Wight Military and Heritage CIO trustee report for 2024

The Museum had another reasonable year financially with visitor numbers up on 2023. The Trustees met irregularly during the year but were updated by the Chairman of Trustees and the CEO of any relevant matters. Members were kept informed regarding Charity matters by way of a quarterly newsletter until the latter part of the year when the newsletter ceased. There were no major matters that arose during most of 2024 and the Charity continued to move in the right direction.

Unfortunately during the later part of 2024 allegations of criminality, fraud and conflict of interest were made by the chairman of trustees against the CEO and members of the Taylor family on the board of Trustees. The Chairman was supported by a paid advisor not involved in the Charity who it appears had been given access to information by the Chairman.

As a result, a Trustee meeting was called in November 2024 at which it was agreed that only one member of any family on the board could vote. This was to alleviate any conflict of interest. At the same meeting in November it was proposed by a Trustee that the CEO contract be confirmed and this was approved by a majority of the Trustees. The Chairman was against this move but was over-ruled.

As a result, a formal complaint was made to the Charity Commission and a case was opened, although not all Trustees were notified of the fact.

Before the Charity Commission had any opportunity to look into the complaints, the chairman convened a meeting in December 2024 demanding the removal immediately of the CEO on the grounds of theft and fraud supported by evidence provided by his paid adviser.

This was approved by the trustees and the CEO was immediately dismissed. The CEO denied the allegations and requested an opportunity to defend himself. The Chairman refused that request and the CEO was not permitted to address the meeting or refute the accusations.

The year ended with the Charity in somewhat disarray, facing a financial scrutiny by the Charity Commission and with no directional or financial control as the Trustees rejected the management plan put forward by the Chairman.

STATEMENT OF INCOME **Date 15/07/26 Time 13:21**

Account Periods: 1/2024 to 12/2024 (01/01/24 to 31/12/24) 'YearToDate' is to 31/12/24

Description	Periods	YearToDate
Income - Museum Entry	93,888.06	93,888.06
Income - Donations Received	11,187.28	11,187.28
Income - Shop Sales	20,431.92	20,431.92
Income - Book Shop Sales	6,416.30	6,416.30
Income - Commission Sales	936.61	936.61
Income - Cafe Sales	68,465.28	68,465.28
Income - Alcohol Sales	817.10	817.10
Income - Daf Truck Ride	60.00	60.00
Income - 432 APC Ride	3,352.00	3,352.00
Income - Shooting Range	6,200.52	6,200.52
Income - Wheelbarrow	6.00	6.00
BOMB DISPOSAL WHEELBARROW	116.00	116.00
Income - Site Rental	31,573.00	31,573.00
Miscellaneous Income	937.19	937.19
Interest Received	82.29	82.29
	244,469.55	**244,469.55**
Cost of Goods Sold - Shop	7,216.80	7,216.80
Cost of Goods Sold - Cafe	21,295.11	21,295.11
	28,511.91	**28,511.91**
Income - Museum Entry	680.61	680.61
Income - Donations Received	5,052.38	5,052.38
Income - Shop Sales	100.00	100.00
Income - Book Shop Sales	1,290.15	1,290.15
Income - Commission Sales	1,166.55	1,166.55
Income - Cafe Sales	38,500.00	38,500.00
Income - Alcohol Sales	83,124.87	83,124.87
Income - Daf Truck Ride	956.82	956.82
Income - 432 APC Ride	400.00	400.00
Income - Shooting Range	16.00	16.00
Income - Wheelbarrow	54.00	54.00
BOMB DISPOSAL WHEELBARROW	2,272.56	2,272.56
Income - Site Rental	29,771.60	29,771.60
Miscellaneous Income	4,456.32	4,456.32
Interest Received	1,318.57	1,318.57
	90.00	90.00
	514.80	514.80
	5,055.31	5,055.31
	516.73	516.73
Cost of Goods Sold - Shop	520.00	520.00
Cost of Goods Sold - Cafe	935.14	935.14
	121.73	121.73
	3,493.31	3,493.31
	14,207.23	14,207.23
	138.97	138.97
Income - Museum Entry	100.00	100.00
Income - Donations Received	25.84	25.84
Income - Shop Sales	1,531.88	1,531.88
Income - Book Shop Sales	21.48	21.48
	196,432.85	**196,432.85**
	19,524.79	**19,524.79**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR CHARITY NUMBER 1159529 WIGHT MILITARY AND HERITAGE CIO FOR THE YEAR 1.1.2024 TO 31.12.2024 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AN AUTHORISED PERSON FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION AS CORRECT. FULL CERTIFICATION TO BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.