



**Alrewas and District Agricultural and
Horticultural Society**

Charity Number: 1178661

**Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the Period
1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023**

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Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

Name(s): Alrewas and District Agricultural and Horticultural Society

Number: 1178661

Address: c/o Mr David Johnson, 77 Main Street, Alrewas, Burton on Trent DE13 7AE

Names of Trustees for the Charity

Richard Kirkland	Chairman
David Johnson	Honorary Show Director
Pat Green	Honorary Secretary
Kevin Wilkinson	Honorary Treasurer
Nicholas Kilford	Honorary Governance Officer
Clifford Green	Until 20 September 2023
Tessa Allin	
Matthew Clive	
Colin Cox	
Mandy Brassington	
Mary Stanbrook	
Lynne Mason	Until 1 August 2023
Peter Ralley	
Carol Wedgbury	
Ian Kirkland	
Robert Paul	
Shirley Paul	
Mark Paul	
Claire Paul	
Tina Startin	
Neale McLaughlin	
Katie Sparkes	
Antony Coates	
Samantha Johns	
Stuart Nokes	Appointed 7 February 2023
Claire Bell	Appointed 7 February 2023

Names & Addresses of Advisors

The Society's Bankers are: -

NatWest Bank, 47 Market Street, Lichfield WS13 6LE

Virgin Money, Jubilee house, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4PL

The Independent Examiner is:

Debbie Wellcomme BA (Hons), (FMAAT)

Support Staffordshire, Stafford Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford, Staffordshire ST16 3AQ

Structure, Governance & Management

Type of Governing Document:

Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted:

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection Methods:

New Trustees join the Board of Trustees by invitation of the Board and subject to their nomination being approved by a majority of the Trustees at a meeting of the Board.

Trustees appointed by the Board are required to retire at the first Annual General Meeting following their appointment and offer themselves for election.

At every annual general meeting one third of the trustees are required to retire by rotation. The Trustees retiring each year are those who have served the longest since the date of their appointment or last re-appointment.

How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained:

On or before the date of their appointment all new Trustees are provided with an up-to-date copy of the Society's constitution together with a copy of the latest Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Objects

The objects of the Society are to promote improvement in the breeding and rearing of livestock, the invention and improvement of agricultural and horticultural implements and the encouragement of skill and industry in agriculture and horticulture in Alrewas, Staffordshire and surrounding communities by holding an annual show, or by such other means as the Trustees may determine.

Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Executive Summary

In July 2023 the Society held its annual show. This was well attended with takings on the gate the second highest in the Society's history, and only surpassed by the 2022 show which saw record numbers following the Covid-19 pandemic. During the year the Society entered into an agreement for the regular hire of the Show Field, an arrangement which is expected to be ongoing.

Activities, Achievements & Performance

The Annual Show was held on Saturday 15th July 2023. It was a day of very mixed weather with several heavy showers which undoubtedly impacted upon the numbers attending, the extreme rain on the Friday before the Show having caused a lot of cancellations and saturated the ground. Nevertheless, the gate receipts were at a very good level surpassed only by 2022.

The Show layout saw further revision to provide more exhibitor space and enable visitors to move around the showground more easily.

Competitive classes were again well supported including Cattle, Shire Horses, Shetland Ponies, and Horticulture.

Exhibitors included a number demonstrating country pursuits and working crafts.

There were also a good variety and number of trade stands.

A number of changes were introduced in the members' area to upgrade the facilities provided to create more benefits to becoming a member.

The Show Field has been maintained during the year with hedge trimming, grass topping, and maintenance works carried out.

During the year the Show Field is used to support the local agricultural community by the provision of grazing for sheep. It has also been made available for rental to local and other organisations. A new agreement was entered into for the regular hire of the Showground which made a significant contribution to the Society's income. This is expected to be an ongoing arrangement.

As a consequence of a highly successful year, the Society achieved a record surplus of £17,708, the substantial majority of which will be added to reserves for future investment in the further development and extension of the Show Field Ground

Charitable donations of £500 were made during the year.

The Trustees wish to formally express thanks to Lynne Mason, who retired as a Trustee on the 1 August, for her contribution to the Society for many years, taking roles on from the Children's sections and latterly the trade stands, building it up to what it is today.

Similarly, the Trustees wish to pay tribute to Cliff Green for his contribution as a Trustee and building the Shire Horse section of the show over the last 34 years to the huge success it is today, and who sadly passed away on 20 September. Cliff's Daughter Donna is going to carry on his work.

Financial Review

Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Trustees' policy is to maintain a minimum of £25,000 in liquid funds at all times. The figure has been set at a level which would allow the Society to maintain its activities for a minimum of two years in the event of either a substantial reduction in income or the occurrence of substantial unforeseen costs.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the Society had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the Financial Statements.

State of the Charity's Finances

The Trustees are pleased to report that the Society achieved a financial surplus for the year and remains strongly capitalised with good levels of liquidity.

Designated Funds

Contingency – The Contingency Fund provides for the circumstance of the annual show being cancelled at the last minute or severely impacted by adverse weather. The amount designated is reviewed and agreed annually by the Trustees.

Development – The Development Fund sets aside money for the future development and improvement of the Society's annual show which is the primary vehicle for achieving the Society's objectives. The amount designated is reviewed and agreed annually by the Trustees.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the Society has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the Society has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

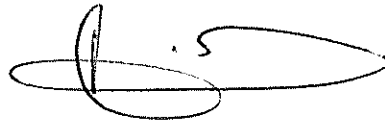
Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of the Alrewas Agricultural & Horticultural Society



Richard Kirkland
Chairman



Nicholas Kilford
Honorary Governance Officer

Date of signatures: 12th December 2023

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year ending 31st October 2023

	2023	2022
Receipts		
Subscriptions	4,845.00	4,190.00
Show Day Income	25,891.05	32,363.97 (note i)
Other Income	18,107.62	2,225.02 (note (ii))
Total Receipts	48,843.67	38,778.99
Payments		
Show Day Expenditure	25,230.98	20,902.04 (note iii)
Other Expenditure	5,903.29	3,846.95 (note (iv))
Total Payments	31,134.27	24,748.99
Net Income/Expenditure	17,709.40	14,030.00

Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds		
General Fund	13,388.94	23,179.54
Contingency Fund	12,500.00	10,000.00
Development Fund	50,000.00	25,000.00
Total Cash Funds	75,888.94	58,179.54
Other Assets		
Show Field at Cost	42,000.00	42,000.00
Total Assets	117,888.94	100,179.54

Bank Reconciliation

Current Account	8,028.94	5,422.91
Current Account unreconciled payments	0.00	0.00
Reserve Account	1,027.25	1,016.11
Charity Savings Account	66,776.53	51,593.34
Petty Cash	56.22	147.18
Total held in accounts	75,888.94	58,179.54

NOTE:- The Society entered into an agreement with Agility Vision for the regular hire of the Show Field. This generated new income of £15,750 and is expected to be an ongoing arrangement.

Notes to the Accounts

2023

2022

Note (i) - Show Day Income

Advertisements	2,248.00	1,770.00
Food Hall	690.00	720.00
Trade & Catering Stands	5,397.50	4,654.00
Indoor Trade Stands	1,270.00	484.00
Gate Money	12,785.00	20,942.40
Classic Cars & Tractors	742.55	409.32
Cattle	100.00	150.00
Shetlands	467.00	462.00
Shires	1,527.00	1,884.00
Light Horses	564.00	594.00
Cookery	100.00	174.50
Floral Art	0.00	55.50
Handicrafts	0.00	33.25
Horticulture	0.00	31.00
Total Show Day Income	25,891.05	32,363.97

2023

2022

Note (ii) - Other Income

Donations Received	318.24	133.33
Field Rental	16,750.00	1,500.00
Gift Aid	707.55	231.79
Grazing Fees	0.00	315.00
Investment Income	194.33	44.90
Miscellaneous Income	137.50	0.00
Total Other Income	18,107.62	2,225.02

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2023	2022
Note (iii) - Show Day Expenditure		
Carnival	0.00	275.00
Cattle	446.20	403.86
Children's Arts & Crafts	130.47	0.00
Classic Cars & Tractors	116.00	110.00
Commentator	85.00	75.00
Cookery	21.50	162.00
Country Pursuits	60.00	240.00
First Aid	316.80	0.00
Floral Art	40.00	75.00
Gatemen	589.44	240.00
General Show Day Expenditure	557.45	192.48
Handicrafts	40.00	72.00
Horticulture	122.40	92.88
Hospitality	1,994.52	810.45
Hunt Packs	70.00	70.00
Light Horses	40.00	40.00
Main Attraction	1,026.00	1,950.00
Music & Dance	250.00	250.00
Other Attractions	1,110.00	1,220.00
Other Equipment Hire	575.52	377.53
PA & Radios	811.62	725.00
Parking Attendants	250.00	150.00
Posters & Signs	290.15	125.02
Printing	776.99	716.77
Rabbits	0.00	100.00
Rosettes & Badges	1,021.32	745.52
Security	150.00	150.00
Shetlands	164.00	175.00
Shires	1,792.00	2,309.00
Skips	336.00	508.33
Tentage	10,627.20	7,760.00
Toilet Hire	1,370.00	600.00
Trophies	50.40	181.20
Total Show Day Expenses	25,230.98	20,902.04

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2023	2022
Note (iv) - Other Expenditure		
Ambassadors Expenditure	99.92	0.00
Bank Charges	532.48	246.18
Charitable Expenditure - Donations	500.00	500.00
Field Maintenance	1,578.32	353.96
Independent Examiner Fees	100.00	70.00
Insurance	1,110.28	1,055.91
Meeting Expenses	335.49	396.70
Mowing and Hedgecutting	300.00	216.00
Other Fundraising Events Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Postage and Carriage	233.52	232.05
Stationery	135.39	44.49
Sundry Expenses	977.89	731.66
Website Costs	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expenses	5,903.29	3,846.95

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Alrewas & District Agricultural & Horticultural Society

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Name: Debbie Wellecomme BA (Hons), (FMAAT) **Date:** 29/01/24

Signed: 

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