

KENT FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1157631

Details

Other names KFM

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-06-27

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE SUBJECT OF FIREFIGHTING IN KENT, ITS HISTORY AND HERITAGE BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A MUSEUM AND LEARNING RESOURCES

Activities: To advance education for the public benefit in the subject of firefighting in Kent, its history and heritage by the establishment and maintenance of a museum and learning resources.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent
- Medway

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,265	£819	-	-
2024-03-31	£4,369	£2,127	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,881	£7,364	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,553	£11,504	-	-
2021-03-31	£10,635	£2,587	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jeremy Wilson Beech CBE QFSM	Chair	2024-11-12
Clive Richard Bradburn		2024-05-28
Kenneth William Clay		2021-11-19
Kevin Sivell		2023-11-15
ROBERT MILLER		2013-10-25

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KENT FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT For the Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Section A: Reference and administration details

Kent Firefighting Museum
Registered Charity No: 1157631

Principal Address

Kent Firefighting Museum
Woodlands Garden Centre, Ash Lane, Ash, Nr Sevenoaks, Kent TN17 7EG

Names of Trustees:

April to November 2024:

J W Beech, Chairman
A C Wells, Vice Chairman
H Myers, Treasurer
K Clay,
J Luque,
K Sivell

From November 2024:

J Luque, Chairman
K Clay, Vice Chairman
K Sivell
C Bradburn
R G Miller

From January 2025:

J W Beech, Acting Chairman
K Clay, Vice Chairman
K Sivell
C Bradburn
R G Miller
J Luque (Leave of absence due to illness)

Section B: Structure Governance and Management

Kent Firefighting Museum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation the only voting members of which are its charity Trustees. The charity has the "Foundation" model constitution, and new Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees.

In May 2024, Mr Clive Bradburn was elected to the Board of Trustees, to begin his term of office at the General Meeting in November 2024. At that meeting, in accordance with the constitution, Mr J Beech, Chairman, Mr A wells, Vice Chairman together with Mr H Myers, stepped down as Trustees at the end of their periods of office, and Mr Robert Miller was re-elected to the Board, having stepped away for one year. Mrs Trish Hopkins was re-elected to Secretary to the Board of Trustees and the Management Committee.

Mr Joseph Luque was elected Chairman of Trustees and Mr Ken Clay Vice Chairman: Mr Luque agreed to retain Chairmanship of Management Committee. Mrs Debbie Payne, who had been appointed Temporary Treasurer the previous year, stepped down, and the retiring Chairman of Trustees, Mr Beech agreed to undertake the role until a new Treasurer could be appointed.

On 21 January 2025, an Extraordinary Meeting of Trustees was called, following the sudden illness of Mr Luque, Chairman of Trustees, which required him to take immediate leave of absence. Trustees re-elected Mr Jeremy Beech as a Trustee, and as Acting Chairman. Mr Beech agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer.

The Museum continues to operate using volunteers and has no paid employees.

During 2024/25 the Museum was open from 6 March until 8 December 2024: it re-opened on 6 March 2025.

Section C: Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity, set out in its governing document, are to advance education for the public benefit in the subject of firefighting in Kent, its history and heritage by the establishment and maintenance of a museum and learning resources. All Trustees have made the statutory declaration to have regard to the guidance of the Charity commission on public benefit.

In this tenth year of operation, it is pleasing to report that the Museum, through the help of its very resourceful and valued group of volunteers, was able to remain open on 5 days a week (Wednesday – Sunday) for the entire period as well as on other days such as Bank Holidays and pre-arranged visits.

Section D: Achievements and performance

During the 2024/25 period the Museum received 6,607 visitors; it continues to be promoted at outside events as well as when presentations are delivered to various clubs and societies.

The Website appears to be working well with many enquiries received daily through this medium. It is continually monitored and updated as necessary, with consideration currently being given to allow donations to be collected through this medium via a QR code. The Museum is now collecting donations electronically via a card reader, the use of which is also being monitored with research being undertaken to upgrade the machine.

In the summer of 2024, the Chairman of Trustees (Mr Jeremy Beech) and the Chairman of the Management Board (Mr Joe Luque) were interviewed by BBC Radio Kent which was promoting attractions in Kent. There appeared to be a very positive response to this broadcast.

A successful Open Day was held at the end of August, in the company of the Rt Hon the Baroness Blackstone, Patron of the Museum, to celebrate the Museum's 10th Anniversary in conjunction with the Woodlands Garden Centre, and in support of the charity *Young Lives vs Cancer*.

During the latter part of 2024 a historic "Valiant" Steam Pump was donated to the collection by the Maidstone Museum and put on display. Whilst the Kent Firefighting Museum has only re-opened for a short period of time in 2025, the Pump has been much admired by visitors to date.

Section E: Financial review

The Charity did not adopt a policy on reserves in this period of operation.

During the period under report, income from donations and interest was £4265 Expenditure was £819 providing a surplus of £3446 for the year. The closing balance at the bank as at 31 March 2025 was £62,996.

The Charity's bankers are the Charities Aid Foundation, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4TA.

The Charity has no funds materially in deficit.

Section F: Other optional information

The Museum does not charge for admission.

Section G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report as detailed above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Jeremy Wilson Beech CBE, QFSM
Acting Chairman of Trustees

Date: 22nd December 2025.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
KENT FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM No (if any)
1157631

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **1st April 2024** To **31st March 2025**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	4203 -	-	-	-	4250 -
BANK INTEREST	62 -	-	-	-	119 -
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4265 -	-	-	-	4369 -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4265 -	-	-	-	4369 -
A3 Payments					
REPAIRS	35 -	-	-	-	39 -
ADMINISTRATION	10 -	-	-	-	95 -
PROFESSIONAL FEES	196 -	-	-	-	10 -
BANK CHARGES	66 -	-	-	-	984 -
OTHER COSTS	512 -	-	-	-	150 -
	-	-	-	-	761 -
	-	-	-	-	68 -
MOTOR EXPENSES	0 -	-	-	-	20 -
Sub total	819 -	-	-	-	2127 -
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	819 -	-	-	-	2127 -
Net of receipts/(payments)	3446 -	-	-	-	2242 -
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	59550	-	-	-	57308
Cash funds this year end	62996	-	-	-	59550

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK ACCOUNT	62996	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	62996	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

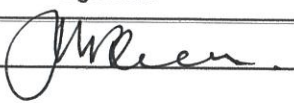
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JEREMY BEETH	22-12-2025

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Names of Trustees

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H Myers, Treasurer
K Clay
J Luque
K Sivell (from November 2023)

Section B: Structure Governance and Management

Kent Firefighting Museum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation the only voting members of which are its charity Trustees. The charity has the “Foundation” model constitution, and new Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees.

During 2023 two of our valued Trustees resigned, one on grounds of ill health and the other due to pressure of other commitments. In addition to this, the rotation of Trustees meant that two more Trustees left the Board in November 2023: Messrs J Meakins and R Miller. However, the Museum was fortunate to secure the services of Mr Kevin Sivell as a Trustee.

Also due to rotation of Trustees, Chairman Mr J Beech and Vice Chairman Mr A Wells together with Mr H Myers, will be stepping down as Trustees in November 2024, having completing their three terms of office.

Following Mr Myers’ notice of intention of standing down as Treasurer, during the year the Board of Trustees were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Mrs Debbie Payne as Temporary Treasurer.

Whilst in its infancy the Management Committee, formed following the 2022 AGM and under the Chairmanship of Mr J Luque, is functioning as was perceived, thereby allowing Trustees to focus on governance, probity, and oversight of the Museum.

The Museum continues to operate using volunteers and has no paid employees.

Mrs Debbie Payne was elected as Treasurer and Mrs Trish Hopkins was re-elected to Secretary to the Board of Trustees and the Museum.

During 2023/24 the Museum was open from 8 March until 10 December 2023: it re-opened on 6 March 2024.

Section C: Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity, set out in its governing document, are to advance education for the public benefit in the subject of firefighting in Kent, its history and heritage by the establishment and maintenance of a museum and learning resources. All Trustees have made the statutory declaration to have regard to the guidance of the Charity commission on public benefit.

In this ninth year of operation, it is pleasing to report that the Museum, through the help of its very resourceful and valued group of volunteers, was able to remain open on 5 days a week (Wednesday – Sunday) for the entire period as well as on other days such as Bank Holidays and pre-arranged visits.

Section D: Achievements and performance

During the 2023/24 period the Museum received 6,196 visitors: it was also promoted at outside events such as Fire Station open days and continues to give presentations to various societies.

The Website is now fully functional and receives many requests for historical information through this medium, most of which are satisfied due to the immense knowledge of the Museum's Curator. The Website is continually monitored and updated as necessary with consideration currently being given to allow donations to be collected through this medium.

Preparations are in their infancy for an Open Day to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Kent Firefighting Museum being at Woodlands Garden Centre. This event will be in June 2024.

Section E: Financial review

The Lease for the premises which Kent Firefighting Museum occupy was due for renewal in September 2023. Renewal was successfully completed and the site secured for a further 7 years.

The Charity did not adopt a policy on reserves in this period of operation.

During the period under report, income from donations and interest was £4,369 Expenditure was £2,127 providing a surplus of £2,242 for the year.

The closing balance at the bank as at 31 March 2024 was £59,550.

The Charity's bankers are the Charities Aid Foundation, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4TA.

The Charity has no funds materially in deficit.

Section F: Other optional information

The Museum does not charge for admission.

Section G: Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Jeremy Wilson Beech CBE, QFSM
Chairman of Trustees 2023/2024

Date: 17th December 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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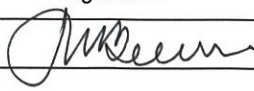
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **1st APRIL 2023** Period start date To **31st MARCH 2024** Period end date

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	2250 -	-	-	-	2795 -
BANK INTEREST	119 -	-	-	-	86 -
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4369 -	-	-	-	2881 -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4369 -	-	-	-	2881 -
A3 Payments					
PREMISES	39 -	-	-	-	1633 -
REPAIRS	95 -	-	-	-	511 -
ADMINISTRATION	10 -	-	-	-	1685 -
PROFESSIONAL FEES	987 -	-	-	-	1520 -
ADVERTISING	150 -	-	-	-	328 -
OTHER COSTS	761 -	-	-	-	1667 -
BANK CHARGES	68 -	-	-	-	-
MOTOR EXPENSES	20 -	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2127 -	-	-	-	7364 -
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2127 -	-	-	-	7364 -
Net of receipts/(payments)	2242 -	-	-	-	-4483 -
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	57308 -	-	-	-	61791 -
Cash funds this year end	59550 -	-	-	-	57308 -

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF BANK ACCOUNT	59550 -	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59550 -	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	59550	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		JEREMY BEECH	17.12.2024	

KENT FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM

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Names of Trustees

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J Meakins, Curator
R Miller
D Howe
T Ling
K Clay
J Luque (from 15 November 2022)

Section B: Structure Governance and Management

Kent Firefighting Museum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation the only voting members of which are its charity trustees. The charity has the “Foundation” model constitution, and new Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees.

During 2022 Mr J Beech gave notice to Trustees his intention to stand down as Chairman. Mr H Myers also informed Trustees of his intention to stand down as Treasurer as soon as a new candidate for the position could be found.

At the KFM AGM held 15 November 2022 a recommendation was put to Trustees for a Management Committee to be established, with associated delegated powers, to run the operation of the Museum, thus leaving Trustees to concentrate on governance, probity, and oversight. It was initially agreed that the number of Committee members reflect those of Trustees, ie not exceeding 12. The Management Committee will be accountable to Trustees for the day-to-day management of the Museum.

At the AGM Mr Joe Luque was elected Chairman with Mr John Meakins as Vice Chairman: at the inaugural meeting of Management Committee other members will be appointed to

designated roles thus enabling the Management Committee to fulfil its obligation to Trustees.

The Museum continues to operate using volunteers and has no paid employees.

At the AGM a motion was put for Trustees to meet twice per year and the Management Committee four times: this motion was carried. Mrs Trish Hopkins was elected to Secretary to the Board of Trustees and the Museum.

During 2022/23 the Museum was open from 4 March 2022 until 11 December 2022: it re-opened on 8 March 2023.

Section C: Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity, set out in its governing document, are to advance education for the public benefit in the subject of firefighting in Kent, its history and heritage by the establishment and maintenance of a museum and learning resources. All Trustees have made the statutory declaration to have regard to the guidance of the Charity commission on public benefit.

In this eighth year of operation, following the disruption caused by the Covid epidemic, the Trustees sought to bring an air of normality back to the functioning of the Museum with the help of its very resourceful and valuable group of volunteers. It is therefore pleasing to report that during the 2022 season the Museum was able to remain open on 5 days a week for the entire period.

Section D: Achievements and performance

Whilst Trustees initially took the decision to open the Museum during 2022 on four days per week, due to the dedication of its volunteer guides it was not long before the Museum opened regularly on five days each week (Wednesday – Sunday) during which time it received an estimated 4,488 visitors. Outside events, such as Fire Station open days, and presentations to various societies continued which further promoted the activities of the Museum.

To remain attractive to visitors, re-ordering of exhibits commenced and will remain ongoing as and when deemed appropriate.

Work on the enhancement of the Website continued throughout 2022 and achieved its target of going live prior to the 2023 opening. Trustees believe the re-vamped Website will greatly assist the promotion of the Museum.

A card reader has been acquired to collect donations electronically: once data connections have been established it will be an additional asset in the operation of the Museum.

Section E: Financial reviewon

The Charity did not adopt a policy on reserves in this period of operation.

During the period under report, income from donations and interest was £2,881. Expenditure was £7,364. providing a loss of £4,483. for the year: contributing to this loss was payment for the upgrade of the Website and the markedly higher cost of heating fuel, and higher than anticipated expenditure on repairs and maintenance.

The closing balance at the bank as at 31 March 2023 was £57,308.

The Charity's bankers are the Charities Aid Foundation, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4TA.

The Charity has no funds materially in deficit.

Section F: Other optional information

The Museum does not charge for admission.

Section G: Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Jeremy Wilson Beech CBE, QFSM
Chairman of Trustees

Date: 18th November 2023.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MUSEUM.

Charity name: **KENT AREGAHTINGA** No (if any): **157631**

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **1-4-22** To **31-3-23**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	2795 -	-	-	-	3553 -
BANK INTEREST	86 -	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2881 -	-	-	-	3553 -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	/ -	/ -	/ -	/ -	/ -
Total receipts	2881 -	-	-	-	3553 -
A3 Payments					
PREMISES	1633 -	-	-	-	7902 -
REPAIRS	511 -	-	-	-	447 -
ADMINISTRATION	1685 -	-	-	-	143 -
PROFESSIONAL FEES	1520 -	-	-	-	92 -
ADVERTISING	348 -	-	-	-	525 -
OTHER COSTS	1667 -	-	-	-	2345 -
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7364 -	-	-	-	11504 -
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	/ -
Sub total	/ -	-	-	-	/ -
Total payments	7364 -	-	-	-	11504 -
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4483 -	-	-	-	7951 -
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	61791 -				69742 -
Cash funds this year end	57308 -				61791 -

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAR BANK	-	-	-
	ACCOUNT.	57308	-	-
		57308	-	-
	Total cash funds	57308	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

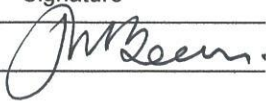
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
	UNRESTRICTED		-	-
	FUNDS	57308	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JEREMY BEER	15.11.2023

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Section B: Structure Governance and Management

Kent Firefighting Museum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation the only voting members of which are its charity trustees. The charity has the “Foundation” model constitution, and new Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees

Trustees meet at least four times a year and all decisions pertaining to the governance and management of the Charity are taken at those meetings. In view of the small size of the Charity, the Trustees have chosen not to delegate any of their powers to sub-committees. The Charity does not employ any staff.

The Secretary to the Board of Trustees and the Museum, is Mrs Trish Hopkins.

Section C: Objectives and activities

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Because of the continuing Covid restrictions this seventh year of operation was again exceptional. However, the Museum received an estimated 3,518 visitors, during the 101

days that it was open and Museum Volunteers continued to attend outside events (when possible) to promote the Museum, and gave talks to societies either in person or via Zoom.

Section D: Achievements and performance

During the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 the museum continued to operate under the Governments guidelines for Covid 19 and re-opened to the public on 21 May 2021 for three days a week. A relevant COVID risk assessment was undertaken prior to re-opening and guidance and procedures were put in place to satisfy Government guidelines.

The first onsite meeting of Trustees was held on 10 August 2021. However, maintenance work continued during the closed period with volunteers working safely and within Government guidelines. Where possible enquiries needing research continued, albeit access to our archives being intermittent.

Since May 2021 Trustees have been actively progressing and initiating work to enhance and promote the Museum inasmuch as a further building was acquired to house archive records thus easing research in respect of enquiries. There is also an on-going upgrade of the Website to aid marketing and provide better information to the public. The Trustees also began the process of acquiring card reader to enable donations to be made electronically.

It is also pleasing to note that recruitment of volunteers to act as Museum Guides continues, which lays the foundation for the future.

Section E: Financial review

The Charity did not adopt a policy on reserves in this period of operation.

During the period under report, income from donations was £3,553. Expenditure was £11,504 providing a loss of £7,951 for the year. Including the balance of cash carried forward, the year-end total financial assets were £61,791.

The Charity's bankers are the Charities Aid Foundation, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4TA.

The Charity has no funds materially in deficit.

Section F: Other optional information

The Museum does not charge for admission.

Section G: Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

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Jeremy Wilson Beech CBE, QFSM
Chairman of Trustees

Date: 15th November 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MUSEUM
KENT FIREFIGHTING

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-4-21	To	31-3-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	3553 -	/ -	/ -	3553 -	635 -
GOVERNMENT COVID SUPPORT GRANT	-	-	-	-	10000 -
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3553 -	-	-	3553 -	10635 -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	/ -	/ -	/ -	/ -	/ -
Total receipts	3553 -	-	-	3553 -	10635 -
A3 Payments					
PREMISES	7902 -	-	-	7902 -	0 -
REPAIRS	447 -	-	-	447 -	0 -
ADMINISTRATION	143 -	-	-	143 -	104 -
PROFESSIONAL FEES	92 -	-	-	92 -	169 -
ADVERTISING	525 -	-	-	525 -	383 -
OTHER COSTS	2395 -	-	-	2395 -	1931 -
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11504 -	-	-	11504 -	2587 -
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	/ -	/ -	/ -	/ -	/ -
Total payments	11504 -	-	-	11504 -	2587 -
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7951 -	-	-	- 7951 -	8048 -
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	69742 -	-	-	69742 -	61694 -
Cash funds this year end	61791 -	-	-	61791 -	69742 -

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF BANK	61791 -	-	-
	ACCOUNT	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	61791 -	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

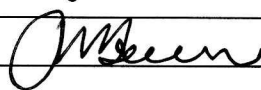
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	UNRESTRICTED		-	-
	FUNDS	61791	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J. W. BEECH	15.11.2022

KENT FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1157631

Accounts

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the Period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Section A: Reference and administration details

Kent Firefighting Museum
Registered Charity No: 1157631

Principal Address

Kent Firefighting Museum
Woodlands Garden Centre, Ash Lane, Ash, Nr Sevenoaks, Kent TN17 7EG

Names of Trustees

J W Beech, Chairman of Trustees
AC Wells, Vice Chairman
H Myers, Treasurer
J Meakins, Curator
R Miller
D Howe
T Ling
C White (Until 1st May 2020)

Section B: Structure Governance and Management

Kent Firefighting Museum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation the only voting members of which are its charity trustees. The charity has the “Foundation” model constitution, and new Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees

Trustees meet at least four times a year and all decisions pertaining to the governance and management of the Charity are taken at those meetings. In view of the small size of the Charity, the Trustees have chosen not to delegate any of their powers to sub-committees. The Charity does not employ any staff.

The Secretary to the Board of Trustees and the Museum, is Mrs Trish Hopkins.

Section C: Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity set out in its governing document, are to advance education for the public benefit in the subject of firefighting in Kent, its history and heritage by the establishment and maintenance of a museum and learning resources. All Trustees have made the statutory declaration to have regard to the guidance of the Charity commission on public benefit.

In this exceptional sixth year of operation, the Museum received an estimated 1132 visitors, during the 45 days that it was open. Museum Volunteers also attended outside events to promote the Museum, and gave talks to societies either in person or via Zoom.

Section D: Achievements and performance

As a consequence of the Government Covid 19 Lockdown restrictions the Museum was closed in the previous operating year, on 17th March 2020. At the start of the current reporting period on 1st April therefore, the Museum remained closed.

Following the Government announcement of the easing of Covid restrictions for museums during July, Trustees consulted the Visitor Guide workforce concerning a possible limited re-opening. The majority of volunteers are over the age of 70 and some have health conditions requiring them to “shield”, and great care was exercised to consider how a partial re-opening might be possible.

On 18th August the Museum re-opened for three days a week using PPE and under a socially distanced and risk assessed regime in accordance with sector best practice. The museum was forced to close again on November 5th however, as the Government took steps to limit the spread of Covid, and in fact remained closed for the remainder of the reporting year. Although the museum was closed, in October 2020 a talk was given to a historical society about the history of firefighting in Kent via Zoom, the first of several such events which took place thereafter.

The Museum suffered a marked reduction in income as a result of the long period of closure, but benefited from a Government Grant Scheme, receiving £10,000 support via the local authority, Sevenoaks District Council.

The Museum was normally staffed by two people, from a team of approximately 30 Visitor Guides, the number of volunteers having grown as a result of local advertising and increased awareness of the work of the Museum. In the short period of re-opening however, the number of available Visitor Guides was reduced due to “shielding” and the need to have everyone double vaccinated before they could return to duties.

The Museum continues to consolidate the collection, adding to and improving the presentation, labelling items and giving provenance and technical information as necessary. The Museum was unable to hold its usual Christmas event to welcome Visitor Guides and their families and also Friends of the Museum, to thank them all for their support.

In addition to receiving visitors, the Museum received numerous enquiries from schools, clubs, societies and individuals. Some enquiries were personal searches for historical information about relatives who had served in the many Fire Brigades throughout Kent in the last two centuries. Other enquiries were related to the possibilities of talks or group visits. In all of the circumstances, group visits were suspended, to be reinstated when circumstances allow.

Section E: Financial review

The Charity did not adopt a policy on reserves in this period of operation.

During the period under report, income from donations was £635. The Museum also received a Government Pandemic grant of £10,000. Expenditure was £2,587, providing a surplus of £8,048 for the year. Including the balance of cash carried forward, the year-end total financial assets were £69,742.

The Charity's bankers are the Charities Aid Foundation, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4TA.

The Charity has no funds materially in deficit.

Section F: Other optional information

The Museum does not charge for admission.

Section G: Declaration

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


Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Beech', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Wilson Beech CBE, QFSM
Chairman of Trustees

Date: 18th January 2022

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF BANK	69742	-	-
	ACCOUNT	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	69742	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>			
B2 Other monetary assets	<small>Details</small>	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	<small>Details</small>	<small>Fund to which asset belongs</small>	<small>Cost (optional)</small>	<small>Current value (optional)</small>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<small>Details</small>	<small>Fund to which asset belongs</small>	<small>Cost (optional)</small>	<small>Current value (optional)</small>
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	69742	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	<small>Details</small>	<small>Fund to which liability relates</small>	<small>Amount due (optional)</small>	<small>When due (optional)</small>
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
<small>Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees</small>		<small>Signature</small>	<small>Print Name</small>	<small>Date of approval</small>
			JEREMY BEECH	5-1-2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
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KENT FIRE FIGHTING MUSEUM 1157631

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1-4-20	To	31-3-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	635 -			635 -	5404
GOVERNMENT COVID SUPPORT GRANT	10000 -	N/A -	N/A -	10000 -	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10635 -	-	-	10635 -	5404 -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
PREMISES	0 -	-	-	-	-
REPAIRS	0 -	-	-	-	-
ADMINISTRATION	0 -	-	-	-	-
VEHICLE COSTS	107 -	-	-	-	-
PROFESSIONAL COSTS	169 -	-	-	-	-
ADVERTISING	383 -	-	-	-	-
OTHER COSTS	1931 -	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2587 -	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2587 -	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	8048 -	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61694 -	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	69742 -	-	-	-	-