

Bressay History Group

Scotland · Charity number SC020818

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1992-12-07
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Birka Bressay Shetland ZE2 9EL
Website	www.bressay-history-group.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: To collect and exhibit Bressay History in our Heritage Centre. To provide research facilities from our archives. To provide family history to those with a connection to Bressay. We are open to all three days a week and by appointment.

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

Objectives: In furtherance of these aims and objects: (a) to preserve, exhibit and publish for the benefit, enjoyment and education of the public, items of Bressay folklore, tradition, place names, dialect, manuscripts, publications, pictorial and photographic records. (b) to co-operate with other bodies whose aims and objects are similar to that of the Trust: c) carry out such other purpose or purposes charitable in law as shall be thought appropriate at any time and from time to time and to do all things as will promote the interests of the community. The purposes and objects set out in this clause are hereinafter called 'the purposes of the Trust'.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£12,497	£9,860	-	1
2024-09-30	£7,564	£10,815	-	1
2023-09-30	£5,939	£7,525	-	1
2022-09-30	£4,433	£7,779	-	2
2021-09-30	£4,498	£3,777	-	0
2020-09-30	£16,767	£3,708	-	0

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	Oct	2024	To	30	Sept	25

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bressay History Group		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number	SC020818		
Charity's principal address	Bressay Heritage Centre		
	Leiraness		
	Bressay		
	Shetland	Postcode ZE2 9EL	

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Beatrice Lowe	Chair		
2	Bernard Redman	Vice-Chair		
3	Stuart Barton	Treasurer		
4	Hazel Anderson	Secretary		
5	John Scott			
6	Jo Smith			
7	Lindsay Tulloch			
8	David Manson			
9	John Batesson		From 29 th Jan 2026	
10	Graham March		From 29 th Jan 2026	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The ex officio Trustees shall be those appointed at a public meeting to the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Trust, and those appointed shall serve for a period of two years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Those entitled to vote at such a Meeting are those whose names are on the current Electoral Roll for the Island of Bressay, Shetland.

The number of Trustees shall not be less than three and, in the event of their number falling below three, such additional Trustees or Trustee shall forthwith be appointed as shall be necessary to make their number up to three but the Trustees may from time to time exercise all or any of the Trust's powers and discretions herein contained, notwithstanding any vacancy or vacancies in their number.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The advancement of education.
The advancement of citizenship or community development.
The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

To collect and exhibit Bressay History in our Heritage centre.
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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Returning the Bressay stone was the biggest item the History Group worked on in 2025, and members of BHG met regularly with Jenny Murray, Andrew Jennings and Malcolm Innes. BHG were successful in getting funding through UHI to pay for staff time to undertake 3 projects linked to the Stone.

Our committee have worked throughout the year with other heritage and tourism organisations. Bernard has attended Shetland Heritage meetings and Hazel and Beatrice have attended a Visitor Information Service Networking Event and a Travel Distribution Workshop in November, both gave us some interesting ideas for developing and selling our 'product' and an opportunity to share ideas with other heritage centres and tourist centred businesses.

Bressay Heritage Centre opened from May to September with Hazel our main custodian and customer numbers for 2025 were up from the previous year (1373 to 1769), our highest ever number of visitors recorded.

Our group took part as usual in the Voar Redd up and held a Christmas gathering for the committee and supporters where Malcolm shared the details of the report.

Numerous smaller tasks were completed throughout the year including the updating of our Shetland.org listing, reattaching the Burnt Mound sign to its post, repairs to doors and porch flooring, the installation of a card payment system, QR code for donations, purchase. We received believed to belong to the late Bertie Smith. Hazel provided a collection of WW1 and WW2 items held in BHG's collection to take part in a re-dedication ceremony in September.

2026 will mark Bressay Heritage Centre's 30th birthday and as well as overseeing the return of the Bressay Stone and the commencement of the updates to our exhibitions, BHG will need to agree a plan for the Ham Kiosk, which we now have ownership of.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have two reserved funds. One is for the ongoing maintenance of the Rescues and Wrecks project which deals with looking after the information points around Bressay. The other is for any future project regarding the Bressay Lighthouse.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Stuart Barton	
Full name(s)	Stuart Barton	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	
Date	19 th April 2026	

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2																										
Registered charity number	Bressay History Group																										
On the accounts of the charity for the period	SCO20818																										
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	7-10																										
Basis of independent examiner's statement	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.																										
Independent examiner's statement	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.																										
Signed:	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] - 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 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.			Date:	22/04/26																						
Name:	Michelle Hughson																										
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Independent Examiner																										
Address:	Voluntary Action Shetland Market House 14 Market Street Lerwick ZE1 0JP																										

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

Bressay History Group

SC020818



Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1st	October	2024		30th	September	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	1,481	1,123			2,604	875
Legacies					-	
Grants	6,693	1,485			8,178	4,546
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts	1,566				1,566	1,146
Income from investments other than land and buildings	149				149	997
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	9,889	2,608	-	-	12,497	7,564
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,889	2,608	-	-	12,497	7,564
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	7,987	1,778			9,765	10,697
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	95				95	118
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	8,082	1,778	-	-	9,860	10,815
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,082	1,778	-	-	9,860	10,815
Net receipts / (payments)	1,807	830	-	-	2,637	(3,251)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,807	830	-	-	2,637	(3,251)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	11,720	286			12,006	15,257
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	1,807	830			2,637	(3,251)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	13,527	1,116	-	-	14,643	12,006
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))							

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Building			480,000	450,000
	Contents			19,500	19,500
	Computer Equipment			3,500	2,500
		Total	-	483,000	472,000

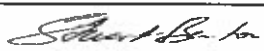
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval


Stuart Barton

21/04/26

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / Institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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Authority under which paid

£

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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Number of trustees

£

C4b Trustee expenses - details

Hazel Anderson - Invoice for Hours		4,050
Hazel Anderson - Invoice for shop supplies		446

Transaction amount (£)

Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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