

# ALDBOURNE COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1186866

## Details

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**Other names** ALDBOURNE HERITAGE CENTRE

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-12-10

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE PROMOTION OF KNOWLEDGE AND INTEREST IN THE HERITAGE OF THE VILLAGE AND PARISH OF ALDBOURNE AND BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A MUSEUM TO PRESERVE AND DISPLAY THAT HERITAGE

**Activities:** We promote research, discussion, field studies, talks, publications, exhibitions, and other activities relating to the local history of the village and parish of Aldbourne and to further the education of the public of all ages in these respects. As part of this effort we manage the Aldbourne Heritage Centre.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£13,511	£13,558	-	-
2023-12-31	£6,452	£6,662	-	-
2022-12-31	£9,481	£9,798	-	-
2021-12-31	£12,395	£10,636	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,586	£7,643	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Cassandra Diana Rust</b>	Chair	2020-01-11
ALAN ERIC PHIZACKLEA		2024-05-27
ALISON DELORIE		2023-04-12
Elizabeth Teresa Dymond		2020-01-11
Gretchen Warren Krochmal		2025-01-15
I E Margaret Manby		2023-04-12
Janet Lambourn		2020-01-11
Julia Carole Hunt		2020-01-11
TERENCE PATRICK GILLIGAN		2020-01-11

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# Accounts

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**ALDBOURNE COMMUNITY  
HERITAGE GROUP CIO**

*Exploring the Village Story*



**Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO**

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Charity Number**

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## Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO
Status:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Registration Number:	1186866
Registered Office and operational address:	Aldbourn Heritage Centre, The Square, Aldbourn, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2DU

### Trustees

Mr T Gilligan	President & Chair
Miss J Lambourn	Secretary
Mr J Dymond	Treasurer
Ms C Rust	Curator
Mrs E Dymond	
Mrs G Krochmal Warren	
Mrs J Hunt	
Mrs A Delorie	
Miss M Manby	
Mr A Phizacklea	

**Bankers** : Barclays Bank UK plc



## **Our Aims and Objectives**

### **Purposes and Aims**

The purpose of the Aldbourne Community Heritage Group [ACHG] is set out in the organisation's constitution and is namely:

- To advance education for the public good by the promotion of knowledge and interest in the heritage of the village and parish of Aldbourne and by the establishment and maintenance of a museum to preserve and display that heritage.

As also stated in our constitution, we seek to advance that aim in the following ways:

- a. providing a forum for those interested in the history of Aldbourne village and parish and history in general;
- b. promoting the conservation of the historical heritage of the area;
- c. promoting research, discussion, field studies, talks, publications, exhibitions, and other activities relating to local history and to further the education of the public of all ages in these aspects;
- d. occupying a suitable building in Aldbourne as a permanent museum in order to display our local heritage and promote interest to all ages;
- e. accepting, taking permanent ownership of, and displaying written records, artefacts and other items donated to or purchased by the Group in accordance with the ACHG collection and acquisitions policies;
- f. accepting, keeping and displaying written records, artefacts and other items loaned to the Group in accordance with the ACHG collection and acquisitions policies, and at the discretion of the trustees;
- g. gathering together from any source available including the internet and making public by archive or display the story of the village and parish of Aldbourne;
- h. involving other local organisations as much as possible particularly youth organisations and school;
- i. engaging in any other activity which furthers the core object of the ACHG providing it complies with both the requirements of this constitution and the regulations of the Charity Commission.

### **Delivering our aims**

Our Heritage Centre is open every weekend, Bank Holiday and Wednesday afternoons throughout our planned season (April to mid-October). Opening on Wednesday afternoons was a trial experiment and has proved successful so will be repeated next year.

In 2024 we received over 2,700 visitors exceeding the record set in 2023. Our stewards undertake a quick survey of why visitors come to the Heritage Centre, where they come from and how they



heard about us. This is in order for us to understand how to satisfy visitor demands and undertake necessary publicity to increase our future footfall. From these statistics we can see that in addition to villagers and general tourists, the majority of visitors come to learn about the American paratroopers of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, the "Band of Brothers", who were billeted in Aldbourne from September 1943 until September 1944. Many come due to the making of Dr Who and the Daemons in the village in 1970 and a third group come to examine and learn about our extensive collection of bells which were made here over a 200 year period.

We continued to run a full program of live monthly talks simultaneously broadcast via Zoom.

We are proud of our relationship with our village school and continue to support their curriculum whenever they ask us to. We often welcome children bringing their family to the Centre to talk about the things they have learnt as a result of our talks and walks.

The transcription of old documents from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century has continued and many have been published on our website. This work brings to light much new information to illuminate the many-faceted history of the village and its manor which can be included in future talks and heritage centre displays.

We are constantly being given documents relating to various village houses, people and organisations which are digitised and put on our Cloud presence so they will be available to all. We also have an archive of close to twenty thousand photographs, most of which have been digitised and made widely available. This digitisation work continues.

## **How we deliver public benefit**

### **Monthly talks**

We continued to provide benefit to our community with a full season of talks on the history and traditions of the village. Subjects presented were: *Horse bells, Building the Church Tower, The Geology of Wiltshire, Ladies of note in Aldbourne, The 18<sup>th</sup> Century in Aldbourne, Ten Years of Aldbourne Heritage Centre, An 1826 Bellfounder's Bankruptcy, Putting Aldbourne on the Map, Mow Cop and a Christmas Special*. The special Christmas event was a re-enactment of the last scene of the Village Wedding a play written in 1906 by a village resident and acted by local talent. The opening night was attended by several high profile celebrities before relocating to London and northern theatres. Our offering was well attended and great fun!

We contribute talks and support to other village organisations such as at Carnival time. Members are also asked to be guest speakers for other organisations and history societies on their particular areas of expertise such as Bells and Bell Founders, Aldbourne Stables or the Lost Village of Snap.



We also distribute regular newsletters to our membership and other interested parties to keep them up to date with our activities and plans for the future.

## **Heritage Centre**

Visitor numbers to the Heritage Centre were a record 2,731, exceeding last year's number of 2,089. Donations were also at a high of £2,029, again higher than last year's figure of £1,100.

Our association with the National WW2 Museum in New Orleans brought us 14 coach parties of visitors during the year. Several more coach parties from other American operators also visited us.

We welcomed a one day meeting of Dr Who fans who are drawn to the village by its association with one of the early series of the show.

We continued to receive and answer significant numbers of enquiries concerning family history or from those individuals or bodies interested in learning more about the Band of Brothers. We respond by email or make an appointment to meet in person and also take groups or individuals round the village explain aspects of our history in more detail.

These activities also prove a useful source of income from donations.

We were advised by the Wiltshire Museums Service that fragility of many of the archaeological finds from the recent digs at the camp and training areas of the "Band of Brother" required that they be displayed in a climate controlled display case. This was obtained and installed at a cost of over £6,000, fully covered by donations to a targeted appeal.

## **online Presence**

We have continued to keep our website up-to-date with regular additions, particularly transcriptions and translations of documents and stories relevant to the village from as far back as the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

We also post photos on our Facebook daily, and these are much appreciated by almost a thousand followers from around the world. As a result of this ongoing connection with our followers, we often receive new information and even new lines for research.

## **Outreach**

We support any organisation which contacts us to support them for an afternoon session of by giving a talk to their members or taking in artefacts to bring history alive.

## **St Michael's Primary School**

We work with the village primary school to make National Curriculum themes more relevant to the children by using local assets and historical events. This year we went in to talk about what



happened during Roman times in the village and provided the children with a handling collection borrowed from the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes. We also took a class round the village explaining to them what changes had been made to the village over time. Some older members chatted to them about what life at school was like when we were at school.

## **Ten Year Celebration**

To celebrate ten years of Aldbourne Community and Heritage Group we organised a special event day. This was aimed at providing interesting and informative activities for a range of ages. On offer were activities for children; displays reflecting the last ten years of village history as depicted in the museum; family history advice and the opening of places of interest in the village such as the Blacksmiths.

## **Archaeological excavations**

Operation Nightingale came back for a fourth excavation on the site of the camp of an important unit of American paratroopers during World War 2. Every pupil from the school visited the site to learn about the work and the men who trained in the village 80 years before.

## **Lydiard family history day**

In keeping with our continued support for those not living in the village but who are researching their family genealogy we supported a Lydiard history day organised by a family member living in Australia. The Goddards are another family whose antecedents we have researched and who we pass on information to when asked.

## **Patronal day**

We were also deeply involved in our parish church's Patronal Day celebrations talking to visitors about the rich history of the church.

## **Financial Review**

We have traded through the year with a very small deficit. Membership of the group remained well over one hundred giving us a healthy subscription income which was further increased by the higher number of guided tours of American visitors. We received a record income from the Heritage Centre donations box although this year we did not receive any bequests. Our healthy income has allowed us to make a number of very significant purchases to enhance our permanent collection. The success of our appeal meant that the £6,000 purchase of a new display case did not significantly affect our position. The end of the year sees us in a continuing financial health.

## **Grant Income**

No grant income was received.



## Reserves Policy

Our policy requires that we maintain a reserve of at least one year's running costs, but aim for two. Our current position shows our current reserves more than meeting this requirement.

## Plans for Future Periods

While continuing to serve our community in the ways laid out in our Aims above, we also hope to extend our presence in the village by supporting other organisations such as the Nursing Home.

## Structure Governance and Management

### Governing Document

We are an Association organisation with a membership of about 100 (from a village of about 1,800 souls) and are governed by our Constitution which is lodged with the Charity Commission.

### Premises

We lease a one-room Heritage Centre with loft from the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent of £20 per year?. Our current lease runs on these terms until 2036.

### Recruitment, Appointment and Induction of Trustees

Our constitution allows for twelve trustees on our governing body, but at present we only have nine. The recruitment of new trustees is an on-going problem. We are keen to bring younger enthusiasts into the body of Trustees, but face competition from other bodies and interests in this active village.

Our new trustee are Gretchen Krochmal , Alison Delorie and Alan Phizacklea.

### Organisational Structure

We are a small group, so the disciplines of governance and management are both handled by the Board of Trustees (normally referred to as "the committee"). In addition to the three officers required by the constitution, we appoint one trustee as Curator who is nominally responsible for management functions. But again as a small organisation all responsibilities tend to be shared.

Signed

T. Gilligan (Chair)

## Accounts for the Year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

The organisation maintains an Acquisition Fund for the purchase of objects for the collection which is reflected in the Restricted Funds below. This fund receives an agreed transfer from unrestricted funds at the start of each financial year and benefits further from donations and bequests which specify such use. This year an appeal was made towards the purchase of a significant piece of display equipment, the funds so received (and spent) are also shown as part of the Restricted Funds.

### Income and Expenditure

<b>A1 Receipts</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Bank Interest	£ 39		£ 39	£ 121
Donations: General <sup>Note 1</sup>	£ 2,220		£ 2,220	£ 1,379
Donations: Acq'n Fund <sup>Note 2 &amp; 3</sup>		£ 6,589	£ 6,589	£ 671
Events & Meetings	£ 412		£ 412	£ 437
Village Tour Fees <sup>Note 4</sup>	£ 2,285		£ 2,285	£ 1,915
Membership Subs	£ 1,467		£ 1,467	£ 1,397
Miscellaneous Income	£ ~		£ ~	£ 12
Sales	£ 499		£ 499	£ 521
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 6,922	£ 6,589	£ 13,511	£ 6,453
<b>A2 Asset &amp; Investment Sales</b>	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 0
<i>Total receipts</i>	£ 6,922	£ 6,589	£ 13,511	£ 6,453

<b>A3 Payments</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Rest- ricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Fees Subs etc <sup>Note 5</sup>	£ 105		£ 105	£ 52
Centre Costs	£ 3,012		£ 3,012	£ 3,160
Collection	£ 1,755	£ 228	£ 1,994	£ 1,385
Event & Mtg Costs	£ 1,083		£ 1,083	£ 824
Office Costs	£ 1,031		£ 1,031	£ 1,082
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 6,997	£ 228	£ 7,225	£ 6,513
<b>A4 Asset &amp; Inv't Purch's</b> <sup>Note 6</sup>	£ 304	£ 6,029	£ 6,333	£ 4,619
<i>Total payments</i>	£ 7,301	£ 6,257	£ 13,558	£ 11,132
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	(£ 379)	£ 332	(£ 47)	(£ 4,679)
<b>A5 Transfers bt'n Funds</b> <sup>Note 7</sup>	(£ 300)	£ 300	£ 0	£ 0
<b>A6 Funds last year end</b> <sup>Note 8</sup>	£ 12,294	£ 1,853	£ 14,147	£ 16,278



<i>Cash Funds this year end</i>		£ 11,615	£ 2,485	£ 14,100	£ 11,599
<b>B1 Cash Funds</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Bank Accounts	£ 11,141	£ 2,485	£ 13,626	£ 13,563	
Cash in Hand	£ 732	£	£ 732	£ 652	
	£ 11,873	£ 2,485	£ 14,358	£ 14,216	
<b>B2 Other Monetary Assets</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>			
Accounts Receivable	£ -	£ -			
	£ -	£ -			
<b>B3 Investment Assets</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>			
NIL		£ -			
		£ -			
<b>B4 Assets Retained for Own Use</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Current Value</i>		
Collection <sup>Note 9</sup>	ACHG	£ 8,141	£ 8,141		
Furniture & Equipment <sup>Note 10</sup>	ACHG	£ 17,306	£ 13,904		
		£25,446	£ 22,045		
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Amount Due</i>			
Accounts Payable	ACHG	£ 163			
Loans etc	ACHG	£ 0			
		£ 163			

**Notes:**

1. Donations received in the Heritage Centre donations box.
2. Donations from village organisations and private individuals for Acquisitions Fund.
3. £5,996 donations to appeal for new display cabinet.
4. Village BoB tour fees from National WW2 Museum coach tours and others.
5. Includes £40 annual fee to the Information Commissioner to comply with GDPR.
6. From unrestricted funds: purchase of new stewards' desk and shelving unit. From restricted funds: Humidity controlled display cabinet; a number of bells, a Roman pendant, a gold medal and a number of other minor items.
7. The committee agreed in 2016 to set aside £300 each year for larger acquisitions (i.e. to become "restricted" funds).



8. Corrected values after corrections to previous year's report. (Includes Petty Cash, Floats and PayPal account.
9. Collection assets with a resale value. No depreciation is applied to collection items. [*There is no expectation ever to sell these or any other items, but we need to track items of significant value for insurance purposes*].
10. Accumulated depreciation on Furniture & Equipment - £5,630.

Signed

Mr J Dymond (Trustee & Treasurer)

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### Trustees

Mr T Gilligan	President & Chair
Mr A Heasman	Secretary
Mr J Dymond	Treasurer
Ms C Rust	
Mrs E Dymond	
Mr G Dixon	
Mrs J Hunt	
Miss J Lambourn	
Mrs A Delorie	
Miss M Manby	

**Bankers** : Barclays Bank UK plc

## Our Aims and Objectives

### Purposes and Aims

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### Delivering our aims

Our Heritage Centre is open every weekend throughout our planned season (April to September). In 2023 we opened for three further weekends in October to cater for an increase in demand resulting from the late September YouTube release of a Time Team special programme on the World War 2 archaeology carried out in the village earlier in the year.



In 2023 visitor numbers exceeded 2,000 for the first time, to a large extent reflecting the world-wide interest in our position as the wartime home of the so called "Band of Brothers".

We continued to run a full program of live monthly talks simultaneously broadcast via Zoom.

Once again we hosted a Dr Who convention, and have done much work with the village school.

The transcription of old documents has continued and many have been published on our website. This work brings to light much new information to illuminate the many-faceted history of the village and its manor which can be included in future talks and heritage centre displays.

The major scanning operation to digitise 150 years' worth of parish magazines and other village newspapers was completed successfully

## How we deliver public benefit

### Monthly talks

We continued to provide benefit to our community with a full season of talks on the history and traditions of the village. Subjects presented were: *Art in Aldbourne; Digging Band of Brothers; The Aldbourne Carillon; the Counts of Perche; Before Yellow Pages; Aldbourne Schools; Local Composers; The Warren and the Chase; A Roman Tile Factory; Notable Women; The History of the Goddard Family.*

We also presented talks to other village organisations including the W.I. and the Silver Threads. A number of talks were also provided for historical groups in other parts of Wiltshire.

We also distribute regular newsletters to our membership and other interested parties.

### Heritage Centre

Our Heritage Centre opened for a full season in 2023, and was enjoyed by 2,089 visitors, Easily exceeding our 2019 record, who gave us donations of over £1,100, our highest figure ever.

Our association with the National WW2 Museum in New Orleans brought us eleven coach parties of visitors from them during the year. Several more coach parties from other American operators also visited us.

We welcomed another weekend meeting of Dr Who fans who are drawn to the village by its association with one of the early series of the show.

We continued to receive and answer significant numbers of family history enquiries by email from around the world.



## **Online Presence**

We have continued to keep our website up-to-date with regular additions, particularly transcriptions and translations of documents and stories relevant to the village from as far back as the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

We also post photos on our Facebook daily, and these are much appreciated by almost a thousand followers from around the world. As a result of this ongoing connection with our followers around the world, we often receive new information and even new lines for research.

## **Outreach**

We work with the village primary school to make National Curriculum themes more relevant to the children by using local assets and historical events. This year we led a walk talking about the lives of village children in years gone by and another bringing the 1777 Great Fire of Aldbourne to life. We gave a lesson about the lost hamlet of Snap and used a large handling collection borrowed from the Wiltshire Museum to bring Anglo-Saxon England to life.

Archaeological excavations on the site of the camp of an important unit of American paratroopers during World War 2 were continued, every pupil from the school visited the site to learn about the work and the men who trained in the village 80 years before.

These regular sessions enhance the richness of the education our local children receive and contribute to the school's continuing "Outstanding" Ofsted rating.

We were also deeply involved in our parish church's Patronal Day celebrations talking to visitors about the rich history of the church.

## **Financial Review**

We have traded through the year with a very small deficit. Membership of the group remained well over one hundred giving us a healthy subscription income which was further increased by the higher number of guided tours of American visitors. We received a record income from the Heritage Centre donations box although this year we did not receive any bequests. Our healthy income has allowed us to make a number of very significant purchases to enhance our permanent collection. The end of the year sees us in a continuing healthy financial position.

### **Grant Income**

No grant income was received although an application has been made to our local Area Board in December for help towards a major capital expense planned for early in 2024.



## Reserves Policy

Our policy requires that we maintain a reserve of at least one year's running costs, but aim for two. Our current position shows our current reserves approaching three years' costs.

## Plans for Future Periods

While continuing to serve our community in the ways laid out in our Aims above, we also hope to be able to visit the Nursing Home for discussions and "nostalgia sessions". We hope to foster closer relations with the second American tour company that visit the village home of the "Band of Brothers" and that this will help bolster our finances.

## Structure Governance and Management

### Governing Document

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### Premises

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### Recruitment, Appointment and Induction of Trustees

Our constitution allows for twelve trustees on our governing body, but at present we only have nine. The recruitment of new trustees is an on-going problem. We are keen to bring younger enthusiasts into the body of Trustees, but competition from other village bodies and interests.

One new trustee, Margaret Manby, joined us and was inducted during 2023.

### Organisational Structure

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Mr J Dymond (Trustee)



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### Income and Expenditure

<b>A1 Receipts</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Bank Interest	£ 121		£ 5	£ 5
Donations: General <sup>Note 1</sup>	£ 1,379		£ 1,379	£ 997
Donations: Acq'n Fund <sup>Note 2</sup>		£ 671	£ 671	£ 1,907
Events & Meetings	£ 437		£ 437	£ 203
Village Tour Fees <sup>Note 3</sup>	£ 1,915		£ 1,915	£ 1,583
Grants <sup>Note 4</sup>	£ -		£ -	£ 3,167
Membership Subs	£ 1,397		£ 1,397	£ 1,378
Miscellaneous Income	£ 12		£ 12	£ 0
Sales	£ 521		£ 521	£ 241
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 5,782	£ 671	£ 6,453	£ 9,481
<b>A2 Asset &amp; Investment Sales</b>	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 0
<i>Total receipts</i>	£ 5,782	£ 671	£ 6,453	£ 9,481

<b>A3 Payments</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Rest- stricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Fees Subs etc <sup>Note 4</sup>	£ 52		£ 52	£ 54
Centre Costs	£ 3,160		£ 3,160	£ 3,679
Collection	£ 1,184	£ 201	£ 1,385	£ 2,826
Event & Mtg Costs	£ 824		£ 824	£ 764
Office Costs	£ 1,082		£ 1,082	£ 1,174
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 6,312	£ 201	£ 6,513	£ 8,497
<b>A4 Asset &amp; Inv't Purch's</b> <sup>Note 5</sup>	£ 3,574	£ 1,045	£ 4,619	£ 1,301
<i>Total payments</i>	£ 9,886	£ 1,246	£ 11,132	£ 9,798
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	(£ 4,104)	(£ 575)	(£ 4,679)	(£ 317)
<b>A5 Transfers bt'n Funds</b> <sup>Note 6</sup>	(£ 300)	£ 300	£ 0	£ 0
<b>A6 Funds last year end</b> <sup>Note 7</sup>	£ 14,150	£ 2,128	£ 16,278	£ 16,595
<i>Cash Funds this year end</i>	£ 9,746	£ 1,853	£ 11,599	£ 16,278



<b>B1 Cash Funds</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Bank Accounts	£ 11,710	£ 1,853	£ 13,563	£ 18,464
Cash in Hand	£ 652	£	£ 652	£ 306
	£ 12,363	£ 1,853	£ 14,216	£ 18,770

  

<b>B2 Other Monetary Assets</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>
Accounts Receivable	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -

  

<b>B3 Investment Assets</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>
NIL		£ -
		£ -

  

<b>B4 Assets Retained for Own Use</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Current Value</i>
Collection <sup>Note 8</sup>	ACHG	£ 7,677	£ 7,677
Furniture & Equipment <sup>Note 9</sup>	ACHG	£ 11,436	£ 7,116
		£ 19,114	£ 14,793

  

<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Amount Due</i>
Accounts Payable	ACHG	£ 497
Loans etc	ACHG	£
		£ 497

**Notes:**

1. Donations received in the Heritage Centre donations box.
2. Donations from village organisations and several private individuals
3. Village BoB tour fees from National WW2 Museum coach tours..
4. Includes £40 annual fee to the Information Commissioner to comply with GDPR.
5. From unrestricted funds: purchase & installation of new track lighting system, a cupboard to hold the Carillon and a dehumidifier and monitor. From restricted funds: a number of bells, several postcards of special interest, 1870s sales particulars for Baydon Manor and a number of other minor items.
6. The committee agreed in 2016 to set aside £300 each year for larger acquisitions (i.e. to become "restricted" funds).
7. Including Petty Cash, Floats and our PayPal account.



8. Collection assets with a resale value. No depreciation is applied to collection items. [*There is no expectation ever to sell these or any other items, but we need to track items of significant value for insurance purposes*].
9. Accumulated depreciation on Furniture & Equipment - £5,547.

Signed

Mr J Dymond (Trustee & Treasurer)

**ALDBOURNE COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186866

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**ALDBOURNE COMMUNITY  
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**Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO**  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**Report and Financial Statements**  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**Charity Number**

**1186866**

## Aldbourne Community Heritage Group CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Aldbourne Community Heritage Group CIO
Status:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Registration Number:	1186866
Registered Office and operational address:	Aldbourne Heritage Centre, The Square, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2DU

### Trustees

Mr T Gilligan	President & Chair
Mr A Heasman	Secretary
Mr J Dymond	Treasurer
Ms C Rust	
Mrs E Dymond	
Mr G Dixon	
Mrs J Hunt	
Ms J Lambourn	

**Bankers** : Barclays Bank UK plc, Newbury Branch



## **Our Aims and Objectives**

### **Purposes and Aims**

The purpose of the Aldbourne Community Heritage Group [ACHG] are set out in the organisation's constitution and is namely:

- To advance education for the public good by the promotion of knowledge and interest in the heritage of the village and parish of Aldbourne and by the establishment and maintenance of a museum to preserve and display that heritage.

As also stated in our constitution, we seek to advance that aim in the following ways:

- a. providing a forum for those interested in the history of Aldbourne village and parish and history in general;
- b. promoting the conservation of the historical heritage of the area;
- c. promoting research, discussion, field studies, talks, publications, exhibitions, and other activities relating to local history and to further the education of the public of all ages in these aspects;
- d. occupying a suitable building in Aldbourne as a permanent museum in order to display our local heritage and promote interest to all ages;
- e. accepting, taking permanent ownership of, and displaying written records, artefacts and other items donated to or purchased by the Group in accordance with the ACHG collection and acquisitions policies, and at the discretion of the trustees;
- f. accepting, keeping and displaying written records, artefacts and other items loaned to the Group in accordance with the ACHG collection and acquisitions policies, and at the discretion of the trustees;
- g. gathering together from any source available including the internet and making public by archive or display the story of the village and parish of Aldbourne;
- h. involving other local organisations as much as possible particularly youth organisations and school;
- i. engaging in any other activity which furthers the core object of the ACHG providing it complies with both the requirements of this constitution and the regulations of the Charity Commission.

### **Delivering our aims**

For the first time since 2019 we have been able to open our Heritage Centre every weekend throughout our planned season (April to September) and to return to a full program of live monthly talks. These live talks are now also simultaneously broadcast via Zoom; originally for vulnerable members of our community, but increasingly for members and others scattered around the country and overseas.

Response to our reopening the centre has been good with visitor numbers coming close to matching the record figures of 2019. The relaxation of travel restrictions meant that our association with the National Museum of World War 2 in New Orleans was resumed and we hosted several coach parties of visitors from them during the year.

Once again we hosted a Dr Who convention, and we have been able to resume our work with the village school.

The transcription of old documents has continued and many have been published on our website. This work also provides much new information to be included in future talks and heritage centre displays. The major scanning operation to digitise 150 years' worth of parish magazines and other village newspapers was completed successfully

## How we deliver public benefit

### Monthly talks

We continued to provide benefit to our community with a full season of talks on the history and traditions of the village. Subjects presented were: *Aldbourn Racing Stables; Manorial Disputes; 19<sup>th</sup> century transport; the writer Ida Gandy; Aldbourn Rectory; WW2 in Aldbourn; Village Music; the Goddard family; Funeral Traditions; Old Houses and the "Awborne Gospels"*.

We also distribute regular newsletters to our membership and other interested parties.

### Heritage Centre

Our Heritage Centre opened for a full season in 2022, and was enjoyed by 1,762 visitors, very close to our 2019 record, who gave us donations of over £850 which is our highest figure ever.

Pent up demand after two years without American visitors led to nine coach loads of American visitors following the famous "Band of Brothers" on tours organised by the National Museum of World War 2 in New Orleans, several coaches from another American operator. We welcomed another weekend meeting of Dr Who fans who are drawn to the village by its association with one of the early series of the show.

We continued to receive and answer significant numbers of family history enquiries by email from around the world.

### Online Presence

We have continued to keep our website up-to-date with regular additions, particularly transcriptions and translations of documents and stories relevant to the village from as far back as the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

We also post photos on our Facebook daily, and these are much appreciated by over 600 followers from around the world. As a result of this ongoing connection with our followers around the world, we often receive new information and even new lines for research.

## **Outreach**

We returned to work with the village primary school to make National Curriculum themes more relevant to the children by using local assets and historical events. This year while the children studied the Great Fire of London, we toured the village telling them of the two great 18<sup>th</sup> century fires which came close to destroying the village. We also led a walk talking about how the uses of many old buildings had changed.

For a second year during the archaeological excavations on the site of the camp of an important unit of American paratroopers during World War 2, every pupil from St Michael's School visited the site to learn about the work and the men who trained in the village 79 years before.

These regular sessions enhance the richness of the education our local children receive and contribute to the school's continuing "Outstanding" Ofsted rating.

## **Financial Review**

A return to normal operations resulted in our financial situation being less dependant on Covid grant income than in the previous two years. Membership remained well over one hundred meaning our subscription income returned to normal level, as did income from our guided tours of American visitors. A record income from the Heritage Centre donations box was augmented by three very generous bequests. Our healthy income has allowed us to make a number of very significant purchases to enhance our permanent collection. The end of the year sees us in a continuing healthy financial position.

### **Grant Income**

We received two final installments of Covid grant from the government (via Wiltshire Council). We expect no more.

### **Reserves Policy**

Even as an unincorporated body we strove to ensure that we had available reserves amounting to a full year's running costs. The boost to our finances due to Covid grants over the past two years has meant that our cash position stands at something close to three years' costs. A significant capital expenditure is planned for 2023 however which will result in a lower reserve – but still well in excess of our one year policy.

## **Plans for Future Periods**

We plan to continue serving our community in the ways laid out in our Aims above. In addition to the work we have done in past years, we also hope to be able to visit the Nursing Home for discussions and “nostalgia sessions”. We hope to foster closer relations with the second American tour company that visit the village home of the “Band of Brothers” and that this will help bolster our finances.

## **Structure Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

We are an Association organisation with a membership of about 100 (drawn from a village of about 1,800 souls) and are governed by our Constitution which is lodged with the Charity Commission.

### **Premises**

Our only premises is our one-room Heritage Centre and loft which we rent from the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent of £12 per year. Our current lease runs on these terms until 2036.

### **Recruitment, Appointment and Induction of Trustees**

Our constitution allows for twelve trustees on our governing body, but at present we only have eight. The recruitment of new trustees is an on-going problem. We are keen to bring a younger demographic into the body of Trustees, but people of working age have little free time to devote to projects and we compete against a plethora of village bodies and interests.

No new trustees have joined the body during 2020. We do, however, have full procedure and documents in place to take any new recruit through their induction and training.

### **Organisational Structure**

We are a small group, so the disciplines of governance and management are both handled by the Board of Trustees (normally referred to as “the committee”). In addition to the three officers named above – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – we have also appointed one trustee as Curator who is nominally responsible for management functions. But again as a small organisation all responsibilities tend to be shared.

Signed

Mr J Dymond (Trustee)

## Accounts for the Year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The organisation maintains an Acquisition Fund for the purchase of objects for the collection which is reflected in the Restricted Funds below. This fund receives an agreed transfer from unrestricted funds at the start of each financial year and benefits further from donations and bequests which specify such use.

### Income and Expenditure

<b>A1 Receipts</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Bank Interest	£ 5		£ 5	£ 1
Donations: General <sup>Note 1</sup>	£ 997		£ 997	£ 408
Donations: Acq'n Fund <sup>Note 2</sup>		£ 1,907	£ 1,907	£ 130
Events & Meetings	£ 203		£ 203	£ 61
Village Tour Fees <sup>Note 3</sup>	£ 1,583		£ 1,583	£ 200
Grants <sup>Note 4</sup>	£ 3,167		£ 3,167	£ 10,096
Membership Subs	£ 1,378		£ 1,378	£ 1,188
Miscellaneous Income	£ 0		£ 0	£ 0
Sales	£ 241		£ 241	£ 111
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 7,574	£ 1,907	£ 9,481	£ 12,395
<b>A2 Asset &amp; Investment Sales</b>	£ -	£ -	£ 0	£ 0
<i>Total receipts</i>	£ 7,574	£ 1,907	£ 9,481	£ 12,395

<b>A3 Payments</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Rest- stricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Returned Grant			£ 0	£ 4,877
Fees Subs etc <sup>Note 5</sup>	£ 54		£ 54	£ 44
Centre Costs	£ 3,679		£ 3,679	£ 2,355
Collection	£ 2,584	£ 242	£ 2,826	£ 192
Event & Mtg Costs	£ 764		£ 764	£ 435
Office Costs	£ 1,174		£ 1,174	£ 944
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 8,255	£ 242	£ 8,497	£ 8,847
<b>A4 Asset &amp; Inv't Purch's</b> <sup>Note 6</sup>	£ 887	£ 414	£ 1,301	£ 1,789
<i>Total payments</i>	£ 9,142	£ 656	£ 9,798	£ 10,636
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	(£ 1,568)	£ 1,251	(£ 317)	£ 1,759
<b>A5 Transfers bt'n Funds</b> <sup>Note 7</sup>	(£ 300)	£ 300	£ 0	£ 0

<b>A6 Funds last year end</b> <sup>Note 8</sup>	£ 16,018	£ 577	£ 16,595	£ 16,018
<i>Cash Funds this year end</i>	£ 15,150	£ 2,128	£ 16,278	£ 17,777

<b>B1 Cash Funds</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Bank Accounts	£ 16,336	£ 2,128	£ 18,464	£ 17,783
Cash in Hand	£ 306	£	£ 306	£ 325
	£16,642	£ 2,128	£ 18,770	£ 18,108

<b>B2 Other Monetary Assets</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>
Accounts Receivable	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -

<b>B3 Investment Assets</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>
NIL		£ -
		£ -

<b>B4 Assets Retained for Own Use</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Current Value</i>
Collection <sup>Note 9</sup>	ACHG	£ 6,668	£ 6,668
Furniture & Equipment <sup>Note 10</sup>	ACHG	£ 7,862	£ 4,394
		£ 14,530	£ 11,062

<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Amount Due</i>
Accounts Payable	ACHG	£ 426
Loans etc	ACHG	£
		£ 426

## Notes:

1. Donations received in the Heritage Centre donations box.
2. Several private donations and three very generous bequests.
3. Village BoB tour fees from National WW2 Museum coach tours..
4. Two final Covid-19 Grants of £2,667 and £500 as recompense for loss of income during lockdown.
5. Includes £40 annual fee to the Information Commissioner to comply with GDPR.
6. Purchase of SumUp Card Reader from unrestricted funds and Roman coins, Aldbourne trading tokens, one large crotal bell by Robert Wells and a smaller one by John Stares.
7. The committee agreed in 2016 to set aside £300 each year for larger acquisitions (i.e. to become "restricted" funds).



8. Including Petty Cash and Floats
9. Collection assets with a resale value. No depreciation is applied to collection items.  
*[There is no expectation ever to sell these or any other items, but we need to track items of significant value for insurance purposes].*
10. Accumulated depreciation on Furniture & Equipment - £3,468.

**ALDBOURNE COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186866

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**ALDBOURNE COMMUNITY  
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**Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO**  
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**Report and Financial Statements**  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Charity Number**

**1186866**

## Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO
Status:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Registration Number:	1186866
Registered Office and operational address:	Aldbourn Heritage Centre, The Square, Aldbourn, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2DU

### Trustees

Ms C Rust	Chair
Mrs E Dymond	Secretary
Mr J Dymond	Treasurer
Mr T Gilligan	President
Mr G Dixon	
Mr A Heasman	
Mrs J Hunt	
Ms J Lambourn	

**Bankers** : Barclays Bank UK plc, Newbury Branch



## **Our Aims and Objectives**

### **Purposes and Aims**

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As also stated in our constitution, we seek to advance that aim in the following ways:

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- e. accepting, taking permanent ownership of, and displaying written records, artefacts and other items donated to or purchased by the Group in accordance with the ACHG collection and acquisitions policies, and at the discretion of the trustees;
- f. accepting, keeping and displaying written records, artefacts and other items loaned to the Group in accordance with the ACHG collection and acquisitions policies, and at the discretion of the trustees;
- g. gathering together from any source available including the internet and making public by archive or display the story of the village and parish of Aldbourne;
- h. involving other local organisations as much as possible particularly youth organisations and school;
- i. engaging in any other activity which furthers the core object of the ACHG providing it complies with both the requirements of this constitution and the regulations of the Charity Commission.

### **Delivering our aims**

We managed to resume work delivering our aims in 2021 although Covid-19 forced this to be in a very much reduced form. We were able to open our Heritage Centre for a reduced season from late May well into October, but visitor numbers were down to a third of pre-Covid figures. Our monthly heritage talks were reinstated online and an encouraging and increasing proportion of our members were able to join us.

We were finally able to host the Dr Who convention that had been planned for 2020. And between lockdowns we were able to resume our work with the village school.

The lockdowns meant we were able to increase work on the transcription of old documents much of which was published on our website. This work will also provide much new information to be included in future talks and heritage centre displays. A major scanning operation was started to digitise all our parish magazines and other village newspapers from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present.

## How we deliver public benefit

### Monthly talks

We resumed providing benefit to our local, national and world-wide audience by presenting our monthly talk on village history online using Zoom. In September we returned to the village chapel for a live talk, but lockdown returned and the remainder of our talks for the year were all presented online. Subjects covered in 2021 were: *150 years of Old Peoples' Christmas Lunch; Prehistoric Aldbourne; A Royal Jockey; Beech Knoll House; "What's in a Name?"; Aldbourne Traders' Tokens; The Pizzie Family; The Great Village Fires; Church Memorials & the Carillon; and A Xmas Miscellany.*

We also distribute regular newsletters to our membership and other interested parties.

### Heritage Centre

We managed to open our Heritage Centre for a much-reduced season in 2021, welcoming just 607 visitors rather than the normal 1,500 plus. They were, however, most generous leaving donations of over £400. We hope in 2022 to get back to something more like normal.

The problems of transatlantic travel meant that we did not welcome any American guests following the famous "Band of Brothers". This had a significant effect on both visitor numbers and revenues. We did however welcome another weekend meeting of Dr Who fans who are drawn to the village by its association with one of the early series of the show.

We continued to receive and answer significant numbers of family history enquiries by email from around the world.

### Online Presence

We have continued to keep our website up-to-date with regular additions, particularly transcriptions and translations of documents and stories relevant to the village from as far back as the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

We also post photos on our Facebook daily, and these are much appreciated by over 600 followers from around the world. As a result of this ongoing connection with our followers around the world, we often receive new information and even new lines for research.

## **Outreach**

While we continue to work with the village primary school to make National Curriculum themes more relevant to the children by using local assets and historical events, our direct contact was restricted to just a single village walk this year. This year we toured the village talking about buildings and industries which have disappeared. These regular sessions enhance the richness of the education our local children receive and contribute to the school's continuing "Outstanding" Ofsted rating.

Plans for work to support the residents of the Aldbourne Nursing Home have had to remain on hold until the home is able to welcome visitors with more confidence in the continued health of the residents.

## **Financial Review**

Repeated lockdowns through 2021 resulted in a reduced number of visitors to our Heritage Centre and a commensurate reduction in revenues from that source. For a second year running we were unable to welcome any tours from the National Museum of WW2 meaning a further loss of revenue. However, with the return of our monthly talks (albeit mostly online using Zoom) we felt justified in asking our members for their annual subscriptions once again.

### **Grant Income**

As a Business Rate payer, we continued to receive support from the Government in the form of an £8,000 Covid Small Business grant in June and a further £2,096 in September.

However, we were forced to cancel our planned Medieval Fayre and were required to repay the unused portion of the NLHF Grant which we had received in 2020. You will see this repayment reflected in the "Restricted Funds" column in the accounts below.

Thus despite the pandemic, 2021 was, financially at least, a positive year.

### **Reserves Policy**

Even as an unincorporated body we strove to ensure that we had available reserves amounting to a full year's running costs. This policy proved crucial in early 2020 and, together with the continued government support, we were able to move forward through 2021 with our reserves enhanced rather than depleted.

## **Plans for Future Periods**

As soon as the situation allows we plan to return to serving our community in the ways laid out in our Aims above. In addition to the work we have done in past years, we also hope to be able to visit the Nursing Home for discussions and “nostalgia sessions”. If our American friends feel able to restart their visits (we know that a huge demand has built up) it will help bolster our finances.

## **Structure Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

We are an Association organisation with a membership of about 100 (drawn from a village of about 1,800 souls) and are governed by our Constitution which is lodged with the Charity Commission.

### **Premises**

Our only premises is our one-room Heritage Centre which we rent from the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent of £8 per year. During 2020 we negotiated an extension to our lease on the same terms until 2036. Our previous lease as an unincorporated body was due to expire in 2022.

### **Recruitment, Appointment and Induction of Trustees**

Our constitution allows for twelve trustees on our governing body, but at present we only have eight. The recruitment of new trustees is an on-going problem. We are keen to bring a younger demographic into the body of Trustees, but people of working age have little free time to devote to projects and we compete against a plethora of village bodies and interests.

No new trustees have joined the body during 2020. We do, however, have full procedure and documents in place to take any new recruit through their induction and training.

### **Organisational Structure**

We are a small group, so the disciplines of governance and management are handled by the Board of Trustees (normally referred to as “the committee”). In addition to the three officers named above – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – we have also appointed one trustee as Curator who is nominally responsible for management functions. But again as a small organisation all responsibilities tend to be shared.

Signed

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Mr J Dymond (Trustee)

## Accounts for the Year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

The organisation maintains an Acquisition Fund for the purchase of objects for the collection which is reflected in the Restricted Funds below. This fund receives an agreed transfer from unrestricted funds at the start of each financial year and benefits further from donations and bequests which specify such use.

Income and Expenditure		Note 0		
<b>A1 Receipts</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Bank Interest	£ 1		£ 1	£ 4
Donations: General <sup>Note 1</sup>	£ 408		£ 408	£ 100
Donations: Acq'n Fund <sup>Note 2</sup>		£ 230	£ 230	£ 880
Events & Meetings	£ 61		£ 61	£ 183
Village Tour Fees <sup>Note 3</sup>	£ 200		£ 200	£ 0
Grants <sup>Note 4</sup>	£ 10,096		£ 10,096	£ 16,269
Membership Subs	£ 1,188		£ 1,188	£ 0
Miscellaneous Income	£ 0		£ 0	£ 150
Sales	£ 211		£ 211	£ 0
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 12,165	£ 230	£ 12,395	£ 17,586
<b>A2 Asset &amp; Investment Sales</b>	£ -	£ -	£ 0	£ 0
<i>Total receipts</i>	£ 12,165	£ 230	£ 12,395	£ 17,586

<b>A3 Payments</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Rest- stricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Returned Grant <sup>Note 5</sup>		£ 4,877	£ 4,877	N/A
Fees Subs etc <sup>Note 6</sup>	£ 44		£ 44	£ 65
Centre Costs	£ 2,355		£ 2,355	£ 3,714
Collection		£ 192	£ 192	£ 417
Event & Mtg Costs	£ 435		£ 435	£ 333
Office Costs	£ 944		£ 944	£ 1,010
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 3,778	£ 5,069	£ 8,847	£ 5,539
<b>A4 Asset &amp; Inv't Purch's</b> <sup>Note 7</sup>	£ 179	£ 1,610	£ 1,789	£ 2,104
<i>Total payments</i>	£ 3,957	£ 6,679	£ 10,636	£ 7,643
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	£ 8,208	(£ 6,449)	£ 1,759	£ 9,943
<b>A5 Transfers bt'n Funds</b> <sup>Note 8</sup>	(£ 300)	£ 300	£ 0	£ 0

<b>A6 Funds last year end</b> <sup>Note 9</sup>	£ 9,292	£ 6,726	£ 16,018	£ 6,075
<i>Cash Funds this year end</i>	£ 17,200	£ 577	£ 17,777	£ 16,018
<b>B1 Cash Funds</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Bank Accounts	£ 17,206	£ 577	£ 17,783	£ 15,819
Cash in Hand	£ 325	£ -	£ 325	£ 199
	£ 17,531	£ 577	£ 18,108	£ 16,019
<b>B2 Other Monetary Assets</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>		
Accounts Receivable	£ -	£ -		
	£ -	£ -		
<b>B3 Investment Assets</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>		
NIL		£ -		
		£ -		
<b>B4 Assets Retained for Own Use</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Current Value</i>	
Collection <sup>Note 10</sup>	ACHG	£ 6,348	£ 6,348	
Furniture & Equipment <sup>Note 11</sup>	ACHG	£ 6,975	£ 4,116	
		£ 13,323	£ 10,464	
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Amount Due</i>		
Accounts Payable	ACHG	£ 19		
Loans etc	ACHG	£		
		£ 19		

**Notes:**

- o. Aldbourne Community Heritage Group CIO does not hold any Endowment Funds and so that column is not included below.
1. Donations received in the Heritage Centre donations box.
2. Several private donations and one from a visitor researching family history.
3. Village "Band of Brothers" tour fees from two (non-American) groups of visitors.
4. 2021 Small Business Covid Grants of £8,000 and £2,096 as recompense for loss of income during lockdown.
5. In view of the cancellation of the planned Medieval Fayre in 2020, the unused grant funds were returned to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
6. Includes £40 annual fee to the Information Commissioner to comply with GDPR.



7. Purchase of SumUp Card Reader from unrestricted funds and Roman coins, Aldbourne trading tokens, one large crotal bell by Robert Wells and a smaller one by John Stares.
8. The committee agreed in 2016 to set aside £300 each year for larger acquisitions (i.e. to become "restricted" funds).
9. Including Petty Cash and Floats
10. Collection assets with a resale value. No depreciation is applied to collection items. *[There is no expectation ever to sell these or any other items, but we need to track items of significant value for insurance purposes].*
11. Accumulated depreciation on Furniture & Equipment - £2,859.

**ALDBOURNE COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186866

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# Accounts

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**ALDBOURNE COMMUNITY  
HERITAGE GROUP CIO**  
*Exploring the Village Story*



**Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO**  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**Report and Financial Statements**  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

**Charity Number**

**1186866**

## Aldbourne Community Heritage Group CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year 12<sup>th</sup> January\* to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

[\* - The assets, liabilities and objects of the predecessor unincorporated charity were vested in the newly created CIO on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020; hence the later start date.]

### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Aldbourne Community Heritage Group CIO
Status:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Registration Number:	1186866
Registered Office and operational address:	Aldbourne Heritage Centre, The Square, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2DU

### Trustees

Mrs E Dymond	Chair
Mr A Heasman	Secretary
Mr J Dymond	Treasurer
Mr T Gilligan	President
Mr G Dixon	
Ms C Rust	
Mrs J Hunt	
Ms J Lambourn	

**Bankers** : Barclays Bank UK plc, Newbury Branch

## Our Aims and Objectives

### Purposes and Aims

The purpose of the Aldbourne Community Heritage Group [ACHG] are set out in the organisation's constitution and is namely:

- To advance education for the public good by the promotion of knowledge and interest in the heritage of the village and parish of Aldbourne and by the establishment and maintenance of a museum to preserve and display that heritage.

As also stated in our constitution, we seek to advance that aim in the following ways:

- a. providing a forum for those interested in the history of Aldbourne village and parish and history in general;
- b. promoting the conservation of the historical heritage of the area;
- c. promoting research, discussion, field studies, talks, publications, exhibitions, and other activities relating to local history and to further the education of the public of all ages in these aspects;
- d. occupying a suitable building in Aldbourne as a permanent museum in order to display our local heritage and promote interest to all ages;
- e. accepting, taking permanent ownership of, and displaying written records, artefacts and other items donated to or purchased by the Group in accordance with the ACHG collection and acquisitions policies, and at the discretion of the trustees;
- f. accepting, keeping and displaying written records, artefacts and other items loaned to the Group in accordance with the ACHG collection and acquisitions policies, and at the discretion of the trustees;
- g. gathering together from any source available including the internet and making public by archive or display the story of the village and parish of Aldbourne;
- h. involving other local organisations as much as possible particularly youth organisations and school;
- i. engaging in any other activity which furthers the core object of the ACHG providing it complies with both the requirements of this constitution and the regulations of the Charity Commission.

### Delivering our aims

The year started full of hope for an exciting season, a new set of displays for the Heritage Centre, a full set of talks for our members each month, bookings for several coach-loads of American visitors on tours following the "Band of Brothers", a Dr Who convention, and last but by no means least, a Medieval Fayre planned for a weekend in May. We started well with our

first two talks and the Centre was resplendent with its new displays ready to reopen for the summer at the end of March ...

## Impact of Disruption by Covid-19 Pandemic

... when the whole world came to a halt. All of our monthly meetings, including the inaugural general meeting of the new CIO, had to be postponed and the Heritage Centre could not be opened to the public. Nor could it be used by volunteers or trustees to carry out normal conservation and administration work. Planned sessions with the village school were moved online rather than in person. Trustee communications and decision making continued by telephone and email until in May we restarted our monthly meetings using Zoom.

The Medieval Fayre planned for May was delayed until October, only to be delayed again and finally abandoned. And a Dr Who Convention planned for June was also cancelled.

The usual visits of coach tours from the National Museum of World War 2 [NMWW2] were cancelled, thus losing a significant part of our annual income.

Over £1,500 was spent in building a new Covid-secure welcome desk and other necessary steps to prepare the centre to open in the new infection-aware environment. After achieving VisitBritain's "We're Good to Go" standard, the centre opened on 14<sup>th</sup> October for three weekends until the renewed lockdown.

## How we deliver public benefit

### Monthly talks

We provide benefit to the population of Aldbourne and neighbouring villages by offering a talk each month on some aspect of village history. This year our offerings have been severely curtailed by lockdown, with only the first two talks able to go ahead: *Medieval Aldbourne* in January, and *Bell-founding in Aldbourne* in February. With the gradual easing of lockdown, we were able to offer our annual *Walkabout Quiz* in September (delayed from July).

In late November we gave an online talk over Zoom to a small group of members as a trial run for a more extensive set of online talks in 2021.

We also distribute regular newsletters to our membership and other interested parties.

### Heritage Centre

The opening of our Heritage Centre provides the focus of our work normally, opening for 5½ hours every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday through the summer months, and catering for between 1,500 and 2,000 visitors a year. However, as mentioned above, the pandemic reduced our opening to just three weekends in October and a couple of sessions just before Christmas.

While the lockdown meant that visitors with interests in many aspects of village history remained unsatisfied, we were able to continue helping those with an interest in their family history. We received many requests from around the country (indeed, the world) for help and information on their ancestry via email to our enquiries desk, and those we were able to help remotely almost as effectively as we could face-to-face.

## Online Presence

We have kept our website up-to-date with regular additions, particularly transcriptions and translations of documents and stories relevant to the village from as far back as the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

We also post photos on our Facebook daily, and these are much appreciated by over 600 followers from around the world. As a result of this ongoing connection with our followers around the world, we often receive new information and even new lines for research which we can then share with our wide audience.

## Outreach

We work closely with the village primary school to make National Curriculum themes more relevant to the children by using local assets and historical events. Sadly this year we were restricted to just two sessions. In May, as part of the remembrance of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW2, we gave an online talk to the school about various military units who were stationed in the village during their training, including the well-known "Band of Brothers" of the U.S. 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. We also reviewed the Operation Nightingale dig on their camp which took place in 2019 and which every child from the school had visited. While in October to enlarge on their study of the Great Fire of London, eight of our trustees and volunteers walked around the village with groups of children, some 60 in total, exploring the story of the fire which largely destroyed our village in 1777. We also worked with the school to incorporate significant local events into a national and international timeline which they were designing for the playground.

As part of the lead up to the planned Medieval Fayre, we ran five hands-on sessions of sword & shield making with the Scouts and Cubs and a session of medieval cooking with the village youth club. The lockdown stopped further planned sessions.

Plans for work to support the residents of the Aldbourne Nursing Home had to be shelved for the year.

## Financial Review

We are an Association organisation, so our principal funding source is the membership subscriptions of our hundred or so members, augmented by a number of significant donations from local families. We also normally welcome several hundred mainly American guests on

tours organised by the National Museum of World War 2 in New Orleans, whom we take on guided tours of the WW2 sites in the village for a charge of £5 per head. No such tours could be held in 2020. We also received a donation from the BBC for our help in filming a documentary about a Dr Who series filmed in the village fifty years ago.

### **Grant Income**

We applied for and received three grants in 2020:

- Marlborough Area Board - £969 to upgrade CCTV and other security equipment. This project was completed
- National Lottery Heritage Fund – Support for the Medieval Fayre planned for May 2020. We received £5,300, but the Fayre was postponed firstly to October and then into 2021. [Note: *the plan was abandoned in 2021 and the unspent grant was returned to NLHF.*]

As we are liable to business rates we were also entitled to and received a Covid-19 Business Support Grant of £10,000 from the government.

As a result of this last windfall grant, we are in an unexpectedly robust financial position at the close of 2020.

### **Reserves Policy**

Even as an unincorporated body we strove to ensure that we had available reserves amounting to a full year's running costs. This proved crucial to keep our group and centre afloat during the early part of the year. The government grant has enabled us to move forward into 2021 with our reserves enhanced rather than depleted.

## **Plans for Future Periods**

As soon as the situation allows we plan to return to serving our community in the ways laid out in our Aims above. In addition to the work we have done in past years, we also hope to be able to visit the Nursing Home for discussions and "nostalgia sessions". If our American friends feel able to restart their visits (we know that a huge demand has built up) it will help bolster our finances.

## **Structure Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

We are an Association organisation with a membership of about 100 (drawn from a village of about 1,800 souls) and are governed by our Constitution which is lodged with the Charity Commission.

## **Premises**

Our only premises is our one-room Heritage Centre which we rent from the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent of £8 per year. During 2020 we negotiated an extension to our lease on the same terms until 2036. Our previous lease as an unincorporated body was due to expire in 2022.

## **Recruitment, Appointment and Induction of Trustees**

Our constitution allows for twelve trustees on our governing body, but at present we only have eight. The recruitment of new trustees is an on-going problem. We are keen to bring a younger demographic into the body of Trustees, but people of working age have little free time to devote to projects and we compete against a plethora of village bodies and interests.

No new trustees have joined the body during 2020. We do, however, have full procedure and documents in place to take any new recruit through their induction and training.

## **Organisational Structure**

We are a small group, so the disciplines of governance and management are handled by the Board of Trustees (normally referred to as “the committee”). In addition to the three officers named above – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – we have also appointed one trustee as Curator who is nominally responsible for management functions. But again as a small organisation all responsibilities tend to be shared.

Signed

Mr J Dymond (Trustee)

## Accounts for the Year 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

As reported above, the interests of the previous unincorporated charity (Aldbourn Community Heritage Group) were vested in the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020. This report is therefore for the period 12<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The organisation maintains an Acquisition Fund for the purchase of objects for the collection which is reflected in the Restricted Funds below. This fund receives and agreed transfer from unrestricted funds at the start of each financial year and benefits further from donations and bequests which specify such use.

### Income and Expenditure

<b>A1 Receipts</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Re-<sup>Note 2</sup> stricted</b>	<b>Endow- ment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Bank Interest	£ 4			£ 4	£ 9
Donations: General <sup>Note 3</sup>	£ 100			£ 100	£ 844
Donations: Acq'n Fund <sup>Note 4</sup>		£ 880		£ 880	£ 1,813
Events & Meetings	£ 183			£ 183	£ 689
Village Tour Fees	NIL			£ 0	£ 1,669
Grants <sup>Note 5</sup>	£ 10,000	£ 6,269		£ 16,269	N/A
Membership Subs <sup>Note 6</sup>	NIL			£ 0	£ 1,432
Miscellaneous Income	£ 150			£ 150	£ 35
Sales	NIL			£ 0	£ 325
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 10,437	£ 7,149	£ -	£ 17,586	£ 6,816
<b>A2 Asset &amp; Investment Sales</b>	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 0	£ 0
<i>Total receipts</i>	£ 10,437	£ 7,149	£ -	£ 17,586	£ 6,816

<b>A3 Payments</b>	<b>Unre- stricted</b>	<b>Rest- stricted</b>	<b>Endow- ment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Fees Subs etc <sup>Note 7</sup>	£ 65			£ 65	£ 75
Centre Costs	£ 3,714			£ 3,714	£ 2,998
Collection	£ 256	£ 161		£ 417	£ 103
Event & Mtg Costs	£ 333			£ 333	£ 804
Office Costs <sup>Note 8</sup>	£ 1,010			£ 1,010	£ 1,523
<i>Sub total</i>	£ 5,378	£ 161	£ -	£ 5,539	£ 5,503
<b>A4 Asset &amp; Inv't Purch's</b> <sup>Note 9</sup>	£ 643	£ 1,461	£ -	£ 2,104	£ 1,845
<i>Total payments</i>	£ 6,021	£ 1,622	£ -	£ 7,643	£ 7,348
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	£ 4,416	£ 5,527	£ -	£ 9,943	(£ 532)



<b>A5 Transfers bt'n Funds</b> <small>Note 10</small>	(£ 300)	£ 300	£ -	£ 0	£ 0
<b>A6 Funds last year end</b> <small>Note 11</small>	£ 5,176	£ 899	£ -	£ 6,075	£ 6,148
<i>Cash Funds this year end</i>	£ 9,292	£ 6,726	£ -	£ 16,018	£ 5,616

**Assets and Liabilities**

<b>B1 Cash Funds</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowment</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Bank Accounts	£ 9,093	£ 6,726	£	£ 15,819	£ 5,427
Cash in Hand	£ 199	£ -	£	£ 199	£ 190
	£ 9,292	£ 6,726	£	£ 16,019	£ 5,617

<b>B2 Other Monetary Assets</b>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowment</i>
Accounts Receivable	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -

<b>B3 Investment Assets</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>
NIL		£ -
		£ -

<b>B4 Assets Retained for Own Use</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Current Value</i>
Collection <small>Note 12</small>	ACHG	£ 4,702	£ 4,702
Furniture & Equipment <small>Note 13</small>	ACHG	£ 6,796	£ 4,331
		£ 11,498	£ 9,032

<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<i>Belongs to</i>	<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>When Due</i>
Accounts Payable	ACHG	£	
Loans etc	ACHG	£	
		£	

**Notes:**

1. Aldbourne Community Heritage Group CIO was incorporated on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated Aldbourne Community Heritage Group were vested in the new corporate organisation on that date. The first eleven days of January 2020 were included in the final year accounts (2019) of the unincorporated organisation.
2. Funds donated for a specific purpose – i.e. those set aside in the Acquisition Fund and certain grants.
3. Donations received in the Heritage Centre donations box.



4. Consisting of large bequests from two late members plus the funeral collection of a third and a donation from a visitor researching family history.
5. Small Business Covid Grant of £10,000 towards general funds, plus £969 from the Area Board towards the cost of new security system and CCTV and £5,300 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Medieval Fayre (which had to be postponed due to Covid-19).
6. The Committee resolved to waive membership fees for 2020 in view of our inability to offer members anything approaching normal service in return.
7. Includes £40 annual fee to the Information Commissioner to comply with GDPR.
8. Includes £50 annual maintenance fee for MODES Collection Management System.
9. Included Security & CCTV installation costing £1,560 of which £591 was paid from general funds, while £969 was taken from Restricted funds (being the Area Board grant received for that purpose).

Major collection items purchased included a 5-bell latten set by Robert Wells and a 17<sup>th</sup> century trading token of Richard Clarke of Aldbourne. Three volumes of the companion guide to the "Awborne Gospels" were purchased in memory of Ethel Underwood.

10. The committee agreed in 2016 to set aside £300 each year for larger acquisitions (i.e. to become "restricted" funds).
11. Petty Cash and Floats were previously omitted from the annual report, but are now included. This report therefore shows a small discrepancy from last year's reported figures.
12. Collection assets with a resale value. No depreciation is applied to collection items.  
*[There is no expectation ever to sell these or any other items, but we need to track items of significant value for insurance purposes].*
13. Accumulated depreciation on Furniture & Equipment - £2,466.