

Charity registration number 1179982 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 11273253

MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to record the history of RAF Manston and its surrounding satellites at RAF Ash, RAF Sandwich and RAF Dunkirk. This is achieved through increasing its collection of artifacts and through maintenance of existing exhibits, and providing an insight into the history through its museum and events.

Public benefit

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

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The charity has continued to develop over the period and has continued to meet its aims and objectives.

Financial review

During the year, there was a decrease in net assets for the charity of over £16,000

Reserves policy

The charity has maintained reserves to ensure that it can continue to achieve its aims and to purchase artifacts and exhibits as they become available. These will vary, and the trustees will regularly review the reserves held.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is structured to enable the museum to borrow, purchase and maintain artifacts from the RAF. At the year end there are 10 trustees who serve the charity to ensure it meets its objectives.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

M Overall

T Brooks

D Howlett

D Smith

Mrs J Groombridge

M Izzard

T Groombridge

W Lawrence

A Slaney

(Resigned 6 April 2025)

B Wray

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025***

The Trustees' report report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

T Groombridge

W Lawrence

22 September 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Manston History Museum (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mark Hurdman BA(Hons) FCA

3 Lloyd Road
Broadstairs
Kent
CT10 1HY

Dated: 8 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	154,089	147,373
Other trading activities	4	29,210	40,693
Investments	5	5,380	4,260
Total income		<u>188,679</u>	<u>192,326</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	6	21,880	21,563
Charitable activities	7	183,037	125,941
Total expenditure		<u>204,917</u>	<u>147,504</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(16,238)	44,822
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		<u>355,627</u>	<u>310,805</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		<u>339,389</u>	<u>355,627</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		293,239		289,321
Current assets					
Debtors	13	13,614		13,186	
Cash at bank and in hand		59,548		87,372	
			73,162		100,558
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(27,012)		(34,252)	
Net current assets			46,150		66,306
Total assets less current liabilities			339,389		355,627
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	16		339,389		355,627
			339,389		355,627

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22 September 2025

T Groombridge

W Lawrence

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Manston History Museum is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 3 Lloyd Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1HY.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Long leasehold property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Equipment	15% reducing balance
Museum artifacts	5% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and gifts	154,089	147,373

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,680	-
Shop income	27,530	40,693
Other trading activities	29,210	40,693

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Rental income	4,007	3,425
Interest receivable	1,373	835
	5,380	4,260

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Staging fundraising events	3,701	6,371
Advertising	734	-
	<u>4,435</u>	<u>6,371</u>
Trading costs		
Operating charity shops	17,445	15,192
	<u>17,445</u>	<u>15,192</u>
Total costs	<u><u>21,880</u></u>	<u><u>21,563</u></u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Expenses 2025 £	Expenses 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	57,903	49,417
Depreciation and impairment	15,232	16,047
Light and heat	-	524
Repairs & maintenance	46,206	23,474
Insurance	4,641	4,715
Motor vehicle expenses	22,236	3,422
Telephone	1,556	657
Other office costs	28,867	17,929
Other interest payable and similar charges	(641)	2,586
Advertising	-	284
Accountancy	780	726
Cleaning	4,319	5,712
Equipment hire	168	-
Legal and professional	75	448
Travel and subsistence	395	-
Safety compliance	1,300	-
	<u>183,037</u>	<u>125,941</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u><u>183,037</u></u>	<u><u>125,941</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

8	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	780	726
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	15,232	16,047
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Trustees

Mrs J Groombridge has received £28,000 remuneration during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
	16	11
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	51,990	48,117
Social security costs	3,295	-
Other pension costs	1,382	1,300
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	56,667	49,417
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold property	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	Museum artifacts	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	203,839	43,684	52,312	52,638	352,473
Additions	-	10,914	3,236	5,000	19,150
	<u>203,839</u>	<u>54,598</u>	<u>55,548</u>	<u>57,638</u>	<u>371,623</u>
At 31 March 2025	203,839	54,598	55,548	57,638	371,623
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2024	15,036	20,523	21,536	6,057	63,152
Depreciation charged in the year	4,077	3,474	5,102	2,579	15,232
	<u>19,113</u>	<u>23,997</u>	<u>26,638</u>	<u>8,636</u>	<u>78,384</u>
At 31 March 2025	19,113	23,997	26,638	8,636	78,384
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	<u>184,726</u>	<u>30,601</u>	<u>28,910</u>	<u>49,002</u>	<u>293,239</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>188,803</u>	<u>23,161</u>	<u>30,775</u>	<u>46,582</u>	<u>289,321</u>

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	<u>13,614</u>	<u>13,186</u>

14 Loans and overdrafts

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank overdrafts	-	6,343
Bank loans	-	2,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,843</u>
Payable within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>8,843</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	14	-	8,843
Other taxation and social security		3,423	1,018
Trade creditors		15,265	16,127
Other creditors		8,324	8,264
		<u>27,012</u>	<u>34,252</u>

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	<u>355,627</u>	<u>188,679</u>	<u>(204,917)</u>	<u>339,389</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	<u>310,805</u>	<u>192,326</u>	<u>(147,504)</u>	<u>355,627</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).