



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2024		31	December	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	THE ARCHIVE OF MICROCARS
Other names charity is known by	(1) THE REGISTER OF UNUSUAL MICROCARS (2) RUMCARS
Registered charity number (if any)	1177304
Charity's principal address	2 RIDLANDS GROVE LIMPSFIELD CHART, OXTED SURREY Postcode RH8 0ST

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	CHRIS THOMAS	(1) CHAIRMAN (2) TREASURER (3) REGISTER DATABASE MANAGER (4) DVLA LIAISON		
2	MALCOLM PARKER	(1) ARCHIVIST (2) WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR		
3	MACOLM DUDLEY	EXHIBITION DISPLAY COORDINATOR		
4	NICK HADDON	CLUB LIAISON		
5	JOE CURL	SECRETARY		

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

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)	APPOINTMENT

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.

2024 was our seventh year of operation as a charity.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The major objective of the charity is to provide educational material to the world at large on the subject of Microcars. We hold and preserve an archive of documents and images that were collected or donated over many years by the Register of Unusual Microcars, which was our predecessor organisation, and which now forms part of the archive. We continue to publish the quarterly magazine *RumCar News*.

Malcolm Parker took over from Chris Thomas as Archivist at the beginning of 2022. In March 2022, we were informed that the present site of the physical Archive building in Kent was to be sold. Over the next few months, considerable work was done to identify a new site, closer to Malcolm Parker's home in Somerset. A suitable site was located just outside Frome and, on 7 July 2022, the two conjoined climate-controlled shipping containers that house the Archive were transported on the back of a lorry to its new home.

It was agreed at the 2022 AGM that from 1 January 2023 responsibility for the management of the Register database and DVLA liaison would move to Chris Thomas from Malcolm Dudley, and Malcolm Dudley would become responsible for Exhibit Display Coordination. These changes duly occurred.

Throughout 2024 the Archivist has continued with the work of cataloguing

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)

<p>the material held by the Archive. The Archive’s material has now been put in chronological order and duplicate material has been identified and stored separately. The Archive holds c.169,000 pages of documents, not including duplicates. The next phase is to scan the material and upload it to a new website and make the archive available to the world at large. The new website is delayed until we can find a suitable volunteer to manage the project.</p> <p>An in-person AGM took place on 8 September 2024, which was held to coincide with the National Microcar Rally in North Yorkshire. It is anticipated that in-person meetings will continue to take place at least annually.</p> <p>The primary objectives going forward are to continue with the process of cataloguing that is now underway and to make the archive material available to the world at large through a process of scanning and uploading onto a new website. A new computer system was purchased during 2023 for the use of the Archivist. A new A3 scanner was acquired towards the end of 2024 to assist with this process.</p> <p>Our biggest challenge remains recruiting a younger trustee to ensure the continuity of our work in the future. It is proving to be difficult to identify a suitable person. Our main strategic objective in the next period is to develop a fully functional website to enable full external access to the archive.</p>	
<p>We are fulfilling part of our core objective by publishing a quarterly magazine, which has been produced in-house for the last 40 years. This document satisfies one segment of the target audience we seek to accommodate.</p> <p>We intend to make the archive publicly available by electronic means in the next phase of activity, which will be progressed as funding and volunteer’s time permits.</p> <p>Journalist access to the archive has been made available when requested, and information has been provided to owners who have registered their cars with the Register of Unusual Microcars. Due to the location of the archive at present, public access is not possible, but as mentioned above we hope that electronic web access will be possible within the coming years.</p>	

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

<p>During 2024 we have continued to ensure the stability and integrity of the collection. We have consolidated the collection at its new home where we hoped it will be able to remain for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Donations were slightly down in 2024 compared with 2023, although well within the margin of variance experienced over the last five years. Magazine subscriptions continue to hold up well.</p> <p>Total expenditure increased in 2024 slightly compared with 2023 but only</p>	
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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy is the charity will only spend the cash reserves that it has to fulfil the work highlighted in the business plan. It does not intend to borrow funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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)

Chairman

Secretary

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chris Thomas

Joe Curl

Date

3 October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name The Archive of Microcars	No (if any) 1177304
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-24	To	Period end date 31-Dec-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 UK	529	-	-	529	1,049
Donations Europe	16	-	-	16	16
Donations USA	5,976	-	-	5,976	5,008
Magazine subscriptions UK	1,681			1,681	1,615
Magazine subscriptions Europe	554			554	383
Magazine subscriptions Rest of the World	1,052			1,052	929
Old Magazine and Book sales	458			458	150
Bank account interest	71			71	13
Dating Certificate service	-	-	-	-	23
Vehicle registration fee	11	-	-	11	11
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,348	-	-	10,348	9,197
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,348	-	-	10,348	9,197
A3 Payments					
Magazine printing and postage	2,230	-	-	2,230	2,092
Office supplies and expenses	358	-	-	358	1,069
Archive document purchases	616	-	-	616	198
Insurance a fees for club services	141	-	-	141	130
Rent and utilities	1,995	-	-	1,995	2,020
Website and web maintainence	921	-	-	921	520
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,261	-	-	6,261	6,029
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,261	-	-	6,261	6,029
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,087	-	-	4,087	3,168
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,044	-	-	28,044	-
Cash funds this year end	32,131	-	-	32,131	3,168

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	Archive cheque account	21,626	-	-
	Archive Paypal account	478	-	-
	Archive saving account	10,071	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,175	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	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	
		Christopher Thomas		
		Joe Curl		