

THE HARWICH SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1161931

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-06-01

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

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Activities

Objects: THE SOCIETY IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES IN THE AREA COMPRISING THE TOWN OF HARWICH AND THE PARISHES OF RAMSEY AND PARKESTON, WRABNESS, WIX, GREAT OAKLEY AND LITTLE OAKLEY WHICH AREA SHALL HEREINAFTER BE REFERRED TO AS, "THE HARWICH AREA".A) TO STIMULATE PUBLIC INTEREST IN HARWICH AREA. B) TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE IN THE HARWICH AREA. C) TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE HARWICH AREA.

Activities: To stimulate public interest in the Harwich area, promote high standards of planning and architecture and secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the Harwich area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£110,741	£87,031	-	-
2024-12-31	£102,410	£72,247	-	-
2023-12-31	£73,219	£81,281	-	-
2022-12-31	£62,641	£48,638	-	-
2021-12-31	£84,715	£48,042	-	-
2020-12-31	£72,967	£57,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDY SCHOOLER	Chair	2016-04-22
DIANE JOYCE BITMEAD		2017-04-28
GARRY WILLIAM JOHN CALVER		2016-04-22
MARIA FOWLER		2016-04-22
MR DAN BECK		2016-04-22
Nigel Mowle		2024-11-12
Paul Anthony Smith		2022-09-13
RICHARD CHARLES COLLEY		2016-04-22
Richard Oxborrow		2019-08-13
Robert John Barham		2019-03-12
SUSAN DAISH		2018-06-12

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 Period start date
To 31st December 2025 Period end date

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Amount of reserves held	As recorded in the Annual Accounts we had £128,952 in the designated Foresters Fund and £468,669 in the designated Redoubt Fort Fund.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The Society is in sound heart having over 2000 members and a sound balance sheet.

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The risks are low since the charity insures against risk and generates sufficient funds to maintain its annual programme of activities. We seek grant support for any major conservation projects with the historic buildings in our care. We seek to minimise this risk by undertaking surveys and timely repairs.

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How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Trustees appointed by members

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Harwich Society
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1161931
Charity's principal address	5 Church Street Harwich Essex CO11 3DR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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1	Andy Schooler	Chairman		
2	Robert Barham	Vice Chairman		
3	Maria Fowler	Secretary		
4	Diane Bitmead	Treasurer		
5	Dan Beck			
6	Garry Calver			
7	Richard Colley			
8	Sue Daish			
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12	Nigel Mowle			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

We employ no paid staff- we are a volunteer based organisation managed by our Board of Trustees.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<i>AM Schooler</i> Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andy Schooler	
Position (e.g Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	
Date	16/06/2026	



REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
AND
ASSET STATEMENT**

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 Period 1st January - 31 December 2025

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 31 Dec 2025	TOTAL 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS								
ADMISSIONS								
DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS		12352		4075			16,427	17,308
GIFT AID	5826	1713	1201	1616			10,356	5,972
GHOST HUNT INCOME	2124						2,124	1,734
NAPOLEONIC WEEKEND		7480					7,480	6,785
PRIVATE HIRE FEES		500					500	2,560
GRANTS		3450					3,450	375
GUIDE PANEL INCOME		29803					29,803	29,803
INVESTMENT INCOME	409						409	1,111
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	3293	2044	240	457	350	5667	12,051	5,879
MISC INCOME	10314						10,314	10,843
MISC SALES	2126					66	2,192	770
QUIZ NIGHT INCOME	4014	4100		1106			9,220	12,283
FORESTERS 200 CLUB	2727						2,727	2,814
WATERFRONT DINNER						1425	1,425	1,525
MONTHLY MEETINGS INCOME					1693		1,693	2,196
					570		570	452
TOTAL RECEIPTS	30,833	61,442	1,441	7,254	2,613	7,158	110,741	102,410

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REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Period 1st January - 31 December 2025

PAYMENTS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 31 Dec 2025	TOTAL 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ITEMS FOR RESALE	956							
REDOUBT - HOUSEKEEP & CAFÉ COSTS		937		792			1,748	4,070
INSURANCE	762	686	486	690		1382	937	914
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL FEES	1800	1260	61				4,006	4,423
MAINTENANCE	976	3033	249	8221		347	3,121	7,820
NAIPOLEONIC WEEKEND COSTS							12,826	16,860
HISTORIC ENGLAND COSTS		26753					0	600
NATIONAL LOTTERY		1200					26,753	6,000
POSTAGE	1983						1,200	
PRINTING	3805	910					1,983	2,724
PUBLICITY							4,715	3,667
RENT PAID							0	168
STATIONERY	100			481			581	581
SUBSCRIPTIONS / DONATIONS	855						855	443
MISC COSTS	130						130	70
MONTHLY MEETING EXPENSES	2538	469		218	412	501	4,138	4,094
INTERNET/WEB EXPENSES					260		260	602
UTILITIES	179						179	144
FORESTERS 200 CLUB	3840	9321	289	2420			15,870	11,722
WATERFRONT DINNER					130		800	800
FIXED ASSET PURCHASE	1243	567	30	4959			130	2,488
TOTAL PAYMENTS	19,167	45,136	1,054	17,842	802	3,030	87,031	72,247
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	11,666	16,306	387	(10,588)	1,811	4,128	23,710	30,163
FUNDS AT 31 Dec 2025	116,053	172,559	11,938	(28,162)	1,220	112,809	386,417	362,707

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ASSET STATEMENT
As at 31st December 2025

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	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS								
CASH IN HAND	815						815	815
CURRENT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK	53,383						53,383	46,900
DEPOSIT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK	25,750	8,000	1,240		2,350	22,250	59,590	57,000
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - NATIONWIDE	72,223	12,000					84,223	84,223
UNITED TRUST BANK	17,000					70,199	87,199	83,158
REDWOOD BANK	4,866	4,866		4,866		3,866	18,464	0
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK	23,803	23,803		2,500		32,637	82,743	90,611
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	197,840	48,669	1,240	7,366	2,350	128,952	396,417	362,707
FIXED ASSETS								
PROPERTY & LAND		13,600	87,500			320,000	421,100	421,100
PROPERTY CONTENTS & EQUIPMENT	1,271	7,281	2,502	5,882	27	3,095	20,058	21,793
MUSEUM EXHIBITS	7,309	49,887	0	12,962	0	0	70,158	68,930
IT EQUIPMENT	1,288	507	0	2,110	0	122	4,027	1,048
OTHER ITEMS	354	366	0	620	0	0	1,340	1,192
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	10,222	71,641	90,002	21,574	27	323,217	516,683	514,063
STOCK								
STOCK - PUBLICATIONS Etc.	1,975	3,354		411			5,740	6,336
STOCK - HS SHIRTS.	178						178	190
TOTAL STOCK	2,153	3,354	0	411	0	0	5,918	6,526
TOTAL ASSETS	210,215	123,664	91,242	29,351	2,377	452,169	909,018	883,296

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF:
on

A Schooler
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CHAIRMAN

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Diane Blimead
TREASURER

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31st DECEMBER 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HARWICH SOCIETY

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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SIGNED *m. Scutcher*

NAME: MARGARET SCUTCHER

QUALIFICATION

ADDRESS: 16 VALLEY ROAD, HARWICH, ESSEX

DATE: 2/3/26

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3	Robert Barham	Vice Chairman		
4	Maria Fowler	Secretary		
5	Diane Bitmead	Treasurer		
6	Dan Beck			
7	Garry Calver			
8	Richard Colley			
9	Sue Daish			
10	Richard Oxborrow			
11	Paul Smith			
12	Nigel Mowle		From 12.11.2024	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

We employ no paid staff- we are a volunteer based organisation managed by our Board of Trustees.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

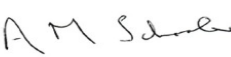
n/a

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andy Schooler	
Position (e.g Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	
Date	08/07/2025	

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Period 1st January - 31 Dec 2024

PAYMENTS

- ITEMS FOR RESALE
- REDOUT - HOUSEKEEP & CAFÉ COSTS
- INSURANCE
- LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL FEES
- HERITAGE LOTTERY GRANT EXPENSES
- MAINTENANCE
- POSTAGE
- PRINTING/PUBLICITY
- RENT PAID
- STATIONERY
- SUBSCRIPTIONS / DONATIONS
- MISC COSTS
- MONTHLY MEETING EXPENSES
- INTERNET/WEB EXPENSES
- UTILITIES
- FORESTERS 200 CLUB
- WATERFRONT DINNER
- FIXED ASSET PURCHASE
- TOTAL PAYMENTS**

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS

FUNDS AT 1st January 2024

FUNDS AT 31 Dec 2024

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	3,276	409		385			4,070	4,083
		1,514					1,514	764
	742	676	475	1,150		1,380	4,423	4,388
	7,200			620			7,820	13,328
		6,000					6,000	0
	492	5031	178	8752		2407	16,860	25,919
	2,724						2,724	1,805
	3,192	643					3,835	3,885
	100			481			581	1,910
	443						443	677
	70						70	200
	2,211	1058		429		396	4,094	4,885
					602		602	735
	144						144	110
	3,306	5604	296	2516		800	11,722	8,672
					2488		2,488	1,000
	225	2207	275	997		353	4,057	2,401
	24,125	23,142	1,224	15,330	3,090	5,336	72,247	81,281
	3,443	38,374	(356)	(9,277)	(442)	(1,579)	30,163	(8,062)
	100,944	117,879	11,907	(8,297)	(149)	110,260	332,544	340,606
	104,387	156,253	11,551	(17,574)	(591)	108,681	362,707	332,544

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Period 1st January - 31 Dec 2024

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS								
ADMISSIONS		16202		3666			19,868	16,562
DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS	646	3174	868	1284			5,972	6,066
GIFT AID	1,734						1,734	2,091
GHOST HUNT INCOME		6785					6,785	5,144
PRIVATE HIRE FEES		375					375	1,500
GRANTS		29803					29,803	8,679
GUIDE PANEL INCOME	1111						1,111	790
INVESTMENT INCOME	2366	1281				2232	5,879	2,013
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	10843						10,843	11,326
MISC INCOME	770						770	455
MISC SALES	7284	3896		1103			12,283	11,877
QUIZ NIGHT INCOME	2814						2,814	2,704
FORESTERS 200 CLUB						1525	1,525	1,625
WATERFRONT DINNER					2196		2,196	2,022
MONTHLY MEETINGS INCOME					452		452	365
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,568	61,516	868	6,053	2,648	3,757	102,410	73,219

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1161931

ASSET STATEMENT
As at 31st December 2024

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED ROBERTS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
CASH FUNDS								
CASH IN HAND	815						815	815
CURRENT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK	46,900						46,900	20,989
DEPOSIT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK	26,000	7,500	1,000		2,000	21,500	57,000	57,000
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - NATIONWIDE	72,223	12,000					84,223	84,223
UNITED TRUST BANK	16,000					67,158	83,158	82,332
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK	26,380	25,314		5,100		33,817	90,611	87,185
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	187,318	44,814	1,000	5,100	2,000	122,475	362,707	332,544
FIXED ASSETS								
PROPERTY & LAND	421,100						421,100	421,100
PROPERTY CONTENTS & EQUIPMENT	1,291	8,651	3,089	4,860	34	3,868	21,793	23,381
MUSEUM EXHIBITS	7,237	49,393		12,300			68,930	66,335
IT EQUIPMENT	436	375		86		152	1,048	1,084
OTHER ITEMS	442	457		293			1,192	507
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	430,505	58,876	3,089	17,539	34	4,020	514,063	512,407
STOCK								
STOCK - PUBLICATIONS Etc.	3,049	3,086		201			6,336	8,629
STOCK - HS SHIRTS.	190						190	320
TOTAL STOCK	3,239	3,086	0	0	0	0	6,526	8,949
TOTAL ASSETS	621,062	106,776	4,089	22,639	2,034	126,495	883,296	853,900

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF:
on 11/12/25

AM Smead

A Schooler
CHAIRMAN

Diane Bitmead
TREASURER

D Bitmead

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31st DECEMBER 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HARWICH SOCIETY

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The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustee's consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

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- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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 .

SIGNED 

NAME: MARGARET SCUTCHER

QUALIFICATION 1 -

ADDRESS: 16 VALLEY ROAD, HARWICH, ESSEX

DATE: 13/3/2025

THE HARWICH SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1161931

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 Period start date

To 31st December 2023 Period end date

Charity name: The Harwich Society

Charity registration number: 1161931

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>To promote public interest in the Harwich area, encourage high standards of planning and architecture and to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Harwich and its hinterland</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Reviewing and commenting upon as necessary the planning applications placed before the Planning Authority.</p> <p>Encourage interest in and awareness of local history by managing and conserving The Harwich Redoubt, a fort built to defend Harwich Harbour during the Napoleonic War. The Society also operates museums charting the maritime history of the town, manages the High Lighthouse and runs a Visitor Centre on Harwich Quay which acts as a focal point for tourist information.</p> <p>The Society encourages awareness of local history by maintaining an archive, publishing information, organising guided walks and arranging lectures for local residents, visitors and tourists. Managing a small wildlife reserve in the town enables the Society to encourage local interest in the natural environment.</p> <p>The Society's sites are popular destinations for people of all ages for leisure and education purposes including supervised groups from local primary schools.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>The Trustees confirm they have complied with Sec.4 of the Charities Act 2006 in having due regard to the Charity Commissioners general guidance on public benefit. The Trustees actively review the success of the Society's activities and the benefit accrued to local residents and visitors.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	The purpose of the charity is not primarily as a grant giving body. Any request received would be considered on its merits.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	The Society does not undertake social investment as its focus is on environmental work. However by creating volunteering opportunities, encouraging public interest in the local environment and managing visitor attractions for the public good we enhance opportunities for community and social engagement.
Contribution made by volunteers	The Society would be unable to exist without the support and commitment of volunteers, including our trustees. Volunteers ensure the sites operated by the Harwich Society are managed, maintained and opened to visitors, provide guided walks, undertake research, maintain our archives and ensure the Highlight magazine is published and distributed.
Other	This organisation was formed to update the constitution of Harwich Society. On 1 st January 2016 the charitable activities for public benefit were transferred from the original Harwich Society (Charity no 261798) to this new charity including assets and liabilities. The original Harwich Society was formed in 1969.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>The Society continues to publish quarterly the 'Highlight' magazine and distribute it to all members whether local, in the UK or abroad. This magazine is seen as an important link with residents and former residents of the town. The magazine includes articles about the history of the area, conservation and planning matters, promotes current events and volunteering and creates a platform for people to share information and reminiscences.</p> <p>Society volunteers manage and staff the seasonal Visitor Centre in Harwich and the iconic historic buildings and museums under its ownership or control which are a significant tourist attraction in the Harwich area. These have operated as normal following the serious disruption during the Covid</p>
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	<p>pandemic restrictions.</p> <p>Our volunteers staffed and opened to the public the new attraction Christopher Jones' house being an iconic listed building linked to the Master of the Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers.</p> <p>The Bobbits Hole town wildlife area was managed, improved, and was open to the public including families with children during 2023 to promote safe accessible access to the natural environment.</p> <p>Ongoing conservation work was progressed at The Redoubt in liaison with Historic England.</p> <p>The Society website was updated linked to social media to better promote public interest in the Harwich area.</p> <p>The Society provided guided walks for residents, visitors, including foreign tourists, school groups and parties wishing to explore the locality.</p> <p>The Society was consulted and participated in the statutory planning processes for the Harwich area.</p> <p>The Society participates in town enhancement and tourism initiatives in partnership with others.</p> <p>The Society continued to promote interest and knowledge about the Harwich area including conducting research into the history of the area and publishing information.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The Society was in a sound financial position at the end of the accounting period. At the year end our liquid assets amounted to £332,544.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Society has no formal policy on financial reserves other than to ensure funds are ring fenced towards the conservation and preservation of 5 Church Street Harwich ('Foresters') probably the oldest house in Harwich and The Redoubt Fort a key Harwich ancient monument for the benefit of future generations.
Amount of reserves held	As recorded in the Annual Accounts we had £121,242 in the designated Foresters Fund and £43,805 in the designated Redoubt Fort Fund.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/a

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The Society is in sound heart having over 2000 members and a sound balance sheet.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Membership subscriptions, museum admission fees, sales, donations and fundraising including monthly pub quizzes, provide most of the income in regard to the designated and unrestricted funds. Restricted fund income is mainly bank interest, grants and sponsorship.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	We adopt low risk investments for funds held for future use to promote the objectives of the charity.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The risks are low since the charity generates sufficient funds to maintain its annual programme of activities and insures against risk. We seek grant support for any major preservation projects with the historic buildings in our care, but we seek to minimise this risk by undertaking surveys and timely repairs.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Charity Commission Association Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Trustees appointed by members

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Harwich Society
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1161931
Charity's principal address	5 Church Street Harwich Essex CO11 3DR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Colin Farnell	Chairman		
2	Andy Schooler	Joint Vice Chairman		
3	Robert Barham	Joint Vice Chairman		
4	Maria Fowler	Secretary		
5	Diane Bitmead	Treasurer		
6	Dan Beck			
7	Garry Calver			
8	Richard Colley			
9	Sue Daish			
10	Richard Oxborrow			
11	Paul Smith			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

We employ no paid staff- we are a volunteer based organisation managed by our Board of Trustees.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


n/a

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Colin Farnell	
Position (e.g Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	
Date	10/06/2024	

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Period 1st January - 31 Dec 2023

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 2,023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS								
ADMISSIONS		13443		2552			15,995	14,914
DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS	2061	2672	832	730			6,295	9,661
GIFT AID	2091						2,091	0
GHOST HUNT INCOME		5144					5,144	5,710
PRIVATE HIRE FEES		1500					1,500	1,225
GRANTS		8679					8,679	0
GUIDE PANEL INCOME	790						790	1,267
INVESTMENT INCOME	355	343		50		1,265	2,013	1,992
LECTURE AND TALK INCOME							0	225
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	11326						11,326	10,192
MISC INCOME	315	33				107	455	1,150
MISC SALES	6152	5260	35	768			12,215	11,866
QUIZ NIGHT INCOME	2704						2,704	2,129
FORESTERS 200 CLUB						1,625	1,625	2,075
WATERFRONT DINNER					2022		2,022	0
MONTHLY MEETINGS INCOME					365		365	235
TOTAL RECEIPTS	25,794	37,074	867	4,100	2,387	2,997	73,219	62,641

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Period 1st January - 31 Dec 2023

PAYMENTS

ITEMS FOR RESALE

REDOUBT - HOUSEKEEP & CAFÉ COSTS

INSURANCE

LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL FEES

MAINTENANCE

POSTAGE

PRINTING

RENT PAID

STATIONERY

SUBSCRIPTIONS / DONATIONS

MISC COSTS

MONTHLY MEETING EXPENSES

INTERNET/WEB EXPENSES

UTILITIES

FORESTERS 200 CLUB

WATERFRONT DINNER

FIXED ASSET PURCHASE

TOTAL PAYMENTS

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS

FUNDS AT 1st January 2023

FUNDS AT 31 Dec 2023

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 2,023	TOTAL 2022
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3,326	400		357			4,083	4,196
	764					764	682
719	657	462	1211		1,339	4,388	3,682
	11400		1928			13,328	2,767
362	2494	246	18411		4,406	25,919	13,208
1,805						1,805	1,590
3,712	173					3,885	3,875
200			1710			1,910	253
677						677	925
200						200	102
3,649	570		286		380	4,885	3,689
				735		735	200
110						110	84
2,166	4371	182	1953			8,672	10,703
					1,000	1,000	600
				2401		2,401	300
758	3921	320	1520			6,519	1,782
17,684	24,750	1,210	27,376	3,136	7,125	81,281	48,638
8,110	12,324	(343)	(23,276)	(749)	(4,128)	(8,062)	14,003
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100,944	117,879	11,907	(8,297)	(149)	110,260	332,544	14,003

THE HARWICH SOCIETY

REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

ASSET STATEMENT

As at 31st December 2023

CASH FUNDS

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED HIB FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
CASH IN HAND	815							815	500
CURRENT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK	20,989							20989	45,394
DEPOSIT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK	25,000	7,500	1,000		2,000		21,500	57000	57,000
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - NATIONWIDE	72,223	12,000						84223	69,223
UNITED TRUST BANK	15,000						67,332	82332	81,517
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK	25,370	24,305		5,100			32,410	87185	86,972
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	159,397	43,805	1,000	5,100	2,000	0	121,242	332,544	340,606

FIXED ASSETS

PROPERTY & LAND		13,600	87,500				320,000	421,100	421,100
PROPERTY CONTENTS & EQUIPMENT	1,614	8,534	3,518	5,279	42	0	4,394	23,381	24,959
MUSEUM EXHIBITS	6,670	48,904	0	10,762	0	0	0	66,336	63,217
IT EQUIPMENT	425	469	0	0	0	0	190	1,084	981
OTHER ITEMS	390	93	0	24	0	0	0	507	234
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	9,099	71,600	91,018	16,065	42	0	324,584	512,408	510,491

STOCK

STOCK - PUBLICATIONS Etc.	6,300	2,139		190				8,629	4,327
STOCK - HS SHIRTS.	320							320	128
TOTAL STOCK	6,620	2,139	0	0	0	0	0	8,949	4,455
TOTAL ASSETS	175,116	117,544	92,018	21,165	2,042	0	445,826	853,901	855,552

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF:

on


C Farnell
CHAIRMAN


Diane Bitmead
TREASURER

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31st DECEMBER 2023

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SIGNED *M. Scutcher*

NAME: MARGARET SCUTCHER

QUALIFICATION -

ADDRESS: 16 VALLEY ROAD, HARWICH, ESSEX

DATE: *26.03.2024*

THE HARWICH SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1161931

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2022 Period start date

To 31st December 2022 Period end date

Charity name: The Harwich Society

Charity registration number: 1161931

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1161931
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Colin Farnell	Chairman		
2	David Whittle	Vice Chairman	To 30/03/2022	
3	Maria Fowler	Secretary		
4	Diane Bitmead	Treasurer		
5	Dan Beck			
6	Garry Calver			
7	Richard Colley			
8	Sue Daish			
9	Andy Schooler	Joint Vice Chairman	from 16/05/2022	
10	Robert Barham	Joint Vice Chairman	From 16/05/2022	
11	Richard Oxborrow			
12	Paul Smith		from 13/09/2022	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

We employ no paid staff- we are a volunteer based organisation managed by our Board of Trustees.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


n/a

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Colin Farnell	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	10/05/2023	

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Period 1st January - 31 Dec 2022

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED HIB FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 31 Dec 2022	TOTAL 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
PAYMENTS									
ITEMS FOR RESALE	2460	643		1093				4,196	2,938
HARWICH IN BLOOM FLORAL/MISC COSTS		682						0	4,847
REDOUBT - HOUSEKEEP & CAFÉ COSTS								682	592
INSURANCE	856	557	448	557			1264	3,682	4,509
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL FEES				2767				2,767	(200)
MAINTENANCE	260	7325		3102			96	13,208	15,229
POSTAGE	1590							1,590	1,419
PRINTING	3730	145						3,875	3,590
RENT PAID				253				253	807
STATIONERY	925							925	478
SUBSCRIPTIONS / DONATIONS	102							102	126
MISC COSTS	2671	231					787	3,689	3,656
MONTHLY MEETING EXPENSES						200		200	217
INTERNET/WEB EXPENSES	84							84	98
UTILITIES	2088	6460	154	2001			600	10,703	3,916
FORESTERS 200 CLUB								600	1,000
WATERFRONT DINNER								300	2,155
FIXED ASSET PURCHASE	226	1027	379	150	300			1,782	2,665
TOTAL PAYMENTS	14,992	17,070	3,406	9,923	500	0	2,747	48,638	48,042
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	8,814	11,220	(1,285)	(5,283)	(265)	0	802	14,003	36,673
FUNDS AT 1st January 2022	84,020	94,335	13,535	20,262	865	0	113,586	326,603	289,930
FUNDS AT 31 Dec 2022	92,834	105,555	12,250	14,979	600	0	114,388	340,606	326,603

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	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS									
ADMISSIONS		11893		3021				14914	11532
DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS	2337	4541	2060	723				9661	16185
GHOST HUNT INCOME		5710						5710	5300
PRIVATE HIRE FEES		1225						1225	1224
GRANTS								0	22890
GUIDE PANEL INCOME	1267							1267	842
INVESTMENT INCOME	353	342		50			1247	1992	3101
LECTURE AND TALK INCOME	225							225	130
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	10192							10192	9580
MISC INCOME	923						227	1150	314
MISC SALES	6380	4579	61	846				11866	8522
QUIZ NIGHT INCOME	2129						2075	2129	970
FORESTERS 200 CLUB								0	2100
WATERFRONT DINNER								0	1807
MONTHLY MEETINGS INCOME					235			235	218
TOTAL RECEIPTS	23,806	28,290	2,121	4,640	235	0	3,549	62,641	84,715

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

ASSET STATEMENT
As at 31st December 2022

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
CASH IN HAND	280	220					500	478
CURRENT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK	45,394						45,394	33,403
DEPOSIT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK	25,000	7,500	1,000		2,000	21,500	57,000	57,000
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - NATIONWIDE	57,223	12,000					69,223	69,223
UNITED TRUST BANK	15,000					66,517	81,517	80,710
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK	25,308	24,254		5,050		32,360	86,972	85,788
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	168,205	43,974	1,000	5,050	2,000	120,377	340,606	326,602
FIXED ASSETS								
PROPERTY & LAND		13,600	87,500			320,000	421,100	421,100
PROPERTY CONTENTS & EQUIPMENT	1,470	9,247	3,998	4,699	53	5,492	24,959	29,254
MUSEUM EXHIBITS	6,604	45,958		10,655			63,217	62,599
IT EQUIPMENT	531	213				237	981	1,031
OTHER ITEMS	88	116		30			234	0
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	8,693	69,134	91,498	15,384	53	325,729	510,491	513,984
STOCK								
STOCK - PUBLICATIONS Etc.	4,327						4,327	4,984
STOCK - HS SHIRTS.	128						128	172
TOTAL STOCK	4,455	0	0	0	0	0	4,455	5,156
TOTAL ASSETS	181,353	113,108	92,498	20,434	2,053	446,106	855,552	845,742

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF:
on

C Farnell
CHAIRMAN

Diane Bitmead
TREASURER

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
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SIGNED

M. Scutcher

NAME:

MARGARET SCUTCHER

QUALIFICATION

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ADDRESS:

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DATE:

23/3/23

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
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THE HARWICH SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1161931

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2021 Period start date

To 31st December 2021 Period end date

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Other optional information

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Colin Farnell	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	07/05/2022	

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Period 1st January - 31 Dec 2021

	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED REDOUBT FUND	DESIGNATED BOBBITS FUND	DESIGNATED MUSEUMS FUND	DESIGNATED SOCIAL FUND	RESTRICTED HIB FUND	RESTRICTED FORESTERS FUND	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
PAYMENTS									
ITEMS FOR RESALE	2,558	292		88		3000		2,938	791
HARWICH IN BLOOM FLORALMISC COSTS								3,000	0
REDOUBT - HOUSEKEEP & CAFÉ COSTS		592						592	473
INSURANCE	847	735	430	1310			1187	4,509	3,704
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL FEES			-200					(200)	0
HERITAGE LOTTERY GRANT EXPENSES								0	9,500
MAINTENANCE	378	9686	123	5042				15,229	19,919
POSTAGE	1,419							1,419	1,324
PRINTING	3,464	126						3,590	3,613
RENT PAID	100			707				807	580
STATIONERY	478							478	633
SUBSCRIPTIONS / DONATIONS	126							126	147
MISC COSTS	3,575	1805					123	5,503	3,885
DOVERCOURT MURAL								0	3,500
MONTHLY MEETING EXPENSES	98				217			217	120
INTERNET/WEB EXPENSES								98	232
UTILITIES	1,334	1404	216	962			1000	3,916	5,380
FORESTERS 200 CLUB								1,000	800
WATERFRONT DINNER					2155			2,155	0
FIXED ASSET PURCHASE	549	478	1538	100				2,665	3,281
TOTAL PAYMENTS	14,926	15,118	2,107	8,209	2,372	3,000	2,310	48,042	57,882
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	5,466	22,856	10,789	(5,325)	(347)	0	3,234	36,673	15,085
FUNDS AT 1st January 2021	78,554	71,479	2,746	25,587	1,212	0	110,352	289,930	274,845
FUNDS AT 31 Dec 2021	84,020	94,335	13,535	20,262	865	0	113,586	326,603	289,930

THE HARWICH SOCIETY
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1161931

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RECEIPTS									
ADMISSIONS		10905		627				11,532	5,311
DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS	862	3721	11139	463				16,185	7,600
GHOST HUNT INCOME		5300						5,300	4,055
PRIVATE HIRE FEES		1224						1,224	0
GRANTS	2,467	12827	1596	1500		3000	1500	22,890	30,000
GUIDE PANEL INCOME	842							842	125
INVESTMENT INCOME	1114	43					1944	3,101	3,311
LECTURE AND TALK INCOME	130							130	560
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	9580							9,580	10,919
MISC INCOME	80	234						314	2,098
MISC SALES	4347	3720	161	294			2100	8,522	4,852
QUIZ NIGHT INCOME	970							970	461
DOVERCOURT MURAL					1807			2,100	1,131
FORESTERS 200 CLUB					218			1,807	2,375
WATERFRONT DINNER								218	0
MONTHLY MEETINGS INCOME									169
TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,392	37,974	12,896	2,884	2,025	3,000	5,544	84,715	72,967

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ASSET STATEMENT
As at 31st December 2021

CASH FUNDS
CASH IN HAND
CURRENT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK
DEPOSIT - CO-OPERATIVE BANK
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - NATIONWIDE
UNITED TRUST BANK
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK

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	458	20						478	473
	33,403							33,403	28,542
	57,000							57,000	57,000
	69,223							69,223	39,202
	80,710							80,710	79,283
	85,788							85,788	85,430
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	326,582	20	0	0	0	0	0	326,602	289,930

FIXED ASSETS
PROPERTY & LAND

	13,600	87,500						320,000	421,100	421,100
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PROPERTY CONTENTS & EQUIPMENT
MUSEUM EXHIBITS
IT EQUIPMENT
OTHER ITEMS


	1,838	10,275	4,524	5,686	66	0	6,865	29,254	33,234
	6,540	45,508	0	10,551	0	0	0	62,599	61,981
	469	266	0	0	0	0	296	1,031	1,288
	246	181	0	48	0	0	0	0	475
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	9,093	69,830	92,024	16,285	66	0	327,161	513,984	518,078

STOCK
STOCK - PUBLICATIONS Etc.
STOCK - HS SHIRTS.

	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,984	3,500
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	114
TOTAL STOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,156	3,614
TOTAL ASSETS	335,675	69,850	92,024	16,285	66	0	327,161	845,742	811,622

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF:
on 20/11/2022


C Farnell
CHAIRMAN


Diane Birtmead
TREASURER

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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SIGNED *M. A. Scutcher*

NAME: MARGARET SCUTCHER

QUALIFICATION -

ADDRESS: 16 VALLEY ROAD, HARWICH, ESSEX

DATE: *11.04.2022*

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