

The Pye History Trust

Report of the Trustees 2023 – 2024

The Trust presents the annual report for the year 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024. Audited accounts for the above period are listed separately.

Reference and Administrative Information

The Trust is constituted as a Foundation Class Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered on 19 June 2015, UK Registered Charity No. 1162310 The Trust name can be abbreviated to PHT.

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| The Trustees | Robert Bates Roger Crabtree David Featherby Pauline Howes Richard Howes Simon Howes Richard McMullan Michael Wassall |
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Trustees are appointed by the Continuing Trustees and should comprise suitably competent persons according to the needs of the Trust.

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| Company secretary | Richard Howes |
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| Registered Office | 4 Burgoynes Farm Close Impington Cambridge CB24 9ZU |
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Objectives

The purpose of the Trust is to research, document, collect, interpret, exhibit, and explain for the education of the public, the history, people, technologies, products, and achievements of the Pye Group of electronics companies and its successors in title which were formerly headquartered in Cambridge England. There have been no changes to the constitution dated 4 June 2015 during the period of this report.

Summary of Activities, Performance and Public Benefit 31 March 2023 - 31 March 2024

Some 14,000 people in the East Anglia region of the UK were once employed by the Pye Group of Companies and the Trust has continued to provide a public benefit by providing a source of local history, industrial and technological information concerning the Pye Group to the people of Cambridgeshire plus those further afield.

The Trust has continued to be active in the research, documentation, collection, exhibition and display and education of the public in the history of the Pye Group of companies and its successors in title and has resumed giving public presentations to organised groups and societies on the history of the Pye Group of companies. The Trustees act as explainers for monthly guided tours of the Pye Group exhibition located at the Cambridge Museum of Technology. The Pye Group exhibition is populated with loan exhibits and research results provided primarily by the Pye Telecom Historic Collection, The Pye History Trust, The Cambridge Museum of Technology and loan items from other sources.

A series of Webinar type of presentations have been successfully designed and implemented by transmission via the public Internet and a copy of a modified Pye History presentation with voice-over placed on youtube.com. The Trust responds to requests for public presentations on the history and technology of the Pye Group as and when permissible and or practicable.

The Trust has continued, where practicable, to use other forms of communication to provide historical and technical information and advice on the Pye Group company history, products, and people to members of the public from the UK and various countries of the world in answer to many questions received via email contact as a result of the Internet websites, www.pyemuseum.org and www.pye-story.org.

The Trust has continued to actively support the Cambridge Museum of Technology (CMT) which hosts the permanent Pye Group public exhibition at Cheddars Lane, Cambridge, England by providing expert explainer duty (when permissible and practicable) to both organised group visits, schools and walk-in visitors. This exhibition, covering the approximate period of Pye Group independence: 1896 – 1967, opened to the public on 7 June 2019. Additional exhibitions are being planned for 2024 to cover the period when ownership of the group changed: 1967 – present day.

Arising from ongoing research, the Trust has continued to identify key or iconic Pye Group products, documents and materials which should be preserved and/or exhibited and has continued the process of selectively accepting or acquiring examples and storing them securely for future use.

Statement of Conformance to Public Benefit Requirements

The Trustees have had regard for the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission from time to time and contained within documents PB1, PB2 and PB3 and have acted accordingly.

Additional Information

The Trust is primarily funded by grants from the Pye Foundation for which it is grateful and without which the permanent Pye Group Exhibition in Cambridge and other related projects could not have been implemented. During the review period other small donations have been received from local organisations. The Trustees are grateful for the contribution made by the supporters, and correspondents of the Pye History Project, including members of the public who have contacted them by email, letter and personally at the various public presentations. The Trust has received the invaluable contribution of historical research, information, documents, photographs, artefacts, and personal reminiscences from a wide range of former colleagues and ex-Pye Group employees and their families and wishes to thank them all. Since inception, the Trustees have worked in the following areas of activity:

- Collections management, transportation, and storage of relevant Pye related material
- Conservation of electronic and electromechanical equipment
- Public relations, presentations, exhibition, and display planning
- Received donations of documents, photographs, and other memorabilia/ephemera
- Provided historical and technical information to the public on request.

Financial Review

The Trustees consider that the results for this year of operation and the financial position are satisfactory. Please see separate statement of financial activities.

Reserves Policy

The CIO has agreed to set a minimum reserves policy of £2500 in order to protect the charity obligations and the long-term storage of its assets. The Trustees consider that the unrestricted funds are adequate to meet the known general needs and liabilities of the CIO in the immediate future.

No Trustee received any personal benefit or remuneration or expenses from the Trust during the period of this report. The Trust does not at present have any registered volunteers and the Trustees are the only members of the Trust.

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Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.3.2024

| | 2023-2024 | | | 2022-2023 | | |
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| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | | | |
| Grants received from Pye Foundation | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 |
| Bequests | | | | 1,000.00 | - | 1,000.00 |
| Donations | 90.00 | | 90.00 | 100.00 | - | 100.00 |
| | <u>5,090.00</u> | | <u>5,090.00</u> | <u>6,100.00</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>6,100.00</u> |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities: | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL INCOME | <u>5,090.00</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,090.00</u> | <u>6,100.00</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>6,100.00</u> |
| <u>Resources expended:</u> | | | | | | |
| Cost of Generating funds | | | | | | |
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| Charitable Activities | | | | | | |
| Storage costs | 1,440.00 | | 1,440.00 | 1,440.00 | - | 1,440.00 |
| Purchase of Pye products | | | | - | - | - |
| Reunion Expenses | 47.74 | | | 3,400.00 | | 3,400.00 |
| Donations to Museum of Technology | | | | | | - |
| Publicity Materials | 635.79 | | | 158.40 | | 158.40 |
| | <u>2,123.53</u> | | <u>1,440.00</u> | <u>4,998.40</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>4,998.40</u> |
| Governance costs | | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AGM | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Examination of accounts | | | | | | |
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| Total Resources Expended | <u>2,123.53</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,440.00</u> | <u>4,998.40</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>4,998.40</u> |
| Net incoming resources | 2,966.47 | - | 2,966.47 | 1,101.60 | - | 1,101.60 |
| Reconciliation of Funds: | | | | | | |
| Total Funds brought forward | 9,818.87 | | 9,818.87 | 8,717.27 | | 8,717.27 |
| Transfer between funds | | | - | - | - | - |
| Total Funds carried forward | <u>12,785.34</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>12,785.34</u> | <u>9,818.87</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,818.87</u> |

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.