



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

ALFORD CORIO EXCHANGE COMMUNITY GROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/24

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(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 DD/MM/YYYY.

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
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the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
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Signed:

deeper

Date:

5/9/24

Name:

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period	Period start date	To	Period end date
from	01/04/2023		31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	16,083		-	16,083	4,033
General Sales	59,798	-	-	59,798	51,483
Bank Interest	161	-	-	161	20
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,042	-	-	76,042	55,536

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

Bar Float				-	-
Café Float				-	-
Other event float				-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,042	-	-	76,042	55,536

A3 Payments

General Purchases	29,152	-	-	29,152	24,424
Advertising	228	-	-	228	666
Staff Salaries		-	-	-	11,133
Management	8,681	-	-	8,681	
Utilities	9,343	-	-	9,343	6,478
Licences	1,410	-	-	1,410	1,263
Office Supplies	1,207	-	-	1,207	879
Accountancy & Audit costs	389	-	-	389	295
Consultancy/Professional Fees	195	-	-	195	1,125
Equipment Hire	2,127	-	-	2,127	1,918
Repairs & Renewals	16,819	-	-	16,819	3,267
Cleaning & Laundry	8,429	-	-	8,429	3,192
Subscriptions	90	-	-	90	
Insurance	1,788	-	-	1,788	1,489
Training costs	150	-	-	150	60
Bad debt write off		-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	80,008	-	-	80,008	56,189

A4 Asset and investment

purchases. (see table)

Office Equipment		-	-	-	
Furniture & Fixtures		-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	80,008	-	-	80,008	56,189

Net of receipts/(payments)

A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	653
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,894	-	-	31,894	32,547
Cash funds this year end	27,928	-	-	27,928	31,894

ALFORD CORN EXCHANGE
BANK RECONCILIATION
as at 31/03/2024

Current Account	16,922.93
Bank Reserves Account	10,126.38
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Trustees' Annual Report for Alford Corn Exchange Community Group (Charity No. 1154929) for the period 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024

Charity Name:	Alford Corn Exchange Community Group
Registered Charity Number:	1154929
Charity Principal Address:	Alford Corn Exchange, 9 Market Place, Alford, Lincolnshire, LN13 9EB
Trustees:	Harry Dewick-Eisele, Andy Taylor, Janice McHamilton, Nick O'Farrell, John Hynes, Neil Calvert, Lucy Iaquaniello, Denver Husband, June Husband and Michael Vickers
Type of governing document:	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

2023-2024 has been another busy year for the Corn Exchange as public confidence to socialise continues to grow 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 and Zumba classes. 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 continues to have many "one off" events 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 hall is also essential for a number of important local events including Elections, consultancies on a number of new infrastructure projects in the area and the annual town council meeting

A major improvement this year has been the addition of acoustic wall panels which have improved the sound clarity in the main hall with positive responses from all users. We are securing our reputation as the area's premier concert venue with increased music and theatrical events.

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 are confident 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 handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NO'Farrell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Full name: Nicholas O'Farrell
Date: ...10th January 2025.....