

Trustees' Report for the year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Principal Address: Paradise Park, Avis Way, Newhaven, East Sussex, BN9 0DH

Trustees:

Trustees who served for the whole period	Trustees who served for part of the period
Graham Amy (Chair)	Debbie Evans (co-opted 10 March 2025, elected at AGM 1 April 2025)
William Pilfold (Hon. Secretary)	
Stefan Storoszko (Hon. Treasurer)	Ian Everest served 1.1.2025-1.4..2025 (resigned 1 April 2025)
Jennifer Flood	
David Kent	Cathryn Pearce (co-opted 7 November 2025, elected at AGM 7 April 2026)
Richard Kirkman	
Angela Simmons	

The charity had no advisers in the period. The charity's bankers are HSBC.

Governing document: Constitution as approved at the first AGM 7 February 2019 and amended at the AGM 4 February 2020. The charity is a CIO

Trustees are elected by the members at the AGM in accordance with the constitution but can be co-opted by the existing Trustees prior to election.

The object of the charity is to educate the public in the history of Newhaven and the surrounding area. The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Society's was fully active during 2025. The object was achieved by opening the Newhaven Museum located at Paradise Park Newhaven from April to October, holding 5 lectures on local history open to members and the public throughout the year, and responding to numerous enquiries, received electronically, about local history from members of the public and the press. Considerable work was undertaken in the museum following the award of an 'Unlocking Collections' Arts Council National Lottery Project Grant aimed at opening up our archives and museum to a wider audience. The project funded by the grant concluded on 31 December 2025, having run for two and a half years. A total of 5,697 volunteer hours were recorded over the life of the project; this was in addition to our normal volunteer time stewarding and in administration activities. Work undertaken included, but was not limited to: cataloguing, conserving and digitising artefacts, photographs and documents, refreshing museum displays during its winter closure period and further developing the website, which was redesigned in 2024. Volunteers have been trained in both visual and hearing-impaired awareness. The re-organisation of the museum has allowed us to hold a range of temporary exhibitions and events in the museum. We have also had groups of local primary school children, U3A and other groups visit the museum. We have also held free days for family activities on some bank holidays. As a result of the project and improved publicity, visitor numbers to the museum have increased by 36% and membership by 31%. Our heritage talks have also welcomed higher visitor numbers. We also hosted an artist for the local annual Artwave event and participated in Heritage Open Days.

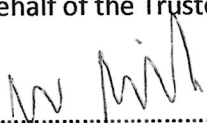
The charity is entirely run by volunteers as trustees and stewards at the museum.

The charity maintains a reserve of c. £20,000 to cover future unseen contingencies such as having to vacate the museum premises, which are provided at a peppercorn rent by a local garden centre. Details of the charity's finances are in the annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The charity's principal sources of funds are members subscriptions, museum and talk admission fees, sales of books etc and donations from individuals and local organisations.

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Will Pilfold, Hon. Secretary 4 June 2026

Treasurer's Report – Financial Year 2025

The 2025 financial year was a busy year with better than average income which was set against higher-than-normal expenditure. There was an increase in income from museum admissions and sales, Hillcrest talks and a small profit from the sale of the Newhaven Times. Membership for the year also increased from the previous year. This helped to offset the cost of continuing museum maintenance and refurbishment and the expensive and time-consuming museum artifact preservation work which is ongoing. The museum electrics including a complete overhaul of the lighting proved expensive but necessary; never-the-less there was a small profit for the year.

The society was able to provide a full programme of talks at the Hillcrest Centre, the Newhaven Museum opened on April 21st, later than usual due to the refurbishment works, closing at the end of October for the winter period. The society was represented at the RNLI fete; we are normally represented at the Denton Challenge, but this year, due to adverse weather condition, the fete had to be cancelled.

In general, 2025 proved a financial success despite the high level of necessary expenditure in the museum. Membership of the society and subscriptions to the Newhaven Times both increased, museum admissions and sales increased (see Curators report) and interest from our bank HSBC (see attached accounts) helped offset the HSBC bank charges. Expenses in 2026 are expected to be lower than in 2025.

A) Current Financial Position General Fund: *(Financial accounts for year attached)*

The Newhaven Historical Society accounts for 2025 has been signed off by our examiner. Excess of income over expenditure for the financial year was £175.35

The society is still subject to bank charges, which are offset favourably by the increase in the interest rate we received on our deposit account. Of course, interest rates fall as well as rise so this may not remain in our favour in the future.

B) Current Financial Position Restricted Fund: *(Financial accounts for year attached)*

The National Lottery Project is nearing completion. All costs have been paid; the Restricted Fund now shows a deficit which we anticipate will be covered by the final payment from the lottery grant in 2026.

C) Extraordinary Expenses:

These include the purchase of two wreaths laid by the society in memory of the Dieppe raid and Remembrance Day. Two new card readers, a new Wi-Fi mic and display boards for museum exhibitions were purchased.

Special mention:

- A thank you to Dees News for their continued support in selling the Newhaven Times.
- The society received a bequest of £500 from the estate of Maurice Balcombe.
- Thank you to the Vietnamese Embassy for their donation of £200.
- Many thanks to our Accounts Examiner, Mr Tony Richardson, who again completed the examination of the society's accounts.

Stefan Storoszko – Honorary Treasurer, Newhaven Historical Society.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Newhaven Historical Society
Registered Charity No. 1171675**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Newhaven Historical Society (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society, 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 Society'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

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 the 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 applicable 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.

Signed



Dated 5 February 2026

A M Richardson, FCCA
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NEWHAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Year Ended 31st December 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>2024</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> £	<u>2024</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u> £	<u>2024 Total</u> £	<u>2025</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> £	<u>2025</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u> £	<u>2025 Total</u> £
INCOME						
Membership fees	1,762.79	-	1,762.79	2,183.11	-	2,183.11
Postage of Newhaven Times	354.23	-	354.23	433.31	-	433.31
Sales of Newhaven Times	875.87	-	875.87	1,057.01	-	1,057.01
Donations	1,666.36	-	1,666.36	1,042.39	-	1,042.39
Bequests and In Memorium donations	-	-	-	500.00	-	500.00
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Museum Admissions	1,668.36	-	1,668.36	2,274.01	-	2,274.01
Sales of postcards, maps ,books, DVDs etc.	1,542.50	-	1,542.50	1,390.40	-	1,390.40
Shop sales via stripe	-	-	-	41.07	-	41.07
Talk admissions	189.49	-	189.49	178.83	-	178.83
Raffle ticket sales (Hillcrest talks)	590.50	-	590.50	676.00	-	676.00
Interest received	983.50	-	983.50	718.46	-	718.46
National Lottery grant	-	14.00	14.00	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	60.93	-	60.93	241.12	-	241.12
Total Income	9,694.53	14.00	9,708.53	10,735.71	-	10,735.71
EXPENDITURE						
Museum gas/electricity/rent	662.70	-	662.70	544.51	-	544.51
Insurance for museum	151.20	-	151.20	151.20	-	151.20
Museum maintenance and refurbishment	251.55	-	251.55	5,631.50	-	5,631.50
Membership of other societies	35.00	-	35.00	45.00	-	45.00
Website costs	169.92	-	169.92	120.00	-	120.00
Museum Artifact Preservation	455.74	-	455.74	218.08	-	218.08
Purchase of postcards, maps, books, DVDs etc.	134.49	-	134.49	710.00	-	710.00
Shop refund via Stripe	20.00	-	20.00	-	-	-
Newhaven Times costs	523.00	-	523.00	555.00	-	555.00
Raffle prizes (Hillcrest talks)	240.80	-	240.80	198.43	-	198.43
Hillcrest Hall hire	249.72	-	249.72	256.04	-	256.04
Hillcrest speakers fees	375.00	-	375.00	203.00	-	203.00
Postage, Stationary&Secretary's/Other Expenses	247.16	-	247.16	523.96	-	523.96
Gifts to long serving and retiring members	95.25	-	95.25	294.98	-	294.98
Museum Exhibitions	-	-	-	238.74	-	238.74
Advertising	125.00	-	125.00	125.00	-	125.00
Bank Charges	107.82	-	107.82	87.56	-	87.56
National Lottery Spend	-	3,525.12	3,525.12	-	25,801.27	25,801.27
Miscellaneous expenses	124.30	-	124.30	657.36	-	657.36
Total Payments	3,968.65	3,525.12	7,493.77	10,560.36	25,801.27	36,361.63
Excess/(Deficit) of Expenditure over Receipts for the year						
	5,725.88	(3,511.12)	2,214.76	175.35	(25,801.27)	(25,625.92)

NEWHAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Year Ended 31st December 2025

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>2024</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2024 Total</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2025 Total</u>
General Fund						
Total funds at 1 January	27,120.37	-	27,120.37	32,846.25	-	32,846.25
Excess/(Deicit) of Income over Expenditure	5,725.88	-	5,725.88	175.35	-	175.35
Contribution to Museum Project Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Project fund costs to General Fund	-	-	-	2,128.09	-	2,128.09
General Fund at Year End	32,846.25	-	32,846.25	35,149.69	-	35,149.69
Museum Project Fund						
National Lottery Grant	-	26,344.39	26,344.39	-	22,833.27	22,833.27
Contribution from Newhaven Historical Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure in the year	-	3,511.12	3,511.12	-	25,801.27	25,801.27
Museum Project Fund at End of Period	-	22,833.27	22,833.27	-	(2,968.00)	(2,968.00)
Total Funds at End of Period	32,846.25	22,833.27	55,679.52	35,149.69	(2,968.00)	32,181.69
Represented by:						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
HSBC Bank Current Account	2,812.84	-	2,812.84	3,607.34	-	3,607.34
Cash in hand and non-cash not banked	224.21	-	224.21	213.42	-	213.42
HSBC Bank Deposit Account	29,809.20	22,833.27	52,642.47	31,328.93	(2,968.00)	28,360.93
	32,846.25	22,833.27	55,660.22	35,149.69	(2,968.00)	32,181.69

Restricted Fund

The money in the Restricted Fund can only be used for the purpose it was granted for. That purpose being the improvement to the Newhaven Historical Society and Museum, the details of which are recorded in the grant application. The grant cannot be used for any other purpose, hence it is known as a restricted fund.

As can be seen the Restricted Fund is in deficit to £2,968.00. On completion of the project there is a final 10% payment to come from the National Lottery grant - the amount being £2,968.00.

* Project Fund repayment to General Fund of share of museum electricity usage, PPS, bank charges and museum lighting upgrade.