

North Shields Heritology Project

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Charity No. 1181245

Legal and Administrative Information

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Reg'd Charity No: 1181245

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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 “shields” – 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 sphero balls.
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 sphero ball 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.

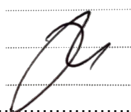
Social media audience engagement

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 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 Barrant

Print name:

Date: **13th February 2025**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Notes to the
accounts, 2012

North Shields Heritology Project

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2024

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: 05 February, 2025

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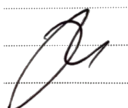
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

		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

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

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

Signed  Position Chairman

Signed  Position Treasurer

Date 13th February 2025

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Notes to the accounts, 2024

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

R W Mann - NS800	1000
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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