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Charity registration number: 518587

Anson Museum Trust Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mr Peter Geoffrey Challinor MBE
	Mr John Moseley
	Mr Charles Anthony Green MBE
Secretary	Mr John Moseley
Charity Registration Number:	518587
Company Registration Number	02101699
Registered Office	Anson Engine Museum The Anson Anson Road Poynton Cheshire SK12 1TD
Independent Examiner	Mike Senior FCA Bright Partnership Limited Suite 1 Armcon Business Park London Road South Poynton Cheshire SK12 1LQ

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Trustees' Report

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objectives and aims of the museum are to advance the education of the public by :
(a) Rescuing, restoring and displaying a collection of internal combustion engines of historical or technical interest and explain the development of the internal combustion engine, and
(b) Rescuing, preserving and displaying items relating to the history of Poynton of historical or technical interest with particular emphasis on the local coalmining industry and industrial archaeology.

Charitable activities

Our Vision
To establish the foremost collection of early internal combustion technology presented in an educational and visitor-oriented manner. Provide an organised and functional operation that will gain broad based support and generate substantial growth.

Our Mission
1. To collect, preserve, and interpret historically significant and mechanically interesting early stationary internal combustion engines for the education and enjoyment of everyone.
2. To be a focal point that tells the social and industrial history of Poynton. As we are built on the old Anson Colliery site, there will be a particular emphasis on the local coal mining industry.
3. To continue developing as a recognised tourist attraction, improving the facilities and amenities we offer visitors to Cheshire.

Overall the Museum has a passive collecting effort directed at filling gaps in the collection by accepting donations from private collectors and occasionally other museums. Where engines are known to exist in the National collection (or wider) we shall approach those museums to obtain the engine on a long-term loan. On the occasions when the museum is contacted about saving specific engines a decision will be taken on a case-by-case basis about whether the resources of the museum will be best used to help save that exhibit.

The Museum also maintains a substantial library and archive related to the objects in the collection and to the internal combustion engine in general. Additions will be encouraged and work on indexing material to be undertaken.

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Trustees' Report

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Specific achievements

The Chris Bowdon memorial display continues to develop, with engines installed and reassembled, two large engines are now able to be operated. Air fuel and exhaust systems will now be added.

Archival work continues on the many company records we hold, enquiry's take a great deal of the Curators time, a new archive with better facilities is needed.

Visitor numbers have held up well, better use of Facebook appears to get many new 1st time visits.

Some of the goals for 2026

The floors in the Chris Bowdon display will enable a scissor lift to be used to get the services completed.

The original building that was built in 1986, is in need of replacement, it is envisioned that this will take up most of our reserves, loans may have to be explored to enable this work to be carried out.

Continue to use Facebook as an advertising tool. Increase shop merchandise to aid profits

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy
The Trustees consider the overall situation to be satisfactory considering the pandemic and agree the business is a going concern depending upon the continued support of the Trustees and volunteers.

It is the policy of the charity to endeavour to maintain the unrestricted fund at a level to meet the unrestricted expenditure for the following twelve months.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had unrestricted reserves carried forward of £290,676 (2024: £280,995).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.
The board of trustees set out the policy and major decisions and take an active part in the day to day running of the Museum.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The board of trustees is constantly looking for persons who would be suitable to broaden the range of knowledge and expertise of the board to advance the aims and promote the museum. The appointment of trustees is by the board as a new appointment or to fill a casual vacancy.
The training of the new trustees is adapted on an individual basis to their understanding and experience of trusteeship at the time of appointment.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Anson Museum Trust Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner'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 Anson Museum Trust Limited as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Anson Museum Trust Limited ('the Company')



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23 September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		15,306	18,454
Charitable activities		13,303	16,594
Other trading activities	2	11,100	12,515
Investment income	3	1,158	663
Other income		4,384	163
Total income		45,251	48,389
Expenditure on:			
Other trading activities		(3,234)	(4,017)
Charitable activities		(32,336)	(30,875)
Total expenditure		(35,570)	(34,892)
Net income		9,681	13,497
Net movement in funds		9,681	13,497
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		280,995	267,498
Total funds carried forward	11	290,676	280,995

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2025 is shown in note 11.

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(Registration number: 02101699)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	83,228	70,980
Heritage assets	7	162,160	162,160
		245,388	233,140
Current assets			
Stocks	8	2,262	902
Debtors	9	1,011	799
Cash at bank and in hand		48,199	50,991
		51,472	52,692
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,184)	(4,837)
Net current assets		45,288	47,855
Net assets		290,676	280,995
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		290,676	280,995
Total funds	11	290,676	280,995

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

Trustees responsibilities:

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

The financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 23 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

G. Challinor

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Mr Peter Geoffrey Challinor MBE
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Anson Museum Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation commiting the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Heritage assets
Heritage assets are recognised at market value. The heritage assets have indefinite lives and are therefore not depreciated.

Tangible fixed assets
The cost of tangible fixed assets includes only expenditure incurred in bringing the assets into working condition for their intended use. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to allocate the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures & Fittings	15% on reducing balance
Computer Equipment	33% on cost
Plant & Machinery	25% on reducing balance
Buildings	2% on cost

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

Fund Accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other Trading Activities		
Shop income	4,181	3,921
Sale of scrap	1,344	2,998
Cafe Income	5,575	5,596
	11,100	12,515

3 Investment income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Deposit account B.S.	1,158	663

4 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation - owned assets	6,775	4,260

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

The amount expenses waived by the trustees during the year totalled £Nil (2024- £Nil).

Donations made by the trustees without any conditions attached totalled £Nil for the year (2024- £Nil). year.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2025	73,901	20,139	13,082	30,107	137,229
Additions	17,269	-	644	1,290	19,203
Disposals	-	(227)	(5,760)	(2,703)	(8,690)
At 31 December 2025	91,170	19,912	7,966	28,694	147,742
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2025	8,310	17,436	13,068	27,435	66,249
Charge for the year	4,454	406	444	1,471	6,775
Eliminated on disposals	-	(227)	(5,761)	(2,522)	(8,510)
At 31 December 2025	12,764	17,615	7,751	26,384	64,514
Net book value					
At 31 December 2025	78,406	2,297	215	2,310	83,228
At 31 December 2024	65,591	2,703	14	2,672	70,980

7 Heritage assets

	Other heritage asset class 1 £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2025	162,160	162,160
At 31 December 2025	162,160	162,160
Depreciation		
At 31 December 2025	-	-
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	162,160	162,160
At 31 December 2024	162,160	162,160

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF HERITAGE ASSET TRANSACTIONS

Heritage assets were introduced in the year ending 31st December 2017 by way of donation at a value of £437,260.

There were no additions or disposals in the accounting periods ending 31st December 2018, 2019, 2020 however in the period ending 31st December 2020 there was an impairment review resulting in the existing heritage assets being valued at £232,510.

There were also no additions or disposal in the accounting period ending 31st December 2021 however in the accounting period ending 31st December 2022 there were disposals in total of £88,800 with proceeds of £800 received.

As at 31 December 2022 the remaining heritage assets were valued at £162,160.

There were no additions or disposals in the accounting period ending 31st December 2023 & 2024 nor even in 31st December 2025 and no change in value.

Summary of transactions

	2025 £
Cost or valuations at 31 December 2025 is represented by:	
Valuation in 2020	(204,750)
Valuation in 2022	18,450
Cost	348,460
Total	162,160

Heritage Assets - continued

The Heritage assets comprise a collection of internal combustion engines of historical or technical interest that have been valued on an open market basis by a trustee of the charity who is deemed an expert in preparing valuations for these types of assets.
The museum maintains a Spectrum Compliant Database of the assets and access is limited to members of the Trust.

8 Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	2,262	902

9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	1,011	799

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	183	-
Other creditors	3,901	2,917
Accruals	2,100	1,920
	6,184	4,837

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	280,995	45,251	(35,570)	290,676

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	267,498	48,389	(34,892)	280,995

12 Related party transactions

Included within charitable activities there is rental expenditure of £3,900 (2023,2024 & 2025). This is owed to a trustee of the charity who owns the land and the £3,900 remains outstanding and is included within creditors at 31st December 2025.
Rent was incurred in the year ended 31 December 2025.