

# BEMBRIDGE FORT TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1204323

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-08-11

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE HISTORIC BUILDING KNOWN AS BEMBRIDGE FORT LOCATED ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT, ALONGSIDE OTHER FORTIFICATIONS ON AND AROUND THE ISLE OF WIGHT THAT ARE OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC VALUE. 2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF BEMBRIDGE FORT (AND OTHER FORTIFICATIONS ON AND AROUND THE ISLE OF WIGHT THAT ARE OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC VALUE) IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES.

**Activities:** Conferences, lectures are open to anyone who wishes to attend; they may take place in Bembridge Fort or if needed off site. The content of the talks will take into account the aims and objectives of the Trust. Covering all aspects of fortifications on and around the Isle of Wight.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Isle Of Wight

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,912	£38,088	-	-
2024-03-31	£210	£160	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DAVID REEVES</b>	Chair	2023-08-11
Ashley James Webb		2023-10-01
John Sutton		2023-08-11
Leah Margaret Mew		2023-08-11
Stephen Boswell		2023-08-11
Timothy Richard Wander		2023-08-11

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# Accounts

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# BEMBRIDGE FORT TRUST

CHARITY NUMBER 1204323.  
COMPANY NUMBER CE033222.

Chairman's Annual Report: 2024/25.

Chairman's Report.

The BFT finally took responsibility for Bembridge Fort from the NT on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024, on an initial 21 year lease. Our bank balance on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 stood at £50 our closing balance on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 was £873.73. Our total expenditure for the year was £38,088.96. Our income consisted of donations, gift aid, lease income and sales. This figure included a donation of £15,000 from the NT. Micron spent over £55,000 repairing the 29 fire doors and installing a new fire alarm system. (This does not cover the officer's quarters)

Ashley Web joined us as a new trustee. Our volunteer numbers have continued to grow. Volunteers worked throughout the winter months removing vegetation from the terreplein. In excess of 50 ton of rubbish was removed from inside and outside of the buildings. Urgent repairs were carried out in order to make it safe to use the magazine and other rooms in that section of the fort.

ABP have requested a 20 year lease and Bembridge Life Boat have requested a new 5 year lease. Micron signed a new 9-year lease. Continuing work will depend on the outcome of a bid for funds from the HLF. It was decided to pay for a professional bid writer to assist with future funding applications,

David Reeves



Chairman BFT

**BEMBRIDGE FORT TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025**

**INCOME**

Donations	24,099.99
Gift Aid	1,262.70
Lease income	12,500.00
Ticket Sales	1,050.00
Total Income	<b>38,912.69</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

*	Training	180.00
	Insurance	443.22
	Trustees Expenses	260.00
	Legal/Prof. fees	851.74
	Fixtures & Fittings	2,504.69
**	Office setup equipment	6,968.88
	Office consumables	573.68
	Stock	84.00
	Bank charges	44.70
	Urgent Repairs and restoration	
	Costs	21,889.32
	Equipment & Materials	4,288.73
	Total Expenditure	<b>38,088.96</b>

**Surplus (Deficit) for year** **823.73**

**Balance brought forward** **50.00**

**Balance carried forward** **873.73**

Notes

\* Fire safety training

\*\* Site hut purchase and setup

Sign: David Reeves Date: 10/04/2025.

David Reeves: Chairman BFT

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Chairman's Annual Report 2023/24

Bembridge Fort Trust.

Registered on the 11 August 2023.

The charity was formed in order to negotiate the transfer of the management of Bembridge Fort from the National Trust to the Bembridge Fort Trust.

Negotiations were still ongoing on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. It is hoped that the grant of a 21-year lease will be finalised during 2024. There are five initial trustees at the start of the charity. Ashley Webb was invited to join the board of trustees; we are pleased that he accepted the invitation. There is nothing else to report.

*David Reeves*

David Reeves: Chairman.

**BEMBRIDGE FORT TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024**

Date	Chq No / SO	Payee	Code	INCOME						EXPENDITURE		
				Total Transaction	1 Trustees donation	2 Trustees loan	3 General Donation	4 Gift Aid	5 Lease Income	7 Furniture	8	
28-Sep		Trustees opening donation	1	10.00	10.00							
23-Oct		Loan - T Wander	2	160.00		160.00						
25-Oct		NHCT - purchase of chairs	7	-160.00							-160.00	
11-Mar		Donation - T Wander	1	40.00	40.00							
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				<b>50.00</b>	<b>Balance</b>				<b>Total Inc. -</b>	<b>210.00</b>		
									<b>Total Exp.</b>	<b>-160.00</b>		