

Daniels Mill Trust

Administrative Information as at 31 December 2020

Registered Office:

Daniels Mill, Eardington, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV16 5JL

Charity Number: 1123673

Trustees:

Chair: David Hollyhead

Treasurer: Trevor Edge

Other Trustees: Peter A George
Adam Marriott

Bankers: Barclays Bank Bridgnorth

Accountant: Roger Corke Accountancy Services

Daniels Mill Trust

Report of the Trustees for 2020

Daniels Mill Trust was constituted as a Charity on 1 January 2008 with Charity Commission Number 1123673

Object of the Charity

The Object of the Charity, as laid out in the Trust Deed, is to maintain and preserve the water mill known as Daniels Mill, Eardington, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 5JL for public and educational benefit.

The Charity's Trustees carry out their responsibilities governed by the following powers contained within the Trust Deed:

- a) To carry out works to Daniels Mill of restoration, improvement and maintenance
- b) To collect and receive donations, legacies, grants and subscriptions
- c) To open the Mill to the public for guided tours and other activities in the interest of the Trust's objective
- d) To publicise and promote Daniels Mill
- e) To do all such other lawful things which will further the objects of the Charity

The Administrative Information details the Trustees of the Charity as at 31 December 2020. The Trustees met on a number of occasions during the year to carry out their responsibilities- the majority of meetings and discussions were virtual due to the restrictions in place as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Report of Activities

2020 was a challenging year. The Trust had started the year with expectations of progressing with formulating the long-term renovation plan to protect the future of the Mill for future generations but were hit by a number of setbacks.

Firstly, the ongoing legal claim against the Trust by Mrs Anne Dingley continued, taking up a significant proportion of Trustees time.

The case concerned a County Court Claim where the Trust was named as the 2nd defendant in a Claim bought by Mrs Dingley (former Trustee and sister of current Trustee and freeholder Peter George) relating to expenditure she claims was put into the tearoom building before a lease was granted to the Trust by the 1st defendant Peter George.

The Trustees considered they had no alternative but to defend their position as no prior notice was received of the Claim and, despite numerous requests, it remained unclear to the Trustees why the Trust has been named as a defendant. The Trustees always sought and followed legal advice in defending the action (via Underhill, Langley and Wright who were appointed as the Trust's Solicitors). Regrettably this, by its very nature, meant the Trust incurred significant legal costs of £6858 during the year.

The dispute remained unresolved at the year-end, however positive progress had been made in that agreement was reached to attend mediation to hopefully bring the case to an end in 2021.

The Trust also had to contend with flooding damage caused by Storm Dennis in February 2020. This caused significant damage to the Mill's watercourses, paved yard areas and potentially some structural damage to the wheel casing.

This damage meant that the waterwheel was unable to be turned which therefore had a significant impact on the visitor experience and attracting visitors to the Mill.

An immediate insurance claim was made with the Trust's insurers (Ecclesiastical Insurance) but due to a combination of Covid 19 restrictions and also, in the opinion of the Trustees, the inefficiency of the insurance company the claim remained unsettled at the year-end.

The Trust has informed Ecclesiastical of its intention to seek redress via the Insurance Ombudsman, for the length of time the claim has been outstanding and also for the fact that they changed the wording of the Trust's insurance cover to exclude damage to water courses without any explicit communication to ourselves.

Covid-19 also had a significant impact on the activities of the Trust during 2020. The Mill was unable to open to visitors until 1 August and had to cancel a number of bookings in place to Paranormal Groups who had arranged to hire the Mill for their events.

Upon opening in August visitor numbers remained restricted by the need to ensure the Trust provided a Covid secure environment and adhered to Government regulations in place.

The Trust was however eligible for support from the local authority (Shropshire Council) during this very difficult time and received Covid Grants to the value of £11334 during the year.

The Trustees would like to place on record their thanks for the continued unstinting support of its volunteers during the year as they continued, within Covid regulations, to maintain the Mill Grounds, undertake minor maintenance work and provide a rota of guides to ensure that the Mill could open once Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. This meant that the Trust was able to continue to meet its charitable object through being open to the public for guided tours and also for group visits.

In September one of the volunteers, Gavin Hinks, who had been Chief Guide and co-ordinator of tour guide rotas sadly passed away. His assistance and love for the Mill will be sadly missed but the Trustees were extremely grateful that donations in memory of Gavin were given to the Trust totalling £997.

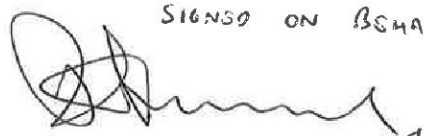
The Trust would also like to thank our sponsors Bridgnorth Aluminium Ltd for their continued support and also Midland Mills Group who donated £500 towards the initial clean-up of the Mill following the storm damage.

In terms of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 these show an overall increase in income to £27176 (£16705 in 2019). This figure reflects the £11334 of Covid grants which were received and also that, despite the pandemic, the Trust were able to retain the rental income from the tearoom (£4864) and income from tours and activities was surprisingly not significantly reduced from 2019 at £6657 (£7602). The income from tours and activities was significantly boosted by the sale of flour stocks during the initial Covid-19 lockdown period – during the year flour sales amounted to £3720. This went some way to compensate for the inevitable reduction in visitor numbers at 345 (1346 in 2019) due to periods of closure and restricted numbers due to Covid-19.

In view of the various setbacks, the Trust kept a tight rein on expenditure (for example repairs and maintenance was reduced from £6296 to £2671 in 2020) and it is pleased to report that overall cash funds available for its charitable aims actually increased during the year to £15380 (£7241)

As at 31 December 2020 there are, similar to many other organisations, ongoing uncertainties regarding the impact of Covid-19 restrictions. Despite this, the Trust remains confident that if the legal claim can be settled by mediation and the insurance situation resolved, the Trust can begin to get back to the situation envisaged at the end of 2019 of looking at long-term plans to preserve the Mill.

REPORT APPROVED AND AGREED BY TRUSTEES OF DANIEL MILL TRUST
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



DAVID HOLLIDAY

CHAIR OF TRUST



TREVOR EDGE

TREASURER

17/8/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Daniels Mill Trust

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2020

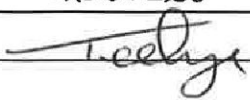
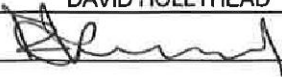
To

Period end date
31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tours & activities	6,657	-	-	6,657	7,602
Donations	2,687	-	-	2,687	1,696
Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	1,400
Covid Grants	11,334	-	-	11,334	-
Hire of Mill	250	-	-	250	1,050
Rental receipts	4,864	-	-	4,864	4,383
Light & heat recharges	1,384	-	-	1,384	574
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,176	-	-	27,176	16,705
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,176	-	-	27,176	16,705
A3 Payments					
Insurance	3,109	-	-	3,109	3,019
Repairs and Maintenance	2,671	-	-	2,671	6,296
Website & Advertising	-	-	-	-	75
Telephone & Internet	679	-	-	679	786
Leaflets & Posters	-	-	-	-	797
Wheat & Flour	1,488	-	-	1,488	270
Light & Heat	3,197	-	-	3,197	2,107
General Expenses	1,035	-	-	1,035	1,439
Legal fees re dispute	6,858	-	-	6,858	-
Sub total	19,037	-	-	19,037	14,789
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,037	-	-	19,037	14,789
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,139	-	-	8,139	1,916
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,241	-	-	7,241	5,325
Cash funds this year end	15,380	-	-	15,380	7,241

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	15,327	-	-
	Cash in Hand	53	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,380	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	TREVOR EGG	DAVID HOLLYHEAD	17/08/2021	
				



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Daniels Mill Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1123673

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 10/09/2021

Name:

ROGER CORKE

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

Now retired – former FFA member

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.