

Ledbury Places
Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

Registered Company Number: 09079970 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity Number: 1162108

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31st March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 March 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

09079970 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1162108

Registered office

1A The Homend
Ledbury
Herefordshire
HR8 1BN

Trustees

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year

A Braithwaite

ML Hawker

S Houghton

C Jupp

L King (appointed 5th February 2024)

M Lister (appointed 5th February 2024)

P Shaw (appointed 5th February 2024)

C Tustin

M Waller

Independent examiner

Luke Keegan
Chartered Management Accountant
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONT)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To preserve for the benefit of the people of the town of Ledbury and of the nation the historical, architectural and constructional heritage that exists in and around Ledbury in buildings (including any structure or construction or any part of a building) of particular beauty or historical or constructional interest.

To promote and facilitate education concerning the social, economic and architectural history and heritage of Ledbury and surrounding area.

To promote and facilitate for the benefit of the public, regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation in and around the area.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)"

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Main Achievements

The Charity continues to remain in close association with its founding bodies; The Ledbury and District Society Trust Limited (known as Ledbury Civic Society), Ledbury Town Council and the Ledbury and Area Development Trust Limited.

As previously reported Ledbury Poetry continued to occupy the Barrett Browning Institute building on a three-year lease with effect from 1 April 2023. The Project Oversight Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to oversee the planning of the major refurbishment of the Barrett Browning Institute with the long-term aim for Ledbury Poetry to either purchase the building or take on a long-term tenancy once complete.

Trustees continued work at the Old Grammar School to refurbish the museum exhibits and displays and have been fortunate to receive several grants to enable this work to proceed. Following a successful funding application for money from the National Lottery Heritage Fund the kitchen and WC on the Upper Floor have been totally refurbished.

Grants had also been received to proceed with several new projects including the education in Ledbury through time *New Stories New Audiences*; works to the water course in the Heritage Centre and the delivery of an education project for schools.

For the year July 2023 to March 2024 the Heritage Centre opened for four days a week from Easter 2023 to October 2023 due to a limited number of volunteers available and the decision to have two volunteers per session, so improving visitor experience and maintaining a safe environment. Trustees acknowledged that this would once again impact on income generation for the Heritage Centre with a diminished footfall compared to pre-pandemic levels when the Heritage Centre had been open seven days a week from Easter to the end of October. In preparation for the 2025 season there will be recruitment campaign undertaken for new volunteers.

As a charity year on year Ledbury Places continues to lose money and Trustees agreed that it was essential for the charity to increase income either through grants for projects or through the sale of retail merchandise and increase in donations. Trustees were working to increase footfall to the Heritage Centre. NMITE had been given the opportunity to review and research the watercourse as part of a thesis and look at the insulation of the Old Grammar School with time lapse cameras to monitor what was happening to the building over a period of time.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year

The Charity received the following grants during the financial year 2023/24 and along with donations and sales through the Heritage Centre Museum, these were the main sources of income:

- £10,000 grant received from National Lottery Heritage Fund to refurbish the kitchen and WC, Upper Floor, Old Grammar School (July 2023)
- £11,850 grant received from Association of Independent Museums (AIM) for the education in Ledbury through time project New Stories New Audiences (February 2023)
- £7,497 grant received from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for the delivery of the education project (March 2023)
- £1,900 grant received from Ledbury Town Council for the works to the water course in the Heritage Centre (December 2023)
- £750 grant received from Ledbury Town Council for the new clothes rack, children's learning and play area (December 2023)
- Financial support received from Ledbury Civic Society for educational materials for the education project (September 2023)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONT)

Reserves Policy

After the end of the year, the Trustees agreed to amalgamate the designated reserves and to bring them into the general fund. This is shown in the transfer of current assets shown in the notes to the accounts.

The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy with the aim to hold free reserves to meet the administration of the charity and obligations of owning the buildings over one year (£10,000). The general fund surplus at the end of the year was £51,858 (2023: £10,364).

The Trustees carefully considered the Charity's financial position and were satisfied that it remains a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The liability of each member is limited to £10.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Directors are elected at a General Meeting. The following organisations, while they are members of Ledbury Places are entitled to nominate directors (number of directors shown in brackets): Ledbury Town Council (2), Ledbury and District Society Trust Limited (2), Barrett Browning Institute (1) and Ledbury and Area Development Trust Limited (1).

Induction and training of new trustees

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On appointment the trustees receive a copy of the governing documents and Charity Commission documents regarding trusteeship. New trustees are briefed on the history, background and work of the charity.

DECLARATIONS

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report (including director's report) above.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


M Waller

Date: 20/12/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ledbury Places

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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 required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state 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 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 any 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 statements below.

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 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

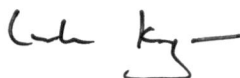
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Luke Keegan, Chartered Management Accountant

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Date: 20th December 2024

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Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	65	19,616	19,681	35,297
Charitable activities					
Heritage Centre	3	6,089	-	6,089	11,472
Barrett Browning Institute	3	5,658	-	5,658	9,047
Burgage Hall	3	1,723	-	1,723	-
Other Income		-	-	-	-
Total		13,534	19,616	33,150	55,816
Expenditure					
Charitable activities					
Heritage Centre	4	10,940	-	10,940	14,591
Barrett Browning Institute	4	923	-	923	36,599
Burgage Hall	4	1,723	-	1,723	-
Community Lottery Fund	4	-	10,524	10,524	-
New Stories New Audience	4	-	10,399	10,399	-
Education Project	4	-	6,297	6,297	-
Town Council Projects	4	-	1,876	1,876	-
Admin and Support	5	9,464	-	9,464	7,848
Total		23,050	29,096	52,146	59,037
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(9,516)	(9,480)	(18,996)	(3,221)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		201,376	9,480	210,856	214,077
Total funds carried forward		191,860	-	191,860	210,856

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Balance sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Heritage assets	6	140,002	-	140,002	140,002
Total fixed assets		140,002	-	140,002	140,002
Current assets					
Stocks	7	4,120	-	4,120	5,296
Debtors	8	2,077	7,216	9,293	12,543
Cash at bank and in hand		45,661	(7,216)	38,444	53,015
Total current assets		51,857	-	51,857	70,854
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		191,860	-	191,860	210,856
Total assets less current liabilities		191,860	-	191,860	210,856
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds		-	-	-	9,480
Unrestricted funds	9	191,860	-	191,860	201,376
Total funds		191,860	-	191,860	210,856

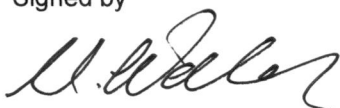
The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed by



M Waller

Date 20/12/2024

Notes to the accounts

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

The Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective from 1st January 2019 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the charity becomes entitled to the resources;• it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;• the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
Government grants	The charity has received a local government grant in the reporting period
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Notes to the Accounts (cont)

Governance and support costs Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been reported separately to charitable activities. The support costs incurred are all in relation to meeting the aims and objectives of the charity.

2.3 Assets

Heritage assets The buildings that the charity owns have been acquired in the fulfilment of the charity objectives. Heritage assets are carried at cost for purchased assets, there are no comparable market based transactions at which to assess a fair value.
The Barrett Browning Institute is a donated asset and is carried at the 2017 Market Value. The valuation was determined by an RICS Surveyor. This was treated as it's deemed cost. The asset is impaired in value and this was recognised in the 2017 valuation.

It is considered that all of the buildings owned by the charity have indefinite lives and will not be depreciated.

Stocks and work in progress Stocks held for sale as part of charitable activity are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Debtors Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the accounts (cont)

3 Income

Analysis of income		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 £	2023 £
Analysis of Donations and legacies:	Donations received	-	-	-	-
	Grants received:				
	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	6,297	6,297	-
	Ledbury Town Council	-	2,400	2,400	750
	Community Lottery Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-
	Architectural Heritage Fund	-	-	-	24,965
	Association of Independent Museums	-	919	919	9,480
	Membership subscriptions	65	-	65	102
	Total	65	19,616	19,681	35,297
Analysis of Charitable Activities:	Heritage Centre:				
	Visitor Sales	4,158	-	4,158	4,678
	Visitor Donations	1,756	-	1,756	5,084
	Hire of Rooms	175	-	175	1,710
	Total	6,089	-	6,089	11,472
	Barrett Browning Institute:				
	Rent/cost re-imbursement	5,658	-	5,658	9,047
	Burgage Hall:				
	Rent/ cost re-imbursement	1,723	-	1,723	-
	Total	13,469	-	13,469	20,519
Other Income		-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		13,534	19,616	33,150	55,816

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Expenditure

Analysis of expenditure		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 £	2023 £
Costs of Activity by fund type:	Heritage Centre	10,940	-	10,940	14,591
	Barrett Browning Institute	923	-	923	9,873
	Burgage Hall	1,723	-	1,723	-
	Architectural Heritage Fund	-	-	-	26,726
	New Stories New Audience	-	10,399	10,399	-
	Education Project	-	6,297	6,297	-
	Community Lottery Fund	-	10,524	10,524	-
	Town Council Funded Projects	-	1,876	1,876	-
	General	9,464	-	9,464	7,848
		23,050	29,096	52,146	59,037

Notes to the accounts (cont)

5 Analysis of Support Costs

Analysis of expenditure	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 £	2023 £
Management and Administration	8,894	-	8,894	7,278
Governance Costs:				
Legal Advice/Fees	-	-	-	-
Examiner Fees	570	-	570	570
	9,464	-	9,464	7,848

6 Heritage Assets

	Barrett Browning Institute	Heritage Centre	Burgage Hall	Total
	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	140,000	1	1	140,002
At end of the year	140,000	1	1	140,002

The Barrett Browning Institute was donated to Ledbury Places by the former Barrett Browning Institute charity. It is carried at the 2017 valuation. The building was valued on a commercial basis by an RICS Surveyor.

The Heritage Centre and the Burgage Hall were purchased at a cost of £1 each from Herefordshire Council

Because the assets are Heritage assets they are not depreciated.

7 Stock

	£
Heritage Centre stock:	
The items for sale in the heritage Centre have been valued at the purchase cost.	4,120
Closing	4,120
Total previous year	5,296

8 Debtors and prepayments

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Debtors	177	-
Grants Receivable	9,116	12,543
Total	9,293	12,543

Notes to the accounts (cont)

9 Charity funds

9.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Barrett Browning Institute	U	All activity for Barrett Browning Institute	198,258	5,658	(923)	(62,992)	140,000
Heritage Centre	U	All activity for the Heritage Centre	2,416	6,089	(10,940)	2,436	1
Burgage Hall	U	Burgage Hall	-	1,723	(1,723)	-	-
AIM New Stories	R		9,480	919	(10,399)	-	-
Education project	R		-	6,297	(6,297)	-	-
Community Lottery Fund	R			10,000	(10,524)	524	-
Town Council Funded Projects	R			2,400	(1,876)	(524)	-
General	U	General fund	701	65	(9,464)	60,556	51,858
Total Funds as per balance sheet			210,856	33,150	(52,246)	-	191,860

9.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Barrett Browning Institute	U	All activity for Barrett Browning Institute	200,096	9,797	(9,873)	(1,761)	198,258
Heritage Centre	U	All activity for the Heritage Centre	5,535	11,472	(13,169)	(1,422)	2,416
Heritage Centre	R	Heating	-	-	(1,422)	1,422	-
AIM New Stories	R		-	9,480	-	-	9,480
Burgage Hall	U	Burgage Hall	-	-	-	-	-
Architectural Heritage Fund	R		-	24,965	(26,726)	1,761	-
General	U	General fund	8,447	102	(7,848)	-	701
Total Funds as per balance sheet			214,077	55,816	(59,037)	-	210,865

Notes to the accounts (cont)

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds			
General	1	51,857	51,858
<i>Designated</i>			
Barrett Browning Institute	140,000	-	140,000
Heritage Centre	1	-	1
Burgage Hall	-	-	-
Restricted Funds			
Architectural Heritage Fund	-	-	-
New Stories New Audiences	-	-	-
Education Project	-	-	-
	140,002	51,857	191,860

Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds			
General	1	700	701
<i>Designated</i>			
Barrett Browning Institute	140,000	58,258	198,258
Heritage Centre	1	2,415	2,416
Burgage Hall	-	-	-
<i>Restricted</i>			
New Stories New Audience		9,480	9,480
	140,002	70,854	210,856

Notes to the accounts (cont)

11 Transactions with trustees and related parties

11.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity

11.2 Trustees' expenses

The only expenses paid to Trustees during the year were for the re-imbursement of out of pocket expenses while undertaking voluntary activities for the charity. No expenses for travel, subsistence or accommodation were incurred.

11.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

12 Employees

The charity had no employees during the year.

13 Company Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of it winding up, such an amount as may be required, not exceeding £10.

14 General Information

Ledbury Places, is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, registered number 09079970. The registered address is 1A The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BN

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Grants Receivable	19,616	35,195
Subscriptions	65	102
	19,681	35,297
Charitable activities		
Visitor Sales/Donations	5,914	9,762
Hire Of Rooms	7,555	10,757
	13,469	20,519
Other Income	-	-
Total incoming resources	33,150	55,816
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Major Refurbishments	-	1,422
Materials and Stock		
Opening Stock	5,296	5,534
Purchase	2,590	5,440
Less Closing Stock	(4,120)	(5,296)
Repairs and Maintenance	1,908	7,465
Utilities	3,183	4,667
Water	-	-
Telephone	271	444
Sundry items	-	-
Insurance	4,457	4,788
Consultancy Fees	-	26,726
Other project Expenditure	29,096	-
	42,682	51,190
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Admin Support	4,023	3,927
Sundry	434	802
Website	555	1,199
Membership Fees	35	-
Insurance	3,776	1,278
Accountancy	18	-
Bank Charges	54	72
	8,894	7,278
Governance costs		
Examiners Fees	570	570
Legal Fees	-	-
	570	570
Total resources expended	52,146	59,037
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(18,996)	(3,221)