

Unst Heritage Centre

Scotland · Charity number SC021371

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Registered	1993-04-06
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Haroldswick Unst Shetland ZE2 9ED
Website	www.unstheritage.com

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', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: Unst Heritage Centre was set up to preserve the cultural heritage and history of the most northerly inhabited island in Scotland. Items are displayed in the centre which is open from the beginning of May until the end of September each year. An example of this is Unst Lace, which has a separate display in the Centre. The crafts of spinning and knitting are regularly undertaken to encourage participation.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The Trustees shall hold the Trust Fund In Trust (a) for the advancement of education of the general public, without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, by provision of the Museum comprising such objects, specimens or collections as may from time to time be acquired in accordance with the provisions of the Deed ('the Collection'), in respect of which there will be a strong presumption against the subsequent disposal of any specimen. (b) to provide for the protection of the specimens comprised in the Collection from deterioration, damage, loss, accidental destruction or unauthorised disposal. (c) to form, establish and support and to aid in the formation, establishment and support of any other charitable companies, institutions, associations, trusts or societies formed for objects similar to the objects set out above.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Shetland Islands
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£62,204	£95,597	-	10
2024-12-31	£68,369	£88,357	-	10
2023-12-31	£83,403	£58,554	-	7
2022-12-31	£84,590	£64,263	-	7
2021-12-31	£34,718	£42,525	-	7

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Chairman's Report for the 2025 Season

January:

First group of the year, Kate Humble's Wild and Woolly, with our local knitters group.

February:

Preparations began for re submitting to Museums and Galleries Scotland to retain our accreditation, enabling us to take advantage of sharing exhibitions and artifacts with other MGS accredited museums. Assisted by Jenny Murray, the museum's mentor

March

"Coo Fund" local history evening event.

April

Lace exhibit changeover time, also adding fair isle items on display in the "makkin" room, with thanks to some members of the knitting group. It has been much commented on and it is felt that it is something we should develop further.

May

Chris Morpeth Fair Isle photos were put on display for the season, courtesy of the Lerwick Museum, something that is only possible because we are Museums and Galleries Scotland accredited.

June

Small, temporary displays were added this year, replica children's toys from our archive, made and donated by Joy Sandison and a collection of sewing paraphernalia belonging "Barrie" Spence.

July

We had some visitors off the National Geographic's Endurance, a ship built for Polar navigation on it's way to Torshavn via Burrafirth. Far Haaf went across to Cullivoe for the Sail Yell event.

UnstFest participation, hosting Helen Robertson's puffin pompom workshops and a Michael Pedersen book evening

August

Unst Show participation, free entrance to the Heritage Centre with Show entrance, 107 adults and a few children came in.

September

David Gill and his wife Carolyn visited again this year, to do some resetting on the loom. We were awarded a substantial grant from the Belmont Trust for repairs to Boat Haven and the Heritage Centre, made possible by SAT and Lawson Bisset.

October

We took receipt of a fine example of local heritage lace knitting from the Owers family (made by Lizzie and Jacky so we had it on temporary display along side the media file playing)

SWW2025 events – Hazel's knitting class, full day, Knit a Lace Star, created at the request of Wild Skies who wanted to be involved again following the successful knit a shooting star the previous year and the usual Wednesday Open Day where groups and individuals and view the museum but also sit and knit/chat with the local knitters.

November

Tide Talk with Tom Wills, booked and arranged by Wild Skies.

December

A successful and enjoyable "Sporting Memories", another local history evening event.

Visitor Numbers: Heritage Centre: 4403 and Boat Haven: 2863

Busiest month(s): June and August

Total Tours/Groups:

Henderson donation put to good use, BBC film report of Lizzie and Jacky proved very popular.

We are aiming to have two exhibitions on view at the Boat Haven, Lynn Ritch's watercolour paintings, and the Hansiatic Display on loan from the Lerwick Museum.

The Chris Morpheth Fair Isle and The Wild Skies photos will be replaced with another Fair Isle Exhibition, also on loan from the Lerwick Museum.

The coming season's bookings are already up on last years by quite a bit.

Accounts

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1 st	January	2024	To	31 st	December	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Unst Heritage Trust
SC 021371
Haroldswick
Unst
Shetland
Postcode ZE2 9ED

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)
	Chair		
	Vice Chair		
	Treasurer		

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
None	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Trust Deed

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are appointed for 5 years at an Annual general Meeting

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

(Your charity's purpose, according to the Scottish Charity Register is)

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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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Achievements and performance

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

The Centres are open from the 1st May until the first week of October. The collections are open to the public for this time. The Heritage Trust are involved in Shetland Wool Week events in collaboration with the main Museum in Lerwick. The Trust works with the local school and voluntary groups as well. Volunteers run workshops and Spinning and Knitting classes to train young and old in traditional Lace Knitting skills.

There were WW2 RAF presentation boards which were added to the display, these gifted to the Heritage Centre by Shetland Space Centre.

In total for the season, there were 47 groups of varying sizes and 6 cruise ship visits.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Any reserves used have to be agreed by the Trustees.

Details of any deficit

There was a deficit this year of £19,988. This was because the Trust did not get a running costs grant from Shetland Amenity Trust which they have had in previous years.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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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)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	
Date	10 th March 2025	

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Scottish Charity Regulator

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examiner's statement****Independent examiner's
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qualification(s) or body
(if any):****Address:****Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

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Charity name

Unst Heritage Trust**SC021371**

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

1**January****2024****to**

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

31**December****2024**(remember to include the page
numbers of additional sheets)

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My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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:
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 - 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:

11th February 2025

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Signed:**Name:****Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):****Address:****Date:**

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1st	January	2024		31st	December	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	3,922				3,922	780
Legacies						
Grants						20,950
Receipts from fundraising activities						
Gross trading receipts						
Income from investments other than land and buildings						
Rents from land & buildings						
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	64,447				64,447	61,673
A1 Sub total	68,369	-	-	-	68,369	83,403
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						
Proceeds from sale of investments						
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,369	-	-	-	68,369	83,403
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	23,226				23,226	9,323
Gross trading payments						
Investment management costs						
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	65,131				65,131	49,231
Grants and donations						
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination						
Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs						
Other						
A3 Sub total	88,357	-	-	-	88,357	58,554
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments						
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	88,357	-	-	-	88,357	58,554
Net receipts / (payments)	19,988	-	-	-	19,988	24,849
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	19,988	-	-	-	19,988	24,849

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Section B Statement of balances							
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowm to nearest £	Permanent endowm to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	177,520				177,520	152,671
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payment	-19,988				-19,988	24,849
						0	
						0	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	157,532	0	0	0	157,532	177,520
(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	0	0
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if ava to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
B3 Other assets							
				Total	0	0	0
	Details		Fund to which liability relates		Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
B4 Liabilities							
				Total		0	0
	Details		Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estima to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
B5 Contingent liabilities							
					Total	0	0
Signed by one or two trustees on be		Signature		Print Name		Date of approval	
						10th March 2025	