

# Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust



## Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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, *The Trevor Bright Railway Museum*, housed in the old lever hut, and the new Museum and Heritage Centre at 120 Pole Barn Lane.

The last twelve months has seen major developments within the Trust in preparation of the Charity converting to a CIO.

### **Summary of the year’s activities – 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025:**

The officers and executive committee met regularly during the year every two months and the Trust issued three Newsletters during the year, keeping the membership up to date with events and progress of the Trust.

To celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a number of social events were held during the summer. These proved successful and our fund-raising events were well attended, despite the challenging economic situation locally.

The Trust’s volunteers continued to maintain *Crossing Cottage* and garden 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 Trust supported Frinton in Bloom by hosting the judges of the Anglia in Bloom competition and those for Britain in Bloom. We must thank David Foster of for his continued support which we try to reciprocate.

The Trust held its usual winter lecture series and a Christmas lunch arranged at Frinton Golf Club proved very popular. Unfortunately, the New Year’s Day Walk had to be postponed due to adverse weather conditions.

### **The Heritage Centre and Museum at 120 Pole Barn Lane:**

With the successful application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for the overall project and other grants, such as that from the Rural England Prosperity Fund, has meant that the conservation of the building has been completed. The Topping Out Ceremony, held in February was well attended and the Museum will be open from Easter 2025 with proposed Bank Holiday and Summer openings to follow. A Pop-up Exhibition has been created from the first five exhibition panels in the Museum and will be shown at various venues in the coming year.

### **Digitization of the Trust's Archive:**

This project, funded by the grant from NLHF, has been moving on a pace with Trust volunteers and MA students from Essex University. Peter Vadden continues to Project Manage the grant and has been assisting the Trust in its application to convert to a CIO.

Meetings with Museums Essex continued throughout the year, attended by the Chair, John Barter, and the Honorary Secretary, Linda Ellis. John has also participated in various meetings 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, Clacton Victoria County History and 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.

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, 2024, the end of the Trust's membership year, membership stood at 412, an increase in the year of 72, which may have been due to new members joining to attend the special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Over the years, 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, 31 March, 2025 there was an Excess of Receipts over Payments of £3,422.23 (2024 – Excess of Payments over Receipts, £1,933.94). Reserves stood at £78,714.47 (2024 - £75,292.24) being Total Assets of £206,442.10 (2024 - £198,051.57) less Total Liabilities of £127,727.63 (2024 - £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, Michael W. Talbot,

Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust Charity Registration No: 289885

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

Website: fwheritage.co.uk



**FRINTON & WALTON HERITAGE TRUST**  
**ACCOUNTS 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**  
**Receipts and Payments**

	Receipts		Payments	
	2024/2025	2023/2024	2024/2025	2023/2024
<b>General</b>				
Membership Subscriptions	£4,344.50	£ 3,675.00		
Donations	£3,338.43	£ 1,274.58		
Sales (excluding new Frinton book)	£882.78	£ 1,592.30	£108.44	£ 275.00
Book - Postcards from Frinton's Sea Front	£1,620.86	£ 2,789.65	£0.00	£ 7,291.35
Socials & Outings	£8,398.63	£ 3,709.00	£5,970.08	£ 2,997.78
Talks & Research	£498.60	£ 497.00	£145.60	£ 50.00
Architectural Walks - history walks	£1,152.00	£ 50.00	£274.73	£ 0.00
Interest	£273.15	£ 185.48		
Grants & Project Funding	£0.00	£ 200.00		
Gift Aid	£965.80	£ 0.00		
Postage, Stationery & Newsletter			£1,734.80	£ 2,376.88
Website Services			£2,490.97	£ 566.93
Affiliation & Licence Fees			£128.00	£ 138.00
Archives & Artefacts			£600.00	£ 0.00
Storage Archives & Artefacts			£1,265.08	£ 1,152.00
Equipment			£370.99	£ 0.00
Hall hire - AGM & Committee Meetings			£140.00	£ 112.50
Insurance			£509.70	£ 402.19
Card Machine Charges			£15.91	£ 35.30
Sundries			£11.67	£ 0.00
<b>Frinton Cottage/Garden/Railway Museum</b>				
Spring/Autumn Fairs & Open Days	£4,214.87	£ 6,418.93	£223.76	£ 241.18
Plant & Produce Sales	£554.45	£ 737.42		
Donations	£957.89	£ 430.72		
Lettings	£355.57	£ 421.36		
Picket Fence Donations/Expenditure	£2,150.00	£ 0.00	£1,759.22	£0.00
Garden Supplies			£713.28	£ 340.39
Garden Maintenance			£4,046.11	£ 2,156.37
Cottage Consumables			£197.94	£ 157.90
Cottage & Railway Museum Maintenance			£804.63	£ 422.33
Exhibition Cost & Fittings			£7.56	£ 52.19
Railway artefacts			£53.38	£ 0.00
Electricity			£1,531.02	£ 937.48
Rates			£0.02	£ 0.02
<b>Museum &amp; Heritage Centre</b>				
Loan	£10,000.00	£ 0.00	£15,000.00	
Sales	£0.00	£ 250.00		
Grants & Project Funding	£16,156.00	£ 19,119.00		
National Lottery Heritage Fund	£170,341.16	£ 18,475.81		
Centre Renovations			£103,993.42	£ 36,396.22
Digitization Costs			£12,325.08	£ 0.00
Exhibition Cost & Fittings			£18,914.62	£ 0.00
Fittings & Equipment Register			£22,931.28	£ 0.00
Social Expenditure			£430.00	£ 0.00
Legal & Professional Fees			£24,576.00	£ 8,286.00
Centre Maintenance			£0.00	£ 343.68
Utilities (water & electricity)			£319.60	£ 413.51
Broadband			£204.93	£ 0.00
Rates			(£ 290.89)	£ 281.60
Insurance			£575.53	£ 493.67
<b>James Stevens No.14</b>				
Insurance			£0.00	£ 1,439.72
<b>Stock Value Adjustment</b>		£ 5,600.00	£700.00	
<b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b>		£ 1,933.94		
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>			£3,422.23	
	£ 226,204.69	£ 67,360.19	£ 226,204.69	£ 67,360.19



**FRINTON & WALTON HERITAGE TRUST**  
**Balance sheet as at 31st March 2025**

**Assets**

**Fixed Asset**

Museum & Heritage Centre, Pole Barn Lane £ 153,047.87

**Current Assets**

Stock £ 5,800.00  
Debtors/Prepayments £ 749.93  
Bank accounts £ 46,674.30  
Petty cash £ 170.00

**Total Current Assets**

£ 53,394.23

**Total Assets**

£ 206,442.10

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

Creditors £ 12,727.63

**Long Term Liabilities**

Loan re Museum & Heritage Centre, Pole Barn Lane £ 115,000.00

**Total Liabilities**

£ 127,727.63

**Net Assets**

£ 78,714.47

**Equity**

Retained Income (excess receipts over payments) 31st March 2025 £ 3,422.23

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

**Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025**

£ 78,714.47

**Additional Information**

**Subscriptions:** Subscription income has been revised for prepaid income re subscription period running from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 to reflect suscription income for period up to 31st March 2025.

**Stock value adjustment:** The reduction in stock is in respect of sales during the Year.

**Museum & Heritage Centre Loan:** The first repayment of £5,000 has now been repaid to reduce the loan to £115,000. A short term loan of £10,000 has also been repaid.

**Funding:** The Trust is very grateful for donations received from members and non members for the picket fence around the Cottage Garden.

**Funding:** The Trust is very grateful for funding received from The Rotary Club of Frinton-on-Sea, East of England Co-Op Society, Museums Essex, Garfield Weston and the National Lottery Heritage Fund towards the renovations of the new Museum & Heritage Centre and the digitization of the Trust's Archive

**Funds held in Reserve account:** £7,593.45 funds are being held in a reserve account to be used for specific purposes.


**Garden Maintenance:** Improvement work has been undertaken re new path, pond refurbishment and new planting within this financial year.

**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 2025.

  
Treasurer: Eileen Kelly

Date: 24/5/2025

  
Independent Examiner: Dawn Heard

Date: 24/5/2025





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

FRINTON AND WALTON HERITAGE TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

289885

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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 below 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:

Date:

24/05/2025

Name:

Dawn Heard

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

Address:

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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