

THE BURNLEY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 513438

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1983-01-24

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY OF BURNLEY AND DISTRICT BY MEANS OF EXCAVATIONS, DISCOVERY OF ANTIQUITIES, HOLDING OF EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICATION OF WORKS AND THE PROMOTION AND ASSISTANCE OF STUDENTS ENGAGED IN RELEVANT STUDIES.

Activities: A series of lectures during the winter. Visits to places of Historical interest. The publication of local history books. To help people with historical research.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£45,888	£1,110	-	-
2024-08-31	£1,196	£1,519	-	-
2023-08-31	£778	£1,976	-	-
2022-08-31	£206	£381	-	-
2021-08-31	£719	£968	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DENISE NORTH	Chair	2011-09-01
STEPHEN MARTIN CHILD BA ALA		
Tony Mitchell		2025-12-10

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Accounts



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**Annual Report and
Financial Statements**

Year ended 31st August 2025

The Burnley and District Historical Society

Reference and administrative details

Trustees	Mrs D North BA (Chair) Mr S M Child (Secretary) Mr T Mitchell (Treasurer)
	Mr Mitchell was appointed 10.11.25
Correspondence address	66 Langdale Road Blackburn BB2 5DW
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc
Registered Charity Number	513438
Independent Examiner	M R Heaton FCCA FCIE DchA KM Chartered Accountants 1 st Floor, Block C The Wharf Manchester Road Burnley BB11 1JG

The Burnley and District Historical Society

Trustees Annual Report

Objects

The objects of the charity, as per its Rules adopted 21 January 1982 as amended 21 October 1982 are:

To advance the education of the public in the history of Burnley and District by means of excavations, discovery of antiquities, holding of exhibitions, publication of works and the promotion and assistance of students engaged in relevant studies.

Public Benefit

In accordance with their objectives for this year, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirements of the Charities Act 2006, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of these aims for the public benefit. This report explains how our activities achieve public benefit.

Activities in the year

The Society has had another successful year with good attendance at meetings, new members joining and some lapsed members re-joining. Members have reported that the purchase of the digital voice amplifier for the use of speakers has been beneficial. The website and facebook page are attracting a lot of attention which is a possible reason for the increase in membership. The publicity given has also seen an increase in enquiries for information and also some contributions to the Society. We have also managed to re-establish summer visits and by combining these with members of the Civic Society and Sion Church group have ensured their success.

At the year end we had 47 members.

Lectures:

Ernest Evans: From Weaver to Master of Natural Sciences – Nick Burton

Oh! We do like to be beside the Seaside – Molly Haines

Parliament Peculiarities – Frank Bartram and Gordon Birtwistle

Chance and Coincidence – Mike Towned and Linda Dawson

Burnley Film Makers – Mike Smith

Sex and Scandal in the Victorian Era – Lavnia Tod

Lancashire Lads in the Scottish Rifles – Andrew Gill

Visit: There was one visit on June 23rd 2025 to the gardens of Arevinit, Ramsbottom

Publications: There were no new publications or reprints during the year.

We report the death of one of our Patrons, Lord O'Hagan, in the year.

Financial review

Our normal recurring income is that of members subscriptions, donations and sale of publications. In the financial year we received a legacy from the Estate of Brian Hall, member of the Society, amounting to £45,000.

This has increased our cash and bank reserve from £2,457 to £47,246 by the end of the financial year. The trustees and supporting committee are considering the best use of this legacy and will be considering a reserves and investment policy to support this.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its rules. Trustees and committee members are appointed from the membership.

Risks and uncertainties

Risks are monitored by the trustees.

This report was approved by the trustees on 30th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs D North
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise North". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BURNLEY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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30th March 2026

THE BURNLEY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Year ended 31.8.25 £	Year ended 31.8.24 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Legacy	45,000	-
Members subscriptions	780	560
Donations	8	92
Sale of publications	101	544
	45,889	1,196
<u>Payments</u>		
Charity events and running costs	1,110	1,519
	44,779	(333)
Balances bfd	2,457	2,790
Balances cfd	47,246	2,457
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Bank and cash balances	47,246	2,457
Publications stocks	1,240	

Approved by the trustees on 30th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs D North
Trustee

Denise North

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2 Fund Accounting

(a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity

(b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

3 Taxation

The charity is not liable to tax on its charitable activities.

The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.

4 Transactions with trustees

No remuneration nor expenses were paid to any of the other trustees or any persons connected with them during the year.