GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1189175

Details

Other names	FIREGROUND
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-04-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Old Fire Station Maclure Road Rochdale OL11 1DN
Phone	01706341219
Email	museum@fireground.org.uk
Website	www.fireground.org.uk

Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN GREATER MANCHESTER AND TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ARTEFACTS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED ITEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN FIRE SAFETY.

Activities: The Trust maintains a museum of firefighting in the Greater Manchester region. It manages a collection of fire engines, equipment, uniforms, medals etc, which is open to the public. The operation is run entirely by volunteers. Working in partnership with the Fire and Rescue Service, it also operates a dedicated education programme for schools.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bolton
- Bury
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£158,842	£129,474	-	-
2024-03-31	£90,336	£75,550	-	-
2023-03-31	£87,367	£76,964	-	-
2022-03-31	£79,692	£60,834	-	-
2021-03-31	£60,937	£27,104	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Williams	Chair	2020-04-23
JOHN ERNEST GODMAN		2020-04-23
James Francis McCullagh		2025-05-07
Janet Ann Emsley		2020-04-23
Linda Margery Bonner		2020-04-23
Muhammad Adnan Nawaz Chaudhry		2020-04-23
Nigel Tansley		2020-04-23
Robert Frank Bonner		2020-04-23
Shaun O'Neill		2020-04-23
Stephen Swallow		2025-05-07
William Ronald McGregor		2020-04-23

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GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST

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Accounts

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST

(FIREGROUND MUSEUM)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT y/e 31st March 2025

The year under review has seen the Trust continue to operate satisfactorily, with no charitable, financial or constitutional issues of concern.

This year has seen retirements from, and appointments to, the Board of Governors, which is currently working very efficiently. Three Trustees' meetings have taken place during the year.

Relations with our partner organisations – Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and Rochdale Borough Council – remain strong. The year under review also marked the 50th anniversary of GMFRS with a number of events being held jointly to celebrate this landmark.

Several improvements to the museum exhibition have taken place this year, including the acquisition of additional large objects and the creation of new display spaces, partly funded through a local Visitor Attraction and Venue Improvement Scheme.

Visitor numbers showed a welcome increase of around 6% this year.

We were thrilled this year when our team of wonderful volunteers – without whom Fireground Museum could not exist – were deservedly given the King's Award for Voluntary Service. Volunteering has been a way of life here since 1978 but to receive royal recognition at last was probably worth the wait. Over the year under review, some 7,830 volunteer-hours were recorded.

Bob Bonner

Secretary to the Trustees

7th May 2025

GMFS MUSEUM TRUST - INCOME and EXPENDITURE 2024-2025

INCOME

Cash in Hand April 2024			£	186,408.44
Tickets	£	28,163.00		
Shop	£	5,684.55		
Education work	£	19,544.00		
GMFRS grant support	£	17,479.00		
Donations	£	3,783.50		
Memorabilia Sales	£	4,044.50		
Café rent	£	4,999.92		
Member subscriptions	£	400.00		
TV work	£	950.00		
Fairground, open day stalls etc	£	400.00		
Fm.Sam ride	£	248.20		
Room Hire	£	70.00		
Christmas Meal	£	810.00		
FHNUK AGM	£	198.00		
Refunds (various)	£	72,067.75		
TOTAL INCOME	£	158,842.42		
			£	345,250.86

EXPENDITURE

Payroll			£	27,038.24
New shop stock			£	7,352.06
Vehicle restoration/repair	(PDK 717)		£	33.89
		(6900 NF)	£	42.00
		(GNB 217)	£	362.99
		(TDK 999 K)	£	414.00
		(K 630 KMB)	£	2,314.00
		(Hatfield)	£	30.00
		(Norweb)	£	40.00
Vehicle fuel			£	338.85
Materials/tools			£	706.89
Household			£	377.51
Stationery			£	538.20
New objects			£	5.00
Landlord's Service Charge			£	72,000.00
Business Rates			£	2,320.35
Insurance (Museum)			£	3,246.53
Insurance & breakdown (vehicles)			£	2,010.03
Exhibition/Education equipment			£	126.42
Archives			£	451.73
IT and EPOS			£	2,286.46
Training Courses			£	337.09
Furniture/office equipment			£	368.98
Café equipment			£	2,182.80
Advertising and listings			£	330.00
Hospitality and Refreshments			£	738.42
Telephone			£	382.31
Signage			£	156.00
Garden			£	35.98
Postage			£	194.19
Christmas meal			£	745.65
Memorabilia Sales			£	568.00
Funeral tribute			£	92.50
Affiliation fees			£	680.50
Christmas Tree			£	62.50
Van hire			£	105.60
KAVS badges			£	130.70
Car parking			£	7.00
FHNUK AGM			£	266.00
HGV medical			£	55.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			£	129,474.37
Cash in Hand April 2025			£	215,776.49
			£	345,250.86

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust. Charity No. 1189175

I submit a report on the accounts of the Trust for the year 2024-2025.

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 the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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Basis of independent examiner's report
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Name: Graham Veevers

Former Financial Manager, Greater Manchester Fire Authority:

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Date: 17th December 2025

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1189175

Accounts

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

The year under review has passed without any particular issues and Fireground continues to thrive.

The Museum is now firmly established as a Rochdale attraction and plays an important role in the town's regeneration, particularly around Milkstone and Deeplish, sitting in the centre of some intended exciting new developments around the railway station.

The dedication, versatility and enthusiasm shown by the management team and the whole volunteer force remains a credit to the Museum and serves as an example to the whole sector.

Relations with our two key partners – Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, and Rochdale Borough Council (through Rochdale Development Agency) are as strong as ever, with Fireground representation at events and on projects becoming the norm now. This support was also demonstrated by another substantial rise this year in the level of GMFRS grant support. Representatives from both organisations continue to serve on our governing body.

Two Trustees meetings were held during the year under review with a full Annual General Meeting in April 2023, at which three Trustees were re-elected in accordance with the Constitution. The Board remains at full strength at this time.

The delivery phase of the National Lottery Heritage Fund project ended in August 2023 and, despite some unavoidable under-spending, it is true to say that all funders have been delighted with what has been achieved.

Trust finances remain healthy at the present time.

Finally, the Board was delighted with the award of the BEM to our Secretary and Curator, Bob Bonner in the 2023 King's Birthday Honours list.

Bob Bonner
Trustee and Secretary

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST - FIREGROUND MUSEUM
Income and Expenditure April 2023 to April 2024

INCOME

Cash in Hand April 2023				£171,622.14
Admission tickets	£	25,627.69		
Shop Sales	£	17,585.33		
GMFRS grant support	£	16,647.00		
Education work	£	17,076.00		
Donations	£	1,263.52		
Open Day stalls, rides etc	£	225.10		
Memorabilia sale	£	974.50		
Member subscriptions	£	490.00		
Fireman Sam ride	£	253.10		
Scrap metal	£	607.40		
Fireground Café Rental	£	4,999.92		
Christmas meal	£	757.90		
Bacup Fire Stn Open Day	£	190.19		
Mossley Fire Stn Open Day	£	204.78		
Sale Fire Stn Open Day	£	610.96		
Oldham Fire Stn Open Day	£	495.14		
Blackley Fire Stn Open Day	£	291.60		
Hollins Fire Stn Open Day	£	380.98		
Chadderton Fire Stn Open Day	£	604.26		
Bury TC Retired Members event	£	75.35		
Room hire	£	370.00		
Fire Heritage Network UK AGM	£	145.00		
Refunds (various)	£	460.43		
TOTAL INCOME			£	90,336.15
				£261,958.29

EXPENDITURE

Salary/Payroll/Tax/NI/Pensions		£	27,778.35		
Training and Conferences		£	3,719.40		
DBS checks		£	61.00		
Materials and tools		£	1,243.54		
Vehicle restoration/repairs	(Hatfield)	£	28.80		
	(6900 NF)	£	1,144.15		
	(PDK 717)	£	2,168.48		
	(K 630 KMB)	£	1,169.84		
MoT and Road Tax	(K 630 KMB)	£	242.00		
Road fuel		£	551.75		
AED maintenance		£	523.01		
Shop stock		£	8,019.50		
Fireground Café equipment		£	1,904.98		
Stationery and printing		£	2,860.47		
Office equipment and IT		£	406.56		
EPoS//Bank charges/Internet etc		£	1,078.43		
Mobile phone		£	625.05		
UV screening		£	3,165.60		
Insurance		£	5,079.47		
Table hire		£	130.00		
LGV medical		£	55.00		
Advertisements		£	720.00		
Postage		£	138.71		
Children's uniforms		£	269.75		
Catering and hospitality		£	591.70		
Affiliation fees/Listings		£	730.38		
Business rates		£	2,320.35		
Christmas Meal		£	757.90		
Direct Mailing		£	307.20		
Digital Museum project		£	4,000.00		
Events/Open Days materials		£	391.17		
Garden		£	88.83		
Furniture and storage		£	1,185.04		
Scrap cars		£	300.00		
Artist in Residence		£	1,793.44		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				£	75,549.85
Cash in Hand April 2024				£	186,408.44
				£	261,958.29

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust. Charity No. 1189175

I submit a report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 8th April 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

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Date: 2nd December 2024

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1189175

Accounts

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Fireground has now been open for 20 months, meaning this is the first Trustees report covering a full twelve-month period.

The new museum has continued to operate successfully during this period, with consistently good reviews from both general visitors and the schools sector.

Volunteer enthusiasm and morale remains high and much of the museum success can be attributed to the dedication and versatility of this team.

Relations with our two key partners – Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, and Rochdale Borough Council – remain strong, with representatives from both organisations continuing to serve on the Trust.

Two Trustees meetings were held during the year under review with a full Annual General Meeting in April 2022, at which three Trustees were re-elected in accordance with the Constitution. The governing body remains at full strength at this time.

The Fireground project has now entered its third and final year of NLHF Delivery Phase, which will end in August 2023, and Trustees have been fully occupied in endeavouring to complete all necessary tasks within the allotted timescales.

Trust finances remain healthy at the present time.

Bob Bonner
Trustee and Secretary

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST - FIREGROUND MUSEUM
Income and Expenditure April 2022 to March 2023

INCOME

Cash in Hand April 2022				£161,219.22
Admission tickets	£	30,123.75		
Shop Sales	£	15,145.81		
GMFRS grant support	£	15,120.00		
Education work	£	14,130.60		
Donations	£	736.20		
Open Day stalls, rides etc	£	640.74		
Memorabilia sale	£	320.00		
Member subscriptions	£	450.00		
Fireman Sam ride	£	416.20		
Sale of redundant items	£	375.00		
Fireground Café	£	2,033.02		
Fireground Café Rental	£	416.66		
Refreshments/Catering	£	13.40		
Horwich Fire Stn Open Day	£	497.79		
Farnworth Fire Stn Open Day	£	609.66		
Agecroft Fire Stn Open Day	£	332.88		
Rochdale Fire Stn Open Day	£	174.44		
Oldham Fire Stn Open Day	£	725.41		
Chadderton Fire Stn Open Day	£	827.34		
Transferred from old shop a/c	£	369.89		
Room hire	£	327.00		
Fire Heritage Network UK AGM	£	1,390.90		
Refunds (various)	£	1,325.20		
Dishwasher (RDA)	£	864.99		
TOTAL INCOME			£	87,366.88
				£248,586.10

EXPENDITURE

Salary/Payroll/Tax/NI/Pensions		£	25,649.64	
Training and Conferences		£	3,580.53	
DBS checks		£	16.00	
Materials and tools		£	1,385.23	
Vehicle restoration/repairs	(Hatfield)	£	30.00	
	(6900 NF)	£	800.31	
	(GNB 217)	£	4.98	
	(Tilley)	£	36.56	
	(K 630 KMB)	£	240.00	
MoT and Road Tax	(K 630 KMB)	£	316.00	
Road fuel		£	202.17	
Skip Hire		£	235.00	
Shop stock		£	11,464.59	
Fireground Café wages		£	1,060.00	
Fireground Café costs		£	1,145.13	
Stationery and printing		£	333.65	
IT/EPoS/Card machine/Internet etc		£	6,551.67	
Mobile phone		£	550.45	
Dishwasher		£	1,197.99	
Returned table fees		£	75.00	
Insurance		£	4,873.46	
Table hire		£	90.00	
LGV medical		£	50.00	
Postage		£	144.93	
Corporate clothing		£	355.00	
Catering and hospitality		£	477.04	
Affiliation fees/Listings		£	924.75	
Business rates		£	6,261.83	
Christmas Tree		£	46.00	
YouTube film		£	600.00	
Digital Museum project		£	2,800.00	
Exhibition/Display/Archives		£	854.38	
Garden		£	53.95	
Furniture		£	399.98	
Fire Heritage Network UK AGM		£	1,430.90	
Artist in Residence		£	2,726.84	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			£	76,963.96
Cash in Hand April 2023			£	171,622.14
			£	248,586.10

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust. Charity No. 1189175

I submit a report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 5th April 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
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Name: Graham Veevers

Former Financial Manager, Greater Manchester Fire Authority:

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Date: 22nd November 2023

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE MUSEUM TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1189175

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GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVIVCE MUSEUM TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

The reporting period coincides with the closure of the museum, from the end of March 2020 up to the end of the year under review (and beyond). This was partly the enforced closure due to Covid-19, in common with other museums, but also the simultaneous shutdown as our major rebuilding and relocation project commenced on the Maclure Road site.

Following the successful National Lottery Heritage Fund development grant award and the appointment of architects and building contractors, work was finally able to start in early 2020 to convert the redundant Rochdale former fire station building adjacent to the then museum into a brand new and enlarged facility.

Work continued throughout 2020 and was still under way at the close of this reporting year in March 2021, with completion expected that summer.

Unfortunately, due to both Covid restrictions and the lack of outside space at the museum, all public-facing activity was suspended. For the Board of Trustees and Project Team much of the year was spent meeting with architects, designers, builders and other specialists as the project proceeded.

The volunteer team – after a three-month lockdown absence from the museum – were able to concentrate on preparatory work including stripping out the old museum, packing and storing objects and moving large objects (fire engines) to temporary storage sites around Rochdale.

Simultaneously, work was able to proceed well on the restoration of four of the large fire appliances and good progress was made throughout the year.

The lockdown and consequent closure had inevitable consequences through the complete lack of visitors and loss of income. We estimate that more than £10,000 income was lost during 2020 whilst still having some outgoings to consider, such as insurances, rent of temporary premises and the ongoing costs associated with our current major restoration projects.

Towards the end of this reporting year, planned changes to our charitable status – moving from an *unincorporated* to an *incorporated* charity – were about to take place.

The cancellation of the 2020 Annual General Meeting – along with the anticipated major changes to charitable status – mean that Trustee or Officer elections this time were postponed, allincumbents remaining in post until 2021.

Looking back on the year under review one is struck by the sheer amount of activity and participation that the Trustees, Officers and fantastic volunteer team managed to achieve whilst simultaneously going through what is undoubtedly the biggest change the Museum has ever experienced.

A huge thank-you to everyone for another great year

Bob Bonner
Secretary

GMFS MUSEUM TRUST - INCOME and EXPENDITURE 2020-2021

INCOME

Cash in Hand April 2020			£	108,529.19
Donations	£	540.92		
Education work	£	150.00		
Member subscriptions	£	350.00		
GMFRS grant support	£	13,580.00		
Project grant Garfield Weston	£	35,000.00		
Project grant Pilgrim Trust	£	10,000.00		
Sale of redundant items	£	750.00		
HM Courts payment	£	465.94		
Cancelled cheque	£	100.00		
TOTAL INCOME			£	60,936.86
			£	169,466.05

EXPENDITURE

Preservation materials, tools etc		£	278.29		
Vehicle fuel		£	302.29		
Vehicle restoration	(PDK 717)	£	41.74		
	(TDK 999 K)	£	386.41		
	(6900 NF)	£	127.43		
	(Wythenshawe	£	11.44		
Object restoration (horses)		£	282.55		
Object restoration (clocks)		£	177.88		
Road Tax & MoT (K 630 KMB)		£	304.00		
Insurance (Museum)		£	2,997.41		
Insurance & breakdown (vehicles)		£	1,761.00		
Payroll		£	6,492.18		
Advertising and listings		£	200.00		
Stationery/Printing		£	29.01		
Telephone		£	769.21		
Mannequins		£	206.97		
Affiliation fees		£	356.80		
Computers and website		£	256.18		
YouTube films (project)		£	1,100.00		
Google survey		£	160.00		
Image reproduction fees (project)		£	276.00		
Rent for temporary units		£	10,314.00		
PPE		£	173.47		
HGV medical		£	100.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				£	27,104.26
Cash in Hand April 2021				£	142,361.79
				£	169,466.05

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust. Charity No. 1189175

I submit a report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Change of Charity Number.

It is noted that funds have been transferred to this charity number from the previous charity number 1143966. It is also noted that there has been no other changes to bank accounts etc., and that the previous charity reference number has now closed.

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Date: 12th January 2022