

Stone Cross Mill Trust (SCMT)
AGM 6 April 2025 Chairs Report
Charity Registration No 1172798

The last year financial year proved to be very successful with a record level of visitors who enjoyed the home-made cakes, bread and scones.

The volunteers managed to undertake some milling during the year and produced very fine wholemeal flour sourced from locally grown grain.

The Trust were unable to participate in a Harvest Festival or Carol Service but this still did not deter visitors from touring the Windmill and enjoy the usual array of home-made cakes, scones and bread.

Members are very generous in donating extra money to support the Windmill and it is so refreshing to regularly welcome families and local residents. The Trust provided talks to local groups providing a further source of income.

Sadly, the Trust must report the death of Dave Picton who contributed to the fund raising and maintenance of the Windmill over many years. The Trust also sent condolences to his wife Hazel Picton.

Grants are becoming increasingly more difficult to access and any monies received help to ensure the longevity of the Windmill.

Due to increased postage and bank charges the Trust has increased membership money by a very small amount

The volunteer maintenance team has shrunk over the years due to age and arthritic joints but still meet every Monday morning at the Windmill and ensure that all parts of the building are kept in pristine working order.

A generous grant from Shepham Community Fund has been used to repair the wooden roof of the windmill (called the cap) which is currently leaking from the side adjacent to the sails. The leaking is due to rotten and deteriorated wooden cladding in the vicinity of the wind shaft and access hatch which needs to be replaced. There is an increasing risk of water damage to the insides of the windmill tower if the cause of the leaks is not promptly addressed.

Also a grant from Westham Parish Council enabled the annual replacement of shutters for the sweeps. Every year a number of wooden shutters need to be removed from the sweeps and replaced. This is because the shutters and associated thimble rails only last approximately five years in the elements before they become too rotten to use.

Each shutter is traditionally made from feather edged cedar planks and are required in two different lengths. Once the cedar planks are machined to cross section and size they then need to be treated with linseed oil and three coats of specialist oil-based paint. The component parts of each shutter are then assembled using stainless steel screws.

The Trust are grateful to the grants received from Shepham Community Fund and Westham Parish Council and has spent approximately £10,000 on the essential repairs.

Barbara Molog (Chair SCMT)

**STONE CROSS MILL TRUST REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1172798 ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR 1 MARCH 2024 – 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Membership	£ 296.00	Windmill repairs and maintenance	£ 9,553.61
100 Club	£ 300.00	Fixed charges utilities	£ 49.69
Donations	£ 433.00	Insurance	£ 700.00
Grants	£ 7,308.99	100 Club	£ 103.00
Sales & Fund Raising	£ 595.59	Purchases	£ 50.00
Other	£0	Subscriptions	£ 0
TOTAL	£ 8,933.58	TOTAL	£ 10,456.30
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		£1,522.72	

BANK ACCOUNTS	
MAIN ACCOUNT 4958 7511	£ 6,694.74
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT (grants) 4958 7529	£ 12,710.64
CCLA	£ 106.05
TOTAL	£ 19,511.43

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#I have examined the receipts and payments for Stone Cross Mill Trust for the year ending 28 February 2025 and certify that they are in accordance with all the information presented to me.

Signed

Honorary Auditor *D.M. Hallows* Date

Donna Hallows

Treasurer 

Date

A.A. Smith

Chair *Barbara Molog*

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