

Charity regulator appoints Interim Manager to Brighton and Hove Heritage Commission

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The Charity Commission, the regulator of charities in England and Wales, has appointed an Interim Manager to Brighton and Hove Heritage Commission (registered charity number 1193686).

The charity was placed under statutory inquiry in July 2025 to investigate concerns about whether the charity's governing document is fit for purpose and whether any failings or weaknesses identified in the administration of the charity are a result of misconduct and/or mismanagement by its trustees.

The Commission has appointed an Interim Manager to the charity, whose role is to undertake certain duties in line with the charity's governing document.

Pippa Garland of Russell Cooke LLP is tasked with:

1. taking any steps immediately necessary to secure the property of the charity including taking control of and managing all assets of the charity.
2. administering the charity until such time as there are validly appointed trustees.
3. after the governing document of the charity is amended by the Commission by a scheme under section 79 Charities Act 2011, confirming the charity's membership, then holding a general meeting at which a new board of trustees is appointed.
4. reporting progress to the Commission on a regular basis as agreed, and in compliance with the Charities (Receiver and Manager) Regulations 1992.
5. discharging such other related general functions as the Commission may reasonably request.

The Interim Manager has been appointed to the exclusion of any trustee of the charity.

The Commission's inquiry into the charity remains ongoing.

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Notes to editors:

- The Charity Commission is the independent, non-ministerial government department that registers and regulates charities in England and Wales. Its ambition is to be an expert regulator that is fair, balanced, and independent so that charity can thrive. This ambition will help to create and sustain an environment where charities further build public trust and

ultimately fulfil their essential role in enhancing lives and strengthening society.

- More information on the scope of the inquiry into Brighton and Hove Heritage Commission can be found in the announcement press release: Investigation opened into heritage charity over serious dispute - GOV.UK
- On 10 November 2025, the inquiry exercised the Commission's power to appoint an Interim Manager by Order under section 76(3)(g) of the Act to the exclusion of any trustees. Once they have completed the scope of their appointment, the Interim Manager will be discharged by an Order made under section 337(6) of the Act.
- Information about the Charity Commission's appointment of Interim Managers can be found on GOV.UK: When and how the Charity Commission appoints Interim Managers - GOV.UK

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