

BERWICK BARRACKS HERITAGE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees:

Stuart Bankier – appointed 24 January 2021
John Elliott – appointed 24 March 2022
Julien Lake – re-appointed 24 March 2022
Jonathan Lang – re-appointed 10 March 2020
Sir Philip Mawer – reappointed 26 May 2021
Scott Sherrard – appointed 24 March 2022

Charity Number:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the Year ended 31 March 2022

The Trust includes among its objects “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”. The year under review has seen significant progress towards the achievement of that aim.

300th Anniversary of the Opening of Berwick Barracks

Berwick Barracks are among the first purpose-built Barracks in England. Covering an extensive site within the town's Elizabethan ramparts, they were built between 1718 and 1721 to original designs by the renowned architect, Nicholas Hawksmoor, and were occupied by the end of July 1721. The past year therefore saw the Barracks celebrate their 300th anniversary.

Unfortunately, continuing restrictions imposed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic meant that the Trust's intention of joining with other partners in a series of events on the site to mark this anniversary had to be abandoned. Nonetheless, we were delighted to be able to proceed with the publication of “*Berwick Barracks: A History and Guide*” which was launched at a reception in October 2021 attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Berwick and other civic and local leaders.

In a sign both of the strong local attachment to the Barracks and of the considerable talent within the local community, we were greatly encouraged that this publication – the first exclusively about the Barracks, which also covers the relationship of its occupants with the town – was written, designed, edited and printed in Berwick. We are indebted to all who contributed their time and talents to the project in any way, and in particular to the Lough Fund at the Community Foundation, Tyne and Wear and Northumberland, which awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of its production. Further financial details about the publication can be found in the attached Accounts of the Trust.

This beautifully illustrated book has been well received and is selling steadily. Any profits that may in time be made from its sale will go towards the continued achievement of the Trust's objects. The research undertaken by the book's author, Dr Stephen Platten, has also helpfully informed a number of talks which have since been given by Trustees to local groups, highlighting the history and significance of the Barracks.

In our last Annual Report, we mentioned a second planned publication, a wider Guide to the County of Northumberland, which will of course also contain significant material relating to Berwick and its Barracks. Work on this Guide – also written by Dr Platten – has proceeded as planned and it is currently expected to be formally launched in September 2022. During the past year, the Lough Fund of the Community Foundation, Tyne and Wear and Northumberland, also kindly donated £2,000 towards the production of this publication.

A Vision for a ‘Living Barracks’

Throughout 2021-22 the Trust continued the main thrust of its activities, working alongside other partners to develop plans and secure funding for the comprehensive redevelopment of the Barracks as a cultural and heritage hub which will not only serve local residents but assist the growth of tourism and thus the economic regeneration of Berwick and its surrounding area. As one of the initiators of this project, the Chair of the Trust continued to represent it on the Barracks Partnership Group, which also brought together English Heritage Trust (EHT), the Kings Own Scottish Borderers Association, Museums Northumberland, Northumberland County Council (NCC) and the Maltings (Berwick) Trust to forward this work.

In August 2021, the Partners published their Vision for the redevelopment of the Barracks site as a mixed use, residential and cultural complex¹. Further details of this are available on the EHT website at <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/berwick-upon-tweed-barracks-and-main-guard/new-vision-for-berwick-barracks/> The Trust was represented along with other Partners at a consultation event held during that month to introduce the proposals to the local community. The proposals have generally been well-received.

The bulk of the resources needed for this phase of the redevelopment project was provided by a Resilient Heritage grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, together with assistance in kind provided by English Heritage. Nonetheless, thanks to the generosity of the Berwick Guild of Freeman and others, the Trust was pleased to be able to provide additional funding of some £12,875 which enabled the completion of an application for substantial initial development funding to the Government’s Cultural Development Fund, administered by the Arts Council.

We were delighted to learn in March 2022 that a grant of £4.2 million had been awarded to the Barracks Partnership. Together with £1.1 million of Borderlands funding given by Northumberland County Council as part of the planned redevelopment of the Maltings Theatre in Berwick², this represents a very significant step towards realising the long-held dream of many in Berwick for a substantive redevelopment of the Barracks site.

¹ Museums Northumberland withdrew from the Partnership shortly before these proposals were published.

² This important contribution will enable the refurbishment of the Mobilisation store in the Barracks as a temporary cinema during the redevelopment of the Maltings Theatre site. Once the temporary cinema is no longer required, the building will be converted for use as an archive store by the Berwick Records Office.

While further substantial funding will be necessary to enable the redevelopment of the whole site, tangible progress can now be made. It is expected that the result of an application for additional funding to enable the redevelopment of the non-residential elements of the site will become known shortly.

Implications for the Future of the Trust

As the plans for redevelopment of the Barracks move towards realisation, Trustees have reviewed the implications for the role of the Trust and how it can best continue to contribute to this shared goal. As the Trust is neither a current nor prospective tenant on the Barracks site, they have concluded, following consultation with the other Partners mentioned earlier, that it would not be appropriate for the Trust to continue as a member of the Barracks Partnership Board which is charged with the operational delivery of the project but should participate flexibly as appropriate in the various teams which will be set up under the Board's oversight to drive forward particular aspects of the project. Trustees will also seek to continue their role in helping to articulate and engage local interest and involvement in the project as it develops.

Following this transition to a new phase in the life of the Trust, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the likely skill requirements of the Board and other practical implications for the Trust. At the end of the year under review, it took steps to strengthen the Board with the appointment of two additional Trustees for an initial term of three years until March 2025, both of whom bring new and highly relevant skills and experience to their role. In the coming period the Trust also plans, following consultation with Partners, to develop the charity's website and the other communications and publicity resources it will need to ensure that it can meet any new demands which may be placed upon it.

Financial Report

During the past year the Trust continued to receive donations to fund the two publications mentioned earlier. In addition to expenditure incurred in relation to their production, and as already mentioned, the Trust expended £12,875 to help complete preparation of the business case which led to the award of £4.2 million from the Cultural Development Fund also mentioned earlier in this report. Details of all income received and of expenditure by the Trust can be found in the Accounts appended to this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

During the year under review, approval was confirmed for the re-appointment of Sir Philip Mawer as a Trustee for a further term of 3 years until 2024 and for the re-appointment of Mr Julien Lake for a further 3 years until March 2025. Additionally, at a meeting of the Trustees on 27 March 2022, Mr John Elliott and Mr Scott Sherrard were also appointed as Trustees for an initial period of 3 years.

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

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



Stuart Martin Bankier

Trustee

Dated: 12th August 2022



Sir Philip Mawer

Trustee

Dated: 12th August 2022

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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 2022 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.....12th August 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31st March 2022

	Year Ending 31st March 2022	Year Ending 31st March 2021
Incoming Resources		
Sales of Barracks Books	953	0
Shell Guide	3,100	7,750
Shell Guide Gift Aid	124	938
Grant: Community Foundation	5,000	0
Total Income	<u>9,177</u>	<u>8,688</u>
Resources Expended		
Barracks Books	(4,684)	0
Shell Guide	(359)	0
English Heritage	(12,875)	0
Other Charitable Activities	0	0
Governance Costs	0	0
Total Expenditure	<u>(17,918)</u>	<u>0</u>
(Loss) / Surplus for the Year	(8,741)	8,688

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	Year Ending 31st March 2022	Year Ending 31st March 2021
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	44,987	52,790
Debtors	0	938
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
Total Assets	<u>44,987</u>	<u>53,728</u>
Represented by:		
Unrestricted Funds		
Barracks	31,434	45,040
Shell Guide	13,553	8,688
Restricted Funds	0	0
Total Funds	<u>44,987</u>	<u>53,728</u>