

This report covers the financial year from 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Joined Up Heritage Sheffield is to promote the conservation, protection and preservation of heritage within Sheffield and the surrounding areas for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively by:

- Educating the public about the subject of heritage, and in particular the heritage of Sheffield and the surrounding areas;
- Undertaking activities directed to preserving heritage;
- Providing information, advice and training to promote best practice in and between the range of groups and organisations in Sheffield and the surrounding areas whose objects and activities concern heritage, including by means such as organising workshops, meetings and conferences;
- Liaising with the public and private sectors and acting as a representative of the voluntary heritage sector in Sheffield and the surrounding areas in relation to public policy and decisions;
- Promoting volunteering in the conservation, protection, preservation and appreciation of heritage in Sheffield and the surrounding areas.

By 'heritage' is meant those things forming part of our history and traditions which are passed down through successive generations, including (without limitation) buildings, structures, landscapes and other physical remains of past human activity, crafts and craftsmanship, performance and cultural activities.

This purpose has been pursued through a range of activities, including:

- Development of a Heritage Strategy for the city.
- Relationship development with the Local Authority and other stakeholders.
- Campaigning on matters arising.
- Input to strategic Local Authority development projects.
- Semi-annual Heritage Forums.
- Bi-monthly open meetings.
- Communications via electronic newsletter, website and social media.

These are described in more detail in the following section.

In pursuing this purpose, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The onset of the pandemic in early 2020 meant that in-person activities were very limited during the reporting period. JUHS has no venue to run, does not rely on revenue from customers, and employs no staff, so apart from this the impact to the charity was very much less than for most voluntary organisations in the sector.

Heritage Strategy

Our vision is that within ten years, Sheffield will come to understand and celebrate its heritage, champion its diversity in a diverse city, exploit its economic potential, realise its educational value, use it to improve health, well-being and environmental sustainability. The vehicle for this transformation is our Heritage Strategy for the city.

The Framework on which the Strategy is based was the outcome of workshops and consultations with heritage community groups and interested individuals all over the city, and the development of the Strategy is by design a community-based project. A published draft of the Strategy was further developed through workshops open to the public. We believe that this is the first time a Heritage Strategy has been developed in this way, and believe that its roots in the community gives it particular credibility and force. Looking for ways in which the community can continue to have input to and benefit from the Strategy will be an ongoing process.

The constraints caused by the pandemic and the fact that many consultees had other urgent priorities led to a decision to extend the consultation period and postpone publication of the Strategy. The consultation process was open to the general public and advertised through various media. It also included discussions with elected members and senior officers of Sheffield City Council. The final document was published in January 2021, and was well-received. Accolades included (amongst others) a letter from the leader of Sheffield City Council welcoming the Strategy, supporting its aims and intentions, and committing to participation in the proposed Heritage Partnership Board; a statement from the chair of the Sheffield Property Association calling the Strategy “an important contribution to life in Sheffield”; and a statement from Learn Sheffield looking forward to developing a diverse and inclusive heritage education programme.

Work began immediately on the actions in the Strategy relating to governance, including the setting up of a Heritage Partnership Board, which continued in the following financial year and will be described in the next annual report.

Relationship development

Despite the constraints of the pandemic, JUHS representatives were able to meet with the deputy leader of Sheffield City Council and with the CEO of Learn Sheffield to discuss implementation of the Heritage Strategy. Regular discussions continued with the Council’s Heritage Champion. Future meetings were promised with the leader of the Council and the newly-appointed Head of Planning.

The publication of the Heritage Strategy has reinforced the credibility of JUHS, taking the debate on heritage beyond individual threats or opportunities to a discussion of how better planning and decision-making can realise its proven benefits.

Achievements and Performance – *continued*

Campaigning and consultation

The proposal by the University of Sheffield to close its well-regarded Archaeology Department has created a great deal of concern amongst students, academics and the public. It is seen by JUHS as an obstacle to the strategic aim of improving the understanding of the city's heritage, and injurious to the city's reputation and credibility regarding its interest in heritage. JUHS issued various statements in support of staff and students campaigning against the closure, including interventions with decision-making bodies at the university.

The UK Government consulted on proposed changes to the planning system. JUHS considered these to be a threat to heritage protection, and a detailed response was submitted. Responses were also sent regarding the National Model Design Code and updates to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Responses were sent to consultations by Sheffield City Council on its new Local Plan and Street Tree Partnership Working Strategy, and to Sheffield City Region on its Strategic Economic Plan.

In late 2020, Sheffield City Council announced the launch of its Race Equality Commission charged with considering the nature, extent and impact of racial disparities in the city. Championing a diverse heritage is a key aim of the Heritage Strategy, and JUHS submitted evidence to the Commission outlining the role of the Strategy and various factors and challenges to consider.

Government funding became available to local authorities to set up Local Heritage Lists. Following encouragement by JUHS and a demonstration of a high level of support amongst local heritage groups, a bid was submitted on behalf of the four local authorities in South Yorkshire, which was successful. An officer has been appointed to lead the initiative, and JUHS was able to contribute to the process of

Heritage Forums

These open events, previously held twice a year at community heritage venues around the city, were paused at the onset of the pandemic. By their nature, these events are based around in-person contact, and so will resume only when they can be safe and there is public confidence to attend. Previous events were well-received and we expect them to resume once conditions allow.

Open meetings

Open meetings were paused at the onset of the pandemic, and resumed online starting November 2020. Meetings are held every two months, at which interested groups and individuals can hear about the progress made towards JUHS objectives, and share information about their own activities. There have been presentations on a project based on using historic artefacts to connect people during pandemic isolation, conducting more effective online meetings, and archaeology in the Council's strategic Heart of the City scheme.

Communications

Newsletters containing updates on JUHS activities and material contributed by individuals and groups are sent out by email to subscribers. Updates are also issued via social media.

The website in its new form continues to be a useful tool for communicating news and events and for hosting documents produced by JUHS, such as responses to public consultations.

Financial Review

The Charity banks with CAF Bank Ltd and has a balance after commitments of £6,539.41.

We do not have any assets or hold formal reserves. The trust management ensures that the account remains in credit, expenditure is monitored and commitments stay within our budget.

Our income this year has been a grant Sheffield City Council. Our main expenditure has been on the production, printing and launch of the Heritage Strategy for the City.

The current financial situation (exacerbated by the pandemic) may put the availability of future grants at risk. The trustees will monitor the situation and investigate and pursue alternative sources of funding as required.

The Charity holds Public Liability, Professional Indemnity and Trustees Liability insurances to cover its activities.

We do not have any employees. However, we do occasionally engage consultants to carry out specific tasks, securing funds for this as appropriate.

Structure, Governance and Management

Joined Up Heritage Sheffield is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on the Association model, governed by a constitution document.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with Section 13 of the constitution, which in summary provides for trustees to be appointed at any time by decision of the members or trustees; for trustees to retire in rotation at each Annual General Meeting; and for trustee vacancies thus arising to be filled by decision of the members at the Annual General Meeting (or if unfilled at any time subsequently).

A Risk Register and Action Plan covering both Governance and the activities of the charity are maintained, and these are reviewed regularly.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Joined Up Heritage Sheffield

Registered charity number: 1180945

Charity's principal address: 32 Newington Road, Sheffield S11 8RZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
Brian Barrett	Treasurer	
Valerie Bayliss CB FCGI	Chair	
Robin Hughes		
Sally Rebecca Rodgers		
Edward Martin Russell-Johnson		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Joined Up Heritage Sheffield holds no assets as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:



Full name: ROBIN HUGHES

Position: TRUSTEE

Date: 27/01/2022



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-04-20

To

01-04-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Starting balance	3,513	-	-	3,513	-
Grant from Sheffield City Council	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
payments by others	120	-	-	120	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,633	-	-	5,633	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,633	-	-	5,633	-
A3 Payments					
CAF bank charges	69	-	-	69	-
Heritage Strategy consultant	375	-	-	375	-
Heritage Strategy design, printing and publication	433	-	-	433	-
Insurances	193	-	-	193	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,070	-	-	1,070	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,070	-	-	1,070	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,563	-	-	4,563	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,563	-	-	4,563	-

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	bank current account	4,563	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,563	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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

A.B.J. Barrett

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28-01-22