

**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 2024

SC 302280

SCOTTISH CHARITY SC 037447

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The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
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Scottish Charity	SC 037447
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The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Trustees Report for the period ended 31st October 2024

18th Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending October 31st 2024

It is a delight to report that our battle re-enactments, coinciding this year with the original dates of September 21st and 22nd, were deemed “the best ever” by one and all since we launched in 2006. But why? The re-enactments, exhibitions and the myriad activities hubbed year round from Prestonpans Town Hall deliberately maximise engagement with visitors from far and wide and of all ages. Put simply however, this year we comprehensively broke through the Fourth Wall. All day long visitors were invited to meet and talk with each and every re-enactor group. We began with a roll call of the Regiments and Clans present at the battle and Gaelic song. Redcoat soldiers and Highlanders openly shared their personal encampments, Sir John Cope and Prince Charles invited visitors to listen in on their briefings, the 1722 coal waggon rolled by, the naval cannoniers from HMS Fox shared their mighty weaponry, redcoat dragoons demonstrated their skills and youngsters took up arms for The Prince. This comprehensive opportunity to meet, talk and see, carried visitors from museum artefacts, books and battlefield walks to the actual moments of battle brilliantly and accurately narrated – the cannons fired just the once, the sailors fleeing as the Highlanders charged and the dragoons fell into confusion. Redcoat infantry stood its ground but to no avail.

This spectacular re-enactment, presented every three years in partnership with the Scottish Battlefields Trust, was the year’s finale. But much else has gone along, not least the rotating exhibition of the Battle of Prestonpans Tapestry in Prestonpans Town Hall and the sequence of secondary exhibitions in the Jubilee Room. And the popularity of educational school visits has not waned, frequently linked to battlefield walks.

Of particular significance was the launch of the nationwide Jacobite Festival, pioneered by the late Sir Herbert Coutts and Dr Mike Taylor. The Jacobite Trail website from which it has been built since 2019 now includes over 80 locations and for the inaugural National Festival in August 2024 offered special events.

Just as remarkable was the success of the 10th Anniversary celebration exhibitions of the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry. Opening with Scottish ‘Connections’ Government support in March at Dalkeith Palace, the panels were presented for the first time by occupations rather than countries. It was followed by two months at Veere in the Netherlands, two months on a unique safari across East Lothian in 11 museums and centres, and finally at Helmsdale where The Emigrants statue stands.

Campaigning for a decade now at Blindwells to ensure ‘thoroughgoing mitigation and enhancement of interpretation and understanding of the battle’ has begun to show fruit. The delineation of the Riggonhead Defile and a comprehensive display of the Battle Tapestry along the planned High Street both seem likely outcomes alongside existing plans for The Prince’s Loch. An Exclusivity Agreement has been proffered by developers Hargreaves for the possibility that the Trust’s eventual permanent home *might* be established on the new build High Street – which is being proactively explored against the background of the present county and national economic climates which will make timeous progress truly challenging.

Beyond the Battle ...

There’s been no pause in our commitment to creative research programming. With Historic Environment Scotland’s support an 18 month analysis of the evolution of the 1745 Prestonpans community and landscape to the present day is under way. Agriculture, crafts and trades often gave way to coalfields, marshlands have been drained, schooling and new housing introduced; but many built structures such as Preston Tower, Prestongrange Church, Bankton and Cockenzie Houses remain and some families continue to live here. Our

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county museum carries many artefacts from the intervening years including Fowler's Brewery, myriad potteries and glass making, brickmaking and salt panning. The 280th Anniversary of the battle in 2025 will celebrate the results of this unique research programme. And it is paralleled by Mark 2 of the Trust's *Whatlf?* strategic evaluation of the Prince's campaign and Sir John Cope's response. Mark 1 *What If?* began with The Prince's departure from Edinburgh into England ending in final defeat at Blair Atholl despite support from the French materialising in the south and their unexpected impact including their destruction of Chatham Docks to inconvenience the Royal Navy. Its sequence captured the interest and support of hundreds on Facebook and, building from that interest, Mark 2 has taken an earlier starting moment to begin a fresh strategic re-evaluation – the Raising of the Standard at Glenfinnan.

Financial management and risk analysis

The Trust's activities since taking on the lease at the Town Hall in 2021 have involved fixed overheads expenditure and consultant curator and contractor fees. These have been successfully funded by personal donations received, grant aid by East Lothian Council, most welcome HMRC 'Exhibition Tax Credits', the sale of books and merchandise, school and tour group visitor fees and any hypothecated share of research programme budgets. And long may that continue. But none of these funding streams are guaranteed and success in gaining such support relies on imaginative and focussed activities, including at home and touring exhibitions. The risk is permanently with us that we shall not always be able to create and/or gain support for such initiatives and maximise our schools programmes and exhibition activities attracting donations and tax credits. We might even need to consider making entry charges to the Museum. But we have the support of an ever-growing body of knowledgeable volunteers who enable so much to be delivered – some stitchers, some historians, all are offered opportunities to develop their skills and to share their understanding of the Trust's work with visitors. This was nowhere more apparent than at the Dalkeith Palace Exhibition and throughout the Re-enactments and Living History Exhibition in which latter event the Alan Breck Regiment of Prestonpans Volunteers, as ever, took pole position with great dignity.

And talking of our volunteers it has been gratifying during the year to have been successful in gaining Levelling Up/ UK Regeneration and FCC Recycling funding for the refurbishment of their Green Room and Kitchenette and for our Public Toilet Facilities. We've also been able to restore the Victorian Lantern on the steps of the Town Hall and to create a commemorative Honours Board for Provosts of the Burgh of Prestonpans.

2023/ 2024 has been a spectacular year for the Trust reaching out to thousands with the Diaspora Tapestry's 10th Anniversary programme, addressing the continuing stream of school groups, greeting visitors every weekend at the Museum to see our permanent and rotating displays and focussed exhibitions, and hosting thousands at the September exhibition and re-enactments.

When we took the peppercorn lease in 2021 to restore Prestonpans Town Hall and to institutionalise our campaign from there we did so with generous support of VisitScotland and Covid Recovery funding known as *Adapt & Thrive*. It's not always been a straightforward progress but regularly enjoyable; we have been adapting apace and remain determined to thrive – howsoever.

Sylvia Porter: Trust Secretary
BATTLE OF PRESTONPANS JACOBITE HERITAGE CENTRE
Blàr Sliabha a' Chlamhain - Ionad Dualchais nan Seumasach

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Results

The deficit of unrestricted income over expenditure for the period was £4,664. Restricted fund balances at the year end consisted of the Appeal Account £30,808, Grants £29,765 and the Members Guarantee at £2500.

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 2024**

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 2024 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 _____

**Dr Richard Dobbins
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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.

Dr Richard Dobbins

Date

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The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	2		4		4
Current Assets					
Debtors	3	38,561		11,868	
Cash		63,853		68,482	
		<u>102,414</u>		<u>80,350</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Income in Advance		0		0	
Creditors and Accruals		17,888		500	
		<u>17,888</u>		<u>500</u>	
Net Current Assets			84,526		79,850
Total Net Assets			<u>84,530</u>		<u>79,854</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Members Guarantee Fund (Restricted)		2,500		2,500	
Grants/Donations Received (Restricted)	5	29,765		250	
Appeal Fund (Restricted)	4	<u>30,808</u>		<u>50,983</u>	
Restricted Funds			63,073		53,733
Hypothecated Accumulated Fund			21,457		26,121
			<u>84,530</u>		<u>79,854</u>

All of the £21,457 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 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations - General	11,617	0	11,617	9,600
Grants Received				
- ELC One Council Partnership 2024	20,000	0	20,000	0
- ELC Town Hall Lantern	0	1,405	1,405	0
- HES Beyond The Battle Grant 2024	0	22,500	22,500	0
- Scottish Government Dalkeith Palace	0	2,500	2,500	0
- ELC Kitchen Renovation Grant 2024	0	10,000	10,000	0
- FCC Communities Foundation Grant 2024	0	29,342	29,342	0
- Baron Courts	0	10,000	10,000	0
- Prior Year Grants	0	0	0	53,690
Tax Recoverable on Donations & MGETR	12,432	0	12,432	9,596
Interest Received	0	362	362	188
Tapestry Exhibitions	845	0	845	0
Other Income	13,241	0	13,241	4,393
Member Guarantee Fund Contributions	0	0	0	100
Total Incoming Resources	58,135	76,109	134,244	77,567
Expenditure				
Marketing and Promotion	4,020	0	4,020	4,934
Rent/Utilities/Insurance	9,133	0	9,133	7,042
Website/App Development	2,204	0	2,204	1,501
Administration and Other Expenses	2,505	0	2,505	4,433
Statutory and Prospectus Fees	549	0	549	776
Town Hall Expenses	104	48,567	48,671	5,046
Tapestry Fees	1,500	0	1,500	60
Audit Fee	650	0	650	250
Professional/Contractor Fees	29,798	8,202	38,000	42,250
Exhibitions, Display & Living History				
Re-enactments	12,336	10,000	22,336	102
Total Resources Expended	62,799	66,769	129,568	66,394
Net Incoming Resources	(4,664)	9,340	4,676	11,173
Net Movement in Funds	(4,664)	9,340	4,676	11,173
Fund Balances at 1st November, 2023	26,121	53,733	79,854	68,681
Fund Balances at 31st October, 2024	21,457	63,073	84,530	79,854

The Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the period to 31st October 2024

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable against gift aid donations & Other	2,654	1,021
Museums & Galleries Exhibition Tax Relief (MGETR)	0	10,847
Other debtors	35,907	0
	<u>38,561</u>	<u>11,868</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 £75,747 were received as shown on page 8, of which £29,765 remained as yet unspent at year end as shown in the Balance Sheet on page 7.