

NORTH SHIELDS HERITOLGY PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1181245

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-12-18

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO NORTH SHIELDS, BY PROMOTING AWARENESS, PRESERVATION, INTERPRETATION, ACCESSIBILITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE CULTURAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF NORTH SHIELDS, WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOLS AND OTHER SUITABLE ORGANISATIONS, BY THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES & FACILITIES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE USE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES & MEDIA IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS.

Activities: Researching the history of the people who lived and/or worked in the area know as 'Low Town' on the North Shields Fish Quay between 1850-1980. Bringing to life those histories through Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Immersive Binaural Sound Experience.

Classification

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

Geography

- North Tyneside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31		£0	£2,664	-
2024-12-31	£1,000		£1,287	-
2023-12-31	£4,724		£6,625	-
2022-12-31	£8,255		£4,322	-
2021-12-31	£10,098		£7,495	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JONATHAN CHRISTOPHER BARRAND	Chair	2018-05-16
ALISON SPEDDING		2018-05-16
David Young		2018-06-16
KEITH SPEDDING		2018-05-16

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North Shields Heritology Project

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

Charity No. 1181245

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **North Shields Heritology Project**

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Keith Spedding
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Trustees Report Achievements through the year 2025

2025 was a landmark year for the town of North Shields as it celebrated its 800th anniversary. The town is unrecognisable now from its humble beginnings on the Fish Quay, but exciting developments continue to shape the town's character in the form of urban renewal and culture-led projects. In June there was a community event held in the Linskill Centre celebrating the rich and varied history of the town and in December, huge crowds gathered for a parade from the town centre down to the Fish Quay. A statue was unveiled to honour Mary Ann Macham, an enslaved woman who fled America and made her home in North Shields. Mary overlooks the Fish Quay from the historic heart of the town.

2025 achievements

We continued to deliver a range of walks and talks to the public, interest groups and societies including a talk to commemorate the life of ex-slave and campaigner Frederick Douglass, a walk in Preston Cemetery to look at graves of the brave and a talk about the life of the local artist and photographer Lyd Sawyer. Two talks were also given to local community groups on the life of activist Ralph Gardner.

Local History Day brings together local groups in the town's library to engage with those in the community who have an interest in the town's heritage, and we were there. It is a great way to learn stories from people and see old photos they bring along.

The North Shields 800 Community Day in the Linskill Centre was very well attended and we had a lot of local people pop in to chat with us about the work we do and to view several of our films.

We went in to see our friends at New York Primary School and delivered two half day sessions to Year 5 pupils on slavery and the role North Shields played in its abolition.

We started to write and screen test a film about one of the town's most influential sons – Ralph Gardner. It has been great to work with small independent creatives in the town who help us bring these important stories to life.

Social media audience engagement

We engage with a wide audience on our social media platforms. These are important ways to communicate our achievements, let local people know about what events we have coming up and also a way for people to get in touch with us and help us with our research.

Through our walks, talks, events and school engagements, we interacted with over **1,000 people** bringing the stories of North Shields to life for people of all ages.

We have close to **500 followers on Facebook** and have had over **5,000 interactions** on our page with people from across the world in the last 12 months. Our **Instagram** page has almost **450 people** following what we do. On **X**, we regularly post about our activity to our **725 followers**. Our project videos and audio work have had over **21,000 views on YouTube**, and we have over **100 subscribers**. Our project website had **2,034 visitors**.

Plans for the future

1. We will produce the film about the life and times of Ralph Gardner and premiere it at the Old Low Light.
2. We will continue to develop relationships with partner organisations and potential funders and will look to participate in relevant events including Local History Day.

Signed:  on behalf of Trustees

Print name: **Jonathan Barrand**

Date: **20th January 2026**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Notes to the
accounts, 2012

North Shields Heritology Project

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2025

Charity no 1181245

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
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In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 16 January, 2026

Name:

Mark Thompson MAAT

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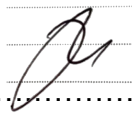
North Shields Heritology Project


Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
			£	£
Receipts				
Grants			0	1000
Donations			0	0
Total Receipts	0	0	0	1000
Payments				
Activities		293	293	0
Print, Postage & Stationery		103	103	126
Travel		5	5	21
Room Hire			0	371
General Office Expenses		81	81	265
Insurance		160	160	173
Consultants Fees & Subscriptions		600	600	251
Legal & Professional			0	0
Accountancy		90	90	80
Donations			0	0
Total Payments	0	1332	1332	1287
Surplus / deficit for the year	0	-1332	-1332	-287
Funds as at 1 January 2025	5610	8284	13894	14181
Funds at 31 December 2025	5610	6952	12562	13894

**North Shields Heritology Project
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets	Notes	
Cash at Bank	12562	13894
Total Cash Balances	<u>12562</u>	<u>16082</u>
 Current Liabilities	 0	 0
 For The Year Ended 31 December 2025	 <u>12562</u>	 <u>16082</u>
 Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	6952	8284
Unrestricted Funds	5610	5610
	<u>12562</u>	<u>13894</u>

Signed  Position Chairman

Signed  Position Trustee Treasurer

Date 20 January 2026

North Shields Heritology Project

Notes to the accounts, 2025

1. Basis of accounts

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Nortyh Shields Heritology Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2 Trustees and Staff

No staff are directly employed by the charity.

3 Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £90.

4 Restricted Funds balance at 31 December 2025

	Balance 1/1/25	Income	Expend	Balance 31/12/25
Venator Community Fund (2)	250			250
North of Tyne Combined Authority Capacity Fund	188			188
Hadrian Trust (2)	402			402
Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 1	2301		561	1740
Helix Arts(Arts Council England)	786		771	15
Venator Community Fund (3)	250			250
Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 2	2714			2714
Historic England	393			393
R W Mann - NS800	1000			1000
Total	8284	0	1332	6952

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Trustees Report Achievements through the year

2024 was another busy year for the North Shields Heritology Project with school engagement projects, attending events and festivals and delivering walks and talks all helping to tell the remarkable near 800-year history of North Shields to a local audience.

2025 will see celebrations for the 800th anniversary of the founding of the town when “shiels” – fisherman’s huts – first appeared on what is now the Fish Quay. Over the course of time from its founding, through to the “Street of All Nations” and up to the present day, the story of the town has witnessed landmark achievements of global significance as well as intriguing stories of local characters which we have researched and endeavoured to tell through technology to inform and educate in person and online through our various platforms.

Our planning has already started for our vision of how we want to mark this landmark date.

We raised a total of £1,000.00 and have engaged with approximately 250 participants including school children.

2024 achievements timeline

1. In Local History Month in May we worked with 28 Year 5 pupils at St Joseph’s School, North Shields with all the children learning about the life and work of local artist Victor Noble Rainbird, and his role in WW1. All the children were presented with Young Heritologist certificates.
2. We attended Local History Day in North Shields Library where community groups are invited to attend and engage with the public. Not only can this event help raise the profile of our project, it also sees people tell us stories of their family members which can help inspire our future work.
3. In June we were invited along to New York Primary School as part of the STEM Day programme. 75 pupils were shown paintings on our VR headsets which helped inspire them to make their own art using spheroballs.
4. 45 people attended an event in Preston Cemetery, North Shields in July to commemorate the life of local man Robert Renoldson who left the North East to join the merchant navy at 16 years old and enlisted in the Union Army in the American Civil War shortly after his 17th birthday. He returned home and was buried in an unmarked grave upon his death. We secured an official Civil War Headstone from the American Veterans Association, and Brian Ward, a Professor in American Studies at Northumbria University unveiled the headstone following a memorial service in the Baptist Church in the town.
5. In July, Cullercoats Men’s Club invited us to talk to 25 of their members about the ongoing work of the Heritology Project.
6. As part of Black History Month in October, a talk was given to 25 people at the Old Low Light Heritage Centre about the Civil Rights activist and former boxer Charles Udon Minto who fought to provide opportunities, jobs and rights for the many black people who lived in the town in the 1930s and 40s.
7. We took our spheroball art along on Bank Holiday Weekend in August to North Shields Library as part of North Tyneside’s Together Festival.
8. “Hard Times and Petty Crimes” film made with Christ Church Primary School and Big River Films was shortlisted in the 2024 Smiley Charity Film Awards in the Longform Under £100,000 category.

Social media audience engagement

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We have close to 500 followers on Facebook and have had over 7,600 interactions on our page with people from across the world in the last 12 months. Our Instagram page has over 400 people following what we do. On X, we regularly Tweet about our activity to our 775 followers. Our project videos and audio work have had over 19,000 views on YouTube, and we have over 100 subscribers.

Plans for the future

1. 2025 is the 800th anniversary of the Fish Quay and work is underway to commemorate it ensuring technology is used to celebrate this landmark event.
2. We will continue to develop relationships with partner organisations and potential funders and will look to participate in relevant events including Local History Day and the Together Festival.



Signed:....., on behalf of Trustees

Jonathan Barrand

Print name:

Date: **13th February 2025**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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North Shields Heritology Project

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31 December 2024

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Signed:



Date: 05 February, 2025

Name:

Mark Thompson MAAT

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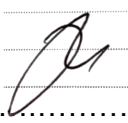
North Shields Heritology Project


Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
Receipts				
			£	£
Grants	2	1000	1000	3947
Donations			0	777
Total Receipts	0	1000	1000	4724
Payments				
Print, Postage & Stationery		126	126	874
Travel		21	21	729
Room Hire	68	303	371	401
General Office Expenses	26	239	265	188
Insurance	173		173	173
Consultants Fees & Subscriptions	101	150	251	2005
Legal & Professional			0	2125
Accountancy	80		80	80
Donations			0	50
Total Payments	448	839	1287	6625
Surplus / deficit for the year	-448	161	-287	-1901
Funds as at 1 January 2024	6058	8123	14181	16082
Funds at 31 December 2024	5610	8284	13894	14181

**North Shields Heritology Project
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	13894	14181
Total Cash Balances	<u>13894</u>	<u>16082</u>
Current Liabilities	0	0
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024	<u>13894</u>	<u>16082</u>
Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	8284	8123
Unrestricted Funds	5610	6058
	<u>13894</u>	<u>14181</u>

Signed  Position Chairman

Signed  Position Treasurer

Date 13th February 2025

North Shields Heritology Project

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2. Grants Received:

Restricted

R W Mann - NS800	1000
	1000

3. Trustees and Staff

No staff are directly employed by the charity.

4. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £90.

5. Restricted Funds balance at 31 December 2024

	Balance 1/1/24	Income	Expend	Balance 31/12/24
Venator Community Fund (2)	250			250
North of Tyne Combined Authority Capacity Fund	591		403	188
Helix Arts(Arts Council England)	337		337	0
Hadrian Trust (2)	402			402
Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 1	2301			2301
Helix Arts(Arts Council England)	885		99	786
Venator Community Fund (3)	250			250
Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 2	2714			2714
Historic England	393			393
R W Mann - NS800		1000		1000
Total	8123	1000	839	8284

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Trustees Report Achievements through the year

The Trustees, volunteers and partners of the North Shields Heritage Project celebrated our fifth anniversary in December during which time we have secured funding from a range of sources and successfully delivered projects including films, audio, walks and talks with a wide audience including school children and the local community.

We are all excited to see what 2024 brings and, without wanting to get ahead of ourselves, 2025 will be a time of celebration as North Shields turns 800. We already have our thinking caps on.

In 2023 -

1. We raised a total of £4,724 and have engaged with approximately 460 adults and children.
2. In February we were in Christchurch Primary School in North Shields delivering our "Hard Times and Petty Crimes" project with Year 6 children which was funded by Historic England. The children learned what life was like at the turn of the 20th Century and how social conditions could lead to a life of a crime in young children. We looked at mugshots and fingerprinting and had experts along to explain techniques used in criminology and forensic science. The children walked around the Heritage Action Zone to learn more about crime and punishment in North Shields 100 years ago. The project was filmed and it was shown in a school assembly
3. We took part in Local History Day in May at North Shields Central Library where the public can drop in and chat with a number of local history groups and find out more about the town and its people.
4. We ran a series of walks which proved popular throughout the year. A guided walk of Preston Cemetery raised funds for a Toilet Twinning project and a "Fish and Ships" walk raised funds for Whitley Bay & Tynemouth Soroptomists.
5. With funding from Historic England, we ran a project with Year 5 pupils from Percy Main Primary School about the history of Smiths Dock. The children went on a visit to the North East Maritime Trust to learn about boat restoration and were involved with a drone photography session at the dock site. The children also got to meet some former employees of Smiths Dock to learn more about what it was like to work there and got to build some model boats using junk material. The children were shown the film and presented with their certificates by a former welder at Smiths Docks.
6. In September the new Transport Hub opened in North Shields and some of the films we have produced were shown on a big screen and we were in North Shields Central Library running a workshop for people young and old to produce art using spheroballs.
7. We ran two half day sessions with 60 Year 5 children from New York Primary School about slavery and the role North Shields played in the abolition of slavery. The children went on a heritage walk along the Fish Quay and in to the town centre including a visit to a studio making a sculpture of Mary Ann Macham and a visit to the Baptist Church on Howard Street
8. We had an exhibition about Charles Udor Minto and his life and impact on the people of North Shields on display in October in North Shields Central Library. Minto was recognised with the unveiling of a Blue Plaque in Northumberland Place
9. We engage with a wide audience on our social media platforms. These are important ways to communicate our achievements, let local people know about what events we have coming up and also a way for people to get in touch with us and help us with our research. We have had over 35,200 Facebook page reaches, 350 followers on Instagram, around 203 connections to people and organisations on LinkedIn and have 780 followers on X (formerly known as Twitter). Our project videos have over 18,000 views on YouTube. We have also featured on BBC Look North and reached a wide television audience across the North East.

Plans for the future

1. 2025 is the 800th anniversary of the Fish Quay and we will work with partners including North Tyneside Council to understand what the plans are to commemorate it and to play a part in ensuring technology is used to celebrate this landmark event.

2. We will continue to develop relationships with partner organisations and potential funders and will look to participate in relevant events including Local History Day and Heritage Open Days.



Signed:....., on behalf of Trustees

Print name: **Jonathan Barrand**.....

Date: **29th January 2024**.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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North Shields Heritology Project

On accounts for
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 17 January, 2024

Name:

Mark Thompson MAAT

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North Shields Heritology Project

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
			£	£
Receipts				
Grants	2	3947	3947	7202
Donations	777		777	1053
Total Receipts	777	3947	4724	8255
Payments				
Print, Postage & Stationery	125	749	874	445
Travel	12	717	729	228
Launch Event			0	0
Room Hire	195	206	401	398
General Office Expenses	25	163	188	148
Insurance	173		173	146
Advertising			0	
Equipment			0	555
Consultants Fees & Subscriptions	120	1885	2005	2174
Legal & Professional		2125	2125	0
Accountancy		80	80	100
Donations	50		50	128
Total Payments	700	5925	6625	4322
Surplus / deficit for the year	77	-1978	-1901	3933
Funds as at 1 January 2023	5981	10101	16082	12149
Funds at 31 December 2023	6058	8123	14181	16082

**North Shields Heritology Project
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets	Notes	
Cash at Bank	14181	16082
Total Cash Balances	<u>14181</u>	<u>16082</u>
 Current Liabilities	 0	 0
 For The Year Ended 31 December 2023	 <u>14181</u>	 <u>16082</u>
 Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	8123	10101
Unrestricted Funds	6058	5981
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Signed  Position **Chairman**

Signed  Position **Trustee Treasurer**

Date **29th January 2024**

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2. Grants Received:

Restricted

Historic England	3000
Historic England (NYPS)	650
North Tyneside Council (Black History)	297

3947

3. Trustees and Staff

No staff are directly employed by the charity.

4. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £80.

5. Restricted Funds balance at 31 December 2023

	Balance 1/1/23	Income	Expend	Balance 31/12/23
Venator Community Fund (2)	250			250
Historic High Streets Pilot HAZ Project (Historic England/VODA)	284		284	0
North of Tyne Combined Authority Capacity Fund	591			591
Helix Arts(Arts Council England)	418		81	337
Hadrian Trust (2)	402			402
Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 1	2301			2301
Helix Arts(Arts Council England)	885			885
Venator Community Fund (3)	250			250
Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 2	4720		2006	2714
Historic England		3000	2607	393
Historic Englang (NYPS)		650	650	0
North Tyneside Council (Black History)		297	297	0
Total	10101	3947	5925	8123

NORTH SHIELDS HERITAGE PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1181245

Accounts

North Shields Heritology Project

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

Charity No. 1181245

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **North Shields Heritology Project**

Reg'd Charity No: 1181245

Trustees: Jonathan Barrand
Alison Spedding
Keith Spedding
David Young

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Bankers: Santander

Independent
Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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Trustees Report

Achievements through the year

We have continued to attract funding and deliver projects throughout 2022. The past year has been easier logistically with few, if any, restrictions due to Covid.

1. We raised a total of £8,255 and have engaged with approximately 550 participants including 191 school children.
2. We delivered a project with 30 Year 5 schoolchildren from Wellfield Primary School with the assistance of four student teachers from Northumbria University. Based around the life of North Shields artist Victor Noble Rainbird, the children learned about how World War I affected his life and used Sphero balls to explore his art as well as the theme of war. The children then storyboarded and produced a film about Rainbird, which included learning about, and operating, video production technology.
3. We used Sphero balls to produce art with 25 Year 5 and 25 Year 6 schoolchildren from Christchurch Primary School in collaboration with Building Self Belief, a charity that aims to improve the wellbeing of young people.
4. As Keynote Speakers, we gave a presentation to 100 members of Soroptimists International at the Dome in Whitley Bay on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary. The audience included the Elected Mayor of North Tyneside Norma Redfearn.
5. We were one of many North Tyneside based groups who attend the Local History Day event in North Shields Library where the public were invited to know more about local history and how to get involved. We received excellent feedback from people who were impressed with our demonstration of VR headsets and how they can be used for educational purposes.
6. We were present at The Exchange in North Shields to showcase what the project does as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and observed the period of national mourning with the country after the passing of HM The Queen.
7. We delivered three guided walks and three talks to Linskill EngAGE group and Probus Group covering aspects of local history.
8. Through our guided walks and talks, funds were raised in aid of Toilet Twinning. Two toilets were twinned - at The Exchange and North Shields Baptist church in the North Shields Heritage Action Zone.
9. We engage with a wide audience on our social media platforms. These are important ways to communicate our achievements, let local people know about what events we have coming up and also a way for people to get in touch with us and help us with our research. We have had almost 20,000 Facebook page reaches, close to 300 followers on Instagram, around 200 connections to people and organisations on LinkedIn and have Tweeted over 3,100 times to our 700 followers. Our project videos have almost 120,000 views on YouTube.

Plans for the future

Looking ahead to 2023 we hope that any potential Winter increase in Covid cases will not impact on our planned projects however we quickly learned to adapt and are confident in our abilities. As the cost-of-living impacts on day-to-day lives, it is important to acknowledge potential funding could be harder to attract as funders look to support the vulnerable. It is also a reminder to us that we take our responsibility of delivering projects in an environmentally sustainable way seriously and will consider this with our partners when planning projects.

1. In March 2023 we will be working with Christ Church Primary School on a project around the theme of Crime and Punishment with input from one of the project volunteers who has a degree in Criminology.
2. We have a second project, planned with Percy Main Primary School, exploring the history and social impact of Smiths Dock in North Shields. We have secured funding for this from The Heritage Schools Grant from Historic England.
3. 2025 is the 800th anniversary of the Fish Quay and we will work with partners including North Tyneside Council to understand what the plans are to commemorate it and to play a part in ensuring technology is used to celebrate this landmark event.
4. We will continue to develop relationships with partner organisations and potential funders and will look to participate in relevant events including Local History Day and Heritage Open Days.



Signed:....., on behalf of Trustees

Print name: **Jonathan Barrand**

Date: 30 January 2023.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Notes to the
accounts, 2012

North Shields Heritology Project

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2022

Charity no 1181245

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 30 January, 2023

**Name:
Address:**

Mark Thompson MAAT
VODA
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North Shields Heritology Project

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
			£	£
Receipts				
Grants	2	7202	7202	10098
Donations	1053		1053	0
Total Receipts	1053	7202	8255	10098
Payments				
Print, Postage & Stationery	41	404	445	466
Travel		228	228	230
Launch Event			0	0
Room Hire	13	385	398	715
General Office Expenses	34	114	148	265
Insurance	146		146	142
Advertising			0	9
Equipment		555	555	524
Consultants Fees & Subscriptions	674	1500	2174	3434
Legal & Professional			0	1650
Accountancy	100		100	60
Donations	128		128	0
Total Payments	1136	3186	4322	7495
Surplus / deficit for the year	-83	4016	3933	2603
Funds as at 1 January 2022	6064	6085	12149	9546
Funds at 31 December 2022	5981	10101	16082	12149

**North Shields Heritology Project
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Current Assets	Notes	
Cash at Bank	16082	12149
Total Cash Balances	<u>16082</u>	<u>12149</u>
 Current Liabilities	 0	 0
 For The Year Ended 31 December 2022	 <u>16082</u>	 <u>12149</u>
 Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	10101	6085
Unrestricted Funds	5981	6064
	<u>16082</u>	<u>12149</u>

Signed  Position Trustee - Chairman

Signed  Position Trustee - Treasurer

Date .30 January 2023.....

North Shields Heritology Project

Notes to the accounts, 2022

1. Basis of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

North Shields Heritology Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Grants Received:

Restricted

Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 2	6652
Sir James Knott Trust - Queens Platinum Jubilee Fund	550

7202

3. Trustees and Staff

No staff are directly employed by the charity.

4. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £80.

5. Restricted Funds balance at 31 December 2022

	Balance 1//1/22	Income	Expend	Balance 31/12/22
Venator Community Fund (2)	250			250
Historic High Streets Pilot HAZ Project (Historic England/VODA)	693		409	284
North of Tyne Combined Authority Capacity Fund	833		242	591
Helix Arts(Arts Council England)	418			418
Hadrian Trust (2)	402			402
Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 1	2301			2301
Helix Arts(Arts Council England)	938		53	885
Venator Community Fund (3)	250			250
Historic High Streets (Historic England/VODA) - Round 2		6652	1932	4720
Sir James Knott Trust - Queens Platinum Jubilee Fund		550	550	0
Total	6085	7202	3186	10101

NORTH SHIELDS HERITAGE PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1181245

Accounts

North Shields Heritology Project

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Trustees Report

Achievements through the year to 31st December 2021.

The project has continued to grow from strength to strength despite the ongoing challenges of securing funding and delivering projects due to Covid.

1. We raised a total of £10,098 from grants to deliver projects that helped us engage with 95 pupils from five local schools. Through various talks, workshops, heritage open days and other activities we have engaged a further 167 participants in the project during the year.
2. Following an extension to the Culture Bridge funding, we were able to work with Year 6 pupils at Monkhouse Primary School and Blowin' A Hooley Theatre to produce a drama based on life in North Shields through the lens of Victorian photographer Lyd Sawyer. This was filmed and shown at the Exchange, a cultural venue in the town.
3. We worked with two local primary schools – New York and Monkhouse on a photogrammetry project with a 3D animator around “The Dolly” - an iconic figure of North Shields. The children were given an understanding of its place in the town’s heritage, they photographed The Dolly, a 3D image produced, and the school was presented with a 3D printed model of their work. The project was delivered with Historic England #HistoricHighStreet funding.
4. Working with a local photographer, the children from Battle Hill learned about 360° camera technology and filmed their own narrated walk around the Heritage Action Zone to highlight key historical buildings and events. The children also created the narration to accompany aerial drone footage, and their work is now available on the
5. Pupils from Waterville Primary School learned about the role of North Shields in the anti-slavery movement. From this they developed a storyboard and interview questions to produce a short documentary with a local film maker. This included interviews with local Quakers and a Professor of American Studies from Northumbria University. The children took an active part in the recording, sound and direction of the film.
6. Key Stage 3 pupils from Marden High School worked with a local writer to produce a script around the story of Mary Ann Macham who escaped slavery in America and found her way to North Shields. They added in narration and sound effects to produce a 5-minute stop motion animation of the story.
7. Working with a local writer we produced a film of The C Word – a poem all about Community involving a diverse mix of local residents. In total 52 members of the local community participated in the film and associated
8. We took part in the National Heritage Open Days programme. This included a demonstration of the technology we employ on the project, and a talk on local Artists at the Exchange in North Shields entitled “A Brush With
9. Our YouTube videos of the projects we have filmed and recorded continue to generate significant views, and our social media followers continue to grow. On the back of this, several organisations have been in touch with a view to partnering on future projects.
10. Our films, animations and audio works are generating positive feedback, notably our Heritage Action Zone achievements which resulted in a letter of commendation from Lord Mendoza, Commissioner for Cultural Recovery & Renewal and Emma Squire, Director of Arts, Heritage & Tourism at the Department for Culture, Media & Sport.

Plans for the future

1. We will continue to monitor the funding landscape and apply for funding from national and local funders where the project meets the criteria.
2. We will take part in the Local History Day, a celebration of local heritage with various projects and groups in North Shields Library and the national Heritage Open Days programme.

3. We plan to engage with a Key Stage 2 group of local school children to produce a digital sound recording on the theme of criminology about the criminals who lived in the town in the 19th Century. We will involve a local criminologist, writer and sound recorder to deliver the recording.

4. Working with children from Wellfield Middle School, we will produce a film on the theme of art in the town, specifically documenting the life of Victor Noble Rainbird.

5. We will engage with Historic England to develop a project around the theme of Sense of Place with a view to delivering an outcome in 2022.



Signed:....., on behalf of Trustees

Print name: **Jonathan Barrand**

Date: **28th January 2022**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Notes to the
accounts, 2012

North Shields Heritology Project

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2021

Charity no 1181245

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responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

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**Basis of
independent
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 25 January, 2022

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT
Address: VODA
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Linskill Terrace
North Shields
NE30 2AY


North Shields Heritology Project

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
			£	£
Receipts				
Grants	2	10098	10098	8400
Donations			0	0
Total Receipts	0	10098	10098	8400
Payments				
Print, Postage & Stationery		466	466	0
Travel		230	230	91
Launch Event			0	0
Room Hire	4	711	715	365
General Office Expenses	3	262	265	66
Insurance		142	142	0
Advertising		9	9	99
Equipment		524	524	2554
Consultants Fees & Subscriptions	99	3335	3434	131
Legal & Professional		1650	1650	2543
Accountancy	60		60	0
Total Payments	166	7329	7495	5849
Surplus / deficit for the year	-166	2769	2603	2551
Funds as at 1 January 2021	6230	3316	9546	6995
Funds at 31 December 2021	6064	6085	12149	9546

**North Shields Heritology Project
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
Current Assets	Notes	
Cash at Bank	12149	9546
Total Cash Balances	<u>12149</u>	<u>6995</u>
 Current Liabilities	 0	 0
 For The Year Ended 31 December 2021	 <u>12149</u>	 <u>6995</u>
 Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	6085	3316
Unrestricted Funds	6064	6230
	<u>12149</u>	<u>9546</u>

Signed  Position **Chairman**

Signed  Position **Treasurer**

Date **28th January 2022**

North Shields Heritology Project

Notes to the accounts, 2021

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2. Grants Received:

Restricted

North of Tyne Capacity Fund	833
Helix Arts (Arts Council England)	1000
Hadrian Trust	500
Historic England/VODA Main HAZ Project	6015
Helix Arts (Arts Council England)	1500
Venator Community Fund	250

10098

3. Trustees and Staff

No staff are directly employed by the charity.

4. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £100.

5. Restricted Funds balance at 31 December 2021

	Balance 01/01/2021	Income	Expend	Balance 31/12/21
Venator Community Fund (2)	250			250
Celebrate National Lottery 25 (pre-paid card)	166		166	0
Community Foundation Tyne Wea & Northumberland (Culture Bridge)	1500		1500	0
Historic England/Voda Pilot HAZ Project	1400		707	693
North of Tyne Capacity Fund		833		833
Helix Arts (Arts Council England)		1000	582	418
Hadrian Trust		500	98	402
Historic High Streets (Historic England /VODA)		6015	3714	2301
Helix Arts (Arts Council England)		1500	562	938
Venator Community Fund (3)		250		250
Total	3316	10098	7329	6085