



Hyde War Memorial Trust

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Charity name: Hyde War Memorial Trust

Charity registration number: 228670

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To administer Trust land and other assets for the health and well-being of the community.</p> <p>To look after the World War 1 memorial standing in a prominent position on Trust land.</p> <p>To hold memorial services each year on the Sundays nearest Peace Day and Armistice Day.</p>
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	<p>To maintain the Cenotaph.</p> <p>To jointly manage Werneth Low Country Park with Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC) for the benefit of the people of Hyde (and surrounding areas)</p> <p>To hold two memorial services every year.</p> <p>To engage with the local community and generate income by utilising Lower Higham Visitor Centre (Visitor Centre) and other assets.</p> <p>The ground floor of the Visitor Centre is used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explorer Cadets (pre-school environment themed activities)• Dementia Walks (local walking group end walks at the Visitor Centre)• Café 710 – community café run by trustees and volunteers and open on Sundays. Hosts Duke of Edinburgh volunteers.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular events for the Country Park volunteers • To educate visitors and local community about the different countryside environments in the Country Park through social media, local noticeboards and events. • To hold one-events in partnership with TMBC targeted at low-income families in school holidays.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have each received a copy of the guidance and contents have been discussed at Trustee Board.

Additional information

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Greenspace volunteers, managed by a Tameside Council 'Greenspace Officer' spend one day each week working in the Country Park. Duties include planting, pruning, tidying, path and fence maintenance, dry stone walling and endless countryside duties.</p> <p>Trustees and community volunteers run the Café 710 on Sundays.</p> <p>All trustees are volunteers.</p>
Other		

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	<p>The attached report "Trustee Annual Report 2022 2023" was presented to the Annual General Meeting on 26 October 2023 at Werneth Low Golf Club.</p> <p>This was a public meeting held in accordance with the Trust's governance framework.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Trustee Board has agreed key objectives for the 2023/2024. A copy of these is attached.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust is in a healthy financial position. Income exceeds expenditure and it holds healthy reserves.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in anticipation of maintenance and improvement of the Cenotaph, Visitor Centre and Country Park. A full structural survey in August 2022 (report available if required) identified maintenance work required over the next 5 years. This was estimated, then, to cost around £120k. Our plan is to enhance the property at the same time this work is completed. For example, to fit heritage windows and doors and enhance the interior. This estimated expenditure is likely to increase. Our Land & Estate Group will oversee this project and we have suitably experienced and qualified advisers for this work.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Approximately £323,000
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	Rental income from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm business tenancy • Golf Club land rent • Private property land leases • Community café income • Interest from investments
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We have an annual review of our investment portfolio with the fund manager. In 2023 we requested that our assets be transferred into ESG compliant funds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Godley Green Garden development – 2400 houses proposed adjacent green belt land in next decade. Timescale is uncertain but planning approval has been granted. This is also an opportunity. • Tameside withdrawing support for joint management agreed – probability very low
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals nominated by community groups • 3 elected representatives – allowed to self-nominate before AGM with voting (if necessary).

Additional information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction training – a one to one session working through an overview of the history, working arrangements and financial policies and procedures at the Trust • The essential trustee – online training • Safeguarding training – online training
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Trustee Board</p> <p>4 x Sub-Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance & Finance • Land & Estate • Events • Café <p>Joint Management Committee – Chair rotates between Trust and Local Authority. Committee includes 5 Trustees and representatives from Local Authority.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Joint Management Committee for the management of the Werneth Low Country Park. The Park comprises 200 acres; 150 owned by the Trust and 50 owned by the local authority, Tameside Metropolitan Trust.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Hyde War Memorial Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	228670
Charity's principal address	Lower Higham Visitor Centre Higham Lane Gee Cross SK14 5LR

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	Betty Affleck			Tameside Council
2	Peter Ainger			Hyde United FC
3	Shibley Alam			Tameside Council
4	John Bell	Treasurer		Gee Cross Community Centre
5	Phil Chadwick			Tameside Council
6	Jane Durkin	Chair		Holy Trinity Church
7	Richard Ekin			Scouts Association
8	Susan Ellis	Secretary		Gee Cross Neighbourhood Watch
9	Margaret Halliday			
10	Susan Plackett			Brabyns GX Neighbourhood Group
11	Andrew Richardson			POP culture centre
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial	Ian Wicks	Scott, Roberts Taylor Accountants, Hyde

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

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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)		
Full name(s)	Jane Durkin	Susan Ellis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	6 JUNE 2024	6 JUNE 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hyde War Memorial Trust

No (if any)
228670

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Ground Rent	8,502	-	-	8,502	-
Flat Rent	10,740	-	-	10,740	-
Interest received	960	-	-	960	-
Donations	2,366	-	-	2,366	-
Equity Investment Income	3,212	-	-	3,212	-
Café Income	8,631	-	-	8,631	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,412	-	-	34,412	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,412	-	-	34,412	-
A3 Payments					
Café Expenditure	4,037	-	-	4,037	-
Plus Net	449	-	-	449	-
Insurance	81	-	-	81	-
Legal fees	720	-	-	720	-
PC Paramedics	487	-	-	487	-
Gas Safety Certificate	275	-	-	275	-
Repairs and Maintenance Contracts	905	-	-	905	-
Peace Day Costs	78	-	-	78	-
Miscellaneous Costs	107	-	-	107	-
Ancestry costs	256	-	-	256	-
Rental Costs	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Sub total	8,594	-	-	8,594	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Coffee machine	2,100	-	-	2,100	-
Card Tabley	244	-	-	244	-
Sub total	2,344	-	-	2,344	-
Total payments	10,938	-	-	10,938	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,473	-	-	23,473	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	137,094	-	-	137,094	137,094
Cash funds this year end	160,567	-	-	160,567	137,094

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK ACCOUNTS	56,001	3,989	-
	CASH ACCOUNT	3,107	-	-
	BANK INVESTMENTS	97,470	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	156,578	3,989	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equity investment	Unrestricted	313,660	-
	Equity investment	Restricted	9,500	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Coffee Machine	Unrestricted	2,100	-
	Card Tablet	Unrestricted	244	-
	Property and Ground Rents	Restricted	67,032	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
CCXX R2 accounts (SS)		Jane Durkin	Jane Durkin	28.5.24 27/01/2026

John Bell	John Bell	28.5.24
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Hyde War Memorial Trust (Lower Higham Farm)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2023	Charity no (if any)	228670
Set out on pages	1 and 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's Receipts and Payments accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Ian David Wicks FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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