

FRIENDS OF BATH JEWISH BURIAL GROUND CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1198905

Details

Other names FRIENDS OF BATH JEWISH BURIAL GROUND CIC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-05-11

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF FRIENDS OF BATH JEWISH BURIAL GROUND CIO ARE:1. TO PROMOTE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE PRESERVATION, CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF BATH JEWISH BURIAL GROUND AS A PLACE OF HISTORIC AND ECOLOGICAL INTEREST.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BATH JEWISH BURIAL GROUND.

Activities: 1. To promote, for the public benefit, the preservation, care and improvement of Bath Jewish Burial Ground as a place of historic and ecological interest.2. To advance the education of the public through the preservation and maintenance of Bath Jewish Burial Ground.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £12,977 | £18,961 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £21,096 | £26,007 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £26,091 | £13,452 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| CHRISTINA FRANCES CRAIG | Chair | 2022-05-11 |
| Ann Margaret Cullis | | 2022-05-11 |
| David Taylor | | 2022-05-11 |
| JANE BRIGGS | | 2022-05-11 |
| MOYA MARGARET BOARDMAN | | 2022-05-11 |

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Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground CIO

Registered Charity number: 1198905

Registered address: 33 Worcester Park, Larkhall, Bath BA1 6QU

Trustees: M. Boardman, J. Briggs, C. Hilsenrath Craig, A. Cullis, D. Taylor

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25

Trustees serving during the year:

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Moya | Boardman |
| Jane | Briggs |
| Christina | Hilsenrath Craig |
| Ann | Cullis |
| Ian | Parsons (deceased; to 10.10.24) |
| David | Taylor |

Chair: Christina Hilsenrath Craig

Secretary: Ann Cullis

Treasurer: Moya Boardman (from 1 April 2024)

Trustees Report

The report covers the 12 months 1 April 2024-31 March 2025.

Our fellow Trustee Ian Parsons died on 10 October 2024. He is greatly missed by us all.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The Objects of the charity are:

To promote, for the public benefit, the preservation, care and improvement of Bath Jewish Burial Ground as a place of historic and ecological interest;

To advance the education of the public through the preservation and maintenance of the Bath Jewish Burial Ground.

PUBLIC BENEFIT: ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The charity continued to provide activity for public benefit under its Charitable Objects.

Conservation

Our conservation approach is to restore and repair where necessary so that the unique heritage of the Burial Ground is preserved for future generations. In January 2020 the Friends agreed a four year conservation and repair programme.

By March 2024 the Friends had completed their three year restoration and conservation programme. This has transformed the Burial Ground. The restoration of the cottage is now complete. However, over the wet and cold winter of 2023/24 there were problems with condensation and mould growth on the internal east and west lime plastered walls. Therefore in May 2024 a compact ceiling mounted ventilation system was installed and this has significantly improved the situation.

During early 2024-5, the repairs and repointing to the internal face of the boundary walls was also completed. The overall effect has been remarkable and lifts the whole appearance of the Burial Ground.

Research

Visitors, Talks and Events:

| Visitor numbers: | 2024/25 |
|--|----------------|
| Open Days | 300 |
| Guided Walks | 45 |
| Private visits | 15 |
| Fund raising event | 60 |
| Film screening | 125 |
| Memorial plaque ceremony | 40 |
| Total | 585 |
| Talks to local / national societies (detailed below) | 3 |

Talks

In February 2025, Christina Hilsenrath recorded a video interview about her book *Jews in Bath* with local journalist Richard Wyatt who runs the 'Bath Newseum' blog. This has ~2,000 followers.

In March 2025 Christina gave a zoom talk to Jewish Care, the leading health and social care charity for the Jewish community in London and the South-East. About 40 people attended. Also in March, Ann Cullis and Christina Hilsenrath recorded a podcast with the Chief Executive of the Jewish Small Communities Network.

Open days

During the year we held three public open days which are free for visitors. Visitor numbers were particularly high on the last of these, 8 September 2024: nearly 200 people visited as part of the Bath Heritage Open Days programme, the Bath Interfaith Pilgrimage walk and the Combe Down Art Trail.

Guided Walks

We offered three free guided walks, one evening walk in May and a morning and afternoon walk in October. These were well attended.

Fringe Festival:

In June, Desanka Rowell, a well-known local art historian, kindly gave her fourth talk for our annual fundraising event. Around 60 people attended for her fascinating illustrated talk *'The Darkest Burden: the Gurlitt Trove'*, which explored the paintings stolen or bought below market price from Jewish families by Nazi art dealers. We give huge thanks to Desanka for her talk and to the Museum of Bath at Work for hosting the event.

Film: *Orphaned Burial Grounds*

An independent filmmaker, Jonny Weinberg, was commissioned by the UK Jewish Film Festival to make a 4 minute documentary on historic/abandoned Jewish burial grounds. He came to our open day in July 2024 to film the Burial Ground and interview some of the local community. The resulting film, *'Orphaned Burial Grounds'*, which portrays Bath, Kings Lynn and Wolverhampton Burial Grounds, was premiered in London and in Bath in November 2024, the first time that the UK Jewish Film Festival had come to Bath. Screened at the Little Theatre Cinema, the programme included a selection of films which were enjoyed by the audience and filled the cinema to capacity.

Jews in Bath - a community and their Burial Ground 1700-1945

After four years of research, Christina Hilsenrath's book was published by the Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground in December 2024. *Jews in Bath - a community and their Burial Ground 1700-1945* is the story of the city's Jewish community. It brings to life the individuals and families who lived, worked and worshipped in the city, together with the history of their Synagogue and Burial Ground. The appendices cover all aspects of Jewish life in the city - the Devonshire Place roundhouse, Jews Lane, the small communities in the towns and villages around Bath, religious leaders and much more. By tracing the history of the community and reconstructing the lives of individuals and families who lived, worked, and worshipped in the city, the book demonstrates how Bath's Jewish history exemplifies the opportunities and the challenges of Jewish communities across provincial Britain.

Installation of Memorial Plaque

On Sunday 30 March 2025 at 3pm, the Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground hosted a private ceremony at the Burial Ground to commemorate the 36 named adults and children we know are buried there without headstones or whose headstones are no

longer visible. Their names and dates of birth and death have been inscribed on a memorial stone in an area of the Burial Ground where we are sure that no-one is buried. We were honoured that Rabbi Monique from the Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation led a brief service and unveiled the plaque. Refreshments were served in the cottage afterwards.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

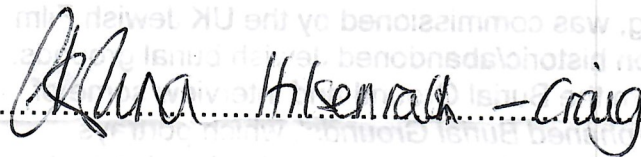
Our financial performance is strong and is presented in the accounts following this report. We continue to receive regular and one-off donations.

GOVERNANCE

There are no paid staff.

Trustees contribute very significant time and expertise on financial administration, fundraising, website maintenance, promotion, database development, research, and maintenance.

Other volunteers also help us to greet visitors on open days and local Hebrew readers continue to help us translate the inscriptions on the headstones.



Christina Hilsenrath Craig
Chair

26 October 2025

Statement of Financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ £ | Year End 31 March 2025 | Year End 31 March 2024 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Total Funds | |
| INCOME FROM | | | | |
| Donations & subscriptions | 4,014 | 0 | 4,014 | 15,096 |
| HMRC Gift Aid Refund | 2,812 | 0 | 2,812 | 0 |
| Grants | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 6,000 |
| Book sales | 4,151 | 0 | 4,151 | 0 |
| Total income | <u>10,977</u> | <u>2,000</u> | <u>12,977</u> | <u>21,096</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | |
| Electricity | 350 | 0 | 350 | 649 |
| Wessex Water | 87 | 0 | 87 | 45 |
| Running costs | 635 | 0 | 635 | 0 |
| Landscaping & conservation | 13,205 | 0 | 13,205 | 25,216 |
| Book costs | 4,428 | 0 | 4,428 | 0 |
| Paypal, Go Cardless, Sumup & bank fees | 136 | 0 | 136 | 97 |
| Accountant fees | 120 | 0 | 120 | 0 |
| Total Expenditure | <u>18,961</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>18,961</u> | <u>26,007</u> |
| NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) | (7,984) | 2,000 | (5,984) | (4,911) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS (incl. Petty Cash) | 522 | 0 | 522 | 22,663 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | 11,246 | 0 | 11,246 | 17,752 |

Balance sheet continued >

The Charity states that:

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit.

Income to the charity in 2024/25 was below £25,000 and therefore independent examination was not required.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Trustees 2024/25

Moya Boardman
Jane Briggs
Christina Hilsenrath Craig (Chair)
Ann Cullis
Ian Parsons (to 10.10.24; deceased)
David Taylor

Trustees' remuneration and benefits

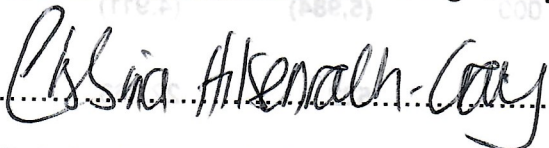
There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Staff costs

There were no employees.

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:



Christina Hilsenrath Craig, Chair

Date 26.10.2025

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Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity Number: 1198905

Registered address: 33 Worcester Park, Larkhall, Bath BA1 6QU

Trustees serving during the year

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|-----------|------------------|
| Moya | Boardman |
| Jane | Briggs |
| Christina | Hilsenrath Craig |
| Ann | Cullis |
| Ian | Parsons |
| David | Taylor |

Committee members serving during the year

Bernadette Metters

Chair: Christina Hilsenrath Craig

Secretary: Ann Cullis

Treasurer: Ian Parsons

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees of the charity present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The report covers the 12 months 1 April 2023-31 March 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

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To advance the education of the public through the preservation and maintenance of the Bath Jewish Burial Ground.

PUBLIC BENEFIT: ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The charity continued to provide activity for public benefit under its Charitable objects.

Conservation and repairs

Our conservation approach is to restore and repair where necessary so that the unique heritage of the Burial Ground is preserved for future generations. In January 2020 the Friends agreed a four-year conservation and repair programme which is now complete.

The last phase, the repair and repointing of the southern internal boundary wall, was carried out by our stonemason Tony Warsinski in two phases: July -August 2023 and February - March 2024. Parts of the southern internal wall were in very poor condition and sections had to be rebuilt and time-consumingly repaired. The completion of the work to the internal walls has resulted in a remarkable transformation and lifted the appearance of the whole Burial Ground.

We would like thank and to acknowledge the generosity of some of the local members of the Friends who made special donations towards the cost of this part of the restoration project. We greatly value their support.

The restoration of the cottage is now complete. However, over the wet and cold winter there were problems with condensation and mould growth on the internal east and west lime-plastered walls. Expert advice was sought and a compact ceiling-mounted ventilation system will be installed in early summer 2024.

The cottage

During the spring the broken roof tiles were replaced, and in the summer the gutter and down pipes were repainted.

Headstones

In April, a fallen gravestone was unearthed near to the cottage. The inscription was on the underside, making it - uniquely in our Burial Ground - face east rather than west. Having carefully cleaned it, the inscription 'Emmanuel Solomon of Canterbury' can be seen. Unfortunately, there is nothing more in English and no date of burial. There is some Hebrew wording, but it is very worn and not legible.

One of the unexpected outcomes of this discovery was that we also uncovered some broken pieces of lettering. We were able to identify that these were part of the inscription missing from the tomb of Joseph Sigmond, the society dentist whose table tomb (matching that of his wife Catherine) are the first ones you see when entering the Burial Ground. We could see where they fitted so we asked Sally Strachey Historic Conservation, restoration experts, to 'glue' them back in place on the ledger stone.

Sally Strachey Historic Conservation also straightened two tombstones that had been starting to lean, those of Solomon Kesseff and Sarah Moses, and did some routine maintenance on the delaminating inscriptions on the gravestones of Daniel Rees and Abraham Leon.

Memorial

Although the Burial Ground is closed for interments, the trustees permit memorials for Jewish people with a strong association with Bath either personally or through their immediate family. A memorial plaque to Kitty Bloor has been placed adjacent

to the North (street-side) wall by her son Gordon, who has lived the majority of his life in Bath and for much of that in Combe Down.

Research

Our research into the lives of the people buried here, the history of the Burial Ground, and the wider Jewish community in Bath has continued. During the winter of 2024 we will publish our book 'Jews in Bath: a community and their Burial Ground: 1700-1945'.

Memorial: unmarked graves

No burial register has survived. Only 43 headstones have legible or partially legible inscriptions, the rest being so worn or broken that we do not know who they commemorate. There are also burials in graves that were never marked.

Our research identified people who are known to be buried here or where there is evidence that they are very likely to have been buried here. We decided to install a commemorative plaque listing their names. Although we raised the £1,000 needed for this through donations, we have delayed commissioning the plaque until we were confident that our research into the Jewish Community in Bath in the 19th and early 20th centuries was complete. This has now concluded and another 37 adults, children and infants who are very likely to be buried here have been identified (the last of these were only discovered in the summer of 2024). The plaque will now be installed in autumn 2024.

Collaboration

Our research also enabled us to identify a photograph among a set of glass plate negatives from the 1890s that volunteers of the Museum of Bath of Work were cataloguing. One of the plates marked 'Somers' is a photograph of Mary Somers, the daughter of Reuben Somers who is buried here. His grand-daughter is still alive and lives in Bath, and had shared photos of Reuben and his children with us. The photograph, and Mary's life story, were included in an exhibition at the Museum in June 2023 and in an accompanying publication.

Visitors, Talks and Events

Open days

During 2023 we held three public open days which are free for visitors: 30 April, 25 June and 10 September. Visitor numbers can vary depending on the weather; numbers were particularly high on 10 September, which was part of Bath's Heritage Open Days programme and the local Combe Down Art trail. Artists Robert Lee and Viv Meadows displayed their work in the cottage. The cottage was open on both days of the Art Trail, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September, but the area of the Burial Ground itself was open only on the Sunday, as it is not permitted to visit Jewish burial grounds on *Shabbat*. As the cottage was only ever a secular building, not used for religious purposes, we feel comfortable in contributing to a local event in this way.

Guided Tours

We offered three free guided tours, one evening walk on 31 May and a morning and afternoon walk on 22 October. These were well attended.

Private visits

We opened for two private visits, one for Jewish visitors to Bath and one for descendants of the Hillier family who lived in the cottage.

We also hosted the Bath Listed Building team who were impressed with our conservation approach and restoration.

The Bath Interfaith Pilgrimage Walk also included the Bath Ground in their walk on 10 September. About 20 people of all religions attended.

Fund raising event

We held a very successful fundraising event on 7 June which was included in the Bath Fringe Festival. Following the fascinating talk about Jewish refugee artists of the East End given by Desanka Rowell in 2022, we were delighted that she agreed to hold another, also in support of the Burial Ground. *Two Worlds: the world of the soul and the reality of politics* told the story of so-called 'degenerate art' (*Entartete Kunst*), the derisory name given by the National Socialists to art of the modern movement in 1930s Germany. Desanka's illustrated talk examined the Nazi promotion of culture as propaganda and the reaction of artists to the circumstances of the time. 40 people attended and we raised £350. We would like to thank Desanka for her talk and to the Museum of Bath at Work for hosting the event.

Talks and articles

We were invited to speak to the Bathampton Rotary Club (c.35 attendees). We were also asked to write an 8-page article on the history of the Bath Jewish community for the Journal produced for the Bath Mayors' Guides.

We submitted an article about the Burial Ground to the European Heritage Days website.

| Visitor numbers: | 2023/4 | 2022/23 |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Open Days | 300 | 400 |
| Guided Walks | 32 | 52 |
| Private visitors | 24 | 25 |
| Fund raising event | 38 | 40 |
| Talks to local societies | 35 | 195 |
| Total | 429 | 712 |

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Our financial performance is strong. We received the second half of a grant from the Bath World Heritage Site Enhancement Fund for the repair of the internal walls. We continue to receive donations and also received a very generous legacy.

Governance

The year under review 2023/24 was the first full year of operation as a registered charity (having previously been a Community Interest Company): charitable status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation was approved in May 2022, charity number 1198905.

Trustees contribute very significant time and expertise, especially on financial administration, fundraising, website maintenance, database development and research.

At the end of March 2024, Ian Parsons stood down as Treasurer (but remained a Trustee), and Moya Boardman took on the Treasurer role from 1 April 2024.

Volunteers and supporters help us greet visitors on open days, and local Hebrew readers have helped us translate the inscriptions on the headstones.

Christina Hilsenrath Craig
Chair
12.10.24

Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

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Registered address: 33 Worcester Park, Larkhall, Bath BA1 6QU

Note:

Opening Balance in 2022/23 was transferred from Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground Community Interest Company (CIC) Company Number 09696558 Charities Ref No XT23226, to Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 11 May 2022. Year end 31 March 2023 therefore covered the period 11 May 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Statement of Financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Year End 31 March 2024 | Year End 31 March 2023 Total Funds £ |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| INCOME FROM | | | | |
| Donations & subscriptions | 15,096 | | 15,096 | 7,187 |
| HMRC Gift Aid Refund | 0 | | 0 | 8,904 |
| Grants | 6,000 | | 6,000 | 10,000 |
| Total Income | <u>21,096</u> | | <u>21,096</u> | <u>26,091</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | |
| Electricity | 649 | | 649 | 268 |
| Wessex Water | 45 | | 45 | 38 |
| Landscaping & conservation | 25,216 | | 25,216 | 12,545 |
| Paypal & website charges; room hires | 97 | | 97 | 600 |
| Total | <u>26,007</u> | | <u>26,007</u> | <u>13,452</u> |
| NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) | <u>(4,911)</u> | | <u>(4,911)</u> | <u>12,639</u> |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS (incl. Petty Cash) | 22,663 | | 22,663 | 10,024 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>17,752</u> | | <u>17,752</u> | <u>22,663</u> |

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Balance sheet at 31 March 2024

| | Year End 31 March 2024 | Year End 31 March 2023 Total funds |
|--|------------------------------|---|
| FIXED ASSETS | | £ |
| Tangible assets | 0 | 0 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Stock | 0 | 0 |
| Debtors | 0 | 0 |
| Cash at bank | 17,752 | 22,663 |
| | <u>17,752</u> | <u>22,663</u> |
| CREDITORS | | |
| Amount falling due within one year | 0 | 0 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | <u>17,752</u> | <u>22,663</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | 17,752 | 22,663 |
| NET ASSETS | <u>17,752</u> | <u>22,663</u> |
| FUNDS | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 4,491 | 4,491 |
| Designated funds | 13,261 | 18,172 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>17,752</u> | <u>22,663</u> |

The Charity states that:

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

Balance sheet continued >

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit.

Income to the charity in 2023/24 was below £25,000 and therefore independent examination is not required.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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Trustees' remuneration and benefits

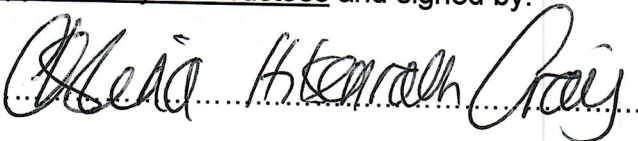
There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Staff costs

There were no employees.

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:



Christina Hilsenrath Craig, Chair

On:

Date 27 Oct. 2024

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TRUSTEES REPORT 2022/23

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| David | Taylor |

Committee members serving during the year

Bernadette Meters

Chair: Christina Hilsenrath Craig

Company Secretary: Ann Cullis

Treasurer: Ian Parsons

TRUSTEES REPORT

The report covers the 12 months 1 April 2022-31 March 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

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To advance the education of the public through the preservation and maintenance of the Bath Jewish Burial Ground

PUBLIC BENEFIT: ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The company continued to provide activity for public benefit under its Charitable objects.

Conservation

Our conservation approach is to restore and repair where necessary so that the unique heritage of the Burial Ground is preserved for future generations. In January 2020 the Friends agreed a four year conservation and repair programme. Phase 3, the repair and repointing of the northern internal boundary wall, commenced in February 2023 and was completed in April 2023. The last phase, the repair and repointing of the southern internal boundary wall, is scheduled for July 2023 and March 2024.

The restoration of the cottage is now complete. Trustees Jane Briggs and Ian Parsons painted the lime plaster walls during the summer with special breathable paint and in the autumn it was fitted out ready to take the displays for the visitor centre. A cupboard was purpose-built and installed in the winter.

Research

Our research has continued and more names of people buried here have been added to our mobile phone database. This has enabled two descendants of people buried here to contact us. The great-great-grandson of Mordecai Rosenberg joined our Guided Walk in May 2022, and a descendant of Isaac Goldhill contacted us for further information.

Our research also enabled us to identify a photograph among a set of glass plate negatives from the 1890s that volunteers of the Museum of Bath of Work were cataloguing. One of plates marked 'Somers' is a photograph of Mary Somers, the daughter of Reuben Somers who is buried here. His grand-daughter is still alive and lives in Bath and had shared photos of Reuben and his children with us. The photograph and Mary's life story will be part of an exhibition at the Museum in 2023.

Visitors, Talks and Events

Open days

During the year we held three public open days which are free for visitors. Visitor numbers were particularly high on the last of these, on 10 September, which was part of the Bath Heritage Open Days programme.

The September 2022 Open Day also coincided with the Combe Down Arts Trail. The completion of the restoration of the cottage enabled us to offer the cottage as a venue. Richard White and Lorna Brunstein's media installation, 'Honouring Esther', used recordings made during a cycle of walks reflecting on and witnessing the Nazi death march that Lorna's mother, Esther, survived. The 2015 walk, on the 70th

anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, transposed the route to Somerset and finished at the Burial Ground. Bringing the work back to Combe Down provided an opportunity to revisit the installation first shown in 2017 and consider contemporary resonances.

Guided Walks

We offered three free guided walks, one evening walk in May and a morning and afternoon walk in October. These were well attended.

Private visits

We opened for a private visit for 25 local Jewish residents and also for a private visit for visitors to Bath.

Fund raising event

We held our first fundraising event in 2022. Local historian Desanka Rowell gave a fascinating illustrated talk about the 'Whitechapel Boys', a group of Jewish painters and sculptors of the early 20th century who all were brought up in the Whitechapel area of the East End of London and were trained at the Slade School. About 40 people came (on a wet and windy evening) and we raised £280. Huge thanks to Desanka for her talk and to the Museum of Bath at Work for hosting the event.

Talks

We were invited to speak to three local groups: the Monkton Combe Women's Institute; the Larkhall History Society; and the Mayors' Guides. We also spoke at one regional group, Limud, a celebration of Jewish life in Bristol and the south west, and one national group, the Association of Jewish Refugees.

| Visitor numbers: | 2022/23 |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Open Days | 400 |
| Guided Walks | 52 |
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| Fund raising event | 40 |
| Talks to local societies | 195 |
| Total | 712 |

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Our financial performance is strong. We continue to receive donations and also received a generous legacy which enabled us to complete the restoration of the cottage.

We applied to 6 local and national heritage bodies for funding for the repair of the internal boundary walls and were awarded the following grants in 2022/23:

The Headley Trust awarded a grant of £5,000 payable over two years

The Garfield Weston Foundation awarded £3,000

The Cleary Fund (Georgian Group) awarded £4,000 payable over the two years

Bath World Heritage Enhancement Fund awarded £1,500 over two years

The Peter Samuel Trust awarded £500

The Clark Foundation awarded £500

In addition, in May 2022 we were awarded £500 from the Post Code Lottery Magic Little Grants fund for a bench and a portable ramp for wheelchair users.

GOVERNANCE

There are no paid staff.

Trustees contribute very significant time and expertise, especially on financial administration, fundraising, website maintenance, database development and research.

Volunteers also help us greet visitors on open days and local Hebrew readers have helped us translate the inscriptions on the headstones.

On August 25 2022 we installed a plaque in the cottage as a memorial to the two former Chairs of the Friends, now sadly passed away. Malcolm Aylett 1932-2012 was a retired GP and keen amateur archaeologist and historian. He became the first Chair and served from 2006 to 2012. He was succeeded by Alex Schlesinger (1948-2020) who was very knowledgeable about the history of Jewish communities in Bath and Bristol. He was the driving force behind the Friends starting to research the lives of the people buried in the Bath burial ground.

The 'unveiling' of the plaque was attended by David Moore, Alex's husband, and Rosemary Simmons, one of the original founders of the Friends. We thank Rosemary for first suggesting the idea and we thank the many people who contributed to the cost.

Signed



Date

22.10.2023

Christina Hilsenrath Craig
Chair

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Statement of Financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2023
Account Created 11 May 2022

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Year End 31 March 23 Total Funds £ |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| INCOME FROM | | | |
| Donations & subscriptions | 7,187 | | 7,187 |
| HMRC Gift Aid Refund | 8,904 | | 8,904 |
| Grants | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| Total Income | <u>26,091</u> | | <u>26,091</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Electricity | 268 | | 268 |
| Wessex Water | 38 | | 38 |
| Landscaping & conservation | 12,545 | | 12,545 |
| Paypal & website charges; room hires | 600 | | 600 |
| Total | <u>13,452</u> | | <u>13,452</u> |
| NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) | <u>12,639</u> | | <u>12,639</u> |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS (incl Petty Cash) | 10,024 | | 10,024 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>22,663</u> | | <u>22,663</u> |

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Balance sheet at 31 March 2023

| | Year end 2023 Total funds |
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| | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS | 0 |
| Tangible assets | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | |
| Stock | 0 |
| Debtors | 0 |
| Cash at bank | 22,663 |
| | <u>22,663</u> |
| CREDITORS | |
| Amount falling due within one year | 0 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | <u>22,663</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | 22,663 |
| NET ASSETS | <u>22,663</u> |
| FUNDS | |
| Unrestricted funds | 4,491 |
| Designated funds | 18,172 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>22,663</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements

Trustees 2022/23

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Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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Staff costs

There were no employees

Treasurer's Report

2022/23 Accounts

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Christina Hilsenrath Craig, Chair

Date 22.10.2023

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

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true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:

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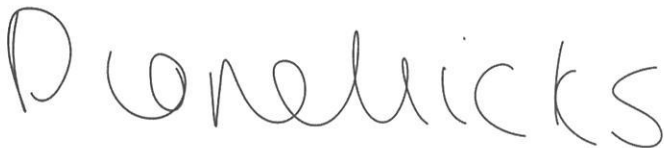
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Mrs Dione Hicks FCA

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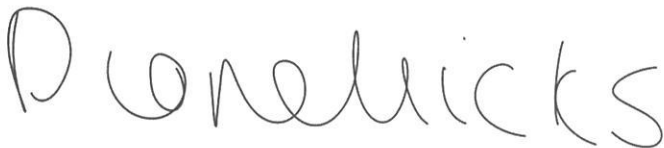
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