***8,287***
7 Other Expenditure			
Rent	22,800	-	*22,800*
Light and heat	6,025	-	*4,085*
Water rates	130	-	*892*
Waste disposal	1,198	-	*986*
Insurance	1,837	-	*1,630*
Premises repairs	4,418	2,301	*6,415*
Staffing costs	36,257	-	-
Covid expenses	-	-	*2,901*
Rental of telephone equipment	1,569	-	*2,091*
Telephone	2,715	-	*3,024*
Printing, postage & stationery	1,897	1,726	*1,771*
Computer costs	1,073	310	*1,177*
Hygiene, repairs & renewals	139	-	-
Health & Safety	769	117	*18*
Sundry expenses	1,632	472	*258*
SBC Licence	180	-	*180*
Card machine, bank charges	1,673	-	*1,125*
Bookkeeper	576	-	*6,400*
Accountancy	1,843	-	*1,020*
Depreciation	4,791	4,174	*5,359*
	91,522	**9,100**	***62,132***

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Balance Sheet

31st March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted General Funds	2022 Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds	*2021 Total Funds*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	-	35,738	35,738	*4,791*
		-	35,738	35,738	*4,791*
Current Assets					
Shop stock		700	-	700	*700*
Debtors	7	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		(10,034)	29,786	19,752	*25,622*
		(9,334)	29,786	20,452	*26,322*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,586	-	1,586	*5,622*
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)		(10,920)	29,786	18,866	*20,700*
Net Assets		**(10,920)**	**65,524**	**54,604**	***25,491***
Funds of the charity					
Funds	10	(10,920)	65,524	54,604	*25,491*
		(10,920)	**65,524**	**54,604**	***25,491***

For the year ended 31st March 2022 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 obtains an audit of its accounts for the year in question 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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

21 December 2022

and signed on its behalf by

.....
M J Brown

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R Seager

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31st March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards; the Charities SORP (FRS102) "Accounting by Charities"; the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Income Recognition

Voluntary income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities at the later of receipt of monies or the period over which the income relates. Except in the case of legacies in which the income is recognised when it is certain that monies are due at the balance sheet date and can be measured with reasonable certainty, no value is attributed to donated assets or services. Other Income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities taking into account monies due relating to the financial year and accrued accordingly.

Investment Income

Investment income is credited in the accounts on a receipts basis, and no adjustment is made for accrued amounts receivable at

Resources expanded and basis of allocation of costs

Expenditure is included in the accounts using the accruals concept. Resources expended are allocated directly to the particular activity where the cost relates to that activity.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

All Assets: 10% and 20% per annum on cost.

2 Expenditure

	2022	*2021*
Independent examiner's	1,843	*1,020*

3 Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Type of Fund	Purpose and Restrictions
McCudden Memorial	Restricted income fund	Memorial to James Mcudden VC which included the stone the plaque booklets for the memorial service and admin costs related to the organisation of the event. This was organised with Swale Borough Council and Janys Thornton.
Museum Development	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to enable us to complete the museum accreditaion process. This is on hold until the building work has been completed.
School Archive	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to provide resources for school visits.
Dockyard Projects	Restricted income fund	Grants awarded to pay for costs to promote the historic Royal Doackyard, including Printing, booklets, leaflets etc.
Kent Community Fund	Restricted income fund	Provided for to assist in the refurbishment of the music hall
Defibrillator	Restricted income fund	Purchase & install of defibrillators
Garfield Weston	Restricted income fund	Funds for lift installation
Naval Dock NDS	Restricted income fund	Funds to produce booklets & education material
Cantocoarum	Restricted income fund	Funds to purchase a lift ramp & flooring
KCC Marketing Grant	Restricted income fund	Funds to assist in advetising shows
Dockyard room upgade	Restricted income fund	Funds to put in new ceiling, insulation, level florr for dockyard room
SBC Cleaner Growth	Restricted income fund	funds to provide upgrade heating, lighting and insurlation
Lottery Grant	Restricted income fund	Funds to provide for entertainment for the elderly and the isloated
Heritage grant	Restricted income fund	Fund for re0orgainising archive area and surroundings

4 Movement of the Restricted Funds

	Fund Balances B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund Balances C/Fwd
McCudden Memorial	62			(62)	-
Museum Development	1,500				1,500
School Archive	516		(519)	3	-
Dockyard Projects	1,900		(1,908)	8	-
Kent Community Fund	398		(510)	112	-
Defibrillator		10	(157)	1,566	1,419
Garfield Weston		42,174	(3,712)		38,462
Naval Dock NDS		100	(100)		-
Canticoarum		1,200	-		1,200
KCC Marketing grant		4,717	(4,718)	1	-
Dockyard room upgade grant		7,000	-		7,000
SBC Cleaner Growth grant		9,198	(117)		9,081
Lottery Grant		9,898	(3,426)		6,472
Heritage grant		998	(608)		390
	4,376	75,295	(15,775)	1,628	65,524

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5 Members' Remuneration

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any member or to any other person or persons known to be connected with them apart from the transaction disclosed in the related party note.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Details of Movements on Assets

	Improvements to Leashold Property	Plant & Equipment	Computers	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
				£	£
COST					
Balance brought forward	18,694		2,976	4,856	26,526
Additions	-	38,694	1,218	-	39,912
Revaluations	-		-	-	-
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Balance carried forward	18,694	38,694	4,194	4,856	66,438
DEPRECIATION					
Balance brought forward	14,079		2,800	4,856	21,735
Disposals	-		-	-	-
Revaluation	-		-	-	-
Charge for the year	4,615	3,869	481	-	8,965
Balance carried forward	18,694	3,869	3,281	4,856	30,700
Net book value at 31st March 2022	**-**	**34,825**	**913**	**-**	**35,738**
Net book value at 31st March 2021	4,615	-	176	-	4,791

All fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

7 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

8 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other creditors	126	-	4,602	-
HM Revenue & Customs	195			
Swale Museums Group	65	-	65	-
Accruals	1,200	-	955	-
	1,586	-	**5,622**	-

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9 Staffing

	2022
Salaries and wages	35,502
Social security costs	-
Pension costs	755
	36,257

The charity holds funds on behalf of the Swale Museums group. This will enable the 15 museums and other heritage collections in Swale to be able to work collectively to raise the profile of this heritage area, raise funds for historic Swale and share resources. At the year end funds unspent amounted to £65 and this amount is shown in creditors. Once the Swale Museums group becomes a registered charity in its own right and has its own bank account any unused funds will be transferred to it. Mrs J M Hurkett is chair of the Swale Museums Group.

10 Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Reserves at 1st April 2021	21,115	4,376	25,491
Income	103,393	75,295	178,688
Expenditure	133,800	15,775	149,575
Transfers between funds	(1,628)	1,628	-
Reserves at 31st March 2022	**(10,920)**	**65,524**	**54,604**

11 Operating lease commitments

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year

		2022		2021	
		Property	Other	Property	Other
Lease Expiring:	1 to 5 years	-	-	22,800	1,896
	Over 5 years	-	-	-	-

The Charity operates from premises owned by Mr and Mrs Hurkett. The Charity has a lease with Mr & Mrs Hurkett for £22,800 per annum, during the year rent paid by the charity amounted to £18,050. Due to the current financial position Mr & Mrs Hurkett agreed to waive rent amounting to £4,750, this has been treated as a general donation received in these accounts. At the year end 31 March 2021 £4,602 was owed by the charity to Mr & Mrs Hurkett again this has been waived and treated as a general donation. It was agreed by the trustees that in lue of the rent the charity would pay for the light and heat of Mr & Mrs Hurkett. Mr & Mrs hurket have agreed to provide financial support as required.

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(A company limited by guarantee having no share capital)

Charity Registration No	1136175
Company Registration No	7191893

Registered Office and principal address	69 High Street Blue Town Sheerness Kent ME12 1RW

Charity Objects	The advancement of education by providing: museum, art gallery, library and centre for historic and environmental research. The advancement of citizenship and community development by the promotion of volunteering. The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

Directors/Trustees	K J Ingleton M J Brown R Seager D Lynch (Resigned 15 March 2021) C Friday (Resigned 15 March 2021)

Principal Bankers	HSBC 3 Bank House Broadway Sheerness Kent ME12 1TL

Independent Examiner	L. C. Seal ACCA FAIA Blain Pritchard Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 29 High Street Blue Town, Sheerness Kent ME12 1RN

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st March 2021

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	Blue Town Remembered
Charity registration number	1136175
Company registration number	7191893
Registered address	69, High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, Kent. ME12 1RW.
Telephone Number	01795 662981
Email	criterionbluetown@outlook.com

DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

Members of the Charity elect the Management Committee, as required, at the annual meeting, The Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report: are;

Kenneth J. Ingleton, Chairman
Michael J. Brown, Treasurer
R Seager, Trustee

STRUCTURE

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 £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee, the directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The management committee seeks to have a broad range of skills and experience amongst its members including but not confined to; business, finance, education, heritage, publicity, fundraising, community work, construction, engineering and local government. The directors are actively seeking further trustees to broaden the skills of the management committee.

The day to day management of the centre is delegated to the company secretary/manager who has the authority of the directors to spend up to £150 each week on the provision of materials and services, within a budget agreed by the directors.

A bookkeeper has been appointed to manage QuickBooks. Systems and policies have been put in place to ensure we are compliant with new requirements and the growth of the organisation.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having no share capital, and exempted from the requirement to have the name ending with 'Limited', registered 16th March 2010 and became a registered charity on 3rd June 2010. The objectives of the Charitable Trust are: 1, the advancement of education, 2, the advancement of citizenship and community development, 3, the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science.

The principal activities of the company are;

The provision of education in Local and National Heritage by providing a centre for a local history .

Promotion of the arts by the provision of a music hall, exhibition area for heratige and art displays, a community cinema and research facilities.

Increasing the effectiveness of the charity by training & developing volunteers together with using volunteers to operate the centre.

FUNDING

The principal funding comes from the sale of tickets for events, admissions, a Friends scheme, private hire and grants form Swale Borough Council, Garfield Weston, Collyer Ferguson and Kent Community Fund as well as fundraising and donations.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted and designated funds, designated reserves are to complete the project to which they are allocated; unrestricted reserves are the available reserves of the charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Directors have examined the major risks that the charity faces by compiling a register of such risks; this is the subject of review at each management meeting. We confirm that a system of internal audit has been established as well as the provision of regular reports and accounts in order that risks may be quickly identified and action taken to minimize them.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st March 2021 (continued)

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

Since its Registration on 16th March, 2010 The Charitable Company has operated a Heritage Centre at 69 High Street, Blue Town, Sheerness, leased from Ian and Jenny Hurkett.

The centre was one of the first to close and last to open during the lockdown periods because we have a working theatre. This meant a considerable loss of income which was managed by prudent help from the founder to pay the rent, grants to top up the shortfall as well as sales for future events and shows.

The team used this time to reflect and plan to ensure that the project will be sustainable and financially able to withstand setbacks. To this end it was decided to take the bold step of employing three part time staff. With the planned growth for group and coach bookings this would not have been sustainable with just volunteers, so two part time staff were taken on to manage the tearoom and event catering. Our freelance bookkeeper is now a paid member of staff to ensure we have robust systems in place that are monitored weekly by the manager and treasurer.

Some volunteers worked during the lockdown on improving the building, several of them are married couples who worked in their family bubble in isolation and on different days from the rest of the team. The changes they have made have been spectacular and we have doubled our heritage offer thanks to their efforts. Our volunteer archivist also worked in isolation during this period, and he has updated our archives to match the new displays.

The drawback to increasing the heritage offer is that it is now concentrated on the top two floors which are only accessible by stairs, this excludes about half of our elderly visitors so we applied for funding for a lift and spent a lot of time to ensure we will have the resources to install this in the next fiscal year. This is proving extremely popular with group and coach organisers and preshow sales for next year are already coming in.

This year however the bookings are lower than expected as our target market are still reluctant to come out and some groups have not met so they are not looking at trips out.

It has been a challenging time, but it has allowed us to reflect on what we have achieved and how we are meeting our aims and objectives. The team has become stronger and more diverse, and we have taken every opportunity offered to help us with training and marketing. We have a new website and booking system as a direct result from this support, and we are rebranding to become one entity "The Criterion Blue Town" instead of the Blue Town Heritage centre and Criterion music Hall. These changes are being achieved without cost as we have been fortunate to have a lot of help in kind.

As can be seen from the results for the year the charity has had a difficult year. A rent freeze was agreed with the landlord, Mrs J Hurkett also agreed to waive rent amounting to £14,250. This has enabled the charity to stay solvent, Mrs J Hurkett is owed £4,602 at the year end. Mrs Hurkett will not be collecting this outstanding rent until the charity's finances are in a more favourable position and has also stated she will continue to support the charity if required.

Thanks to the community support, loyal customer base and with the grants we have survived, and paid staff and improved marketing we are confident that we will thrive next year.

BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31st March 2021 (continued)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2015) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the directors who have authorized the following to Sign on behalf of the board on

8 December 2021

M J Brown
Trustee

R Seager
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of BLUE TOWN REMEMBERED

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the account did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I Have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L. C. Seal ACCA FAIA

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2021

	Schedule	2021 Unrestricted General Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Total Funds	*2020 Total Funds*
Income and Endowments					
Donations and Legacies	1	78,375	7,650	86,025	*21,938*
Charitable Activities	2	3,336	-	3,336	*83,334*
Other trading activities	3	1,456	-	1,456	*2,697*
Investments	4	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		83,167	7,650	90,817	*107,969*
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	5	100	-	100	*448*
Charitable Activities	6	7,519	768	8,287	*62,376*
Other Expenditure	7	57,530	4,602	62,132	*60,600*
Total resources expended		65,149	5,370	70,519	*123,424*
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before Transfers		18,018	2,280	20,298	*(15,455)*
Transfers between funds		(18)	18	-	-
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		18,000	2,298	20,298	*(15,455)*
Other Recognised Gains and Losses					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-
Net Movements in Funds		18,000	2,298	20,298	*(15,455)*
Fund balances brought forward as at 1st April 2020		3,115	2,078	5,193	*20,648*
Fund balances carried forward as at 31st March 2021		**21,115**	**4,376**	**25,491**	***5,193***

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Year ended 31st March 2021

Schedule to Statement of Financial Activities

	2021 Unrestricted funds	2021 Restricted income funds	2020 Total funds
Income and Endowments			
1 Donations and Legacies			
General donations	16,224		*14,696*
Friends	2,355		*4,522*
Grants receivied	59,796	7,650	*2,720*
	78,375	**7,650**	***21,938***
2 Charitable Activities			
Event income	-		*40,207*
Music Hall income	427		*24,315*
Cinema income	2,566		*17,141*
Admissions	343		*1,171*
Aviation centre income	-		-
Tour income	-		*500*
	3,336	**-**	***83,334***
3 Other trading activities			
Shop income	157		*727*
Room hire	1,299		*1,970*
Fundraising	-		-
	1,456	**-**	***2,697***
4 Investments	-	-	-
Expenditure			
5 Raising Funds			
Shop expenses	100		*448*
Room hire expenses	-		-
	100	**-**	***448***
6 Charitable Activities			
Events costs	1,100		*30,571*
Music Hall costs	-		*14,372*
Cinema costs	3,326		*15,960*
Archiving/school room	-		*204*
Tours	-		*450*
Advertising & promotional expenses	2,981	768	*684*
Museum subscription	112		*135*
	7,519	**768**	***62,376***
7 Other Expenditure			
Rent	22,800		*22,800*
Light and heat	4,085		*4,725*
Water rates	892		*603*
Waste disposal	986		*1,087*
Insurance	1,630		*1,508*
Premises repairs	1,813	4,602	*4,646*
Covid expenses	2,901		-
Rental of telephone equipment	2,091		*2,091*
Telephone	3,024		*2,762*
Printing, postage & stationery	1,771		*2,295*
Computer costs	1,177		*785*
Hygiene, repairs & renewals	-		*131*
Health & Safety	18		*25*
Sundry expenses	258		*153*
SBC Licence	180		*938*
Card machine, bank charges	1,125		*1,559*
Bookkeeper	6,400		*7,633*
Accountancy	1,020		*1,500*
Depreciation	5,359		*5,359*
	57,530	**4,602**	***60,600***

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Balance Sheet

31st March 2021

	Notes	2021	*2020*
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	4,791	*10,150*
		4,791	*10,150*
Current Assets			
Shop stock		700	*800*
Debtors	7	-	*385*
Cash at bank and in hand		25,622	*1,905*
		26,322	*3,090*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	5,622	*8,047*
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)		20,700	*(4,957)*
Net Assets		**25,491**	***5,193***
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		21,115	*3,115*
Restricted income funds	4	4,376	*2,078*
		25,491	***5,193***

For the year ended 31st March 2021 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 obtains an audit of its accounts for the year in question 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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

.....2021

and signed on its behalf by

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M J Brown

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R Seager

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Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31st March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards; the Charities SORP (FRS102) "Accounting by Charities"; the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Income Recognition
Voluntary income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities at the later of receipt of monies or the period over which the income relates. Except in the case of legacies in which the income is recognised when it is certain that monies are due at the balance sheet date and can be measured with reasonable certainty, no value is attributed to donated assets or services. Other Income is credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities taking into account monies due relating to the financial year and accrued accordingly.

Investment Income
Investment income is credited in the accounts on a receipts basis, and no adjustment is made for accrued amounts

Resources expanded and basis of allocation of costs
Expenditure is included in the accounts using the accruals concept. Resources expended are allocated directly to the particular activity where the cost relates to that activity.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

All Assets: 20% per annum on cost.

2 Expenditure

	2021	*2020*
Independent examiner's	1,020	*1,500*

3 Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Type of Fund	Purpose and Restrictions
McCudden Memorial	Restricted income fund	Memorial to James Mcudden VC which included the stone the plaque booklets for the memorial service and admin costs related to the organisation of the event. This was organised with Swale Borough Council and Janys Thornton.
Museum Development	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to enable us to complete the museum accreditaion process. This is on hold until the building work has been completed.
School Archive	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to provide resources for school visits.
Dockyard Projects	Restricted income fund	Grants awarded to pay for costs to promote the historic Royal Doackyard, which includes Printing, booklets, leaflets etc.
Kent Community Fund (Music Hall refurb)	Restricted income fund	Provided for to assist in the refurbishment of the music hall
Swale DVS DEFRA Grant	Restricted income fund	This grant was awarded to pay for the cost of marketing the charity.

4 Movement of the Restricted Funds

	McCudden Memorial	Museum Development	School Archive	Dockyard Projects	Kent Community Fund (Music Hall refurb)	Swale DVS DEFRA Grant	
Incoming resources	-	-	-	1,900	5,000	750	7,650
Expenditure	-	-	-		(4,602)	(768)	(5,370)
Transfers						18	18
Net movement	-	-	-	1,900	398	-	2,298
Opening balance	62	1,500	516	-	-	-	2,078
Closing balance	62	1,500	516	1,900	398	-	4,376

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Year ended 31st March 2021

5 Members' Remuneration

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any member or to any other person or persons known to be connected with them apart from the transaction disclosed in the related party note.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Details of Movements on Assets

	Improvements to Leashold Property	Computers	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
			£	£
COST				
Balance brought forward	18,694	2,976	4,856	26,526
Additions	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	18,694	2,976	4,856	26,526
DEPRECIATION				
Balance brought forward	9,464	2,056	4,856	16,376
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	4,615	744	-	5,359
Balance carried forward	14,079	2,800	4,856	21,735
Net book value at 31st March 2021	**4,615**	**176**	**-**	**4,791**
Net book value at 31st March 2020	9,230	920	-	10,150

All fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

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Year ended 31st March 2021

7 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2021		2020	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other debtors	-	-	385	-
Prepayments	-	-	-	-
	-	-	385	-

8 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2021		2020	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Other creditors	4,602	-	3,381	-
Swale Museums Group	65	-	65	-
Accruals	955	-	4,601	-
	5,622	-	8,047	-

The charity holds Funds on behalf of the Swale Museums group. This will enable the 15 museums and other heritage collections in Swale to be able to work collectively to raise the profile of this heritage area, raise funds for historic Swale and share resources. At the year end funds unspent amounted to £65 and this amount is shown in creditors. Once the Swale Museums group becomes a registered charity in its own right and has its own bank account any unused funds will be transferred to it. Mrs J M Hurkett is chair of the Swale Museums Group.

9 Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Reserves at 1st April 2020	3,115	2,078	5,193
Income	83,167	7,650	90,817
Expenditure	65,149	5,370	70,519
Transfers between funds	(18)	18	-
Reserves at 31st March 2021	**21,115**	**4,376**	**25,491**

10 Operating lease commitments

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year

		2021		2020	
		Property	Other	Property	Other
Lease Expiring:	1 to 5 years	22,800	1,896	22,800	1,896
	Over 5 years	-	-	-	-

The Charity operates from premises owned by Mr and Mrs Hurkett. The Charity has a lease with Mr & Mrs Hurkett for £22,800 per annum, during the year rent paid by the charity amounted to £8,550. Due to the current financial position Mr & Mrs Hurkett agreed to waive rent amounting to £14,250, this has been treated as a general donation received in these accounts. At the year end £4,602 was owed by the charity to Mr & Mrs Hurkett. This is represented by rent owing prior to the impact of Covid-19 less the water, light and heat the charity charges Mr & Mrs Hurkett plus a balance of £2,000 owing from a loan of £5,000 made to the charity during the year, this amount is included in other creditors