Charity registration number: 1195346

New Brighton Heritage and Information Centre

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	New Brighton Heritage and Information Centre
Charity registration number	1195346
Principal office	78 St Georges Park New Brighton Wallasey Merseyside CH45 9LW
Place of business	78 St Georges Park New Brighton Wallasey Merseyside CH45 9LW
Trustees	David Alexander McWilliam Terry Irving
Chairperson	Terry Irving

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026 Charity Registration No. 1195346

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To advance the education of the public in the history and heritage of New Brighton by:- Providing access to a historical archive comprising exhibits, objects, photographs and documents which relate to the social, economic and cultural history of New Brighton. Offering Heritage Walks, free of charge. Maintaining an up-to-date Website and Facebook page.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Heritage and Information Centre is based at St James Church, Albion Street, New Brighton, where a dedicated space has kindly been allocated to us for a History and Heritage Display. This is open to the public on Wednesdays and Fridays 11am-1pm, and enables us to engage with both visitors and locals on any related queries or issues they may bring. We also use the space to hold meetings with our own volunteers every second Thursday in each month. Each meeting is documented with an agenda and minutes.

With the help of our volunteers we have been able to offer Heritage Walks around New Brighton, which have been well supported. As last year, we took the opportunity to reach out to a wider public at the Wirral History and Heritage Fair which is held at Hulme Hall in Port Sunlight, and we take part in Heritage Open Days whenever they are organized on a nationwide basis. We have also continued to work in conjunction with Church representatives in holding exhibitions of local interest at appropriate times through the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our spending for the year exceeded our income by £178 compared to a deficit of £1,002 for the previous year. While we are pleased with the relative improvement, and do not consider the current year's deficit to be of any major concern given the funds we have available at the bank, we recognize the need to be more purposeful in generating our own income to cover our costs, and we are currently looking at various options for doing this.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

New Brighton Heritage and Information Centre is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organization).

We are extremely sorry to have lost our Trustee and Acting Chair, Shirley Ashton, who sadly passed away on 21 April 2026. We would like to take this opportunity to record our heartfelt gratitude to Shirley for the tremendous work she did in helping to found the Charity and lead it onwards in such a positive and inspiring way. She will be sorely missed by us all.

We are at present sounding out members to find a suitable Trustee to replace Shirley. Meanwhile we always welcome new volunteers to enable the Charity to continue its work into the future.

Approved by the Board on 24/04/26, and signed on its behalf by:

Terry Irving, Chair of The New Brighton Heritage and Information Centre

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Incoming resources					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	300	-	300	70
Charitable activities	3	235	-	235	151
Total incoming resources		535	-	535	221
Resources expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	350	-	350	1,034
Charitable activities	4	363	-	363	189
Total resources expended		713	-	713	1,223
Net income/(expenditure)		(178)	-	(178)	(1,002)
Net movements in funds		(178)	-	(178)	(1,002)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		18,542	-	18,542	19,544
Total funds carried forward		18,364	-	18,364	18,542

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	8	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Cash at bank and in hand		18,604	-	-	18,604	18,782
Total current assets		18,604	-	-	18,604	18,782
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(240)	-	-	(240)	(240)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		18,364	-	-	18,364	18,542
Total assets less current liabilities	12	**18,364**	-	-	**18,364**	**18,542**
Funds of the Charity	11					
Endowment funds		-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	11	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds –						
Non-designated funds	11	18,364	-	-	18,364	18,542
Designated funds	11	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds		**18,364**	-	-	**18,364**	**18,542**

Approved by the Board on 24/09/26 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

Terry Irving
Chair of New Brighton Heritage and Information Centre

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS102))', issued in January 2019, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2022.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 11.

Incoming resources

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Plant and machinery	15% Reducing Balance
Office equipment	25% Reducing Balance

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations	300	-	300	70

3 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income from charitable activities	235	-	235	151

4 Resources expended

Direct costs:	
Advertising and promotion	54
Insurance	56
Accountancy fees	240
Charitable activities	363
	713

5 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

6 Net (outgoing)/incoming resources

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources is stated after charging:

	2026 £	2025 £
Depreciation of owned assets	-	-

7 Employees' remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	-	-

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 April 2025	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2026	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2025			
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2026	-	-	-
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2025	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2026	-	-	-

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £ CR	2025 £ CR
Accruals and deferred income	240	240
	240	240

10 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

11 Analysis of funds

	At 1 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers	At 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	18,542	535	(713)	-	18,364
	18,542	535	(713)	-	18,364
Restricted Funds					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	18,542	**535**	**(713)**	**-**	**18,364**

12 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	18,604	-	18,604	18,782
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(240)	-	(240)	(240)
Net assets	**18,364**	**-**	**18,364**	**18,542**