



**BRIGHTON AND HOVE
HERITAGE COMMISSION[®]**
Registered Charity 1193686

2024 LATTER HALF OF THE YEAR

Acting Chairperson Mike Davies

Continuity and Tradition are very much at the core of the objects of our charity:

“To preserve, for the benefit of the people of the City of Brighton & Hove and public at large, the historical, architectural and cultural heritage that exists in our City.”

Brighton General Hospital

“Continuity” saw an initiative begun by the late Roger Amerena being recognised by, and presented to, an audience of around thirty Councillors at the Town Hall Chamber. BHHC continues to fight for the site of the Brighton General Hospital to be preserved as the country’s only surviving complete Workhouse Village. Whilst the Workhouse itself is protected as a Grade II listed building, the other nine late 19th century historical buildings are not.

Roger had the foresight to recognise that an area of national social history could be demolished at the blink of a developer’s eye. Unless the site becomes a **Conservation Area**. He set out to do something about this, through our charity, familiarising his proposal to City leaders around the grand table at Montpellier Hall. Along with our Conservation Advisory Group representative trustee James and with Mike presenting, Roger’s idea gained traction. We know that he sadly passed away before the scheduled presentation at the Town Hall.

“Continuity” saw trustees Mike and Julie at the Town Hall presenting as promised and answering questions from engaged Councillors for over an hour.

Our presentation is attached as a PDF to this message for you to look through.

Brighton East Gasworks and the Brighton Gasworks Coalition

“Continuity” sees BHHC representing heritage views for four years now on the Brighton Gasworks Coalition – 14 societies across our City who came together to fight for the Kemp Town community against the detrimental plans of one of the largest construction developers in the country. The plans would deeply impact that East Brighton community and the Heritage Setting of the only Grade I listed seafront estate in the country, Kemp Town Estate.

And we won. At the Council Planning Committee, our arguments to preserve heritage informed the Council's reasons for REFUSAL to grant planning approval. We have not seen the last of this application yet as the inevitable Appeal by the big developer is scheduled for March this year. We continue the fight.

Fund raising social events

Whilst there is no update on Roger's estate at this time, "Tradition" had our social calendars underpinned for many years by the biannual BHHC Members' Summer Garden Party and Christmas Party held in Roger's home. We explored alternative venues and would like to thank all those Members attending the Early Christmas Cheer event in December.

In the challenging months since dear Roger departed this life, your Trustees, all volunteers, have given a huge amount of time and worked tirelessly for the Charity between their day-jobs and commitments. We particularly wish Member Ania all success as she takes a break from her Trustee role to concentrate on her many other commitments.

I wish to thank them all enormously on behalf of the whole of Brighton and Hove Heritage Commission.

Best,

Mike

Mike Davies, Acting Chairperson,
Brighton and Hove Heritage Commission



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**ATTACHED – ROGER'S BRIGHTON GENERAL INITIATIVE AS
PRESENTED AT THE TOWN HALL CHAMBER...**



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Income and Expenditure Account

1st Aug 2024 - 31st July 2025

INCOME

24 - 25

£

Membership Subscriptions	2,085
Christmas Cheer event takings	201
Donations to R Amerena	584
Interest from YBS Bond (at maturity)	1,677
Gift Aid	

Income: 4,547

Surplus for year -12,971

EXPENDITURE

24 - 25

£

Heritage Donations made by BHHC	930
Subs paid to Affiliations	250
Christmas Cheer event costs	230
AGM costs	50
General Spending - printing post etc	418
Legal Advice for the charity**	10,888
Payment in error to L King (to be returned)	4,682
Bank Charges HSBC	69

Expenditure: 17,518

Balance Sheet at 31st July 2025

24 - 25

£

In Bank HSBC opening balance Aug 1st 2024	8,306
YBS 1 yr Bond matured Oct 2024	30,000
HTB Reserve opened Oct 2024	-40,000
Drawn down from HTB Reserve 24 - 25	17,000
Surplus for year	-12,971

In Bank HSBC 31st July year end 2,336

HTB Reserve opened Oct 2024	40,000
less drawn down from HTB Reserve 24 - 25	-17,000
HTB Reserve at 31st July 2025	<u>23,000</u>

BHHC Banks:

HSBC	Current Account	24 - 25
Hampshire Trust (HTB)	High Int Reserve	£

YBS 1 YR Bond closed Oct 2024 0

In Bank HSBC 31st July 2025 2,336

In Bank HTB Reserve Fund 31st July 2025	<u>23,000</u>
Total BHHC Bank Funds at 31st July 2025	<u>25,336</u>

Payment in error held by L King (to be returned)

4,682

