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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1209505

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026
FOR
EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

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EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026**

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 31st March 2026. 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

Objectives and aims

The trust's objectives are "for the advancement of the education of the public in the history of Edenbridge, the Eden Valley and the surrounding areas in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision and maintenance of a museum". The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Significant activities

In June 2025 the museum celebrated its 25th anniversary and former Hon. Curator Jane Higgs MBE was confirmed as our new President. In August the renewal of our Full Accreditation status was confirmed by the Arts Council reflecting the high standards that our volunteers achieve in the operation of the museum and services to the community. Annual visitor numbers continue to increase; 2023:2628; 2024: 2904; 2025: 3074. During 2025-2026 our research team dealt with 31 enquiries and in January we welcomed several new volunteers interested in being involved in various aspects of the museum operation. In March we held a very successful fundraising Quiz at the WI Hall with questions and food organised by our members. The museum continues to open Wednesday to Saturday thanks to a well organised steward's rota and the wonderful team of volunteers who are here to welcome our visitors.

During 2025-2026 we put on several temporary exhibitions in addition to our 25th anniversary exhibition, including 80th Anniversary of VE Day, 80th Anniversary of VJ Day, The Story of Subbuteo and the Local Heroes Medal Display which includes a set of medals, one of which is a gallantry medal, acquired by the museum. These displays are curated by volunteers, and every effort is made to ensure the information and presentation is accessible to all. We are always interested in hearing from members and other local organisations who may be interested in putting on a temporary display. Object of Interest displays have included a 'Constantius II Bronze Centenionalis' which was researched by one of our younger volunteers and more are to follow?.

In November we hosted a 2-day exhibition curated by year 4 from Four Elms Primary School and an abridged version remains on display upstairs in the High Street bedroom. Year 4 students were present on the Friday afternoon to talk to visitors about the exhibition. A lot of parents and children admitted this was their first visit! There have been visits by Edenbridge Cubs and Edenbridge Primary School Year 1 pupils made their annual visit to the museum. Our volunteers hosted the visits and were congratulated on their knowledge and friendliness. In May the Edenbridge Brownies and Guides visited the museum and the Guides are now preparing an exhibition to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Guides which will be ready for display in June or July. A variety of new exhibitions are currently under discussion.

During the summer of 2025 our knowledgeable museum guides led monthly walks around the historic centre of Edenbridge and a similar timetable is planned for 2026 starting 2pm on 13th June and at the same time on the 2nd Saturday in July, August and at 6pm in September.

The museum shop continues to focus on supporting local businesses and crafts people and offers souvenirs unique to the museum and Edenbridge; small 'pocket money' items have proved a huge success with our younger visitors. The shop also stocks a range of books covering the local area and its history. We provide tourist information to visitors from the local area, around the UK and from abroad. We continue to support the Kent Wheels of Time initiative and badge scheme that encourages an interest in history by children. We held 6 children's activity sessions during 2025-2026, and sessions have already begun this year. We provide regular outreach at the Wellbeing Centre located in the Edenbridge Medical Centre and at 'Talk Time' in Edenbridge Library. We also provide the Edenbridge magazine with a page of news and upcoming events. The museum participated in the 'Christmas Extravaganza Day' offering a drop-in activity session for children and adults in the afternoon. The museum's participation in 'Love Edenbridge Day' on 7th March welcomed 96 adults and 23 children with Eden Twinning providing French-themed children's activity sessions in the Buttery and Pantry.

EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Trust is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a charitable incorporated company.

Organisational structure

The Trust is run by an executive committee the elected members of which are the trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE037122 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1209505

Registered office

Church House
High Street
Edenbridge
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Trustees

J A French
J Varley
A S Layland
A P Smart
E Hancock (appointed 29.5.2025)
R Taylor (appointed 29.5.2025)
His Honour R W Seymour

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
J A French - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Eden Valley Museum Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2026.

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 the Company 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.

Isobel Currie FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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10th June 2026

EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026**

		2026 Unrestricted fund £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		7,173	12,746
Charitable activities	4		
Museum		13,500	18,918
Other trading activities	2	5,274	4,547
Investment income	3	68	27
Total		26,015	36,238
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		2,245	737
Charitable activities	5		
Museum		25,246	22,289
Total		27,491	23,026
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,476)	13,212
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		13,814	602
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12,338	13,814

The notes form part of these financial statements

EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2026

		2026 Unrestricted fund £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	9	85	296
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	950	1,540
Debtors	11	2,594	3,856
Cash at bank and in hand		10,307	9,928
		13,851	15,324
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,598)	(1,806)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		12,253	13,518
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		12,338	13,814
NET ASSETS		12,338	13,814
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		12,338	13,814
TOTAL FUNDS		12,338	13,814

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31ST MARCH 2026

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
J A French - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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 committing 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 accruals 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

Stocks

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

Taxation

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

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,425	900
Shop income	3,749	3,647
Other income	100	-
	<u>5,274</u>	<u>4,547</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>68</u>	<u>27</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Grants	<u>13,500</u>	<u>18,918</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Edenbridge Town Council	6,500	6,500
The Great Stone Bridge Trust	7,000	8,000
Warren Meadows Charitable Trust	-	1,000
Smarter Society	-	500
Norfolk County Council	-	2,918
	<u>13,500</u>	<u>18,918</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Museum	<u>21,871</u>	<u>3,375</u>	<u>25,246</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	210	1,084
	<u>210</u>	<u>1,084</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2026 nor for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2026 nor for the year ended 31st March 2025.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	12,746
Charitable activities	
Museum	18,918
Other trading activities	4,547
Investment income	27
Total	<u>36,238</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	737
Charitable activities	
Museum	<u>22,289</u>
Total	<u>23,026</u>
NET INCOME	13,212
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	602
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>13,814</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1st April 2025	4,003
Impairments	(468)
	<u>3,535</u>
At 31st March 2026	<u>3,535</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April 2025	3,707
Charge for year	210
Impairments	(467)
	<u>3,450</u>
At 31st March 2026	<u>3,450</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2026	<u>85</u>
At 31st March 2025	<u><u>296</u></u>

10. STOCKS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Goods for sale	950	1,540
	<u>950</u>	<u>1,540</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025
	£	£
Gift Aid	1,500	700
VAT	747	-
Accrued income	100	2,918
Prepayments	247	238
	<u>2,594</u>	<u>3,856</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025
	£	£
VAT	-	224
Accrued expenses	1,598	1,582
	<u>1,598</u>	<u>1,806</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.25	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,814	(1,476)	12,338
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,814</u>	<u>(1,476)</u>	<u>12,338</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	26,015	(27,491)	(1,476)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,015</u>	<u>(27,491)</u>	<u>(1,476)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	602	13,212	13,814
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>602</u>	<u>13,212</u>	<u>13,814</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,238	(23,026)	13,212
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,238</u>	<u>(23,026)</u>	<u>13,212</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.26 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	602	11,736	12,338
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>602</u>	<u>11,736</u>	<u>12,338</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,253	(50,517)	11,736
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,253</u>	<u>(50,517)</u>	<u>11,736</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company was incorporated on 8th August 2024 as a charitable incorporated company (CIO) and the assets and liabilities of the Eden Valley Museum Trust, charity number 1065466, were transferred to the company on 16th June 2025. These accounts have been prepared under merger accounting rules.

There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2026.

EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	2,402	9,385
Gift aid	1,675	-
Legacies	250	-
Subscriptions	2,846	3,361
	<u>7,173</u>	<u>12,746</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,425	900
Shop income	3,749	3,647
Other income	100	-
	<u>5,274</u>	<u>4,547</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	68	27
Charitable activities		
Grants	13,500	18,918
	<u>26,015</u>	<u>36,238</u>
Total incoming resources		
	<u>26,015</u>	<u>36,238</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Shop purchases	2,245	737
Charitable activities		
Rent and rates	4,580	4,460
Insurance	1,055	1,003
Electricity and gas	3,555	3,256
Repairs, maintenance and security	1,843	5,589
Events and course costs	961	1,491
Display costs	719	58
Other costs	649	423
Printing, postage and stationery	1,339	1,834
Computer and internet	5,880	1,524
Bank charges	109	148
Bookkeeping	970	870
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	211	1,083
	<u>21,871</u>	<u>21,739</u>

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EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM TRUST**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026**

	2026 £	2025 £
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	750	550
Legal fees	2,625	-
	<u>3,375</u>	<u>550</u>
Total resources expended	<u>27,491</u>	<u>23,026</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u><u>(1,476)</u></u>	<u><u>13,212</u></u>

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