

GRETTON TOWER TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1166722

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-04-25

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO CONSERVE AND MAINTAIN GRETTON >> TOWER AND ITS GROUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF GRETTON AND >> VISITORS TO THE VILLAGE BY:• CONDUCTING A STRUCTURAL SURVEY AND >> CARRYING OUT NECESSARY REPAIRS TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE TOWER; >> • CLEARING AND REPAIRING THE GROUNDS;• ESTABLISHING A LONG TERM >> MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME;• MAINTAINING ACCESS FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS >> AND VISITORS; AND • INTEGRATING USE OF THE TOWER INTO VILLAGE >> EVENTS AND FESTIVALS.”

Activities: The objectives and activities of the Trust relate to the conservation of Gretton Tower (a Grade 2 listed building and associated remains of St Phillip's Chapel of Ease which is a scheduled ancient monument) and returning it to village and visitor use. To maintain the Tower and grounds, ensure public access and provide information relating to the site.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£551	£350	-	-
2024-03-31		£20	£525	-	-
2023-03-31		£1,852	£1,329	-	-
2021-12-31		£2,005	£4,352	-	-
2020-12-31		£1,450	£1,146	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAUL WHITE	Chair	2015-09-30
BERNARD GILL		2015-09-30
GWYNETH ANNE MARGARET COCKS		2015-09-30
JAN TAYLOR		2015-09-30
STEPHEN PARKINSON		2015-09-30
STEPHEN ROBERT HAWKINS		2021-01-01

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Accounts from 01/04/ 2024 to 31/03/2025	GRETTON TOWER TRUST	Charity registration Number 1166722	
Item		Income £	Outgoings £
Opening Balance	£4441.62		
Donations and Fundraising		£551.15	
Expenditure			£349.63
Closing Balance	£4643.14		

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Annual Report to 31/3/2024

Gretton Tower Trust Charity No: 1166722

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- maintaining access for village residents and visitors; and
- integrating use of the tower into village events and festivals.

Activities:

Fundraising continues to be difficult due to the nature of the project making grant eligibility a challenge.

However decisions have been made to maintain the grounds as a natural wildflower area as part of the village rewilding strategy, to improve access, and informational materials.

Public Benefit:

The continued maintenance of the grounds has halted further deterioration of the ancient monument. This has allowed the site to be accessible to walkers and for use by the village school. The Tower Trust participated in the annual village Christmas

celebrations illuminating the Tower with a floodlight and decorating it with candles, drawing in many local residents. The Gretton Tower website contains historical and other informational materials. Trustees have regard to the Charity Commissioners guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The maintenance of the grounds (lawn mowing) by unpaid local volunteers help to maintain access and amenity of the Tower.

Other than that, very little maintenance is required.

Financial review

A financial statement to the end of March 2024 is supplied.

Accounts to 31/3/24:

Income £ 20.20

Outgoings £ 525.22

Opening Balance 4946.64

Donations and fundraising 20.20

Expenditure 525.22 (insurance premium)

Closing Balance 4441.62

Structure, governance and management

The Trust uses the Charity Commission Scheme for Charitable Incorporated Organisations.

Trustees are five in total nominated by village organisations, Gretton

Parish Council (1), Gretton Village Association (3) and Winchcome Parochial Church Council (1), and four or five adopted members from the village. Terms of service are

staggered from two to four years.

Reference and administrative details

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Trustees during this period including re-appointments and new appointments:

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Taylor (GVA), Vacancy (GVA), Stephen Parkinson (appointed),

Bernard Gill (appointed), Stephen Hawkins (appointed).

Exemptions from Disclosure None

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Activities:

The repair of the Tower was completed in 2020 and transferred to the Trust on 1st January 2021. Since then the Trust has used its limited funds to improve access and safety for visitors and to provide signage and interpretation materials to assist visitors.

A grant was obtained from Gloucestershire County Council under the Build Back Better scheme which has allowed the installation of a new gate, noticeboard and information materials within the Tower, and signage on the village noticeboard which is situated near the Tower. Fund raising for work on the ancient monument has been paused but walls are maintained to ensure safety. The grounds continue to be maintained so that naturally occurring wildflowers can flourish.

Due to the rising costs of commercial works over this period much work has been carried out through the voluntary efforts of the Trustees.

Public Benefit:

The approach to maintenance of the grounds has halted further deterioration of the ancient monument, and increased their attractiveness. The installation of a new gate, signage and interpretation material has allowed the site to be accessible and interesting to walkers and improved access for the village school. The Tower Trust continues to participate in the annual village Christmas celebrations illuminating the Tower with a floodlight and decorating it with candles, drawing in many local residents.

The Gretton Tower website contains historical and other informational materials. Trustees have regard to the Charity Commissioners guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The repair of the Tower to conserve it for future generations and the conclusion of negotiations for the transfer to the Trust marked the achievement of the first milestone for our planned responsibility for the site. The pandemic seriously limited fundraising and has substantially delayed plans and funding for the next phase. In this period the trustees have sought to consolidate the achievements of first phase through incremental improvements to access to and information about the Tower.

Financial review

A financial statement to the end of March 2023 is supplied below.

Item	Income £	Outgoings £	Balance
Opening Balance			4423.41
Donations and fundraising	352.08		
Grant Income	1500.00		
Expenditure		1328.85	
Closing Balance			4946.64

Structure, governance and management

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Exemptions from Disclosure None

Report by Dr John Hurley approved by the Trustees 17/11/2023

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Treasurers Account Statement

Printed: 09 September 2022

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09 May 22	AMAZON EUROPE CORE 9975756886397393	BGC	5.00		5460.91
01 Mar 22	GLOUCESTERSHIRE CC 1000 2002327150 K	BGC	1500.00		5455.91
31 Jan 22	ECCLESIASTICAL INS	BP		467.50	3955.91
24 May 21	AMAZON EUROPE CORE 4968583396436357	BGC	5.00		4423.41
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21 Jan 20	MOBBCH770461MORETO H HU	DEP	525.00		7066.57
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07 Mar 19	R COLEY DONATION 200000000443111553 309187 10 07MAR19 10:33	FPI	100.00		5009.47

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Activities:

Following the co-funding of repairs to the Tower, under the supervision of the Diocesan surveyor, by the Trust and Diocese of Gloucester in 2020, documents for the transfer of the Tower to the Trust were completed and ownership transferred from 1 January 2021.

Fundraising continued to be difficult because of the second year of the Covid pandemic which has meant that improvements to the ancient monument remain tasks for future years. However decisions have been made to maintain the grounds so that naturally occurring wildflowers can flourish (contributing to a village wide initiative), to improve access, and provide informational materials as soon as finances permit.

Public Benefit:

The approach to maintenance of the grounds has halted further deterioration of the ancient monument, and increased their attractiveness. This has allowed the site to be accessible to walkers and for use by the village school. The Tower Trust participated in the annual village Christmas celebrations illuminating the Tower with a floodlight and decorating it with candles, drawing in many local residents. The Gretton Tower website contains historical and other informational materials. Trustees have regard to the Charity Commissioners guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

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Financial review

A financial statement to the end of December 2020 is supplied.

Accounts to Dec 2020:

Item	Income £	Outgoings £	Balance
Opening Balance			6770.21
Donations and fundraising	2005.00		
Expenditure		4351.80	4423.41
Closing Balance			4423.41

Structure, governance and management

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The successful resolution of the objectives of the first five years of the Trust has resulted in some consequential turnover in Trustees. Trustees during this period including re-appointments and new appointments are:

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Exemptions from Disclosure None

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Activities:

Negotiation with the Church Commissioners over the transfer of ownership of the Tower to the Trust concluded with agreed terms for the transfer. Agreement was reached with the Diocese of Gloucester to co-fund repairs to the tower under the supervision of the Diocesan surveyor. This work was completed by late Summer. Documents for the transfer of the Tower to the Trust were completed with a transfer date of 1 January 2021.

Fundraising for the restoration of the Tower grounds was necessarily halted by the Covid Pandemic, and this has restricted the Trust's ability to install information / interpretation materials and signage as well as repair the stone boundaries to the site. These remain tasks for future years.

Public Benefit:

The continued maintenance of the grounds has halted further deterioration of the ancient monument. This has allowed the site to be accessible to walkers and for use by the village school. Further actions to improve accessibility are planned. Informational materials will be installed as soon as finances permit. The Gretton Tower website contains historical and other informational materials. Trustees have regard to the Charity Commissioners guidance on public benefit.

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Financial review

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Opening Balance			6466.57
Donations and fundraising	1450.00		
Expenditure		1146.36	6770.21
Closing Balance			

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17 Sep 18	MYDONATE0004582669 186272	BGC	6.25		4878.55

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