

ALREWAS SHOW

Alrewas and District Agricultural and Horticultural Society

Charity Number: 1178661

**Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the Period
1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024**

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Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

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

Number: 1178661

Address: Overley House, Overley Lane, Alrewas, Burton on Trent DE13 7DF

Names of Trustees for the Charity

Richard Kirkland	Chairman
David Johnson	Until 5 May 2024
Pat Green	Honorary Secretary
Kevin Wilkinson	Honorary Treasurer
Nicholas Kilford	Honorary Governance Officer
Tessa Allin	
Matthew Clive	
Colin Cox	
Mandy Brassington	
Mary Stanbrook	
Peter Ralley	
Carol Wedgbury	
Ian Kirkland	
Robert Paul	
Shirley Paul	
Mark Paul	
Claire Paul	
Tina Startin	
Neale McLaughlin	
Katie Sparkes	
Antony Coates	Until 6 March 2024
Samantha Johns	
Stuart Nokes	
Claire Bell	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

The Society's Bankers are: -

NatWest Bank, 47 Market Street, Lichfield WS13 6LE

Lloyds Bank, 22 Conduit Street, Lichfield WS13 6JS

The Independent Examiner is:

Debbie Wellcomme BA (Hons), (FMAAT)

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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 2024 the Society held its annual show. This was exceptionally well attended with takings on the gate the highest in the Society's history. Receipts from the agreement for the regular hire of the Show Field, which the Society entered into in 2023, have seen further growth with this representing more than one third of the Society's income for the year.

Activities, Achievements & Performance

The Annual Show was held on Saturday 20th July 2024. It was a day of largely good weather with record numbers attending.

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.

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.

As a consequence of the record takings on the gate, and growth in field rental income, the Society achieved a record surplus of £34,111, almost double that achieved in 2023, the substantial majority of which will be added to reserves for future investment in the further development and extension of the Show Field

Charitable donations of £800 were made during the year.

On May 5 2024, the Society's Show Director and longest serving Trustee, David Johnson, sadly passed away. The Trustees wish to pay tribute to David for the leading role he played in various roles as a Trustee over very many years.

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: 5 November 2024

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year ending 31st October 2024

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Subscriptions	5,405.00	4,845.00
Show Day Income	36,172.21	25,891.05 (note i)
Other Income	28,341.35	18,107.62 (note (ii))
Total Receipts	69,918.56	48,843.67
Payments		
Show Day Expenditure	28,710.97	25,230.98 (note iii)
Other Expenditure	7,096.30	5,903.29 (note (iv))
Total Payments	35,807.27	31,134.27
Net Income/Expenditure	34,111.29	17,709.40

Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds		
General Fund	17,500.23	13,388.94
Contingency Fund	12,500.00	12,500.00
Development Fund	80,000.00	50,000.00
Total Cash Funds	110,000.23	75,888.94
Other Assets		
Show Field at Cost	42,000.00	42,000.00
Total Assets	152,000.23	117,888.94

Bank Reconciliation

Current Account	1,525.05	8,028.94
Current Account unreconciled payments	0.00	0.00
Reserve Account	27,538.79	1,027.25
Savings Account	80,923.83	66,776.53
Petty Cash	12.56	56.22
Total held in accounts	110,000.23	75,888.94

NOTE:- During the year the Society's bank and savings accounts were changed. The Current and Reserve accounts were moved from NatWest Bank to Lloyds Bank. The Savings Account was moved from Virgin Money to NatWest. Due to increased income from Field Rental the Development Fund now stands at £80,000.

Notes to the Accounts

	2024	2023
Note (i) - Show Day Income		
Advertisements	2,095.00	2,248.00
Food Hall	1,110.00	690.00
Trade & Catering Stands	6,475.00	5,397.50
Indoor Trade Stands	1,430.00	1,270.00
Gate Money	22,092.70	12,785.00
Classic Cars & Tractors	465.01	742.55
Cattle	0.00	100.00
Shetlands	339.00	467.00
Shires	1,732.00	1,527.00
Light Horses	433.50	564.00
Cookery	0.00	100.00
Total Show Day Income	36,172.21	25,891.05

	2024	2023
Note (ii) - Other Income		
Donations Received	245.00	318.24
Field Rental	25,298.64	16,750.00
Gift Aid	1,016.55	707.55
Investment Income	1,768.16	194.33
Miscellaneous Income	13.00	137.50
Total Other Income	28,341.35	18,107.62

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2024	2023
Note (iii) - Show Day Expenditure		
Cattle	375.00	446.20
Children's Arts & Crafts	123.69	130.47
Classic Cars & Tractors	142.00	116.00
Commentator	100.00	85.00
Cookery	90.00	21.50
Country Pursuits	180.00	60.00
First Aid	326.40	316.80
Floral Art	50.00	40.00
Gatemen	614.40	589.44
General Show Day Expenditure	389.41	557.45
Handicrafts	40.00	40.00
Horticulture	55.00	122.40
Hospitality	1,741.91	1,994.52
Indoor Trade Stands Expenditure	15.00	0.00
Hunt Packs	0.00	70.00
Light Horses	50.00	40.00
Main Attraction	1,250.00	1,026.00
Music & Dance	250.00	250.00
Other Attractions	1,190.00	1,110.00
Other Equipment Hire	726.00	575.52
PA & Radios	1,041.60	811.62
Parking Attendants	500.00	250.00
Posters & Signs	266.16	290.15
Printing	584.67	776.99
Rabbits	15.00	0.00
Rosettes & Badges	1,209.26	1,021.32
Security	150.00	150.00
Shetlands	198.00	164.00
Shires	1,770.00	1,792.00
Skips	304.00	336.00
Tentage	13,681.67	10,627.20
Toilet Hire	650.00	1,370.00
Trade & Catering Stands Expenditure	55.00	0.00
Trophies	576.80	50.40
Total Show Day Expenses	28,710.97	25,230.98

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2024	2023
Note (iv) - Other Expenditure		
Ambassadors Expenditure	0.00	99.92
Bank Charges	445.09	532.48
Charitable Expenditure - Donations	800.00	500.00
Field Maintenance	2,459.09	1,578.32
Independent Examiner Fees	100.00	100.00
Insurance	1,174.43	1,110.28
Meeting Expenses	101.55	335.49
Mowing and Hedgecutting	884.80	300.00
Other Fundraising Events Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Postage and Carriage	216.60	233.52
Stationery	38.98	135.39
Sundry Expenses	875.76	977.89
Website Costs	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expenses	7,096.30	5,903.29

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 2024.

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:** 31/12/24

Signed: *Debbie Wellecomme*

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