

**THE BATTLE OF PRESTONPANS
(1745)
HERITAGE
TRUST**

**COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A
SHARE CAPITAL**

STATUTORY ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED

31st OCTOBER 2023

SC 302280

SCOTTISH CHARITY SC 037447

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The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Trustees Report for the period ended 31st October 2023

17th Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending October 31st 2023

Successful museums conserve and imaginatively present their artefacts and creatively share their storylines with arriving visitors. In 2022 we reported our best endeavours to conserve and present our artefacts as tenants in a restored Prestonpans Town Hall. In 2023 from that secure home, open to the public gratis every weekend, we've been boldly sharing our storylines. It's a process we describe as 'Living History'. It keeps the heritage of the Battle of Prestonpans in its broadest Jacobite context alive and increasingly understood across our community. It's helping to enshrine the strongest sense of place as we enjoy three decades of housing expansion and industrial transformation hereabouts. It's not that we haven't been active at such sharing since 2006; we have more than a few accolades already. But hubbing from the Town Hall brings new opportunities to develop already existing initiatives such as our schools' educational programme including CPD for teachers. In collaboration with primaries across the county and with all S1s from Preston Lodge myriad students have shared the artefacts, visited the battlefield and heard the storylines. For 2024, when the next large scale battle re-enactment takes place at Greenhills, all these students are invited to specially designed segments – and urged to bring their family members.

Hubbing from the Town Hall has also enabled us to ensure that, despite space constraints, all the panels from both our tapestries can be rotated to be enjoyed and admired. Whilst *The Prestonpans Tapestry* takes us through the storyline chronologically *The Scottish Diaspora* offers scope for themed selections. In 2023 we've presented *The Vikings*, *Revolution 1688: the Origins of the Jacobite Wars*, *The Auld Alliance with France* and when *Ottawa's Scottish Dancers* visited all 38 Canadian panels. These displays change every four months which ensures that our pleasingly frequent visitors welcomed at weekends can expect and find fresh creative storylines to absorb. 2024 will be the 10th Anniversary of the global creation of the *Scottish Diaspora Tapestry* and in conjunction with East Lothian Council a countywide Safari for all 311 panels is planned with selections at up to a dozen locations from June/ August whilst Veere in The Netherlands will once again exhibit the entire tapestry in April/ May.

The Alan Breck Regiment of Prestonpans Volunteers has, as ever, continued its costumed and uniformed contribution at events of which the most significant was the re-enactment of the Investiture of Prince Charles by his father King James VIII & III as Regent for the commencement of the 1745 campaign. Its members have frequently welcomed weekend visitors to the Town Hall particularly marking the anniversary of the Raising of the Prince's Standard at Glenfinnan on August 19th 1745. From 2024 this seminal moment will become the focus for an annual nationwide Jacobite Co-Festival amongst the 70+ locations now collated and led by the Trust @ www.jacobitescotland.org

Despite the best efforts of local MSP Paul McLennan no progress has yet been achieved on the satisfactory 'mitigation and enhanced interpretation' of the battlefield at Blindwells or for the location of the putative world class Living History Centre the Trust has as its goal. As such we have accepted that the plans for the Interregnum must be made on a rolling two year cycle at least until 2030. Nonetheless East Lothian Council has given welcome transitional funding support during 2023 to the Trust's work from the Town Hall; and an unavoidable decision to extend the present peppercorn lease there from 5 to 10 years is now awaited. More positively, the fixed cost burden of the Johnnie Cope Baggage Train annual rental will shortly cease as new donor sponsored container facilities become available for storage.

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Trustees Report for the period ended 31st October 2023 (cont'd)

Whilst the above recitation of the continuing development of the Trust's campaign during 2023 is certainly a source for satisfaction, the most significant creative development has been the exploration in partnership with seasoned battle gamers of a hitherto unexplored *What If?* scenario for the Jacobites in 1745. It did not, on this occasion, go back to explore how Cope might have challenged the Prince much earlier at the Carrieyairack Pass or even at Prestonpans but it begins immediately after victory in Prestonpans. It captured the attention of thousands via Podcasts as well researched alternatives were explored making extensive use of digital media and developing a template for future gaming by others. These living history military insights have proved a powerful approach to engaging with communities far and wide and creating a better understanding of the Jacobite Cause. This determination to develop deeper understanding will continue through to 2025 and beyond with a uniquely innovative programme of research 'Beyond the Battle'. The questions to be addressed will include the fates of those known to be Jacobite supporters locally after 1746, the impact of the battle on all those living in Prestonpans at the time, their occupations and how and where they lived. And from that benchmark the research will move forward through the centuries to understand how our battlefield community has evolved, the environmental transformations and evolving biodiversity of the landscape – most especially the marshlands.

The quality of our educational and museum offers and the creativity of the programmes of research and community engagement the Trust pursues during the Interregnum are fundamental to our ability to attract the significant ongoing grant funding and donations we perforce require. That is and will continue to be a major challenge for leadership. We are always conscious that our deliberate Interregnum tenure of Prestonpans Town Hall is inevitably on too small a scale to be a sustainable self-financing enterprise; that outcome requires a world class facility. But we can and will continue to build our engaging repertoire as we have since 2006 in readiness for what we will be able to offer in that putative Centre when circumstances eventually allow.

Our achievements in 2023 were delivered by committed volunteers – as museum guides, educators, re-enactors, stitchers and trustees – often guided by consultant curators and contractors. We were funded by peppercorn leases and grant aid from East Lothian Council, greatly supplemented by Hudson Charitable Trust, Barons Courts, Coalfield Regeneration Trust, the Association of Independent Museums, individual donors aplenty and HMRC's Exhibition Tax Credits. Our most sincere thanks go to every one of them.

Sylvia Porter: Trust Secretary

BATTLE OF PRESTONPANS JACOBITE HERITAGE CENTRE
Blàr Sliabha a' Chlamhain - Ionad Dualchais nan Seumasach

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Trustees Report for the period ended 31st October 2023 (cont'd)

Results

The surplus of unrestricted income over expenditure for the period was £3,585. Restricted fund balances at the year end consisted of the Appeal Account £50,983, AIM Grant £250 and the Members Guarantee at £2,500.

Close Company

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Accountant

A resolution to reappoint Richard Dobbins & Co as Accountants will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

S. Porter

**The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Accountants Report**

**Report to the Trustees on the preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Accounts of
The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
for the year ended 31 October 2023**

In order to assist you to fulfill your duties under the Companies Act 2006, I have prepared for your approval the accounts of The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust for the year ended 31 October 2023 as set out on pages 7 to 9 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to me.

My work has been undertaken as a qualified accountant.

It is your duty to ensure that The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit/loss of The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust. You consider that The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

Signature _____

Date _____

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**The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Report by the Independent Examiner**

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust**

Scottish Charity SC037447

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. 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 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

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 8 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.

Richard Dobbins

Date

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The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	2		4		4
Current Assets					
Debtors	3	11,868		17,177	
Cash		68,482		52,000	
		<u>80,350</u>		<u>69,177</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Income in Advance		0		0	
Creditors and Accruals		500		500	
		<u>500</u>		<u>500</u>	
Net Current Assets			79,850		68,677
Total Net Assets			<u>79,854</u>		<u>68,681</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Members Guarantee Fund (Restricted)		2,500		2,400	
Grants/Donations Received (Restricted)	5	250		450	
Appeal Fund (Restricted)	4	50,983		43,295	
Restricted Funds			53,733		46,145
Hypothecated Accumulated Fund			26,121		22,536
			<u>79,854</u>		<u>68,681</u>

All of the £26,121 Hypothecated Accumulated Fund held by the charity is held to pursue the Trust's Objects. Grant funding received may only be spent on grant related expenditure. The Members Guarantee Fund is restricted and may not be used by the trustees.

In the opinion of the trustees the company is entitled to claim exemption from audit under sections 475 and 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No members eligible to do so have deposited a notice requesting an audit within the specified time frame. The trustees have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the 2006 Companies Act with respect to accounting records and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 (duty to prepare individual company accounts and applicable accounting framework), and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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Approved by the Trustees on

The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31st October 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2022 £
Incoming Resources				
Donations - General	9,600	0	9,600	39,954
Grants Received				
- Johnny Cope Storage 2024	0	7,500	7,500	0
- Coalfield Regeneration 2023	0	1,430	1,430	0
- ELC Community Grant 2023/2024	27,500	0	27,500	0
- Hudson Trust 2023	0	15,000	15,000	0
- ELC Education Trust	0	2,010	2,010	0
- AIM Grant	0	250	250	0
- Prior Year Grants	0	0	0	23,010
Tax Recoverable on Donations & MGETR	9,596	0	9,596	24,648
Interest Received	0	188	188	42
Tapestry Exhibitions	0	0	0	0
Other Income	4,393	0	4,393	4,674
Member Guarantee Fund Contributions	0	100	100	100
Total Incoming Resources	51,089	26,478	77,567	92,428
Expenditure				
Marketing and Promotion	4,934	0	4,934	31,314
Rent/Utilities/Insurance	7,042	0	7,042	7,915
Website/App Development	1,501	0	1,501	7,934
Administration and Other Expenses	4,433	0	4,433	6,674
Statutory and Prospectus Fees	776	0	776	8,873
Town Hall Expenses	5,046	0	5,046	26,086
Tapestry Fees	60	0	60	0
Audit Fee	250	0	250	250
Professional/Consultancy Fees	23,360	18,890	42,250	41,000
Exhibitions, Displays & Other Grant Expenses	0	0	0	48,117
Re-enactments and School Visits	102	0	102	2,828
Total Resources Expended	47,504	18,890	66,394	180,991
Net Incoming Resources	3,585	7,588	11,173	(88,563)
Net Movement in Funds	3,585	7,588	11,173	(88,563)
Fund Balances at 1st November, 2022	22,536	46,145	68,681	157,244
Fund Balances at 31st October, 2023	26,121	53,733	79,854	68,681

The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the period to 31st October 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting Conventions

The accounts are prepared under the historic cost convention.

2. Investments

Battle Traders (1745) Limited - 100% Owned Subsidiary

3. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable against gift aid donations & Other	1,021	177
Museums & Galleries Exhibition Tax Relief (MGETR)	10,847	17,000
	<u>11,868</u>	<u>17,177</u>

4. Restricted Appeal Funds

The funds are for the eventual provision of a Permanent Home for the Prestonpans Tapestry in connection with fund raising activities and the prototype public exhibitions and displays in Prestonpans Town Hall.

5. Restricted Funds

Throughout the year Grants of £26,190 were received as shown on page 8, of which £250 remained as yet unspent at year end as shown in the Balance Sheet on page 7.