

Heage Windmill Society

Chair's Report January 2024

The season for 2023 opened in April with the official opening being carried out by our new patron Jack Kirkland, who with his family had a guided tour of the Mill.

We all knew that we were faced with a challenging year as we had some seriously expensive work that needed to be done. This all began with our fund-raising group, as without them we would not have been able to do what we needed to do. On the subject of fund-raising £989.86 was raised by bric a brac and tombola so please continue to gift items to us. The fund-raising team are to be thanked for pursuing grants from organisations – both big and small. We received help both practical and financial from local firms

Despite the challenges, we have had an amazing year of achievement. 227 years ago no-one would have imagined that our windmill would continue to be producing flour After going through a major overhaul.

When the sails came off and the crane lifted the cap off, it was truly quite an emotional moment. From then on everything mattered, the weather, the finances, the amount of paint we'd got left and of course how many volunteers were going to come to use up that paint.

We put our trust into the great unknown and emerged at the end of November with a once again complete windmill.

Congratulations, well done and thank you to all those involved this last year we did it. We knew what we wanted to achieve and as the year went on it seemed more and more possible, this is solely down to the volunteers we have within our organisation. There are actually too many individuals to mention, however, I must give a special

mention to David Land our maintenance manager who organised all our volunteers and worked alongside our contractors Beighton Construction and of course John Boucher for his invaluable extensive knowledge and expertise. They worked well as a team and without David and John we would have a bank full of money and a very poorly mill.

The money raised was due to the efforts of our fundraising team, none of those involved had done this type of thing before and yet here we are, planning opening for the 2024 season I also thank the Friends of the Windmill, and the many dedicated volunteers, and of course yourselves as the trustees. we have triumphed with our enormous challenge. Thank you all for your dedication.

Even though this was a Gargantuan task. I am extremely proud to see our windmill with newly painted sails and an intact cap standing up there on the ridge overlooking the village. This however, is the first stage of works which has been funded and completed and we rely on the continued dedication of the friends and volunteers plus the support of the Trustees to ensure that she will continue to be maintained and improved.

Many people are interested in our windmill and that is why it continues to be worth the effort. We have continued to hold some very popular event days but limited in size once the sails were on the ground. We also had to reduce the weekend openings to one day only so are looking forward to the 2024 season when the things will be more normal and of course once the flour goes back into full production, we will be welcoming back our faithful customers. We are also in the top 10% of reviewed attractions on Trip Advisor. We have been lucky with good photographs in the Guardian And more recently coverage in SPAB Mill news with photographs courtesy of Anthony Sharp.

Lastly, going back to the time that volunteers were painting the sails and fantail. People came from far and wide to help paint with us and we had some very interesting conversations; one couple were on holiday from over the pond and couldn't believe how beautiful Derbyshire is, (best kept secrets!) They had seen us on social media and decided to come along to help. Imagine being on your holidays in a foreign country and taking time to spend with a local community. They were richly rewarded with time out round the coffee table to admire the stunning views. This is the impact the mill has on people. To be custodians is a privilege and an honour and when the next generation look back on what we have achieved we can be proud of our careful management.

As with all old buildings the work never ends, and our next challenge will be the funding of the repair and repointing of the windmill tower. This is scheduled for Spring 2024.

So onwards and upwards and thanks once again to all our loyal supporters.

Trevor Ainsworth

Chair of Heage Windmill Society

Income & Expenditure Report : 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Income			2022
Donations	Go Fund Me - Keep the Sails Turning - received	2455.01	1,250.00
	Other	10600.00	550.00
		13,055.01	1,800.00
Group Visit Fees		0.00	10.00
Easy Fundraising	Monies received	124.00	218.00
		124.00	218.00
Interest Received	United Trust Bank - Interest TBC	10.91	0.00
	Scottish Widows Bank - Interest TBC	165.88	41.00
		176.79	41.00
Grants	DCC - towards cost of mower	400.00	
	Ripley Town Council	1,000.00	500.00
	Garfield Weston	20,000.00	
	Duke of Devonshire	2,500.00	
	National Heritage	9,950.00	
	Derbyshire County Council	50,000.00	1,078.00
	Pilgrims Trust	20,000.00	
		103,850.00	1,578.00
		117,205.80	3,647.00
TOTAL HWS INCOME			
FOHW	Surplus - See reconciliation at end of report	16,754.09	25,339.00
TOTAL INCOME			28,986.00
Expenditure			
Insurance		720.79	675.00
Utilities	Electricity	1,018.72	1,971.00
	Water	200.07	37.00
	Phone/Broadband	348.90	490.00
	Zoom	96.39	144.00
		1,664.08	2,642.00
Rent	Paddock Barn	400.00	400.00
Events	Social Evening for Volunteers	504.77	
	Contribution to Social Evening	-150.00	
	Santa Events - Gifts		188.00
		354.77	188.00
Repairs and Maintenance	Inspection of Equipment	533.09	115.00
	General Repairs/Maint	1,623.84	5,282.00
	Signage	224.27	
	Ladder	21.98	
	Mower	618.62	
	Bunting & Storage	111.80	
	Fire Alarm Testing	165.00	
	Dehumidifier	254.90	
	Pull Up Banners	99.04	
	New Vacuum	60.00	
	Swingball for Visitors	49.99	
	Septic Tank Inspection	90.00	
	Emergency Light Testing	188.00	
	Cut Out Miller board	84.00	
	Mill Bill Tool	276.00	
	Repairs to Shaft Mounting Bracket	105.00	
	Bulk Head Light Fitting - LED	205.00	
	Storage Bags	74.65	
	Hoist	255.99	
	Fan Tail Spacer	146.80	
	Jump Leads (Lightening Conductors)	28.00	
		5,215.97	5,397.00

Repairs costs - Sheers	Conical Cover	1,105.20		
	Timbers	6,678.00		
	Work undertaken by Beightons	108,735.35		
	Retention still to be paid on above	2,788.08		
	Bespoke Gutters	3,894.65		
	Rope and fittings for temporary roof	129.82		
	Sail cleaning and painting materials	48.30		
	Paint for Sails	2,208.50		
	Belzona Roof membrane	5,842.75		
	Tooling for cap work	45.50		
	Sail /Shutter canvas and repairs	57.38		
	Stainless Bolts	85.04		
	Gifts for transport services	51.40		
		<u>131,669.97</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Protective Clothing	Hi-Vis Vests	36.42		
	Safety Shoes	<u>289.18</u>		
		325.60		<u>0.00</u>
Travel Costs	D.Land - Training Course in Harrogate	74.70		
	D.Land - Delivery/Collection of goods Hilcote	9.00		
	D.Land - Collect signs from Hilcote	9.00		
	D.Land - Supervise delivery of concrete lego blocks	18.90		
	D.Land - Supervise return of concrete lego blocks	<u>9.90</u>		
		121.50		<u>0.00</u>
Subscriptions	Association of Independent Museums	68.00		65.00
	Mills Archive	100.00		100.00
	East Midlands Chamber			354.00
	Traditional Cornmillers Guild	<u></u>		<u>25.00</u>
		168.00		<u>544.00</u>
Publicity	Midland Mills Group - Entry to 2023 leaflet	75.00		60.00
	Foxxweb - Website	155.00		155.00
	Visit Peak District - Advertising	396.00		
	Advert in Derby Events 2021 & 2022			102.00
	Signpost Magazine Advert			95.00
	Domain name renewal	<u></u>		<u>50.00</u>
		626.00		<u>462.00</u>
Misc	Fees - Haney and Munn	2,061.00		
Bank Charges		62.80		55.00
Capital Items	New PC			1,235.00
	Purchase of Defibrillator and Training			<u>1,348.00</u>
				<u>2,583.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		143,390.48		<u>12,946.00</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		-9,430.59		<u>16,040.00</u>

Bank Balance as at 1st January 2023	43,564.06	
United Trust Bank	28,156.35	
Scottish Widows Bank	23,238.21	
Float - D.Land	200.00	
		95,158.62

Bank Balance as at 31st December 2023	88,113.66	
United Trust Bank - Interest TBC	0.00	
Scottish Widows Bank - Interest TBC	0.00	
Monies to be transferred to FOHW	0.00	
Retention owed to Beightons	-2,788.08	
Credit in the EDF Electric account	152.45	
Float - D.Land	250.00	
		85,728.03

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-9,430.59
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Heage Windmill Society

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1065980

Set out on pages

1 to 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

16/09/2024

Name:

Jonathan Holmes

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Not applicable