

THE SHEPPEY HALL TRUST
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1147390
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the receipts and payments account of the charity for the year ended 1 April 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity registration number	1147390
Principal address	Kendor Lodge Chequers Road Minster on Sea Sheerness Kent ME12 3QL
Trustees	P J MacDonald C D Foulds N C Mollett M D Hawkins
Independent Examiner	Paul Billing FMAAT Billing & Co Limited Tudor Lodge Augustine Road Minster on Sea Sheerness ME12 2LZ
Bankers	HSBC

GOVERNANCE

Governing Document

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by a trust deed dated 25 April 2012.

Appointment of Trustees

The charity is administered by its trustees whose number shall be at least three persons, all of whom are appointed for a term of two years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting. A special meeting may be called at any time by the chair of the trustees or two other trustees and by giving 21 days notice.

In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Organisation and Decisions

The trustees must hold at least two meetings in each year. At the first meeting in each year they shall elect one of their number to chair the meetings until the first such meeting in the following year.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The objects of the charity are the provision and maintenance of a community centre for the use of the inhabitants of Kent, particularly those of the Borough of Swale. The community centre is for meetings and other forms of recreation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

Aims and Activities

The charity has a long lease at a peppercorn rent on the property known as The Sheppey Hall in Borough Road, Queenborough, Kent. The charity aims to maintain the property to a suitable standard to comply with safety and disabled access regulations so that it can be used by local groups that meet the objectives of the charity.

Public Benefit

In accordance with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on the requirement that the objectives and work undertaken by the charity are in line with charitable objects and do provide benefit for the public.

The charity offers a hall suitable for local groups who wish to meet and carry on suitable recreational activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The hall refurbishment phase one of the offices is completed, but phase two is still to come and the ground floor is still in a very poor condition with more still to do.

Works were managed enabling the hall to be hired out for community use.

Grants were received by way of a National lottery award of £9,009 towards the refurbishment. Queenborough Fishery Trust £4,420 and Kent community foundation £1,300.

Income from the use of the hall including office rentals rose to £21,281 which exceeded pre-pandemic levels and shows how much the refurbished facility was needed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the Financial Position

During the year the charity received £21,281 from hall hire and office rental and £14,729 from grants and other sources. Expenditure totalled £35,639 including £1,468 of funds restricted for the hall refurbishment. That left a surplus of £371 for the year and funds being carried forward of £6,724.

Restricted funds brought forward for the hall refurbishment were negative as grants received in this year were intended to defray the total costs incurred to date and with further grants of £14,729 with only final finishing costs of £1,468 the year end negative restricted funds balance was greatly reduced to £2,394 negative. Following the refurbishment the rental income has greatly increased leaving after expenses a positive unrestricted fund balance of £9,118. This leaves total funding at £6,724.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the need for reserves and require working capital to maintain the building, particularly for unforeseen repairs and should income from the hall reduce. As a result of the refurbishment works, it is hoped that the need for repairs to the facilities is minimised for a few years. Accordingly the need for significant reserves is not required.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law. They 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.

Approved by the trustees on 24 March 2025 and signed on their behalf

P J MacDonald

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF
THE SHEPPEY HALL TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sheppey Hall Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 1 April 2024, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect.

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records

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.

Paul Billing FMAAT

Billing & Co Ltd

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 APRIL 2024

	2024 Restricted £	2024 Un- Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Un-restricted and total £
RECEIPTS				
Income from office rentals	-	£12,793	£12,793	-
Income from use of hall	-	£8,488	£8,488	£12,902
Other income	-	-	-	£1,400
Loan from trustee	-	-	-	£4,100
Grants				
Queenborough Fishery Trust	£4,420	-	£4,420	£2,912
National lottery	£9,009	-	£9,009	-
Kent community foundation	£1,300	-	£1,300	-
Biffa award	-	-	-	£15,000
Swale borough council - building improvements	-	-	-	£3,175
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£14,729	£21,281	£36,010	£39,489
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities				
Refurb.of hall	£1,468	-	£1,468	£23,375
Purchase of CCTV	-	-	-	£4,662
Legal & Planning fees	-	-	-	£0
Repairs & Maint. of hall	-	£440	£440	£579
Heating & power	-	£5,365	£5,365	£2,918
Insurance	-	£753	£753	£1,251
Telephone	-	£746	£746	£532
Management fees	-	£15,866	£15,866	£1,070
Administration fees	-	£9,412	£9,412	£4,530
Bank charges	-	£60	£60	£70
Deposits re-imbursed	-	£300	£300	-
Other costs	-	-	-	£11
Governance				
Independent accountants fee		£1,229	£1,229	£750
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£1,468	£34,171	£35,639	£ 39,748
NET INCOME/(PAYMENTS)	£13,261	(£12,890)	£371	(£259)
Cash funds at the beginning of the year	(£15,655)	£22,008	£6,353	£6,612
CASH FUNDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	(£2,394)	£9,118	£6,724	£6,353

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	2024	2023
	£	£
CASH FUNDS		
Cash at bank and in hand		
- restricted	(£2,394)	(£15,655)
- unrestricted	£9,118	£22,008
Total	<u><u>£6,724</u></u>	<u><u>£6,353</u></u>

ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE

Long lease of Sheppey Hall, Borough Road, Queenborough
3 x 40 foot containers, used for storage

LIABILITIES

independent examiner's fee
Loan repayable to trustee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Funds structure

Restricted funds have been received to renovate the hall. Other funds are unrestricted in their use.

2 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

The charity trustees were not paid or reimbursed expenses during the year and no charity trustee received any emolument or payment for professional or other services.

3 TAXATION

The charity is a registered charity and no provision is considered necessary for taxation.

Approved by the trustees on 24 March 2025 and signed on their behalf

P J MacDonald