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Cuckfield Museum
Charitable Incorporated Organisation
(Registered Charity No. 1182604)

Accounts for the year

1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Cuckfield Museum Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustees' Report for the period ended 31 December 2023

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are:

- (a) The advancement of public education by the provision of a museum at Cuckfield comprising items of local historic, artistic or other significance including the collection and such other items as may from time to time be donated to, acquired by or loaned to the Trustees;
- (b) The display, conservation, storage, maintenance, insurance and enhancement of the items comprising the museum collection; and
- (c) The advancement of public education in subjects relevant to the items comprising the museum collection
- (d) The production of research relating to the items comprising the museum collection and the publication of the results thereof.

Achievements and performance

2023 has seen a return to normal activity for the museum although the opening hours are reduced compared with the period prior to the COVID 19 pandemic. In addition to our normal opening hours we have continued to support the local community by:

- (a) Maintaining an active presence on social media and the museum's website;
- (b) Continuing to provide loan boxes to local schools;
- (c) Answering queries from the public on local history;
- (d) Acquiring new exhibits for the museum's collection.

The Executive Committee completed an extensive review of the collection in 2022 and a number of disposals are continuing to take place. Following the review a decision was taken to replace the museum's catalogue system with a more comprehensive system and this was acquired in December 2023. The full implementation of the new system, Modes, will take place in 2024.

Financial review

The charity's financial statements and position have been scrutinised by an external examiner and the details are set out on pages 4 to 6 below. The Trustees would like to draw attention to the high level of sales (£2,102) in 2023 while other receipts are broadly in line with the original budget. Despite the additional expenditure on the new catalogue system and an increase in our insurance premium, payments were below budget. This was due to the difficulty in finding conservation specialists to restore two rare books in our collection, the cost of which was included in the 2023 budget. We have now commissioned a specialist firm to carry out the work in 2024 which means that we are committed to a payment of approximately £2,100 in 2024. Notwithstanding these issues the Trustees are confident that, given the current level of reserves, the CIO's financial position is stable.

Structure, governance and management

On 6 March 2019 a new organisation, The Cuckfield Museum Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission to take over the running of the museum from the Cuckfield Museum Trust. The charity's registered number is 1182604. As a result, all activities are now conducted through the new organisation and the Trust was wound up formally during 2022.

The CIO operates in accordance with its constitution which has been approved and adopted by the CIO Trustees. Policy decisions are taken by the Board of Trustees while the day to day running of the museum is delegated to an Executive Committee. The CIO is managed by nine Trustees, as at 31 December 2023, who are identified and appointed according to their skills and abilities in relation to the effective direction of the museum's activities.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the guidance published by the Charity Commission. All our activities are planned in line with our Charitable Objectives and the use of museum facilities is free to all members of the public.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees


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Andrew Symonds, Chairman

Date 15/4/24
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Cuckfield Museum

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

| | Designated Funds | | | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Acquisition Fund £ | Children's Fund £ | Unrestricted £ | Total £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations/grants | | | 1,720 | 1,720 | 4,667 |
| Charitable activities | | | 571 | 571 | 568 |
| Interest | | | 162 | 162 | 21 |
| Subscriptions | | | 2,479 | 2,479 | 2,614 |
| Raising Funds | | | 2,329 | 2,329 | 931 |
| TOTAL | | | 7,261 | 7,261 | 8,801 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Charitable | 2,977 | | 4,722 | 7,699 | 7,689 |
| Activities | | | | | |
| Raising Funds | | | 830 | 830 | 1,287 |
| TOTAL | 2,977 | 0 | 5,552 | 8,529 | 8,976 |
| PAYMENTS: | | | | | |
| Net Receipts /(Payments) | (2,977) | 0 | 1,709 | (1,268) | (175) |
| Total funds brought forward | 7,649 | 387 | 11,410 | 19,446 | 19,621 |
| Total funds carried forward | 4,672 | 387 | 13,119 | 18,178 | 19,446 |

Notes

1. On 6 March 2019 a new organisation, The Cuckfield Museum Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission to take over the running of the museum from the Cuckfield Museum Trust. As a result, all subsequent activities have been conducted through the CIO. The Trust was formally wound up in 2022.
2. Although the CIO accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis it should be noted that there is a substantial financial commitment outstanding at the end of 2023 which is part funded by a grant from the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust. The grant amounts to £1,500 and it was included as a receipt in the 2022 accounts. The forward commitment is approximately £2,100 in respect of the conservation of two books. The cost of the conservation measures will be included in the 2024 accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Current Assets

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Account | 251 | 181 |
| Deposit Account | 17,877 | 19,215 |
| Cash in hand | 50 | 50 |
| TOTAL | 18,178 | 19,446 |

Funds:

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Fund | 13,119 | 11,410 |
| Designated Funds: | | |
| Children's Fund | 387 | 387 |
| Acquisition Fund | 4,672 | 7,649 |
| Total Funds | 18,178 | 19,446 |

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Cuckfield Museum Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report


My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- a. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- b. the accounts do not comply with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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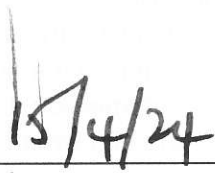
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Trustee Approval

The Receipts and Payments Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2023 was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Andrew Symonds
Chairman of the Trustees



Date