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Ashby-de-la-Zouch Museum
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial
Statements 31 March 2025

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Ashby-de-la-Zouch Museum

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

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Ashby-de-la-Zouch Museum**Company Limited by Guarantee****Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)****Year ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Ashby-de-la-Zouch Museum
Charity registration number	513745
Company registration number	1705930
Principal office and registered office	North Street Ashby de la Zouch Leicestershire LE65 IHU

The trustees	Mr K Hillier BA MA Mr S Aked (Treasurer) Mrs J P Barwood Mr I K Hallam Mr K W Greenhow Mr J Wilson Ms C Jeffrey-Evans
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Company secretary	Mr J Wilson
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Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 11 March 1983 and registered as a charity on 23 May 1983.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

A board of Trustees of up to fifteen members, who meet quarterly, administer the charity. At each Annual General Meeting one-third of the Trustees retire from office, but are eligible for re-election at that Annual General Meeting.

Working parties selected from the Trustees undertake the study of various proposals and projects and report to the board at those meetings.

Mr Simon Aked, as Treasurer, has, throughout the year, been responsible for the day to day management of the general funds of the Museum, the Museum Development Fund and the other Restricted funds.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems are in place so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to endeavour to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds, which are the reserves of the charity, to ensure that the charity is able to meet its day to day unrestricted expenditure. The majority of the grant income which, in earlier years, had been receivable at the commencement of the financial year, is now received quarterly, so as to enable the Ashby de la Zouch Town Council to better manage its cashflow. Unrestricted funds have been maintained at an appropriate level throughout the year.

Objectives and activities

The company is a charity and its principal activity is the provision of a Museum. In this way, the company achieves its object to advance the education of the public in Ashby-de-la-Zouch in Leicestershire and the surrounding area and to foster and encourage the conservation and better understanding of the material heritage of mankind and the environment for the public benefit.

The Trustees review the Museum's aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what has been achieved during the year, ensuring that the aims, objectives and activities remain focused on the charity's principal purpose. In carrying out these reviews and in all their duties, the Trustees have paid full regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

The temporary exhibitions in 2024 kept up their excellent standard, focusing on the surrounding villages of Breedon and Blackfordby, produced by the villages, and the usual two month display on local Archaeology. The first exhibition in 2025 was on local Motte and Bailey Castles. The display boards, kindly loaned by the County Council, were accompanied by short videos on eight of the castles. In March, Lisa Smith from Kidderminster put on a wonderful display of her miniature dolls, dressed in stunningly accurate costumes from Anglo Saxon days to the 1980s. Our Sales of books and other material was steady throughout the year and included a reprint of the successful 'Courts of Ashby' by Josh Bancroft. There were the usual Walks around the town during the Summer and the Museum had a gazebo at the Tractor Jim Fun Day on the Bath Grounds in July. There were several outreach Talks given to local institutions and the biennial Quiz held at Packington in the Autumn. The Archives and Artefacts volunteers continued their inputting of material, including scores of photographs onto Modes. The total number of items on Modes now exceeds 2,500. The A/V recordings are being digitised where needed. The new Website came online and imagery across the site is regularly refreshed. The Museum faces huge increases in Utility costs but continues to survive thanks to the hard work and dedication of its Trustees and all the other Volunteers.

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Financial review

This has again been a difficult year with the largest problem being the significant increase in the cost of power. I have left that sentence in from last year as it applies equally to this. In addition, we are facing the reduction and ultimate loss of grant aid from NWLDC; so rising costs and falling income.

The Trustees determined last year to pursue alternative sources of grants and donations and this has been successful, increasing our income from both. In addition, the Trustees have looked at additional revenue sources with income from NWLDC Lottery coming on stream along with sales from the new website. The result is the Museum has a range of income streams, none of which are large, but put together have made for a stable income.

Overall, the financial position of the Museum has improved through the year in spite of the challenges.

The Trustees, as always, are grateful to all the volunteers linked to Ashby Museum - for both their time and effort in maintaining the Museum in good order.

Plans for future periods

Looking to the future; the challenges remain the same, that of rising costs and loss of grant aid.

The Trustees will need to continue to take advantage of all opportunities for grant aid, donations and increasing or new income streams.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on _____ and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr K A Hillier BA MA
Trustee

Ms C Jeffrey-Evans
Trustee

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Treasurer's Report to the Trustees of Ashby-de-la-Zouch Museum
Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Ashby-de-la-Zouch Museum ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is also not needed.

Treasurer's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

S Aked (Treasurer)
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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	20,600	1,000	21,600	11,740
Charitable activities	6	1,844		1,844	1,412
Other trading activities	7	4,011		4,011	3,085
Investment income	8	34		34	40
Total income		26,489	1,000	27,489	16,301
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	857		857	1,357
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	21,359		21,359	19,034
Other expenditure	13	1,905		1,905	2,386
Total expenditure		24,121		24,121	22,777
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		2,368		2,368	(6,476)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		66,561	24,492	91,053	94,161
Total funds carried forward		68,929	24,492	93,421	87,685

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	16	10,739	12,063
Heritage assets	17	70,526	70,526
		81,265	82,589
Current assets			
Stocks	18	2,855	3,132
Debtors	19	695	695
Cash at bank and in hand		6,563	1,524
		10,113	5,351
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(325)	254
Net current assets		9,788	5,097
Total assets less current liabilities		81,265	87,685
Net assets		91,053	87,685
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		24,492	23,874
Unrestricted funds		66,561	63,811
Total charity funds	21	91,053	87,685

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The statement of financial position
continues on the following page.
The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ,
and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr K A Hillier BA MA
Trustee

Ms C Jeffrey Evans
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statement

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is North Street, Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, LE65 1HU.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

(b) Going concern

The Trustees consider that the General Reserves are sufficient to continue the limited operation of the Museum and that, therefore, it is appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis.

(c) Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, no cash flow statement has been presented for the company.

(d) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, despite the best efforts of the trustees, will rarely equal the related actual outcome.

(e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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Notes to the Financial Statement (continued)

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3. Accounting policies (continued)

(f) Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impracticable to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of goods or services is recognised with the delivery of the goods or contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

(g) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

(h) Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

(i) Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies (continued)

(j) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings	- 15% reducing balance
Equipment	- 15% reducing balance

(k) Heritage assets

Heritage assets are initially recorded at acquisition cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

However, the trustees consider that the value of these assets is equivalent to the historical cost and, as such, consider that depreciation should not be provided.

Where information on the cost or value of an asset is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset shall not be recognised in the statement of financial position.

(l) Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

(m) Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

(n) Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

4. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of a winding-up is limited to £1.

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Notes to the Financial Statement *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Donations			
Donations	6,641	1,000	7,641
Grants			
National Lottery and other grants			
Local authority grants for core funding	13,959		13,959
	20,600	1,000	21,600

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024
Donations			
Donations	1,603		1,603
Grants			
National Lottery and other grants		2,156	2,156
Local authority grants for core funding	10,460		10,460
	12,063	2,156	14,219

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Admission fees	1,844	1,844	1,412	1,412

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Shop income	2,037		2,473	2,473
Other activities for generating funds	1,974		612	612
	4,011		3,085	3,085

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	34		34
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	40	24	64

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9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Cost of other trading activities – shop costs	857		857
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Cost of other trading activities – shop costs	1,357		1,357

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Conservation of heritage assets			
Upkeep and maintenance of the property	18,010		18,010
Administration costs	3,349		3,719
Support costs			
	21,359		21,729
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Conservation of heritage assets			
Upkeep and maintenance of the property	16,122		16,122
Administration costs	9,734	1,864	11,598
Support costs	13		13
	25,869	1,864	27,733

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Conservation of heritage assets				
Upkeep and maintenance of the property	18,010		18,010	16,122
Administration costs	3,349		3,349	11,598
Governance costs				13
	21,359		21,359	27,733

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12. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	6	3	9
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	2024
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	20	238	258

13. Net (expenditure)/income

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,895	2,129
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	9	258

14. Staff costs

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Museum does not employ any paid staff. All work is performed by volunteers.

15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity were received by the trustees.

16. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2024	48,081	27,899	75,980
Additions	540	41	581
Disposals	(21)	(80)	(101)
As at 31 March 2025	48,600	27,860	76,460
Disposals			
As at 1 April 2024	41,125	22,792	63,917
Charge for the year	1,123	772	1,895
Disposals	(15)	(76)	(91)
As at 31 March 2025	42,233	23,468	65,721
Carrying amount at 31 March 2025	6,367	4,373	10,739
At 31 March 2025	6,367	4,373	10,739

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17. Heritage assets

Heritage assets are tangible fixed assets of local, historical, artistic or scientific importance that are held to advance the preservation and conservation objectives of the charity.

Heritage assets are continuously and actively sought by the trustees and may be purchased or acquired by donation. It is the major objective of the Museum to preserve and manage these assets, to display them in the public areas, so far as available space permits. Schedules of heritage assets are maintained and updated by the trustees.

	Heritage Assets
	£
Cost or valuation at 1 April 2024	70,526
Additions	
At 31 March 2025	70,526
Accumulated depreciation at 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2025	
Carrying amount at 31 March 2025	70,526
At 31 March 2024	70,526

All heritage assets are disclosed in the movements table at historical cost.

Summary of transactions

Heritage assets acquired over many years were reintroduced as Tangible Fixed Assets at the FRS 102 transition date of 1 April 2015; these heritage assets were valued at historical cost, where such information was available, and amounted to £67,624.

Further assets totaling £***** have been acquired since transition.

18. Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop stock	2,855	3,457

19. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	695	592

20. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	325	275

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21. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	498	27,350	(23,633)	(370)	3,845
Heritage Assets Fund	55,369				55,369
Other Designated Funds	7,946	527	(2,187)	370	6,656
	63,813	27,877	(25,820)		65,870
	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	4,253	15,236	(18,159)		498
Heritage Assets Fund	55,345	24			55,369
Other Designated Funds	8,038	1,081	(2,007)	833	7,946
	67,636	16,341	(20,116)		63,813

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Heritage Assets Fund	15,157				15,157
Other Restricted Funds	9,850	4,101	(1,215)		13,951
	25,007				29,108
	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Heritage Assets Fund	15,650				15,157
Other Restricted Funds	22,789	2,266	(3,716)		9,850
	38,439	2,266	(3,716)		25,007

22. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	9000	9000

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.