

Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust

Charity Reg. No. 289885



Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

In 1984, Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust was established for the following purposes:

For the public benefit in the area comprising the towns of Frinton-on-Sea and Walton-on-the-Naze and the surrounding area, which area shall hereinafter be referred to as the “area of benefit”:

- i. To promote civic pride and secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.
- ii. To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, and architecture of the area of benefit, to give advice and information, hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
- iii. To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.

In furtherance of these aims, the Trust continues to consolidate historical knowledge of the local area and provide public access to the archives, artefacts and exhibits that tell the story of our community’s past. The Trust’s collections are displayed in *Crossing Cottage*, the original railway gate-keeper’s home, which houses a collection orientated towards the town, surrounding villages and the local railway and The Trevor Bright Railway Museum, housed in the old lever hut.

The last twelve months has seen major developments within the Trust and to celebrate the 40th Anniversary a number of social events have been planned over the summer alongside the regular *Crossing Cottage* garden events.

Summary of the year’s activities – 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024:

The officers and executive committee met regularly during the year and the Trust’s volunteers continued to maintain *Crossing Cottage* and garden. There has been huge developments at *Crossing Cottage* with projects funded by our wonderfully managed and well supported Cottage Garden Fayres, and our maintenance and gardening teams have managed to make our community garden a lovely space to enjoy. The newly constructed garden path and the new boundary fence with Caradoc, funded from our own resources, has capped off this cycle. The Trust entered Crossing Cottage and Railway gardens into the Royal Horticultural Society ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’ and was awarded, Grade 5 and 4 respectively in the Anglia in Bloom competition. We must thank David Foster of Frinton in Bloom for his continued support which we try to reciprocate.

Following on from the granting of Planning Permission for the new Heritage Centre and Museum at 120 Pole Barn Lane, the successful application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for the overall project and the grant from the Rural England Prosperity Fund for the asbestos removal, has meant that actual building work has commenced and goes on at a pace. The NLHF project, including the Digitization of the Trust's Archive, is being supervised by Peter Vadden of Cultural Engine and Brian Jennings, as a volunteer, is Project Manager for the building works.

Following much deliberation by the Committee over many months, the Trust has passed on the responsibility and ownership of *James Stevens No.14* lifeboat back to Rachel Baldwin who originally purchased the boat over twenty-five years ago and brought her back to Walton. Despite many pleas to the membership of the Trust, no-one else came forward to take the craft into her next and future stage of her life, to help manage and fund the huge cost of keeping her maintained and insured. It was more than the Trust could continue to support. As an artefact of the Trust we cannot sell her and despite numerous efforts we could not find another museum or social enterprise that was willing to take her on. The development of the larch fungus during Covid added to her woes, though the damage was stopped from progressing further. Ms Baldwin has undertaken to work as caretaker for the next period in the boat's life using her own resources to do so for which the Trust is very grateful.

After eight years research by the History Group, The Trust published its third history book, *Postcards from . . . Frinton's Sea Front* with a very successful launch in February 2024.

Meetings with Museums Essex continued throughout the year, attended by the Chair, John Barter. He also participated in various meeting organised by Community Voluntary Services Tendring and also attended meetings of the Hamford Water Management Committee. The Trust continues to work with other local organisations that are beneficial to our area such as the Naze Protection Society, Frinton-in-Bloom (in its 50th year), the Clacton Victoria County History and the Tendring Recorders. Our influence on the whole area is wide ranging but we need more volunteers and much more help with raising funds for our ongoing work.

The Trust held its usual winter lecture series and a Christmas lunch arranged at Frinton Golf Club proved very popular. Also the New Year's Day Walk was well attended with mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies provided by The Trust on return to the Cottage.

It is generally accepted that the Trust has a bright future but it needs better publicity, more members and more volunteers to undertake regular tasks.

Membership Report

As of 31 December, 2023, the end of the Trust's membership year, membership stood at 340, slightly lower than the previous year but all in all, broadly comparable. The end of year figures usually tend to hover around the 340 – 350 mark so even though we might like a larger number of members, there really does not appear to be any real reason to panic. Seven or eight years ago our membership was only around 300 and crossing that 300 barrier was considered quite an achievement. Now, 350 looks achievable. Numbers rise and fall slightly but in the long term our core membership tends to remain quite constant.

Financial Report – Statement of Receipts and Payments Attached

At the year end there was an Excess of Payments over Receipts of £1,933.94. Reserves stood at £75,292.24 being Total Assets of £198,051.57 less Total Liabilities of £122,759.33.

Life President: Jerry Russell

President: David Thorpe of Mearns

Officers: John Barter, Chair; Ian Heard, Vice Chair; Eileen Kelly, Treasurer; Linda Ellis, Honorary Secretary

Trustees: John Barter, Rachel Baldwin, Margaret N. Sandell, Timothy C. Scott-Saunders, Michael W. Talbot,

Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust Charity Registration No: 289885

Registered Office: Crossing Cottage, Station Approach, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, CO13 9ED

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FRINTON & WALTON HERITAGE TRUST
ACCOUNTS 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
Receipts and Payments

	Receipts		Payments	
	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023
General				
Membership subscriptions	£ 3,675.00	£ 3,113.00		
Donations	£ 1,274.58	£ 1,060.87		
Sales (excluding new Frinton book)	£ 1,592.30	£ 1,599.84	£ 275.00	£ 45.27
Book - Postcards from Frinton's Sea Front	£ 2,789.65	£ 0.00	£ 7,291.35	£ 0.00
Socials & Outings	£ 3,709.00	£ 3,375.85	£ 2,997.78	£ 2,427.47
Talks & research	£ 497.00	£ 380.00	£ 50.00	£ 0.00
Architectural Walks - history walks	£ 50.00	£ 1,295.00	£ 0.00	£ 203.01
Interest	£ 185.48	£ 16.84		
Grants & Project funding	£ 200.00	£ 1,000.00		
Postage, stationary & newsletter			£ 2,376.88	£ 1,946.33
Website services			£ 566.93	£ 891.56
Affiliation & Licence fees			£ 138.00	£ 231.00
Archives & Artefacts			£ 0.00	£ 150.73
Storage Archives & Artefacts			£ 1,152.00	£ 1,152.00
Equipment			£ 0.00	£ 62.00
Hall hire - AGM & Committee meetings			£ 112.50	£ 245.00
Insurance			£ 402.19	£ 220.81
Card Machine charges			£ 35.30	£ 0.00
Sundries			£ 0.00	£ 265.90
Frinton Cottage/Garden/Railway Museum				
Spring/Autumn Fairs & Open Days	£ 6,418.93	£ 5,356.28	£ 241.18	£ 119.98
Plant & Produce sales	£ 737.42	£ 369.60		
Donations	£ 430.72	£ 341.07		
Lettings	£ 421.36	£ 190.29		
Garden Supplies			£ 340.39	£ 38.10
Garden Maintenance			£ 2,156.37	£ 501.13
Cottage consumables			£ 157.90	£ 191.96
Cottage & Railway Museum maintenance			£ 422.33	£ 616.81
Exhibition cost & fittings			£ 52.19	£ 20.00
Railway artefacts			£ 0.00	£ 15.00
Electricity			£ 937.48	£ 685.20
Rates			£ 0.02	£ 66.56
Railway crossing gates			£ 0.00	£ 5,951.09
Cottage renovation			£ 0.00	£ 3,804.49
Frinton & Walton Heritage Centre				
Special Donations	£ 0.00	£ 2,775.69		
Sales	£ 250.00	£ 0.00		
Grants & Project funding/Centre Renovations	£ 37,594.81	£ 0.00	£ 36,396.22	£ 0.00
Legal & Professional fees			£ 8,286.00	£ 1,095.00
Centre maintenance			£ 343.68	£ 119.80
Utilities (water & electricity)			£ 413.51	£ 482.92
Rates			£ 281.60	£ 289.86
Insurance			£ 493.67	£ 374.82
James Stevens No.14				
Donations	£ 0.00	£ 25.00		
Running Costs/Maintenance			£ 0.00	£ 13.00
Insurance			£ 1,439.72	£ 1,568.00
Stock value adjustment	£ 5,600.00			£ 220.00
Excess of Payments over Receipts	£ 1,933.94	£ 3,115.47		
	£ 67,360.19	£ 24,014.80	£ 67,360.19	£ 24,014.80

FRINTON & WALTON HERITAGE TRUST

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2024

Assets

Fixed Asset

Frinton & Walton Heritage Centre, Pole Barn Lane £ 153,047.87

Current Assets

Stock £ 8,500.00

Debtors/Prepayments £ 19,383.68

Bank accounts £ 19,080.02

Petty cash £ 30.00

Total Current Assets £ 45,003.70

Total Assets £ 198,051.57

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Creditors £ 2,759.33

Long Term Liabilities

Loan re Heritage Centre & Museum, Pole Barn Lane £ 120,000.00

Total Liabilities £ 122,759.33

Net Assets £ 75,292.24

Equity

Retained Loss (excess payments over receipts) 31st March 2024 (£ 1,933.94)

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2023 £ 77,226.18

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2024 £ 75,292.24

Additional Information

Subscriptions: Subscription income has been revised for prepaid income re subscription period running from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

Stock value adjustment: The value of Stock has been increased. This is to take account of the Trust's new publication not yet sold, together with a reduction to prior year stock in respect of sales during the year of other publications.

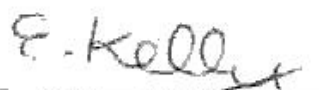
Funding: The Trust is very grateful for funding received from REPF Community Grant Award, £19,119 and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, £18,475.81, towards the renovations of the new Heritage Centre.


New Heritage Bank account: A new account has been opened to account for accounting activity on the new Heritage Centre.

Funds held in Reserve account: £18,140.94 funds are being held in a reserve account to be used for specific purposes.

Notes to the Accounts

I have examined the above accounts and consider that they represent true and accurate Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2024.


Treasurer: Eileen Kelly
Date: 16th MAY 2024


Independent Examiner: Dawn Heard
Date: 16th MAY 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

FRINTON AND WALTON HERITAGE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2024

Charity no

289885

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

As the charity's 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

D Heard

Date:

28/01/25

Name:

Dawn Heard

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qualification(s) or body
(if any)

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Not Applicable