

Castle Studies Trust Annual Results 2023-24 Trustees Report

Grants were awarded to five applicants, the projects to be carried out during the fiscal year. This round of projects involved the first ever building survey of Picton Castle in Pembrokeshire, excavating the ringwork castle at Lowther to see if it was an example of a castle used for colonising Cumbria by William Rufus, survey work to understand more about the original entrance at Bamburgh, a geophys survey of Dunoon Castle and a reconstruction drawing of Wigmore. The results can be found on the Castle Studies Trust website (www.castlestudiestrust.org). The rest will appear there when ready.

All of the projects were completed on time except Wigmore, which is still on going due to access to the site and health issues with the person doing the reconstruction. The Picton building survey was revelatory in terms of revealing an incredibly complex medieval building, while the excavation at Lowther, which appeared on the Digging for Britain tv series in January 2024, didn't find obvious evidence of William Rufus foundation although scientific tests from the season and the following one have yet to come back. Dunoon didn't reveal anything of substance, while Bamburgh showed evidence of a massive castle ditch and a complex history of changes at the original entrance site.

Fundraising continued to rely on regular donations which grew marginally in the year thanks to a mixture of new donors and existing donors increasing their donations. Regular donors are given the opportunity to attend exclusive site visits to all the projects that the Trust funds during the year.

Jeremy Cunnington

Chair of Trustees – Castle Studies Trust



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Castle Studies Trust

Charity Number
1147110

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	To
06-Apr-23	05-Apr-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies & grants	27,826		-	27,826	27,679
Gift Aid reclaimed	7,341		-	7,341	5,429
Bank Interest	425		-	425	109
Conference on future of Castle Studies	3,270	-	-	3,270	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38,862	-	-	38,862	33,217
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,862	-	-	38,862	33,217
A3 Payments					
Grants for charitable purposes	24,854	3,000	-	27,854	40,924
Website	214	-	-	214	220
Printing postage & stationery		-	-	-	-
Social media costs		-	-	-	160
Travel to projects funded by grants	1,168	-	-	1,168	502
Bank Charges for foreign transactions	183	-	-	183	-
Fundraising events	927	-	-	927	672
Charges for Income collection services	345	-	-	345	9
Conference on future of Castle Studies	3,018	-	-	3,018	-
Sub total	30,709	3,000	-	33,709	42,487
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,709	3,000	-	33,709	42,487
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,153	- 3,000	-	5,153	- 9,270
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,035	3,000	-	37,035	46,305
Cash funds this year end	42,188	-	-	42,188	37,035

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account 5th April 2024	30,972		-
	Deposit Account 5th April 2024	11,216	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	42,188	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

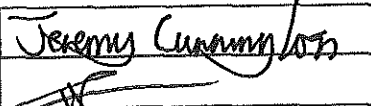
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Balance of 23/24 Gift Aid Tax to reclaim	1,622		-
	Delayed Give as you earn payment	352	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Unrestricted & restricted	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Approved grants to be paid out	19349	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jeremy Cunningham Peter Burton	4/9/24 4/9/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Castle Studies Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

5 April 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1148165

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **5 April 2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 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 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 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.

Signed:

Nicholas Stopford

Date: 2 July 2024

Name:

Nicholas Stopford

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW

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6 Chalcot Square

London NW1 8YBN

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Nothing to disclose



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