

North Shields Heritology Project

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

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 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
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: 16 January, 2026

Name:

Mark Thompson MAAT

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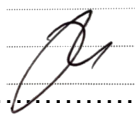
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	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

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

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

Signed  Position Chairman

Signed  Position Trustee Treasurer

Date 20 January 2026

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Notes to the accounts, 2025

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 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