

BERWICK BARRACKS HERITAGE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

BERWICK BARRACKS HERITAGE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the Year ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the CIO's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)".

Objects and Activities

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Arts, Culture, Education and Heritage, in particular by the preservation and promotion of Berwick Barracks as a centre celebrating the history and heritage of Berwick-upon-Tweed and its surrounding area and as a focus for artistic and cultural activities, and through such other activities as the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

Throughout the year under review, the Trustees have continued to promote these objects by working in partnership with other organisations to develop detailed plans for re-vitalising Berwick Barracks as a key element in Berwick's overall cultural, heritage and tourism 'offer'.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

In our last Annual Report, we referred to work being carried out by the Berwick Barracks Partnership following the award to English Heritage in 2019 of a Resilient Heritage grant. The purpose of the grant by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) was to enable the Partners to develop firm proposals for the sustainable redevelopment of the Barracks site. Large and complex, the site is of national significance, having been built between 1718 and 1721 to designs by the celebrated architect, Nicholas Hawksmoor. Grade 1 listed, it is among the first purpose-built barracks in England and became a model for other barracks which followed.

In the event, the Covid-19 pandemic meant that it was not possible for the work undertaken with the assistance of the NLHF grant to be completed before the end of March 2021. However, its completion at that point not only laid the groundwork for the preparation of a business plan for the site's complete redevelopment but has enabled the Partners involved to:

- Review and assess the collections either already held on the site or prospectively to be held there.
- Review and understand the conservation considerations which need to be borne in mind as redevelopment plans are being prepared.
- Understand the considerations relevant to decisions soon to be made about the sustainable future management of the site.

As a member of the Barracks Partnership, the Trust has been closely involved – in particular, through its chairman – in this work, from the outset.

The work undertaken has also enabled the Partners to agree a Statement outlining their shared vision for the future of the site (under the title ‘The Living Barracks’) and a Memorandum of Understanding setting out their shared objectives and their expectations one of another as the next stages of the project unfold. As these two documents were finalised early in August 2021, they will be referred to at greater length in the Trustees’ next report but information about the Partners’ vision for the future of the Barracks can be found on the visit Berwick Barracks pages of the English Heritage website.

As 2021 marks the 300th anniversary of the opening of the Barracks, the Trust decided to mark this by undertaking the preparation of a History of and Guide to Berwick Barracks. This tells the story of the building of the Barracks and their subsequent development over the past 300 years, as well as of the changing relationship between the occupants of the Barracks and the town. The Trust has also assisted the planned publication of a wider Guide to the County of Northumberland, which will include significant material about Berwick and the Barracks. The first of these publications was published in September 2021 and the second, the county-wide Guide, is expected to appear by the end of 2022.

The next 12-24 months seem likely to see a considerable increase in activity relating to the planned redevelopment of the Barracks. This will focus on the growing pace of the redevelopment project and include the appearance of the two publications previously mentioned. The Trust will continue to play an active part in all these developments, not just as a reflection of its charitable objects but in the wider interests of the people of Berwick.

Financial Review

As the current phase of work has been funded by a combination of the Resilient Heritage Grant awarded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and a substantial contribution by English Heritage, it was not necessary for the Trustees of the Berwick Barracks Heritage Trust either to appeal for additional funds or to expend, in the course of 2020-21, any of the funds already held by the Trust for the purposes of the charity. These funds continue to be held for future use in connection with the Trust’s objects. However, the receipt of some initial donations to help fund the two publications mentioned in the preceding section of this report is reflected in the accounts appended to the report.

Structure, Governance and Management

The CIO was established by a constitution dated 18 April 2017.

Mr Stuart Bankier was appointed a Trustee and the Treasurer of the Trust during the year under review. Mr Jonathan Lang was re-appointed for a second three year term, i.e. to April 2023.

Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and do not receive any remuneration. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the terms of the constitution.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Sir Philip Mawer (Chair)

Mr Stuart Martin Bankier (Treasurer)

Mr Julien George Lake

Mr Jonathan Mark Lang.

This Trustees' report has been approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on the Board's behalf by -



Stuart Martin Bankier

Trustee

Dated: 10th December 2021



Sir Philip Mawer

Trustee

Dated: 10th December 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BERWICK BARRACKS HERITAGE TRUST

I have examined the accounts for Berwick Barracks Heritage Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021 and, in my opinion, they represent a true reflection of the financial position of the Trust at that date.

There are no matters which I need to draw to the attention of The Trustees.

Signed.....

Full Name.....ROBERT IAN GUTHRIE

Dated.....10th December 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31st March 2021

	Year Ending 31st March 2021	Year Ending 31st March 2020
Incoming Resources		
Grants	0	0
Voluntary Income	0	0
Shell Guide	7,750	0
Shell Guide Gift Aid	938	0
Total Income	8,688	0
 Resources Expended		
Shell Guide	0	0
Other Charitable Activities	0	0
Governance Costs	0	0
Total Expenditure	0	0
 Surplus for the Year	8,688	0

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	Year Ending 31 st March 2021	Year Ending 31 st March 2020
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	52,790	45,040
Debtors	938	0
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
Total Assets	53,728	45,040

Represented by

Unrestricted Funds	Barracks	45,040	45,040
	Shell Guide	8,688	0
Restricted Funds		0	0
Total Funds		53,728	45,040