

Glenarm Buildings Preservation Trust - Annual Report Oct 2020 - Sep 2021

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance. GBPT is governed by its Constitution – Memorandum and Articles of Association lodged with solicitors in 2004.

The charitable purpose of Glenarm Buildings Preservation Trust is to;

1. Preserve and protect for public benefit, buildings or structures of particular beauty or of historic, environmental or industrial merit
2. Promote and encourage education of the public in historic architecture, industrial heritage and the natural environment through setting up museums, or by exhibitions, lectures etc.

Financial Position at year end	2021 £
Fixed Assets	475,803
Net current assets	5,023
Accruals & deferred income	(391,735)
Capital and reserves	89,091
Turnover & other income	37,579
Profit	14,037

There is no fund in deficit. Profit is reinvested in meeting the purpose of the Trust.

Summary of Main Activities

- Chair declared the past year coming out of COVID restrictions has been a challenging one with visitor numbers still not recovering to anything like pre-COVID, but that was also partly due to end of Game of Thrones televised series which reduced the coach traffic large and small.
- Trust had continued to employ a member of staff 16hrs/week over 4 days and were grateful for volunteers, particularly one, a German lady who wanted to learn tourism and assisted on 1 day/wk. While restricted access, hand sanitisation, extra cleaning and record keeping increase the workload for staff and volunteers, village business indicated that they were busier when the office was open. Chair said she wanted to personally thank visitor centre staff and volunteers who took some personal risks health-wise but were willing to continue to service visitors and help rebuild the economy.
- Chair explained that when she accepted the position of leadership, her business experience told her the village had too many voluntary groups working separately at regeneration. She had been asked by Council officer to become a member of the Council lead Steering Group trying to progress the Masterplan for Glenarm Harbour and Eglinton Yard areas, which included the Tourist Office and Harbour Masters Building. Being aware that 2 Trustees were also members of a very successful Community Property Company she had suggested closer relations so that finances could be made available from these to support Village Committee efforts to retain and upgrade the sports field for all users. Accordingly, meetings were held with Property Group which had made short term loans in 2014 to GBPT to meet a shortfall in finishing the building, which had been fully repaid. In April 2021, Trustees paid for architects engaged by the Village Committee to draft plans for a multi-use sports field, which would include a private investor running a caravan and glamping business. In June 2021 the Property Company provided £10k to Village Committee to drain the sports field in part and provide lighting and moveable goal posts. Chair of Village Committee had written thanking the Property Company and GBPT members for finances to support other projects.
- Chair initiated discussion with Council about a possible site or building on the harbour for our re-located Visitor Centre.

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- Chair expressed much satisfaction that Trustees were willing to get involved in supporting wider regeneration while accepting that some Trustees did not like the style of buildings proposed in the Masterplan, or the finishes proposed.

Glenarm Visitor Centre - Visitor Numbers

- 2018 High Visitor numbers: European, American N&S, Australian, UK. Glenarm walking festival and NI Opera attracted local visitors.
- 2019 Brexit impact. Less Europeans. Rise in visitors from England and ROI.
- 2020-21 Lockdown and restricted travel. More visitors from ROI and NI. Increase in campervans travelling Causeway Coastal Route.

Month	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	22	34	60	34	lockdown
Feb	48	50	20	44	lockdown
Mar	89	181	58	42	lockdown
Apr	377	479	210	lockdown	3
May	662	794	266	lockdown	6
Jun	836	841	180	lockdown	16
Jul	824	1118	273	109	121
Aug	1185	1070	221	164	4
Sep	803	400	191	108	19
Oct	395	246	42	14	10
Nov	27	41	20	lockdown	closed
Dec	38	33	5	lockdown	lockdown
TOTAL	5306	5287	1546	515	179

Charity Trustees

Name	Appointed on	Resigned on
CHAIR: McElduff, Clare Annette	7 Mar 2016	-
SECRETARY: McBride, Rosemary Penelope	24 Jun 2004	-
Anderson, John Hugh	24 Jun 2004	-
McAuley, Mary Therese	24 Jun 2004	-
Cross, William David Alexander	2 Mar 2007	-

As per the Articles of Association, Membership of the Trust is open to any individual interested in promoting the objectives who applies to the Trust, is approved by the Trust (min 3 members) and signs the Register of members or consents in writing to become a member.

Trustee name: *MARREEN MCAULEY* *TRUSTEE / ADMIN*
Trustee signature: *Marreen McAuley*
Date: *23 May 2024*

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