



Margate Museums Trust.

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 to 2025

Introduction.

This report has been prepared for informative purposes to catalogue the work undertaken by the Margate Museums Trust (MMT) during the year 2024 - 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details.

Registered Name of Charity: Margate Museums Trust

Charity Registration Number: 1173031

Charitable Trustees:
Adrian Hughes
Frederick Smith
Felicity Stafford
Amy Waterman

Structure, Governance and Management.

The Margate Museums Trust was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in May 2017. It is governed by a "Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation" with voting members other than its charity trustees ('Association ' Model Constitution) dated September 2016.

Objectives and Activities.

The objectives of the CIO

To benefit the residents and visitors to, the town of Margate by:

- 1 Establishing and maintaining the Margate Museums;
- 2 Advancing education for the public benefit by:
 - (a) organising, preserving and conserving the collection of historic artefacts and
 - (b) developing a greater knowledge and understanding of Margate's heritage through displays, exhibitions and education activities.

VISION STATEMENT: PRESERVE INSPIRE EDUCATE

The Year Past.

At the beginning of May 2024, the Margate Museums Trust was given notice to quit as custodians of the Margate Museum and The Tudor House in Margate. There was very little discussion with members of Thanet District Council or Council Officers who were reluctant to allow the Trust access to collect equipment and information. Various allegations were made that the Trust found were related to events before the Trust was founded in 2014. The Council were informed of this.

The Margate Museum and Tudor House remain closed.

The Trust believes that some effort has been made to repair storm damage to the Museum. This has come from news in the public domain.

From May 2024 to August 2025, The Trust and Trustees spent time on discussing the best way forward. The Chair of Trustees (Mr Robin Haddon) resigned from the role in August 2024. Miss Felicity Stafford took over the role.

At the beginning of 2025, the Trustees decided that the best way forward was to dissolve the Trust. The Chair put together a discussion document on the steps that needed to be followed. The Treasurer undertook to review any possible recipients of the remaining funds held by the Trust. The recipients would be local charities with similar aims to the Trust. This list would be discussed by the Trustees and then once there was agreement - the details would be used to inform the Resolution that was needed.

At the annual General Meeting of the Trust held on 26 August 2025, the Trustees, Members and Volunteers agreed unanimously to the following Resolution.

Agenda Item 4.5

Approval of Resolution of Closure by Volunteers/Members:

The following Resolution of Closure was proposed by the Trustees and agreed unanimously by the members present.

RESOLUTION

In line with the Constitution for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Trustees and Members/Volunteers of the Margate Museums Trust agree unanimously to the dissolution of the Margate Museums Trust.

There is no property to be considered.

All debts have been paid and the Trustees Members/Volunteers agree to donate the remaining fund to organisations with similar aims to the Trust – Preserve, Inspire, Educate. The following organisations have been agreed:

- Margate Civic Society
- Birchington Heritage Trust
- Cliftonville Cultural Space
- Crampton Tower Railway Museum Society**
- Friends of Margate Cemetery Trust
- The Ramsgate Society
- The Margate Caves Community Education Trust
- Windmill Community Gardens Margate
- The Dreamland Trust**

** These two organisations did not respond to Margate Museum Trust's offer of a donation and were removed from the list. This funding was redistributed to the other organisations.

Over the last three months while the Trust has managed to distribute its funding, the closure of the bank account itself has met with difficulties. The Treasurer continues to work on the problem.

The Margate Museums Trust takes some pride in the work that it has undertaken, not only in archiving and looking after exhibits but in all its other work since 2014. This has page included:

- Mounting major exhibitions
- Taking part in Open Heritage Days
- Publishing information on Artefacts of the Month that could be found in the Museum
- Providing space for concerts and plays
- Providing lectures for the people of Margate
- Working with the Community and Schools
- Working with groups such as the Thanet Volunteer Hub project
- Helping information seekers
- Linking with other groups such as "The Wheels of Time" and the Association of Independent Museums.

THANKS:

The Trustees would like to take the opportunity to thank the Members and Volunteers for their hard work and support over the past ten years. The Museum and Tudor House could not have continued to run without them.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Margate Museum Trust
(Charity no. 1173031)

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2024


To

Period end date
31/12/2024

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					
Bank deposit				-	
Margate Museum					
Ticket Sales				-	3,282
Merchandise	732			732	1,844
Donations	4			4	
Turdor House				-	
Ticket Sales				-	
Merchandise				-	
Donations	-			-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	736	-	-	736	4,216
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	736	-	-	736	4,216
A3 Payments					
Advertisement & PR	127	-	-	127	622
Cleaning		-	-	-	178
Donations		-	-	-	100
Equipment expensed	51	-	-	51	1,636
Motor Expenses		-	-	-	40
Postage, publications and stationary	819			819	720
Telephone	186			186	979
Wages & salaries	425			425	394
Travel & subsistence				-	611
Repairs and service charges	575			575	853
Other legal & professional	2,224	-	-	2,224	2,376
Sundry	500	-	-	500	144
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,907	-	-	4,907	7,198
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tangible & intangible assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,907	-	-	4,907	7,198
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,171	-	-	- 4,171	2,982
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,557	-	-	25,557	
Cash funds this year end	21,385	-	-	21,385	34,259

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand		-	-
	Cash at bank	21,385		-
		-	-	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
	Stock			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Amount due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Adrian Hughes	14/03/2025	



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