

HANNAH MORE TRUST

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Administrative information

Charity number: 1189684

Administrative address: 28, The Meadows, Peebles EH45 9HZ

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Objects & Charitable Purposes

The object of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the historic significance of the life and works of Hannah More in such ways as the trustees think fit, including by:

- a) establishing and maintaining a comprehensive and publicly accessible online archive of the letters of Hannah More and her correspondents and other relevant individuals so as to encourage academic scholarship and literary and historical research by any interested member of the public; and
- b) providing or assisting in the provision of educational materials, activities and events to schools and the general public derived from the online archive and focused on the subject of Hannah More.

The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit.

Structure, Governance & Management

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 27th May 2020. It is administered by its Trustees, and the day-to-day administration is carried out by Dr Kerri Andrews. The Trustees receive no remuneration from the charity.

Trustees

Dr Kerri Andrews (Chair)

Joanna Barker

Joanne Edwards

Professor Patricia Demers

Dr Sue Edney

Dr Nicholas Smith

The founding Trustees listed above were appointed on 9 June 2020 and serve an initial term of between two and four years (as set out in the founding document) and may thereafter be re-elected for terms of three years.

The Trustees have familiarised themselves with their responsibilities and obligations as set out on the website of the Charity Commission. New trustees, when appointed, will benefit from an induction process.

Donations

Grants and donations were received during the year from the Ardeola Charitable Trust, of which Joanna Barker is a trustee, and The Foyle Foundation.

Review of Activities

In July 2023 the Trust submitted an application to the Foyle Foundation for funding to cover the cost of a new, bespoke project website with a high degree of capability and usability in both back and front ends. A quotation was sought from the Sheffield Digital Humanities Institute who specialize in producing websites of the kind the Trust sought. This quotation was for £15,004, and funding for this amount was sought from The Foyle Foundation. The application was successful and in December 2023 a grant of £15,000 was received by the Trust from the Foyle Foundation. Work on the website was to commence in February 2024.

The Trust continued to benefit from the research expertise of RA Natalie Wilcox, who was employed as a contractor on the project for a fixed fee each month.

Trustee Dr Joanne Edwards continued to work with local history groups in Somerset to encourage their engagement with the letters produced by the project, incorporating those letters into research projects and other activities connected to local history.

The Trustees also continued, with Ms Wilcox's assistance to obtain images of all letters of Hannah More for transcription and use on the project.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
3. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
4. State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

5. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Signed by K Andrews.....
Kerri Andrews, Chair

Date 23 October 2024...

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Charity Number 1189684

Income & Expenditure account

For the Year ended 31st December 2023

Balance as of 1 January 2023	£9531.91
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Receipts	2023
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Grants & Donations	20,000
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Bank Interest	4.57
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Payments

Funding of Research assistant	4644.51
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Bank Fees	260
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Letter Acquisition Fees	210.20
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Total Expenses	5,114.20
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Surplus/(Deficit)	14,885.80
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Balance as of 31/12/23	24,459.89
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Assets: Cash at Bank	24,459.89
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Liabilities	<u>15,000</u>
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Net Assets	9459.89
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