



Alcester War Memorial Town Hall CIO

Chair's Resume of year to October 2025

Lord Hertford, ladies & gentlemen

I would like to welcome you all to this AGM of the AWMTH CIO. I am indebted to my fellow trustees for all their hard work during this last year, bookings have been steady and the hall is in good condition thanks to our cleaner Rosa who is doing a splendid job, and Mike Clark our volunteer caretaker whose tireless work every week checking and organising repairs where needed is very much appreciated.

Following the extensive and much needed repair work to the guttering, one or two issues have arisen, and the contractors have been back to repair the still leaking guttering over the back door. Hopefully this has resolved the problem although replacement guttering may be needed and the situation is being monitored. The damage to the back door caused by the leaking gutter has been repaired by Vernon Munton and Mike Horner, and the Trustees are still considering the way forward to replace this door with an appropriate fire exit door recommended in the Fire Risk assessment. This will need the permission of Heritage England as the Hall is a Grade 1 listed building, and Ian Greig is looking into this on behalf of the Trustees. Alongside this he has prepared a detailed report on the feasibility of installing a lift in the building, and after considerable discussion a majority of current Trustees have voted not to pursue this, on the grounds that the present stair lift is sufficient to cover their responsibilities under the Disability Act, the installation would severely impact on the building, and the cost would be considerable. However, the Trustees are in favour of the installation of a disabled toilet, and a working party will be set up to consider the best location for this within the building. Grants will need to be applied for to finance this.

My thanks go to John Mattocks for his management of the 100 Club, funds from which are available for ongoing maintenance of the hall. We have also been fortunate to receive donations from ATC Community Grant which has been used to replace the flooring in the downstairs kitchen, and from the Provincial Grant

Lodge of Warwickshire, the Cinema Club, the Food Festival and Alcester & Bidford Rotary, more details of which will be in our Treasurer's report.

The double yellow lines alongside the west side of the hall have yet to be carried out, and we understand the delay has been caused by the changes in Local Government during the year. Apparently, this work has now been signed off and we should receive notification of the date for the work shortly.

Costs continue to rise and so rental prices have increased, but will stay in line with other venues in the town. We are very grateful for the sponsorship provided by Apollo Lodge, Alauna Lodge and other individuals which enabled us to have hanging baskets on the hall again this summer, and we hope to be able to engage support for this again next year.

My thanks go to Kay Blake our secretary whose help is invaluable to me and also to Vaughan Blake our Treasurer, who along with Nick Dearling and Maria Buchanan, look after the Hallmaster booking system which has proved well worth the purchase expense. Vaughan will run through the accounts in his report and take any questions.

Visitors to the hall on the Heritage Open Days weekend in September were much more numerous than last year, mainly thanks to the additional publicity provided by Ian Greig, Richard Osborne and others. The theme this year was architecture and we had visitors from as far afield as York as well as Stratford, Studley and Redditch. Thanks to the volunteers who generously gave their time on the rota, and to Ian Greig for setting up the exhibition.

Cham Dearling continues to support the hall with her fundraising, and her jazz morning last November was much enjoyed. She is proposing to run a beetle drive sometime in the New Year, so look out for tickets. The idea of a Treasure Hunt around the town culminating in a fish and chip supper is proposed for next summer, so watch out for that also.

In conclusion, my thanks again to all the Trustees for their support and hard work during this year in running and maintaining this beautiful iconic building.

ALCESTER WAR MEMORIAL TOWN HALL CIO
a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR END
31 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024

Categories by activity	Notes	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	4,350	2,610
Other trading activities	3	15,331	12,680
Investments	4	1,848	795
Total		21,529	16,085
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	18,917	7,632
Charitable activities	6	20,521	9,120
Other	8	2,555	1,699
Total		41,993	18,451
Net income/(expenditure)		(20,464)	(2,366)
Net movement in funds		(20,464)	(2,366)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		99,476	101,842
Total funds carried forward		79,012	99,476

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024

Categories by activity	Notes	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	4,839	5,658
Total fixed assets		4,839	5,658
Current assets			
Debtors	10	3,557	653
Cash at bank and in hand	11	77,182	96,250
Total current assets		80,739	96,903
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	6,566	3,085
Net current assets/(liabilities)		74,173	93,818
Total net assets or liabilities		79,012	99,476
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	13	79,012	99,476
Restricted income funds	13	-	-
Endowment funds	13	-	-
Total funds		79,012	99,476

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 29-Apr-2025 and signed on its behalf by:

V P Blake
Trustee

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.2 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.3 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2 Income from Donations and Legacies

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Donation and gifts	3,350	1,110
General grants	1,000	1,500
	<u>4,350</u>	<u>2,610</u>

3 Income from Other Trading Activities

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Fundraising	650	1,048
Letting Income	14,681	11,632
	<u>15,331</u>	<u>12,680</u>

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4 Income from Investments

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Analysis	£	£
Interest income	1,848	795
	<u>1,848</u>	<u>795</u>

5 Expenditure on Raising Funds

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Analysis	£	£
Support Costs	18,917	7,632
	<u>18,917</u>	<u>7,632</u>

6 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Analysis	£	£
Legal/professional fees	1,004	899
Support Costs	19,517	8,222
	<u>20,521</u>	<u>9,121</u>

7 Support Costs

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Analysis	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,605	1,312
Advertising and marketing	-	72
Rates & Water	688	521
Insurance	2,010	1,919
Light & Heat	7,843	5,739
Licences & Subscriptions	-	467
Cleaning	376	999
Repairs & Maintenance	25,312	4,234
Accountants fees	600	590
	<u>38,434</u>	<u>15,853</u>

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8 Other Expenditure

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Analysis	£	£
Depreciation Charge - Fixtures	60	66
Depreciation Charge - Equipment	759	893
Miscellaneous	1,736	740
	2,555	1,699

9 Tangible Fixed Assets**9.1 Cost or valuation**

	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment
	£	£
At 01 January 2024	817	7,070
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Revaluations	-	-
Transfers	-	-
At 31 December 2024	817	7,070

9.2 Amortisation and impairments

	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment
	£	£
At 01 January 2024	221	2,008
Additions	60	759
Disposals	-	-
Revaluations	-	-
Transfers	-	-
At 31 December 2024	281	2,767

9.3 Net book value

	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment
	£	£
At 01 January 2024	596	5,062
At 31 December 2024	536	4,303

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10 Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Debtors in respect of invoiced bookings	2,880	-
Prepayments & accrued income	677	653
	<u>3,557</u>	<u>653</u>

11 Cash at bank and in hand

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and on hand	77,182	96,250
	<u>77,182</u>	<u>96,250</u>

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	5,366	3,060
Other creditors	1,200	25
	<u>6,566</u>	<u>3,085</u>

13 Charity funds**Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period**

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	99,476	21,529	(41,993)	79,012

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CHARITY COMMISSION
 FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees

Alcester War Memorial Town Hall CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1183360

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of
report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Matthew John Elmes

**Relevant professional
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any):**
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