

## **Norfolk Fire Museum**

### **Charity Number 1181921**

### **Trustees' Report April 2022 to March 2023**

#### **Purpose of Charity.**

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.

#### **Summary of main activities.**

There are 5 main areas that the museum engage in to meet the purposes of the charity. Attendance at events and shows to take historical vehicles and equipment to display to the public along with activities to engage with visitors, especially children as a means to promoting safety with regards to fire, water safety and vehicle collisions.

The “pop up” museum display in a shopping centre which displays uniform and equipment through the history of firefighting and providing fire and safety advice and literature.

The maintenance of website and Facebook pages where historic photographs and information is regularly posted which creates interest from current and retired firefighters and their families as well as the general public.

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 that is used to support the local community affected by natural emergencies especially flooding.

#### **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 had to pack up and move all our appliances and equipment from our premises, set up racking and pack everything back in. This meant that we were not able to attend our normal fund raising events during this period.

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.

The charity has a firm financial base and is looking towards the future.

## Structure, Governance and Management.

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution.  
The charity is run by trustees which are elected by the membership at each AGM and stand for one year, they are eligible for re-election at each AGM.

We work closely with the Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and have a serving officer as one of the trustees.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name	Norfolk Fire Museum
Other names	the charity does not use any other name
Registered charity number	1181921
Charity's principal address	c/o 21 Chapel Lane, Coltishall, Norwich NR12 7DR

Names of charity Trustees who manage the charity.

1. Simon Mason	Chairman	Full year
2. Colin Farrington	Treasurer	Full year
3. Kevin Kiddell	Curator	Full year

We have no corporate trustees.  
None of the trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity.  
We hold no funds on behalf of others.

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.



Colin Farrington  
Treasurer  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Kevin Kiddell  
Curator

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Income Banked	49993.70	29407.04
	56802.69	44596.04
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		49344.82
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
Shop costs	885.38	
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