

# BACKBARROW IRONWORKS HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1177622

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-03-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Lowton  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE INDUSTRIAL HISTORY OF BACKBARROW AND DISTRICT BY(A) OWNING, PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE BACKBARROW IRONWORKS FURNACE AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS(B) ENSURING THAT THE FURNACE AND ITS SITE ARE ACCESSIBLE AND INTERPRETED FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC(C) RESEARCHING, RECORDING AND ARCHIVING INFORMATION WITH A VIEW TO CREATING FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FURNACE IN INDUSTRIAL HISTORY(D) SHARING AVAILABLE INFORMATION WITH THE PUBLIC(E) RELATING THE IRONWORKS TO OTHER INDUSTRIES IN THE LOCALITY

**Activities:** Protecting and preserving the Backbarrow Ironworks Scheduled Ancient Monument. Researching its history in the context of the development of the iron industry and other local industries.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Cumbria

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	-	-	-	-
2024-02-29	-	-	-	-
2023-02-28	£3,769	£246	-	-
2022-02-28	£112	£3,139	-	-
2021-02-28	£4	£1,539	-	-
2020-02-29	£5,415	£586	-	-
2019-02-28	£1,000	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>RICHARD RAYMOND WILLIAM SANDERSON</b>	Chair	2018-02-23
ROBERT VICTOR MATTHEWS		2018-02-23
ROGER BAKER		2018-02-23
SUSAN MARY SANDERSON		2018-02-23

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## Chairman's

### Report for the AGM May 2024

Whilst writing this report, I have checked back and unbelievably the Trust has been in existence for over five years and myself [and additionally Bob, another Trustee] have been involved with the site for nearly forty years!

I am pleased to say the Trustees still remain strong in their commitment. This is particularly pleasing in the light of many problems that seem to occur on a regular basis, the most recent [strictly outside this reporting period] is a major landslip above the old boiler. This is extremely likely to be as a result of the four months of nearly continuous rain from the end of November 2023. Worryingly I had asked HE before taking the site on, "what would we do if there was considerable damage to buildings and areas of the site and I made reference to that banking!" I was promised that HE would help, at the time of writing we have reported the problem and awaiting to see if someone can attend a suggested site meeting. Our interest in understanding and piecing together the uncertain aspects of the history remain a major motivation for continuing. We receive considerable pleasure from moving our knowledge on and sharing the site with our regular visitors. It is very important to extend my considerable thanks to the Trustees, they have worked hard to ensure we have continued our successful life as a heritage trust.

We have now been the owners of the site for two years, this time has passed very quickly and it that time it is pleasing to note that we have seen in excess of three hundred visitors, and more people learning about the site through our web-site and my talks. One challenge for Trustees is to ensure our appeal to new visitors continues. One idea to be considered is developing the research visits that have taken place and possibly organising some working sessions. This has already been undertaken informally, with two groups looking specifically at the machinery in the wheel-pit and the steam engine. We have robust agreements and policies in place [very important in light of these possible developments. as follows] these are visits policy, access policy, health and safety policy, accident policy, visitor protocol. Our charging policy has been revised and some increases have been put in place.

We have been grateful to HE for the capacity grant that we received, the period of that grant ended during 2023. Certainly, we would not have been in a position to take over the site and to create a viable organisation without it. All the milestones as set out as part of the capacity grant from HE were reached during this reporting period. The most significant being finally taking on the ownership of the site including instigating the first two section 17 maintenance visits. The first was completed very efficiently and the result was very good, unfortunately the ownership of the contracted company changed and the second visit was not completed correctly. In fact, these problems have been compounded as information related to delayed essential work was not submitted until last minute and at the time of writing the report, the money for the invoice has not been paid by HE.

It should be further noted that the payment period and the working schedule set by HE, does not meet the needs of our site as the main work required is the control of vegetation.

The large information boards previously erected have proved very popular with members of the public walking by, as well as being read by groups waiting to enter the site, incidentally this gives them an overview and sometimes means they can answer some of my questions!

The web-site is also a constant source for promoting the Ironworks as well as providing not only up to-date information but giving a facility to book visits and allow donations and make payments for visits. As well as booked group visits via the website, we hold monthly open days at which we advertise via professional posters and obviously on the web-site site tours of the site.

We have had made nine smaller A4 boards and backing plates we will shortly be fitting these at key agreed locations around the site. These will be helpful in interpreting specific areas of the Ironworks. We have also preserved and our growing some key plants found on the site, these have associations with the fulling mill which operated on the other side of the river until approximately 300 years ago. The plants were likely to have been used in dyeing wool, this venture illustrates the importance of our aim to create an interpretation centre.

The Trust holds meetings at least once a month, the Trustees attend the site for guided tours, visits, and open days. Groups visiting the Ironworks are varied and include WI and other heritage groups this is pleasing as it indicates a broad based interest. The site is also attended to check it regularly, pick up litter, meet contactors, carry out research etc. We have established a good relationship with the builders developing the storehouses and pug mill. This is useful, in ensuring artifacts found are not lost as they are happy to pass them onto us and in turn we will help with an interpretation board for the pug-mill. To note the cast iron pipe which carried the water for the hydraulic lift, which we were hoping to display was stolen from the storehouses site!

We continue to build links with local businesses, the Parish Council and more recently Westmorland and Furness council. We have received small grants from these two councils and these plus donations/charges from visits is our only source of income.

This is not only to further our wider educational role, but to create funding streams to secure our future in making the Trust viable and thus completing our main charitable aims, to ensure Backbarrow Ironworks are maintained in good condition and we promote the Ironworks to the public in numerous ways.

Therefore, the Trust remains strong and resolute in fulfilling our charitable trust aims: to continue leasing the SAM and promote its history and make Backbarrow Ironworks an important centre for understanding the iron industry and its place in local history.

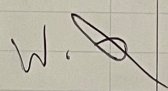
Richard R W Sanderson

Chair of Backbarrow Ironworks Heritage Trust

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 Subject: Accounts  
 Date: 21 November 2024 at 17:58  
 To: Richard Sanderson richard@alistairsanderson.com



<u>2022 - 2023</u>				<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance brought forward						992 25
3/4/22	R. Matthews	Chq 32			39 98	952 27
5/4/22	A2A Advertising	chq 33			48 00	904 27
17/5/22	Historic England	(BACS)	300 00			1204 27
12/7/22	Donation for visit to Conference		50 00			1254 27
10/7/22	A2A Advertising	chq 34			138 00	1116 27
27/7/22	R. Matthews Ink	chq 35			19 99	1096 28
17/8/22	Ticketsource - tour		9 65			1105 93
23/8/22	Donation-Lakeside Hotel		400 00			1505 93
31/8/22	Ticketsource - tour		22 50			1528 43
18/1/23	Ticketsource - tour		28 93			1557 36
2/2/23	Historic England		2929 00			4486 36
20/2/23	Ticketsource - tour		28 98			4515 34
AGREED ON				20/10/23		
				W. 		
				WILLIAM COXON		
Totals				789 03		
				3769 06	245 97	4515 34



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## Chairman's Report for the AGM April 2022

The Trust has been in existence for over three years and I am pleased to say the original trustees still remain strong in their commitment. This is particularly pleasing in the light of the numerous delays we have encountered. These have continued into the period of this report, which is being presented at the start of April 2022. These delays have proved very frustrating continuing into March 2022. My praise and thanks to all the trustees is even more meaningful in the context of these frustrations, they have worked hard to ensure we have continued our successful life as a heritage trust.

Despite Covid restrictions which have made the Trust's work challenging, we have managed to meet and communicate successfully. This reporting period has included real meetings as well as zoom meetings. Although due essentially to the delays we have met on less occasions. During this period, two of our trustees have resigned as trustees but remain as associate members of the trust. We are aware during this coming year we will have to address continuity of the trust, specifically the need for new Trustees in the future.

The capacity grant was extended for a year and that became even more important as during 2021 no progress was made on completing the lease. Although we still achieved the following, particularly regarding HE milestones.

**FINALISE THE 999 YEAR LEASE.** BIHT's solicitor, Jonathan Holmes of Thomson Hayton and Winkley, appointed 8/7/19, has been negotiating with Hill Dickinson, solicitors for the owners. The draft contract was agreed in principal well over a year ago, but was delayed due to work on the site not being completed. There was concern re consequential damage from the failed valley gutter. A simple clause in the contract has been suggested by Jonathan, this should cover this problem.

We have put pressure on the owners via Jonathan and directly by email however, the frustration of not yet completing on the lease is huge!

LDNP planning board visited the site last year and to signed it off. The inspection by Charles Blackett Ord took place in this reporting year and proved helpful in identifying a number of small but important issues that needed addressing. This was helpful to the Trust as it gave us support in pushing for the completion of the site. It was also reassuring to have this inspection from a significant third party.

Earlier in the year to speed completion, Ian and I agreed to split the completion work. I organised the painting of metal/iron work which had not been finished and Ian organised the weed-killing. We contracted Glen Sutcliffe to do this work and we were very pleased at how quickly he engaged with the task and the quality of the final result. The weed killing after many delays and emails between us, was eventually completed in September, the result was acceptable to the Trust. Any later it would have been ineffective due to weather/season changes.

Hence, we agreed that the outstanding work was completed and effectively signed off in early September.

Other issues previously highlighted have been resolved, we have worked with the Parish Council on lighting and clarified rights of access through the site with LDNP.

**OUR WEBSITE.** We reported on setting up the web-site in the last report. This now gives us a good platform for communication as well as being a source of information for the general public re Backbarrow Ironworks.

The photographs taken by Colin Aldred of Aerial Artwork using a drone are of a high quality and give a fascinating dimension to the web-site. We also want to use the photographs taken by the HE photographer.

Although the web-site can be accessed on-line, the dilemma raised in the last report, which is indicated a number of times in this report, between giving information but with no visitor access and therefore no money raising opportunities.

**SIGN THE SECTION 17 AGREEMENT** As noted above the we are waiting for the draft contract, so we can sign it. The advice from Tamsin on behalf of H.E. is not to sign until any uncertainties re the site are resolved.

As far as we are aware we have resolved all uncertainties, but the draft contract will need to be carefully checked as it is in excess of 18 months since we examined it.

**CONTRACTORS RE SECTION 17 MAINTENANCE** We were delighted early in 2021 to appoint CAS and hence the services of Glen Sutcliffe as our maintenance contractor, particularly as they are a local firm.

As noted in the last report this was a detailed and lengthy process and we appreciated the support of HE. Due to the delay in completion, we contacted Glenn in early summer to confirm he was still able to undertake the contract and gave him an opportunity to reassess his quote which he did. We involved HE [via Tamsin] in this process.

**OBTAIN PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE** The company [Towergate] providing the insurance was contacted a number of times this year to ensure their quote was valid, HE have been informed. As with everything this is ready to go as soon as the lease is signed. Towergate are the ideal company as they specialise in our sector.

**THE HERITAGE TRUST NETWORK** The Trust have been members of the trust for over two years and two trustees [Helen and Richard] attended the on-line virtual conference that took place in November 2020.

Richard attended the November 2021 conference in Coventry.

**INTERPRETATION PANELS** We still believe that the financial provision for the panels is still available and a payment will be made to the Trust, when the panels are fixed. This will not cover the full cost and the capacity grant has a provision for these boards. The two panels were designed [ the designs were agreed at the beginning of 2021] nearly a year ago.

Tamsin on behalf of HE has seen the panels and we have negotiated the appropriate HE logo. The location of these panels remains the same ie at the top of the site so they can be read from the main road and on the lower part of the site near the entrance.

The sign panels have been designed by MTP Media. It was decided that the signs will be fixed as soon as we complete the lease contract. Obviously, we need to make an official application to HE for permission to erect the panels. The application has just been made.

**THE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS** These, were successfully held in September 2021. We hosted three tours taking 35 people around the site, they thoroughly enjoyed the event and indicated that they would return. We were upfront about delays in the lease but said watch the web-site for an update. The literature made specific reference to the web-site.

**RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS** Many of the points above have led to public awareness, specifically the Heritage Open Days and the visit by Cumbria Industrial History Society. Some important links have been made, from these events.

Backbarrow Ironworks has a special feature on the **Cumbria Industrial History Society website** from August 2018, initially as an interim way of raising awareness. This is being maintained with links to our own web-site.

We are trying to forge a relationship with the company developing the storehouses. A number of months ago we identified a stone crusher located near the road, we would love to have it on our site as it is effectively part of the ironworks. We would appreciate the support of HE in this venture? We are also asked by people what is happening to the storehouses, we only have the original plans, we are neighbours and it was an integral part of the ironworks any information about the development would be very helpful.

**SITE VISITS** As above, but a lot of work has been put into preparing the site for visits, including a full scale risk assessment leading to specific visits to ensure the site was tidy and as safe as possible. This included temporary tape and similar in certain areas.

We have agreements and policy in place as follows: visits policy, charging policy, access policy, health and safety policy, accident policy, visitor protocol. We will review openings and visits policy as and when we know the site is ours.

Apart from a visit by CIHS and the open days no visits have been possible for nearly two years. Likewise, the chairman has not been able to undertake any talks/lectures, we hope this will change in 2022 and regular links with the Whitewater hotel and village can be established.

The update on these issues is the chairman has spoken at the CIHS annual conference and some site visits and talks have now been arranged.

**ON SITE LOCATION SIGNAGE** Signs have been provisionally designed for the key locations on the site, these include another smaller interpretation panel. We had hoped to have been fully functional so we could learn from taking groups around the site the best locations and the most useful additional information, therefore making this extra information as relevant as possible.

**INFORMATION LEAFLETS** We have written and designed promotional leaflets and ascertained a number of places where they can be placed, starting with local venues e.g. The Motor Museum and The Haverthwaite Railway.

We have written a two sided A4 leaflet for the recent visits and will be writing and designing a further one for when we fully open!

We will also have written and designed a leaflet which will be part of a package of local information in the holiday apartments. As with the promotional material this will be renegotiated and released as soon as we have completed the lease.

**EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS** Final development had been put on hold until schools are back to normal. However, the format has been agreed as follows: A simple folder with outline info and photos as well as title and logo on the cover. This folder will contain ten A4 sheets containing basic information, other information will be available to meet individual school needs.

**DETAILED HISTORY OF BACKBARROW IRON FURNACE** Research continues, still in line for completion early in 2023.

**LOCAL HISTORY TRAIL** This will be ready for summer 2022, even if the world is not back to normal, we are yet to decide how to sell it?

**LINK WITH THE LAKELAND VILLAGE AND WHITEWATER HOTEL** The Chair has links with this group having in the past given talks and led local guided tours. As and when appropriate, these will be offered on a regular basis, hopefully by next Spring

**OPENING PUBLICITY** Having in mind the delay in the lease completion, this event will be delayed until the near year. We intend to invite the local press and regional TV and radio, we want to work in conjunction with HE and Duff and Phelps. The delay will help us to take account of any Covid restrictions so it should be a positive good news story!

During the year 2021, although there was no progress on taking over the lease as can be seen we achieved a tremendous amount of relevant work as a trust, which meant when the completion finally took place in March we were as far on in preparation as we could be. The frustrations in getting to the final completion of the lease are now legendary and would make a great fiction story.

It should be noted that completion finally took place in mid- March and all our efforts are now focussed on making the Trust viable and thus completing our main charitable aims, to ensure Backbarrow Ironworks are maintained in good condition and we promote the Ironworks to the public in numerous ways. Despite the trials and tribulations of this period, the Trust remains strong and resolute in fulfilling our charitable trust aims to continue leasing the SAM and promote its history in conjunction with making Backbarrow Ironworks an important centre for understanding the iron industry and its place in local history.

Our project has always been making up time, but at least this coming year we have the site!

Richard R W Sanderson  
Chair of Backbarrow Ironworks Heritage Trust  
31.03.22.



<u>2021 - 2022</u>				
	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
Balance brought forward			4293 35	
8/4/21 Heritage Trust Network - Invoice 1732 Annual Subscription Chq 22		100 00	4193 35	
20/4/21 Lights - Richard Sanderson Chq 23		44 97	4148 38	
31/3/21 Bank Interest	1 45		4149 83	
2/6/21 A2A Advertising Ltd. Chq 24		48 00	4101 83	
3/8/21 A2A Advertising Ltd Chq 25		78 00	4023 83	
24/9/21 Screwfix chq 26		3 29	4020 54	
24/9/21 Home Bargains chq 27		5 46	4015 08	
24/9/21 Cumbria Industrial History Society - Tour ①	40 00		4055 08	
10/11/21 Zoom Subscription Chq 28		143 88	3911 20	
18/11/21 Heritage Open Days - Money from Tours ②	71 00		3982 20	
19/11/21 Screwfix chq 29		11 66	3970 54	
13/1/22 Solicitors chq 30		2674 80	1295 74	
13/1/22 Conference Expenses to Richard Sanderson chq 31		303 49	992 25	

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# DP Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> April

## Our Focus

**Positive parental engagement** - This was a great discussion at the last DP Champions group meeting. As a starting point we'd like everyone to email or call TWO parents of DP students in any year group each week with something POSITIVE – thank you. Please keep us posted if you do get any feedback. If there are two households, and it's appropriate to do so, please contact both homes with positive praise.

**Knowing our DP** - When emails are sent out about students, please mark (DP) next to any DP student. As after school activities begin to re-start, please can you let us know any DP who attend?

**Student Engagement** - Trips, visits, speakers are beginning to start up and we'd also like to know which DP are involved. Please actively encourage them to participate, we know many of these students will not get these opportunities at home.

## KS3 Students

**After school DP clubs begin after Easter: Year 7 Monday room 14, Year 8 Wednesday M5. A number of pupils have been invited to help them with homework and organisation.**

### Year 7 positives

Jasmine McMahon, Rori Briody, Martha Crees

### Updates

Thomas Johnston- Receiving lots of support. Very busy home life. Needs LOTS of support in lessons. Work must be differentiated.

Vicktor Hinchcliff – Ongoing liaison with Mum. Very busy home life.

### Year 9

Kai Hunter- Moffatt- (IGS showing improvement). EHCP – differentiation essential. Concerns out of school. Is engaging well with us and with external support. Thrives off positivity.

### Updates

Volatile home life. Lives with Dad and brother. Struggles to build relationships in school. Needs encouragement and positivity

## Key Stage 4 Students

**Year 10 twilight sessions begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> for those who have been invited only.**

### **Year 10 Positives**

From the last set of report, Year 10 DP are making the same progress as non DP- fantastic news.

To choose just three Nicole Rose Berry; Leo Williams; Tia Warhurst – ATL and progress excellent. Please continue to motivate.

### **Concerns**

Anwen Rigby -Playforth – Now has EHCP and attends Home Hospital Tuition (HHTS).

Callum Hoy - Concerns around behaviour and decisions he is making. Use the system clearly. Must have work differentiated for him. Warnings to ensure he understands. Mentoring to start 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Year 11**

Will Coulton Stephenson – is now in care in Barrow. Now on a very part time timetable and working on Maths and English.

## Other news+

Changes to the list:

Mamie Tomlinson 11- removed

Thomas Yates Yr7- added

### Student Champion

Jack Birkett 8.1

Excellent ATL scores in reports, engaged really well during lockdown, keen and eager to learn.



### Please Remember

#### Quality teaching first

**Seating plans - please sit DP next to a student who has high expectations and somewhere you are able to see the quality of work they are producing. They need to be easy to access, e.g. on the end of a row, near the teacher's desk so there's always an ongoing conversation with those pupils.**

**Please ensure any homework set can be accessed by all students - paper copies where necessary, differentiated where appropriate**

### DP Profile

There is a wide ability range of our DP students. Hugo Page has benchmarks of 7s and 7+s, some high grades here. He loves dance and his Mum has always engaged with school. His ATL scores were around 3.5 but he clearly needs pushing on his homework. Please encourage Hugo so he can achieve these high grades.

### Attendance

We are working hard to narrow the gap between DP and non DP attendance.

**Maddie Loughlin** - Attendance has improved. Knows she has missed a lot of work which is worrying her. Please give her manageable targets.

**Jack Pointon** - Back to full timetable now following temporary measures. Recently living with Gran. Needs lots of encouragement.

**Leah Coulton** Yr 11 -Has been in for English with RBr after school. After easter, we hope to get her in for Maths tutoring.

**Logan Garnett Morgan** - has struggled to return. Parents very supportive. Ongoing home visits and support.

**Tom Johnson** Yr 7 - Lates and timekeeping an issue. Now has a watch that Liam has loaned him - seems to be having some effect. EHCP referral in.

**Emma Fotheringham** - much improved attendance. Thrives off praise.

Link to the Focus Grids which does have a lot more information:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_HMhq5FF8WXiw0a1EWVKX9R1QoTnbO5P/edit#gid=39112790](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_HMhq5FF8WXiw0a1EWVKX9R1QoTnbO5P/edit#gid=39112790)

2020 - 2021

		<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Brought Forward from 2019-2020				5828.85
31/3/2020	Interest	3 97		5832.82
22/4/2020	MTP Media - Banner Chq 11		78 00	5754.82
17/7/2020	MTP Media - Paper Chq 12		27 60	5727.22
17/7/2020	R. Matthews - Wilko - files + packets Chq 13		10 35	5716.87
31/7/2020	A2A Advertising Ltd - Domain name website Design. Chq 14		78 00	5638.87
5/8/2020	CIHS MDS Project - Photographs of Ironworks by MDS. Chq 15		300 00	5338.87
30/9/2020	A2A Advertising Ltd Chq 16		534 00	4804.87
10/11/2020	Zoom Subscription Chq 17		143 88	4660.99
12/11/2020	Stamps Chq 18		9 12	4651.87
2/2/2021	Helen Caldwell - Heritage Trust Network Conference Chq 19		16 76	4635.11
2/2/2021	Richard Sanderson - Heritage Trust Network Conference Chq 20		16 76	4618.35
2/2/2021	Aerial Artwork - Mr Colin Alfred Drone photography Chq 21		325 00	4293.35
	Totals	3 97	1539 47	
	Balance Carried Forward			4293.35