

GREAT CHISHILL WINDMILL TRUST CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1174572

Details

Other names GREAT CHISHILL WINDMILL TRUST LIMITED

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-09-08

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTIONAL HERITAGE OF THE GREAT CHISHILL WINDMILL AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF ITS HISTORY AND USE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A) REPAIRING, REFURBISHING AND RESTORING THE WINDMILL TO SOUND CONDITION AND WORKING ORDER; AND B) CONSERVING AND MAINTAINING THE RESTORED MILL AS A MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC;

Activities: To preserve the historical, architectural and constructional heritage of the Great Chishill Windmill and to advance the education of the public in all aspects of its history and use by: a/ repairing, refurbishing and restoring to sound condition and working order and, b/ conserving and maintaining the restored mill as a museum and heritage centre open to the public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire
- Essex
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£13,474	£8,479	-	-
2024-05-31	£11,899	£6,935	-	-
2023-05-31	£11,346	£4,859	-	-
2022-05-31	£12,334	£8,267	-	-
2021-05-31	£9,214	£7,192	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nigel Bradley Parslow	Chair	2022-06-27
Dr John Wahlich		2020-04-27
HAZEL ROSEMARY HAYDEN		2014-07-07
JEFFREY EDWARD GILL		2012-05-04
Neil Timothy Heywood		2023-06-23

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Trustees (as at 31 May 2025):

Nigel Parslow (Chair) (NP)
John Wahlich (Secretary) (JW)
Hazel Hayden (Treasurer) (HH)
Jeff Gill (JG)
Neil Heywood (NH)

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Management

Great Chishill Windmill Trust (GCWT) is managed by the Trustees through regular Trustee meetings and specific Trustee roles (Fundraising HH / JW), Guiding (NH), Technical (NP), and Finance (HH / JG)). Each of these Trustee roles is further supported by individuals from approximately 20 volunteers.

New Trustees are recruited based upon their interest and enthusiasm to support the objectives of the GCWT. Trustees are most usually individuals who live in a village close to

the windmill and who have been involved in GCWT activities for a number of years and hence are known to existing Trustees.

Activities / Fundraising in 2024 / 2025

GCWT organised or participated in several events in 2024 / 2025 for the purposes of fund raising and to publicise the windmill to the wider public. These included:

Organised snowdrop viewing (£1000 raised)

Guided tours every other Sunday between April and September (donations welcomed and these average approximately £200 / Sunday)

The GCWT received a grant from Great and Little Chishill Parish Council of £2,500.

The GCWT sells various windmill related merchandise and has a number of supporters who donate via standing orders.

Expenditure

In addition to various insurances, the GCWT has spent money on maintaining the windmill including site grass cutting, greasing the windmill workings and minor repairs and maintenance.

The GCWT updated its web site during this period.

The GCWT maintains a reserve fund in anticipation of future more significant costs to maintain the windmill.

Benefit of the GCWT activities

The GCWT objectives have been met during the year such that the windmill can be enjoyed by the public. In addition to enjoyment of the site (picnics, photography etc) the history, workmanship and historical aspects of the windmill have been shared.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

Income	£	
Donations Received	8402	
Sale of Merchandise	953	
Grants		
Gt. & Lt. Chishill Parish Council	2500	
Gift Aid Received	1619	
Total Income	13474	£13474
Less: Expenses		
Restoration Costs	1386	
Minor Repairs and Maintenance	323	
Insurance	629	
Purchases	3592	
Web Design	2516	
Bank Charges	33	
Total Expenses	(8479)	(£ 8479)
Net Income for the Year		£ 4995

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David McKeown (elected 11 December 2023) (DMcK)

Bob Hatt (resigned 4 October 2023)

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Stall at Christmas Craft Fair (£393 raised)

Organised snowdrop viewing (£1000 raised)

Guided tours every other Sunday between April and September (donations welcomed and these average approximately £100 / Sunday)

The GCWT received a grant from Great and Little Chishill Parish Council of £2,500 and from South Cambridgeshire Community Chest (to provide an additional picnic table) of £2,000

The GCWT sells various windmill related merchandise and has a number of supporters who donate via standing orders.

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Income	£	
Donations Received	4754	
Sale of Merchandise	777	
Grants		
Gt. & Lt. Chishill Parish Council	2500	
S. Cambs Community Chest	2000	
Gift Aid Received	1868	
Total Income	11899	£11899
Less: Expenses		
Restoration Costs	-	
Minor Repairs and Maintenance	1518	
Insurance	1031	
Purchases	2415	
Total Expenses	(4964)	
£(4964)		
Net Income for the Year		£ 6935

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Hazel Hayden (Treasurer) (HH)
Nigel Parslow (elected 27 June 2022) (NP)
Neil Heywood (elected 23 June 2023) (NH)
David McKeown (resigned August 2022 and re-elected 11 December 2023)
(DMcK)

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Activities / Fundraising in 2022 / 2023

GCWT organised or participated in a number of events in 2022 / 2023 for the purposes of fund raising and to publicise the windmill to the wider public. These included:

Stall at Christmas Craft Fair (£900 raised)

Organised snowdrop viewing (£900 raised)

Quiz night (£500 raised)

Guided tours every other Sunday between April and September (donations welcomed and these average approximately £100 / Sunday)

The GCWT received a grant from Heydon Parish Council of £100.

The GCWT sells various windmill related merchandise and has a number of supporters who donate via standing orders.

Expenditure

In addition to various insurances the GCWT has spent money on maintaining the windmill including site grass cutting, greasing the windmill workings and washing the mill. The GCWT invested in such items as hard hats, signage and fire extinguishers to protect individuals visiting the mill.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

Income	£	
Donations Received	7278	
Sale of Merchandise	2647	
Grants		
Heydon Parish Council	100	
Gift Aid Received	<u>1321</u>	
Total Income	11346	£11346
Less: Expenses		
Restoration Costs	-	
Minor Repairs and Maintenance	830	
Insurance	1641	
Purchases	<u>2388</u>	—
Total Expenses	(4859)	£(4859)
Net income for the Year		£ 6487

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Report to GLCPC of the Activities of the Windmill Trust

May 2022

The Windmill Trust remains in good shape and has a carefully managed fund to address the ongoing routine maintenance and future expenditure.

In 2021, the restoration of the self-winding tail assembly was completed. It was proposed to let the mill begin automatic turning into wind on July 4th 2021 with a celebratory gathering that was dubbed 'Windependence Day'. As Covid restrictions on the allowed size of gatherings were still in place, this was postponed until August 15th. This was a most uplifting village event attended by young and old who were entertained by live music and supplied with a picnic to enjoy in the sun. Visitors could take guided tours of the inside of the mill and the highlight of the afternoon was the release of the fantail that drove the mill gently into wind. It has continued to do so ever since, and the intention is to keep it maintained so that this is its permanent state.

Since then, the small number of finishing touches and alterations required to complete the restoration to a sustainable level have been only slowly approached and some still remain, though we are promised that this month will see their conclusion.

Our current main objective is to keep the mill in good order both mechanically and in appearance. To this end, we have contracts with a gardener (Peter Johnson) and our millwright (Bill Griffiths) that has them attending site on a regular basis. We are also planning regular cleaning and repainting and are building our maintenance fund accordingly. The grant from the Parish Council is greatly appreciated as contributing significantly to this fund and we all thank you very much for your support.

We are also slowly building a 'sinking fund' to provide financial cover for the inevitable large repairs that will occur and are having discussions on future possible projects, including potentially working sails and stones and even an expansion of the site to accommodate toilet and refreshment facilities.

We love to show our windmill to visitors, in fact it was a condition of the Historic England grant that we should. We have a small visits team and have set up a series of open days, but we do need more volunteer guides. The windmill is also frequently photographed, and we are collecting a fine gallery of images, many of which are shown on our website. We completed a history of the restoration, including numerous work-in-progress photos and have lodged this with National Mills Archive where it is available for study and research.

On a personal note, I should like to thank my fellow Trustees, Jeff Gill, Bob Hatt, Hazel Hayden and John Wahlich, our regular and occasional committee members and all other villagers who have helped in our project over the past eight years. I am about to move to new horizons but will never forget that of the windmill on a hill!

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

Income	£	
Donations Received	5588	
Sale of Merchandise	506	
Grants		
Barley Parish Council	250	
Great Chishill Parish Council	5000	
Gift Aid Received	<u>990</u>	
Total Income	12334	£12334
Less: Expenses		
Restoration Costs	6084	
Minor Repairs and Maintenance	1396	
Insurance	-	
Purchases	<u>787</u>	
Total Expenses	(8267)	£(8267)
Net income for the Year		£ 4067

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Great Chishill Windmill Trust CIO (The Trust)

Chairman and Trustees' Report - Year to 31st May 2021

The past year has raised very specific issues for the Trust but it has come through strongly and is in a good position to face its future.

Lockdown and non-availability of materials severely curtailed restoration work but a significant achievement was made when, in September, the millwright successfully tested the wind-driven tail mechanism that will turn the mill to wind automatically. Progress towards completion of the tail restoration and subsequent safety assessment of its operation has, however, been slow. It is now forecast to be completed during Summer 2021. Finances are in place to see through the final stages of the current restoration project.

Throughout the year restricted travel and social distancing requirements have taken a toll on visitor numbers and consequently income. Nonetheless, occasional guided tours of the property have been conducted yielding encouraging donations. The siting of a donations box for casual visitors has also given a steady flow, albeit it small at present. Both give hope that as leisure activity increases in the future, donations from visitors can be grown into a significant source of income.

The current aim of the Trust is to create a sustainable income stream to cover recurring costs such as insurance, site maintenance and structural repairs. This is progressing well with an annual grant from the Parish Council and standing order regular donations currently giving more than £4,000 pa. Merchandising, sale of apple juice and other initiatives add significantly to this figure and will become more important as coronavirus restrictions reduce.

The Trustees are grateful for the continuing support of villagers and Friends of the Windmill and I, as Chairman, would like to add my personal thanks to my fellow Trustees and Committee Members for their support, efforts and enthusiasm throughout this year's strange circumstances. I remain confident that the Trust will continue to meet its aim of preserving the windmill and making it available to the public for the foreseeable future.

David McKeown
Chairman

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

Income	£	
Donations Received	4214	
Sale of Merchandise	378	
Grants		
S.C.D.C. Community Chest	1000	
Great Chishill Parish Council	2500	
Gift Aid Received	<u>1122</u>	
Total Income	9214	£9,214
Less: Expenses		
Restoration Costs	4710	
Minor Repairs and Maintenance	672	
Insurance	1429	
Purchases	<u>381</u>	
Total Expenses	7192	£(7192)
Net income for the Year		£2022