HANNAH MORE TRUST

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

Administrative information

Charity number. 1189684

Administrative address. 28, The Meadows, Peebles EH45 9HZ

Bankers. CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Objects & Charitable Purposes

The object of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the historic significance of the life and works of Hannah More in such ways as the trustees think fit, including by

a) establishing and maintaining a comprehensive and publicly accessible online archive of the letters of Hannah More and her correspondents and other relevant individuals so as to encourage academic scholarship and literary and historical research by any interested member of the public, and

b) providing or assisting in the provision of educational materials, activities and events to schools and the general public derived from the online archive and focused on the subject of Hannah More.

The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit.

Structure, Governance & Management

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 27th May 2020. It is administered by its Trustees, and the day-to-day administration is carried out by Dr Kerri Andrews. The Trustees receive no remuneration from the charity for their work as Trustees.

Dr Kerri Andrews received payment this year as an independent contractor for the provision of supervision to the researchers (Natalie Wilcox and Ben Wilkinson-Turnbull) working on the project.

Trustees

Dr Kerri Andrews (Chair)
Joanna Barker
Joanne Edwards
Professor Patricia Demers
Dr Sue Edney
Dr Nicholas Smith

The founding Trustees listed above were appointed on 9 June 2020 and serve an initial term of between two and four years (as set out in the founding document) and may thereafter be re-elected for terms of three years.

The Trustees have familiarised themselves with their responsibilities and obligations as set out on the website of the Charity Commission. New trustees, when appointed, will benefit from an induction process.

Donations

A donation of £5000 was received from the Ardeola Trust, of which Joanna Barker is a Trustee.

Review of Activities

2025 saw the completion of the build of the Trust's new project website by Sheffield Digital Humanities Institute. The final payment for this was submitted by the Trust, and the trustees worked with developers throughout the year to create a new back end for the project where the project's data could be safely and securely stored.

The Trust continued to acquire letter images from repositories around the world, paying fees for image rights where necessary.

Assisting with the work of the Trust was Dr Ben Wilkinson-Turnbull, who was appointed in January 2025 as a Research Fellow funded by the Modern Humanities Research Association. Dr Wilkinson-Turnbull attended Trust meetings to report on his progress. Dr Wilkinson-Turnbull completed a substantial portion of work on letters sent by More to William Wilberforce, and also worked closely with the team at Sheffield to develop the project website. Dr Kerri Andrews was paid for part of the year to supervise Dr Wilkinson-Turnbull and Ms Wilcox. Upon resuming employment she forewent further payments whilst continuing to provide supervision.

Trustee Dr Joanne Edwards continued to work with local history groups in Somerset to encourage their engagement with the letters produced by the project, incorporating those letters into research projects and other activities connected to local history.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
3. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
4. State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
5. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Signed by K Andrews……. Date 7 October 2026…
Kerri Andrews, Chair

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Income & Expenditure account

For the Year ended 31st December 2025

Balance as of 1 January 2025	**£10,108.17**
Receipts	**2025**
	£
Grants & Donations	5,000
Bank Interest	9.42
Payments	
Funding of Research assistant	5500
Bank Fees	295
Letter Acquisition Fees	315.70
Consultation fees for Kerri Andrews	2,600
Total Expenses	10,150.70
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,966.89
Balance as of 31/12/25	**4,944.51**

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Assets Cash at Bank	4,944.51
Liabilities	3,072.00
Net Assets	1,872.51