

**Trustees' Annual Report for Alford Corn Exchange Community Group (Charity No. 1154929) for the period 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023**

<b>Charity Name:</b>	Alford Corn Exchange Community Group
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1154929
<b>Charity Principal Address:</b>	Alford Corn Exchange, 9 Market Place, Alford, Lincolnshire, LN13 9EB
<b>Trustees:</b>	Harry Dewick-Eisele, Andy Taylor, Janice McHamilton, Nick O'Farrell, John Hynes, Neil Calvert, Lizzie Arrowsmith, Lucy Iaquaniello, Denver Husband, June Husband and Michael Vickers
<b>Type of governing document:</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation with Constitution adopted 10.04.2013

Trustees are appointed (or re-appointed) annually at the AGM.

**Objectives:**

*"To further or benefit the residents of Alford and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.*

*In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:*

*To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre at the historic Alford Corn Exchange and to maintain and manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the preservation, maintenance and management of the building for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects."*

**Summary of Development**

2022-2023 has been an exceptionally busy year for the Corn Exchange as public confidence has grown to socialise following the pandemic. The building is used for a wide variety of events including weekly ones – a community café, bingo evening, indoor bowling, a line dancing group, a Zumba class and a yoga class. The monthly tea dance also remains very popular with people travelling from other parts of Lincolnshire (as well as locally) to participate.

Similarly, the Corn Exchange has had many "one off" events during the year including community hot lunches, the annual community Christmas lunch, youth art events (several held per year) charity quiz nights, various fund raising events as well as parties for both children and adults. The Craft Markets are held every year at Easter and Christmas and the hall has proved popular for music events, "sound baths" and wellbeing events. Hirers have the opportunity to use the bar area, the main hall or the upstairs balcony room (or all three).

The 1940s weekend has established itself as one of the town's main annual events and the Corn Exchange is used throughout this weekend holding dances, a busy café and hosting other entertainment.

In addition to the above, the Corn Exchange has established a “niche” for funeral teas which, along with the many varied other events, brings a healthy income stream to the Corn Exchange. The Trustees are very pleased with the wide variety and volume of events that have taken place which is reflected by the additional time that our appointed Manager has spent at the premises overseeing matters.

The Trustees hope that the building can continue to be used in the way that it is in accordance with the charity’s objectives.

### **Financial Review:**

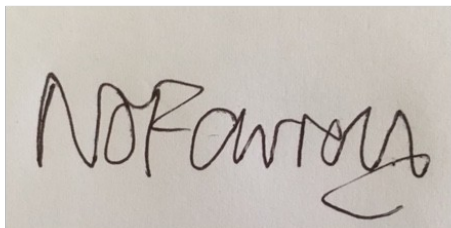
The Trustees are very mindful of their responsibilities – in particular, in respect of the charity’s finances. A bookkeeper assists with the finances and liaises closely with the Manager and Trustees. All payments made by the Corn Exchange are authorised by one of the appointed Trustees approved by our charity’s Bankers and financial policies are reviewed regularly and updated as necessary. Financial updates are provided at our monthly Trustee meetings and prudent financial management continues to be carried out and remains at the heart of all decisions taken by the Trustees.

### **Declaration:**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees’ Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity’s Trustees

Signature:

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored piece of paper. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and appears to read 'N O'Farrell'.

Full name: Nicholas O’Farrell  
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Alford Corn Exchange Community Group

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# Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	4,033	-	-	4,033	21,600
General Sales	51,483	-	-	51,483	42,068
Bank interest	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>55,536</b>	-	-	<b>55,536</b>	<b>63,668</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Bar Float	-	-	-	-	80
Café Float	-	-	-	-	80
Other event float	-	-	-	-	80
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>240</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,536</b>	-	-	<b>55,536</b>	<b>63,898</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
General Purchases	24,424	-	-	24,424	20,481
Advertising	666	-	-	666	344
Staff Salaries	11,133	-	-	11,133	10,806
Management	-	-	-	-	457
Utilities	6,478	-	-	6,478	5,321
Licences	1,263	-	-	1,263	250
Office Supplies	879	-	-	879	-
Accountancy & Audit costs	295	-	-	295	334
Consultancy/Professional Fees	1,125	-	-	1,125	638
Equipment Hire	1,918	-	-	1,918	1,684
Repairs & Renewals	3,267	-	-	3,267	3,805
Cleaning & Laundry	3,192	-	-	3,192	1,236
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	54
Insurance	1,489	-	-	1,489	-
Training costs	80	-	-	80	-
Bad debt write off	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>56,189</b>	-	-	<b>56,189</b>	<b>45,190</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see table)</b>					
Office Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,134
Furniture & Fixtures	-	-	-	-	4,098
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>5,232</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>56,189</b>	-	-	<b>56,189</b>	<b>50,422</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>653</b>	-	-	<b>653</b>	<b>13,476</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>32,547</b>	-	-	<b>32,547</b>	<b>19,071</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>31,894</b>	-	-	<b>31,894</b>	<b>32,647</b>

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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
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Charity Name

ALFORD CORN EXCHANGE CHARITY GROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no  
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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 31/03/2023.

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:

J. Cooper

Date:

10th August '23

Name:

J. COOPER BSc Dip (Open)

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

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