

WIGAN HERITAGE AND ARTS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1203551

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-06-14

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

Contact

Address The Old Courts
Gerrard Winstanley House
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO PROMOTE SUCH PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE CIO SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:3.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE BY PROVIDING GRANTS TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WHICH ENCOURAGE WIDE PARTICIPATION IN ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THEATRES AND VISUAL ARTS VENUES;3.2 THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST; AND3.3 PROMOTION OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR BY PROVIDING FACILITIES AND SUPPORT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FINANCIAL SUPPORT).

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

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

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gary Speakman		2025-06-11
Ian Owen		2025-07-01
Martin Green		2025-07-01
Maxine Mealey		2025-07-01
Natalie Geraghty		2025-07-01

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/2024** Period start date To **31/03/2025** Period end date

Charity name:

Charity registration number:

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO are to promote such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and for the benefit of the public as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion determine, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the advancement of the arts and culture by supporting activities which encourage participation in arts and cultural activity;• the preservation, protection, development and improvement of buildings of historic or architectural interest; and• the promotion of the voluntary sector by providing facilities and support.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity did not begin trading or delivering charitable activities during this reporting period. Trustee activity was limited to establishment, governance arrangements, and strategic planning for future operations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in carrying out their duties.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
	Para 1.38	Not applicable

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity was dormant throughout the year. No charitable programmes, services or activities were delivered during the reporting period.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable – the charity was dormant during the period.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable – the charity was dormant during the period.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable – the charity was dormant during the period.

Other		Not applicable – the charity was dormant during the period.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity was dormant throughout the year. There was no income, expenditure, or financial activity. The charity held no assets or liabilities at the year end.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As the charity has not yet commenced operations and held no funds during the period, the trustees have not yet implemented a formal reserves policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	NIL
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity did not trade or receive funds during the reporting period.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern. There are no material uncertainties regarding its ability to continue.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Not applicable – the charity was dormant during the period.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable – the charity was dormant during the period.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Not applicable – the charity was dormant during the period.
Other		Not applicable – the charity was dormant during the period.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by the Charity Board in accordance with the constitution.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	During the year the trustees focused on governance, compliance, and preparation for future operations.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	During the year the trustees focused on governance, compliance, and preparation for future operations.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	During the year the trustees focused on governance, compliance, and preparation for future operations.
Other		During the year the trustees focused on governance, compliance, and preparation for future operations.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust
Other name the charity uses	WHAT
Registered charity number	1203551
Charity's principal address	The Old Courts Gerrard Winstanley House Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

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	Gary Speakman			
2	Vicki Kathleen Forrester Ciaputa		Resigned June 2024	
3	Rosalind Faye Hyde		Resigned April 2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable – the charity does not hold funds or assets as custodian trustee.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable – the charity does not hold funds or assets as custodian trustee.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable – the charity does not hold funds or assets as custodian trustee.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Admin	David Jenkins	11 Inglewood Road, Rainford, WA11 7QL

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	David Jenkins	Gary Speakman
Full name(s)	David Jenkins	Gary Speakman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Administrative Support	Chair
Date	29/01/2026	

Charity number: 1203551

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Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

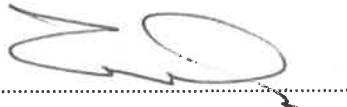
Name of Charity	Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust
Charity registration number	1203551
Principal address	The Old Courts Gerrard Winstanley House Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Gary Speakman
Rosalind Faye Hyde
Vicki Kathleen Forrester Ciaputa

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Speakman', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024
	£
Total funds carried forward	-

Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Net assets		-	-
The funds of the charity			
Total funds		-	-

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



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Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	WIGAN HERITAGE AND ARTS TRUST	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number (if any)	1203551	
Charity's principal address	The Old Courts	
	Gerrard Winstanley House	
	Crawford Street, Wigan	
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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

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Administrative	David Jenkins	11 Inglewood Road, Rainford, WA11 7QL

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 <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Foundation Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by Charity Board

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.

<p>The Charity has not begun to trade in this reporting period.</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO PROMOTE SUCH PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE CIO SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: 3.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE BY PROVIDING GRANTS TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WHICH ENCOURAGE WIDE PARTICIPATION IN ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING</p>

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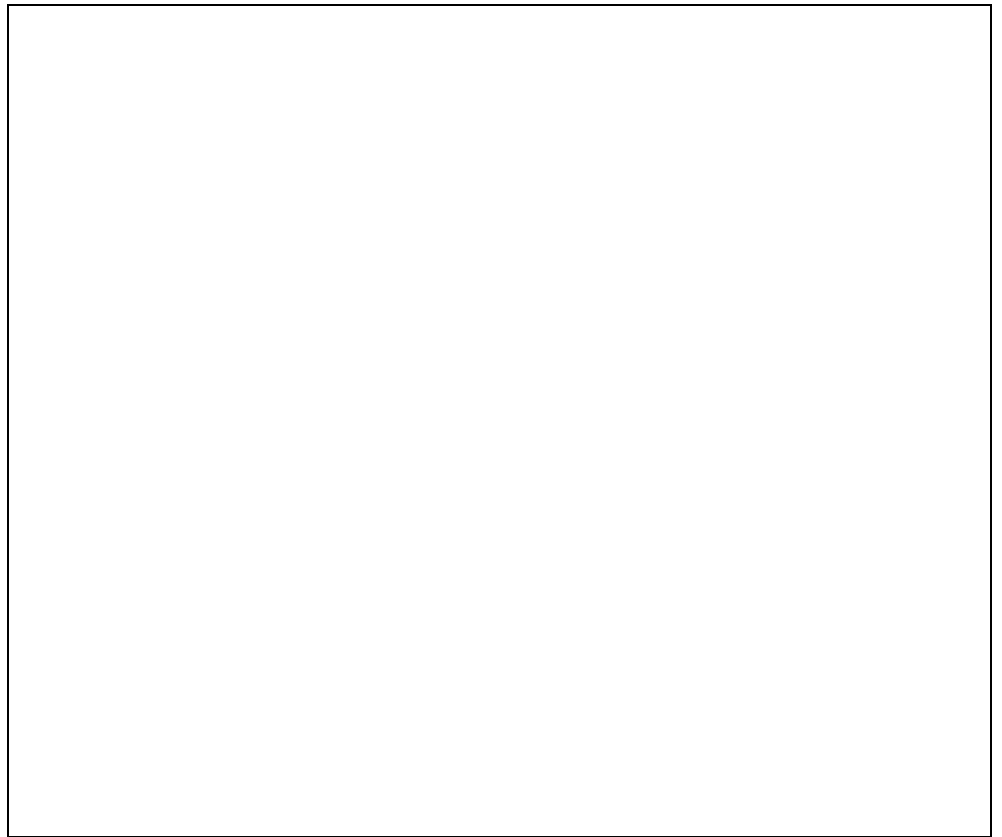
The Charity has not begun to trade in this reporting period.

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)

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.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity has not begun to trade in this reporting period.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity has not begun to trade in this reporting period. All funds are £NIL

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Charity has not begun to trade in this reporting period. All funds are £NIL

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.

The Charity has not begun to trade in this reporting period. All funds are £NIL. No Financial Transactions have occurred

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)	<i>David E Jenkins</i>	<i>Gary Speakman</i>
Full name(s)	David Edward Jenkins	Gary Speakman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Administrator & Advisor	Chair

Date 30/01/2025

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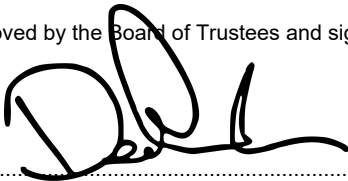
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Total funds carried forward

Wigan Heritage and Arts Trust
Statement of Financial Position
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