

THE PORTSMOUTH D-DAY MUSEUM TRUST

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Number

1156976

Address

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Hampshire
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Trustees

Charles Ackroyd
David Bailey (appointed 27 September 2024)
Roger Ching
Dr Sam Edwards (appointed 27 September 2024)
Marc Hanson (Chair)
Emma Judd (appointed 27 September 2024)
Professor Anne Murphy (appointed 27 September 2024)
David Price (resigned 27 September 2024)
Tim Rusby
Ben Stoneham (resigned 27 September 2024)

Independent Examiner

Chris Richards
48 Sandringham Road

Bankers

NatWest Bank
Commercial Road
Portsmouth
PO1 1EJ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is controlled by its governing document, a constitution registered with the Charity Commission.

Background

The charity was registered in May 2014 with the Objects, as quoted in the constitution being, “The advancement of education of the public by the promotion, assistance and improvement of the Portsmouth D-Day Museum and its related activities and of historic sites and other areas of cultural interest relating to the D-Day story.”

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees, which meets on a regular basis.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees.

New trustees are appointed by the Board, which regularly reviews the skills and experience required to operate efficiently and effectively and has a process for the recruitment of additional trustees. A trustee induction pack has been produced and training can be made available.

Risk Management

to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees meet regularly to oversee policy and finance matters and plan activities.

OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The overarching purpose of the Trust is to keep alive the stories of D-Day and the Normandy campaign in order to honour the ingenuity, courage and sacrifice of those who took part. Through a spirit of partnership, our aim is to complement and support the ongoing operation and development of the Portsmouth D-Day Story as the UK's national D-Day hub, bringing the D-Day narrative to life for the 21st century, explaining how ordinary people played extraordinary parts in a turning point in history, and reveal D-Day's legacy for the present day.

The Trust will offer a broad range of support, including, but not necessarily restricted to, fundraising for specific ongoing projects, programmes and initiatives. It will provide help and support in an independent, supporting non-executive, ex-officio role, to complement the leadership of the D-Day Story by the City Council and Museum Service. It will also provide help and guidance across a range of development activities, and by attending regular meetings with the D-Day Story leadership, make proposals for future development, including funding.

The Trust met on three occasions throughout the year

Day and associated events, the publication and launch of the “D-Day in 80 Objects” book, including funding, and various grant applications. In addition, the Trust received detailed reports from the D-Day General Manager and regular updates on the Normandy Memorial Wall, the Trust’s overall financial position and the HLF Project (Hidden D-Day).

The Trust appointed four new Trustees during the year and two former Trustees resigned.

The Trust started the financial year with funds of £54,253 and managed to raise additional income of £54,612 comprising grants totalling £30,000 from Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd, the Wates Family Enterprise Trust and the Garfield Western Trust. Each donor granted £10,000. The grants from McAlpine’s and Wates funded the launch of the D-Day in 80 Objects book and the grant from the Garfield Western Trust was passed over to Portsmouth City Council to fund further educational visits. The Trust was also successful in obtaining additional donations of £5,147 and further sales of bricks and plaques on the Normandy Memorial Wall of £19,465.

Total expenditure of £49,752 was incurred in the year which consisted of contributions to Portsmouth City Council of £20,001 towards the publication of the D-Day in 80 Objects book, £10,525 for school visits, £1,560 for a donation box, the transfer of a grant of £10,000 from the Garfield Western Trust for additional educational visits, expenses associated with the Memorial Wall of £6,666 and a grant of £1,000 to a Fund Raising Consultant for work undertaken on grant applications.

This resulted in funds of £59,113 at the 31 March 2025.

HAMPSHIRE’S HIDDEN D-DAY PROJECT

This inspiring project, initiated by the Trust, is a National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) supported initiative aiming to find, document and share information about Hampshire’s D-Day marshalling camps, where troops gathered before the invasion. The project uses

and the creation of an interactive online database to map troop movements and preserve the history of these crucial preparation sites for future generations.

The project has been delayed by logistical and recruitment issues, but the Trust is confident the project will be underway in 2025/26.

The Trust is deeply indebted to the NLHF for their continued partnership support.

APPRECIATION AND THANKS

The Annual Report gives the Board of Trustees an opportunity to offer public thanks to the many people who have supported the Trust during this period.

Special thanks go to the following:

- The Portsmouth D-Day Story staff
- The D-Day veterans and their families
- The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)
- Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd
- The Wates Family Enterprise Trust
- Individual supporters and donors
- Normandy Memorial Wall contractors
- Portsmouth City Council


FINANCIAL REVIEW

The day-to-day recording of income, the invoicing and payment of bills is carried out by the Trust. Portsmouth City Council staff undertake an Independent Examination.

It is the view of the Trust that the charity currently has no

premises nor any other liabilities, which might require a
“contingency fund”

Approved by Board of Trustees on
.....26/9/25.....

Signed on behalf of Trustees
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(Marc Hanson Chair of Trustees)

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS - 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

		2024/25		2023/24	
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Grants		30000	-	0	-
Donations		5147	-	3267	-
Memorial Wall receipts		19465	-	11487	-
		54612	0	14754	0
PAYMENTS					
Memorial Wall expenses		6666	-	2038	-
D-Day in 80 Objects Book		20001	-	0	-
Donation Box (Goodbox)		1560	-	0	-
Contribution to PCC (School visits)		10525	-	0	-
Consultants fees (Grant applications)		1000	-	0	-
Transfer of earmarked grant to PCC		10000	-	0	-
Contribution to PCC (Family Audio Guide Project)		0	-	9000	-
Hinterland Project expenses		0	-	45	-
		49752	0	11083	0
NET SURPLUS		4860	0	3671	0

TATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2024/25		2023/24	
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
		£	£	£	£
Cash Funds		59113	-	54253	-
Other Assets	None	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	None	-	-	-	-

Approved by Board of Trustees on 26 / 9 / 25

Signed on behalf of Trustees..... 

Marc Hanson, Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PORTSMOUTH D-DAY MUSEUM TRUST

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the year ending 31st March 2025 which are set out on the following page.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state, in the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 18 December 2025