

North Shields Heritology Project

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charity No. 1181245

Legal and Administrative Information

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Trustees Report Achievements through the year

The Trustees, volunteers and partners of the North Shields Heritology 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 spherio balls.
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

Notes to the
accounts, 2012

North Shields Heritology Project

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2023

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: 17 January, 2024

Name:

Mark Thompson MAAT

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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

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	14181	16082
Total Cash Balances	14181	16082
Current Liabilities	0	0
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023	14181	16082
Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	8123	10101
Unrestricted Funds	6058	5981
	14181	16082

Signed  Position **Chairman**

Signed  Position **Trustee Treasurer**

Date **29th January 2024**

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Notes to the accounts, 2023

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

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. 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