THE BRIGHTON FISHING MUSEUM TRUST TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

Company Registration No. 3609532 (England and Wales)

Charity Registration No. 1071680

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 1985 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

A Briault

R Cook

A Durr

F G Gray

W F D Gray

A Hayes

R Leighton

(Appointed 20 May 2007)

N Messenger

L S Mills

Trustees meet formally to manage affairs, with a least one Trustee on site. The Museum is managed by an Administrator and a Project Manager (Chair of the Trust).

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's object and its principal activity, is to educate and to promote, the education of the public in the history, traditions and practices, of the Fishing Community of Brighton, including the collection and public display, of fishing artefacts and other materials, relevant to the history of fishing in Brighton.

The Brighton Fishing Museum is supported by Brighton and Hove Council, Brighton Fishing Quarter Trust and Volunteer Workers.

The Museum is open to the public free of charge and attracts over 160,000 visitors per year. The Museum also has the free use from the Brighton Fishing Quarter of a Gallery, Workshops and frontage, used for the repair and conservation, of traditional Sussex fishing boats.

Museum volunteers are available to guide school parties and other groups around the museum and fishing quarter, or give illustrated talks on fishing history.

An Archive of the Brighton and Sussex Sea Fishing Industry and Communities, is open to scholars and to the public by appointment.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

Achievements and performance

The Fishing Museum this year has attracted similar if not more visitors than previous years. A stairway has been installed by the Fishing Quarter to the top of Arch 200 giving access to a Museum store to meet the new museum registration requirements.

The Fishing Museum is professionally cleaned once a week, the cost met by the Fishing Quarter.

Post Graduate Students from the University of Brighton have completed the software for a computerised touch screen history box for the use of school trips.

Contributions to the Fishing Museum fund the day-to-day expenses insurance, phone, electric, and is beginning to accumulate a financial reserve.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net decrease in funds for the year of £135, and the reserves stand at £55,221.

The present level of funding is adequate to support the charity's objects, and the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

Plans for the future

The Museum will continue to prepare for all the requirements of museum registration. A copy of a nineteenth century winch found on Brighton seafront will be made and placed in front of the museum. The Fishing Museum with the help of the University of Brighton will continue work on the computerised touch screen history box for the use of school trips.

On behalf of the board of trustees

A Durr Trustee

Dated: ..! S

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE BRIGHTON FISHING MUSEUM TRUST

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 1985, we have compiled the accounts of The Brighton Fishing Museum Trust for the year ended 31 March 2008, set out on pages 4 to 7 from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to the charity's trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of the accounts.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at 31 March 2008 your duty to ensure that the charity has kept proper accounting records and to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 1985. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year, and is not required to obtain an audit exemption report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the accounts. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the accounts.

Plummer Parsons Accountants Limited

Chartered Accountants 2 Frederick Terrace Frederick Place Brighton East Sussex BN1 1AX

Dated: 16 Decenter 2008.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

	2008	2007
Notes	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Donations and legacies 2	4,181	5,429
Investment income 3	86	32
Total incoming resources	4,267	5,461
Resources expended 4		
Governance costs	4,402	4,741
Total resources expended	4,402	4,741
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/		
Net movement in funds	(135)	720
Fund balances at 1 April 2007	55,356	54,636
Fund balances at 31 March 2008	55,221	55,356

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 1985.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2008

		2008		2008 2007		7
	Notes	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	7		51,085		51,760	
Current assets						
Cash at bank and in hand		4,826		4,301		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(690)		(705)		
Net current assets			4,136		3,596	
Total assets less current liabilities			55,221 ————		55,356	
Income funds						
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted income funds		46,416		46,551		
Revaluation reserve		8,805		8,805		
			55,221		55,356	
			55,221		55,356	

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985, for the year ended 31 March 2008. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 249B(2), requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act; and
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 31 March 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with section 226, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Trustee Trustee

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 1985.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations and other income are included in the company's accounts when received. In addition donations and voluntary assistance are received in kind and it is not practical to quantify their value and reflect this in the accounts.

The charity accounts for all voluntary cash on a receipts basis being the point at which it is entered into the charity's books. The Brighton Fishing Museum depends on assistance from Statutory Bodies, Charitable Bodies and Individuals in order to carry out its work in the community. The trustees have planned fund raising activities to fund both the development and ongoing day to day operation of the Museum. Subject to continued support the trustees believe that the Museum will continue to fulfill its community objectives.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

4 years straight line

The Museum's heritage assets are not depreciated, because their useful life is considered to be very long, and are revalued by the trustees annually, to account for movements caused by donations, repairs and removals.

2 Donations and legacies

		2008 £	2007 £
	Donations and gifts	4,181	5,429
3	Investment income		
		2008 £	2007 £
	Interest receivable	86	32

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

4	Total resources expended				
	·	Depreciation	Other	Total	Total
			costs	2008	2007
		£	£	£	£
	Governance costs	675	3,727	4,402	4,741

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 **Employees**

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There were no employees during the year.

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

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Tangible fixed assets	Heritage assets £	Plant and machinery	Total £
Cost or valuation	~	•	~
At 1 April 2007 and at 31 March 2008	51,085	1,940	53,025
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2007	-	1,265	1,265
Charge for the year	-	675	675
At 31 March 2008	•	1,940	1,940
Net book value			
At 31 March 2008	51,085	-	51,085
At 31 March 2007	51,085	675	51,760
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2008	2007
•		£	£
Accruals		690	705

SCHEDULE OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

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2008	2007
£	£
1,400	1,405
579	705
562	•
134	271
324	425
720	1,011
8	8
675	916
4,402	4,741
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