

# LYTHAM ST ANNES CIVIC SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 243629

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1965-12-01

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** I) TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE IN OR AFFECTING THE AREA OF BENEFIT II) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT III) TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT

**Activities:** To promote & encourage in the Lytham St. Annes area by meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications & promotions of a charitable nature:-+? A careful watch on the town's development-+? Focus public attention on the importance of enlightened town planning & imaginative design-+? Stimulate interest in & consideration of the preservation of features of historical interest & beauty in the town.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LYTHAM ST ANNES
- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£93,886	£30,073	-	-
2024-04-30	£7,358	£3,800	-	-
2023-04-30	£6,241	£10,028	-	-
2022-04-30	£7,192	£5,785	-	-
2021-04-30	£9,257	£3,912	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>SUSAN CORNAH</b>	Chair	
Amanda Jane Pickup		2026-02-10
Katharine Mary Wykes		2026-02-10
<b>MRS M V COUPE</b>		
Marjorie Tonge		2024-03-20
Paul Andrew Carr		2025-03-10
Stephen John Rigby		2021-02-22

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# Accounts

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# Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

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# Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

## Reference and Administrative Details For the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Charity number:	243629
Principal office:	23 Commonsie Lytham St. Annes Lancashire FY8 4EX
Bankers:	Handelsbanken Fylde Coast Branch First Floor, Beckett House Wyrefields Poulton le Fylde FY6 8JX
Trustees:	
Chair:	Mrs. S Cornah
Other Trustees:	Mr. A. Carr Mrs. M. Coupe Mr. P. McNeill Mrs. M. Tonge Mr. S. Rigby

# Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

## Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

The trustees are pleased to present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2025.

The financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and a Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

### **Governing Documents**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The governing document is the Constitution as adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2007.

### **Purpose and Objectives**

The charity is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in Lytham St. Annes and its environs comprising:

1. To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit
2. To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit
3. To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.

### **Appointment of Trustees/Officers**

In accordance with the governing document, the charity shall have at least three Trustees, however there is no maximum. A Trustee must be a member of the Charity or the nominated representative of an organisation that is a member of the Charity. Trustees are elected in general meeting of the Trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a Trustee. Each of the Trustees shall retire with effect from the conclusion of the annual general meeting after their appointment, but is eligible for re-election at that annual general meeting.

### **Trustees' responsibility for the accounts**

Charity law requires the trustees of the charity to prepare financial statements each year which show a true and fair view. In addition the trustees are responsible for selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them on a consistent basis, to make judgements on estimates that are prudent and reasonable, to keep proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Risk Management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risk to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Achievement and Performance**

Details of achievements and activities during the year are contained within the 2024/25 Annual Report. When planning activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

# Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

## Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **Financial Review/Reserves Policy**

An analysis of the financial activities in the 2024/25 highlights the following:

- The Society has benefited from significant legacies and donations amounting to over £87,000, the most significant received from the Thomas Blasson Charitable Foundation, a restricted legacy for the protection and preservation of the natural and build environment of Lytham. Donations were also received from residents to fund legal action to protect Lytham Green and specifically Granny's Bay along with very welcome grant from Lancashire Environmental Fund for Witchwood. Membership income has remained consistent with the prior year
- There is a recorded surplus of the year of £63,813
- Cash funds held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 total £121,554

The funds generated by the charity shall be applied solely in furthering the object of the charity. The Board of Trustees review the level of cash funds on an ongoing basis and consider the risk associated with the various income sources and expenditure plans for the next year.

Under the requirements of Charity Law, the Trustees are obliged to define the charity's policy for holding reserves. The intention in establishing this policy for Lytham St. Annes Civic Society is to secure continuation of its activities. The policy will:

1. Preserve the visibility of the charity
2. In doing so, underwrite existing services against periods of deficit
3. Enable the charity to meet its legal objects
4. Provide confidence to supporters and donors seeking to give financial support to a prudently controlled charity
5. Ensure that, consistent with objects, mission statement and values of Lytham St. Annes Civic Society, proper ethical consideration be afforded to all matters of investment
6. Ensure that the reserves are at a level sufficient to discharge all the charities obligations should the charity cease its operations

Current levels of cash funds are deemed sufficient to meet the above obligations.

By order of the trustees

Chairman                    S Cornah  
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Date                            31 October 2025  
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# Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

Independent Examination  
on the unaudited accounts to the members  
of Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 which are set out on pages 6 – 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out on the section 145 of the 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 examiners statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that :

1. Accounting records are kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. The accounts accord to those records;
3. The accounts comply with applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Note requirements for the accounts to give a 'true unfair view' are not considered as part of an Independent Examination;
4. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have not identified any other matters during my examination to which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr. Roger Weston  
Water's Edge  
East Beach  
Lytham  
FY8 5EX

31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

# Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

## Lytham St Annes Civic Society Charity number 243629

### Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Members Subscriptions	3016	-	3016	3453
Donations, Grants & Legacies	-	67168	67168	5040
Gift Aid Reclaimed from HMRC	771	-	771	1823
Legal Review Donations*	-	20120	20120	-
Sundry Income	780	-	780	145
Interest Income	1771	-	1771	961
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>6338</b>	<b>87288</b>	<b>93626</b>	<b>11422</b>
Book Sales	260	-	260	494
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>6598</b>	<b>87288</b>	<b>93886</b>	<b>11916</b>
*Granny's Bay				
<b>Payments</b>				
Witchwood	-	3432	3432	5984
Newsletter Design & Printing	519	-	519	605
Events & Open Meetings	1355	-	1355	1757
Storage	916	-	916	-
Admin & Website Costs	1097	-	1097	572
Insurance	-	278	278	237
Blue Plaques	-	-	-	15
Subscriptions	456	-	456	540
Legal & Professional Fees	1641	20120	21761	13
Capital Equipment	259	-	259	-
Sundries	-	-	-	61
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>6243</b>	<b>23830</b>	<b>30073</b>	<b>9784</b>
Surplus/ (Deficit)	355	63458	63813	2132
Transfers between Funds	-	-	-	-
Cash Funds Last Year End	57741	-	57741	55609
<b>Cash Funds This Year End</b>	<b>58096</b>	<b>63458</b>	<b>121554</b>	<b>57741</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Unrestricted Funds				
- General Use	17996	-	17996	17641
- Designated Funds: Witch Wood	15000	-	15000	15000
- Designated Funds: Regent Avenue Gates	100	-	100	100
- Designated Funds: Future Publications	10000	-	10000	10000
- Designated Funds: Town Improvement Projects	10000	-	10000	10000
- Designated Funds: Storage	5000	-	5000	5000
Restricted Funds - Blasson Charitable Foundation	-	63101	63101	-
Restricted Funds - Witchwood	-	357	357	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>58096</b>	<b>63458</b>	<b>121554</b>	<b>57741</b>

# Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

## Lytham St Annes Civic Society Charity number 243629

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 April 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Handelsbanken Operations a/c	9497	357	9854	10913
Handelsbanken Deposit a/c	31392	63101	94493	30231
COFI Deposit Fund	14452	-	14452	13931
Skipton Building Society	2755	-	2755	2666
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>58096</b>	<b>63458</b>	<b>121554</b>	<b>57741</b>
<b>Investment Assets</b>				
			2025	2024
			£	£
Victorian Lytham Books (Stock at Cost)			3243	3861
DVD's (Stock at Cost)			-	18
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>			<b>3243</b>	<b>3879</b>
<b>Assets Retained for Charities Own Use</b>				
			2025	2024
			£	£
Postcard collection - Original Cost £2,500			2500	2500
Misc. Equipment - Original Cost £3,277			376	182
Witchwood Equipment - Original Cost £5,796			385	514
<b>Total Retained Assets</b>			<b>3261</b>	<b>3196</b>
Misc Equipment additions: Speaker system				

# Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

## Accounting Policies

### Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

### Income

All income is included in the accounts when received and is classified under headings that aggregate all income related to a category.

### Payments

All expenditure is accounted for when paid and is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to a category.

### General fund

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees and the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

### Designated funds

Designated funds are set aside by the Trustees out of general funds for specific purposes or projects.

### Restricted funds

Restricted funds that can only be used for particular restrictive purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. Restrictions are binding upon the Trustees of the charity.

### Value added tax

VAT is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs.

### Depreciation

All equipment retained for the charities use is depreciated utilising a reducing balance methodology which expenses a higher portion of an asset's cost in its early years and progressively lower amounts as it ages.