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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

for

Hay Castle Trust

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Hay Castle Trust

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

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Hay Castle Trust

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Trust's primary objective is to preserve the heritage and assure the future of Hay Castle in Hay-on-Wye. As befits a building which has enjoyed more than 800 years of continuous occupancy, the Trust aims to promote community and visitor involvement in an active, living amenity which is a focal feature of the town and surrounding area.

Operational strategies for achieving this include:

- stewardship and maintenance of the Castle and of its adjoining buildings, grounds and gardens;
- promoting education on the history and architecture of the Castle and local history generally;
- provision of a venue for cultural enrichment through the arts;
- generating training opportunities in relevant local skills;
- providing a venue and a forum for community benefit and enjoyment.
- securing sufficient funding to meet the Trust's objectives; and
- operating the Castle as an income-generating venue, sufficient to ensure its long-term survival as a cultural venue and community asset.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning activities for the year.

Achievements and performance
This was the fourth year of operation, following the Castle opening to the public on 27 May 2022.

Direct visitor income arises from admission fees, donations, and Castle tours. Income also arises from events held within the Castle and its grounds, as well as from memberships, the shop, the outsourced café and rental income. Some of these activities are carried out through a subsidiary company, Hay Castle Trading Limited, which donates its profits to the Trust.

The Trust runs a programme of creative workshops, talks, exhibitions, performing arts, fairs, festivals and other events for the local community, visitors and schools covering a wide range of interests and topics that reflect our people and place. Some of these activities are run in partnership with third parties.

The Hay Festival Winter Weekend took place at the Castle in November 2025. The third Weekend of Mistakes, a programme exploring the history of economic and financial mistakes, took place in March 2026.

The Castle remains a member of both the Historic Houses Association and the Art Fund. These memberships allow the Castle to be promoted to a combined membership of over 200,000.

The exhibitions in the Castle and gallery during the year were:

Fungi Town. This exhibition saw the Castle gallery filled with a forest of fungi as well as family-friendly immersive installations. There was also a live stream which showed fungi taking over the town of Hay. This was all surrounded by some amazing sculptures from a local Fungi artist where mushrooms were combined with a bonsai collection which created a unique and breathtaking exhibition;

20th Century Welsh Artists. Curated by Martin Tinney, 20th Century Welsh Artists was not only a celebration of contemporary Welsh art, but it was also a profound reflection of the quality and strength of the visual arts in Wales. Curated from his personal collection and developed over time running a premier commercial art gallery, the works featured did not need elaborate explanations for viewers to engage. 20th Century Welsh Artists featured work from Gwen John, Harry Holland, Mary Lloyd Jones, Ernest Zobole, Ceri Richards, Felicity Charlton, Sir Kyffin Williams and many more;

Hay Castle History Cabinet - Steph Avery-Reynolds. Clyro-based artist Steph Avery-Reynolds' exhibition comprised artefacts from an imagined 17th century matriarchal society, populated by real overlooked women of history. The central figure was polymath Margaret Cavendish (playwright, scientist, philosopher) but also commemorated were Maria-Clara Eimmart, the first recorded female astronomer, a century before the better-known Caroline Herschel and Anna and Susanna Lister, illustrators of over 1000 shells and molluscs for their naturalist father's text Historiae Conchyliorum, expert copper engravers from the ages of 13 and 15 years old;

Hay Open Show. Showcasing a diverse range of artistic talent, this exhibition featured over 100 pieces of work across various mediums, including paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, sculpture, and fabric art;

Clive Hicks-Jenkins - The Art of the Book. This exhibition explored the visual world of one of Wales's most distinctive and imaginative illustrators. The exhibition followed a series of Clive's projects that reimagine wonder tales and ancient epics, including his illustrations for Hansel and Gretel and Beauty and the Beast, as well as Seamus Heaney's Beowulf, Simon Armitage's Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, and Emily Wilson's acclaimed new translation of Homer's The Iliad and The Odyssey.

The Richard Booth Exhibition - a permanent exhibition about Richard Booth - the self-proclaimed King of Hay and previous owner of Hay Castle. Richard started the whole notion of Book Towns, putting Hay on Wye on the map back in the 1960s and 70s. This exhibition also includes iPads featuring footage of Hay plus interviews and old images of Hay Castle.

In addition to the above, a further nine exhibitions ran during the course of the year. These events were held in various parts of the Castle, including the café and the sculpture gallery with the subject matter including photography, jewellery and an event which exhibited a range of artwork created by students, including paintings, sculptures, and ceramics.

The Trust has been granted the status of Working Towards Accreditation and has been accessioning its collection as part of its ongoing work towards full Museum Accreditation.

The Board continues to retain external consultants, The Funding Centre, to provide additional capacity and expert support to the Castle around fundraising, especially regarding core funding. The Trust has a rolling initiative which involves regular submissions of grant applications throughout the year.

We are extremely grateful for the continued support of the organisations that provide funding for our capital and operational projects. Information on grants awarded during the year is provided in note 3 to the Financial Statements.

PEOPLE

The Castle could not operate without our dedicated team of volunteers who welcome visitors to the Castle, run tours, assist in the shop and gallery, provide support at events and exhibitions and help to maintain the grounds.

During the year, Jenny Bennett retired from the board after four and a half years during which she provided invaluable strategic support to the Castle. The trustees are very grateful for Jenny's dedicated efforts during her time on the Board.

The board welcomed Alison Bevan to the Board in September 2025. Alison is an experienced museum sector leader, having worked with a number of museums across Bristol and the southwest. She has extensive sector governance experience, including Chairing the South Western Federation of Museums and Galleries and sitting on the Museums Association Council.

In July 2026, the board was delighted to be able to appoint its first youth trustee with Emily Read joining on a one year appointment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Total income for the year was £766,702 (2025 - £526,039) and total expenditure in the year was £587,054 (2025 - £523,789), giving a net income position of £179,648 (2025 - £2,250). The key contribution to the increased income was a grant of £191,229 from the Welsh Government towards the cost of the design and creation of the "contraption". The cost was capitalised on the Trust's Balance Sheet.

Total funds at 30 April 2026 were £9,859,349 (2025 - £9,679,701), of which £150,978 were restricted funds.

During the year, the charity was successful in securing grants totalling £438,841. As noted above, the figure included the large grant from Welsh Government Priorities for Culture of to bring to life the stories of Hay Castle for all.

Additionally, Powys Welsh Church Act awarded a grant of £14,432 across three years for staff time and CADW awarded grants of £10,000 and £5,232 towards the completion of investigation works on the Medieval Curtain wall. The Ashley Family Foundation awarded £9,982 for outdoor programming.

Colwinston Trust awarded a grant of £86,290 towards developing an ambitious contemporary arts offer for Mid Wales through two exhibitions - Borderlands (2026) and Rebecca Louise Law (2027). The Adrian Swire Charitable Trust awarded an unrestricted grant of £20,000 towards general charitable purposes and the Mumford Memorial Trust awarded us an unrestricted grant of £45,000 across three years to help fund general charitable activities.

Other grant income was received to support exhibitions and other events which were run by the Castle throughout the year. The Trust is grateful to those foundations and governmental organisations which supported Hay Castle during the year.

During the year an amount of £55,148 (2025: £55,408) was donated from Hay Castle Trading Limited, the company's 100% owned trading subsidiary.

The Trust will continue to raise funds from Trusts, foundations and individuals to enable a range of performance and participation programmes that are planned for 2026/27.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Operating income from trading and charitable activities was £258,015 (2025: £274,138) with increases stemming from the café - £65,246 (2025: £62,668); from rental income from the letting of retail units - £22,433 (2025: £20,544) and from venue hire - £18,951 (2025: £11,371).

Income from venue hire rose during the year as a result of an increase in the number of weddings hosted by the Castle. The number of wedding bookings for summer 2026 and beyond is encouraging and the Trust is optimistic that this income stream will continue to increase in the years ahead.

Areas where income fell were on admission ticket income (£69,127 against £83,161 in 2025) and on event income (£37,351 against £49,982 in 2025).

The café continues to be run as a concession by a third party operator with the charity earning an income which is partly turnover based.

The Museums, Gallery and Exhibition Tax Relief (MGETR) credit accounted for during the year was £19,883 (2025: £24,869). Following a review of the Trust's MGETR computations for the years ending 30 April 2024 and 2025 respectively, a supplementary claim was submitted to HMRC in April 2026. This claim led to the receipt of an additional MGETR credit of £64,345 in July 2026.

Gift Aid credit during the year was £6,662 (2025: £14,884).

Reserves

The trustees have considered the need for free reserves to provide financial resilience. The target is an amount sufficient to cover at least three months operating expenses, or approximately £145,000.

The unrestricted reserves at 30 April 2026 amount to £9,708,371. After deducting the value of fixed assets, adding the £939,000 loan from Lindenleaf CIO (the terms of which are set out in note 20 to the financial statements) and adding the distributable reserves of £66,557 in the subsidiary company (Hay Castle Trading Limited), the adjusted free reserves at 30 April 2026 amount to approximately £129,900 (2025 - £129,500), or 89% (2025 - 100%) of the target amount. It continues to be an aim to strengthen the reserves position over time.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trust will ensure that the Castle remains attractive both to the local community and visitors from further afield through the continued provision of high-quality activities, including exhibitions and events as well as retail and catering activities.

The Trust has set out a distinctive and compelling new framing for its activities, and a highly original new permanent exhibition ("The Contraption") is testimony to this change.

The Castle has a strong pipeline of exhibitions through to 2028. These include Jackie Morris, "A Woman's Work" (November 2026 - March 2027), Rebecca Louise Law, "Within" (April - June, 2027), Lichtenstein, "Tate", (July - September 2027) and Ravilious, "1938" (November 2027 - February 2028).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Hay Castle Trust is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Governance and the financial health of the Trust are the responsibility of the trustees. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust. All the trustees are members of the Trust and guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The power of appointing new or additional trustees is vested in the trustees. Trustees are expected to identify their training needs and take measures to ensure these needs are met.

Key management remuneration

The Castle is operated on a day-to-day basis by the Executive Director and his team. The pay of senior staff is set by the trustees having regard to market rates.

Risk management

The trustees regularly review the major risks inherent in the operation of the Trust and systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07639471 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1144524

Registered office

Hay Castle
Oxford Road
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Hereford
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Trustees
The current trustees are:

Alison Bevan	Appointed 26 September 2025
Robert Collingwood	
Edward Fox	
Christopher Fyles	
Fiona Howard	
Susan Malthouse	Chair
Emily Read	Appointed 1 July 2026
Alice Sherwood	
Karen Usher	
John Vasey	Appointed 25 August 2026

The following trustees also held office during the year:

Jennifer Bennett	Resigned 5 December 2025

Senior management

Tom True	Executive Director

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
The trustees (who are also the directors of Hay Castle Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, R J Francis & Co Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees, on 30.x.2026 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Sian Malthouse

Ms S Malthouse - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Hay Castle Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hay Castle Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 April 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 April 2026 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Hay Castle Trust

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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for and on behalf of R J Francis & Co Limited
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Date: 27 October 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**2026 Total funds £**	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	**311,633**	**196,034**	**507,667**	249,565
Charitable activities	6				
The preservation of Hay Castle and the advancement of education		**139,928**	**-**	**139,928**	179,267
Other trading activities	4	**118,087**	**-**	**118,087**	94,871
Investment income	5	**1,020**	**-**	**1,020**	2,336
Total		**570,668**	**196,034**	**766,702**	526,039
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	**18,803**	**-**	**18,803**	26,717
Charitable activities	8				
The preservation of Hay Castle and the advancement of education		**401,153**	**167,098**	**568,251**	497,072
Total		**419,956**	**167,098**	**587,054**	523,789
NET INCOME		**150,712**	**28,936**	**179,648**	2,250
Transfers between funds	21	**(6,844)**	**6,844**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**143,868**	**35,780**	**179,648**	2,250
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**9,564,503**	**115,198**	**9,679,701**	9,677,451
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**9,708,371**	**150,978**	**9,859,349**	9,679,701

The notes form part of these financial statements

Hay Castle Trust

Balance Sheet
30 April 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	15	**194,441**	-	**194,441**	36,094
Heritage assets	16	**10,389,879**	-	**10,389,879**	10,393,079
Investments	17	**1**	-	**1**	1
		10,584,321	-	**10,584,321**	10,429,174
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	18	**97,040**	**106,290**	**203,330**	129,047
Cash at bank		**151,376**	**26,293**	**177,669**	110,630
		248,416	**132,583**	**380,999**	239,677
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	19	**(1,124,366)**	**18,395**	**(1,105,971)**	(986,650)
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		**(875,950)**	**150,978**	**(724,972)**	(746,973)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**9,708,371**	**150,978**	**9,859,349**	9,682,201
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	(2,500)
NET ASSETS		**9,708,371**	**150,978**	**9,859,349**	9,679,701
FUNDS	21				
Unrestricted funds				**9,708,371**	9,564,503
Restricted funds				**150,978**	115,198
TOTAL FUNDS				**9,859,349**	9,679,701

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 x 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Susan Malthouse

S Malthouse - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**252,938**	(209,826)
Interest paid		**(198)**	(447)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**252,740**	(210,273)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(176,721)**	(1,972)
Sale of heritage assets		**-**	5,535
Interest received		**1,020**	2,336
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		**(175,701)**	5,899
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		**(10,000)**	(10,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(10,000)**	(10,000)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**67,039**	(214,374)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**110,630**	325,004
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**177,669**	110,630

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**179,648**	2,250
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**20,550**	17,014
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	**1,024**	-
Interest received	**(1,020)**	(2,336)
Interest paid	**198**	447
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(74,153)**	89,803
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**126,691**	(317,004)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	**252,938**	(209,826)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1.5.25	Cash flow	At 30.4.26
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	**110,630**	**67,039**	**177,669**
	110,630	**67,039**	**177,669**
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	**(949,000)**	**7,500**	**(941,500)**
Debts falling due after 1 year	**(2,500)**	**2,500**	**-**
	(951,500)	**10,000**	**(941,500)**
Total	**(840,870)**	**77,039**	**(763,831)**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hay Castle Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Wales within the United Kingdom. The registered office is Hay Castle, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5DG.

The charity does not have any share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£), the company's functional currency, and are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal activities and nature of the Trust's operations are described in the Report of the Trustees.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

There have been no material departures from Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction values unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies.

Going concern
Financial projections have been prepared for a period covering 12 months from the approval of these financial statements. These include both the projected operating results and cashflow projections.

Consideration has also been given to the continued availability of the loan from Lindenleaf CIO, further details of which are provided in note 21.

In these circumstances, the trustees have concluded that no adjustments or additional disclosures are required to the financial statements and are satisfied that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies income includes donations, gifts and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature and are recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies it must be used in future accounting periods or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on costs of raising funds include costs of fundraising, advertising, marketing and direct mail materials as well as a consultancy fees.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs that, whilst necessary to deliver an activity, do not themselves produce or constitute the output of the charitable activity. This includes governance costs which are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the management of the charity.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	-	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10% - 20% straight line
Computer equipment	-	33% straight line

During the period of restoration, freehold land and buildings were held at cost and not depreciated.

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Only assets which cost £500 or more are capitalised.

Investments
Investments are stated at cost less any impairment at the balance sheet date.

Heritage assets
Heritage assets are recognised on the balance sheet and initially measured at cost when purchased or if donated, their valuation if known. Assets are subsequently stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Fair values for donated assets are estimated by reference to market prices.

Those heritage assets currently recognised on the balance sheet have indefinite lives and are therefore not depreciated, but reviewed at each reporting date for impairment.

Where information on the cost or valuation of heritage assets is not available or the cost of providing such information significantly outweighs any benefit to the users of the accounts then heritage assets are not

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

recognised on the balance sheet.

The Trust maintains a register for its collections of heritage assets which records the nature and current location of each asset.

Taxation
The Trust has been granted exemption from UK corporation tax by virtue of its charitable status. Activities which are not primary purpose trades are within the statutory limits prescribed by the statutory exemption for small trading.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds
Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds
Designated funds are unrestricted funds which are set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds
Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of support and governance costs.
Transfers are made from restricted to unrestricted funds relating to the purchase of fixed assets from restricted income where such expenditure fulfils the terms of the restriction.

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors
Debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Creditors
Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Donations	**57,896**	100,923
Gift aid	**6,662**	14,884
Grants	**438,841**	128,780
Membership schemes	**4,268**	4,978
	507,667	249,565

During the year an amount of £55,148 (2025: £55,408) was donated from Hay Castle Trading Limited, the company's 100% owned trading subsidiary.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
The Moondance Foundation: towards operating costs	**-**	41,103
UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Events and Festivals: Writing with Light	**-**	4,755
The Darkly Trust - Grant for PA System	**-**	2,350
Museums Federation Cymru - Museum association conference expenses	**-**	344
Kids in Museums - Family Friendly Museum Support Programme	**-**	750
Preserving Hay Castle's Medieval Wall	**15,233**	5,000
THE HERDS - To support content creation and paid posts	**-**	200
THE HERDS - Endangered species workshops	**-**	1,990
The Mumford Memorial Fund - Towards the overheads of the learning space	**-**	5,000
The National Lottery Community Fund - Lawn maintenance, staff costs	**-**	19,688
The Elmley Foundation - Towards operating museum standard gallery	**20,000**	20,000
The Herefordshire Community Foundation - Quentin Blake Exhibition	**-**	2,000
SR & PH Southall Charitable Trust - Quentin Blake Exhibition	**-**	5,000
Colwinston Charitable Trust - Celebration of Welsh Artists	**-**	5,600
The Foyle Foundation - Staff costs and overheads	**-**	15,000
Association of Independent Museums - Grant for Donation Machines	**3,500**	-
Writing with Light - Ashley Family Foundation 2026	**3,625**	-
Farmyard Circus - Ashley Foundation 2026	**3,425**	-
Fungi Town 2025 - Community Event	**12,332**	-
Borderlands - Arts Council Wales	**8,450**	-
Borderlands - Colwinston	**20,480**	-
Fungi Town 2026 - Community Event	**7,325**	-
Within by Rebecca Louise Law	**65,810**	-
Cobbles Project	**5,600**	-
Contraption, Interpretation and Staircase - Exhibition facilities	**191,229**	-
Oakdale Trust - Promotion of arts engagement	**2,000**	-
Welsh Church Act Fund - Capacity building in communications	**4,716**	-
Meadow Arts Borderlands	**33,833**	-
Adrian Swire Charitable Trust	**20,000**	-
Mumford Memorial Fund	**15,000**	-
The Ashley Family Foundation - Events Manager Overheads	**1,008**	-
Hay on Wye Community Enterprise CIC	**500**	-
USK Valley Trust	**1,500**	-
The Herefordshire Community Foundation - Green Oak Fund	**3,000**	-

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3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Image Makers Design and Consultancy	**275**	-
	438,841	128,780

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Cafe	**65,248**	62,668
Rental income	**22,433**	20,544
Venue hire	**18,951**	11,371
Other income	**11,455**	288
	118,087	94,871

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deposit account interest	**1,020**	2,336

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Tours income	**7,719**	6,442
Entrance ticket income	**69,127**	83,161
Heritage and learning workshops	**5,848**	14,813
Event income	**37,351**	49,982
Museum and galleries exhibition tax relief	**19,883**	24,869
	139,928	179,267

All income from charitable activities is towards the preservation of Hay Castle and the advancement of education.

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7. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2026	2025
	£	£
Consultancy fees	**3,064**	5,585

Other trading activities

	2026	2025
	£	£
Cost of venue hire	**565**	7,024
Depreciation	**15,174**	14,108
	15,739	21,132
Aggregate amounts	**18,803**	26,717

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 9)	Support costs (see note 10)	Totals
	£	£	£
The preservation of Hay Castle and the advancement of education	**452,314**	**115,937**	**568,251**

9. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Staff costs	**160,596**	139,581
Heat, light, power, water and waste collection	**41,824**	45,919
Heritage and learning activities costs	**7,685**	15,232
Cleaning costs	**3,929**	23,681
Insurances	**24,070**	22,521
Postage and stationery	**-**	851
Advertising and promotions	**4,412**	3,716
Exhibition costs	**77,311**	24,378
Repairs and maintenance	**29,399**	44,413
Staff and volunteer travel, training and expenses	**3,588**	1,672
Office expenses	**12,302**	11,006
Cost of events	**86,620**	71,169
Bank charges	**578**	436
Other costs	**-**	1,424
	452,314	405,999

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10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
The preservation of Hay Castle and the advancement of education	**85,378**	**198**	**27,120**	**3,241**	**115,937**

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	**17,350**	17,014
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	**1,024**	-
Auditors' remuneration	**4,680**	6,500

Depreciation is apportioned to include £15,174 (2025: £14,108) within raising funds (note 7) and £5,376 (2025: £2,906) within support costs (note 10).

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2026 nor for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2026 nor for the year ended 30 April 2025.

13. STAFF COSTS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**217,248**	184,042
Social security costs	**24,337**	12,059
Other pension costs	**4,389**	4,111
	245,974	200,212

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
Employees	**9**	8

One employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The total key management personnel remuneration benefits paid during the year was £65,244 (2025: £60,631).

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14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	89,663	159,902	249,565
Charitable activities			
The preservation of Hay Castle and the advancement of education	179,267	-	179,267
Other trading activities	94,871	-	94,871
Investment income	2,336	-	2,336
Total	366,137	159,902	526,039
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	26,717	-	26,717
Charitable activities			
The preservation of Hay Castle and the advancement of education	413,313	83,759	497,072
Total	440,030	83,759	523,789
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(73,893)	76,143	2,250
Transfers between funds	11,550	(11,550)	-
Net movement in funds	(62,343)	64,593	2,250
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	9,626,846	50,605	9,677,451
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9,564,503	115,198	9,679,701

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15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 May 2025	**18,496**	**67,840**	**12,885**	**99,221**
Additions	**3,500**	**172,523**	**698**	**176,721**
Disposals	**(2,500)**	**(2,219)**	**(3,689)**	**(8,408)**
At 30 April 2026	**19,496**	**238,144**	**9,894**	**267,534**
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 May 2025	**15,651**	**37,167**	**10,309**	**63,127**
Charge for year	**3,055**	**12,119**	**2,176**	**17,350**
Eliminated on disposal	**(2,500)**	**(1,195)**	**(3,689)**	**(7,384)**
At 30 April 2026	**16,206**	**48,091**	**8,796**	**73,093**
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 April 2026	**3,290**	**190,053**	**1,098**	**194,441**
At 30 April 2025	2,845	30,673	2,576	36,094

16. HERITAGE ASSETS

	Total £
COST	
At 1 May 2025	**10,393,079**
Disposals	**(3,200)**
At 30 April 2026	**10,389,879**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 April 2026	**10,389,879**
At 30 April 2025	10,393,079

Heritage assets comprise of the following:

	2026 £	2025 £
Sculptures and portraits of Richard Booth	2,500	5,700
Property - Castle	10,387,379	10,387,379
	10,389,879	10,393,079

The above assets are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture and in support of the Trust's objectives.

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17. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £
COST	
At 1 May 2025 and 30 April 2026	**1**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 April 2026	**1**
At 30 April 2025	1

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Hay Castle Trading Limited
Registered office: Hay Castle, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford, United Kingdom, HR3 5DG
Nature of business: Retail

Class of share:	% holding
Ordinary	100

18. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	**12,964**	11,203
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**10,218**	10,088
Other debtors	**123,956**	91,380
VAT	**19,481**	-
Prepayments	**36,711**	16,376
	203,330	129,047

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19. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 20)	**2,500**	10,000
Other loans (see note 20)	**939,000**	939,000
Trade creditors	**75,960**	4,874
VAT	**-**	497
Other creditors	**1,593**	2,403
Accruals and deferred income	**86,918**	29,876
	1,105,971	986,650

20. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	**2,500**	10,000
Other loans	**939,000**	939,000
	941,500	949,000
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	**-**	2,500

The bank loan is interest bearing and was drawn under the Bounce Back Loan Scheme.

The other loan is from Lindenleaf CIO under the terms of a funding agreement dated 16 July 2016, as subsequently amended. The loan is interest free and the Trust may repay the loan at any time.

Until 24 May 2027 the lender may:
- at its sole discretion, convert some or all of the loan into a donation;
- request repayment of some or all off the loan if alternative funding is received by the Trust.

The lender shall convert any part of the loan outstanding at 24 May 2027 into a donation.

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.5.25 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.4.26 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**74,330**	**(4,435)**	**(6,844)**	**63,051**
Fixed Asset Fund	**9,490,173**	**155,147**	**-**	**9,645,320**
	9,564,503	**150,712**	**(6,844)**	**9,708,371**
Restricted funds				
Heritage Skills Training	**6,583**	**(1,591)**	**-**	**4,992**
National Lottery Community Fund	**17,284**	**(9,233)**	**-**	**8,051**
The Moondance Foundation - Salary Contribution	**41,103**	**(41,103)**	**-**	**-**
Project Development	**16,404**	**(12,943)**	**-**	**3,461**
Writing with Light	**-**	**3,625**	**-**	**3,625**
The Darkly Trust	**1,246**	**(353)**	**-**	**893**
Museums Federation Cymru	**110**	**(110)**	**-**	**-**
Preserving Hay Castle's Medieval Curtain Wall	**5,000**	**(5,454)**	**454**	**-**
The HERDS	**2,190**	**(2,192)**	**2**	**-**
The Elmley Foundation	**11,585**	**374**	**-**	**11,959**
The Foyle Foundation	**8,480**	**(8,637)**	**157**	**-**
Celebration of 20th Century Welsh Artists	**5,213**	**(5,466)**	**253**	**-**
Cafe Accoustics	**-**	**313**	**-**	**313**
Cobbles Project	**-**	**(3,145)**	**3,145**	**-**
Fungi Town 25	**-**	**(2,833)**	**2,833**	**-**
Colwinston - Borderlands	**-**	**15,261**	**-**	**15,261**
Fungi Town 26	**-**	**7,325**	**-**	**7,325**
Welsh Church Act Fund	**-**	**3,144**	**-**	**3,144**
Farmyard Circus	**-**	**3,425**	**-**	**3,425**
Borderlands - Art Council Wales	**-**	**8,450**	**-**	**8,450**
Within - Rebecca Louise Law	**-**	**65,810**	**-**	**65,810**
Contraption, Interpretation and Staircase	**-**	**14,269**	**-**	**14,269**
	115,198	**28,936**	**6,844**	**150,978**
TOTAL FUNDS	**9,679,701**	**179,648**	**-**	**9,859,349**

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**412,321**	**(416,756)**	**(4,435)**
Fixed Asset Fund	**158,347**	**(3,200)**	**155,147**
	570,668	**(419,956)**	**150,712**
Restricted funds			
Heritage Skills Training	**-**	**(1,591)**	**(1,591)**
National Lottery Community Fund	**-**	**(9,233)**	**(9,233)**
The Moondance Foundation - Salary Contribution	**-**	**(41,103)**	**(41,103)**
Project Development	**-**	**(12,943)**	**(12,943)**
Writing with Light	**3,625**	**-**	**3,625**
The Darkly Trust	**-**	**(353)**	**(353)**
Museums Federation Cymru	**-**	**(110)**	**(110)**
Preserving Hay Castle's Medieval Curtain Wall	**15,233**	**(20,687)**	**(5,454)**
The HERDS	**-**	**(2,192)**	**(2,192)**
The Elmley Foundation	**20,000**	**(19,626)**	**374**
The Foyle Foundation	**-**	**(8,637)**	**(8,637)**
Celebration of 20th Century Welsh Artists	**-**	**(5,466)**	**(5,466)**
Cafe Accoustics	**313**	**-**	**313**
Cobbles Project	**7,000**	**(10,145)**	**(3,145)**
Fungi Town 25	**12,928**	**(15,761)**	**(2,833)**
Aim - Donation Stations	**3,500**	**(3,500)**	**-**
Colwinston - Borderlands	**20,480**	**(5,219)**	**15,261**
Fungi Town 26	**7,325**	**-**	**7,325**
Oakdale Trust	**2,000**	**(2,000)**	**-**
Welsh Church Act Fund	**4,716**	**(1,572)**	**3,144**
Farmyard Circus	**3,425**	**-**	**3,425**
Borderlands - Art Council Wales	**8,450**	**-**	**8,450**
Within - Rebecca Louise Law	**65,810**	**-**	**65,810**
Contraption, Interpretation and Staircase	**21,229**	**(6,960)**	**14,269**
	196,034	**(167,098)**	**28,936**
TOTAL FUNDS	**766,702**	**(587,054)**	**179,648**

The incoming resources and resources expended for the restricted fund Contraption, Interpretation and Staircase, include £170,000 towards the design and creation of the "Contraption", a cost included in Fixtures and Fittings additions in the Trust's balance sheet for the year. This figure has therefore been excluded from the total entered for this restricted fund in the note above.

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.5.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.4.25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	9,626,846	(73,893)	11,550	9,564,503
Restricted funds				
Heritage Skills Training	22,225	(1,670)	-	20,555
National Lottery Community Fund	(17,284)	17,284	-	-
The Moondance Foundation - Salary Contribution	1,846	39,257	-	41,103
April: A Lady in Hay	10,906	(10,906)	-	-
Project Development	39,546	(1,646)	(11,550)	26,350
The Darkly Trust	(1,246)	1,246	-	-
Museums Federation Cymru	(110)	110	-	-
Preserving Hay Castle's Medieval Curtain Wall	-	5,000	-	5,000
The HERDS	-	2,190	-	2,190
The Elmley Foundation	8,415	11,585	-	20,000
The Foyle Foundation	(8,480)	8,480	-	-
Celebration of 20th Century Welsh Artists	(5,213)	5,213	-	-
	50,605	76,143	(11,550)	115,198
TOTAL FUNDS	9,677,451	2,250	-	9,679,701

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	366,137	(440,030)	(73,893)
Restricted funds			
Heritage Skills Training	-	(1,670)	(1,670)
National Lottery Community Fund	19,688	(2,404)	17,284
Weekend of Mistakes	30,669	(30,669)	-
Defibrillator	453	(453)	-
The Moondance Foundation - Salary Contribution	41,103	(1,846)	39,257
April: A Lady in Hay	-	(10,906)	(10,906)
Project Development	-	(1,646)	(1,646)
Writing with Light	4,755	(4,755)	-
The Darkly Trust	2,350	(1,104)	1,246
Museums Federation Cymru	344	(234)	110
Family Friendly Museum Support Programme Wales	750	(750)	-
Preserving Hay Castle's Medieval Curtain Wall	5,000	-	5,000
The HERDS	2,190	-	2,190
Mumford Memorial Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
The Elmley Foundation	20,000	(8,415)	11,585
The Foyle Foundation	15,000	(6,520)	8,480
Quentin Blake Exhibition	7,000	(7,000)	-
Celebration of 20th Century Welsh Artists	5,600	(387)	5,213
	159,902	(83,759)	76,143
TOTAL FUNDS	526,039	(523,789)	2,250

Designated fixed asset fund
The fixed asset fund represents the net book value of tangible fixed assets including heritage assets.

The Elmley Foundation
Grant funding received towards maintaining museum standard gallery and core delivery of the exhibitions programme.

Association of Independent Museums
Donation machines.

Ashley Family Foundation
A programme of outdoors arts, community and well being events.

Fungi Town
A community event celebrating the kingdom of fungi.

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Borderlands
A contemporary arts exhibition project exploring territory, identity and belonging (Colwinston Trust & Arts Council Wales).

Within
An immersive contemporary arts commission made from flowers (Colwinston Trust).

Cobbles Projects
Project development phase for the regeneration of a cobbled alleyway (Architectural Heritage Fund).

Contraption, Interpretation and Staircase
Funding for new exhibition facilities as part of redesign of Hay Castle visitor offer (Welsh Government).

Cafe Acoustics
Funding to improve cafe acoustics.

Oakdale Trust
Core funding for the promotion of arts engagement in the Welsh Borders.

Welsh Church Act Fund
Capacity building in communications, engagement and volunteer coordination.

Comparative year only

Weekend of Mistakes
A donation of £30,669 was received towards the celebrated Library of Mistakes, in residence at Hay Castle 21st - 23rd March 2025. This comprised historians, financial experts, investments sages for a wealth of wisdom and a weekend of financial booms and busts, bubbles, swindles, panics and crashes.

Defibrillator
Donations received towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

The Moondance Foundation - salary contribution
A grant of £41,103 was received from The Moondance Foundation towards the salary costs of the Executive Director.

Writing with Light
The objective of the project was for young audiences, public engagement, screen heritage and inclusion.

The Darkly Trust
Grant funding received towards events equipment.

Museums Federation Cymru
Grant funding received towards staff development and towards an activities & learning manager's attendance at a conference.

Family Friendly Museum Support Programme Wales
Grant funding received towards improving visitor experience for children and neurodiverse visitors.

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Preserving Hay Castle's Medieval Curtain Wall
Grant funding received from Pilgrim Trust towards vegetation clearance and investigations overseen by CADW.

HERDS - content creation
Funding towards supporting content creation and social media boosts relating to ArtFund HERDS project.

HERDS - Educational activities
Funding towards educational activities and workshops related to ArtFund HERDS project.

Mumford Memorial Fund
Grant funding received towards core delivery of activities programme.

Hay Castle Living Lawn
Grant funding received from the National Lottery Community Fund towards maintenance of lawn and the delivery of outdoor events programmes.

The Elmley Foundation
Grant funding received towards maintaining museum standard gallery and core delivery of the exhibitions programme.

The Foyle Foundation
Grant funding received towards delivery of the artist support programme.

Quentin Blake Exhibition
Grant funding received from the Southall Trust and Herefordshire Community Foundation towards the production of the Quentin Blake exhibition.

Celebration of 20th Century Artists
Grant funding received from Colwinston Charitable Trust towards production of 20th Century Welsh Artists exhibition.

22. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £4,389 (2025: £4,111).

Contributions totalling £Nil (2025: £Nil) were payable to the scheme at the year end and are included in other creditors.

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23. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In line with the terms of the grant, prior approval from the National Lottery Heritage Fund is required should the property be sold and the National Lottery Heritage Fund may require a share of the net proceeds. It is not the intention of the trustees to sell the property.

On 19 June 2024 a legal charge over the property known as Hay Castle, was filed in favour of The Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund in relation to the funding provided by the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the restoration of the Castle.

24. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At the year end the Trust had a financial commitment to Rebecca Louise Law, representing a 50% deposit for the Exhibition "Within", which is due to display in the Castle in 2027. The Trust has also committed to a further £26,280 to Rebecca Louise Law, which will be payable upon completion of the installation in April 2027.

25. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the financial year, the charity received a donation of £55,148 (2025: £55,408) from its 100% owned trading subsidiary, Hay Castle Trading Limited.

As at 30 April 2026 the amounts due from Hay Castle Trading Limited totalled £10,218 (2025: £10,088).

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	2026	2025
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	**57,896**	100,923
Gift aid	**6,662**	14,884
Grants	**438,841**	128,780
Membership schemes	**4,268**	4,978
	507,667	249,565
Other trading activities		
Cafe	**65,248**	62,668
Rental income	**22,433**	20,544
Venue hire	**18,951**	11,371
Other income	**11,455**	288
	118,087	94,871
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**1,020**	2,336
Charitable activities		
Tours income	**7,719**	6,442
Entrance ticket income	**69,127**	83,161
Heritage and learning workshops	**5,848**	14,813
Event income	**37,351**	49,982
Museum and galleries exhibition tax relief	**19,883**	24,869
	139,928	179,267
Total incoming resources	**766,702**	526,039
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Consultancy fees	**3,064**	5,585
Other trading activities		
Cost of venue hire	**565**	7,024
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**15,174**	14,108
	15,739	21,132

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	2026	2025
	£	£
Other trading activities		
Charitable activities		
Wages	**140,978**	129,442
Social security	**16,624**	7,349
Pensions	**2,994**	2,790
Heat, light, power, water and waste collection	**41,824**	45,919
Heritage and learning activities costs	**7,685**	15,232
Cleaning costs	**3,929**	23,681
Insurances	**24,070**	22,521
Postage and stationery	**-**	851
Advertising and promotions	**4,412**	3,716
Exhibition costs	**77,311**	24,378
Repairs and maintenance	**29,399**	44,413
Staff and volunteer travel, training and expenses	**3,588**	1,672
Office expenses	**12,302**	11,006
Cost of events	**86,620**	71,169
Bank charges	**578**	436
Other costs	**-**	1,424
	452,314	405,999
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	**76,270**	54,600
Social security	**7,713**	4,710
Pensions	**1,395**	1,321
	85,378	60,631
Finance		
Bank loan interest	**198**	447
Other		
Sundries	**2,193**	2,516
Legal and professional fees	**16,551**	15,914
Bad debts	**1,976**	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**5,376**	2,906
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	**1,024**	-
	27,120	21,336
Governance costs		
Audit fees	**3,241**	8,659
Total resources expended	**587,054**	523,789
Net income	**179,648**	2,250

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