



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From		1	April	2023	To	31	March 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Friends of Martello24

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1172376

Charity's principal address

Glenbrook, Rolfe Lane

New Romney

Kent

TN28 8JL

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	Richard Blackwell	Chair		
2	Denise Meyers	Minutes Secretary		
3	Andrew Ashton			
4	Barry Tate			
5	Maureen Vogt			
6	Terence Burton			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Finance & Technology	Adrian Goodsell	Glenbrook, Rolfe Lane, New Romney, TN28 8JL

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)

Appointed by existing Trustees

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.

The Friends of Martello24 work in partnership with English Heritage, who own Martello Tower No.24, to manage the tower and to open Martello Tower No. 24 in Dymchurch to the public on a published regular basis and manage bespoke visits.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the CIO is to advance the education of the public in the history and heritage of Martello Tower No. 24 and other historic buildings in Dymchurch, Kent and the surrounding area in particular but not exclusively by arranging exhibitions, lectures, classes and similar educational activities.

Working in formal partnership with English Heritage, the Friends of Martello24 manage the openings to the public of Martello Tower No.24 in Dymchurch.

The Trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant.

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)

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

1. During the whole of the period, it was only possible to open Dymchurch's Martello Tower 24 to the Public on one day. The reasons for this were:
 - a. a second season of seagulls nesting on the gun deck, which is one of the Tower's main attractions, and,
 - b. English Heritage's failure to clean the inside of the building to the standard necessary for public admission.
2. Our Trustees continued regular maintenance checks of the tower, reporting same to English Heritage.
3. Many concerns about the physical condition of the Tower have also been reported to English Heritage. As last year, we still await their proposals for making good these defects.
4. Due to the efforts of our Trustees, we have managed to avoid seagull nesting in 2024 by a combination of vigilance and netting, which we purchased. English Heritage have recently (August 2024) supplied new netting that should be easier to remove and re-fit on the days that we open.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At present, we do not have any Allocated Reserves. Our Unallocated Reserves are used for running costs, the main items being insurance and equipment for use in the Tower.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

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)



Full name(s)

Richard Charles Blackwell

Position

Chair

Date

16 August 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	Friends of Martello24	No (if any)	1172376
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	51	-	-	51	441
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Retail (Sales)	106	-	-	106	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	157	-	-	157	441
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	157	-	-	157	441
A3 Payments					
Insurance	503	-	-	503	423
Equipment	59	-	-	59	187
Retail (Stock)	-	-	-	-	-
Publicity	-	-	-	-	-
Display Items	-	-	-	-	-
Admin/Sundries	30	-	-	30	-
Website	170	-	-	170	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	762	-	-	762	610
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	762	-	-	762	610
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 605	-	-	- 605	- 169
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,551	-	-	1,551	1,720
Cash funds this year end	946	-	-	946	1,551

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	896	-	-
	Petty Cash	50	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	946	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds 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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
		Richard Blackwell	16/07/2024	