

DICK NUNN SMITHY PRESERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1199655

Details

Other names	THE DICK NUNN TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-07-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE BUILDING KNOWN AS DICK NUNN'S SMITHY IN SWAN YARD, COGGESHALL, ESSEX FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AS A BUILDING OF SOCIAL, HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE. TO MAINTAIN A MUSEUM IN THE SMITHY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN A UNIQUE ASPECT OF THE TOWN'S SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY IN THE LIFE AND CONCERNS OF BLACKSMITH AND CAMPAIGNER HENRY 'DICK' NUNN.

Activities: The preservation and protection of the building known as Dick Nunn's Smithy in Swan Yard Coggeshall, Essex, for the benefit of the public and to maintain a museum there to educate the public in a unique aspect of the town's social and cultural history in the life and concerns of blacksmith and campaigner Henry 'Dick' Nunn.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£1,596	£710	-	-
2024-07-31	£1,988	£474	-	-
2023-07-31	£1,515	£2,614	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Trevor Harold Disley	Chair	2022-03-02
Margaret Lambert		2022-03-02

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Reference and Administrative Details
Period Ending 31st July 2025

Trustees

Mr T Disley
Mrs M Disley
Mr T Fenton
Mrs M Lambert

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Report of the Trustees
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Objectives and Activities

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Significant Activities

We are sad to report the death of Mr Reg Foster the owner of the smithy. Although the transfer documents were complete, they were unsigned on his death. His daughter made a commitment to accede to Reg's wishes and continue the transfer of the smithy to the Trust, but there was subsequently a change of heart and the house and smithy were later sold to a private buyer.

In these circumstances the Trust's major objectives cannot be achieved.

The Trust have been in touch with the new owners to ensure that they are aware of the building's historic importance. They have assured us that the smithy will be safe in their hands.

We must also record the death of our Trustee Julian Prideaux in February 2025. His experience and positive approach will be sorely missed.

Financial Review

Financial Position

On 1st August 2024 the balance of our account was £2,829.63 and as of 31st July 2025, the closing balance was £3,706.25

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to maintain sufficient funds to cover on-going commitments and at a level that considers external and inflationary pressures.

Future Plans

In the light of the private sale of the smithy, remaining funds will be used as the Trustees think most closely aligns with the objectives of the Trust. Once funds are assigned and spent it is expected that the Trust will be formally wound up.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

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Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

In accordance with the governing document: Appointment of charity trustees

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Approved by order of the board of trustees 20th May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Period 1st August 2024 – 31st July 2025

	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income						
Donations	0	1,809	1,809	0	1,589	1,589
Converted loans	0	2,500	2,500	0	0	0
Other	0	29	29	0	7	7
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities						
General Expenditure	0	(323)	(323)	0	(710)	(710)
Net Income		4,015	4,015	0	886	886
Reconciliation of funds						
Total Funds bought						
Forward	(2,500)	1,401	(1,099)	0	2,916	2,916
Converted loans	2,500	(2,500)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds Carried						
Forward	0	2,916	2,916	0	3,802	3,802

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Statement of Financial Position
At 31st July 2025

	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Assets	0	96*	96	0	96*	96
Current Assets						
Cash at Bank	0	2,820	2,820		3,706	3,706
Net Current Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,802</u>	<u>3,802</u>
Long term Creditors						
Amounts falling due in more than one year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>2,916</u></u>	<u><u>2,916</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>3,802</u></u>	<u><u>3,802</u></u>

* Signage for the smithy opening days.

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20th May 2026
And were signed on its behalf by Margaret Lambert, Trustee

(Signed) *Margaret Lambert*
20th May 2026

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Significant Activities

Solicitors for both parties (the Trustees and the vendor) were appointed in early 2023 but the legal process of transferring the smithy to the trust continued to see delays and setbacks and had not been completed by the end of the reporting year. As a result, the charity is still very much in a holding position, the trustees having decided that fund-raising to restore the smithy will only begin if and when the smithy is in the legal ownership of the Trust.

In these circumstances, and order to fund both sets of solicitors, the trustees have themselves committed further funds totalling £1,500 to cover the anticipated costs.

The loans of £2,500 detailed in the 2022-2023 accounts were converted to donations on 13/06/2024.

The Trust's main activities for the year were the open days held in association with the nationally organised 'Heritage Open Days' organisation and an Industrial Archaeology Fair held in Coggeshall's Grange Barn. Once again, the smithy proved very popular with around 400 visitors over the two days.

Financial Review

Financial Position

On 1st August 2023 the balance of our account was £1,305. and as of 31st July 2024, the closing balance was £2,819.63

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to maintain sufficient funds to cover on-going commitments and at a level that considers external and inflationary pressures.

Future Plans

Our plans are to fulfil the Trust's objectives; to take possession of the smithy and raise funds in order to restore and conserve it and create a museum. It is the Trust's intention that the smithy is seen as very much part of the local community, is involved in community events and relevant to people of all ages.

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Approved by order of the board of trustees 30th May 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
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	Restricted Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations		0	1,515		1,809	1,809
Converted loans					2,500	2,500
Other					29	29
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities						
General Expenditure	(2,500)	(114)	(2,614)	0	(323)	(323)
Net (Expenditure)/Income	(2,500)	1,401	(1,099)		4,015	4,015
Reconciliation of funds						
Total Funds bought Forward				(2,500)	1,401	(1,099)
Converted loans				2,500	(2,500)	0
Total Funds Carried Forward	(2,500)	1,401	(1,099)	0	2,916	2,916

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Statement of Financial Position
At 31st July 2024

	Restricted Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Assets		0 96*	96	0	96	96
Current Assets						
Cash at Bank	0	1,305	1,305		2,820	2,820
Net Current Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>1,305</u>	<u>1,305</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>2,820</u>
Long term Creditors						
Amounts falling due in more than one year	(2,500)**	0	(2,500)	0	0	0
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>1,401</u>	<u>(1,099)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,916</u>	<u>2,916</u>

* Signage for the smithy opening days.

**This loan is convertible into donations if for any reason the smithy is not transferred to our ownership and the Trust is consequently wound up. During the year the conversion of this loan was triggered.

The financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th May 2025

And were signed on its behalf by Thomas J H Fenton, Trustee 30/05/2025

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Significant Activities

Solicitors for both parties (the Trustees and the vendor) were appointed in early 2023 but the legal process of transferring the smithy to the trust has seen considerable delays and setbacks and had not been completed by the end of the reporting year. As a result the charity is still very much in a holding position, the trustees having decided that fundraising to restore the smithy will only begin if and when the smithy is in the legal ownership of the Trust.

In these circumstances, and order to fund both sets of solicitors, the trustees have themselves committed funds to cover the anticipated costs. These are in the form of loans to the Trust on an interest-free basis that will be repaid once and if the smithy is in the ownership of the Trust and sufficient funds have been raised. If for any reason the smithy is not transferred to our ownership and the Trust is consequently wound up, these loans will become donations and will not then be repaid.

A 'Fundraising Strategy Document' has been prepared in readiness for fundraising to begin following legal transfer.

The Trustees are grateful for the professional services of architect George Courtauld who has drawn up provisional plans for the restoration of the smithy. Further work on this is currently on hold until the legal situation is resolved.

A website has been created and a domain name purchased; dicknunn.co.uk which is hosted by a local business 'wecreatedigital' on very advantageous terms. The website is ready to go live if and when legal matters are concluded.

The Trust has joined 'Museums Essex' in order that their advice and training opportunities will ensure that the Trust's museum activities are professionally informed.

The year saw the first steps towards the restoration of some of the many blacksmith's tools that we have in store. This involves wire brushing followed by the electrolysis process for rust removal and stabilisation with microcrystalline wax.

Remarkably, a chimneypot of exactly the right size, shape and colour as the original has been donated and in time will be put back onto the smithy chimney stack as part of the restoration of the roof.

The Trust's main activities for the year were the open days held in association with the nationally organised 'Heritage Open Days' organisation. The response again was amazing and we were busy the whole time with almost 200 people visiting. As well as from Coggeshall and the area around, people came from all over the country including Cornwall, Hertfordshire, Birmingham, the Wirral, Rochdale and from the USA, Canada and two different couples from Australia. There were also some great comments - here are a few examples, *'Extraordinary story and what an amazing man Dick Nunn was. Thank you for preserving the history of our village.'* *'What a wonderful place – and a fantastic character. We could all learn something from the Victorians!'* *'Amazing to see! So original! – I'd seen pictures but the reality is even better, thanks for opening it up and telling me all about the history.'* *'We bought our three children to see Dick Nunn's Smithy on the open day. They have been inspired by Dick Nunn's story and we really appreciate the Trust's intention of maintaining the smithy for generations to come. Thank you.'*

Financial Review

Financial Position

On 1st August 2022 the balance of our account was £987 and as of 31st July 2023 the closing balance was £1,305.

Although no fundraising activities have taken place a number of small donations have been received from various activities totalling £528.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to maintain sufficient funds to cover on-going commitments and at a level that considers external and inflationary pressures.

Future Plans

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Signed on its behalf by Thomas J H Fenton, Trustee

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Period 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Income			
Donations	0	1,515	<u>1,515</u> 1,515
Expenditure			
Charitable Activities			
General Expenditure	(2,500)	(114)	<u>(2,614)</u>
Net (Expenditure)/Income			(1,099)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total Funds brought Forward	0	0	0
Total Funds Carried Forward	(2,500)	1,401	(1,099)

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Statement of Financial Position
At 31st July 2023

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31 st July 2023 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	0	96*	96
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	0	1,305	<u>1,305</u>
Net Current Assets	0	1,305	1,305
Long term Creditors			
Amounts falling due in more than one year	(2,500)**	0	<u>(2,500)</u>
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	(2,500)	1,401	(1,099)
Funds			
Restricted Funds 31 st July 2023			(2,500)
Unrestricted Funds 31 st July 2023			<u>1,401</u>
Total Funds			(1,099)

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