



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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	<b>Distribution of funds to charitable causes in the Alton area, per the constitution</b>
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	<b>Funds are received from the Alton Beer Festival events. These funds are then distributed by ABF Charitable Trust.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>Yes, confirmed.</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>Yes, formal grant award policy in place.</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>Not applicable, no investments.</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>Volunteers contribute time only.</b>
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><b>The charity has awarded grants to 6 recipients during the year.</b></p> <p><b>Each award was based on a written application, requiring a showing of need in the local area.</b></p> <p><b>Each application is judged against our grant policy and is primarily for a tangible item of expenditure.</b></p> <p><b>Some awards pay for training and counselling, which then yields benefits within the community.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>The Alton Beer Festivals team held two events during 2024, one in April and one in November, and distributed proceeds in the amounts of £9500 and £9483 respectively, totalling £18,983.90 in the form of donations to the charity. The charity then distributed £6,173 to grant recipients.</b></p>
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		<b>The charity has no other assets, liabilities or reserves.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p><b>We do not hold a reserve. It should be noted that a £25 float is held in the TSB bank account.</b></p> <p><b>The funds remaining in our account do not constitute a reserve. They are funds waiting to be awarded and/or disbursed. (During the next reporting period, numerous grants have been awarded against this balance.)</b></p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>We do not hold a reserve. It should be noted that a £25 float is held in the TSB bank account.</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>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.</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>There are no deficits.</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p><b>Any uncertainties would flow from the continuation of Alton Beer Festivals. The festivals continue to be well attended, serving as popular fixtures in the community.</b></p> <p><b>The charity will continue for as long as the Alton Beer festival is in existence.</b></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	<b>All of the charity's income is from donations from Alton Beer Festivals, a separate entity.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>There are no investments.</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>Principal risks arise from the continuation of Alton Beer Festivals.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO (foundation)</b>
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	<b>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.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>None to date. Other than Neil Sutherland, who was a founding trustee, all trustees have been involved as volunteers and have received informal induction training.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>The charity exists and functions completely independently from any other organisations, except for Alton Beer Festivals, see below.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>The Alton Beer Festivals volunteers aim to put on one event each year, donating all profits to the charity. That is the only relationship with any other party.</b>

## 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		


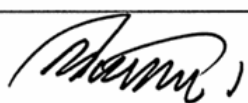
### Funds Held as Custodian Trustees on Behalf of Others

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

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Louise Parker	Neil Sutherland
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	



# Alton Beer Festival

Drinking for Local Charities since 2002



## ABF Charitable Trust

Statement of Accounts: 1 April 2024 through 31 March 2025

Income: Donations received from Alton Beer Festival events

Opening Balance – 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	£12,308.27
Income – donation received from Alton Beer Festival Spring 2024	£9,500.90
Income – donation received from Alton Beer Festival Autumn 2024	£9,483.00
Grant awards – breakdown below	£6,173.00
Closing Balance – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	<b>£25,119.17</b>

Recipients of Grant Awards between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025:

Recipient	Status	Requested	Grant Amount
Dogs for Autism	Charity	Spring 2024	£2,000.00
Manor Colts Football Club	Youth Sports Organisation	Spring 2024	£500.00
Broadlands RDA	Charity	Spring 2024	£1,500.00
Holybourne Theatre	Charity	Spring 2024	£673.00
Hampshire County Council – for Andrews' Endowed School	Local Authority Primary School	Spring 2024	£500.00
M.W.	Private Individual	Autumn 2024	£1,000.00