

# BEMBRIDGE FORT TRUST

CHARITY NUMBER 1204323.  
COMPANY NUMBER CE033222.

**Chairman's Annual Report: 2024/25.**

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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 **38,912.69**

**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 **38,088.96**

**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