



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Castle Studies Trust

No (if any)  
1148165

## Receipts and payments accounts

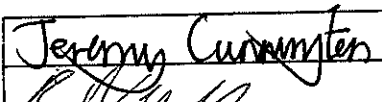
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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06-Apr-24		05-Apr-25

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations, legacies & grants	50620		-	50,620	27826
Gift Aid reclaimed	4295		-	4,295	7341
Bank Interest	753		-	753	425
Conference on future of Castle Studies	-	-	-	-	3,270
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>55,668</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,668</b>	<b>38,862</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,668</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,668</b>	<b>38,862</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants for charitable purposes	34,727	-	-	34,727	27,854
Website	242	-	-	242	214
Printing postage & stationery		-	-		-
Social media costs	270	-	-	270	-
Travel to projects funded by grants	744	-	-	744	1,168
Bank Charges for foreign transactions	33	-	-	33	183
Fundraising events	809	-	-	809	927
Charges for Income collection services	84	-	-	84	345
Conference on future of Castle Studies	-	-	-	-	3,018
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,909</b>	<b>33,709</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>36,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,909</b>	<b>33,709</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>18,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,759</b>	<b>5,153</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	42,188	-	-	42,188	37,035
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>60,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,947</b>	<b>42,188</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account 5th April 2025	38,978		-
	Deposit Account 5th April 2025	21,969	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>60,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Balance of 24/25 Gift Aid Tax to reclaim	5,898		-
	Give as you earn payments paid in arrears	704	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Unrestricted & restricted	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Approved grants to be paid out	18451	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		 JEREMY CUNNINGHAM	JEREMY CUNNINGHAM RICHARD NEVELL	12/11/25 12/11/25



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Castle Studies Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

5 April 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1148165

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **5 APRIL 2025**.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

*Nicholas Stopford*

Date:

4 September 2025

Name:

Nicholas Stopford

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

ICAEW

Address:

6 Chalcot Square

London NW1 8YB

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**





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## Castle Studies Trust Annual Results 2024-25 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 Leybourne Castle in Kent, a second year of excavating the ringwork castle at Lowther to see if it was an example of a castle used for colonising Cumbria by William Rufus, geophysical survey work to find the lost castle of Higham Ferrers, an excavation to see if there was an adulterine castle at Newhouse in East Yorkshire and a reconstruction drawing of Penrith Castle, Cumbria. The results can be found on the Castle Studies Trust website ([www.castlestudiestrust.org](http://www.castlestudiestrust.org)). The rest will appear there when ready.

The Leybourne building survey was revelatory in terms of revealing that it was not a transitional gatehouse in terms of the development of them but more interestingly it seems as though the castle was commissioned by a woman. The excavation at Lowther, didn't find obvious evidence of William Rufus foundation although scientific tests from this and the previous seasons are still awaited with the project being delayed due to health issues of one of the project leads. Higham Ferrers results were delayed due to the machine breaking and was only completed in the following financial year. Newhouse didn't reveal anything of substance, while the Penrith reconstruction was completed and can be seen on the website.

Fundraising continued to rely on regular donations which grew well in the year, despite losing a large supporter, thanks to a mixture of new big 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