

# KENT CRICKET HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1154556

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2013-11-12

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** KCHT - Kent County Cricket Club  
The Spitfire Ground St. Lawrence  
Old Dover Road  
Canterbury  
Kent  
CT1 3NZ

**Phone** 01227 456886

**Email** [secretary@kcht.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kcht.co.uk)

**Website** [heritage.kentcricket.co.uk](http://heritage.kentcricket.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY OF CRICKET BY ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE EXHIBITION AND PRESERVATION OF ITEMS OF EDUCATIONAL AND/OR HISTORICAL VALUE AND PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO CRICKET IN KENT.

**Activities:** Promotion of Kent Cricket Heritage

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Bexley
- Bromley
- Greenwich
- Kent
- Medway

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£66,674	£1,028	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,788	£6,114	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,193	£781	-	-
2022-03-31	£5,026	£1,143	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,706	£3,960	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
HOWARD ROY MILTON		2022-10-19
IAN DAVID PHIPPS		2022-11-24
Keith Austin		2023-02-07
Simon George Bolam STOREY		2022-10-19

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KENT CRICKET HERITAGE TRUST

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### **Objectives and Activities**

The maintenance and development of the Kent Cricket club collection.

The development of a research facility into Kent Cricket history.

The development of activities and newsletters for the members of the Trust.

Establishing relationships with other cricket clubs and with heritage groups within the country who may not be specifically concerned with cricket.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The Trust has a long-term plan to establish a Heritage Hub /Education Centre at the Spitfire Ground St. Lawrence and a Feasibility Study was undertaken in 2024 to consider construction options and associated costs. A fund has been established to finance the project, which has already benefitted from one large donation. A programme of Ground Tours and Teatime talks has been successfully implemented, and we continue to add to our archive.

A great deal of research is being done on the history of women's cricket in the county, much of which has never been documented before.

### **Financial Review**

The charity maintains sufficient reserves to cover its annual running expenses.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity's governing document is a trust deed. It constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees.

### **Reference and Administrative details**

Registered Charity Number 1154556

Principal address:

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The Spitfire Ground St Lawrence  
Old Dover Road  
Canterbury  
Kent CT1 3NZ

**KENT CRICKET HERITAGE TRUST**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Trustees:

K Austin  
ID Phipps  
HR Milton  
SGB Storey

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 by:

K.Austin  
Treasurer, KCHT

**KENT CRICKET HERITAGE TRUST**

Registered Charity no. 1154556

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

for the year ended 31st March 2025

**INCOME**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Subscriptions	1,396.00		1,396.00
Ground Tours	31.25		31.25
Donations	550.50	50,000.00	50,550.50
Gift Aid	13,246.84		13,246.84
Bank interest	1,449.58		1,449.58
Total Income	<b>16,674.17</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>66,674.17</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Computer Expenses	193.83		193.83
Stationary & Postage	242.38		242.38
Insurance	131.91		131.91
Sundries	10.00		10.00
Accountancy Fee	400.00		400.00
Heritage Hub Study	50.00		50.00
Total Expenses	<b>1,028.12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,028.12</b>

**SURPLUS**

	15,646.05	50,000.00	65,646.05
Balances brought forward	7,123.61	0.00	0.00
Balances carried forward	<b>£ 22,769.66</b>	<b>£ 50,000.00</b>	<b>£ 72,769.66</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

Current Account Balance	4,894.69
Savings Account Balance - 35 DAY	4,190.59
Savings Account Balance - 95 DAY	51,322.88
Debtors: Gift Aid	12,761.50
Creditor: Accountancy	-400.00
	<b>£ 72,769.66</b>

I. Phipps 10.5.25  
Heritage Officer

K. Austin 10.5.25  
Honorary Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE KENT CRICKET HERITAGE TRUST**

I report on the accounts of The Kent Cricket Heritage Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**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 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**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 reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

N.Poore, FCA  
Trust Accountant  
22, Allington Drive,  
Tonbridge,  
Kent. TN10 4HH

10 May 2025

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## **KENT CRICKET HERITAGE TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

#### **Objectives and Activities**

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#### **Achievements and Performance**

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Trustees:

K Austin  
ID Phipps  
HR Milton  
SGB Storey

**KENT CRICKET HERITAGE TRUST**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 by:

K.Austin

Treasurer, KCHT

**KENT CRICKET HERITAGE TRUST**

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

for the year ended 31st March 2024

**INCOME**

Subscriptions	1,241.00
Ground Tours	103.50
Donations	1,857.89
Gift Aid	521.97
Bank interest	63.89
Total Income	<b><u>£ 3,788.25</u></b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Materials	290.13
Computer Expenses	315.68
Ground Tours	168.00
Plaques	3,155.00
Sundries	35.00
Accountancy Fee	350.00
Heritage Hub Study	1,800.00
Total Expenses	<b><u>£ 6,113.81</u></b>

**DEFICIT** **£(2,325.56)**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

Current Account Balance	4,687.75
Savings Account Balance	4,063.89
Debtors: Gift Aid	521.97
Creditor: Heritage Hub Study	1,800.00
Accountancy	<u>350.00</u> -2,150.00
	<b><u>£ 7,123.61</u></b>

I. Phipps 24.5.24  
Heritage Officer

K. Austin 24.5.24  
Honorary Treasurer

I confirm that I have examined the underlying entries on this account and consider this summary to be a true and accurate record of transactions in this fund for the year ending 31st March 2024

N.Poore, FCA  
Trust Accountant

24.5.24

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## **CHAIR'S REPORT on behalf of the Trustees 2022/23**

How important is the heritage and history of cricket in Kent to the club? When I travel to other county cricket grounds, it is immediately clear that most of these clubs cherish their past. Some counties have excellent museum spaces, like Sussex, Gloucestershire and Somerset, for example. Some do their best to prove to all visitors that this is a cricket place - at Derby, Surrey or Leicester you will see large images of cricket all around their grounds. Yet at Canterbury, what tells you that this is a place where cricket is played? Nothing. Just a Sainsbury's and, as you go through the main gate, a large white wall covered in advertisements for the club's sponsors. I am not belittling or disparaging any of our very valued commercial partners, but surely a huge white space on the pavilion wall should feature a Kent cricket image or two among all the adverts? What does that tell our visitors about the club's priorities?

Last year I reported that the problem of space on the ground for the Heritage Trust to keep, manage and catalogue the club's collections was becoming more acute, and sadly I have to report that nothing has improved since then. The fallout from the Azeem Rafiq affair at Yorkshire has resulted in the ECB issuing many new guidelines, some of which have the effect of taking up space at the ground which the club simply does not have. So we still have no permanent home as a hub for the work of the Heritage Trust, and our newly appointed Curator, Ian Phipps, has to hot-desk his work and find a space wherever he can. The storage of our collections is still unsatisfactory, although much work has been done to ensure that the items are stored as safely as we can manage, but still a proper heat-, light- and humidity-controlled storage space for our memorabilia is still no more than a pipe dream. This is not the fault of the club, although it would be good if there was one member of the new board who had the word 'heritage' in their list of responsibilities. The collection now has an estimated value of £2.5 to £3 million, so any deterioration in the items caused by poor storage conditions is knocking tens of thousands of pounds a year off the book value of the club's assets.

As for display space - don't get me started. To give an example, when the Cowdrey building was redecorated, the paintings and other artwork that hung in the stairwells were taken down, but so far they have not been put back or replaced. We just see white walls - beautifully painted maybe, but still just plain white walls. The painting of Lord Cornwallis, valued well into five figures, was taken to the old Committee Room, now used as a match control centre, where it still resides as I write this, standing on its side. Because the club owns the memorabilia, they are entitled to move things, or indeed to dispose of them altogether, but the task of the Heritage Trust to manage the collection is not made any easier if we have no way of knowing where anything might be at any time. What we need - and this is asking for the moon, perhaps - is a fully lockable space which can be used as storage space, for displaying some of our treasures, and for research and cataloguing work.

On to more positive things. We have significantly expanded our means of spreading our story beyond the club gates. Quite apart from recent appearances on the BBC's *Antiques Road Show* and *Celebrity Antiques Road Trip*, Howard Milton continues to produce "Inside Edge", our quarterly newsletter, and we now have a website ([kcht.co.uk](http://kcht.co.uk)), and a Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter (@kcht) presence, as well as a blog ([kentcricketheritagetrust.wordpress.com](http://kentcricketheritagetrust.wordpress.com)) and an Instagram (@kentcricketheritagetrust) account. Please check them all out.

We have had several additions to our collections over the past year, including Cecilia Robinson's England blazer and skirt, and the greater part of the late John Clark's cricket memorabilia collection among other things. The fact remains, however, that unless we can convince potential donors that we can store and display their gifts properly, they may be less willing to part with their treasures.

We are also testing out a new tour programme this season, with over 40 ground tours planned. Tickets (£10 for adults) are available from the KCCC website, and we hope to expand this offering over time.

Financially, as you will see from the accounts, we are still in a strong position. Our membership numbers have stayed steady at just over 100 members, and we have also benefited from the sales of the sales of "Kent County Cricket Grounds", the excellent book by Howard Milton and Peter Francis (a few copies still remain for sale through the club shop), and from second hand book sales, which we plan to continue this season.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their great efforts, cheerfully rendered, over the past year. Sadly,

both Derek Barnard and Don Austen have decided to step down from the committee, and we thank them in particular for all they have done for us over the years. We have recently appointed new trustees, as their predecessors had to step down in rotation according to the Trust's rules, and with a new Curator, Ian Phipps, a new Treasurer, Keith Austin, and a new Secretary, Colin Jarman, we have a great intake of enthusiasm and skill to take the Trust forward.

Jonathan Rice  
Chair  
Kent Cricket Heritage Trust  
April 2023

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

for the year ended 31st March 2023

**INCOME**

Subscriptions	1,301.00
Book Sales	410.00
Donations	1,210.00
Gift Aid	271.98
Total Income	<u>£ 3,192.98</u>

**EXPENDITURE**

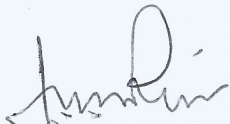
Materials	182.60
Purchases	374.57
AGM Expenses	23.84
Accountancy Fee	200.00
Total Expenses	<u>£ 781.01</u>


**SURPLUS** £ 2,411.97

Balance at bank as at 1.4.2022 7,037.20

Surplus 2,411.97

Balance at bank as at 31.3.2023 £ 9,449.17

  
J. Rice  
Chairman

  
K. Austin  
Honorary Treasurer

I confirm that I have examined the underlying entries on this account and consider this summary to be a true and accurate record of transactions in this fund for the year ending 31st March 2023.

  
N. Poore, FCA  
Trust Accountant

12 May 2023

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## **CHAIRMANS REPORT 2021/2022**

The two years of the pandemic have forced us to address several issues which have become ever more pressing.

Because we have not been allowed access to the Woolley Stand, we have not been able to do nearly as much work on the cataloguing and sorting of other collections as we would have liked.

We have not been able to do anything to give extra protection to the collection while the Woolley stand was getting its facelift, but we understand that everything has come through unharmed.

Furthermore, it is now extremely unlikely that we'll be able to use the committee room, in the Woolley Stand, either for storing archives or for working on the collections. This means we have immediately to look for a suitable place to work, and longer term for a permanent home for our collections and archives fortunately the camp county club fully supported of the aims of the Heritage Trust and are working with us to find a solution or two

Curator Caroline Ellis has indicated that she wishes to step back from the roll of Hon Curator but will still be available to act as our curatorial adviser, hope helping to set strategic goals and opening doors to suitable technical and financial help.

The Kent "150 your 150" display online and in the Lime tree /Oriole Cafe has continued and there still are other plans to celebrate now very belatedly our 150th anniversary. The Lime tree Oriole Cafe has been very supportive of work and over the next few weeks will host a one man play "Jack's Ashes" and a quiz to help the raise funds for the Trust.

Howard Milton continues to produce "Inside Edge" our quarterly newsletter and the book "Kent County Cricket Grounds" which he and Peter Francis produced to celebrate the Club's 150th anniversary and has continued to sell well despite the lockdown.

Incidentally if you not been receiving "Inside Edge" which we believe is the case with a small minority remembers, please let us know so we can ensure that you get your online copy of this very interesting publication.

We have had two major additions to our collections over the past year, a collection of photographs by our late former official photographer Tom Morris, and a photo album and memorabilia from the late Celia Robinson Kenton, opening bat the 1940s and 50s. Both these collections fill holes in our archive, especially on Kent cricket in the 1980s and women's cricket. We are particularly grateful to Charlton FC for the Tom Morris photos, and to the Robertson family for Cecilia's albums and memorabilia for cricket days, including her Kent cap.

Our relationship with the Club remains excellent with the club's chief executive Simon Storey very supportive member of the trust committee. We continue to be very grateful to the club for their support. We are in discussions to work far more closely with the king cricket

Community Trust, headed by Andy Griffiths, and we hope to have more information on this development in the near future.

Financially as you see from the accounts, we're still in a strong position. Membership numbers have not increased more significantly decreased over the year, remaining it about 120 members, most of whom make their annual donations via direct debit. A quick please to all members, it we very helpful for donations can be made by direct debit as this simplifies matter for on former treasurer and indeed for the payee.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their great efforts over the past year under very difficult circumstances especially I would like to pay tribute to David Robertson, who after many years of superb services to the club as curator and more years as secretary of the KC HT is stepping down. I'm very pleased to say that he is remaining on our committee, so we're not saying complete goodbye, but it would be very wrong with me not to acknowledge this immense contribution to the heritage of Kent cricket at this time. Many thanks David.

Jonathan Rice

Chairman

Kent Cricket Heritage Trust

April 2022

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## INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 31.3.2022

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£1325.00	MATERIALS	£180.50
KCCC. MODES	£1675.20	BANNERS	£326.00
GROUND BOOK	£1500.00	BOXES	£516.12
DONATION	£250.00		
GIFT AID	£276.30	REFRESHMENTS	£121.00
TOTAL INCOME	£5026.50	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1143.62
		SURPLUS	£3882.88
TOTAL	£5026.50	TOTAL	£5026.50

Balance at bank 31.3.2021 £3154.32

Surplus £3882.88

Balance at bank 31.3.2022 £7037.20

A.J. Kilbee. Hon. Treasurer. ACIB.....

I confirm that I have examined the underlying entries on this account and consider this summary to be a true and accurate record of transactions in this fund for the period ending 31st March 2022.

P G Graeme, M.B.E., J.P., A.C.I.B., Hon Auditor.....

06 April 2022

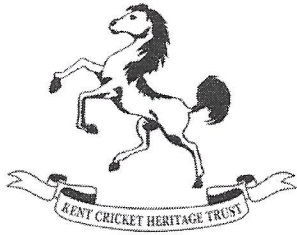
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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/21

This year's Chairman's report will perhaps be briefer than in past years, simply because the pandemic has taken from us almost every opportunity to display our collections and interact with our members and the cricket lovers of Kent.

That is not to say that things have been static behind the scenes. Our Curator, Caroline Ellis, has been able to use her time well in getting to know the MODES software for cataloguing the collection, and has made great strides in bringing our records up to date. There has also been work done to make sure that the collection has not deteriorated during the long period of storage in lockdown, but it has to be said that there are still many things that have to be done to improve the storage conditions and security of the collections. As long as the future of the Woolley Stand remains under discussion, we have to be conscious of the fact that storage conditions there will not improve radically, but we are involved in the club's discussions around the future development of that part of the ground, so that the collections and the archive will have a more secure future.

Our plans to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the formation of KCCC during 2020 were not too much sidelined by the pandemic. The nature of the "Kent 150:Your 150" interactive project meant that its digital call for Kent cricket memories went ahead to an excellent online response. We were able to compile our 150 memories, players, grounds and objects and the full list will be published on the KCCC website as part of this year's celebrations. The "Kent 150:Your 150" display in the Lime Tree/Oriole café has gone ahead, albeit a year later than planned.

Howard Milton continues to produce "Inside Edge", our quarterly newsletter, and the book "Kent County Cricket Grounds", which he and Peter Francis produced to celebrate the club's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, has received superb reviews and has sold well, despite the lockdown.

We have spent no money this year on items to add to our collection, having felt it more important to make sure we protect the items that we already have, but we have received more donations, which means that the collection continues to

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## INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 31.3.2021

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	£1445.00	Modes/Purchase	£1500.00
		Laptop	£674.92
		Book Contribution	£1500.00
		Modes/Annual Fees	£175.20
		Refreshments	£109.70
Gift Aid	£261.25		
TOTAL INCOME	£1706.25	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£3959.82
Deficit	£2253.57		
TOTAL	£3959.82	TOTAL	£3959.82

Balance at bank 31.3.2020 £5407.89

Deficit £2253.57

Balance at bank 31.3.2021 £3154.32

A.J. Kilbee. Hon. Treasurer. ACIB.....

I confirm that I have examined the underlying entries on this account and consider this summary to be a true and accurate record of transactions in this fund for the period ending 31st March 2021.

P G Graeme, M.B.E., J.P., A.C.I.B., Hon Auditor.....

25 April 2021