

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 701152

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2025
for
The Lytham Heritage Group

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Reference and Administrative details
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President	A G Kirby																				
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The LythamHeritage Group
Report of the Executive Committee
For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The Executive Committee has pleasure in submitting its report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Lytham Heritage Group was formed on 4 February 1987 and is governed by the Constitution adopted on 3 November 1988 as amended on 2 April 1990, 9 June 2010, 12 November 2010, 15 June 2011. The Constitution was rewritten in line with Charity Commission model text [no change to name or objects] and agreed on 9th September 2024. It is a registered charity regulated by the Charity Commission.

Appointment of Trustees

All Members of the Executive Committee are Trustees of the charity. Officers and Members of the Executive Committee are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and outgoing Members may be re-elected.

Any freehold and leasehold property and all other property of any description acquired by or belonging to the Group is vested in Holding Trustees. Holding Trustees must be at least two in number or a trust corporation. The power of Holding Trustees is vested in the Executive Committee. A Holding Trustee must be a Member of the Group.

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees are briefed on the terms of their legal obligations under charity and company law and the content of the Constitution under which the Group is governed. They are given a copy of guidance provided by the Charity Commissioners.

Organisation

The Executive Committee is responsible for the management and administration of the Group. The Executive Committee consists of the Officers, other than Honorary Officers, and not less than four and not more than eight other Members. The Executive Committee has the power to:

- fill casual vacancies occurring amongst officers of the Group;
- fill up to three casual vacancies occurring amongst Members of the Executive Committee between General Meetings; and
- co-opt further Members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity).

The Executive Committee meets not less than six times a year at intervals of not more than two months.

Three working groups, reporting to the Executive Committee, focus on achieving the Group's strategy. These are:

- Archive
- Heritage Centre
- Windmill& Old Lifeboat House

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Risk management

Owing to the nature of the Group the only risk area is related to the financial resources. The Trustees have in place proper procedures for the safe custody of the funds and disbursements.

Objectives and activities

The Group is established for the public benefit by educating the public in the geography, history, natural history, archaeology and architecture of the Ancient Parish of Lytham.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Group's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant and gift making policy for the year.

The Group carries out these objects by aiming to foster and stimulate the public interest in its history and heritage and form and encourage other institutions to form a collection of photographs, documents, films and other artefacts of an educational and historical nature and to make these available for public exhibition from time to time within the area. The Group also works to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of the architectural features and visual amenities of historic or public interest in the area.

The main objectives during the year continued to be the pursuit of the above objectives at the Heritage Centre, Archive, Windmill and Old Lifeboat House.

During the year, other than the ongoing activities of the Group with the Artist Displays at the Heritage Centre, the main activity has been to develop good quality heritage exhibition material and improve the accessibility of the Archive Material.

The Group is very involved in the community and is dependent solely on voluntary help.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Group pursued the core aims of research, exhibitions and archiving.

In June 2024 we had a Heritage Exhibition on "Lytham Club Day - 130 Years Old" " In October 2024 we had a Exhibition on "Treasures of the Archive" In February there was "Secondary Art Celebration " by pupils from local Secondary schools. Prizes were given for the best work at the Celebrations which were sponsored by grants from Fylde Borough Council and The Edith Mary Clark Foundation. This was followed in March by an Exhibition on "Industries of Lytham" local Industrial heritage

The material sources of fundraising continue to be the provision of donation boxes, exhibitions and the sale of books and cards. The Group is also reliant on grants and gifts to meet the cost of activities at the Lytham Heritage Centre. The level of incoming resources arising from donation boxes, exhibitions, grants and gifts is entirely reliant on the generosity of the general public.

There have been a number of public talks which have been well attended together with Social Events.

Financial review

The charity has prepared these accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

The charity received a one-off donation of £70,000 from the Thomas Blason Charitable Foundation for the protection and preservation of the natural and built environment of Lytham.

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Total receipts from cash funds for the year were £92,162 (2024: £26,540), £70,000 of which was received from the Thomas Blasson Fund.

The net receipts for the year from cash funds was £64,512(2024: £(9,047)).

The charity also invested in term deposits and received £5,666 in interest (2024: £1,251).

A statement giving details of the assets and liabilities at the end of the year is provided on page 7.

The investment account is with the Skipton Building Society, which was opened in April 2024.

Reserves

A "working capital" minimum balance of £10,000 will normally be held in instant access accounts with the balance invested in short to medium term fixed rate cash securities following our policy of a low attitude to risk.

Plans for future periods

Work is progressing to update and improve the displays in the Windmill and Old Lifeboat House.

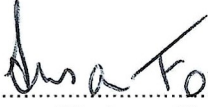
Discussions are taking place to secure the future of the Archive in the Lytham Institute.

Investment is being made to improve the IT capability of the Archive.

We are continuing work on the IT System to improve our Membership and CRM data and also the ability for the public to view our archive material.

The Archive Team will continue to create exhibitions in line with our primary objectives of education and heritage awareness.

This report was approved by the Executive Committee on 27th August 2025 and was signed on its behalf by:


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S Forshaw – ChairmanDated 28th August 2025.

**The Lytham Heritage Group
Independent Examiner's Report
For the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 – 11.

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 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 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; 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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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Date: 30/8/25

The Lytham Heritage Group
Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Cash funds	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Receipts						
Subscriptions, grants and donations	2	11,357	-	70,000	81,357	12,585
Income from fundraising activities	3	10,040	-	-	10,040	13,230
Bank interest		765	-	-	765	725
Total receipts		22,162	-	70,000	92,162	26,540
Payments						
Fundraising activities	4	4,708	-	-	4,708	4,447
Charitable and administration costs	5	22,942	-	-	22,942	31,140
Total payments		27,650	-	-	27,650	35,587
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		(5,488)	-	70,000	64,512	(9,047)
Transfers to term deposits		(165,000)	-	(5,000)	(170,000)	99,949
Cash and bank balances at 31 March 2023		144,148	-	5,000	149,148	58,246
Cash and bank balances at 31 March 2024		(26,340)	-	70,000	43,660	149,148
Term deposits						
Receipts						
Interest		5,666	-	-	5,666	1,251
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		5,666	-	-	5,666	1,251
Transfer to cash funds		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		165,000	-	5,000	170,000	(99,949)
Term deposit balances at 31 March 2024		-	-	-	-	98,698
Term deposits balances at 31 March 2025		170,666	-	5,000	175,666	-

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
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	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Cash funds						
Lloyds		(26,600)		70,000	43,400	149,093
The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc		205	-	-	205	-
Cash		55	-	-	55	55
Total funds per receipts and payments account		(26,340)	-	70,000	43,660	149,148
Term deposits						
Skipton Building Society		170,666	-	5,000	175,666	-
		144,326	-	75,000	219,326	-
Other monetary assets						
Stock	7	700	-	-	700	700
Accrued interest		-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid recoverable		250	-	-	250	250
Insurance prepayment		-	-	-	-	-
		950	-	-	950	950
Assets retained for the Charity's own use	8	390,000	-	-	390,000	390,000
Liabilities						
Accruals		575	-	-	575	-

The accounts were approved by the Executive Committee on and are signed on their behalf by:

 28th August 2025.
S Forshaw – Chairman Dated

 28 August 2025
M Bell – Treasurer Dated

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Notes to the accounts
For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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

Fund accounting

General fund

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

Designated funds

These funds are set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes or projects

Restricted funds

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

Income

All income is included in the accounts on a receipts basis. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

No amounts are included in the financial statements donated by volunteers

Payments

All expenditure is accounted for when paid and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular heads they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Charitable costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Value added tax

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

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2 Subscriptions, grants and donations received

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Annual subscriptions	1,333	-	-	1,333	1,558
Donations:					
Windmill	4,549	-	-	4,549	4,114
Old Lifeboat House	2,008	-	-	2,008	1,823
Donations:					
Henry St & archive	1,412	-	-	1,412	1,699
Donations (Group)	1,755	-	-	1,755	2,341
Grants	300	-	70,000	70,300	1,050
	<u>11,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>81,357</u>	<u>12,585</u>

3 Income received from fundraising activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income on social events	2,113	-	-	2,113	2,331
Exhibitions	2,074	-	-	2,074	2,487
Sale of books and cards-					
Windmill	598	-	-	598	950
Old Lifeboat House	457	-	-	457	496
Henry St & archive	4,798	-	-	4,798	6,966
	<u>10,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,040</u>	<u>13,230</u>

4 Fundraising activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Social events costs	1,845			1,845	1,688
Books and cards stock purchased	2,863	-	-	2,863	2,759
	<u>4,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,708</u>	<u>4,447</u>

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5 Charitable and administrative costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	650	-	650	317
Heritage Central heat, light & water	2,828	-	2,828	4,207
Repairs	2,630	-	2,630	10,264
Insurance	7,829	-	7,829	7,600
Antiquarian	1,072	-	1,072	927
Postage and telephone	3,019	-	3,019	1,652
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Archive expenses	1,525	-	1,525	1,574
Cleaning expense	1,077	-	1,077	941
IT Services	721	-	721	635
Accountancy expenses	400	-	400	1,650
Sundry expenses	1,191	-	1,191	1,278
Windmill expense	-	-	-	95
Old Lifeboat House expense	-	-	-	-
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6 Trustees

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or out of pocket expenses in the current year or previous.

7 Details of certain types of expenditure

Fees for the examination of the accounts:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner fees	400	1,650

8 Stock

Stock consists of purchased goods for resale. The estimated value of stocks held at the year end are shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Items donated for sale are not included in the financial statements until they are sold.

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Notes to the accounts
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9 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Fixed assets retained for the charity's use is the freehold property at 2 Henry Street. This property was revalued on 18 June 2021 by Grahame Benstead MRICS IRRV of Bushells and Benstead Chartered Surveyors at Market Value.

Assets recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include the Audio Visual equipment, together with other IT equipment, fixtures and fittings, and exhibition equipment owned by the charity.

10 The movement in funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted:					
General funds	144,148	27,828	(27,650)	-	144,326
Restricted:					
Thomas Blason Fund	-	70,000	-	-	70,000
Old Lifeboat House Fund	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
	<u>149,148</u>	<u>97,828</u>	<u>(27,650)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,326</u>

Old Lifeboat House Fund

These funds will be used for tangible improvements only to the Old Lifeboat House.

Thomas Blason Fund

These funds will be used for the protection and preservation of the natural and built environment of Lytham.

Prior year comparatives:

	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted:					
General funds	151,944	27,791	(35,587)	-	144,148
Restricted:					
Old Lifeboat House Fund	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
	<u>156,944</u>	<u>27,791</u>	<u>(35,587)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,148</u>