

LANCASTER HEALTH & MEDICAL MUSEUM COLLECTION

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Details

Other names LANCASTER MEDICAL MUSEUM

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-17

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY THE DEVELOPMENT, PRESERVATION AND DISPLAY OF COLLECTIONS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE IN LANCASTER AND ENVIRONS AND TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£5,129	£138	-	-
2024-03-31	£34	£1,153	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,000	£42	-	-
2022-03-31	£0	£552	-	-
2020-12-31	£7	£102	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bryan Rhodes	Chair	2018-08-08
David Ellis Morgan		2024-09-02
Dr Alison Sambrook		2024-11-04
Dr Michael Hugh Lambert		2024-11-04
Ian John James Dewar		2023-11-24
Miles Aspinall Rucklidge		2018-08-08
Naomi Harriet Parsons		2024-11-04
Peter Vincent Dyer		2018-08-08
Shahedal Bari		2024-11-04

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held by Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 8th April 2025

Trustees Present: S.Bari, I.Dewar, P.Dyer (Secretary),
D. Morgan (Treasurer), N.Parsons, B.Rhodes (Chair), A.Sambrook,

Members Present: J. Dean, J. Herman, D. Shreeve

BR welcomed Trustees and Members to the AGM.

1. Apologies: B. Jones, M. Lambert, M. Rucklidge

2. Minutes of the last AGM (Friday 22nd March 2024)

Approved

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

4a) BR noted that after initial contact with the Duchy of Lancaster there had been no further replies to our requests to seek accommodation in The Castle.
(DM agreed to renew the contact with Vicky Mathews.)

6a) BR was pleased that the LHMMC had appointed new Trustees during the course of the year.

6b) BR confirmed that policies for Safeguarding and Internal Financial Controls were now in place.

6d) PVD reported that he and BR had not been able to meet with the UHMBFT CEO or Chair despite making contact through their PA.

4. The revised Constitution was approved by the Trustees.

5. Chair's Annual Report.

a) BR thanked all the Trustees for their hard work and in particular M.Rucklidge who had stepped down as Treasurer.

b) BR expressed his sadness for the loss of John Carne during the year. JC had been one of the founding members and collector of the LHMMC.

c) BR thanked DM for setting up the LHMMC website, establishing email addresses for the administrator, chair and secretary and for becoming treasurer.

d) BR confirmed that the LHMMC would be taking part in the Heritage Open Event in Lancaster in September. The Platform is not available so the Storey options have been explored. Here there are two possible spaces: The Music Room and the Gallery. The Music Room is the most cost-effective and is available on the 17th and 18th September in the afternoons or all day on the 20th September. Booking can be extended into early evening on the Wednesday. The double weekday option was most favoured and will be booked soon if still available. It is hoped that the LHMMC could show some items from the collection and deliver talks by BR, PVD and others. It is hoped that parties from the local schools and medical schools would attend.

- e) BR delivered a presentation based his recent visit to the Devon and Exeter Medical Heritage Trust.

6. Treasurer's Annual Report

Savings Account. Balance at 31st March 2025. £7658

Current Account. Balance at 31st March 2025. £1225

7. Any Other Business

- a) SB indicated that he would be happy to undertake the role of secretary provided that there were no other Trustees interested. It was agreed that if someone else wished to be considered that they would let BR or PVD know.
- b) PVD informed the Trustees and Members that he had had discussions with the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries regarding the porcelain medicine spoons and feeding cup that had been entrusted to his care by Mr. A. Willis of Kirkby Stephen. The Apothecaries are happy to curate the objects, catalogue them on their collections website and exhibit them in their Hall. Should the LHMMC wish to show the items locally, this could be arranged with the Apothecaries. The Trustees approved this arrangement as it meant that the original intention of the donor, that the objects should be exhibited for educational purposes, would be fulfilled.
- c) ID informed the AGM that the Saving Faces project was still being considered as part of the Health Festival but as there were some final details to be agreed, it is was not planned for this year.
- d) DM reported that the website was active and that any contributions were welcome, e.g. for the "object of the month".
- e) NP is delivering a medical history of Lancaster walk on the 1st July. This will be advertised on the LHMMC website
- f) PVD confirmed that the LDCVS were sending a weekly newsletter to the LHMMC. BR was happy to continue to receive this.

8. Date of next AGM

To be confirmed

Peter V. Dyer

Secretary LHMMC

Thursday 10th April 2025

Lancaster Health and Medical Museum Collection

Accounts 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Note the LJHMMC has two accounts, a savings account and a current account.

Savings Account:

Balance at 1 st April	£2522
Income	£66 Interest
	£5000 Carne bequest
	£40 Transfer from current account
Expenditure	Nil
Balance at 31 st March	£7658

Current Account

Balance at 1 st April	£1342
Income	£63 Carne funeral collection
Expenditure	£42 Subscription to the BSHM£96
	£96 Web site expenses
	£40 Transfer to savings account-
Balance at 31 st March	£1225

Combined Savings and Current Accounts at 31st March £8883

M A Rucklidge

Treasurer

31st March 2025

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Lancaster Health and Medical Museum Collection

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held by Microsoft Teams on Friday 22nd March 2024

Present: I. Dewar, P. Dyer (Secretary), N. Ingham,
B. Rhodes (Chair), M. Rucklidge (Treasurer), D. Shreeve

BR welcomed Trustees and members to the AGM.

1. Apologies

M. Armer, S. Ashworth, S. Bari, L. Bryning, K. Eggleston-Wirtz,

2. Minutes of the last meeting

MR asked that the Minutes for 02.02.23 Treasurer's Report, Current Account, be corrected to read £2495.

3. Matters arising from Minutes

Professor Gareth Williams gave a lecture on November 11th, 2023, to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Book Club, about Edward Jenner and was held at The Storey Institute. A plaque to commemorate the first meeting of the Book Club was unveiled at TKMax in Lancaster (the site of the original building).

4. Chair's annual report

a) BR gave a detailed report about an opportunity that has arisen to have a base for the LHMMC in Lancaster Castle. BR, ID and PVD met Vicky Mathews (employed by the Duchy of Lancaster) at The Castle recently to view the possible location. The accommodation would be provided free of charge and a five-year lease would be sought. The Castle also has some teaching rooms: a Seminar Room on the ground floor of A wing and a separate Suite run by Lancaster University, that can take up to 48 attendees, which could be hired for lectures.

Option One

The second floor of Prison A Wing. There would be 16 cells available. There is, however, an accessibility issue and a lift would need to be funded and installed. The lift would clearly benefit the Police Museum and the Duchy so it is hoped that funding for the lift could be shared. Staffing support would be needed for this option though there is a possibility, if the second floor is open at the same time as the first-floor museum, that the staffing could be shared with the Police Museum, which is on the first floor.

Option Two

The ground floor of Prison A Wing. There would be 5 or 6 cells available. There is an accessibility issue because the doorways are too narrow for a wheelchair. Some of the cells are already in use.

It was agreed that the LHMMC should continue discussions with the Duchy of Lancaster regarding option 1 and consider a business case for a lift for the second floor.

b) BR informed the LHMMC that NI was standing down as a Trustee after many years of involvement. He was formally thanked for all his expertise, advice and support. NI replied by saying he would like to remain as a supporter of the LHMMC.

5. Treasurer's annual report

Savings account at 31st March 2024 = £2592

Current account at 31st March 2024 = £1342

6. Any Other Business

a) PVD informed the meeting that Dr Alison Sambrook had donated some Pharmacy bottles from her family collection. PVD has formally thanked her.

b) PVD informed the meeting that having spoken with the Charity Commission it had been recommended that the LHMMC should have policies for Safeguarding and Internal Financial Controls. This was agreed by the Trustees. (*PVD to circulate the policies for signing.*) It was also suggested that in due course a Complaints policy should be considered.

c) Following a suggestion by BR, it was agreed that new Trustees were needed to enhance the functioning and representation of the LHMMC. For example, someone with an educational background. Some names were discussed. PVD mentioned that Kate Eggleston-Wirtz had enquired about funding for educational workshops.

d) BR asked that a meeting with the CEO and Chair be held soon. (PVD to speak to ID to arrange a time.)

7. Date and time of next Annual General Meeting

March 2025 (tbc)

Peter V. Dyer,
Secretary
25th March 2024

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Lancaster Health and Medical Museum Collection

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held by Microsoft Teams on Thursday 2nd February 2023

Present: S. Bari, I. Dewar, P. Dyer (Secretary), N. Ingham,
B. Rhodes (Chair), M. Rucklidge (Treasurer), D. Shreeve

BR welcomed Trustees and members to the AGM.

1. Apologies

M. Binks

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted as a true record of the last AGM.

3. Matters arising from Minutes

- a) BR and MR met Dr Shreeve and took him round the Collection in July 2022.
- b) Dr Shreeve donated a Weiss Trephine and Aspiration Set to the Collection.
BR thanked him for the donation.
- c) The LHMMC did not take part in the Heritage Open Weekend this year.

4. Chair's annual report

- a) Meetings attended with:
 - Director of Communications at the Duchy of Lancaster (Debbie Garrity), to discuss a possible permanent LHMMC exhibition at The Castle.
 - Chair (Mike Thomas) and CEO (Aaron Cumming) of UHMBFT. They offered support for the LHMMC and discussed the possibility of a room(s) in a new hospital. They also suggested that we contact the charities team.
 - Ian Dewar to consider the role of LHMMC including within the Bay Health Festival.
- b) Four Special Study Modules have been completed by Lancaster University medical students. These have been studies of four items from the Collection.
- c) BR has written an article on The History of Masks for the BSHM Website.
- d) BR is guest editor for the MBMJ issue to commemorate the Bicentenary of The Lancaster and Morecambe Book Club.
- e) Professor Gareth Williams will give a lecture on November 11th 2023 to commemorate the Bicentenary. It will be about Edward Jenner and will be at The Storey Institute.
- f) A plaque to commemorate the first meeting of the Book Club will be unveiled at TKMax in Lancaster (the site of the original building).

5. Treasurer's annual report

Savings account at 2nd February 2023 = £2558

Current account at 2nd February 2023 = £5053

6. Any Other Business

- a) NI and PVD have had meetings with Christine Chadwick (Heritage Consultant) to organise a Workshop for a small number of local individuals to ask how we can support their activities. Key themes include how the LHMMC can contribute to the heritage of Lancaster and how to demonstrate the local, national and international role that the city has played in health and medicine in the past and present. The importance of stories has been emphasised.
- b) NI, PVD and Ian Dewar met the Chair (Caroline Jackson) and CEO (Mark Davies) of Lancaster City Council in a supportive meeting for the LHMMC. They expressed interest in the Collection and will be interested to hear about the outcomes from the planned Workshop.

7. Date and time of next Annual General Meeting

March 2024 (tbc)

Peter V. Dyer,
Secretary
2nd February 2023

**Lancaster Health and Medical Museum Collection
Accounts for 2022-2023**

Savings Account:

Balance at 1st April 2022 = £2558

Income: £0.00

Expenditure: £0.00

Balance at 2nd February 2023 = £2558

Current Account:

Balance at 1st April 2022 = £3095

Income = £2000 (Gift from Estate of JV Dyer)

Expenditure = £42 (British Society for the History of Medicine)

Balance at 2nd February 2023 = £5053

MA Rucklidge
Treasurer LHMMC
2nd February 2023

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Lancaster Health and Medical Museum Collection Accounts
1st April, 2021 – 31st March, 2022

Note the LHMMC has two accounts, a savings account and a current account

Savings Account;

Balance at 1 st April	£2558
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Income: Interest - Nil

Expenditure: Nil

Balance at 31 st March	£2558
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Current Account:

Balance at 1 st April	£1089
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Income: Nil

Expenditure: Subscription to British Society for the History of Medicine	42
Consultancy fees to Ms C Chadwick	<u>510</u>
	£552

Balance at 31st March £537

Combined Savings and Current Accounts at 31st March - £3095

M A Rucklidge, Treasurer 31.3.2022

Lancaster Health and Medical Museum Collection Report

1st April, 2021 – 31st March, 2022

The Charity has continued to operate under the Covid restrictions and as such its activities have been limited. However those activities that have happened are detailed below:

1. The Trustees have met Christine Chadwick (Heritage Consultant) twice (once virtually and once face-to-face) since the last AGM. She produced an Interim Report and has advised that we should: A. Assess the collection and redefine the catalogue making it more easily accessible. B. Have public engagement (especially local schools. Christine Chadwick has agreed to continue working with the Trustees.
2. a. The following donations have been made to the collection: Bronze Roman Surgical Instruments (from Alan Willis), Pneumonectomy Boxes, Examination Couch, Travelling Medicine Kit, Box of Surgical Instruments, Drug Weighing Scales, Smallpox Vaccination Kit (all from Dr J Carne).
- b. The Chair took part in the Lancaster Health Festival (Health History Trail) and the Heritage Open Weekend. Both events took place in September 2021 and it is planned to involve the LHMMC again in 2022.
- c. The Chair and Trustees would like to re-engage the UHMBFT Board and the Head of the Medical School in the LHMMC.
- d. The Chair is taking part in a History of Medicine event at UCLan in April. He will be lecturing on “masks”.
- e. The Chair is involved in the planned events to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Lancaster Medical Book Club in 2023.

Peter V. Dyer
Secretary
31.03.2022

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Lancaster Health and Medical Museum Collection Annual Trustees' and Financial Report

This report covers the period from 1st January 2020 until 31st December 2020.

1. The Trustees are:

Bryan Rhodes (Chair)
Miles Rucklidge (Treasurer)
Peter Dyer (Secretary)
Nigel Ingham

2. This year there has been one Trustee meeting (13th January 2020) and the Annual General Meeting (26th October 2020). The AGM was held by Microsoft Teams. The Trustee meeting of the 26th October 2020 was postponed because the business of the LHMMC had been completed at the AGM. The minutes were circulated to the Trustees and to the supporting members.

3. The Trustees met with Christine Chadwick, Heritage Consultant, to seek her advice about holding a "community conversation". The meeting was held just prior to the first Covid lockdown and the project has not progressed at the moment.

4. The Heritage Open Weekend and the Lancaster Health Festival both took place virtually. Peter Dyer took part in a podcast at the latter. The "Sir Richard Owen Lecture" was cancelled this year.

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Current account.	Total at 1st January 2020	= £792
	Total at 31st December 2020	= £690

Savings account.	Total at 1st January 2020	= £2550
	Total at 31st December 2020	= £2557

Peter V Dyer
Secretary LHMMC
25th January 2021