



Hyde War Memorial Trust

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

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 look after the 1st World War Cenotaph standing in a prominent position on Trust land.</p> <p>To maintain Trust land and other assets for the health and well-being of the community.</p> <p>To hold memorial services each year to commemorate 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 1st World War Cenotaph as place of remembrance.</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 provide access to the historical records held by the Trust of the 710 men of Hyde killed in 1st World War and the history of the Hyde War Memorial Trust</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 Visitor Centre and outside space is used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Café 710 – community café run by trustees and volunteers and open on Sundays. Provides hospitality on remembrance days and at themed

		<p>community events organised by the Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenspace volunteers and TMBC Greenspace Officer • Regular events for the Country Park volunteers • To educate visitors and local community about the different countryside environments in the Country Park • To hold one-off events in partnership with TMBC targeted at low-income families in school holidays • Pre-school environment themed activities – provided by specialist education provider • Education activities for special needs high school pupils - provided by specialist education provider • To meet family members of 710 men of Hyde killed in 1st World War
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, hedge laying, dry stone walling and endless countryside duties.</p> <p>Trustees and community volunteers run the Café 710 which opens on Sundays and for any one-off community events.</p> <p>All trustees are volunteers.</p> <p>Estimated to be around 50 volunteers (including trustees).</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 "Chair's Report for Annual General Meeting on 24 October 2024" was presented to attendees at the most recent AGM on 24.10.24</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	Please see AGM report.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		The Trust has engaged an independent bookkeeper to manage day to financial affairs and provide regular reporting to the Trustee Board, in accordance with the Financial Procedures Manual.

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. Expenditure slightly exceeded income this year due to accruals from 2022/23 being repaid. The Trust holds substantial financial 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 £376.6k
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 • Income 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, Evelyn.
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 to the Country Park on green belt land has been approved. Timescale is uncertain and there is considerable opposition from the local community and some Tameside Councillors. Because the development is adjacent to the Country there is an environmental risk to our habitat and

		<p>wildlife from displaced wildlife from the developed greenbelt land, and the increased footfall from visitors to the Country Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This development may present an opportunity from increased visitors numbers who may want to contribute to the protection and development of the environment in the Country Park. • There is a risk that Tameside may withdraw support for joint management responsibilities in the Country Park but we are in the process of signing a new 25 year agreement so the probability of this is 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 • Trustee Code of Conduct issued to every Trustee
		Trustee Board

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<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	<p>Lower Higham Visitor Centre Higham Lane Gee Cross SK14 5LR</p> <p>Telephone: 0161 368 6667 Email: hydewmt@gmail.com</p>

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	Deputy Chair		Gee Cross Community Centre
5	Phil Chadwick			Tameside Council
7	Jane Durkin	Chair		Holy Trinity Church
8	Richard Ekin			Scouts Association
9	Susan Ellis	Secretary		Gee Cross Neighbourhood Watch
10	Margaret Halliday			
11	Carole Longson			
12	Susan Plackett			Brabyns GX Neighbourhood Group
13	Andrew Richardson			POP Culture Centre
14	Lynn Bird			Gee Womens' Institute
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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
Financial	Alice Robinson	Bookkeeper

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	24.1.25	24.1.25

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	54,828	3,989	-
	CASH ACCOUNT	120	-	-
	BANK INVESTMENTS	99,181	-	-
	Total cash funds	154,129	3,989	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equity investment	Unrestricted	334,454	-
	Equity investment	Restricted	10,130	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Property and Ground Rents	Restricted	67,032	-
	Coffee Machine	Unrestricted	2,100	-
	Card Tablet	Unrestricted	244	-
	PA System	Unrestricted	173	-
	Shark Hoover	Unrestricted	179	-
	Stacking Chairs/Cupboard/Desks	Unrestricted	1,080	-
	Heavy Duty Tables	Unrestricted	528	-
	Phoenix Fire Commander Safe	Unrestricted	3,982	-
	Fridgemaster	Unrestricted	175	-
	Indesit Freezer	Unrestricted	565	-
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	



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 2024

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 **31/03/2024**.

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:

20-01-2025

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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