

TRUSTEES REPORT 2022/23

Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground CIO

Registered Charity number: 1198905

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

Trustees serving during the year:

Moya	Boardman
Jane	Briggs
Christina	Hilsenrath Craig
Ann	Cullis
Ian	Parsons
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

The objectives 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 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
Private visits	25
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

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FIXED ASSETS	0
Tangible assets	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Stock	0
Debtors	0
Cash at bank	22,663
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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

Christina Craig (Chair)
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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.

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Staff costs

There were no employees

Treasurer's Report

2022/23 Accounts

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Ian Parsons
Treasurer



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.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a

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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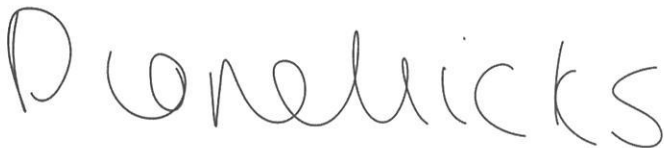
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the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Mrs Dione Hicks FCA

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1.11.23

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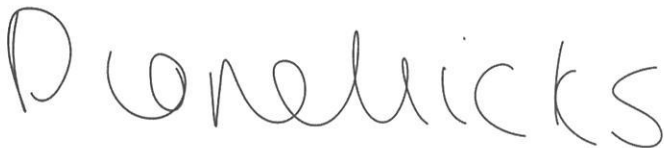
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