

THE FRIENDS OF MILTON REGIS COURT HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1156115

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-03-11

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE 15TH CENTURY COURT HALL AT MILTON REGIS, KENT. 2. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION BY OPERATING A MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE 15TH CENTURY COURT HALL AT MILTON REGIS, KENT.

Activities: We took a 25 year lease on The Milton Regis Court Hall. Built in 1450 as an admin building for the Hundred of Milton Regis. We have renovated and updated the building as a museum to preserve and share local history. Staffed entirely by volunteers we open to the public on Saturdays from April to September. We encourage school and group visits at other times by arrangement.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£1,314	£2,191	-	-
2024-12-31	£2,046	£1,226	-	-
2023-12-31	£1,370	£723	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,646	£944	-	-
2021-12-31	£394	£805	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Eileen Dursley	Chair	2024-11-18
Ian Melvin Witherden		2026-04-24
Janet Halligan		2016-04-22
KEITH ROBINSON		2016-04-22
MICHAEL JOHN NICHOLLS		2014-01-15
Philippa Mary Talbott		2025-04-25

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 2025

Name and identification of the Charity:-

The Friends of Milton Regis Court Hall CIO, registered under Charity No. 1156115. The registered address is 11 Farm Crescent, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4QD.

Trustees of the Charity as at the date of this report are:-

Mrs Alison Dursley (Chair), Dr Michael K Baldwin (ret.Chair), Mr Michael Nicholls (Treasurer), Mr Keith Robinson and Mrs Janet Halligan. Ms Philippa Talbott

Other Trustees during 2025.

There were no other Trustees during 2025.

Organisation and Structure of the CIO.

The Trustees are the supreme authority within the CIO. Mike Nicholls and Janet Halligan stood down at the AGM, which was held on Friday 25th April 2025, but they were re-elected unanimously. Philippa Talbott was elected as a trustee.

The remaining Trustees were not due for re-election. In accordance with the Governing Document of the CIO, future Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees, for approval or rejection at the next AGM..

The Trustees are assisted by a Committee, which usually meets approximately six times per year. The Trustees are members of that Committee and the Chairman or his deputy chair meetings of the Committee. Committee decisions are usually made on a unanimous basis, though majority decisions are allowed. Future new Trustees will normally have proved their commitment to the CIO by service as Committee Members.

The governance of the Committee is according to procedural documents produced by the Trustees and agreed by the Committee. These procedures are in accordance with the Governing Document of the CIO. The Governing Document is in accordance with the "Association" model constitution issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Reserves:-

The normal routine outgoings of the CIO are modest, about **£2,200** per year. As at 1st January 2025 our reserves were **£23,398.57**. At the end of the year reserves were **£22,522.57**. The Charity is thus on a sound financial footing. The major items of expenditure for 2025 were insurance, business rates, fire equipment and electricity. 2025 expenditure also included a ten year extra-ordinary cost of replacing battery smoke detectors. Income for 2025 was down to **£1,314.73**. This was largely due to no ghost hunting group visit for which an entry fee is charged as it requires late/overnight opening.

The break-in and theft of coin collections resulted in loss of and damage to displays and display cabinets. Repairs/replacements will have some ongoing costs. These costs should be covered by the contents insurance policy currently held by Swale Borough Council. At 31st December 2025 this was in negotiation.

We hold no funds in trust for other organisations.

Activities carried out to meet the Public Benefit requirement of the CIO:-

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The Court Hall was open to the public on all Saturdays from April until the end of September and on Wednesdays during August, fulfilling our obligations to meet the second objective. A total of **930** visitors attended, all without charge. Our web site also contains a lot of information about the Court Hall. Our Facebook group page is regularly updated and is attracting many new followers. The public has free access to the outside of the building at all times. It is a centre point for Milton Regis., with pleasant landscaping and seating.

The Friends participated in the “Wheels of Time” scheme in 2025. Inaugurated by Ashford Museum, the scheme encourages children (and their parents) to visit museums in Kent.

During 2025 special evening openings were held for children from Beavers, Brownies and Guides groups from Sittingbourne.

We have tried to get school groups to visit the Court Hall but none came to fruition. We will try again in the new year.

Due to its history, the Court Hall has become something of a celebrity place to visit by psychic groups. We are happy to arrange night-time visits.

The Milton Regis Court Hall High Street Milton Regis Sittingbourne, Kent

www.friendsofmiltonregiscourthall.co.uk

11 Farm Crescent Sittingbourne Kent ME10 4QD

The Friends are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Financial Report 2025

INCOME	2025	2024	EXPENDITURE	2025	2024
Subscriptions / Membership	£302.50	£407.50	Repairs / Maintenance	£918.19	£377.40
Fund raising special events	£0.00	£0.00	incl. 5yr Electrical test + 10yr replacement alarms & door security repairs		
Donations	£718.14	£739.70	Equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Grants and company donations	£0.00	£500.00	Conservation / Displays	£67.87	£0.00
Credit from Elec. Business Support Fund			Printing & Postage	£192.92	£0.00
Sales, shop and other	£110.29	£163.34	Utilities + rates	£345.21	£189.95
Interest	£183.80	£235.42	Insurance	£511.54	£500.17
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	Stock Purchases	£0.00	£53.90
			Other	£155.00	£105.00
			incl. "Wheels of Time" and "Historic Swale"		
TOTAL	£1,314.73	£2,045.96	TOTAL	£2,190.73	£1,226.42

BALANCE SHEET

	2025	2024		2025	2024
				(31/12/25)	(31/12/24)
Accumulated Funds at 1st Jan.	£23,398.57	£22,579.03	Deposit Account	£16,648.42	£16,464.62
Excess Income over Expenditure	-£876.00	£819.54	Current Account	£5,789.51	£6,593.90
			Uncleared cheques & pay-ins	£0.00	£0.00
			Cash	£30.00	£30.00
			Credit with Utility Company	£54.64	£310.05
Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec.	£22,522.57	£23,398.57		£22,522.57	£23,398.57

MUSEUM SHOP ACCOUNT

	2025	2024		2025	2024
Opening Stock	£322.37	£306.28	Closing Stock	£312.75	£322.37
Purchases	£0.00	£53.90	Sales	£110.29	£163.34
Donation (cost) for Books etc.	£0.00	£0.00		£423.04	£485.71
	£322.37	£360.18	Profit/(Loss)	£100.67	£125.53

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Other Trustees during 2024.

There were no other Trustees during 2024.

Organisation and Structure of the CIO.

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The remaining Trustees were not due for re-election. In accordance with the Governing Document of the CIO, future Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees, for approval or rejection at the next AGM..

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Financial Reserves:-

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£23,398.57.The Charity is thus on a sound financial footing. The major items of expenditure for 2024 were insurance, fire equipment and electricity. Income for 2024 was £2,045.96.

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Activities carried out to meet the Public Benefit requirement of the CIO:-

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The Court Hall was open to the public on all Saturdays from April until the end of September and on Wednesdays during August, fulfilling our obligations to meet the second objective. A total of **551** visitors attended, all without charge except for groups of psychic investigators who wanted access at night. Our web site also contains a lot of information about the Court Hall. The public has free access to the outside of the building at all times. It is a centre point for Milton Regis., with pleasant landscaping and seating.

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Financial Report 2024

INCOME	2024	2023	EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Subscriptions / Membership	£407.50	£337.50	Repairs / Maintenance	£377.40	£154.56
Fund raising special events	£0.00	£0.00	incl. storage facility, display plinths & replacement vacuum cleaner		
Donations	£739.70	£660.97	Equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Grants and company donations	£500.00	£0.00	Conservation / Displays	£0.00	£0.00
Credit from Elec. Business Support Fund			Printing & Postage	£0.00	£0.00
Sales, shop and other	£163.34	£178.20	Utilities	£189.95	£153.71
Interest	£235.42	£193.83	Insurance	£500.17	£338.95
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	Stock Purchases	£53.90	£26.00
			Other	£105.00	£50.00
			incl. "Wheels of Time" and "Historic Swale"		
TOTAL	£2,045.96	£1,370.50	TOTAL	£1,226.42	£723.22

BALANCE SHEET

	2024	2023		2024	2023
				(31/12/24)	(31/12/23)
Accumulated Funds at 1st Jan.	£22,579.03	£21,931.75	Deposit Account	£16,464.62	£16,229.20
Excess Income over Expenditure	£819.54	£647.28	Current Account	£6,593.90	£6,349.83
			Uncleared cheques & pay-ins	£0.00	£0.00
			Cash	£30.00	£0.00
			Credit with Utility Company	£310.05	£0.00
Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec.	£23,398.57	£22,579.03		£23,398.57	£22,579.03

MUSEUM SHOP ACCOUNT

	2024	2023		2024	2023
Opening Stock	£306.28	£351.59	Closing Stock	£322.37	£306.28
Purchases	£53.90	£26.00	Sales	£163.34	£178.20
Donation (cost) for Books etc.	£0.00	£0.00		£485.71	£484.48
	£360.18	£377.59	Profit/(Loss)	£125.53	£106.89

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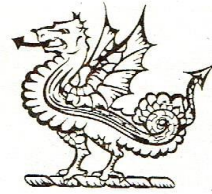
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Financial Reserves:-

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£xxxxxxx. The Charity is thus on a sound financial footing. The major items of expenditure for 2023 were insurance and electricity. Income for 2023 was £xxxxxxx.

We hold no funds in trust for other organisations.

Activities carried out to meet the Public Benefit requirement of the CIO:-

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Financial Report 2023

INCOME	2023	2022	EXPENDITURE	2023	2022
Subscriptions / Membership	£337.50	£32.50	Repairs / Maintenance	£154.56	£346.27
Fund raising special events	£0.00	£565.00	incl. storage facility, display plinths & replacement vacuum cleaner		
Donations	£660.97	£887.28	Equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Grants and company donations	£0.00	£0.00	Conservation / Displays	£0.00	£6.91
Sales, shop and other	£178.20	£132.61	Printing & Postage	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£193.83	£28.60	Utilities	£153.71	£148.35
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	Insurance	£338.95	£392.60
			Stock Purchases	£26.00	£0.00
			Other	£50.00	£50.00
			incl. Website and "Wheels of Time"		
TOTAL	£1,370.50	£1,645.99	TOTAL	£723.22	£944.13

BALANCE SHEET

	2023	2022		2023	2022
				(31/12/23)	(31/12/22)
Accumulated Funds at 1st Jan.	£21,931.75	£21,229.89	Deposit Account	£16,229.20	£16,035.37
Excess Income over Expenditure	£647.28	£701.86	Current Account	£6,349.83	£5,896.38
			Uncleared cheques & pay-ins	£0.00	£0.00
			Cash	£0.00	£0.00
Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec.	£22,579.03	£21,931.75		£22,579.03	£21,931.75

MUSEUM SHOP ACCOUNT

	2023	2022		2023	2022
Opening Stock	£351.59	£338.77	Closing Stock	?	£351.59
Purchases	£26.00	£0.00	Sales	£178.20	£132.61
Donation (cost) for Books etc.	£0.00	£23.84		?	£484.20
	£377.59	£362.61	Profit/(Loss)	?	£121.59

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Other Trustees during 2022.

There were no other Trustees during 2022.

Organisation and Structure of the CIO.

The Trustees are the supreme authority within the CIO. The Covid-19 restrictions made it impossible to hold a live Annual General Meeting, which had been scheduled for Wednesday 13th April. Instead, all members were supplied by email or post with all documents necessary for them to make informed votes, as required by our governing document. The Trustees are confident that the arrangements made to allow the membership to vote were both sound and justifiable.

In accordance with the governing document, the Trustee Keith Robinson was re-elected unanimously by an email and postal ballot of the membership. The remaining Trustees were not due for re-election. In accordance with the Governing Document of the CIO, future Trustees will be nominated by the existing Trustees, for approval or rejection at the next AGM.

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Financial Reserves:-

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We have tried to get school groups to visit the Court Hall. The only near success was a group in November which cancelled its visit at short notice because of a shortage of teachers. We will try again in the new year.

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Financial Report 2022

INCOME	2022	2021	EXPENDITURE	2022	2021
Subscriptions / Membership	£32.50	£50.00	Repairs / Maintenance	£346.27	£0.00
Fund raising special events	£565.00	£0.00	incl. storage facility, display plinths & replacement vacuum cleaner		
Donations	£887.28	£83.35	Equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Grants and company donations	£0.00	£260.00	Conservation / Displays	£6.91	£260.00
Sales, shop and other	£132.61	£0.00	Printing & Postage	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£28.60	£1.00	Utilities	£148.35	£102.15
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	Insurance	£392.60	£392.60
			Stock Purchases	£0.00	£0.00
			Other	£50.00	£50.00
			incl. Website and "Wheels of Time"		
TOTAL	£1,645.99	£394.35	TOTAL	£944.13	£804.75

BALANCE SHEET

	2022	2021		2022	2021
				(31/12/22)	(31/12/21)
Accumulated Funds at 1st Jan.	£21,229.89	£21,640.29	Deposit Account	£16,035.37	£10,006.77
Excess Income over Expenditure	£701.86	-£410.40	Current Account	£5,896.38	£11,223.12
			Uncleared cheques & pay-ins	£0.00	£0.00
			Cash	£0.00	£0.00
Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec.	£21,931.75	£21,229.89		£21,931.75	£21,229.89

MUSEUM SHOP ACCOUNT

	2022	2021		2022	2021
Opening Stock	£338.77	£338.77	Closing Stock	£338.77	£338.77
Purchases	£0.00	£0.00	Sales	-£132.61	£0.00
Donation (cost) for Books	£0.00	£0.00		£206.16	£338.77
	£338.77	£338.77	Profit/(Loss)	£0.00	£0.00

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Other Trustees during 2021.

There were no other Trustees during 2021.

Organisation and Structure of the CIO.

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In accordance with the governing document, the Trustees Michael Baldwin and Paul David were re-elected unanimously by an email and postal ballot of the membership. The remaining Trustees were not due for re-election. In accordance with the Governing Document of the CIO, future Trustees will be nominated by the existing Trustees, for approval or rejection at the next AGM.

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Activities carried out to meet the Public Benefit requirement of the CIO:-

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1. To preserve and maintain, for the benefit of the public, the 15th Century Court Hall at Milton Regis, Kent.
2. To advance education by operating a museum of local history for the benefit of the public in the 15th Century Court Hall at Milton Regis, Kent.

Following the major renovation work carried out in 2016, the Court Hall is in good repair and we are confident that the first of the aims is being achieved.

It was not possible to open the Court Hall to the public in 2021 because of the Covid-19 pandemic, which hampered our ability to fulfil our obligations to meet the second objective. That was unavoidable. Our web site contains a lot of information about the Court Hall. The public has free access to the outside of the building, where there is pleasant landscaping and seating. Cataloguing of artefacts continued in preparation for an eventual re-opening when the Covid-19 situation allows. We participated in a local history day at a local village, showing some chosen exhibits to visitors to the open day.

The Friends participated in the “Wheels of Time” scheme in 2021. Inaugurated by Ashford Museum, the scheme encourages children (and their parents) to visit museums in Kent, awarding them badges and lanyards. The scheme has been very successful in previous years, encouraging many child visits to the museum, but the pandemic made it impossible to do other than on-line activities in 2021.

The charity participated in a National Heritage Lottery-funded project to explore the influence of migration within Swale over the years. Extensive photography took place within the hall. The results of the project will be published in 2022.

We are aware that disabled visitors are unable to visit the second floor of the building, so we have liaised with a local producer of DVDs of historic places. We plan to produce a DVD, which will be played as necessary on the ground floor. This will enable disabled people to see more of what is on display in the building. Production of the DVD in 2021 was impossible.

Financial Report 2021

INCOME	2021	2020	EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
Subscriptions	£50.00	£205.00	Repairs / Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00
Fund raising special events	£0.00	£0.00	incl. storage facility & display plinths		
Donations	£83.35	£0.00	Equipment	£0.00	£15.98
Grants and company donations	£260.00	£10,000.00	Conservation / Displays	£260.00	£64.19
Sales, shop and other	£0.00	£0.00	Printing & Postage	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£1.00	£0.75	Utilities	£102.15	£97.91
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	Insurance	£392.60	£294.00
			Stock Purchases	£0.00	£0.00
			Other	£50.00	£111.88
			incl. Website and "Wheels of Time"		
TOTAL	£394.35	£10,205.75	TOTAL	£804.75	£583.96

BALANCE SHEET

	2021	2020		2021	2020
				(31/12/21)	(31/12/20)
Accumulated Funds at 1st Jan.	£21,640.29	£12,018.50	Deposit Account	£10,006.77	£10,005.77
Excess Income over Expenditure	-£410.40	£9,621.79	Current Account	£11,223.12	£11,634.52
			Uncleared cheques & pay-ins	£0.00	£0.00
			Cash	£0.00	£0.00
Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec.	£21,229.89	£21,640.29		£21,229.89	£21,640.29

MUSEUM SHOP ACCOUNT

	2021	2020		2021	2020
Opening Stock	£338.77	£338.77	Closing Stock	£338.77	£338.77
Purchases	£0.00	£0.00	Sales	£0.00	£0.00
Donation (cost) for Books	£0.00	£0.00		£338.77	£338.77
	£338.77	£338.77	Profit/(Loss)	£0.00	£0.00