

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE SERVICE 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, all incumbents 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
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	£	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
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>		£ 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.

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:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Having completed my examination, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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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Date: 12th January 2022