



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From. **1.11.23** Period start date. To **31.10.24** Period end date

Charity name: Alford Focal Point

Charity registration number: 1162899

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To establish and operate a community library for Alford in conjunction with Lincolnshire County Council and their agents and Alford Town Council. To create a community resource centre to enhance the promotion of education and social welfare within the community.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The operation of the community library for at least 12 hours each week. Free hire of the library area for community groups, including Alford Town Promotions, music appreciation, bridge club, book club, war games, mahjong, men's group and ladies group. The space is also used as a warm spot for the elderly and vulnerable within the community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have paid due regard to it in managing its activities throughout the period of this report.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Regular opening of the library in partnership with GLL, Lincolnshire County Council and Alford Town Council. Recruitment and training of volunteers to run the library. Increased usage of the library space by community groups. Activities for children, including story times and craft groups.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity will aim to have in reserve such amount as is required to ensure continued operation for up to 18 months. This will ensure that in the event of loosing our annual grant there will be sufficient time to apply for other grants. The refurbishment of the library will have to be funded by our reserve fund.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£77,080.70
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation Model Constitution as filed with the Charity Commission.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more	Para 1.25	By existing trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Alford Focal Point
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1162899
Charity's principal address	6 South Market Place Alford Lincs. LN13 9AF

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Elizabeth Graham	Chair and volunteer co-ordinator		
2	Victoria Louise Hynes	Vice Chair		
3	Lucy Lequaniello	Secretary		
4	Kerry Culley	Treasurer		
5	Richard Quantrell			
6	Andy Taylor			
7	Alan Whitcomb			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

E. G. Ramm

Full name(s)

Elizabeth Graham Ramm

Elizabeth Graham Ramm

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

4/05/2025

Alford Focal Point - Statement of Account For the end of year to 31 October 24

Financial Year 1 Nov 2023 - 31 Oct 2024

Income		
Grants	£5,167.00	
Monies from library services	£339.60	
Transfer to expense account	£122.45	
Bank Interest	£282.68	
Book Club	£80.00	
Total Income	£5,991.73	
Expenditure		
Business rates	£180.64	
Insurances	£1,849.91	
TV licence	£171.25	
other licences	£154.80	
Photocopier rental	£32.65	
Printing and stationery	£40.27	
activities	£169.38	
Cleaning & sundries	£392.80	
professional fees	£163.42	
repairs and refurb	£107.98	
Total Expenditure	£3,263.10	
Opening Balance c/f from previous year		£74,352.07
Plus income	£5,991.73	
Minus Outgoings	£3,263.10	
Closing Balance 31 Oct 2024		£77,080.70
Bank Balance as at 31 Oct 2024		£77,058.68
Unity Trust Current Account	£9,776.00	
Unity Trust Savings Account	£67,282.68	
(minus unrepresented chqs 199 & 200. £107.98	-£107.98	

plus cash desposit paid in 08.11.24 £130	130	£77,080.70
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These figures include the following reserves:

replacement windows £20,000

replacement heating £10,000

Accounts to my knowledge are complete and correct;

Signed: K Culley

Dated: 24.11.2024