

RYDE TOWN HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1203172

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-05-22

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

Contact

Address Town Hall Chambers
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY SECURING, RESTORING, PRESERVING AND CARING FOR THE FABRIC OF RYDE TOWN HALL AND ASSOCIATED LAND AND BUILDINGS HAVING HISTORIC INTEREST OR ARCHITECTURAL MERIT; AND(2) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ADVANCING EDUCATION AND PROVIDING FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: The charity is established to preserve Ryde Town Hall and bring it back into beneficial use.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Isle Of Wight

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31		£101	£0	-
2024-03-31		£0	£0	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dominic Albert Edward Minghella		2023-08-16
Stephen Porter		2024-06-12
Zoe Katharine Barker		2024-05-29

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	4	2024	To	31	3	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name RYDE TOWN HALL TRUST

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

10 Lind Street
Ryde
Isle of Wight
Postcode PO33 2NQ

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	Simon Cooke	Chair		
2	Dominic Minghella			
3	Zoe Barker		Appointed 29 May 2024	
4	Anmarie Bowler		Appointed 29 May 2024	
5	Stephen Porter		Appointed 12 June 2024	
6	Joseph Plumb		Appointed 12 June 2024	
7	Helen Keogan		Resigned 7 June 2024	
8	James Longford		Resigned 7 June 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B 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)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by a vote of Trustees for a term of three years

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance education for the public benefit by securing, restoring, preserving and caring for Ryde Town Hall and to further benefit the residents of Ryde by providing facilities for recreation and leisure time.

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)

Trustees continued to advocate for the preservation of the building which included meetings with local Councillors to lobby for planning enforcement action by the Local Planning Authority.

We also met with a wide variety of local stakeholders to gain support and advice on how best to preserve the building from further decay. We also explored options on how the Trust could best be able to return the building to community ownership.

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities, the trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trust successfully appointed four new Trustees who significantly expanded our collective skills and experience base. We are also confident that the Trust now has much improved community representation.

Trustees were also instrumental in ensuring that a Conservation Management Plan was both commissioned and then made public, after being funded by public bodies.

This brings a much needed up to date assessment of the building as well as making clear the important historic place the building has in the town.

The included Condition Report will be an essential document in applying for grants to restore the fabric of the building.

We also provided a considerable level of scrutiny to the actions of local public authorities in relation to the building, such as planning enforcement.

We raised public awareness by issuing press releases, which resulted in a number of articles.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We do not have a reserves policy as there has been insufficient financial activity to warrant one.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F



Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Peter Cooke	Zoe Katharine Barker
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	29/1/26	29/1/26



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/4/24

To

31/3/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	100	-		100	-
Bank interest	1	-	-	1	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	101	- 0	- 0	101	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total receipts	101	- 0	- 0	101	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total payments	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	101	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	101	- 0	- 0	- 0	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
		-	-	-
	Unity Trust Bank Account	101	-	-

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Trustees undertook discussions with the owner of Ryde Town Hall regarding a lease or outright purchase of the building.

We also lobbied local councillors to take action to ensure that the owner was fulfilling their obligations to protect and preserve the building. It is a grade II listed building which has been left to decay since it was purchased from the Isle of Wight Council in 2013.

To further our educational aims we met with a number of academics from the University of Portsmouth, with a view to improving access to further education for Ryde residents.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

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achievements of the charity during the year

Trustees met with a number of local and national organisations for advice and support with our aims. This included grant funding bodies such as Historic England and the Architectural Heritage Fund.

Numerous meetings were held with local cultural groups and organisations for both advice and to gauge demand for the future use of the building. We gained the support of many, including Creative Island which is the cultural development agency for the Isle of Wight.

We also had discussions with a possible benefactor, who was interested in making a sizeable donation that could aid in the outright purchase of the building.

Volunteers from the Friends of Ryde Town Hall (FORTH) assisted us by undertaking a substantial consultation with residents and local stakeholders. A total of 1,086 surveys were completed and the results were compiled into an impressive 71 page report. This will be an invaluable document for any grant funding applications.

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The trust did not hold a bank account during this reporting period, as a profound disagreement regarding governance between trustees inhibited the proper functioning of the charity.

After the appointment of new trustees and resignations of others, the trust is now robust and has since secured banking facilities with Unity Trust Bank.

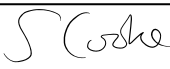
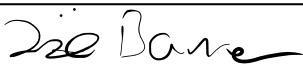
Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Peter Cooke	Zoe Katharine Barker
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	31/1/25	31/1/25



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To

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