

THE ABBOTSKERSWELL BEER AND FOOD FESTIVAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1171953

Details

Other names ABBFEST

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:-TO FURTHER SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES (CHARITABLE UNDER ENGLISH LAW) IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PARISH OF ABBOTSKERSWELL AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS AND OTHER DONATIONS TO CHARITIES AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Activities: The promotion and execution of the annual (September) Abbotskerswell Beer, Food and Music Festival

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£92,020	£81,808	-	-
2023-12-31	£87,287	£76,911	-	-
2022-12-31	£103,404	£78,083	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,966	£1,790	-	-
2020-12-31	£524	£3,714	-	-

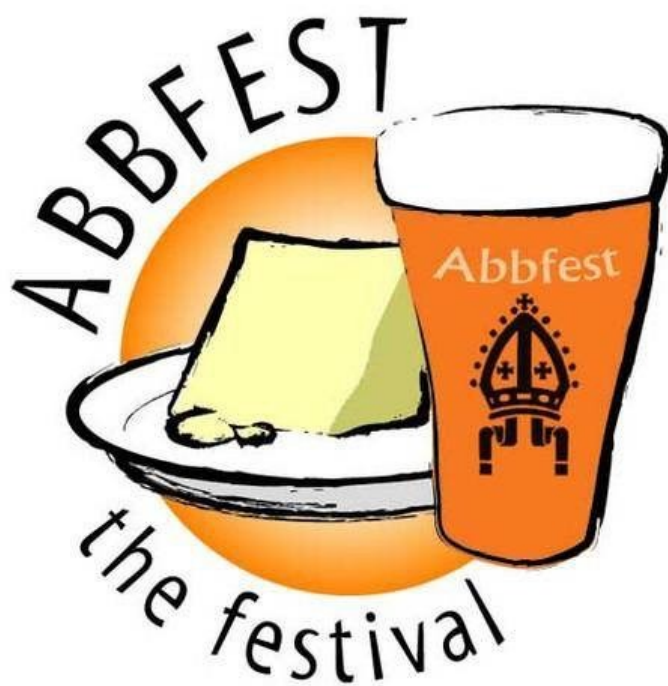
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID MUNDEN	Chair	2018-01-01
ANN DOWN		2018-01-01
Alison Elizabeth Peters		2025-02-10
Catherine Howard		2019-10-22
Trevor Richard Hardiman		2023-04-25

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The financial outcome of the 2024 Festival allowed the Charity to both top up its operating reserves to preserve the event for future years, and generated enough surplus for "thank you" payments to be made to those organisations and volunteers that work tirelessly to support the event.

At year end 31.12.2024 the CIO funds stood at:

Cooperative Bank account: £12,953.58

Investment fund: £13,757.06

Festival surplus to be distributed: £10,790

Of which all was distributed via Thank You payments prior to year end: £10,790

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees of the Abbotskerswell Food and Beer Festival are:

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Treasurers' comments

Abbfest 2024 was financially a little bit of a disappointment with the surplus not achieving what we had hoped for. Bad weather didn't help sales and attendees numbers but we must ask ourselves is Abbfest the right model for what we are trying to achieve – which is to raise money for local charities and organisations. A surplus of circa £10k was achieved and distributed which is still a great amount of money but not as great as the budgeted surplus (£18k), however we all know how budgets react to real life events – such as rain, the cost of living crisis, local entertainment competition and general apathy.

On a cost exercise I think most flamboyant costs have been eliminated but we are seeing continued percentage increases in all costs. Beers and ciders costs are probably the exception with our representatives managing to gain sponsorships and price freezes on certain goods. There are areas where we strive to get value for money – we use social media advertising rather than radio advertising. We have removed the reliance on Tracmats and now have a supply of woodchip to stop cars getting bogged into the field.

We rely heavily on volunteers to run the festival and there is always a squeeze on the amount of goodwill we can eke out of everyone. All they receive for their efforts is a free polo or Tee shirt, which is actually a way of identifying them not necessarily rewarding them! If we paid for the staff on working on the festival **we would not survive.**

I know the trustees question the financial results of the festival on a yearly (if not monthly) basis to ensure it is worth it but not only does it bring in £10k for local charities and organisations it also generates an income into our local region of £82k – all spent in the Devon community!

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A *Independent Examiner's Report*

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Abbotskerswell Food and Beer Festival (Abbfest)

**On accounts for the year
ended** 31 December 2024

Charity no 1171953
(if any)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

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Date: 26 Nov 25

Signed: 
Jonathan Purvey
Management Accountant

Name: JONATHAN PURVEY ACMA

Professional qualification: Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: 32 Sleights Drive, WISBECH, Cambridgeshire, PE14 7BT

Income and Expenditure from the 2024 Festival

Income

Tickets	
Proms	£ 2,072.10
Friday	£ 3,539.02
Sat	£ 17,487.65
Sun	£ 1,223.73
Weekend	£ 2,305.85
Sponsorship	£ 13,200.00
Beer	£ 16,322.00
Post beer sales	£ 2,200.00
Cider	£ 12,158.00
Post cider sales	£ 135.00
wine sales	£ 6,292.33
Stall rental	£ 4,100.00
Raffle	£ 3,029.10
Donations	£ 133.04
Food stalls	£ 4,450.00
Glasses	£ 1,819.31
Bank Interest	£ 600.00
Dog fest	£ 953.00
Total income	£ 92,020.13

Expenditure

Beer	£ 11,034.69
Cider	£ 5,776.33
Wine	£ 3,147.84
Tickets	£ 21.00
Chefs Demo	£ 108.90
Advertising	£ 848.78
Facebook	£ 520.25
Misc	£ 159.61
Bands	£ 3,785.00
Sound system	£ 8,640.00
Sunday entertainment	£ 240.00
Buses	£ 4,785.00
Electric	£ 7,006.20
Security	£ 3,667.20
Insurance	£ 766.75
Finance costs	£ 178.80

Glasses	£ 2,241.00
Licence	£ 478.29
Marquee	£ 16,073.10
Ticket costs	£ 1,195.97
Medical	£ 1,146.70
Field	£ 1,655.00
Raffle	£ 212.00
Fencing	£ 1,131.92
loos	£ 4,344.00
signs	£ 264.00
Proms	£ 1,398.75
Stage	£ 530.00
Dogfest	£ 249.63
Beer tokens	£ 201.60
Total Expenditure	£ 81,808.31
Surplus/Deficit	£ 10,211.82
charity opener	£ 500.00
Amount for distribution	£ 9,711.82

Actual amount distributed £10,790 by year end

Assets as at 31 Dec 2024

CCLA Invest bank account. £13,757.06

COOP bank account. £12,953.58

Total Assets. £26,710.64

Risk Management

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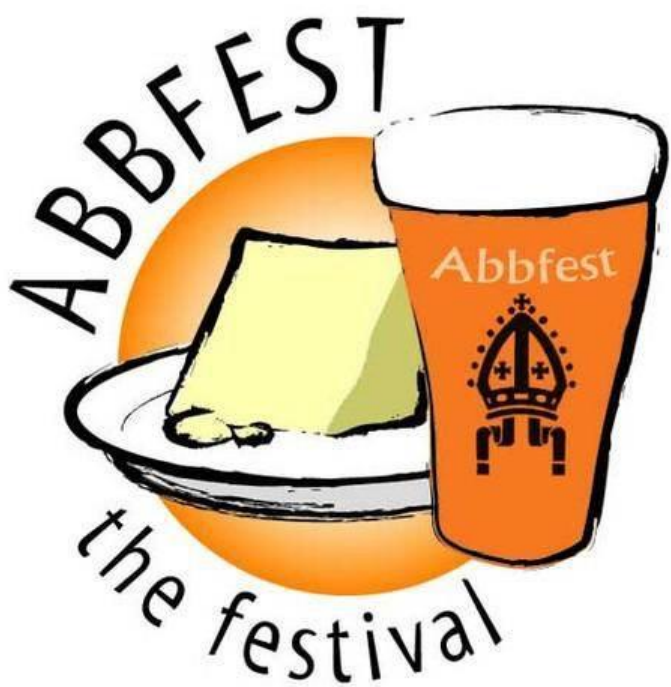
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At year end 31.12.2023 the CIO funds stood at:

Cooperative Bank account: £18661.19

Investment fund: £13086.57

Festival surplus to be distributed: £11,500

Of which:

Thank You payments: £7,500

Grants: £4,000

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Treasurers' comments

The headline income figure for the 2023 Festival was £87,287. The weather had a dramatic effect on the income which last year was £103,000.

Beer token sales were down from £41,000 to £32,500 even with an increase in price. In 2022 22,217 tokens were sold, whereas this year the figure was 16,118.

This year Sponsorship was hard going with an in year adjusted budget of £12,000 reached. A focus on sponsorship will be needed for next year.

The raffle once again surpassed expectations, well done to everyone involved.

The Pimms bar did well, with much better organisation this year. The Gin bar donated £710 profit to our income.

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Graham Higgins ACA

12 March 2025

Accounts

2023 Actuals

INCOME

Actual 2023

Ticket sales	25384
Token sales	32499.7
Soft drinks	416.1
Gin Bar profit share	710
Raffle	2750
Food and drink concessions	6700
sponsorship	12500
stalls	3485
Bank Interest	80
beer sales post event	1420
wine sales post event	100
Stillage sale	1
Comedy club income Thursday	1241
	£ 87,287

EXPENSES

ADMIN

Finance costs sumup machines 284.4

GLASSES AND STILLAGE

Glasses 164.92

LOOS

Loos 4094

GROUND

Marquee 14696

Scaffolding 700

Security 2880

Havills 8093.8

Rent of Field 1575

Fencing/barriers 795

ADVERTS,PUBLICITY & Printing

Advertising 3896.11

Banners 295

printing if not free 206.3

Beer Tokens 201.6

Comedy Night 952

LICENCES

Licences 91

Music licence 382

INSURANCE

Insurance	1553.59
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RAFFLE

Raffle Costs incl Prizes	210.5
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ENT AND CHEFS

Cookery Demos	121.57
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Bands	3640
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Sound System	6450
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Charity for opener	500
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BEER AND CIDER

Beer	10814.28
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Cider	5264.96
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PIMMS/WINE/SOFT

soft supplies	751.3
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Wine	1229.76
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BUSES

Buses	4450
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SHIRTS

T Shirts net of sponsorship	688.2
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KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday entertainment	398.4
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MEDICAL

Medical	964.5
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MISC

Misc	567.06
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Ticket refund	92.01
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TOTAL COSTS	£ 76,911
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SURPLUS BEFORE OTHER PAYMENTS	£ 10,376
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2023 Balance sheet**31/12/2023**

Co op bank	£ 18,661.19
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CCLA investment account	£ 13,086.57
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Total bank holdings	£ 31,747.76
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Cooperative Bank account: £20,069.48

NATWEST Bank Account: £6,038.37

Investment fund: £12,510.47

Festival surplus to be distributed: £13,912.88

Of which:

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Grants: £5,862.88

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Treasurers comments

The headline income figure was an amazing £103,404 this year. We did not perform quite as well as we hoped, with income down by £17k on the budget figure of £120k. The main contributor to this difference was lower ticket sales £9k, stalls £2.4k, drinks (which were related to ticket numbers)

£3.8k and glasses £6.2k. This year Sponsorship was very successful with the testing budget of £15k reached.

I shall engage with the Trustees and give my recommendations of how much funding should be retained for future years and this will then give them the figure which they will distribute to local charities and organisations.

This is my first year of wearing the Treasurer hat and it has been a challenge, not only because of the turmoil of my very hectic personal life, but trying to understand the nuances of the festival - behind the scenes, organising the bank accounts and the previous paperwork.

A surplus of £26,321 on the year is very commendable and whilst we did not hit the budget (mainly due to numbers attending) we should be very proud that we have raised such a large amount of money for local charities and community groups and secured the future of Abbfest for another year.

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20 November 2023

Income and Expenditure

INCOME

Actual

Ticket sales	£34,030
Beers sales	£21,618
Cider Sales	£11,793
glasses	£2,213
wine tasting	£60
wine sales	£3,553
Pimms sales	£3,632
Gin Bar profit share	£552
Raffle	£2,568
profit share food partners	£2,176
other income	£250
sponsorship	£15,100
stalls	£2,150
Donations	£43
Bank Interest	£80
beer sales post event	£1,920
Bingo	£450
Stillage sale	£1
Auction	£400
Comedy club net income Thursday	£815
	£ 103,404

EXPENSES

ADMIN

Finance costs (yapsody)	798
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GLASSES AND STILLAGE

Glasses	5,775
Stillage	360

LOOS

Loos	4,290
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GROUND

Marquee	12,112
Scaffolding	750
Security	3,247
Havills	6,695
Rent of Field	1,500
Fencing/barriers	509
flat bed lorry	300

ADVERTS,PUBLICITY & Printing

Advertising	1,296
Banners	392
Facebook	408
Video man	899
Programmes	835

Beer Tokens		168
Website		50
LICENCES		
Licences		101
INSURANCE		
Insurance		1,212
RAFFLE		
Raffle Costs incl Prizes		235
ENT AND CHEFS		
Cookery Demos		17
Bands		3,465
Sound System		6,155
Charity for opener music organiser fee		1,000
BEER AND CIDER		
Beer		11,031
Cider		5,442
PIMMS/WINE/SOFT		
soft supplies		634
Wine		1,529
BUSES		
Buses		3,500
SHIRTS		
T Shirts net of sponsorship		663
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT		
other kids stuff		520
MEDICAL		
Medical		968
MISC		
Misc		1,227
Ticket refund		12
TOTAL COSTS	£	78,083
SURPLUS BEFORE OTHER PAYMENTS	£	25,321
PROFIT SHARE PARTNERS		

Nat west Bank	£	6,038.37
Co op bank	£	16,880.48
CCLA investment account	£	12,537.13
Total bank holdings	£	35,455.98

The Abbotskerswell Food and Beer Festival (Abbfest)

Charity Number 1171953

Commentary on the Annual Report and Accounts

Abbfest is a Community Interest Organisation (CIO) which exists to further such charitable purposes (Charitable under English law) in the county of Devon, in particular but not limited to the parish of Abbotskerswell, as the Trustees see fit from time to time by the provision of grants and other donations to charities and other voluntary organisations.

Although it is not part of its legal charitable purpose, the Trustees have always regarded the holding of a successful community event as a major objective in delivering the purpose.

The Charity's funds are entirely raised through an annual Food & Beer Festival which is organised and run by a Management Committee fully staffed with volunteers. Whilst the Festival was badly hit during Covid as for two years running we were unable to hold the event, through good financial management and direction by the Festival Director and Treasurer, the Charity retained enough funds to allow for a full Festival to go ahead in 2022.

The financial outcome of the 2022 Festival allowed the Charity to both top up its operating reserves to preserve the event for future years, and generated enough surplus for grants and "thank you" payments to be made to those organisations and volunteers that work tirelessly to support the event.

At year end 31.12.2022 the CIO funds stood at:

Cooperative Bank account: £20,069.48

NATWEST Bank Account: £6,038.37

Investment fund: £12,510.47

Festival surplus to be distributed: £13,912.88

Of which:

Thank You payments: £6,800

Grants: £5,862.88

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees of the Abbotskerswell Food and Beer Festival are:

Amy Hedger

Chair

Catherine Howard

Secretary

Ann Down

Brian Mackness

David Munden

Trevor Hardiman

Charity Structure

Day to day and operational management of the Abbfest Festival is delegated to the Festival Director and Management Committee. The Festival Director and Treasurer are responsible for organising and delivering the annual Festival on time and within agreed budgets, ensuring the event is compliant with licencing and safety requirements.

The Trustees are ultimately responsible for the Charity's activities including:

- Purpose and strategy
- Our reputation and values
- How we meet our financial and statutory responsibilities

In particular the Trustees pay attention to:

- The performance of the Charity's fundraising activities
- How surplus is distributed and making sure we do this fairly
- Making sure the Charity and its activities are conducted fairly, responsibly and ethically.

All other elements of the running and operation of the Charity's activities are the responsibility of the Festival Director, Treasurer and Management Committee.

Key Management Committee members are:

Roy Blunt

Festival Director

Gary Wills

Treasurer

The Treasurer prepares the budget which is reviewed by the Trustees to ensure it is reasonable and realistic. The Treasurer then is responsible for all other matters of finance and accounting.

Treasurers comments

The headline income figure was an amazing £103,404 this year. We did not perform quite as well as we hoped, with income down by £17k on the budget figure of £120k. The main contributor to this difference was lower ticket sales £9k, stalls £2.4k, drinks (which were related to ticket numbers)

£3.8k and glasses £6.2k. This year Sponsorship was very successful with the testing budget of £15k reached.

I shall engage with the Trustees and give my recommendations of how much funding should be retained for future years and this will then give them the figure which they will distribute to local charities and organisations.

This is my first year of wearing the Treasurer hat and it has been a challenge, not only because of the turmoil of my very hectic personal life, but trying to understand the nuances of the festival - behind the scenes, organising the bank accounts and the previous paperwork.

A surplus of £26,321 on the year is very commendable and whilst we did not hit the budget (mainly due to numbers attending) we should be very proud that we have raised such a large amount of money for local charities and community groups and secured the future of Abbfest for another year.

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Risk Management

The Abbfest Charity activities throughout the year are minimal, and are centred around planning meetings in the months leading up to the event. Abbfest has in place an annual insurance policy which covers all volunteers and Trustees activities including Employers (Volunteers) Liability, Public Liability, Legal cover and Director's and Officers Liability.

For the "build up" and "delivery" phase of the event itself, the Management Committee prepares a comprehensive Risk Assessment taking into account the range of activities being undertaken on site.

The Management Committee also prepares an Event Management Plan which includes all activities from "build up" to "break down" and covers Health and Safety, Security, Capacity, Medical and Fire cover, traffic management plans, site layout and licencing requirements. This document is submitted to the Teignbridge District Council Licencing Authority and distributed via them to the Teignbridge Safety Advisory Group which includes Police, Fire, Ambulance, Licencing, Environmental Health and Highways. The document and plans require approval from all of the agencies noted, thus far we have not received any queries or concerns about how the event is run and managed.

For the Festival itself Abbfest also has a specific Event Insurance policy in place to cover the build up, event and break down period. This again includes Employers (Volunteers) and Public Liability cover.

Grant making and Thank You payments

Surplus generated by the Festival is distributed in the form of Grants and Thank You payments.

Thank You payments are made to those organisations that have provided volunteers to allow the event to be run effectively and safely. The Trustees operate a tiered system of payments to donate larger sums to those organisations that have provided the most help.

Grants are distributed to organisation who apply to the Trustees for payments. The Trustees do not make any Grant decisions based on whether an organisation has helped at the festival, each

application is reviewed on its own merit. The main focus of grants is to support charities local to Abbotskerswell, although the Trustees do consider applications from wider afield.

In delivering a successful community event, The Abbotskerswell Food and Beer Festival supports not only local producers and artists but provides an important source of funding to many local charities and good causes, who may struggle to survive without the funds we distribute to them.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and

content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Graham Higgins ACA

20 November 2023

THE ABBOTSKERSWELL BEER AND FOOD FESTIVAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1171953

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

THE ABBFEST BEER AND FOOD FESTIVAL 1171953

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The Trustees policy is to let the Management Committee, chaired by the Festival Director, manage the event once certain parameters have been set down by the Trustees, such as budget approval, limitations on the kinds of activities that may take place, and oversight of the key team leaders running the event. The Trustees meet regularly to ensure that they have an effective oversight of Abbfest activities and its finances.

Unfortunately for the second year running Abbfest was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Through the good housekeeping and contract negotiation of the Management Committee, the financial impact of cancellation was kept to a minimum with a relatively small loss due to deposits already paid and not refundable.

The Trustees and Management Committee are very much hoping that the festival will go ahead in 2022 and are extremely pleased that the core team of volunteers who run Abbfest have stayed committed and focused towards putting on a successful event.

We are happy that we have effective safeguarding, risk management and safety policies, and that the statutory authorities, such as licencing, fire and police, are involved and that their requirements are adhered to.

Amy Hedger
Secretary to the Trustees
February 2022.

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The Trustees and Management Committee are looking towards the possibility of the festival going ahead in 2021 and are therefore keeping a close eye on developments and government guidance.

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Amy Hedger
Secretary to the Trustees
March 2020.

ABBFEST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

Rounded to

INCOME

Sponsorship	£491.93
Interest	£32.55

£524.48

BALANCE SHEET

Bank Balance

Nat West	£10493.34
CFA	£12,414.53

12414.53

› nearest £1

EXPENDITURE

Licence	£80.50
Insurance	£112
Audit Fee	£54
Marquee	£3,000
Fridge Purchase	£80
Web site	£122.40
Domain Name	£20.72
Misc	£65
Exeter Cookery School	£180

£3,714.62

SUMMARY

Income
Expenditure

Deficit

Assets

Cash Bags	£10
Beer Taps	£1,500
Stillage	£250
First Aid Kit	£30
Wine Bar Stuff	£90
Coin Machine	£100
Jackets	£50
Safe	£25
Banners	£300
Beer Glasses	£200
Volunteer Stuff	£100

£2,655

£524.48

£3,714.62

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