

# BEMBRIDGE HERITAGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1185187

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-09-05

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT INTO THE HISTORY AND OF BEMBRIDGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A MUSEUM.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BEMBRIDGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Isle Of Wight

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-30	£7,448	£5,808	-	-
2023-10-30	£5,927	£5,701	-	-
2022-10-30	£7,945	£6,591	-	-
2021-10-30	£25,198	£6,377	-	-
2020-10-30	£6,406	£3,378	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Sir Paul Stephen Kenny</b>	Chair	2022-02-01
Christine Lynne Grant		2019-11-24
Derek Philip Sothcott		2019-11-24
Dolina June Clarke		2022-11-29
Kenneth Michael Orchard		2019-11-24

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## Trustees Report 2024

As the Chairperson and Secretary roles remain vacant the following report has been compiled by the Trustees.

Bembridge Heritage has continued to hold several coffee mornings on various Saturdays through the last year. These have helped to boost our income to cover the cost of rent, utilities and other administrative outgoings. An inclusion of a "Bric a Brac" stall run by Rex and Jeanie Gully has created a new interest at the coffee mornings as well as raising more money for the organisation.

We have continued to hold Open Evenings either at the Village Hall or the Methodist Church with talks by a variety of speakers that have proved very popular and well attended by members and non-members.


Our Annual Exhibition held in August was successful with raffle prizes donated by many of the local businesses in the village who are very supportive of us. Our Volunteers manned a stall at the Village Street Fair, where we sold books and had many interesting conversations with visitors and locals.

We realise the site of our Heritage Centre is out of the way and we are looking for premises that would be more central in the village and therefore encourage a higher footfall. We are hopeful we can return to the library in the old village school, which is where we were prior to being forced out because of the damp issues. It will require a community wide effort to raise finances for this to happen. We would therefore ask for your help with this endeavour, so any fund raising ideas and volunteers would be very welcome.

Income and Expenditure Account as 31st Oct 2024:

Income:	
Membership	1225
Raffles	1471
Refreshments	699
Book Sales	265
Donations	1304
Misc Sales	327
Grants	200
Entrance Fees	138
DVDs	39
Book Sales (A R Phillips)	1344
Bank Interest	436
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7448</b>
Expenditure:	
Rent	1850
Venue Hire	725
Utilities	502
Insurance	96
Production Materials	242
Refreshment and Raffle Costs	481
Speaker Fees	60
IT Costs	454
Consumables	322
Printing	0
Postage	0
Fire check	94
Book Sales (A R Phillips)	982
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5808</b>
<b>Surplus Income 2023/24:</b>	<b>1640</b>

Bank Balances as at 1st Nov 2023	
Treasurer	12569
Deposit/Instant Access	20607
Cash	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>33376</b>
Bank Balances as at 31st Oct 2024	
Treasurer	9497
Deposit	25436
Cash	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>35016</b>
<b>Change in Bank Balances</b>	<b>1640</b>

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 8th Nov 2024

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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEARS  
1 NOVEMBER 2022 - 31 OCTOBER 2023**

	to 31.10.2023	to 31.10.2022
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Membership	1240.5	1196.00
Sales	821.5	1363.50
Donations at Centre	218	270.80
Donations at Open Meetings & Coffee Mornings	1805	324.50
Bequests and personal donations	0	0.00
Open Meetings (entrance)	115	159.00
Fund Raising (including raffles & refreshments)	937.2	1764.98
Miscellaneous Items		
Grants and ring fenced funding	300	200.00
Sponsorship	200	
Isle of Wight Council State Aid (Covid)	0	2667.00
Business Rates refunded		
Bank interest	290.47	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5927.01</b>	<b>7945.48</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Rent	2400	2400.00
Village Hall Hire Costs	636	456.00
Equipment & materials	563.95	
Marketing/Advertising		278.40
Purchases of Books/Booklets/DVDs		274.43
Fund-Raising Costs		117.38
Administration & speaker fees	100	60.00
Insurance & fire prevention	352.59	379.06
Repairs & Maintenance( for computer)		682.73
Energy	564.35	572.75
Audit & Accountancy		429.00
Sponsorship	200	
Miscellaneous Items	37.5	93.94
Ring Fenced expenditure		848.46
Refreshment & raffle costs	392.33	
Internet cost	417.33	
Office costs	37.81	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6701.86</b>	<b>6591.42</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>5927.01</b>	<b>7945.48</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>6701.86</b>	<b>6591.42</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>225.15</b>	<b>1354.06</b>
<b>Bank Balance 31.10.2023 Treasurers a/c</b>	<b>12559.73</b>	<b>11049.89</b>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		1354.06
Instant access account	2049.47	
<b>Total for treasurers a/c</b>	<b>12784.88</b>	<b>12403.95</b>
Total Bembridge Heritage Deposit a/c	18241	20002.74
<b>Statement as at 31 October 2022</b>	<b>32850.2</b>	<b>32406.69</b>

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1 Nov 2023

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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEARS  
1 NOVEMBER 2021 - 31 OCTOBER 2022**

<b>Income</b>	<b>to 31.10.2022</b>
	<b>£</b>
Membership	1196.00
Sales	1363.50
Donations at Centre	270.80
Donations at Open Meetings & Coffee Mornings	324.50
Bequests and personal donations	0.00
Open Meetings (entrance)	159.00
Fund Raising (including raffles & refreshments)	1764.98
Miscellaneous Items	
Grants and ring fenced funding	200.00
Sponsorship	
Isle of Wight Council State Aid (Covid)	2667.00
Business Rates refunded	
Petty cash returned	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7945.48</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Rent	2400.00
Village Hall Hire Costs	456.00
Archival Costs	
Marketing/Advertising	278.40
Purchases of Books/Booklets/DVDs	274.43
Fund-Raising Costs	117.38
Administration & speaker fees	60.00
Insurance & fire prevention	379.06
Repairs & Maintenance( for computer)	682.73
Electricity	572.75
Audit & Accountancy	429.00
Subscriptions	
Miscellaneous Items	93.94
Ring Fenced expenditure	848.46
Membership refund	
Business Rates	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6591.42</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>7945.48</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>6591.42</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1354.06</b>
<b>Bank Balance 31.10.2020 Treasurers a/c</b>	<b>11049.89</b>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1354.06
<b>Total for treasurers a/c</b>	<b>12403.95</b>
Total Bembridge Heritage Deposit a/c	20002.74

**Statement as at 31 October 2021**

**32406.69**

**To 31.10.2021**

**£**

1,360.00

1,295.12

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**25,198.00**

2,400.00

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# Bembridge Heritage

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## Bembridge Heritage Financial Report

1 November 2020 - 31 October 2021

		To 31.10.2021	To 31.10.20
<b>Income</b>		£	£
	Membership	1,360.00	1,675.00
	Sales	1,295.12	387.00
	Donations at Centre	315.32	150.67
	Donations at Open Meetings & Coffee Mornings	314.12	8.00
	Bequests and personal donations	1,080.00	745.50
	Open Meetings (entrance)	75.00	232.65
	Fund Raising (including raffles & refreshments)	936.30	537.82
	Miscellaneous Items	99.94	0.00
	Grants and ring fenced funding	1,632.96	2,500.00
	Sponsorship	0.00	169.94
	Isle of Wight Council State Aid (Covid)	17,907.00	0.00
	Business Rates refunded	182.24	0.00
	Petty cash returned	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,198.00</b>	<b>6,406.58</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Rent	2,400.00	400.00
	Village Hall Hire Costs	81.00	90.00
	Archival Costs	0.00	78.84
	Marketing/Advertising	0.00	0.00
	Purchases of Books/Booklets/DVDs	42.90	60.00
	Fund-Raising Costs	114.14	93.02
	Administration	0.00	0.00
	Insurance	352.59	835.28
	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	118.55
	Electricity	0.00	48.13
	Audit & Accountancy	0.00	0.00
	Subscriptions	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous Items	170.27	309.44
	Grants and Ring Fenced Funding	3,033.81	1,320.09
	Membership refund	0.00	25.00
	Business Rates	182.24	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,376.95</b>	<b>3,378.35</b>
	<b>Income</b>	25,198.00	6,406.58
	<b>Expenditure</b>	6,376.95	3,378.35
	<b>Total</b>	18,821.05	3,028.23
	<b>Bank Balance 31.10.2020</b>	9,981.49	
	Excess of Income over Expenditure	18,821.05	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,802.54</b>	
	<b>Statement as at 31 October 2021</b>	<b>28,802.54</b>	

## Chairman's Annual Report 2021

Just over a year ago, on 28 October, Caroline Peel, the High Sheriff for the Island and our local County Councillor Michael Murwill, formally opened the Bembridge Heritage Visitor Centre. Obeying the Covid rule of six it was a very quiet occasion but nonetheless a significant moment for BH and Bembridge. No sooner was it opened than lockdown struck again. We reopened for about a month before Christmas but had to be closed until Tuesday 18 May 2021, with the rule of six still in place.

Throughout the year, despite the Covid lockdown, BH has continued to keep in touch with members via monthly newsletters. These included up to date reports on progress at BHVC with stories and memories to amuse and ponder on. I hope you found them valuable.

BH held the postponed 2020 annual exhibition *Working Bembridge* on the weekend of 21 and 22 of August 2021. This was a great success attracting over 500 visitors during the two days. In addition to the display boards recalling the many and varied ways villagers earned a living in decades past, two important projects were included - the BH Database and Bembridge Voices.

The Database attracted a great deal of interest. It now holds all the BH and John Woodford archives for all to access at BHVC. The daunting challenge of transferring the archive documents has been achieved by Ken Orchard. BH and the village are indebted to him and I thank him for all he has done to preserve the diverse and fascinating history of Bembridge. Also many thanks to Andy Stewart for listing all the documents in the BH archive boxes to enable easier access.

*Bembridge Voices* is a new project. At the start of 2021 BH was awarded a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund to set up the project. The project went ahead once Covid restrictions ended. Resident's stories and memories are recorded to help them become more involved in community activities and to combat loneliness. Visitors are able to listen to the recordings at various events. Many thanks to the Bembridge Voices team and Alan Doe for starting to gather such a rich archive of conversations.

Back in September 2020 BH was awarded a £2000 grant from Wight Aid to help set up the BHVC. This has now been spent and together with other small grants from the Parish Council BHVC has nearly achieved a fully functioning office. The missing link is a connection to broadband. This will happen very soon thanks to a successful bid to the Parish Council Dragon's Den Awards. Thanks to the Parish Council, Wight Aid and a government re-start grant for enabling BH to continue to be an important resource for the community.

BHVC has been kept open throughout the summer months from Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10am to 3pm by an amazing team of volunteers. Very many thanks for their wonderful support and commitment to make BHVC available for the community and visitors. During the winter months it will still be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays or by request. Have you visited yet?

We have started monthly Saturday Coffee Morning Plus get-togethers. All are welcome to hear Bembridge Voices playbacks, dip into the database archive, enjoy looking at a focused BH display, try and win a raffle prize, see what is on offer on community and BH table top sales but most importantly enjoy coffee and a chat.

In January BH was very honoured to receive the Bembridge Champion Volunteer Group for 2020 award. Thank you Bembridge.

Now we can, open evening meetings are back. A talk by Steve Palmer on ancestry gave us a good start in September. In October, Tim Wander kept us spellbound when he told us about the ambitious PLUTO pipeline. More planned for next year.

As I mentioned in last year's report and in November's newsletter I have seriously considered and announced stepping aside as chairman due to overburdening administrative tasks. I have now reconsidered as support with these tasks is being addressed, and I will continue in the chairman role for the next year. BH is now well placed to go forward with new ideas, challenges and community events. The Bembridge Sailing Club has generously chosen BH as its Charity of the Year 2022. In addition, BH has been asked to play a significant part in the Platinum Jubilee village celebrations.

My heartfelt thanks to BH members and the Bembridge community for their help and support so freely and generously given during this very strange year.



Verena Sparrow, Chairman Bembridge Heritage, November 2021

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR  
1 NOVEMBER 2020 - 31 OCTOBER 2021**

		<b>To 31.10.2021</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>£</b>
	Membership	1,360.00
	Sales: Books & DVD's	753.62
	Sales: Greeting cards & bookmarks	432.50
	<b>Sales: Miscellaneous</b>	<b>109.00</b>
	Donations at Centre	315.32
	Donations at Open Meetings	291.66
	<b>Donations at Coffee Mornings</b>	<b>22.46</b>
	Bequests and personal donations	1,080.00
	Evening Meetings	75.00
	Fund Raising (including raffles)	775.00
	Refreshments	161.30
	Miscellaneous Items	99.94
	Grants and ring fenced funding	1,632.96
	Outreach	0.00
	Sponsorship	0.00
	<b>Isle of Wight Council State Aid (Covid)</b>	<b>17,907.00</b>
	<b>Business Rates refunded</b>	<b>182.24</b>
	Petty cash returned	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,198.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
	Rent	2,400.00
	Village Hall Hire Costs	81.00
	Archival Costs	0.00
	Marketing/Advertising	0.00
	Purchases of Books/Booklets	42.90
	Purchase of DVD's	0.00
	Fund-Raising Costs	114.14
	Administration	0.00
	Insurance	352.59
	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
	Electricity	0.00
	Audit & Accountancy	0.00
	Subscriptions	0.00
	Miscellaneous Items	170.27
	Grants and Ring Fenced Funding	3,033.81
	Membership refund	0.00
	Business Rates	182.24
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,376.95</b>
	<b>Income</b>	<b>25,198.00</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>6,376.95</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18,821.05</b>

	<b>Bank Balance 31.10.2020</b>	9,981.49
	Excess of Income over Expenditure	18,821.05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,802.54</b>
	<b>Statement as at 31 October 2021</b>	<b>28,802.54</b>

<b>To 31.10.2020</b>			
		<b>Income</b>	
1,675.00			Membership
193.00			Sales: Books & DVD's
194.00			Sales: Greeting cards & bookmarks
0.00			Donations at Centre
150.67			Bequests and personal donations
8.00			Grants and ring fenced funding
0.00			Evening Meetings
745.50			Fund Raising (including raffles)
232.65			Refreshments
458.89			Donations at Open Meetings
78.93			Outreach
			Sponsorship
2,500.00			Petty cash returned
0.00			<b>Total</b>
169.94			
0.00		<b>Expenditure</b>	
0.00			Rent
0.00			Village Hall Hire Costs
<b>6,406.58</b>			Archival Costs
			Marketing/Advertising
			Purchases of Books/Booklets
400.00			Purchase of DVD's
90.00			Fund-Raising Costs
78.84			Administration
0.00			Insurance
0.00			Repairs & Maintenance
60.00			Electricity
93.02			Audit & Accountancy
0.00			Subscriptions
835.28			Miscellaneous Items
118.55			Grants and RingFenced Funding
48.13			Membership refund
0.00			<b>Total</b>
0.00			
309.44			<b>Income</b>
1,320.09			<b>Expenditure</b>
25.00			<b>Total</b>
0.00			
<b>3,378.35</b>			<b>Bank Balance 31.10.2019</b>
			Excess of Income over Expenditure
			<b>Total</b>
			<b>Statement as at 31 October 2020</b>



<b>To 31.10.2020</b>
<b>£</b>
1,675.00
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6,953.26
3,028.23
<b>9,981.49</b>
<b>9,981.49</b>



**Bembridge Heritage**

**Financial Years 2020/21**

This report is compiled using the following records;

- Statement of Accounts
- Bank Statement
- Invoices

**The following findings were identified**

**Opening and Closing balances**

The opening balance for 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 can be confirmed as £9,981.49.

The closing balance can be confirmed as £28,802.54 at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

**Invoices**

All invoices were held on file.

**Jacqui McDade**

**November 2021**



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## **BEMBRIDGE HERITAGE -Charity Number 1185187**

The first year of operating as a Charity has been difficult due to Covid.

The necessity to move to new premises to protect the exhibits from water damage in the old library building was a huge undertaking. We had no choice but to move, as to stay would involve taking on a full repairing lease which would include us funding the costs of repairing the leaking roof! In addition there were monthly rental costs for the new centre to take into account. There were none at the old centre as we had a “tenancy at will”.

In addition, Covid restrictions have meant we have been unable to hold open meetings in the Village Hall since February of this year. These meetings were proving to be very successful and provided a valuable source of our income. The planned future meetings and exhibitions for the rest of the year had to be cancelled. All in all a gloomy outlook financially. However, the future soon began to look brighter.

There are many people to thank for this. In particular the Weaver family for allowing us to take over a unit at Weavers Yard which is a perfect fit for Bembridge Heritage. Laceys for giving their time free of charge to help move the larger items to the new centre. Bembridge Parish Council for donating office furniture they were replacing. Trustees, Members and Men in Sheds for their extraordinary help in fitting out the new premises to suit all our exhibits. This was a huge amount of work to transform the empty shell into a purpose built exhibition centre and every square inch of space has been used in the best possible way. Their time has all been provided free of charge.

During the time that the Charity has not been able to open our premises or hold meetings Trustees and volunteers have taken the time to upload information on to our website so that information about the rich heritage of Bembridge is open for all to see. We have therefore been undertaking John Woodford’s dream of continuing to save the past for the future. We were also able to undertake outreach visits to nursing and residential homes and helping helping bring back happy memories to older people.

Going forward, merchandising will play an important part in bringing in funds. Until such time as evening meetings and exhibitions can take place again we will be relying on donations at the Heritage Visitors’ Centre and merchandising.

Overall, what started as a pretty bleak year has transformed into one of great hope for the charity. We now have a wonderful dry and inviting centre for the people of Bembridge and beyond, and a bank balance that will cover our costs for some time to come. A very promising start to 2021.

No trustee, committee member or centre volunteer received any payment throughout the year and all gave their time willingly for the furtherance of the group.

Verena Sparrow, Chairman, Bembridge Heritage  
31 October 2020

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1 NOVEMBER 2019 - 31 OCTOBER 2020</b>		
		<b>To 31.10.2020</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>£</b>
	Membership	1,675.00
	Sales: Books & DVD's	193.00
	Sales: Greeting cards & bookmarks	194.00
	Donations at Centre	150.67
	Bequests and personal donations	745.50
	Grants and ring fenced funding	2,500.00
	Evening Meetings	232.65
	Fund Raising (including raffles)	458.89
	Refreshments	78.93
	Donations at Open Meetings	8.00
	Outreach	0.00
	Sponsorship	169.94
	Petty cash returned	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,406.58</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
	Rent	400.00
	Village Hall Hire Costs	90.00
	Archival Costs	78.84
	Marketing/Advertising	0.00
	Purchases of Books/Booklets	0.00
	Purchase of DVD's	60.00
	Fund-Raising Costs	93.02
	Administration	0.00
	Insurance	835.28
	Repairs & Maintenance	118.55
	Electricity	48.13
	Audit & Accountancy	0.00
	Subscriptions	0.00
	Miscellaneous Items	309.44
	Grants and RingFenced Funding	1,320.09
	Membership refund	25.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,378.35</b>
	<b>Income</b>	<b>6,406.58</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>3,378.35</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,028.23</b>
	<b>Bank Balance 31.10.2019</b>	<b>6,953.26</b>

	Excess of Income over Expenditure	3,028.23	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,981.49</b>	
	<b>Statement as at 31 October 2020</b>	<b>9,981.49</b>	



