

Weymouth Civic Society
(A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31 March 2025

Company number: 08137463
Charity Registered in England and Wales Number: 1148603

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Reference and Administrative Details
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Trustees/ Directors

G Attwood
R Burgess
G Dewey (resigned 2 June 2025)
J Farquharson
M Foster
Dr K Holdaway
A Knowles (resigned 7 May 2025)
C Moyle (resigned 30 October 2024)
G Perry (resigned 31 July 2025)
C Wilson

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Trustees' Report
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice. Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102- implemented 1 January 2019), and are in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Structure, governance and management

Weymouth Civic Society was incorporated on 10 July 2012 and took over the functions of the original Weymouth Civic Society on 1 October 2012.

The Society is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, and is governed by Articles of Association, and rulings of the Charity Commission, for the public benefit.

The Charity's objects, as set out in its governing documents are:

- a) To stimulate public interest in the area.
- b) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area.
- c) To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic, natural or environmental interest in the area.
- d) To acquire buildings of historic interest in the area with a view to their maintenance and long term preservation and to open such buildings to the public with a view to increasing their appreciation and understanding of the local heritage.
- e) To undertake any relevant activities to further these objectives insofar as they shall be charitable. The Society's objects are specifically restricted as relating to the area of Weymouth and Portland and its surroundings; and
- f) To operate museums.

For the purpose of these accounts the Directors and Trustees are in fact one and the same. Where the word Trustee appears, the term Director is also implicitly inferred and vice versa. Directors who have served during the year and since the year end are as noted below:

Chris Moyle	Chair (resigned 30 October 2024)
Graham Perry	Vice-Chair (resigned 31 July 2025)
Dr Keith Holdaway	Treasurer
Maxine Foster	Company Secretary
James Farquharson	Chair, Nothe Fort Management Committee
Chris Wilson	Chair, Tudor House Management Committee
Graham Dewey	Chair, Planning and Environment Committee (resigned 2 June 2025)
Graham Attwood	Director (appointed 12 February 2025)
Andrew Knowles	Director (resigned 7 May 2025)
Richard Burgess	Director

We currently have vacancies on the Board that we hope to fill at the AGM. The appointment of Directors is governed by the Articles of Association.

Investment powers

The Articles of Association provide the authority:

- To operate bank and other cash and deposit accounts and to set aside income as a reserve against future expenditure.
- To deposit or invest funds.

WCS does not currently invest any of its funds and all of our cash is held in bank accounts with a high street bank.

Chairman's Summary

Once again, we held our Annual Awards evening at Nothe Fort in June giving civic awards for the best contributions to the built environment, natural environment, heritage, arts and culture, and lifestyle. The event was well attended, and we are grateful for the support of the mayors of Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell, award winners and members.

We have continued the key work of scrutinising development plans and planning applications, opposing inappropriate proposals whilst supporting proposals that make a positive contribution to people living in our area. We continue to oppose the proposed waste incinerator on Portland.

We have worked on our communications and publicity, with the refreshed WCS and Tudor House websites. We have also significantly improved our presence on social media although this has taken a dive with the resignation of Andrew Knowles from our Board. Anyone keen to pick up the mantle please step forward. We would also like to reinvigorate our members newsletter.

Nothe Fort has continued going from strength to strength and has been awarded (amongst several other accolades) Gold by Visit England for Small Visitor Attraction of the Year June 2024. This is the second time in three years the Fort has been declared the best small visitor attraction in England. Visitor numbers were just under 100,000 and the economic benefit to the area was assessed as £3,336,000. Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to Nothe Fort's ongoing success story.

We are very grateful to a small number of knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers who enabled Tudor House to open Fridays and Sundays during the season. Donations from visitors have been steadily rising on previous years. Research into the history of the building has continued, as has the project to explore how to show the building and its past off to best advantage. Chris Wilson has continued to chair the management committee alongside her busy day job.

In summary, Weymouth Civic Society has continued to build upon the work and successes of previous generations, although we also recognise the challenges that we and many other Civic Societies still face in remaining relevant to the people and visitors of Weymouth and Portland. Key priorities for us in the next year will be to increase volunteer numbers at Tudor House so that we can open more often and develop it as an accredited museum, and to recruit a chair and new Trustees to allow us to continue to grow as an organisation.

Achievements and performance

Board Members

2024-25 was another year of change in the Board of WCS. Chris Moyle stood down as chair at the last AGM to enable him to pursue his many other interests. We have been unable to recruit anyone into the role this year.

We were fortunate to have recruited Graham Attwood onto the Board in February and he has been making a significant contribution in joining the project board for the rampart repair at Nothe Fort. With great sadness we report the death of Pru Bollam our immediate past president. Pru had made a significant contribution to the society over many years. We aim to commemorate her with a memorial in Upwey Church subject to the agreement of the PCC.

Planning and Environment

The Planning and Environment Committee meet regularly to consider and comment on planning applications. A report of our meetings is circulated to the Board and other interested individuals representing local organisations and a summary of our recommendations is included in the member's Newsletter.

The Committee would like to thank Graham Dewey for his time as Chair. Graham stood down from the position in June 2025 and the role has now been filled by Richard Burgess. Sadly, Brenda Pickett who had been Secretary to the Committee for many years, passed away in July 2025. Her contribution to the Committee was immeasurable and she will be dearly missed.

Membership Activities

Membership numbers have reduced slightly in the last year (109) although the new section to join the society via the website has started to attract new members. Many more people engage with and benefit from the work of the Society than join us as members.

The Society was pleased to be able to revive the tradition of regular speaker meetings open to both members and the public at large throughout 2024-5. Topics ranged from archaeology and historic castles to harbours and bridges. The venue was Pilgrim House in Hope Square - a historic setting but equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual facilities.

One highlight of the year was a presentation by Dorset's Chief Officers of their ambitions for the redevelopment of Weymouth Harbourside. Sadly 'ambitions' still seems to be the correct word so far since there appears to be little sign of progress in recruiting private sector development partners. We are however trying to maintain links on this topic in the belief that we could and should act as a conduit for informed opinion in the town on this important topic.

We also had an excellent talk by Hilary Jordan on the Dorset Planning Department about the Local Plan and what future housing targets they and we will be required to meet.

At the other end of the scale we had a detailed talk by two engineers from the County Bridges Unit on their plans for the restoration of the Town Bridge- another project that cannot come soon enough!

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Another enjoyable session was from Portland's favourite historian Stuart Morris who talked and showed his video on the Peninsula i.e. the Former Harbour Station area as it evolved from railway station to ferryport and indeed from variety theatre to entertainment venue. We also watch with interest development on this front!

Thanks are in fact due to all our speakers who gave of their time to the Society without charge and who educated us so well.

Less successful were our efforts to get a speaker from the 20th Century Society to speak on our own 'listed building at risk' - the Bowleaze Riviera. We have also been unable despite promises, to get a speaker from County Hall to discuss parking charges, the disparity between Dorchester and Weymouth or indeed their apparent illogicality even within Weymouth.

We are very grateful to Richard Burgvess for arranging speakers for the Society and have generally been rewarded by an audience of between 20 and 50 people, proving that staging the talks is worthwhile. However, while a number of topics remain to be discussed a shortage of volunteers within the Society means that we have at the moment no plans for talks in 2025/6. Richard has currently taken on the chairmanship of the Planning and Environment Committee and does not feel able to do both. So would a volunteer please step forward!

Tudor House 2024/25

Museum Accreditation

The application to be formally recognised as 'working towards' formal accreditation from the Association of Independent Museums (AIM) for Tudor House as a Museum has been successful. This allows the Society to apply for grants through AIM as well as enabling grants from Dorset Council.

Volunteers

In 24/25 the volunteers continued to be co-ordinated by a member of Nothe Fort staff, on secondment part-time. We plan to extend opening from two to three days a week however whilst new volunteers were recruited, a couple of experienced volunteers 'retired' and numbers did not increase to the level we had hoped to open more often.

The Committee still needs a treasurer and secretary. In March 2025 our Volunteer Coordinator unfortunately is off 'long term sick' and the Committee will need to consider other arrangements for the next financial year.

Permission for internal alterations to the building, in order to improve facilities for volunteers and public, was sought from the local authority and approved. The focus over the next year will include seeking alternative sources of funding and consider alternative arrangements for support and coordination of volunteers.

Website

The website has been updated, and the Facebook account is being managed by a member of the Civic Society Board.

Fabric

The damp on the second floor ceiling has been assessed as needing extensive roof repairs which will need external scaffolding to be erected in Trinity Street. This is only possible during 'off season' periods and will therefore need to be postponed until Autumn/Winter 2025.

EON Smart Meter installation to remove need for routine meter readings has been successful.

Project manager

The Society is exploring ways to support a suitable project manager for the application for accredited status and for grant applications to improve the displays.

Income

Income to Tudor House is directly proportional to opening time, hence the importance of increasing volunteer numbers. New fire and intruder alarms, costs of buildings insurance and electricity bills are still increasing, so we need to explore additional income streams such as

The new WiFi has enabled card donations, which are preferred by an increasing number of visitors and the Society is exploring ways to make it easier to use.

Training will be provided for volunteers on card donations.

The Christmas at Tudor House event was very successful and had good coverage on social media, with the reenactors for Athelhampton House providing atmosphere and learning opportunities. Building on this success we have been awarded a grant of £2000 from the Town of Culture initiative to expand the event this year.

The Tudor House rating on Trip Advisor remains at four and a half stars, with many positive comments on the house volunteers story telling. The few negative comments have been about the restricted opening hours.

The Collection

The TH collection is recorded on MODES, a proprietary museum database from which we download an extract into a spread sheet for the convenience of volunteer use. We are developing a failsafe collections management system as part of our accreditation project.

Tudor House records, thought to have been lost to damp whilst in storage, have thankfully been found in Nothe Fort stores. These will be examined by the team before being passed to Dorset History Centre archives.

Priorities for Tudor House remain:

- Volunteer recruitment
- Volunteer handbook and training
- Strengthen working relationship with Conservation Officer on proposed works.
- Oversee damp works
- Grant Applications for staffing and display improvements
- Build working relationship with Arts Council.

Nothe Fort Museum of Coastal Defence

This has been a record year where Nothe Fort has moved from strength-to-strength

Some Facts & Figures

- Record 98,231 visitors
- 32% visitors were local and 68% visitors were from outside Dorset
- Gross economic impact of Nothe Fort across the town was £3,366,000
- Net economic impact was £1,635,000

Awards

- Visit England Awards for Excellence. Gold for 'Small Visitor Attraction of the Year' June 2024
- Weymouth Business Awards, Gold & Overall winner "Customer Service Awards & Outstanding Business Awards' July 2024
- West Dorset Business Awards, Gold 'Excellence in Customer Service' October 2024
- Kids in Museums, Shortlisted 'Family Friendly Museum' October 2024
- Dorset Tourism Awards, Commended 'Best Large visitor Attraction' December 2024.

Collections

- The Curatorial volunteers began an accredited training programme in collections management, which will create a more professional approach to managing the collection in the run up to museum accreditation
- The Museum Data Service started work with Nothe Fort to place its collection online, creating significant engagement opportunities with regards to access to collections for people unable to visit the Fort in person
- Volunteer, Matt Barret, and Lucy Watkins, General Manager, presented about Nothe Fort's nuclear bunker and its collection to the Sub-Brittania AGM and conference in London

Conservation

- The Arts Council England funded MEND 2 project was completed in August 2024. Knowledge gained from the MEND 2 R&D waterproofing works has enabled development of the MEND 4 waterproofing design
- Nothe Fort was awarded a MEND 4 grant by Arts Council England of £1.4 million in May 2024 to complete the waterproofing work started in MEND 2 and which will be finished by October 2027.

Engagement

In 2024 Nothe Fort worked hard on a brand refresh, with a simple logo and website redesign. We have seen a massive increase in website usage from 38% of our visitors in 2023 to 55.2% in 2024.

In February 2024 Nothe Fort was awarded a Shared Prosperity Fund grant to help us to manage the increasing visitor numbers. This enabled us to instal Starlink, CCTV and a digital communication system.

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D-DAY 80th Anniversary Exhibition. In June 2024 Nothe Fort partnered with Weymouth Town Council to deliver a very successful D-Day Commemoration programme. This included a new permanent exhibition at Nothe Fort and a programme of events. There was a real buzz in the town and was shared on social media by all. Weymouth partners. We believe that this also contributed to our increase in visitor figures.

Cultural Programming

Nothe Fort keeps its admission price as low as possible and offers an annual pass. A wide range of cultural activities are also programmed throughout the year, for example:

- Easter, May half term, October half term, Christmas & February half term family holiday activities
- Victorian Weekend in July
- Bunker tours with the curatorial department
- Science festival
- Dog show
- Steam Punk Weekend
- Pirate Weekend

We also worked with local cultural organisations to offer a number of ticketed evening cultural events.

- Silent Disco with Shush Theatre
- Wessex Musical Theatre
- AsOne Theatre
- Nothe of the Living Dead with Island Community Action

Staffing

- Nothe Fort employed 10 full time equivalent staff.
- We are very grateful to over 120 local volunteers donating just over 12,372 hours of their time. Their passion, pride and hard work is continually commented by our visitors and is the reason why Nothe Fort wins awards!
- We are delighted that Connie Jenkin Teague took up the role of Events & Marketing Coordinator in October 2024, joining us from Weymouth Library.

Future projects

- In April 2025 Nothe Fort opened a visitors' viewing gallery to the subterranean water tank.
- We are proud to have been awarded a Bronze Green-Tourism Award in May 2025. Nothe Fort shall be working hard to improve on the journey of regenerative tourism over the next year.
- In July 2025 Nothe Fort opened a new gallery 'Amnesty' telling the story of the youths who used to break into the Fort in the 1960s and 1970s.
- Nothe Fort shall be hosting the international touring exhibition 'Standing With Giants: Falklands Tribute' in November 2025. The Fort will be opening for 5 days a week to manage additional visitors in what is usually our quiet season.

Nothe Fort Artillery Volunteers

An important feature of Nothe Fort is our regular artillery displays which are provided by the Artillery Volunteers. In addition to their program of exhibitions and firing at the Fort and other local events, they welcomed the increasing numbers of cruise liners arriving at Portland Port.

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Staff and Volunteers

Our Museums (Nothe Fort and Tudor House) are only able to operate successfully because our staff team at Nothe Fort and the contribution made by our teams of dedicated volunteers at both sites. Our thanks to them for all that they do. We are always keen to welcome new volunteers to all areas of our activities from visitor experience to graphics and maintenance.

Financial review

During the year the charity raised income of £810,996 (2024: £922,887), and incurred expenditure of £760,887 (2024: £848,749). This therefore generated a surplus of £50,109 (2024: £74,138), of which a deficit of £7,154 was unrestricted (2024: deficit of £21,527 was unrestricted). The charity's bank and cash balances as at 31 March 2025 stood at £389,827 (2024: £436,470), and total charitable funds at this date amounted to £953,251 (2024: £903,142), of which £397,246 (2024: £339,983) were restricted.

Reserves policy

At the year end the charity had total funds of £953,251 (2024: £903,142), of which £371,895 (2024: £454,886) was free reserves. This would allow the charity to continue to trade for almost 6 months without further income (including the operations of Nothe Fort, which are treated as restricted funds) and is therefore considered a reasonable level of reserves to hold.

The lease stipulates that any surplus from the Nothe Fort account must be spent on the Nothe Fort. Additional money is held to deal with any unplanned maintenance which can occur with a building of this age.

A separate sum of money is held to provide for any major repairs found necessary for the Tudor House.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the Charity's aims, objectives and activities comply with the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. Weymouth Civic Society has continued to promote improvements in the built environment of Weymouth and Portland through its planning activities and through its management of its two museums: Tudor House and Nothe Fort. All decisions taken by the Trustees have taken due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirements.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Weymouth Civic Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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

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

Small Company

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 29 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr H K Holdaway
Director

S Holden
Director

Weymouth Civic Society
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weymouth Civic Society ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
Albert Goodman LLP

Date: 13 November 2025

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Weymouth Civic Society**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure account)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

				Total 31 March 2025			Total 01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024
	Notes	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	£	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	£
Income from:							
Donations	2	2,312	28,888	31,200	4,296	13,136	17,432
Investment income	3	977	4,433	5,410	948	2,778	3,726
Charitable activities	4	19,184	755,202	774,386	4,251	897,478	901,729
Total income		22,473	788,523	810,996	9,495	913,392	922,887
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	5	29,627	731,260	760,887	31,022	817,727	848,749
Total expenditure		29,627	731,260	760,887	31,022	817,727	848,749
Net movement in funds/ net income/(expenditure)		(7,154)	57,263	50,109	(21,527)	95,665	74,138
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
		(7,154)	57,263	50,109	(21,527)	95,665	74,138
Reconciliation of funds							
Fund balances at 01 April 2024		563,159	339,983	903,142	584,686	244,318	829,004
Fund balances at 31 March 25		556,005	397,246	953,251	563,159	339,983	903,142

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations. There were no gains or losses arising in the period that are not shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

Weymouth Civic Society (Company registration number: 08137463)**Balance Sheet****For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	8	555,621	398,795
Investments	9	1	1
		<u>555,622</u>	<u>398,796</u>
Current assets			
Stock	10	-	37,035
Debtors	11	42,267	82,376
Cash at bank and in hand	12	389,827	436,470
		<u>432,094</u>	<u>555,881</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	13	(34,465)	(51,535)
Net current assets		<u>397,629</u>	<u>504,346</u>
Net assets		<u>953,251</u>	<u>903,142</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	14	397,246	339,983
Unrestricted funds	14	556,005	563,159
		<u>953,251</u>	<u>903,142</u>

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Board on **29 September 2025** and signed on their behalf

Dr H K Holdaway
Director

S Holden
Director

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

		31 March 2025	01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024
		£	£
	Notes		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movements in funds for the year		50,109	74,138
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items:			
Depreciation and amortisation	8	102,026	30,989
Finance income	3	(5,410)	(3,726)
		<u>146,725</u>	<u>101,401</u>
Working capital adjustments:			
(Increase)/decrease in stock	10	37,035	(34,277)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	11	40,109	(58,915)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	13	(17,070)	37,007
		<u>206,799</u>	<u>45,216</u>
Net cash flow from operations			
		206,799	45,216
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received	3	5,410	3,726
Purchase of fixed assets	8	(258,852)	(203,405)
		<u>(253,442)</u>	<u>(199,679)</u>
Net cash flow from investing activities			
		(253,442)	(199,679)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(46,643)</u>	<u>(154,463)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		436,470	590,933
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>389,827</u>	<u>436,470</u>
Cash & Cash equivalents reconciliation:			
Cash at bank		389,827	436,470
Total cash & cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>389,827</u>	<u>436,470</u>

1. Accounting policies

1.1 General information and basis of accounting

Weymouth Civic Society is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. Each member of the charity undertakes to contribute a maximum of £1 to the charity's assets if it should be wound up while they are a member or within one year after they cease to be a member. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees Report on pages 2-10.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and in accordance with the accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Group accounts

The charity is part of a small group. The charity has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 and has not prepared group accounts.

1.3 Income

Income from grants and donations is recognised in the period in which they are receivable when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured. Where income has not been received for gift aid claims relating to donations received in the period, income is accrued.

Income from grants and government grants, where 'capital' or 'revenue', is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Where no conditions are attached to grant income they are recognised within grants, donations and legacies and where conditions relating to performance of services are attached, grant income is recognised income from charitable activities within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Merchandise income is recognised on delivery of the goods, with event income being recognised at the date of delivery of the event.

Gifts in kind donated for the museum displays of the charity are included at a deemed value where this can be quantified and are brought to account when received.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity.

The charity receives income from its subsidiary under gift aid and it is recognised upon physical receipt.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised in the accounting period to which they relate.

Merchandise costs comprise the costs of acquiring stock which is sold.

Charitable activity expenditure comprises costs incurred by the charity in delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs include finance, administration and governance costs and are allocated to the charitable services equally.

1.5 Fixed assets and depreciation

Freehold property and museum artefacts are considered to have indefinitely long useful lives and estimated residual values not materially different from the carrying amounts of the assets. Consequently, such assets are not depreciated. See note 8 for a breakdown of items not depreciated, as residual assets are depreciated in line with the policy below.

Depreciation of other tangible fixed assets is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold improvements	20% straight line
Office equipment	20% straight line
Plant & machinery	20% straight line
Fixtures & fittings	20% straight line

1.6 Stock

Stock consists of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making allowances for obsolete and slow moving stock.

1.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprise cash on hand and call deposits that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.9 Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

1.10 Defined contribution pension

A defined contribution pension is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as staff pension expense through the profit and loss when they are due.

1.11 Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is not liable to corporation tax or capital gains tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity and is therefore included within the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.12 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are incoming resources to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of management costs.

The charity leases the Nothe Fort from Dorset County Council. The lease provides for a yearly rent of one peppercorn (if demanded) and so to all intents and purposes the charity occupies the premises rent free. In return however the charity covenants to carry out such day to day repairs and programmed routine maintenance of the premises as can be financed from sub-letting parts of the premises, entry fees and other income derived from admission of the public to the premises whilst also having regard to the need to finance the administration, promotion, improvement and presentation of the premises and to finance the museum collection out of the income. The lease further stipulates that the charity must set aside any remaining finances accruing from the yearly income into a fund for the purpose of carrying out any works that may from time to time be required to comply with statutory requirements and for other purposes of the charity in relation to its obligations to repair and maintain the premises.

The lease therefore places a restriction over the income derived from the Nothe Fort. Accordingly, that income is reported as restricted incoming resources in the charity's statement of financial activities.

1.13 Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors and accrued income are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank and deposit accounts– is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

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2. Donations

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 31 March 2025 £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024 £
Donations	2,312	1,286	3,598	4,296	2,964	7,260
Donations from subsidiary	-	27,602	27,602	-	10,172	10,172
	<u>2,312</u>	<u>28,888</u>	<u>31,200</u>	<u>4,296</u>	<u>13,136</u>	<u>17,432</u>

3. Investment income

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 31 March 2025 £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024 £
Deposit interest	977	3,083	4,060	948	1,428	2,376
Loan interest received	-	1,350	1,350	-	1,350	1,350
	<u>977</u>	<u>4,433</u>	<u>5,410</u>	<u>948</u>	<u>2,778</u>	<u>3,726</u>

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 31 March 2025 £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024 £
Grants:						
Dorset Council Grant*	-	33,880	33,880	-	35,000	35,000
Weymouth Town Council	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
Steps to sustainability grant Weymouth & Portland Heritage group	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
Arts Council England	-	-	-	-	1,450	1,450
Museums	-	136,362	136,362	-	183,638	183,638
	-	174,242	174,242	-	221,288	221,288
Subscriptions	985	-	985	2,412	-	2,412
Entry fees for museums	-	444,275	444,275	-	506,161	506,161
Events and activities	16,830	31,294	48,124	-	47,559	47,559
Rental income	-	20,504	20,504	-	27,386	27,386
Sundry income	-	341	341	121	2,045	2,166
Tax reclaim	1,369	69,546	70,915	1,718	71,292	73,010
Contributions from NFTC	-	15,000	15,000	-	21,747	21,747
	19,184	755,202	774,386	4,251	897,478	901,729

*Denotes Government Grant

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 31 March 2025 £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024 £
Operation of Nothe Fort, Tudor						
House and Society activities:						
Wages and salaries	5,638	298,996	304,634	5,522	384,455	389,977
Rates	192	3,937	4,129	365	6,067	6,432
Insurance	3,398	11,768	15,166	2,605	13,982	16,587
Light, heat, and telephone	2,256	26,154	28,410	1,742	59,598	61,340
Cleaning	-	7,487	7,487	-	6,236	6,236
Repairs and maintenance	1,090	45,804	46,894	13,777	137,577	151,354
Security costs	-	26,452	26,452	-	9,515	9,515
Plaques and awards	673	-	673	386	-	386
Displays and events	1,314	27,747	29,061	1,021	51,418	52,439
Office and support	245	23,895	24,140	-	29,988	29,988
Advertising	967	26,967	27,934	-	19,431	19,431
Computer costs	1,621	-	1,621	-	-	-
Travelling and subsistence	-	1,439	1,439	3,020	1,347	4,367
Bank and credit card charges	90	10,435	10,525	-	11,957	11,957
Staff/volunteer welfare & training	-	19,105	19,105	-	19,364	19,364
Sundry expenses	3,383	236	3,619	1,222	1,158	2,380
Education	-	468	468	-	1,644	1,644
Subscriptions	-	10,920	10,920	492	10,985	11,477
Depreciation	-	102,026	102,026	180	30,809	30,989
Volunteers dinner and outings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	23,642	23,642	-	3,988	3,988
Museum and Collections	8,760	59,882	68,642	-	13,618	13,618
Governance costs:						
Accountancy fees	-	2,100	2,100	490	2,790	3,280
Independent examiner fees	-	1,800	1,800	200	1,800	2,000
	<u>29,627</u>	<u>731,260</u>	<u>760,887</u>	<u>31,022</u>	<u>817,727</u>	<u>848,749</u>

6. Wages and salaries

	Total 31 March 2025 £	Total 01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024 £
Wages and salaries	282,909	368,460
Social security costs	16,400	14,005
Pension costs	5,325	7,512
	<u>304,634</u>	<u>389,977</u>

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the period was 16 (2024 – 14).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the period (2024 – none)

The key management personnel of the charity comprises the general managers of Nothe Fort, whose employee benefits totalled £103,868 (2024 – £71,358).

7. Related party transactions

No trustees were paid any remuneration for their role (2024 – none), and none received any reimbursed expenditure (2024 – none).

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Nothe Fort Trading Company Limited
(a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity)

The following amounts were received from Nothe Fort Trading Company Limited during the year:

	Total 31 March 2025 £	Total 01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024 £
HR services provided (staff re-charge)	12,000	18,000
Rent of shop and property	3,000	4,500
Donation of profit	27,602	10,172
Interest on loan (see below)	1,350	2,025

The charity provided Nothe Fort Trading Company Limited with a loan of £15,000 in the period to 30 September 2020. Interest is charged on this loan at 9%, payable annually.

At the balance sheet date the amount due from Nothe Fort Trading Company Limited was £10,550 (2024 – £15,000), in addition, the Trust owes Nothe Fort Trading Company Limited £nil at the period end (2024: £231).

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8. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	L'hold Improve- ments £	Office equipment £	Plant & machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Museum artefacts £	Total £
Cost							
As at 01 Apr 24	136,000	411,066	33,850	4,581	66,043	38,000	689,540
Additions	-	257,493	-	-	1,359	-	258,852
As at 31 Mar 25	136,000	668,559	33,850	4,581	67,402	38,000	948,392
Depreciation							
As at 01 Apr 24	-	191,868	32,635	4,503	61,739	-	290,745
Charge for year	-	99,293	443	78	2,212	-	102,026
As at 31 Mar 25	-	291,161	33,078	4,581	63,951	-	392,771
Net book value							
As at 31 Mar 25	136,000	377,398	772	-	3,451	38,000	555,621
As at 31 Mar 24	136,000	219,198	1,215	78	4,304	38,000	398,795

Freehold property of £136,000 represents the deemed cost brought forward of Tudor House, Weymouth, based on a valuation undertaken in 1998.

Museum artefacts of £38,000 represent the museum collection of Tudor House, and are not depreciated, in line with the stated accounting policy.

9. Investments

The charity holds 1 share of £1 in its wholly owned trading subsidiary company Nothe Fort Trading Company Limited, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The principal activity of the company is providing trading activities for Nothe Fort. The profit for the year ended 31 March 2025 for Nothe Fort Trading Company Limited was £22,115 after tax (2024: £27,602), and as at 31 March 2025, reserves were £31,541 (2024: £37,029).

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011 and has not prepared group accounts.

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10. Stock

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Stock held for resale	-	37,035
	<u>-</u>	<u>37,035</u>

11. Debtors

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Other debtors	13,260	51,068
Prepayments	18,457	16,539
Amounts due from subsidiary company	10,550	14,769
	<u>42,267</u>	<u>82,376</u>

12. Cash at bank and in hand

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Bank accounts	135,348	163,647
Bank deposit accounts	249,129	267,092
Cash in hand	5,350	5,731
	<u>389,827</u>	<u>436,470</u>

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13. Creditors falling due within one year

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Trade creditors	20,336	38,070
Accruals	9,286	8,817
Social security & other taxes	4,843	4,648
	34,465	51,535

14. Analysis of charitable funds – current period

	Opening Balance 01/04/24 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31/03/25 £
Restricted funds					
MEND grant	-	160,000	(281,130)	121,130	-
Nothe Fort general operations	339,983	628,523	(450,130)	(121,130)	397,246
Total restricted funds	339,983	788,523	(731,260)	-	397,246
Unrestricted funds	563,159	22,473	(29,627)	-	556,005
Total funds	903,142	810,996	(760,887)	-	953,251

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Analysis of charitable funds – prior period

	Opening Balance 01/10/22 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31/03/24 £
Restricted funds					
MEND grant	-	198,638	-	(198,638)	-
Nothe Fort general operations	244,318	714,754	(817,727)	198,638	339,983
Total restricted funds	244,318	913,392	(817,727)	-	339,983
Unrestricted funds	584,686	9,495	(31,022)	-	563,159
Total funds	829,004	922,887	(848,749)	-	903,142

The purpose of material funds are as follows:

- The restricted fund for Nothe Fort general operations is in respect of Nothe Fort, as prescribed by the lease set down from Weymouth & Portland Borough Council (now Dorset County Council). More detail is provided in note 1.13 to the accounts.
- The MEND grant has come from Arts Council England and Dorset County Council for capital works at Nothe Fort. In line with the SORP, funds have been released to the Nothe Fort general operations fund once purchased.
- Casemate frames and Toilet facilities were also funds received in relation to Nothe Fort and have been separately split from the operations fund by the trustees. It was identified during the prior year that the restricted funds held for Casemate frames and Toilet facilities were spent in previous years and not transferred at the time. A transfer has therefore been made to recognise this spend.
- Funding from Historic England has been received to pay for a conservation specialist to perform a study into the condition of the buildings.
- The funding for the Weymouth and Portland Heritage Group was received from South West Museum Development and was used to produce advertising material covering local museums and attractions.

Where amounts have been spent on capital items during the period, these have been transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds as the purchase discharges the restriction.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 31 March 2025 £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 01 October 2022 - 31 March 2024 £
Fixed assets	184,110	371,512	555,622	108,273	290,523	398,796
Net current assets	371,895	25,734	397,629	454,886	49,460	504,346
	<u>556,005</u>	<u>397,246</u>	<u>953,251</u>	<u>563,159</u>	<u>339,983</u>	<u>903,142</u>

16. Company limited by guarantee

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The guarantee to the company is £1 per member on the winding up of the company. As at 31 March 2025 the company had 109 members and the total amount guaranteed is therefore £109.

17. Government grants

Income from government grants comprise grants made by local authorities to fund the principal activities and objectives of the charity via core funding and funding for specific projects. See note 4 for more information and the amount and source of these grants. There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies to these grants.