

# **The Mothecombe Preservation Trust**

## **Accounts**

**Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**Charity number: 0276622**

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## **Accounts**

### **Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **Legal and Administrative Details**

##### **1 Status**

The Mothecombe Preservation Trust is a charity constituted by a deed dated 26 September 1978.

It is registered with the Charity Commission under reference 0276622.

##### **2 Trustees and Principal Officers**

Trustees:

Sir Edward Cazalet  
Lord St Levan  
Mr H C W Robinson  
Mr A J B Mildmay-White  
Mr J H B Mildmay-White

##### **3 Registered Office**

The Flete Estate  
Haye Farm  
Holbeton  
Plymouth  
Devon  
PL8 1JZ

##### **4 Professional Advisors**

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank plc  
8 Royal Parade  
Plymouth  
Devon  
PL1 1HB

Accountants:

Francis Clark LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Melville Building East  
Royal William Yard  
Plymouth  
Devon  
PL1 3RP

# **The Mothecombe Preservation Trust**

## **Trustees' Report**

### **Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the appropriate statutory regulations, the charity's governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Structure and principal activity**

The Mothecombe Preservation Trust is a registered charity whose principal aim is to restore and preserve for the benefit of the public buildings in Holbeton or Devon, which are of particular beauty or of particular architectural or historic interest. Also, to acquire and preserve land and acquire, convert, furnish and maintain buildings in Mothecombe or Devon for occupation at low or nominal rents for impoverished inhabitants.

### **Financial review**

All cottages were let this year. The cottages are kept in a good state of repair for letting purposes.

### **Organisational structure and decision-making policy**

New Trustees are elected by the Board of Trustees and serve until retirement.

### **Risk management**

The Trustees confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed as identified by the Trustees have been reviewed and systems are established to mitigate those risks.

### **Results**

The excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to £44,297 and when added to the accumulated surplus brought forward the unrestricted funds increased to £248,552.

### **Reserves**

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves at a level which equates to approximately six months' worth of charitable expenditure including support and governance costs. The Trustees consider that rental income is sufficient to cover this. At the period end the unrestricted fund, including Trust capital, stood at £263,635.

### **Public Benefit**

The 2011 Charities Act introduced the requirement for charities to show they provided public benefit. The Trustees have reviewed the objects, goals, services and objectives of the charity in the light of this requirement and can confirm that The Mothecombe Preservation Trust continues to further public benefit. The Trustees' annual report clearly evidences how the charity strives to meet need.

# **The Mothecombe Preservation Trust**

## **Trustees' Report**

**Year Ended 31 March 2024**

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees of the Charity on 1 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

J H B Mildmay-White  
Trustee

# **The Mothecombe Preservation Trust**

## **Report of the Independent Examiner**

### **Year Ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Mothecombe Preservation Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the 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'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Trust are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts. I have carried out my examination under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

#### **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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records with respect to the Trust were not kept as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

D Leslie FCA  
Francis Clark LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Melville Building East  
Royal William Yard  
Plymouth  
PL1 3RP  
Date: 4 November 2024

# The Mothecombe Preservation Trust

## Income and Expenditure Account (Incorporating Statement of Financial Activities)

Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024		Unrestricted Funds 2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
Rents receivable		111,293		109,704
<u>Other trading activities</u>				
Wayleaves		5		5
<b>Total</b>		<b>111,298</b>		<b>109,709</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
Repairs and maintenance		27,108		79,360
Rates and water		305		217
Light, heat and power		-		15
Management fees		16,788		16,788
Insurance		13,080		13,080
Independent examiner's fee		2,100		2,100
Software costs		355		288
Legal and professional fees		500		701
Arrangement fees		800		800
Bank charges		250		313
Bank interest		5,715		3,436
<b>Total</b>		<b>67,001</b>		<b>117,098</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/surplus</b>		<b>44,297</b>		<b>(7,389)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>204,255</b>		<b>211,644</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>248,552</b>		<b>204,255</b>

# The Mothecombe Preservation Trust

## Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024	£	£	2023	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>							
Heritage assets	5		343,835			343,835	
<b>Current assets</b>							
Debtors and prepayments	6	16,565			297		
Cash at bank		1,145			1,145		
			17,710		1,442		
<b>Creditors: Amounts</b>							
falling due within one year	7	(97,910)			(125,939)		
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			(80,200)			(124,497)	
<b>Total net assets</b>			263,635			219,338	
<b>The funds of the charity</b>							
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>							
Trust capital			15,083			15,083	
Accumulated surplus			248,552			204,255	
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>			263,635			219,338	

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

J H B Mildmay-White

Date: 1 November 2024



# The Mothecombe Preservation Trust

## Notes to the Accounts

### Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1 Accounting Policies

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and the Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The Mothecombe Preservation Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The Charity has taken advantage of small charity exemptions and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, which are described in this note, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historically known factors and experience. Therefore, the Trustees do not perceive there to be critical areas of judgement or key sources of estimation uncertainty in the formulation of the financial statements.

##### **Income**

All rents are recognised on a receivable basis. Rent received in advance of the period to which it relates is deferred and included in creditors.

##### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is charged on an accruals basis, inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs directly incurred in the pursuance of the charity's charitable activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

##### **Heritage Assets**

Heritage assets acquired by way of donation are included at deemed cost, plus improvements less grants.

No depreciation is provided, as in the opinion of the Trustees, the assets have an indefinite life and the market value would be in excess of the balance sheet value.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are those funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

# The Mothecombe Preservation Trust

## Notes to the Accounts

### Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### Financial instruments

##### *Classification*

The charity holds the following financial instruments:

- Short term trade and other debtors and creditors; and
- Cash and bank balances

All financial instruments are classified as basic.

##### *Recognition and measurement*

The charity has chosen to apply the recognition and measurement principles in FRS102. Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument and de-recognised when in the case of assets, the contractual rights to cash flows from the assets expire or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to another party, or in the case of liabilities, when the charity's obligations are discharged, expire or are cancelled.

These instruments are initially measured at transaction price, including transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at the un-discounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, after taking account of impairment adjustments.

#### **2 Trustees' Remuneration**

No remuneration for Trustee duties nor reimbursement of expenses was paid to the Trustees during the year.

#### **3 Related Party Transactions**

Management fees and other services totalling £33,946 (2023 - £27,089) were charged and rent of £4,680 (2023 - £8,040) was paid to the charity by The Flete Estate Resettlement Trust. Mr A J B Mildmay-White, Trustee, is a beneficiary of this Trust. Amounts owing to the Flete Estate at the balance sheet date amounted to £14,001 (2023 - £45,452). Amounts owing to Mr A J B Mildmay-White at the balance sheet date amounted to £1,800 (2023 - £1,800).

#### **4 Trust Capital**

The Mothecombe Preservation Trust was constituted by a Deed dated 26 September 1978 and the Founder, Mr A J B Mildmay-White, paid a sum of £100 to the Trustees. Properties comprising Mothecombe Village were assigned to the Mothecombe Preservation Trust by Mr A J B Mildmay-White by a Deed dated 27 September 1978. The value of the Trust Fund on appointment, comprising the value of the properties less the liability at that date for improvement work done on the properties since 1977, was £14,983. These two sums, total £15,083, comprise the Trust capital.

# The Mothecombe Preservation Trust

## Notes to the Accounts

### Year Ended 31 March 2024

<b>5 Heritage Assets</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Balance at 31 March 2023	<b>343,835</b>	343,835
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>343,835</b>	343,835

The valuation used in the balance sheet for Mothecombe Village and Ermington Wood is the valuation agreed with the Inland Revenue as at 26 September 1978 of £27,500 with the addition of acquisition expenses and subsequent improvements to three of the cottages at cost less grants received. In addition to this a car park was built costing £24,846 during the year ended 5 April 1999 and the purchase of a lease at Flete Western Lodge for £195,000 in 2011.

<b>6 Debtors and Prepayments</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Rents	<b>4,140</b>	-
Other debtors	<b>12,425</b>	297
	<b>16,565</b>	297

<b>7 Creditors and Accruals</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Bank overdraft	<b>59,730</b>	71,381
Trade creditors	<b>4,396</b>	3,796
Accountancy	<b>2,100</b>	2,100
Other creditors	<b>28,905</b>	44,985
Rent received in advance	<b>2,779</b>	3,677
	<b>97,910</b>	125,939

The bank overdraft is secured on freehold property owned by The Flete Estate Resettlement Trust.