

# IAN STEVENSON ARCHIVE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1181101

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-12-11

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY SUPPORTING ACCESS TO THE COLLECTIONS OF THE IAN STEVENSON ARCHIVE INCLUDING ITS ARTEFACTS, ART, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED MATERIAL, AND THE STORAGE, RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION OF ALL SUCH MATERIAL; AND 2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THOSE LIVING WITHIN THE DORSET COASTAL REGION, BY PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE PROVISION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES, COLLECTIONS, EXHIBITIONS, FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, PUBLIC EVENTS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE (WHERE THE ARCHIVE WILL BE HELD) AS DECIDED BY THE TRUSTEES

**Activities:** To conserve and maintain the Ian Stevenson Archive relating to Highcliffe Castle and its environs, a Grade I Listed Building in Dorset, including its artefacts, art, documents and other associated material for the benefit and education of the public. The Archive is housed in Highcliffe Castle.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Hampshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£0	£0	£0	-
2024-03-31	£0	£0	£0	-
2023-03-31	£0	£0	£0	-
2022-03-31	£0	£0	£0	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	£0	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Ian Duncan Stevenson</b>	Chair	2018-12-11
Anthony John Parkinson		2022-01-10
Mary Theresa Asgharzadeh-Parsa		2018-12-11
Paul Trevor De Jonghe		2023-04-11

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**Annual Report for the period 01 April 2024  
to 31 March 2025**

This year has been very satisfactory for the Trust on two particular fronts. Much use has been made of its archive materials in exhibitions and displays at Highcliffe Castle, where the archive is based. And good progress has been made in improving the Trust's manual filing system which contains photographs, ephemera, etc.

Several large pieces of Highcliffe Castle's historic furniture which had been on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum were returned to the museum. This freed up three spacious glazed display areas in one of the Castle's exhibition rooms. Castle staff and volunteers used two of these for displays concerning Lord Stuart de Rothesay, who built the Castle, and his artistic younger daughter, Lady Waterford.

In both cases, much of the material came from the Trust's archive. Lord Stuart's display included original letters and Lady Waterford's featured several of her paintings and also books illustrated by her.

Trustees Paul and Ian have made considerable steps in reorganising and improving the Trust's filing system in which material is housed in 16 filing cabinet drawers.

The Trust reports no income or spending during the financial year. All expenses have been met by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, owners of Highcliffe Castle, with whom the Trust has a loan agreement for its archive.

**Agreed by the Trustees**

Ian Stevenson (Chairman)  
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**to 31 March 2024**

This has been a year of progress for the Trust. Much more use has been made of the archive material, particularly by Highcliffe Castle staff and volunteers for heritage displays within the Castle. Researchers using the archive have included Bournemouth University students and the Girl Guide movement.

The Trust welcomed the appointment of Paul De Jonghe as a Trustee on 11 April 2023. He grew up in Highcliffe and since retiring as a Royal Navy officer has been carrying out research on the local area, particularly its role in World War II in developing radar and communications systems.

He has been very helpful to Ian Stevenson in reorganising the Trust's present manual filing system and will have a key role when the Trust's catalogue is compiled electronically within Highcliffe Castle's own archive catalogue. This is not expected to start until 2025, when the electronic cataloguing of the Castle's archive is likely to be completed.

The Trust was pleased to accept gifts from two of its supporters. Mr Russell Stones, of Barton-on-Sea, Hants, gave a large legal document of 1894 under which the Board of Agriculture agreed to Major Edward Stuart Wortley, owner of Highcliffe Castle, taking out a £1,825 loan, with interest, to carry out improvement works on the estate.

Mr Everett Jones, of Mundeford, Dorset, who in 2022 donated an early cabinet portrait of a young girl taken by local headmaster and photographer Horatio Ellwood, has now given the Trust another Ellwood photograph of a young girl.

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The Trust was pleased to see that more and more use was being made of its archive. The staff and volunteers at Highcliffe Castle, where the archive is housed under a loan agreement, used items to display in various exhibitions, with clear acknowledgement of the Trust's ownership.

The purchase of two moveable display cabinets, using money donated to the Castle when Highcliffe History Society was wound up, also enabled items from the Trust's archive to be on show to the public in several locations within the Castle.

Researchers looking into various aspects of the Castle's history and the people connected with it have found the archive most useful.

Mr Everett Jones, a local history enthusiast from Mundeford, Dorset, kindly donated to the Trust a cabinet photograph of a young girl taken by Horatio Ellwood. Ellwood was both a professional photographer and headmaster of Highcliffe village school for 40 years until his retirement in 1921. The Trust holds a substantial archive in Ellwood and his family.

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**Annual Report for the period 01 April 2020  
to 31 March 2021**

This has been a frustrating year for the Trust. The emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic and the need for precautions have prevented access to Highcliffe Castle where the archive is housed. So it has not been possible to do any work on the archive or make it available to the public.

The Trust has not so far had the need of a bank account as all expenses in the period covered by this report have been met by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP), the owners of Highcliffe Castle and to whom the archive is on loan. The Trust is aware, however, that a bank account will be necessary in the near future.

**Agreed by the Trustees**

Ian Stevenson (Chairman)  
Michael J Allen  
Mary T Asgharzadeh-Parsa