

THE CASTLEGATE PRESERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1170599

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-12-07

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

Contact

Address 30 Muskoka Avenue
Sheffield
S11 7RL

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF SHEFFIELD AND THE NATION, BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES OF HISTORIC, ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTIONAL HERITAGE THAT MAY EXIST IN THE CASTLEGATE AREA OF SHEFFIELD AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS OBJECT TO FOSTER AND SECURE THEIR RESTORATION AND RE-USE PARTICULARLY, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE OLD TOWN HALL.TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ABOUT THE HISTORY, DEVELOPMENT, SIGNIFICANCE AND FUTURE OF THE HERITAGE BUILDINGS AND SITES OF THE CASTLEGATE AREA.TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, LEARNING AND TRAINING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY DEVELOPING THE SKILLS OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN RESTORATION AND PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVED IN HISTORIC BUILDING RESTORATION PROJECTS IN CASTLEGATE.TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES (CHARITABLE UNDER ENGLISH LAW) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY IN CASTLEGATE AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: The Trust operates in the Castlegate area of the city of Sheffield. It works with interested partners including the Council to secure restoration and re-use of historic buildings, whether listed or otherwise, and furthers public education about the history and significance of the area by offering events like guided walks and talks to explain the importance of the area.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2023-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2022-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
VALERIE JUNE BAYLISS	Chair	2016-11-22
NEIL BERRY		2016-11-24

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Activities

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In 2024 the Trust continued some educational activity, largely through contributions to Heritage Open Days, through giving talks and by participating in the city of Sheffield's annual Heritage Fair.

The Trustees have maintained a working relationship with Sheffield City Council about its interests in Castlegate. Since the end of the reporting year direct discussions have begun with leading elected members on options for the future of the Old Town Hall, one of the most important but most neglected buildings in Castlegate. These are expected to continue for some time.

The Trust continues to be represented on the Castlegate Partnership Steering Group established by Sheffield City Council. This stakeholder body, which includes representatives of the private, public, higher education and voluntary sectors, is central to plans to reinvigorate the run-down Castlegate area of the city centre, which have now begun with implementation of a project run by the City Council and government funding. The Trust continues to advise on the significance of heritage buildings, listed or otherwise, in the area and is contributing to plans for future development that respect their heritage status.

The Trust is also represented on a sub-group of the Partnership concerned with advising on future arrangements for the management of Castlegate and with the scope for future grant funding for historic buildings in the area.

The Trust has now accepted an invitation to be represented, jointly with the Friends of the Old Town Hall, on the Castlegate Area Board, a mechanism established by the City Council as the prime mechanism for developing a shared vision for the Castlegate area and overseeing the delivery of the Levelling Up programme for the area.

Previous reports noted the sale of the Old Town Hall in 2022 to a property developer, following the collapse of the previous developer's business. There has been no sign in the reporting period of any movement towards investment in or development of the building and the owner does not communicate with the Trust or anyone else. The trustees continue to be concerned about the deterioration of the building.

All the Trust's work is carried out on a voluntary basis by the Trustees.

Finances

The sale of the Old Town Hall in 2019 to a private sector developer effectively stopped the Trust's work on preparing to raise funds to buy the building. The Trust had no income, and therefore no expenditure, in the period covered by this report. It follows that there are no accounts and the Trust has not opened a bank account. The Trust has no assets and no reserves.

Future Activities

The Trust will continue as opportunity permits to take forward its more general work on the future of Castlegate as a whole, including through its representation on the City Council's Castlegate Area Board and the Castlegate Partnership and its educational work. The Trust continues to monitor the state of the Old Town Hall (from the outside) and to work with the Council's conservation officer on this. We continue to be concerned by the poor state of the building.

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The Trust continues to be represented on the Castlegate Partnership Steering Group established by Sheffield City Council. This body, which includes representatives of the private, public, higher education and voluntary sectors, is central to plans to reinvigorate the run-down Castlegate area of the city centre, which have now begun with implementation of a project run by the City Council and funded through the Government's Levelling Up Fund. The Trust continues to advise on the significance of some of the heritage buildings, listed or otherwise, in the area and is contributing to plans for future development that respect their heritage status. The Trust continues to be concerned at the Council's failure to include the future of the Old Town Hall in its Castlegate plans, given professional advice to the Trust that failure to find a way forward for the building will have a

dampening effect on wider regeneration plans. This point has been made to the Council and other interested parties.

The Trust is also represented on a sub-group of the Partnership concerned with future arrangements for the management of Castlegate and with the scope for future grant funding for historic buildings in the area.

Previous reports noted that post-reporting period the Old Town Hall had been sold by receivers to a property developer. The developer's appointed architects have indicated to us that plans for the future of the building are well advanced, but it is still unclear when the developer proposes to implement these. To date no planning application has been submitted to the local authority, though we understand that pre-application discussions have taken place. The trustees continue to be concerned about the deterioration of the building (see below). and continue to monitor the situation closely.

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The Trust will continue as opportunity permits to take forward its more general work on the future of Castlegate as a whole, including through its representation on the City Council's Castlegate Partnership and its educational work. More particularly the Trust has actively monitored the state of the building (from outside), given concern that there are visible leaks in the roof, and was active in the summer of 2023 in calling in the police and the City Council in the wake of episodes of vandalism which included a small fire. It has worked closely with the Council's conservation officer on this. Some repairs were carried out as a result of the Trust's pressure but we continue to be concerned by the poor state of the building.

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have a dampening effect on wider regeneration plans. This point has been made to the Council and other interested parties.

Our 2021 report noted that post-reporting period the Old Town Hall had been sold by receivers to a property developer. The trustees were invited in July 2022 to meet the developer's appointed architects to be briefed on initial plans for the future of the building. It is unclear when the developer proposes to implement these. To date no planning application has been submitted to the local authority and there is no indication either that formal pre-application discussions have taken place. The trustees continue to be concerned about the deterioration of the building (see below), and continue to monitor the situation closely.

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In 2021, as in 2020, the Trust intended as in previous years to continue to pursue its objectives by focusing primarily on providing opportunities for people to learn about the significance of Castlegate and its heritage buildings, via the usual provision of guided walks in the area during Sheffield's Environment Weeks and during Heritage Open Days, which have always been well-supported. In addition it would continue to monitor developments affecting the Old Town Hall.

The continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic continued to make the first objective difficult to pursue; people either could not participate in public events or were unwilling to do so in practical numbers. Once again, the Trustees did not feel it possible to undertake advance planning for the usual activities as the rules that would apply to gatherings at the relevant times were unknown at the point when commitment to activities would have been required. By the same token local groups to which trustees would have given illustrated talks about Castlegate for the most part cancelled their programmes, but

a small number of talks were given during the period of this report. Trustees have continued to contribute articles on the history of Castlegate to the local press.

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The main development in 2021, as noted in our last report, was that the company that bought the Old Town Hall in 2019 collapsed into administration in June 2021. This put a stop to the consented scheme of restoration and left the building with a very uncertain future. The receivers' attempts to sell the building on the open market or, in November 2021, by public auction were unsuccessful. The Trustees continue to maintain a watching brief on the site; no work appears to have been done to implement the 2019 consented scheme. News however emerged after the reporting period that a sale had taken place – see below.

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Future Activities

As noted above, the Trustees became aware - in March 2022 - that the building had been sold by the receivers to a property developer. The Trust continues to monitor developments; to date there has been no planning or listed building application to restore or develop the building. The Trust continues to monitor the situation closely.

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In the event the Covid-19 pandemic made the first of these impossible. Under the circumstances the Trustees did not feel it possible to undertake advance planning for the usual activities as the rules that would apply to gatherings at the relevant times were unknown at the point when commitment to activities would have been required. By the same token local groups to which trustees would have given illustrated talks about Castlegate were obliged to cancel their programmes and were not in a position to reinstate them during the period of this report. Trustees have however continued to contribute articles on the history of Castlegate to the local press.

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The new owner of the Old Town Hall obtained planning consent for a scheme of restoration in December 2019 and the Trustees maintained a watching brief on any work on the site. In the event no work appears to have been done beyond some basic cleaning out of rubbish. Since the end of the reporting period the developer's company has failed and the property is now in the hands of receivers and is up for sale.

The trustees have maintained a working relationship with Sheffield City Council about its interests in Castlegate.

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Future Activities

We reported last year that the changed prospects for the Old Town Hall in principle removed one of the Trust's major *raison d'être* but the trustees have determined to continue their monitoring of progress on the building. That remains the case.

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