



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

06

April

2022

To

Period end date

05

April

2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bewnans Kernow
Other names charity is known by	

Registered charity number (if any)	1170991
Charity's principal address	62 Morrab Road
	Penzance
	Cornwall
Postcode	TR18 6EL

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	Len Sheppard	Chairman		Board of Trustees
2	Jane Howells	Director		Board of Trustees
3	Gill Thomas	Secretary		Board of Trustees
4	Angela Angove			Board of Trustees
5	Christian Denley	Education Officer		Board of Trustees
	Mike Cawley			Board of Trustees
6	Helen Rawe			Board of Trustees
7	Liz Le Grice			Board of Trustees

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the Board of Trustees and confirmed at the AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction and Training of Trustees:

New Trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Commission guidance 'The Essential Trustee' and with relevant Bewnans Kernow documents. Tailored induction training is provided as required.

Organisational Structure:

Currently there are 8 Trustees. Trustees meet a minimum of four times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction, policies and the day to day running of the charity.

Risk Management:

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed - particularly those related to the operations and finances of the charity - and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charitable objects of Bewnans Kernow are:

- For the public benefit, to advance education, development, appreciation, preservation, research and recording of all aspects of indigenous Cornish history, arts heritage and culture.
- To promote equality and diversity for the public benefit by advancing education and raising awareness, promoting activities to foster understanding between peoples from diverse backgrounds, conducting and commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results to the public with particular focus on matters affecting the people of Cornwall.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Bewnans Kernow undertakes activities to:

- Advance the education, development, appreciation, preservation, research, recording of and participation in indigenous Cornish culture and heritage.
- Has launched and is developing a new venue for Cornish heritage in Penzance (Cornish Heritage in Penzance) in the former Penzance public library building.
- Improve the well-being of, and promote equality and diversity for, members of the Cornish national minority and others.

In carrying out these activities, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Cornish Heritage in Penzance tbc**

Bewnans Kernow has leased part of the former Penzance public library building which will be developed into a venue for Cornish culture and heritage under the name of Cornish Heritage in Penzance. The first two open days to welcome the public were held in May 2023. Subsequently fortnightly talks on aspects of Penzance and Cornish history given by specialists and practitioners were held every fortnight and developed a strong audience. This provided a platform to 31 people over the year to speak about their specialist interest or to raise the profile of a heritage issue or festival which provided a high-quality educational experience for attendees.

Social media channels were opened and the Bewnans Kernow website developed to inform different audiences.

Cornish Heritage in Penzance, working with experienced tutors, began to offer fortnightly Cornish language lessons to Beginners and Improvers as well as a monthly Cornish language social evening.

Several events were run in conjunction with other cultural organisations including Cornish Christmas festival preparation workshops and a Cornish Christmas carol event.

New equipment was added and the reference library expanded.

Trustees

Bewnans Kernow appointed two new Trustees. Bewnans Kernow regrets the passing of the Chairman Peter Sheldon.

Grants

Bewnans Kernow was awarded an equipment grant of £2,958 by Penzance Town Council.

Representation on other organisations

Bewnans Kernow continues to be involved with heritage work at a strategic level and is a member of the Cornwall Council Heritage Kernow Board. At a local level it is a member of the Madron History Group Committee.

Summary

In summary Bewnans Kernow had a successful first year in operating Cornish Heritage in Penzance, it's primary workstream, in the former Penzance public library. The chief activity was a series of well attended and professionally delivered talks on a substantial range of local and Cornish heritage and culture topics as well as other Cornish cultural events including the Cornish language. Cornish Language lessons also commenced. A core base of supporters began to engage with Cornish Heritage in Penzance, relationships were developed with other Cornish cultural organisations and Cornish Heritage in Penzance became increasingly well known. Trustees feel this is a sound basis from which to continue developing Cornish Heritage in Penzance.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Financial review: tbc

At the start of the financial year, Bewnans Kernow had a cash balance of £26,572 brought forward. During the year, the organisation received project funding of a restricted grant from the Penzance Town Council amounting to £2958, donations of £1079 and a refund of £1092. Payments totalling £7,312 were made during the year and cash balances at the year-end were £24,388 of which £2,311 were restricted funds.

Level of reserves:

The trustees have considered the reserves of the charity. The longer-term policy is to aim to hold unrestricted reserves amounting to 6-months of anticipated expenditure. The Trustees consider that the balance on 5th April 2024 is sufficient to help sustain the operations of the charity over the following year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J J Howells

Full name(s)

Jennifer Jane Howells

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Director, Trustee

Date

05.02.2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Bewnans Kernow

1170991

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
6th April 2023

To

Period end date
5th April 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant and other funding		2958	-		2,700
Refunds	1092-		-	-	96.27
Donations	1079-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2171	2958	-	5129	2,796
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,171-	2,958	-	5129	2,796
A3 Payments					
Project management and support	4257		-	4,257	1,637.50
Equipment and materials	1814	647	-	2,661	2,137.92
Property and related costs	-	-	-	-	
IT Support	400	-	-	400	
Other project costs	-	-	-	-	619.17
Other	194	-	-	194	108.70
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,665	647	-	7,312	4,503.29
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Assets purchased	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	6665	647	-	7312	4,503
Net of receipts/(payments)	(4,494)	2,311			4,503
A5 Transfers between funds	18541		-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	8031		-		23,171
Cash funds this year end	24,388			24,388	26,572

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	8,031	18,541	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,077	2,311	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £ -	to nearest £ -	to nearest £ -
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Kitchen equipment, books and furniture	Penzance Heritage		-
				-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

01.02.2025

J J Howells	Jennifer Jane Howells