

GREAT CHISHILL WINDMILL TRUST CIO

Registered Charity No. 1174572

Annual Return 2024 /2025 (year end 31 May 2025)

Registered address

4 Heydon Road,
Great Chishill
Royston,
Herts
SG8 8SR

Trustees (as at 31 May 2025):

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

Objects

The objects of the CIO are:

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.

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