

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	01	2024		31	12

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Oundle Museum Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1202160

Charity's principal address

Oundle Museum

The Court House, Mill Road

Oundle, Peterborough

Postcode

PE8 4BW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Fuller	Chair		Yes
2	Donald Campbell			
3	Carole Bancroft-Turner			
4	Carmel Crawley			
5	Valerie Chesser			
6	David Chapple			
7	Max Schurer			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser

Name

Address

Treasurer

Anthony Hoyle

22 Blackpot Lane, Oundle, PE8 4AT

Secretary

Diana Watson

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Four are appointed by Oundle Town Council. Two are members of the Museum Management Committee. One from the Oundle Historical Society (currently vacant). One from the Middle Nene Archaeological Group.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is to advance the education of the public in Oundle and the surrounding area by providing and maintaining a museum to acquire, preserve, and display items of historical interest relating to Oundle and its environs.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Providing and maintaining a museum to acquire, preserve, and display items of historical interest relating to Oundle and its environs to advance the education of the public in Oundle and the surrounding area.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Succeeded in providing a museum as described in our objects during the year.
- Slowly recovering from the impact of the lockdowns during Covid.
- The acquisition of the bronze hoard from the British Museum and receiving a grant from the NVAT (Nene Valley Archaeological Trust) to help with the purchase of the hoard.
- An increase in the income from the previous year.
- Putting on the exhibition of selected items from the Museum storeroom.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The COIF Charities Deposit Fund is regarded as the Museum's contingency fund to help deal with unexpected events. At the end of 2024 it had £11,118.
The Barclays no 1 (Friends) account is an account setup to deposit the generous donations from the Friends of the Museum. It is used to help fund special activities that may be arranged from time to time. At the end of 2024 it had £15,724.



Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Fuller	Carole Bancroft-Turner
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	26/9/25	

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Summary of the receipts and payments account for the year ending 31 December 2024

	Barclays No. 2 Account	Barclays Friends Account	COIF Deposit Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
Receipts					
Donation from Northants Heritage Forum for History	£221.37			£221.37	£0.00
Donation from Oundle School for History Day	£221.37			£221.37	£0.00
Grant from Feoffees (£850 x 2, Jan & Dec)	£1,700.00			£1,700.00	£0.00
Leicestershire County Council (see note 2)	£1,593.00			£1,593.00	£0.00
Community Support Fund grant from OTC	£750.00			£750.00	£2,000.00
From OTC for sale of leaflets	£60.00			£60.00	£0.00
NVAT grant for the bronze hoard	£0.00			£0.00	£450.00
From Barclays bank for complaint	£0.00			£0.00	£200.00
Donation from the McLaren Trust	£500.00			£500.00	£0.00
Alice Thomas Legacy	£2,000.00			£2,000.00	£0.00
Donations from visitors	£1,321.73			£1,321.73	£803.68
Sales	£386.07			£386.07	£868.72
Donations from Friends		£1,173.00		£1,173.00	£1,242.15
Gift aid recovery		£0.00		£0.00	£588.91
Interest received			£541.87	£541.87	£444.02
	£8,753.54	£1,173.00	£541.87	£10,468.41	£6,597.48
Payments					
British Museum for the bronze hoard	£0.00			£0.00	£1,250.00
Rent	£1,722.12			£1,722.12	£1,722.12
Insurance	£775.39			£775.39	£747.87
Customised object entry forms	£0.00			£0.00	£382.00
Office & administration	£282.08			£282.08	£218.75
BT	£544.47			£544.47	£500.97
Website fees	£66.00			£66.00	£109.16
Subscriptions (NHF £45, Modes £192)	£237.00			£237.00	£286.00
Exhibition	£84.00			£84.00	£140.91
Publicity	£177.00			£177.00	£130.00
Tools & equipment (see note 2)	£1,394.78			£1,394.78	£49.61
Maintenance	£283.09			£283.09	£25.00
Shop purchases	£100.00			£100.00	£0.00
Events (Museum opening)	£78.68			£78.68	£55.24
Travel expenses (Simon Davies)	£53.00			£53.00	£0.00
	£5,797.61	£0.00	£0.00	£5,797.61	£5,617.63
Net receipts over payments for the year	£2,955.93	£1,173.00	£541.87	£4,670.80	£979.85

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

Bank Balances					
Opening balances (1 January 2024)	£3,747.09	£14,551.00	£10,576.11	£28,874.20	£27,899.30
Plus receipts	£8,753.54	£1,173.00	£541.87	£10,468.41	£6,597.48
Less payments	£5,797.61	£0.00	£0.00	£5,797.61	£5,617.63
Transferred from / (to) cash	£3.91	£0.00	£0.00	£3.91	£4.95
Closing balances (31 December 2024)	£6,706.93	£15,724.00	£11,117.98	£33,548.91	£28,874.20
Plus cash (including £25 steward's float)				£26.06	£29.97
				£33,574.97	£28,904.17

Signed by Treasurer:

Anthony C Hoyle
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Date: *2 February 2025*

Statement by Independent Examiner:

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have checked, without carrying out an audit, the accounts to the accounting records, information and explanations provided, and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.

Signed by Independent Examiner:

C H Wallace
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Date: *31/1/2025*

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Notes on the summary of the receipts and payments account for 2024 (attached)

Barclays no 2 (current) account

1. The total for essential payments (rent, insurance, BT, website fees and subscriptions) is £3,344.98. This exceeds by £1,637.18 the total of receipts from visitor donations and sales, which is £1,707.08. The deficit has been covered by grants and donations which have been more than usual during 2024 but cannot be relied on.

2. The Leicestershire County Council grant was for the purchase of equipment including: SumUp card reader (£94.82), a desk top computer (£799.99), and a laptop computer (£499.99) in 2024, and a landline 'phone purchased in 2023.

Barclays no 1 (Friends) account

3. This account has a substantial balance of £15,724.00 which greatly exceeds the current account deficit, but is not intended to keep the museum running. The Friends should be able to see tangible benefit from their donations.

COIF Charities Deposit Fund

4. This account has a balance of £11,117.98. The funds are invested with CCLA Investment Management Ltd and provide a contingency fund for unexpected eventualities.

5 The signatories to the bank accounts are Tony Hoyle, Carole Bancroft-Turner and Diana Watson.

Visitor numbers for 2024:

	Adults	Children	Total
Scheduled opening	1,234	141	1375
Private visits	0	0	0
Total	1,234	141	1375

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