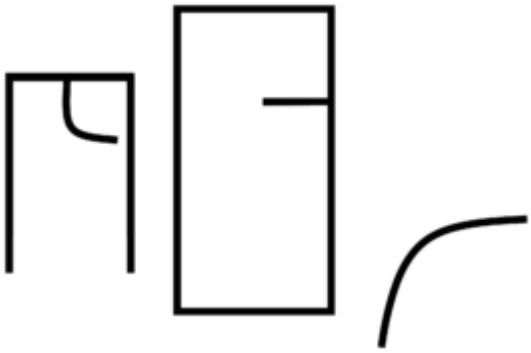
The Museum of Brexit

Charity number 1193259



Report and Financial Statements

for the reporting year

to 31 March 2026

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Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the Financial Period of the Reporting Year to 31 March 2026

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Details

Name: The Museum of Brexit

Number: 1193259

Address: 9, Jameson House, Glasshouse Walk, London SE11 5EX

Structure and governance

Names of the Trustees of the Charity (ie the listed trustees)

Dr Lee Rotherham	Appointed: 2021 as a first trustee, Chairman
Helen Mayer	Reappointed: trustee, 1 February 2026
William Norton	Reappointed: trustee and Treasurer, 1 February 2026
Gawain Towler	Appointed: trustee, 25 September 2025

Alex Deane stood down as trustee owing to other commitments, while indicating a willingness to serve again in the future dependent on need and availability.

Professor David Abulafia CBE, one of our academic advisors, passed away.

Names and Addresses of Advisors

We hold a Charity Deposit Account at Virgin Money.
Address: Virgin Money, Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4PL

We additionally hold an account at CAF Bank
Address: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document: Constitution, current dated 20 JAN 21

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods:

Trustees of the Charity are recruited from subject matter experts with a known capacity for fairness and balance, on a recommendation by a Trustee of the Charity approved by an absolute majority of Trustees of the Charity. Trustees for the Charity are first subject to formal or informal interview by whichever trustees are available at the time but including the Chairman.

Until such time as the number of such Trustees is increased beyond five, appointment to posts is by the process of consent and common accord. The priority is functionality for a campaign at the current stage of the cycle. Once a site is obtained and long-term management, engagement and outreach become planning concerns, then different skill sets and personal backgrounds will become additionally relevant.

All new Trustees are provided with a copy of the Governing Document (Constitution) and the most recent Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements, accompanied by an oral briefing by the Chairman on recent developments and strategy.

Decision-making

Strategic-level decision making is taken by Trustees collectively. This may be done informally and remotely, provided that all Trustees consent to the arrangement. To simplify and accelerate decision-making Trustees have the authority to delegate oversight of particular activities to named Trustees, in particular over fundraising and media activities. The overseeing Trustee should refer to fellow Trustees on a matter that affects strategic policy. This process is to be formalised at the time of the establishment of a regularly paid staff; the charity does not currently employ any staff.

Volunteers

Policy on volunteers is to be developed and codified in due course.

We have been fortunate in receiving the support of Rt Hon Chris Heaton-Harris in assisting in our outreach.

Committees and working groups

There were no committees and working groups. This is an area to be developed with respect to an academic advisory council once a site is secured.

Affiliation

There was no affiliation to any external group. There has been previous contact with the Museums Association and, as previously noted, membership will be considered in due course. Focus remains on establishing the museum.

Risk management

An informal assessment was taken on establishment of the major risks to which the charity is transitionally exposed. At this stage these remain predominantly reputational, in the absence of property. Foremost among these is the intent to be fair and balanced in our delivery, which remains our determined policy and a continuing part of messaging.

Funds are safeguarded by requiring two signatures on all payments and the separation of roles of Chairman and Treasurer. With elevated fundraising and property acquisition new risks emerge, and these will be considered accordingly in due course.

There were no “untoward incidents” or “serious incidents” occurring (as required by the Charity Commission to report).

Objectives and activities

Objects

The objects of the CIO are

The advancement of education and heritage for the public benefit by:

(a) establishing and operating a museum and associated library and archives; and

(b) public educational programmes in the topics of Sovereignty, Democracy, Good Governance, Trade, European Cooperation and the history of the UK’s membership of the European Union.

Activities

The Museum of Brexit delivers the above through the following core mechanisms

- The establishment of a museum
- The establishment of an associated academic library
- The establishment of associated historic archives
- A future planned outreach programme, to be developed on the creation first of the above

Our approach has not changed. Thematically, areas of key interest involve British and European History, with particular reference to post-war European integration; the history of British Euroscepticism, and its continental counterparts; and the topics raised during the 2016 referendum including models of free trade, sovereignty, territoriality, and the distinct traditions behind Common Law and Parliamentary governance. Selection and presentation of material will be fair and balanced.

As our plans mature, we have begun to place additional emphasis on developing a distinct Special Relationship Gallery. This is an important feature of the Global Britain concept, while also being of strategic national interest in its own right, but at present there is woeful provision of publicly-accessible collections devoted to this topic. Whether there is a room dedicated to this theme is dependent on available space in the museum.

Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and performance

Executive Summary

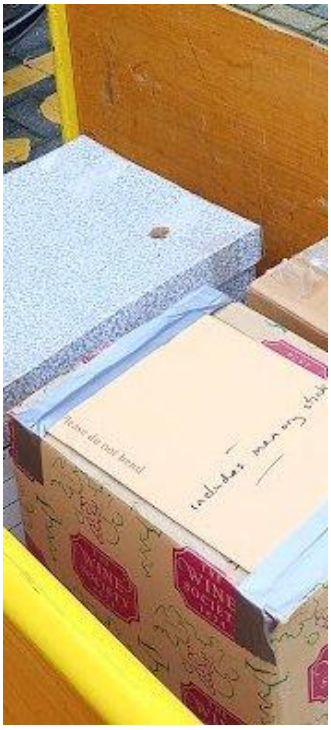
The tempo over this year was low owing to personal events.

Activity Report

This year has seen the continued transition from planning and costing, through item rescue and acquisition, and into the next phase of high scale fundraising and end site identification.

The core feature of this reporting period relates to the chairman, who is the centre of activity for the museum. Over this period he suffered a major bereavement. This materially and significantly affected outputs and activities.







i) Drop off points (dops)

We operate two, in Central London and in the West Midlands. We have continued to receive donations totalling several bags and boxes over the year, including a collection of material belonging to the late Mick McGough. Particularly poignant in retrospect was a donation of items from Rodney Atkinson, who passed away recently. We are grateful to Derek Bennett for dropping off a second large set of images and hard copy photos at our West Bromwich hub.

(ii) Fundraising

Targeted conversations are ongoing.

(iii) Outreach

An email bulletin has continued to go out over the course of the year, albeit unfortunately at a reduced tempo.

(iv) Media Messaging

Our twitter account continues to showcase items held in our collection, which is by far the most common question we are asked. The Special Relationship Gallery aspect means we were also flagging the 250th anniversary of 1775, i.e. the commencement of the American Revolutionary War, a theme that will obviously develop over the coming years. We have additionally continued to demonstrate that similar political/democratic themed museums exist around the world, meaning that our format is far from unique and that other successful and important examples exist.

(v) Small Bloc Purchase

June Press was an important publisher of Eurosceptic material over many years, albeit operating at moderate scale. A commercial enterprise, it shut down over this reporting period. We took the opportunity to purchase at discount rates a range of publications that were gaps in our collection and which risked quickly becoming permanently unavailable.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Financial Accounts

The Museum of Brexit

Year Ended 31st March 2026

Trading and Profit and Loss Account

	This Year		Last Year
	£	£	£
Donations Received		2,853	34,570
Sundry Income			
Interest Received	453		566
Gift Aid Reclaimed	-		-
		453	566
Administrative Overheads			
Accountancy	250		250
Bank Charges	60		30
Depreciation	100		-
Postage	-		-
Haulage and Distribution	-		-
Rent	5,519		4,656
Stationary	848		-
Travelling	122		100
		6,899	5,201
Marketing Expenditure			
Raising Funds and Profile	7,065		3,004
		7,065	3,004
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		**-10,658**	**26,931**

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Year Ended 31st March 2026

Balance Sheet

	This Year		Last Year
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Fixtures and Fittings		300	-
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	54,172		65,130
Petty Cash	-		-
	54,172		65,130
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors	-		-
	-		-
Working Capital		54,172	65,130
Capital Employed		**54,472**	**65,130**
Capital and Reserves			
Retained Profit			
Retained surplus brought forward	65,130		38,199
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	-10,658		26,931
		54,472	65,130
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Financial review

As at the close of the reporting period, the charity held only cash reserves. Beyond this there were no investments and no dedicated reserves. It does have uncatalogued holdings of museum, library and archival items, though none have been flagged as financially significant and for which a minimum obligatory token insurance cover has been assigned at the London storage site.

Outgoings fell into the following categories

- Website
- Central storage costs
- Costs for item delivery to storage
- Travel costs for trustees
- Outlays for fundraising in particular a new print brochure to accompany fundraising conversations, detailing expanded donation mechanisms and details

Incomings over this period consist of donations, and some bank interest (listed under "investments").

The museum has had no other potential outstanding liabilities, or outstanding charges for services, or creditors. Storage charges remain an implied liability for which sufficient funds exist.

No funds or assets are held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

A policy in relation to long term loans of items for the museum will be generated when that becomes relevant with the procurement of a site and display capacity. A formal reserves policy will be developed as funding commitments develop further. We have committed to following best practice in fundraising and data protection.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	(signed electronically)
Full name(s)	Dr Lee Stuart Rotherham
Position	Chairman
Date	03 November 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Museum of Brexit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Museum of Brexit Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: (signed electronically)

Name: John Harrison

Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants

Address: 78 Carlton Road, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 1PH

8th October 2026