

Daniels Mill Trust

Administrative Information as at 31 December 2021

Registered Office:

Daniels Mill, Eardington, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV16 5JL

Charity Number: 1123673

Trustees:

Chair: David Hollyhead

Treasurer: Trevor Edge

Other Trustees: Peter A George (resigned 24.10.2021)
Adam Marriott

Bankers: Barclays Bank Bridgnorth

Accountant: Roger Corke

Daniels Mill Trust

Report of the Trustees for 2021

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 2021. During the year Peter George resigned as a Trustee on 24 October 2021. He remains the freeholder of the Mill from whom the Trust lease the Mill under a 100-year lease dated 27 June 2018.

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 continuing restrictions in place and a cautious approach taken as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Report of Activities

2021 was a further challenging year for the Trust with issues to resolve prior to progressing with, and formulating, the long-term renovation plan needed to protect the future of the Mill for future generations.

During the first part of the year a significant proportion of Trustees time was taken up by the ongoing legal claim against the Trust by Mrs Anne Dingley.

In summary, the case concerned a County Court Claim where the Trust was named as the second defendant in a Claim brought by Mrs Dingley (former Trustee and sister of freeholder Peter George) relating to expenditure she claims was put into the tearoom building before a lease was granted to the Trust by the first defendant Peter George.

The Trustees had 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 had been named as a defendant. The Trustees continually sought and followed legal advice in defending the action (via Underhill, Langley and Wright who were appointed as the Trust's Solicitors).

The claim was eventually satisfactorily settled via mediation at St Philips Chambers Birmingham on 9 June 2021. Under the terms of the Tomlin Order the details of the settlement remain confidential, however from the Trust's point of view this avoided the possibility of a very costly court case which could have threatened the continued existence of the Trust and it allowed the Trust to move on without the distraction of further dealings with the claimant (albeit at the cost of £13636 in legal costs during the year)

During the year, the Trust also continued with its protracted insurance claim relating to 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) in 2020 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 remains unsettled and the Trustees agreed 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.

The case was submitted to the Ombudsman Service on 3 September 2021 but was still outstanding at the year-end.

Covid-19 also continued to have a significant impact on the activities of the Trust during 2021 with varying restrictions meaning the need to restrict visitor numbers and cancel a number of bookings (often at short notice) in place for Paranormal Groups who had arranged to hire the Mill for their events.

When open the Trust provided a Covid secure environment and strictly adhered to any 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 £17,231 during the year.

After the resignation of Peter George as a Trustee in October 2021, the Trust, having sought advice on value, added from him a small parcel of land together with an empty, disused wooden bungalow building to the Mill lease for a premium of £4250. This tidied up the land area held by the Trust and also gave an area where there is a potential future opportunity to create a property rental possibility (subject to any permissions and regulations) which would add to the Trust's income.

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 within Covid-19 restrictions. 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.

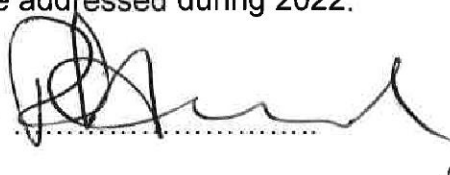
In terms of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 these show income virtually unchanged at £27068 (£27176). This figure reflects £17231 of Covid grants which were received and also that, despite the pandemic, the Trust was able to retain the rental income from the tearoom (£4375). Income from tours and activities was reduced at £4066 (£6657) which in part reflects the "panic buying" of flour in 2020 which produced income of £3720 compared to £1060 in 2021. Encouragingly, however, there was a small increase in overall visitor numbers to 538 (345 in 2020), although this still remained significantly before the pre-covid (and storm damage) 2019 figure of 1346.

In view of the various setbacks, the Trust continued to keep a tight rein on expenditure, and it is pleased to report that overall cash funds available for its charitable aims remained virtually unchanged at £15892 (£15380)

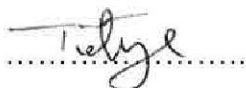
In summary, as at 31 December 2021 the Trust's financial position remains virtually unchanged from the previous year and the Trustees remain confident that if the insurance situation can be resolved, the Trust can then begin to get back to the situation envisaged pre-covid of beginning to look at long-term plans to preserve the Mill.

There are certainly still challenges ahead, not least the need to seek new volunteers and Trustees (as there are now only the minimum required under the Trust Deed) and this is an area to be addressed during 2022.

David Hollyhead Chair



Trevor Edge Treasurer and Secretary



28.7.2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Daniels Mill Trust

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2021

To

31/12/2021

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	4,066	-	-	4,066	# 6,657
Donations	285	-	-	285	2,687
Covid Grants	17,231	-	-	17,231	11,334
Hire of Mill	-	-	-	-	250
Rental receipts	4,375	-	-	4,375	4,864
Light & heat recharges	1,111	-	-	1,111	1,384
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,068	-	-	27,068	27,176
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,068	-	-	27,068	27,176
A3 Payments					
Insurance	3,161	-	-	3,161	3,109
Repairs and Maintenance	1,476	-	-	1,476	# 2,671
Website & Advertising	75	-	-	75	-
Telephone & Internet	605	-	-	605	679
Wheat & Flour	243	-	-	243	1,488
Light & Heat	1,954	-	-	1,954	3,197
General Expenses	1,156	-	-	1,156	# 1,035
Lease Premium re bungalow	4,250	-	-	4,250	-
Legal fees	13,636	-	-	13,636	6,858
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,556	-	-	26,556	19,037
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,556	-	-	26,556	19,037
Net of receipts/(payments)	512	-	-	512	8,139
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,380	-	-	15,380	# 7,241
Cash funds this year end	15,892	-	-	15,892	15,380

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	15,812	-	-
	Cash in Hand	80	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,892	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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
		DAVID HOLLYHEAD	28/07/2022	
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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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Daniels Mill Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

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 31/12/2021.

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: 28/07/2022

Name:

ROGER CORKE

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

Now retired – former FFA member

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