

## **Norfolk Fire Museum**

### **Charity Number 1181921**

### **Trustees' Report April 2024 to March 2025**

#### **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 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.

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. We are looking towards creating new funding streams that hopefully will enable us to build our reserves back to the level they were. 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 serving officers as 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	Vice Chairman	Full year
2. Colin Farrington	Treasurer	Full year
3. Kevin Kiddell	Curator	Full year
4. Scott Norman	Chairman	From 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
5. Lynn Kiddell	Secretary	From 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024

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  
30<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Kevin Kiddell  
Curator

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Accounts	2023-24	2024-25
Opening Balance	9715.13	2598.65
Income banked	26339.80	57360.54
	36054.93	59959.19
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
Total Income	26399.80	57524.45
Expenditure		
Merchandise	1530.60	2048.70
Fuel	6307.87	8417.00
Parts	4350.00	3411.20
Rent/Insurance	16402.28	23594.80
Shop Costs	6.50	208.23
Adult Tombola	1054.64	1729.80
Activities	210.00	317.40
Miscellaneous	2646.00	16970.05
Expenses	1008.00	55.67
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