

Charity No 1154686

The Trust continues its work in our four key areas: Heritage, Education, meeting social needs and cultural events.

Schools and Heritage work have recovered from last year where some schools were still reluctant to book trips. There are some barriers to continue school trips with local transport costs for coaches being very high. Some local schools have told us that schools are reluctant to pass on these high costs to parents at the moment, and this means fewer school trips booked. Some of our other regular schools have joined different Multi-Academy trusts which have also changed the type of session required.

Our Heritage work has been busier. We joined forces with the local History society to host a summer event with the re-attachment of the blue heritage plaque for Hannah More to the barn. This was extremely well supported with over 100 people present and included the support of many members of the Town Council. We arranged speakers from the Hannah More Trust as part of the celebration event. In August we welcomed the BBC programme 'Antiques Road Trip' to film at the barn and hope to have raised our profile as a CIO and awareness of the barn in the wider region.

Friends of the Tithe Barn – a heritage and social inclusion activity - has been very active with trips, talks and coffee mornings. Membership has increased over the year and is also now allied with 'New Directions' a group supporting carers who have lost partners who were included in the memory initiatives at the barn.

Memories at the Barn which is run directly by the Trust now supports over one hundred local people living with dementia and their carers. The project has 35 volunteers and has an extensive range of activities. Every week there are at least two or three activities for people to take part in.

We are confident that our Christmas Craft Fair (taking place in November) will continue to be well supported, and we continue to enjoy excellent partnerships with Holy Trinity Church. We are still attempting to set up a Community Cinema in the barn, and this is one of a range of projects we hope to make progress with in the next year.

The barn is being used widely by the community, has a good level of occupancy and is proving to be financially sustainable despite the shock of the increased energy costs. Nailsea Town Council has done an excellent job in keeping the Barn in good repair and has restructured the operational accounts for the Barn to ensure effective financial control.

I can confirm that Trustees have kept safeguarding children and vulnerable adults under review and take a proportionate and responsible approach to ensure people using the barn are safe.

In terms of our future priorities, we recognise the need to recruit new and hopefully younger Trustees to ensure continuity and to ensure our key projects have a succession plan

going ahead. We are also keen to establish awareness of the barn and its initiatives with new members of our community, in the extensive new developments which are under construction.

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to my fellow trustees, Nailsea Town Council and all those who volunteer at the Barn. In a rapidly expanding town, I believe the cultural importance of having a unique building which is so old, so loved and has such a depth of heritage will be highly valued in future years to come.

Dr Jo Edwards

Chair of Trustees, Nailsea Tithe Barn Trust

<b>Nailsea Tithe Barn</b>					<b>2023 - 2024</b>
<b>Accounts Summary</b>					
<b>Income</b>	LA Grants	Non LA Grants	Donations	Fundraising	Total
Social Engagement			686		686
Social Needs (Memories At The Barn)	1,160	10,250	7,044	2,033	20,487
Heritage			50		50
Schools & Education			271		271
General			1,163		1,163
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>9,214</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>22,656</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Social Engagement					830
Social Needs (Memories At The Barn)					18,430
Heritage					0
Schools & Education					315
General					1,016
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>20,591</b>
<b>Variance</b>					2,065
No 1 Account					11,893
Memories Account					21,082
Total Bank					32,975
Cash On Hand					0
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>32,975</b>
Brought forward					30,675
Account Balance					2,065
Total					32,740
Creditors/Debtors					234
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>32,974</b>

## **Nailsea Tithe Barn Accounts**

I have completed an examination of the books and records of the Tithe Barn Trust for the Financial Year 2023/24. 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.

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