

Old Haa Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC001356

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Registered	1984-05-12
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Nessview Burravoe Yell Shetland Islands ZE2 9AY
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: We are set up primarily as a museum. We have a number of museum items that are based on Shetland, and in particular Yell. We have displays which are periodically changed.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The objects for which the Trust is established are as follows:- (One) To promote an understanding and appreciation of local Shetland history and establish a local MUSEUM based in the Old Haa of Burravoe, Yell, Shetland hereinafter referred to as 'the museum' comprising an existing collection (hereinafter referred to as 'the existing collection') of objects, specimens, books, photographs and documents together with such other objects, specimens or collections as may from time to time be acquired in accordance with the provisions hereof ('the collection') in respect of which there will be a strong presumption against the subsequent disposal of any specimen. and to provide for the protection of the specimens comprised in the collection from deterioration, damage, loss, accidental destruction or unauthorised disposal. (Two) To establish within the Old Haa of Burravoe suitable facilities for the safekeeping, storage and exhibition for the benefit of the public of items of local historic interest for the purpose of research, study or recreation. (Three) To promote interest in the improvement and enhancement of buildings of historical, architectural or educational interest on Yell and to help secure public access to such buildings. (Four) To encourage, stimulate and help promote cultural and artistic development among the inhabitants of Yell by the following means:- a) The provision of an EXHIBITION CENTRE in the Old Haa of Burravoe on a scale appropriate to the size of the community. b) The encouragement and promotion of the creation, practice, presentation and study of all forms of the arts - visual, performing or creative - and craftwork. c) The taking of steps to assist in arranging for the Yell community a better and more widespread service of performances

and exhibitions of, and lectures about, all or any cultural or artistic pursuits.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Shetland Islands
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£52,400	£43,760	-	0
2024-10-31	£68,231	£53,153	-	1
2023-10-31	£58,544	£37,306	-	2
2022-10-31	£48,194	£54,228	-	2
2021-10-31	£48,096	£41,738	-	2

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Accounts

OLD HAA TRUST
BURRAVOE YELL

OSCR NO. SC001356

Income & Expenditure 1/11/2024 to 31/10/2025

	2025	2024
Opening Balance	95,606.82	80,529.16
Income		
Tea room	18,641.63	16,303.97
Grants	8,918.00	15,750.00
Commission	4,554.89	4,815.67
Donations	4,022.28	4,165.21
Old Haa crafts	4,912.09	3,994.66
Hydro windmill	8,984.42	4,941.59
Entry fees	2,034.00	766.00
Use of photographs	0.00	400.00
Room hire	0.00	50.00
Bank interest	332.72	
Total Income received in the year	52,400.03	51,187.10
Expenditure		
Wages	16,985.26	12,047.82
Repairs & maintenance	1,613.90	7,273.23
Tea room	2,895.14	4,078.84
Insurance	2,725.61	2,517.81
Hydro	6,162.46	2,462.76
Old Haa crafts	2,374.64	2,446.86
New equipment	4,387.86	1,030.73
Worldpay	1,116.81	873.55
Telephone	1,032.33	672.29
Website & software	709.19	607.19
Water rates	1,064.12	588.74
Cleaning	296.15	482.60
Advertising	256.92	430.32
Printing & stationery	582.55	231.22
General expenses	0.00	105.79
Training	41.10	96.00
Garden	207.34	74.60
Subs & membership	30.00	60.00
Postage	13.76	29.09
Preservation and equipment	868.13	0.00
Bank charges	97.02	0.00
Professional fees	300.00	0.00
Total Expenditure for the year	43,760.29	36,109.44
Surplus/Deficit for the year	8,639.74	15,077.66
Unrestricted balance	<u>104,246.56</u>	<u>95,606.82</u>
Represented by:		
Bank	103,496.08	95,413.47
Cash	750.48	193.35
	<u>104,246.56</u>	<u>95,606.82</u>

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Signed**:

Name:

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

Address:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts								v2
Charity name Old Haa Trust								
Registered charity number SC001356								
Period start date				Period end date				
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
1	11	2024	to	31	10	2025		
						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention ~~{other than that disclosed on the attached page*}~~.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

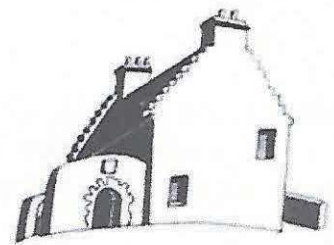
have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 9/1/2026

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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OLD HAA MUSEUM

Old Haa Trust Chair's Report – 2025

This is my Chair's report on the Old Haa Trust, given at the Annual General Meeting, 13th January 2026.

Season

We recruited 5 job-share Museum Assistants, some who have returned from last season. There was still reliance on Trustees at the start of the season but definitely less than in 2024. We also recruited a Cleaner which relieved the work load on the museum assistants. This seemed to work well.

A total of 37 group booking/special opening this season which was 8 more than 2024. The bulk of our bookings are through Island Vista and we worked alongside them, by opening 10 minutes early, to assist with the issues they were having with the availability of ferry bookings.

Building

Concerns had been raised that the hearthstone in the tearoom could cause a trip hazard. A fender was made locally to solve this issue. There was no work further carried out on the building this season although plans have been finalised to replace the garden shed

Collections

Work is continuing on the accessioning of artefacts and contacting lenders regarding items on loan.

Discussions have been completed with Shetland Amenity Trust regarding the White Wife. She will arrive at Old Haa in January 2026 to take up residence in her permanent home in the Downstairs Exhibition Room following conservation at the Scottish Conservation Studio, South Queensferry.

We also contacted Scottish Conservation Studio about conserving the flying suit gifted last year by the family of Flying Officer A Helme, a survivor of the Arisdale crash in 1942. Work is underway to find grant funding to make this possible.

Visitor Numbers 2024

April - 472, May – 1347, June - 1352, July – 1439, Aug – 1307, Sept – 957, Oct - 109
Total 6983. This is a 14.5% increase on 6133 in 2024 and, yet again, our busiest year to date.



General

We made changes to how the Gallery was run in 2024. Instead of 1 or 2 artists sharing the space with change every 3 weeks, the space is now shared by up to 4 artists changing every at 5-6 weeks. This maintained the number of artists on display but reduced the work for Trustees.

[REDACTED] had an exhibition in the Upper History Room also had some of his work on sale.

These changes seemed to work well despite some poor feedback from locals.

We now have 9 Trustees but more would always be welcome to ease the workload. These Trustees have undertaken a lot of training this season including many hours in preparation for re-accreditation which is due at start of 2026.

Finally, may I thank all Trustees, Carol Christiansen, Museum Assistants and Cleaner for their continued support.

