



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Charity name: **ABF Charitable Trust**

Charity registration number: **1170155**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Distribution of funds to charitable causes in the Alton area, per the constitution
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	Funds are received from the Alton Beer Festival events. These funds are then distributed by ABF Charitable Trust.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, confirmed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Yes, formal grant award policy in place.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable, no investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers contribute time only.
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	<p>The charity has awarded grants to 9 recipients during the year.</p> <p>Each award was based on a written application, requiring a showing of need in the local area.</p> <p>Each application is judged against our grant policy and is primarily for a tangible item of expenditure.</p> <p>Some awards pay for training and counselling, which then yields benefits within the community.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Met. We request proof of appropriate expenditure consist with award from all recipients. Impact monitored, objectives met.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Activities that raised the funds are via a separate entity.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Note that the charity receives money from Alton Beer Festivals and distributes this to charitable causes in the Alton area, in accordance with its Constitution.</p> <p>The Alton Beer Festivals team held one event in April 2023, and distributed proceeds totalling £9,055.05 in the form of a donation to the charity. The charity then distributed £4,626.00 to grant recipients.</p> <p>The charity has no other assets, liabilities or reserves.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not hold a reserve. It should be noted that a £25 float is held in the TSB bank account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We do not hold a reserve. It should be noted that a £25 float is held in the TSB bank account.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	There is no requirement to hold any reserves. The charity aims to distribute all the money it receives in the year of receipt, in order to benefit the community as soon as possible.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no deficits.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>Any uncertainties flow from the continuation of Alton Beer Festivals. One festival was held during the 2023-24 reporting year; two festivals are planned for 2024-25.</p> <p>The charity will continue for as long as the Alton Beer festival is in existence.</p>

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	All of the charity's income is from donations from Alton Beer Festivals, a separate entity.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	There are no investments.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Principal risks arise from the continuation of Alton Beer Festivals.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO (foundation)
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 trustees	Para 1.25	Following a skills audit, six trustees formed this CIO. One trustee, Neil Sutherland, is completely uninvolved with the Alton Beer Festivals, ensuring objectivity. The other trustees range in professional backgrounds and areas of expertise.

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	None to date. All trustees are founding trustees with none expressing an intention to retire.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity exists and functions completely independently from any other organisations, except for Alton Beer Festivals, see below.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Alton Beer Festivals volunteers aim to put on two events each year, donating all profits to the charity (in the absence of the coronavirus pandemic). That is the only relationship with any other party.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	ABF Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1170155
Charity's principal address	Fairways Old Odiham Road Alton GU34 4BU

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Louise Parker	Chair	Entire year	
2	Neil Sutherland	Treasurer	Entire year	
3	Lisa Hillan	Secretary	Entire year	
4	Nigel Hoppitt		Entire year	
5	Frank Norris		Entire year	
6	Andy Rickards		Entire year	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		



Funds Held as Custodian Trustees on Behalf of Others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signatures		
Full names	LOUISE CAROL PARKER	NEIL ROBERT SUTHERLAND
	Louise Parker, Chair	Neil Sutherland, Treasurer
Date	19 August 2024	



Alton Beer Festival

Drinking for Local Charities since 2002



ABF Charitable Trust

Statement of Accounts: 1 April 2023 through 31 March 2024

Income: Donations received from Alton Beer Festival events

Opening Balance – 1 st April 2023	£7,879.22
Income – donations received from Alton Beer Festival events	£9,055.05
Grant awards – breakdown below	£4,626.00
Closing Balance – 31 st March 2024	£12,308.27

Recipients of Grant Awards between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024:

Recipient	Status	Requested	Grant Amount
Amery Hill School Academy Trust	Charity	Spring 2023	£450.00
B.P.	Private Individual	Spring 2023	£750.00
Alton Local Food Initiative	Charity	Summer 2022	£124.00
Anstey Junior School PTA	Charity	Spring 2023	£500.00
The Kings Arms Name Youth Project	Charity	Spring 2023	£703.00
Alton Climate Action Network	Charity	Spring 2023	£599.00
Broadlands Riding for the Disabled	Charity	Spring 2023	£500.00
Manor Colts Football Club	Youth Sports Organisation	Spring 2023	£500.00
HCC – for Andrews' Endowed School	Local Authority Primary School	Spring 2023	£500.00