FRIENDS OF KILLHOPE

England & Wales · Charity number 1173789

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-07-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	High Green Dyke Allendale Hexham Northumberland NE47 9AW
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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE AREA OF THE NORTH PENNINES IN THE HISTORY OF LEAD MINING AND MINERAL EXTRACTION, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A) CO-OPERATING WITH AND ASSISTING DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL, HISTORICAL AND HERITAGE ORGANISATIONS AND THE PUBLIC IN THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE MUSEUM AT KILLHOPE AND OTHER SITES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST CONNECTED WITH THE INDUSTRY. (A) PROMOTING RESEARCH INTO SUBJECTS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY AND PUBLISHING THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT. (B) ACQUIRING, REPAIRING, RENOVATING, RESTORING, REBUILDING AND GENERALLY PROMOTING THE PRESERVATION OF ANY BUILDINGS, LAND OR ARTEFACTS CONNECTED WITH THE INDUSTRY. (C) MAKING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS ARE NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO VIEW AND ENJOY ANY BUILDINGS CONNECTED WITH THE INDUSTRY (WHETHER FREE OR AT CHARGE.) (D) PUBLISHING BOOKS, PAPERS, REPORTS AND OTHER LITERATURE.

Activities: We educate the public in the area of the North Pennines in the history of mineral extraction and work to preserve, protect, and develop sites of historical interest connected with the industry and in particular, and for the public benefit, co-operate with and assist Durham County Council in the preservation, protection and development and improvement of the museum at Killhope.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Cumbria
- Durham
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,950	£1,275	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,589	£862	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,341	£1,600	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,519	£1,327	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,383	£1,108	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MRS JACKIE HAMER		2018-06-16
MRS MARGARET GRAHAM		2018-06-16
MRS PAM FORBES		2018-06-16
Maria McArdle		2022-06-21
Michael John Drummond Cave		2022-06-21

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Trustee Report, 2024-25

It has been a fairly quiet year for the Friends this year, but a few things have finally come to fruition.

As you are aware, we have been looking for a new home for our archives, one that is safe and accessible. We are pleased to tell you that it is now securely stored at The Storey in Durham. It took three Killhope staff five hours to transfer it downstairs (a very big thank you to them) and then two men half an hour to put it onto six pallets to be transported in a van to Durham. It is great to know that it is now safely stored for future researchers to use. A huge thank you goes to Margaret Graham who has worked tirelessly, building up, indexing and then overseeing its transfer to The Storey. Thank you also goes to those who have helped in any way with the archives, it is a wonderful resource for future generations to use.

Some progress has also been made on our website. Thanks to Mike Cave we have now found a new web designer, Neil Burnett, who is helping us plan a site that we feel will be most useful to members and non-members alike. It is a slow process and there seems to be lots to learn but we are getting there. Mike is doing a great job and we are confident it will be up and running in the near future. Thank you Mike.

The photograph exhibition at St John's Chapel was a great success and enjoyed an excellent turn out, many people reminiscing and talking about family members. Some very useful information and lovely stories were shared.

The 'What did you do at school today' exhibition is still available to see at the Heritage Centre in Allenheads. It is well worth a visit if you have not already been to take a look. It has been very well received by locals and visitors alike.

We also have some sad news. Sadly Bill Heyes died earlier this year. He was a long standing Friend of Killhope and recently a committee member. He willingly gave his time, expertise and commitment. He is a very sad loss.

Unfortunately John Sheppard is standing down from the committee, we will certainly miss his calm and reasoned manner. He would like to pass the editorship of the newsletter into new hands and is willing to help with the handover, so please consider if this is something you could do. John will collate the September issue but we need a willing volunteer moving forward. We want to thank John for all the work he has done as a Friend of Killhope. John was part of the first working party to start Killhope on its journey to where it is today and he has been a steadfast supporter throughout that journey. He and Jane, his wife, are very familiar faces at Killhope. We wish him and Jane well and hope to see him at Killhope in the future. The coffee will be on us!

Finally, as you all know, Killhope closed last year for some major refurbishment to take place and was due to open for the new season in 2025. Unfortunately it has not all gone to plan and Killhope is still closed. The only information we have is that no opening date is confirmed. We can only hope that it is sooner rather than later.

We look forward to visiting a renewed and improved Killhope soon.

Treasurer's Report FoK 2024/25 AGM 14th June 2025

Expenditure

£388 was spent on the transcription of tapes of Miners' recordings of their memories. These will be included in future Newsletters. An exhibition at St John's Chapel in October 2024 cost ££173 for hire of the hall and for reproduction of photographs.

There was an increase in the cost of insurance from £96 to £285 as previous cover was insufficient for the mineral specimens in particular on display and stored at Killhope Museum. We will arrange a fresh valuation of the Assets once the Museum reopens.

Durham have arranged the printing and circulation of the newsletters which has resulted in a considerable saving.

Income

There was an 11% increase in subscription income for the year. Bank interest more than doubled as a result of the increase in interest rates.

No claims were submitted for Gift Aid, but these can be backdated for 4 years. I will try to find time to submit a claim this year.

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There was a surplus of £674 for the year a decrease of £1,053 from last year which benefited from 4 years backdated Gift Aid claims providing income of £1,113.

£2,000 was transferred to the deposit account with United Trust Bank in October. There was no change in the Asset values but these will be

revalued for insurance purposes as soon as conditions at the Museum permit.

The accounts have been audited on a pro bono basis.

Subscriptions

As the Charity is financially stable there is no need to increase subscriptions. As most people pay by standing order on 1st January any increase would be logistically demanding.

Future Projects

The upgrade of the website friendsofkillhope.org is being discussed with Neil Burnett Design. This company is based in Kendal. His initial estimate of cost was about £3,000 compared to £4,000 for a company in the South. The area of most technical difficulty is the search facility for the Newsletters. The intention is to put all 100+ of them on the website as pdfs and allow searching by keywords. Only the most recent newsletters would be excluded to give Members a benefit as the search would be open to all.

The problem is devising a system to take the user to the correct page of the selected newsletter. Neil has discussed this with developers and has quoted £5,500 +VAT for the search. This was discussed and felt to be too high, also required manual checking of text documents. The original word and word perfect documents maybe available which would overcome the problem of the inaccurate scans.

Another alternative is to use AI to provide a list of keywords and provide links to the appropriate part of the pdf.

Seven thousand pounds has been placed on withdrawal from the 40 day notice account with UTB to cover the expected expenditure.

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Trustee Report, 2023-24

Another busy year for the Friends of Killhope committee

Unfortunately Bill Heyes resigned from the committee for personal reasons, we would like to thank him for all the hard work that he did for the Friends, in particular helping with our new website. He was instrumental in its development and we are very grateful that he gave us his time and expertise. Thank you Bill.

The newsletters have been great this year, thanks to the hard work and commitment of John Sheppard, our newsletter editor. We have had some interesting and informative articles. We are grateful to all the contributors to the newsletter this year and we encourage new offers of articles. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

Our treasurer, Mike Cave, has worked tirelessly to secure back dated Gift Aid. The committee would like to thank him for this work. He is doing a splendid job and we are grateful for his willingness to persist in these matters.

Our exhibition, which was planned for last year, is now being displayed at Allenheads Trust Heritage Centre. It is formally open today so please go along and have a look. Ian Forbes has done a great job, it is exciting to see it in place. It is entitled 'What did you do at school today?' and tells the story of the children of the lead miners and their many accomplishments. It is well worth a visit.

Our archives are ready to move to Sevenhills at Spennymoor but arranging their transportation is proving to be a little challenging. Hopefully it will happen this year ready for Killhope to reopen next season.

We are presently collaborating with Rick Smith on a publication about fluorspar mining. We hope to display the photographs at St John's Chapel on 12th October, followed by Allenheads at a later date. The exhibition is aimed at visitors and locals alike. The intention being to stimulate interest, learn more about individuals on the photographs and maybe discover more pictures for the publication. Pencil it into your diaries.

Finally, as you will know, Killhope Museum is closed this season to allow major refurbishment to take place in many areas of the site. This is exciting times for Killhope and we hope the work is swift and without problems to allow for a grand opening in 2025.

We look forward to another busy year.

Friends Of Killhope Accounts					
Year Ending		**Mar-23**		**Mar-24**	**Change**
Current Account					
Opening	£	4,497.01	£	17,053.35	
Closing	£	17,053.35	£	3,780.39	
Increase	£	12,556.34			
Income	£	1,341.34	£	2,589.00	£ 1,247.66
Transfer	-£	12,847.67	£	15,000.00	
Expenditure	£	1,600.68	£	861.96	-£ 738.72
Change	-£	259.34	**£**	**1,727.04**	£ 1,986.38
Deposit					
Opening	£	12,815.68	£	-	
Interest	£	31.99			
TRF +/- Current	-£	12,847.67	£	15,000.00	
Closing	£	-	£	15,000.00	
CASH at BANK	£	17,053.35	£	18,780.39	
Change			**£**	**1,727.04**	
Income					
Interest	£	31.99	£	229.23	£ 197.24
Donations	£	66.00	£	36.00	-£ 30.00
Gift Aid	£	-	£	1,112.68	£ 1,112.68
Book sale	£	40.85	£	123.60	£ 82.75
Subs	£	1,202.50	£	1,087.49	-£ 115.01
Total Income	**£**	**1,341.34**	**£**	**2,589.00**	£ 1,247.66
Expenditure					
Insurance	£	96.00	£	96.00	£ -
Website	£	820.39	£	60.00	-£ 760.39
Bank Charges	£	69.20	£	65.20	-£ 4.00
Postage	£	194.70	£	5.32	-£ 189.38
Printing	£	152.00	£	615.44	£ 463.44
Fees	£	234.00	£	-	-£ 234.00
Events	£	-	£	-	£ -
Subs	£	20.00	£	20.00	£ -
Zoom	£	14.39	£	-	-£ 14.39
TFR			£	15,000.00	
Total Expenses	**£**	**1,600.68**	**£**	**861.96**	
Change	**-£**	**259.34**	**£**	**1,727.04**	£ 1,986.38

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Trustee Report, 2022-2023

The Friends of Killhope have enjoyed a strong committee this year with several new members, all taking a positive and active role. Thanks goes to our new members who have worked hard this year. Mike Cave responded to our plea for a Treasurer and has agreed to join us, he has worked tirelessly to update our bank accounts and move us into the 21st Century. We thank him for his patience, resilience and commitment with this.

Our new website is coming along nicely, Edward Robson has set this up for us. Thank you has to go to Bill Heyes and Ian Forbes for their work in liaising with Edward over this. John Sheppard has agreed to become our 'webmaster', so another thank you must go to him for taking on this role. John is also our Newsletter Editor and is doing a sterling job in this vital role, contributions to the newsletter are always very welcome.

Several volunteers have catalogued and prepared the archives, not including the minerals, for transfer to Sevenhills where they will be stored safely. We are now awaiting DCC to arrange their transport. Brian Young has carried out some extensive work producing the condition reports for the minerals but the final version of the report format has yet to be determined. Regrettably, Brian has decided to resign from the committee. We thank him for his many years' service to the FoK, his expertise has been invaluable and his willingness to help wherever possible has been very much appreciated. In addition to this, Brian has also helped train many members of staff at Killhope about the mine and minerals. The handout he wrote many years ago is still seen as the 'bible' by Killhope staff. So thank you very much Brian, we will miss your skills, knowledge and little quips.

The delayed children's school work exhibition which was originally planned for the 2022 season is now ready to be printed but unfortunately Killhope does not have the exhibition space for it this year. We are hoping Allenheads Trust will be able to display it at the heritage centre, which aligns with their objectives.

We are also working closely with Allenheads Trust to produce a leaflet suggesting walks between Allenheads and Killhope. This is a long term project but it is an exciting development, and links the historical features of the two valleys.

We have been invited to take part in the Alston Moor Historical Society's Golden Jubilee Exhibition, on Saturday 15th and Sunday16th July in Alston Town Hall. This is a lovely event, please join us between 11am and 4pm, any offers of help manning the table would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you must also go to Maria McArdle for allowing us to use the yurt today and for providing some lovely refreshments. Thank you Maria.

So, to sum up, we have had a busy and productive year and are looking forward to what promises to be an equally exciting year ahead.

Friends of Killhope
Year ended 31st March 2023
Statement of Financial Position

	2023	2022
Opening Balance		
Current Account	4,497	4,191
Deposit Account	12,816	12,814
Interest		9
Cash		107
Assets	69,836	69,836
	87,149	86,957
Income less Expenditure	(259)	192
Purchases of Assets		0
Closing Balance	86,890	87,149
Represented by		
Current Account	17,053	4,497
Deposit Account	0	12,816
Assets	69,836	69,836
	86,890	87,149
Assets(Net Cost)		
Spar Boxes	11,700	11,700
Book Stock	1,400	1,400
Laptop	1,759	1,759
Mineral Display	27,000	27,000
Stairlift	12,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	328	328
Deposit on Mineral Collection	5,000	5,000
Cabinets	2,600	2,600
Hudgill Silver Cake Basket	6,050	6,050
Silver Snuffer Tray	2,000	2,000
	69,836	69,836

I have examined these accounts and believe them to be a true and fair records, based on the information provided.

Jian Brewer

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13/04/2023

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Trustee Report, 2021 - 2022.

On the whole, The Friends of Killhope have made a great deal of progress this year and are continuing to move forward with positivity. However, unfortunately Margaret and Alec Manchester have resigned from the committee due to Margaret's ill health, we wish them both well and thank them for their hard work and commitment over the years, in particular Margaret who has been a committee member for many years, as treasurer and then as chair.

On a positive note, we are moving towards transferring our archives from Killhope Museum to Sevenhills, we have almost completed the condition reports on our minerals and other acquisitions. This will free up much needed space at the museum and will allow the archives to be stored safely and securely . We had hoped this would be completed last year but Storm Arwen caused damage at Killhope and prevented access to the museum. In addition The Friends of Killhope have put together a temporary exhibition based on the Beaumont Schools and a selection of children's work from that period. We are grateful to Matthew Hamer for his input in designing the graphics for the information boards. These will be on display at Killhope this season and then loaned out to other venues. Brian Young and Ian Forbes have worked extremely hard to make these things happen. Thank you to them. We are also looking forward to possibly working with Allenheads Trust on a mutually beneficial project. Watch this space.

Newsletters have gone out promptly and have contained many interesting articles. We are always looking for more contributions. Thanks must go to John Sheppard for his sterling work on these.

Unfortunately Linda Brown, our treasurer is also resigning today, we thank her for everything she has done too, especially the extra work she did during the successful campaign to save Groverake head frame.

As we move on, we look forward to transferring archives to Sevenhill and installing the Beaumont School display, supporting Killhope Museum in any way we can and further developing our relationship to enable Killhope to continue to grow.

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Income and Expenditure Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2022

	2022		*2021*	
Income				
Bank Interest	1		*7*	
Grants and Donations	96		*176*	
Other Income				
Sale of Books	133		*31*	
Subs received	1289		*1169*	
		1519		*1383*
Expenditure				
Insurance	96		*89*	
Website	187		*570*	
Bank Charges	40		*4*	
Postage and Delivery	144		*215*	
Printing and Reproduction	176			
Professional Fees	644		*210*	
Projects and Events	20			
Subscriptions	20		*20*	
		1327		*1108*
Surplus of income over expenditure		192		*275*

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Reconcilliation/ Statement of Assets as at 31st March 2022

	£
Opening Balance	
Current Account	4191.00
Deposit Account	12814.00
Bond	9.00
Cash	107.00
Assets	69836.00
	86957.00
VAT due to HMRC	
	86957.00
Income less Expenditure	192.00
Purchase of Assets	0.00
Closing Balance	87149.00
Represented by	
Current Account	4497.00
Deposit Account	12816.00
Cash	0.00
Assets	69836.00
	87149.00
Cheques not cashed	0.00
VAT due to HMRC	0.00
	87149.00
Assets (Net Cost)	
Spar Boxes	11,700.00
Book Stock	1,400.00
Laptop	1,758.79
Mineral Display	27,000.00
Stairlift	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	327.59
Deposit on Mineral Collection	5,000.00
Cabinets	2,600.00
Hudgill Silver Cake Basket	6,050.00
Silver Snuffer Tray	2,000.00
	69,836.38

Note: All figures are net of VAT

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17 June 2022

Gregg Storey F.C.A.

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The year 2020 was a difficult year for us all, with government restrictions and lockdowns, as well as fear of the disease itself. It was a difficult year for the Friends of Killhope too.

We were unable to produce our regular newsletters. They are printed at County Hall, Durham, and the Council's print room was closed.

A Weardale spar box came up at auction in Nottingham last October. The committee thought it would fit well with our collection. Unfortunately, it sold at a higher price than we had agreed to bid and we were unable to secure it.

At the end of 2020, Durham County Council informed us that no progress had been made with the repairs. They were still waiting for the survey to be done. They hoped to open part of the site for summer 2021, obviously depending on government restrictions at that time, visitor safety, etc.

Over the winter, Margaret Manchester, Chair of the Trustees, designed and published a new website for the Friends. The website address is www.friendsof killhope.org

The Friends received several requests from researchers asking for permission to use photographs from our archives in their publications, to which we agreed.

We are very sad to announce that our former chairman, Dick Graham, passed away in February after a short illness. Dick had been a charity trustee for the Friends for many years and Killhope was an important part of his life. He will be hugely missed by all of us.

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Income and Expenditure Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2021

	2021		*2020*	
Income				
Bank Interest	7		*26*	
Grants and Donations	176		*36*	
Sale of Books	31		*7*	
Subs received	1,169		*1,437*	
		1,383		*1,506*
Expenditure				
Insurance	89		*313*	
Website	570		-	
Paypal Charges	4		*5*	
Postage and Delivery	215		*509*	
Printing and Reproduction	-		*239*	
Professional Fees	210		*210*	
Room Hire	-		*10*	
Stationery	-		*29*	
Subscriptions	20		*84*	
		1,108		*1,399*
Surplus of income over expenditure		275		*107*

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Reconcilliation/ Statement of Assets as at 31st March 2021

	£
Opening Balance	
Current Account	3,382
Deposit Account	12,807
Paypal	340
Cash	107
Assets	69,836
	86,473
VAT due to HMRC	
	86,473
Income less Expenditure	275
Purchase of Assets	-
Closing Balance	86,747
Represented by	
Current Account	4,191
Deposit Account	12,814
Paypal	9
Cash	107
Assets	69,836
	86,957
Cheques not cashed	210
	86,747

Assets (Net Cost)	
Spar Boxes	11,700.00
Book Stock	1,400.00
Laptop	1,758.79
Mineral Display	27,000.00
Stairlift	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	327.59
Deposit on Mineral Collection	5,000.00
Cabinets	2,600.00
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20 July 2021