

NORFOLK FIRE MUSEUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1181921

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-02-07

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

Contact

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Norwich
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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF THE HISTORY OF FIREFIGHTING IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A MUSEUM AND THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, ARTEFACTS, RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS OF HISTORICAL OR EDUCATIONAL INTEREST.THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BY PROMOTION OF A SAFER COMMUNITY THEREBY REDUCING LOSS OF LIFE, PERSONAL INJURY AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: Promote knowledge of the history of Firefighting in Norfolk.Provide safety advice.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£57,524	£56,753	-	-
2024-03-31	£26,400	£33,516	-	-
2023-03-31	£29,407	£39,629	-	-
2022-03-31	£49,993	£42,417	-	-
2021-03-31	£15,060	£9,232	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Scott Norman	Chair	2024-11-14
Colin Patrick Farrington		2018-11-17
Kevin John Kiddell		2018-11-17
Lynn Valerie Kiddell		2024-11-14
Simon Michael Hugh Mason		2020-09-26

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The use of our own workshop facilities to preserve, restore and maintain the vehicles and equipment in our care.

We are part of the local resilience forum and maintain a fully equipped salvage tender and 3 fully working water tenders that are used to support the local community affected by natural emergencies especially flooding and wild fires.

Statement

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Main achievements.

It has been a busy year for the museum. We continued to build on the events we attended and engage with visitors there. We managed to engage with over 5,000 children who took part in our car fire activity at the events that we attended over the summer.

The “pop up” museum in Gt Yarmouth went from strength to strength with another retired firefighter joining the team which meant we were able to open every week we hosted over 3,000 adults and 1,000 children.

We have taken on new storage facilities at New Buckenham Airfield with the understanding that a hanger unit is likely to come available during the next year and this can be used as a museum unit to display some of our appliances.

We spent time this year travelling to collect the appliances and artifacts from the museum that was closing and are working to sort this equipment to extend and enhance our displays in the longer term.

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Financial position.

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1. Simon Mason	Vice Chairman	Full year
2. Colin Farrington	Treasurer	Full year
3. Kevin Kiddell	Curator	Full year
4. Scott Norman	Chairman	From 14 th November 2024
5. Lynn Kiddell	Secretary	From 14 th November 2024

We have no corporate trustees.


None of the trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity.

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.



Colin Farrington
Treasurer
30th December 2025



Kevin Kiddell
Curator

Norfolk Fire Museum

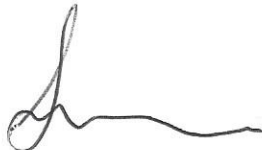
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Refunds	60.00	
	36114.93	59959.19
Expenditure	33516.28	56752.85
Closing Balance	2598.65	3206.34
Income		
Sales	1795.00	2555.90
Donations	13875.00	33303.40
Tombola	640.00	42.80
Adult Tombola	4236.46	3796.00
Activities	6318.80	6102.00
Subs	50.00	30.00
Car Park		4998.75
Grant etc	60.00	6531.69
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The resilience work continued with the aftermath of Storm Babet which resulted in 2 appliances spending a weekend in Attleborough assisting residents whose homes had been flooded. We were involved in 6 premises, clearing them out, washing down walls and finally removing all the water to enable them to dry out quicker.

We made contact with a museum that was closing and arranged to transfer many of the donated artifacts to our museum, this will extend and enhance our displays in the longer term, there is going to be a lot of work, collecting, sorting and displaying these items next year.

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13th December 2024



Kevin Kiddell
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Expenditure	39629.69	33516.28
Closing Balance	9715.13	2598.65
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Sales	2458.10	1795.00
Donations	10817.08	13875.00
Tombola		640.00
Activities	5510.40	6318.80
Adult Tombola	4236.46	3721.00
Subs		50.00
Total Operating income	23022.04	26339.80
Grants /refund	6385.00	60.00
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Expenditure		
Merchandise	1444.05	1530.60
Fuel	9157.93	6307.87
Parts	2407.16	4350.00
Rent/fees/insurance	16075.45	16402.28
Misc	8370.83	2646.00
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Statement

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Main achievements.

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Despite this we managed to engage with over 5,000 children who took part in our car fire activity at the events that we managed to attend over the summer.

The “pop up” museum in Gt Yarmouth was affected by the move as all volunteers were fully committed to working on packing, moving and unpacking artefacts that we found it difficult to have volunteers available to open the museum but we still managed to host over 2,500 adults and 1,000 children.

The plans for resilience took an unexpected turn as a result of the extreme heatwave in the summer, the Fire Service were so busy that they did not have enough pumping appliances to handle the incidents they were called to. The museum was contacted and we mobilised 3 museum appliances to act as water shuttles releasing 3 front line appliances to attend other incidents. Our volunteers and appliances were out for about 16 hours assisting at incidents.

Despite all these problems it was a successful year for the museum and we ended the year in a lot stronger position to move forward and meet the objects of the charity in new ways in the coming years.

Financial position.

The museum ended the year in a better financial position than we expected at the start of the year. Our income from normal fund raising started to rise again but not yet back to pre pandemic levels. The reserves that had been allocated to fund the move and cover 6 months rent were not fully needed and refunds for certain payments related to our old premises meant less of our reserves were needed.

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Treasurer
19th March 2024



Kevin Kiddell
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Income Banked	49993.70	29407.04
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Refunds		4748.78
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Expenditure	42417.15	39629.69
Closing Balance	15189.43	9715.13
Income		
Sales	3077.00	2458.10
Donations	5664.22	10817.08
Tombola	202.00	
Activities	5997.24	5510.40
Adult Tombola	3796.24	4236.46
Total Operating income	18736.70	23022.04
Grants	31257.00	6385.00
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Expenditure		
Merchandise	38.15	1444.05
Fuel	4518.86	9157.93
Parts	12058.79	2407.16
Rent/fees/insurance	3113.81	16075.45
Misc	2327.02	8370.83
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Adult Tombola	1507.14	1415.08
Vehicles	17968.00	
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It has been a difficult year for the museum. We had been offered the shop unit the previous December and only just got it open before the country went into lockdown. There was a delay in reopening due to museums requiring to remain closed for a further month when business were allowed to start reopening. The general reluctance of event organisers to plan large events and shows and the reluctance of the general public to attend events meant that many of our traditional fund raising events were not held during the year resulting in a reduced income from these sources.

Despite this we managed to engage with over 6,000 children who took part in our car fire activity at the smaller events that we managed to attend over the summer.

The "pop up" museum in Gt Yarmouth hosted over 5,500 adults and 2,000 children. Further bad news came towards the end of the summer, our landlords identified structural problems with the building we used as a store and it became apparent that they were reluctant to fund the necessary repairs and by the end of the year had received notice that they required us to vacate the premises during the following year. It was decided that we needed a lorry that would be capable of transporting our older, slower appliances, thus saving on maintenance and fuel costs. This would also be suitable for moving a lot of our artifacts for our upcoming move. A suitable slide and tilt lorry became available and was modified to suit our needs. We also purchased a fork lift to enable us to load the lorry and to be able to stack our artifacts on pallet racking to make better use of space in our new premises.

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Financial position.

The museum ended the year in a better financial position than we expected at the start of the year. Although our income from normal fund raising was down by over a third on the previous year on our normal activities, the Government Covid grants enabled us to end the year with £15,000 in hand.

These have been allocated as £10,000 to finance the up coming move and £5,000 as 6 months rent for a new premises to enable us to complete the move even if it is difficult to attend our normal fund-raising events as well as trying to re locate. The charity has a firm financial base and is looking towards the future.

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