

Charity registration number: 1171104

Wessex Museums Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Wessex Museums Trust

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Wessex Museums Trust are set out in its constitution and are summarised as follows:

To support for the benefit of the public the building, establishment and maintenance of accredited museums in Dorset and Wiltshire, their artefacts, art, specimens, documents and other associated material, including the collection, storage, research and conservation of all such material; and to advance the education of the public (in particular but without limitation to those living in Dorset and Wiltshire and those geographic, ethnic, disabled and other communities who do not traditionally attend museums) in particular (but not limited to) by providing information about the history, heritage and culture of Dorset and Wiltshire and support to the provision and improvement of the facilities, collections, exhibitions, formal and informal learning opportunities, public events and other educational activities, including in digital form, available to the public in museums in Dorset and Wiltshire and within the communities of Dorset and Wiltshire and across the internet.

The Wessex Museums Trust is a thriving partnership of the five leading museums/museums services across the counties of Dorset and Wiltshire: Poole Museum, Dorset Museum & Art Gallery, The Salisbury Museum, Swindon Museums and Wiltshire Museum.

Wessex Museums exists to build the resilience and relevance of the museums in our partnership and others across the region. Our mission is to support museums to connect, inspire and add value to people's lives

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

The achievement and performance of the Wessex Museums Trust are set out in our Annual Impact Report for 2024/25 (Appendix A).

Financial review

During the year the charity generated income of £487,531 (2024 - £546,674) from a combination of grants, sponsorship, donations and sale of merchandise. Against this there were costs for the operation of the charity, as well as programme and project delivery costs. The deficit in the year of £72,482 (2024 – surplus of £161,270) included a deficit of £85,577 for restricted funding and a surplus of £13,095 for unrestricted funding, leaving closing reserves at the year end of £56,652 unrestricted funds (2024 - £43,557) and £43,557 of restricted funds (2024 - £139,805).

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Policy on reserves

Wessex Museums Trust is particularly aware of the need to cover contingency liabilities such as gaps in funding streams, cash flow and meeting the cost of redundancy payments to staff in the event that the organisation were forced to close. It achieves this by aiming to hold enough free reserves to cover these contingencies.

The level of free reserves has been set by Trustees taking into account the following:

The need to secure ongoing core funding from sale of charitable activities and grants, plus ensuring that if payment is late in arriving, we have funds to cover running costs. Project funding is often short term and at risk of changes to funding programmes. Additionally, in-kind support currently received may not be available in the future. Sufficient funds should be readily available to provide working capital to enable the organisation to bid for additional funding streams, which may be paid in arrears. Working capital, i.e., project funding to continue short-term projects or start new ones, although at that point it could be made a designated fund (an amount decided each year). Funds should be available in order to build capacity and contribute to improved productivity and sustainability of the organisation. Funding should also be available to deal with contingencies which might arise in the day-to-day running of the organisation, including contingency costs (an amount decided each year), sickness cover, maternity/paternity leave, and recruitment costs, as well as the smooth running of the charity.

It is anticipated that 3-6 months would be a required level of reserves, which at the current level of expenditure would equate to £34k - £68k. Current reserves are £110,880 and are being accumulated towards the desired level.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Wessex Museums Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in January 2017 (No. 1171104). The Trust is governed by its constitution last updated in March 2023.

The Wessex Museums Trust Board consists of five nominated and five appointed trustees. The five nominated trustees are nominated, one each, by the five nominated bodies (Poole BCP Council – Poole Museum, Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum Trust, Swindon Borough Council – Swindon Museums, Wiltshire Archaeological & Natural History Society). Nominated trustees are appointed for a three year term. The three appointed trustees are independent and selected on the basis of the skills, knowledge and experience they can bring to the effective administration of the Trust Board. The three appointed by the trustees serve for a term of three years.

Trustees are elected at a meeting of the Trustee Board, usually the AGM.

A charity trustee who has served for three consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a fourth consecutive term but may be reappointed after an interval of at least one year.

The charity trustees are responsible for managing the affairs of the CIO. They also oversee the management and delivery of the Wessex Museums Partnership's National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) programme funded by Arts Council England (ACE). The funding agreement for the NPO is between ACE and Wessex Museums Trust.

The day-to-day operations of the Trust are managed by the CEO and a team of two further central staff members who work across the consortium: a Marketing & Digital Officer and Finance & Admin Assistant. All three posts are funded by a combination of the consortium's NPO grant and partner museum contributions made to the Trust. All staff are employed by Wessex Museums Trust.

The Wessex Museums Trust Board meets 7 times per year. The Board invites an 'observer trustee' from the meeting host when held on site in a partner museum, to ensure engagement with the partner museums' boards. The minutes of the Wessex Museums Trust Board meetings are also distributed to and form a regular agenda item on the boards of each of the partner museums.

Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or financial benefits.

The Wessex Museums Partnership maintains a risk register in respect of delivery of its NPO programme and the charity's affairs. This includes organisational risks in respect of the Wessex Museums Trust as the governance and management body of the NPO. The risk register is reviewed at every Board meeting.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number: 1171104

Principal Office: 4 Cedar Park
Cobham Road
Ferndown Industrial Estate
Wimborne
Dorset
BH21 7SF

Independent Examiner: TC Group
10 Bridge Street
Christchurch
Dorset
BH23 1EF

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

- S E Wills
- A X T Green
- C Dixon
- D W Dawson
- E Dunbar
- F Yeo
- G Coy (resigned 23 May 2024)
- G Smith (resigned 6 February 2025)
- J Dyer
- M Haque (appointed 5 December 2024)
- M Spender (resigned 23 May 2024)

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19.12.2025 and signed on its behalf by:



M Haque
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

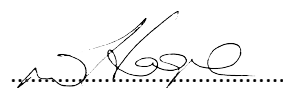
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 19.12.2025 and signed on its behalf by:



M Haque
Trustee

Wessex Museums Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wessex Museums Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wessex Museums Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Wessex Museums Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Wessex Museums Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

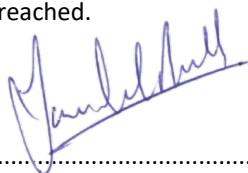
Independent examiner's statement

Since Wessex Museums Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Wessex Museums Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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I M Rodd BSc FCA FCCA
ICAEW

10 Bridge Street
Christchurch
Dorset
BH23 1EF

Date: 9 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	<u>27,500</u>	<u>460,031</u>	<u>487,531</u>	<u>546,674</u>
Total income		<u>27,500</u>	<u>460,031</u>	<u>487,531</u>	<u>546,674</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	<u>(14,405)</u>	<u>(545,608)</u>	<u>(560,013)</u>	<u>(385,404)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(14,405)</u>	<u>(545,608)</u>	<u>(560,013)</u>	<u>(385,404)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>13,095</u>	<u>(85,577)</u>	<u>(72,482)</u>	<u>161,270</u>
Net movement in funds		13,095	(85,577)	(72,482)	161,270
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>43,557</u>	<u>139,805</u>	<u>183,362</u>	<u>22,092</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u><u>56,652</u></u>	<u><u>54,228</u></u>	<u><u>110,880</u></u>	<u><u>183,362</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 15.

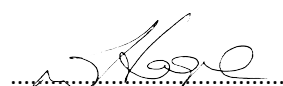
The notes on pages 9 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1171104) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10	963	-	963	2,377
Current assets					
Debtors	11	1,500	4,521	6,021	-
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>77,486</u>	<u>49,707</u>	<u>127,193</u>	<u>198,643</u>
		78,986	54,228	133,214	198,643
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(23,297)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,297)</u>	<u>(17,658)</u>
Net current assets		<u>55,689</u>	<u>54,228</u>	<u>109,917</u>	<u>180,985</u>
Net assets		<u>56,652</u>	<u>54,228</u>	<u>110,880</u>	<u>183,362</u>
Funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds					
Restricted funds				54,228	139,805
Unrestricted income funds					
Unrestricted funds				<u>56,652</u>	<u>43,557</u>
Total funds	15			<u>110,880</u>	<u>183,362</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19.12.2025... and signed on their behalf by:



 M Haque
 Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Legal form

Wessex Museum Trust is a registered CIO in the UK. The entity is for the public benefit and is bound by its constitution. The principal address can be found on page 4 of these statements.

2 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Wessex Museums Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) 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.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

All Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income. The valuation of donated services is not quantified within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Donations and legacies

Donation income is received by way of general grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Investment income

Investment income is included when receivable.

Charitable activities

Income from charitable activities is recognised when the activity that lead to the income takes place.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability incurred. All expenditure is gross of VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as a part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. Direct costs are allocated to such activities and support costs are apportioned as appropriate to delivering charitable activities.

Government grants

Government grants are accounted for when unconditionally due and reasonable assurance can be gained that it will be received. Where funds are received in advance, for a specified period, these funds are deferred and recognised in the period to which they relate. Where funds have not been received in a specific period, these funds will be accrued in debtors and recognised in the period to which they relate. Not all grants received have conditions and performance indicators attached, where this is the case, the income is included within donations. Performance related grants are included within Charitable Activities income.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Donated Services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102), unpaid volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:-

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Computer equipment	3 year straight line

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount. Deferred income is included when the charity has not met the criteria for recognition of the income.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are amounts that have been received with a restriction applied on their use by the donor.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	6,000	10,000
Gift aid reclaimed	1,500	-
Grants, including capital grants;		
Government grants	435,379	479,737
Grants from other charities	44,652	56,937
	<u>487,531</u>	<u>546,674</u>

Grants were received from the following funders:

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Partner Museum contributions	20,000	15,000
NLHF Grant	24,652	39,125
NPO Grant	435,379	435,379
BCP Council funding	-	44,358
AUB - project underspend	-	2,812
	<u>480,031</u>	<u>536,674</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Project costs		165,930	39,824
Charitable activities		275,516	178,953
Staff costs	7	112,348	158,842
Governance costs	5	6,219	7,785
		<u>560,013</u>	<u>385,404</u>

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	2,700	720
Other fees paid to examiners	1,171	3,539
Legal fees	<u>2,348</u>	<u>3,526</u>
	<u>6,219</u>	<u>7,785</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

During the year ended 31 March 2025 three trustees were reimbursed for expenses relating to travel and subsistence totalling £318 (2024: £184).

During the year ended 31 March 2025 one trustee received training paid for by the charity totalling £90 (2024: nil).

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	97,744	138,085
Social security costs	5,242	10,575
Pension costs	9,362	10,182
	<u>112,348</u>	<u>158,842</u>

In the prior year, costs totalling £145,815 relating to contributions to other museums within the charity's partnership were included within the charity's wages expenses. These costs do not relate to payroll expenses of the charity and have therefore been reclassified in the current year to remove them from staff costs and include them in charitable activities cost to more accurately reflect the nature of the expenditure. This change does not impact any figures on the charity's comparative statement of financial activities.

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Head count	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

7 Staff costs (continued)

The key management personnel of the charity is considered to be the Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits (includes gross pay, employer national insurance and employer pension) of the key management personnel of the charity was £55,805 (2024 - £57,600).

The charity operates both a defined benefit and defined contribution pension schemes. The charge to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year is shown above.

Contributions totalling £924 (2024: £2,214) were payable to the schemes at the year end are included in creditors. Further details of the defined benefit pension scheme are given in note 14.

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		62,170	484,504	546,674
Total income		62,170	484,504	546,674
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		(31,028)	(354,376)	(385,404)
Total expenditure		(31,028)	(354,376)	(385,404)
Net income		31,142	130,128	161,270
Net movement in funds		31,142	130,128	161,270
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		12,415	9,677	22,092
Total funds carried forward	15	43,557	139,805	183,362

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	4,240	4,240
At 31 March 2025	4,240	4,240
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	1,863	1,863
Charge for the year	1,414	1,414
At 31 March 2025	3,277	3,277
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	963	963
At 31 March 2024	2,377	2,377

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued income	1,500	-
Other debtors	4,521	-
	6,021	-

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	127,193	198,643

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	17,601	8,924
Other taxation and social security	1,532	2,059
Other creditors	1,464	3,195
Accruals	2,700	3,480
	<u>23,297</u>	<u>17,658</u>

14 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £9,362 (2024 - £10,182).

Defined benefit pension schemes

In 2023 an employee was subject to a TUPE arrangement from Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP) to the Wessex Museum Trust and the employee was part of a defined benefit pension on this transfer. In October 2024, the employee retired on ill health grounds, and this was the last employee in the scheme for Wessex Museum Trust.

An actuarial valuation was independently carried out at the date of cessation on 28th October 2024 to estimate the net liabilities on cessation. The valuation estimated liabilities of between £545,000 and £1,298,000 depending on ongoing or full cessation.

BCP has agreed in principle to take on these pension liabilities as guarantor of the TUPE transfer, in particular the pension liabilities and so no liability is recognised in these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	30,408	7,500	(1,920)	35,988
<i>Designated</i>				
Partner Museum Contributions	13,149	20,000	(12,485)	20,664
Total unrestricted funds	<u>43,557</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>(14,405)</u>	<u>56,652</u>
Restricted funds				
ACE NPO	107,371	435,379	(494,451)	48,299
National Lottery Heritage Fund	22,434	24,652	(45,770)	1,316
Trusts & Foundations - Swire	10,000	-	(5,387)	4,613
	<u>139,805</u>	<u>460,031</u>	<u>(545,608)</u>	<u>54,228</u>
Total funds	<u><u>183,362</u></u>	<u><u>487,531</u></u>	<u><u>(560,013)</u></u>	<u><u>110,880</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

15 Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	11,664	47,170	(28,426)	30,408
<i>Designated</i>				
Partner Museum Contributions	751	15,000	(2,602)	13,149
Total unrestricted funds	<u>12,415</u>	<u>62,170</u>	<u>(31,028)</u>	<u>43,557</u>
Restricted funds				
ACE NPO	8,221	435,379	(336,229)	107,371
National Lottery Heritage Fund	1,456	39,125	(18,147)	22,434
Trusts & Foundations - Swire	-	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>9,677</u>	<u>484,504</u>	<u>(354,376)</u>	<u>139,805</u>
Total funds	<u><u>22,092</u></u>	<u><u>546,674</u></u>	<u><u>(385,404)</u></u>	<u><u>183,362</u></u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Partner Museum Contributions - contributions from partner museums to support agreed programmes.

ACE NPO - Arts Council England grant funding to support agreed partnership programme, including staff costs, operational costs, exhibitions, training & development, etc.

National Lottery Heritage Fund - grant funding for the Bridging the Gap programme to support inclusive engagement practice across the partnership. Includes staff costs, training & development, public programming and evaluation.

Trusts & Foundations - Swire - Funding towards the Un/Common Folk Exhibition.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ending 31 March 2025, nor the prior period year ending 31 March 2024.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
UK Government grants	435,379	479,737
Appeals and donations	6,000	10,000
Grants - other agencies	44,652	56,937
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	1,500	-
	<u>487,531</u>	<u>546,674</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Artistic and cultural spend	(43,413)	(8,677)
Bridging the gap	-	(304)
Connecting with communities	(22,309)	(10,012)
Environmental responsibility	(460)	(110)
Lost and found	(88,076)	(16,736)
Museum opportunities stipend	(72)	(85)
Virtual collections	(4,600)	(3,900)
Collections & Interpretation	(7,000)	-
Staff entertaining (allowable for tax)	(139)	(274)
Depreciation of office equipment	(1,414)	(1,413)
Insurance	(811)	(805)
Postage and stationery	(50)	(131)
Advertising	(6,613)	(3,523)
Licenses and subscriptions	(696)	(470)
Consulting	(1,560)	(8,605)
Staff training	(9,204)	(5,005)
Travel and subsistence	(1,571)	(4,658)
Evaluation	(5,500)	(2,500)
IT setup and annual support costs	(7,049)	(2,958)
Contributions to museums	(238,849)	(145,815)
Sundries	(2,060)	(2,796)
Wages and salaries	(97,744)	(138,085)
Staff NIC (Employers)	(5,242)	(10,575)
Staff pensions (Employers)	(9,362)	(10,182)
Examination of the financial statements	(2,700)	(720)
Other fees paid to examiners	(1,171)	(3,539)
Legal fees	(2,348)	(3,526)
	<u>(560,013)</u>	<u>(385,404)</u>

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