



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name GUTHRUM-AETHELSTAN HERITAGE GROUP

Other names charity is known by KING GUTHRUM GROUP

Registered charity number (if any) 1206070

Charity's principal address 3 CASTLE ROAD

HADLEIGH

SUFFOLK

Postcode

IP7 6JH

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	Huw Roberts	Chair		
2	Kathryn Grandon			
3	Susan Andrews			
4	Hilary Ferry			
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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
Treasurer	Roger Young	The Chestnuts, 67, George Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich, IP7 5BW

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
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	APPOINTED BY TRUSTEES

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.

The Guthrum-Aethelstan Heritage Group (GAHG) currently has four trustees and a non-trustee treasurer. GAHG maintains a charity business bank account. The trustees and treasurer meet approximately monthly. GAHG maintains an email list for its newsletter and other announcements of approximately 50 people, mostly local to Hadleigh. Newsletter subscribers are those interested in Guthrum, local history, and the work of the group; they do not undertake or organise the work of the group themselves.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The Guthrum-Aethelstan Heritage Group CIO is for the advancement of education of the public in the subject of Viking history by educating the public about the life of King Guthrum and the local tradition and heritage of the link between Hadleigh Suffolk and King Guthrum. In particular but not exclusively by the provision of lectures, newsletters, exhibitions, town trails and work with local schools.

The Guthrum – Aethelstan Heritage Group was registered as a CIO (Charity No. 1206070) with the Charities Commission on 06/12/2023.

In short, the aim of the charity is to raise awareness of King Guthrum's link to Hadleigh, Suffolk. To achieve this aim, its long-term objectives include:

- developing a plan, securing a suitable site and funding for a King Guthrum memorial;
- exploring ways to engage community and raise interest and awareness of King Guthrum.

Activities in support of these objectives include:

- fundraising events;
- growing a database of people interested in supporting the charity and its work;
- organising events to raise awareness and knowledge of King Guthrum and his links to Hadleigh;
- publishing a regular newsletter.
- creating and maintaining a bibliography of resources on King Guthrum.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A Business Community Current Account was opened with Metro Bank on 13th November 2024 in the name of King Guthrum Group.

The following four Trustees were appointed on or before registration. Huw Roberts (Chair); Susan Andrews; Hilary Ferry; Kathryn Grandon.

Roger Young was appointed Treasurer on 8th January 2025.

Public liability insurance was obtained for the 12 months from August 2024.

The group publishes a quarterly newsletter, sent to those who sign up to receive it (approximately 50 people).

A fundraising exercise titled "The Old Hadleigh Picture Show" was delivered in four parts at the Ansell Centre, Hadleigh. The "The Old Hadleigh Picture Show" presentations were held in September and October 2024 and March and May 2025 and attended by approximately 800 people.

Prior to these events the organisation had no funds.

The group has produced an illustrated booklet ('In Search Of Guthrum') summarising the historical evidence for Guthrum's link to Hadleigh.

The group has also produced a leaflet outlining its work and objectives, contact details, etc.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

GAHG intends to produce a policy on reserves now that it has raised funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Funds were raised during the year by the hosting of talks on local history, and through the sales of the Guthrum booklet (see above).

Expenditure incurred included the expenses for the fundraising events, and the production of the information booklet about King Guthrum his link to Hadleigh.

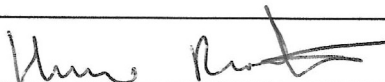
Section F Other optional information

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)

Huw Donald Roberts

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

21/11/25

KING GUTHRUM GROUP - Charity No 1206070**INCOME & EXPENDITURE****Period ended 31st March 2025**

INCOME				
Sale of Booklets	£ 176.00			
Lecture Entry Fees	£ 2,610.95			
	£ 2,786.95			
EXPENDITURE				
Printing Booklets	£ 219.00			
Supply of Banner	£ 95.00			
Insurance	£ 96.00			
Ticket Printing	£ 39.95			
Venue Hire	£ 190.00			
	£ 639.95			
INCOME less EXPENDITURE	£ 2,147.00			
Agreed as a true record by the Trustees on 21/11/2025				
H Roberts - Chairman	