

**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 2020**

**SC 302280**

**SCOTTISH CHARITY SC 037447**

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**The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust  
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**Company Number** SC 302280

**Scottish Charity** SC 037447

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**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**

**Our best laid schemes for the 275<sup>th</sup> Commemorations gang agley** but, good to report, that *didn'e lea'e us nought but grief an' pain!* We've seen alternative *promis'd joy!* We adapted and thrived, resorting comprehensively to digital media with webinars and live streamed eventing from the nationwide lockdown on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to year end at October 31<sup>st</sup> adding tens of thousands more digital visits to the hundreds of thousands annually already over the past decade at our battlefield and tapestries' websites and APPs. We resolved as soon as the realities of lockdown became apparent to heighten further our appreciation of the opportunities digital facilities offered and to utilise them as much as we could manage, learning as we went. We've worked with IT faculty and graduates from Edinburgh College to upgrade all our website services. We resolved that whilst some face-to-face elements could be rescheduled into 2021 a 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday come only once and they would be honoured timeously to the best of our ability.

**We had begun the year** with the most ambitious face-to-face programme we had ever contemplated since our foundation in 2006. We had a budget of £200,000 in place to invest as the highly visible backdrop to the launch of our final drive to create our Living History Centre on the Riggonhead Defile at Blindwells with Hargreaves and East Lothian Council [ELC] support. Our own Restricted Funds combined with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund [NLHF], Bòrd na Gàidhlig and EventScotland's Clans & Historic Figures Fund enabled us to invite fresh and honour past cultural contributions, tour our tapestries nationwide, welcome families and Clans to the community for the Commemoration weekend, present a concert at Prestongrange Church, mount a three month exhibition at the John Gray Centre, host a Symposium of Jacobite authors and historians, commemorate the sinking of HMS Fox and celebrate The Prince's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday in fine style.

**We end the year with none of this face-to-face programme yet delivered** *an' forward tho' we canna see* much of it is presently rescheduled for presentation in 2021. That welcome prospect is possible because our total planning horizon had always been to end 2021 and we received additional 'emergency' support during the year from both the NLHF and via ELC. That horizon now also encompasses a spectacular September re-enactment led by our own Alan Breck Regiment in partnership with the Scottish Battlefields Trust. We cannot yet know whether our face-to-face programme will be straightforwardly delivered or call for yet more creative invention and development in pursuit of our Objects if *we art no thy-lane in proving foresight may be vain!*

**Our enhanced digital programme** across the year was able to build on firm foundations. We have made continuous use since our establishment of website services, consistently building archives and deploying social media. We had pioneered the use of multilanguage QR tag driven APPs for our tapestries as they toured and created the animated multilingual DVD of The Prestonpans Tapestry in Bayeux. Our NLHF sponsored External Audit in 2018/ 2019 had led to the creation of our *Path to Victory* website which metamorphosed to [www.prestonpans275.org](http://www.prestonpans275.org) as the go-to reference point. Our Facebook pages both streamed and continually offered our existing digital files and our archives enabled weekly *Jacobits*. A successful series of webinar *Lectures/* Powerpoint presentations was created and is now to continue as a regular feature embracing our increasing attention to the broadest recounting of the Jacobite Cause. The particular commemorative weekend saw streaming of a film recorded *Beneath the Thorn tree* drawing on the originally planned concert for Prestongrange Church, daylong live streaming of an excellent programme from *The Prince's Pavilion* supported by the Alan Brecks and Charles Edward Stuart Society from Derby and finally of *Wreath laying at the Memorials to the Highland Clans and British Army Regiments* that fought in 1745 standing on the 1722 Waggonway at the heart of the battlefield.

**But** ..... we have learnt a very important lesson during this extraordinary 'digital year' – whilst we have gladly and diligently augmented the scope for continuing use of digital communications in pursuit of our Objects the thirst and appetite for face-to-face engagement has been heightened and our ambition both to create our Living History Centre and to protect and interpret our battlefield has been greatly reinforced. Visitors at our websites and all we Trustees have realised just what we have not got, what we are missing, when our only experiences are performed digital.

**Not surprisingly therefore we've been keeping careful watch on the battlefield itself** throughout the year as its second harvest of brussels sprouts is being gathered in. We received no further invitation from ELC to tender for its cultivation but remain committed for the future as opportunity presents. During the year a new and unexpected threat to the battlefield emerged on the site of initial military contact to the east of the Tranent/ Cockenzie road. Inspired by Hargreaves plans at Blindwells to create The Prince's Loch ELC's planners have developed bold proposals northwards to create a water park for the community right atop the battle site. Whilst we are strong believers that battlefields in urban areas can and should preferably act as green lungs for the community we will never be able to accept such a proposal and lobbied to seek its location somewhere less intrusive preferably to the east.

**The Jacobite Trail:** Our campaign to partner across Scotland and then into Ireland, England, Brittany/ France and Italy to create a Jacobite Trail saw a successful and supportive Colloquium in Edinburgh last November led by Herbert Coutts and Dr Michael Taylor. The initial plan is to create a website facility carrying links to one another identifying each partner's Jacobite specifics and to regularly share such partners' events as widely as possible. Discussions are to begin shortly with VisitScotland and links to the Trust's website will be embedded.

**Launching our Appeal for capex funding:** During the year Hargreaves agreed to a formal 'first refusal' for the Trust on the land to the NW corner that overlooks the battlefield at the edge of The Prince's Loch where we propose to build the new Centre. This has enabled detailed specifications to be shared with ELC and in the coming months artist's visuals will be prepared as the launch of the Appeal goes public. Our ambition is to raise the capex for the new Centre and its furnishing together with an Endowment Fund by 2026. The NLHF Emergency Grant recognised that the pandemic was causing some delays in moving this forward and missing the impact of the 275<sup>th</sup> Commemorations and has given support for the details to be finalised by end 2020. We have of course considered the relative merit of delaying our Appeal until the nation's future is much clearer but have resolved it is best to keep pace with the housing and town centre developments already in train for Blindwells within which we expect our Centre to play a significant role in giving the exciting new community a true sense of place.

**Planning for 2020-2027 – our Interregnum:** Our plans for the Centre envisage a five year cycle from 2022/ 2027 which we had named our 'Interregnum'. During those years we are committed to [i] raise the funds required to build and equip the Centre; [ii] sustain high visibility public momentum with a programme of engagements and activities across our own community including educational visits; and [iii] develop the programmes for Years 1-3 after the Centre opens. The leases we took from ELC over the past decade to restore the Bankton Doocot and Gardiner Obelisk and then create the Memorial Tables have worked effectively and we confidently expect to assume greater responsibility during the Interregnum for imaginative restoration of community assets.

**The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust**  
**Trustees Report for the period ended 31st October 2020 (cont'd)**

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**Support from Sessional Staff and Volunteers:** The Trust has continued its staffing policies working with extremely knowledgeable and talented sessional staff and volunteers led by Dr Arran Johnston and Sharon Beck. That team very much includes all members of the Alan Breck Regiment and the publicans and staff at our HQ and micro museum in The Prestoungrange Gothenburg. It is they who have carried forward the commitments made along our *Path to Victory* that was the outcome of our NLHF sponsored External Audit. It is they who have ensured we not only honour but also brave the restrictions of the pandemic and learn as much as we can from the deep immersion in digital interpretation and sharing of the history of the battle fought here in Prestonpans in 1745.

The Trustees have met as was occasionally possible and maintained the fullest contact throughout the year including ZOOM sessions and we were delighted to welcome as a new Trustee John Home-Robertson, former MP and MSP for East Lothian and a consistent supporter of community engagement across the county. His wisdom as we move forward with our Living History Centre and with government interaction has already been shown to be an added strength for our governance.

### **Results**

The surplus of unrestricted income over expenditure for the period was £19,865. Restricted income at year end was the Tapestry Appeal Fund, which stood at £91,369, unspent monies received in respect of various 275th Anniversary grants of £6,364 and the Members Guarantee Fund of £2,200.

### **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**

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**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 2020**

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 2020 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**

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**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 2020**

	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments	2		4		4
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	3	600		0	
Cash		135,675		111,730	
		<u>136,275</u>		<u>111,730</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Income in Advance		0		0	
Creditors and Accruals		500		2,391	
		<u>500</u>		<u>2,391</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			135,775		109,339
<b>Total Net Assets</b>			<u>135,779</u>		<u>109,343</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>					
Members Guarantee Fund (Restricted)		2,200		2,100	
Grants/Donations Received (Restricted)	5	6,364		0	
Appeal Fund (Restricted)	4	91,369		91,262	
Restricted Funds			99,933		93,362
Unrestricted Funds (Accumulated Fund)			35,846		15,981
			<u>135,779</u>		<u>109,343</u>

All of the £35,846 Accumulated Fund held by the charity is unrestricted. 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 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Donations - General	19,460	0	19,460	29,120
Donations - Appeal Fund (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Grants Received				
- NLHF 275th Anniversary	0	47,550	47,550	0
- Bòrd na Gàelic 275th Anniversary	0	2,400	2,400	0
- Visit Scotland 275th Anniversary	0	4,250	4,250	0
- NLHF Resilience	0	0	0	18,300
- General Special Covid 19 Support	18,000	0	18,000	0
Income Tax Recoverable on Donations	2,702	0	2,702	9,808
Interest Received	4	107	111	206
Tapestry Exhibitions	0	0	0	7,304
Other Income	0	0	0	2,997
Member Guarantee Fund Contributions	0	100	100	100
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>40,166</b>	<b>54,407</b>	<b>94,573</b>	<b>67,835</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Marketing and Promotion	1,866	0	1,866	1,264
Rent/Utilities/Insurance	4,748	0	4,748	7,362
Administration and Other Expenses	1,090	0	1,090	5,723
Statutory and Prospectus Fees	276	0	276	276
Research Fees	4,150	0	4,150	14,029
Tapestry Fees	442	0	442	1,035
Audit Fee	250	0	250	250
275th Anniversary Expenses	322	47,836	48,158	0
Covid19 Expenses	6,750	0	6,750	0
NLHF Resilience/Waggonway/Visit Scotland	0	0	0	48,416
Re-enactments and School Visits	260	0	260	3,344
Colloquium 2019	147	0	147	1,891
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>20,301</b>	<b>47,836</b>	<b>68,137</b>	<b>83,590</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>19,865</b>	<b>6,571</b>	<b>26,436</b>	<b>(15,755)</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>19,865</b>	<b>6,571</b>	<b>26,436</b>	<b>(15,755)</b>
Fund Balances at 1st November, 2019	15,981	93,362	109,343	125,098
<b>Fund Balances at 31st October, 2020</b>	<b>35,846</b>	<b>99,933</b>	<b>135,779</b>	<b>109,343</b>

**The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust**  
**Notes to the Accounts for the period to 31st October 2020**

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### 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

	2,020	2019
	£	£
Income tax recoverable against gift aid donations	600	0
Appeal Fund Debtors	0	0
Other Debtors	0	0
	<u>600</u>	<u>0</u>

### 4. Restricted Appeal Funds

The funds are for the eventual provision of a Permanent Home for the Prestonpans Tapestry. The use of these funds to October 31st 2020 has been in connection with the Trust's NLHF Application for such provision.

### 5. Restricted Funds

Grants of £97,000, £8,000, £5,000 and £3,000 (£113,000) were accorded to the Trust during the year to commemorate the 275th Anniversary of the Battle, £54,200 of these sums has been paid in advance and is included in the income for the year; the remaining balances are payable during 2021 on satisfactory reports to the Grant providers, NLHF(2), Event Scotland Clans & Historic Figures and Bòrd na Gàidhlig.