

STIXWOULD VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1199625

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-07-12

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ESTABLISH AND RUN A VILLAGE HALL AND TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF STIXWOULD AND OLD WOODHALL (THE AREA OF BENEFIT?) WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS (THE "OBJECTS").

Activities: To establish and run a village hall and promote the provision of recreation and leisure activities for all inhabitants of Stixwould & Old Woodhall (the area of benefit) without any type of discrimination. To promote and provide for the inhabitants and the public at large, opportunities to improve the conditions of life in the area of benefit,

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-11	£198,975	£186,302	-	-
2024-07-11	£3,253	£15,509	-	-
2023-12-31	£21,047	£6,900	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annette Southcott	Chair	2022-06-27
Christine Valerie Haddock		2022-06-27
Jennifer Louise Daft		2022-06-27
Mark David Hoyes		2022-06-27
Melvyn Hugh Murfin		2022-06-27
Thomas William Kinghorn Neve		2025-05-01

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Trustees Annual Report July2024-July2025

This year has seen two successful bids for grants , one from the **National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)** and the other from **UKSPFGrassroots** fund,

The award from NLHF is for the project **Stixwould Village Hall: Linking Heritage and Community** and for the following purposes

- Develop a website for the hall and ensure hosting of heritage content for five years in line with digital guidelines.
- Repair and maintain the Grade II Stixwould Village Hall and provide accessible facilities following procurement guidelines and ensuring relevant consents are in place. Repair work involves: repairs to the historic roof (roof structural timbers) and windows. - improving access to the building. - replacing the floor and plasterwork. - updating the kitchen and toilet to meet accessibility standards. - improved insulation, internal secondary glazing and an energy review of existing heating systems to become environmentally sustainable.
- Carry out a community audit to inform future uses for the Village Hall including events and services which might be needed.
- Carry out a volunteer skills audit and training programme for Trustees to gain an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the current team.
- Deliver a heritage engagement plan accessible for all the community and new audiences. Including the following as described in application:
 - Hard hat tours during the building works.
 - A schools and uniformed organisation's programme focussing on oral history, heritage of the local area and links to citizenship through the Jim Almonds story.
 - Displaying the exhibition on 'Gentleman Jim' Almonds - SAS founder.
 - Talks on the heritage of Stixwould and the local area.
 - A schools reminiscence café linked to Heritage Open Days, including opportunity for people to reminisce about the history of the hall and have their memories recorded for inclusion on the hall's website.
- Develop interpretation and interpretation ideas through:
 - Heritage research at the archives to inform interpretation resources including schools' packs and an interpretation board.
 - Interpretation workshops to involve people in deciding on the topics for inclusion in the interpretation and heritage plaque. -

- Installing an interpretation board near to the old railway station at Stixwould that tells the story of the village, and its rich heritage .
- Evaluate of the project in line with The National Lottery Heritage Fund guidance.
- Hold a project celebration event.
- High visibility acknowledgement of The National Lottery Heritage Fund on site, online and in all activities, as well as using the project to acknowledge and thank National Lottery players.

The **UKSPFGrassroots** grant of £9200 was awarded to create a community garden (match funding from the NLHF grant), install a commemorative bench and a new village notice board.

PROGRESS and REVIEW

Both grants were received in October 2024 and subject to regular progress reporting and review by the funders.

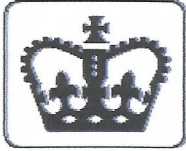
As of July 2025 all of the objectives are being met and funders are content that the projects continue to fulfil the grant aims, are on time and within budget.

The hall has been out of use for a time while the building work is taking place so fundraising activities have been severely curtailed.

Annette Southcott (Chair Stixwould Village Hall)

Annual accounts 12th July 2024 - 11th July 2025

		General fund	Grant aid fund
Income			
	Fund raising	£ 892.00	
	Lettings	£ -	
	Bank Interest	£ 264.89	
	Donations	£ 400.00	
	Refunds	£ 452.74	
	Grassroots grants		£ 4,600.00
	TOTAL INCOME	£ 2,009.63	
Expenditure			
	Fund raising	£ 80.00	
	Costs relating to NHLF grant		£ 195.00
	Maintenance	£ 7.80	
	Insurance	£ 713.34	
	Lease charges	£ 10.00	
	Electricity	£ 404.24	
	Grass roots grant		£ 8,059.97
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 1,215.38	£ 8,254.97
	Excess expenditure over income	£ 794.25	
	Bank account 12th July 2024	£5,094.02	
	Bank account 5th June 2025		£ 4,185.00
	Cash held		£ 111.00
	TOTAL		£ 4,296.00
	Movement	-£ 798.02	
Note the Grassroots grant is paid in 2 parts £4600 received 16th May £4600 to be paid on completion of the community garden project. To date £7692 has been spent £3092 more than received			
	Total excess expenditure over income	-£ 3.77	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's re- port on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

STIXWOULD VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year
ended

11 JULY 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1199625

Set out on pages

Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 11 JULY 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Marguerite Turner

Date:

9/5/26

Name:

MARGUERITE TURNER

ADDRESS:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any)

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Chairman's Report for the period 01/01/2024-01/07/2024

The first half of 2024 was taken up with completing the exhibition on the early life of Major 'Gentleman Jim' Almonds founder member of 1st SAS and resident of Lincolnshire. This was curated by members to the local history group and displayed in March and April at the Cottage Museum Woodhall Spa

Using a photograph of Almonds in his Scout uniform in 1928 we worked with a local subgroup of Beavers (the most junior members of the scouting movement) looking at how scouting and uniforms had changed over the decades. They then produced a collage which we put on display at the village hall.

A very positive independent evaluation of the exhibition and the project as a whole was submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund in July 2024 and formed baseline for a submission for a much larger grant to undertake the necessary renovation work to stop the further deterioration of this Grade 2 listed building.

The six windows at the front of the building were removed for repair and renovation on 7 May. They were reinstated on 4 June and have made a positive impact on both the appearance and the heat retention of the building.

Regular social and learning events continued throughout this period in the form of coffee mornings, village quizzes, a plant sale, floristry workshops and a session with a local historian on how to use the local archives for research.

Stixwoud Village Hall income 12/07/2023 - 11/07/2024

Date	Chitty No.		Fund raising	Hall hire	Grants	Donations	
1/18/2024		The Pilgrim Trust			£ 2,150.00		
1/30/2024		Tillow & Co		£ 100.00			
2/22/2024		February quiz	£ 41.00				
2/22/2024		Toni Oneill				£ 100.00	
3/2/2024	24	Coffee morning	£ 57.00				
3/28/2024	25	March quiz	£ 68.00				
4/6/2024	26	Coffee morning	£ 92.00				
5/4/2024	27	Coffee morning	£ 60.00				
5/8/2024		A Southcott				£ 70.20	
6/13/2024		The Pilgrim Trust			£ 163.85		
6/22/2024	28	Plant sale	£ 121.00			£ 1.86	
7/6/2024	29	Coffee morning	£ 57.50				
		Miscellaneous donations				£ 170.62	
			£ 496.50	£ 100.00	£ 2,313.85	£ 342.68	£ 3,253.03

Stixwould Village Hall expenditure 12/07/2023 - 11/07/2024

Date	Chitty No.		Fund rising expenses	Admin	Maintenance	Insurance Security	Refurbishment & Lease	Electricity	Grants Expenditure
1/15/2024		E,ON Next						£ 67.46	
1/22/2024		Glew Mackintosh							£ 2,150.00
1/22/2024		Lincoln Diocesan Trust					£ 10.00		
2/15/2024		E,ON Next						£ 67.46	
2/29/2024		Heritage Lincolnshire							£ 2,221.08
3/12/2024		YMCA		£ 55.00					
3/15/2024		E,ON Next						£ 67.46	
3/19/2024		Stewart Bennett		£ 18.00					
4/15/2024		E,ON Next						£ 67.46	
5/15/2024		E,ON Next						£ 67.46	
6/13/2024		Glew Mackintosh							£ 651.00
6/10/2024		Abbey Joinery							£ 6,720.00
6/17/2024		E,ON Next						£ 63.32	
6/20/2024		M Murfin							£ 53.98
6/27/2024		Heritage Lincolnshire							£ 2,962.92
6/27/2024		Richard Sivill Gallery							£ 200.00
7/8/2024		A Southcott		£ 66.86					
		TOTALS	£ -	£ 139.86	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00	£ 400.62	£ 14,958.98

£ 15,509.46



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Annual accounts 12th July 2023 - 11th July 2024

Income

Fund raising	£	496.50
Lettings	£	100.00
Donations	£	342.68
Grants	£	2,313.85
TOTAL INCOME	£	3,253.03

Expenditure

Fund raising	£	-
Administrative	£	139.86
Maintainance	£	-
Insurance	£	-
Lease charges	£	10.00
Electricity	£	400.62
Grant aid Expenditure	£	14,958.98
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	15,509.46
Bank account 12th July 2023	£	3,626.28
Excess income over expenditure	-£	12,256.43
		-£ 8,630.15
Bank account 27th June 2024	£	5,160.88
Cash in hand	£	116.50
		£ 5,277.38

Custom work to be completed

Bespoke container for exhibition boards (NHLF)	£	780.00		
Exhibition panel hanging system (NHLF)	£	213.85		
			£	993.85
General funds nett value			£	4,283.53
Increase in general fund value since 12/07/2023			£	657.25
Grant income & expenditure		Income	Expenditure	Over spend
Pilgrim Trust	£	4,370.00	£ 4,857.15	£ 487.15
National Heritage Lottery Fund	£	9,784.00	£ 9,801.65	£ 17.65
UK SPF	£	5,700.00	£ 6,720.00	£ 1,020.00

Notes

The Pilgrim Trust overspend covered by the general account
The UK SPF overspend covered by the National Heritage Lottery Fund grant
The National Heritage Lottery Fund overspend covered by the general account

Accounts prepared by
M H Murfin Trustee & Treasurer
Date

Jun-23 Pilgrim Trust		Grant £ 4,370.00	Claim	Balance to spend
7/13/2023	GMS architects		£ 1,530.15	£ 2,839.85
8/10/2023	Insurance		£ 526.00	£ 2,313.85
1/18/2024	GMS architects		£ 2,150.00	£ 163.85
6/13/2024	GMS architects		£ 651.00	-£ 487.15
			£ 4,857.15	

£526 towards annual insurance premium

National Heritage Lottery			Grant	£ 9,784.00	
			Event costs	Exhibition	Proffesional fees
9/13/2023	Richard Sivill Gallery	Photographic reproductions		£ 212.00	
9/21/2023	Tribeck Limited	Asbestos survey & report			£ 414.00
9/29/2023	Ruddocks	Exhibition panels printing		£ 544.80	
10/3/2023	Woodhall Printers	Exhibition materials		£ 94.57	
10/6/2023	International Bomber Command Limited	Room hire deposit	£ 250.00		
06//10/23	A Southcott	Publication materials and printing		£ 239.82	
11/3/2002	Faith Cowling	Banner design		£ 40.00	
11/27/2023	Lorna Almonds-Windmill	Speakers costs	£ 262.58		
11/13/2023	International Bomber Command Limited	Final room hire payment	£ 250.00		
11/28/2023	A Southcott	Sundry materials and printing		£ 40.97	
2/29/2024	Heritage Lincolnshire	Professional fees			£ 2,221.08
	Volunteer expenses (travel)	Volunteers travel		£ 70.20	
	Sivill Service	Sound system speaker for lecture		£ 100.00	
3/19/2024	Stuart Bennet	Trainers travel expenses		£ 18.00	
6/27/2024	Heritage Lincolnshire	Professional fees			£ 2,962.92
6/10/2024	Abbey Joinery	Agreed contribution to window installation			£ 1,020.00
7/11/2024	M Murfin	Bespoke container for exhibition boards		£ 780.00	
7/9/2024	A Southcott	Conservation materials		£ 66.86	
	Hanging system	Exhibition panel hanging system		£ 213.85	
			£ 762.58	£ 2,421.07	£ 6,618.00

£ 9,801.65

UK SPS

Grant	Spend	Balance to spend
£ 5,700.00		
	£ 6,720.00	-£ 1,020.00

Overspend covered by Heritage Lottery

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Stixwould Village Hall held at the
Village Hall on 15th July 2024**

Present:-

Mrs Annette Southcott	Chair and Trustee
Mr Mel Murfin	Treasurer and Trustee
Mrs Chris Haddock	Secretary and Trustee
Mr G Byers	St Peter's Church
Mrs Jenny Daft	Trustee
Mr Mark Hoyes	Trustee

Nine other residents

1 Apologies:

Ms S Bradley, Mr G Southcott and Mr & Mrs S Anderson

2 Previous Minutes

The previous Minutes were proposed by Mrs Haddock and seconded as correct by Mr G Byers

3 Re-election of Officials

Mrs Southcott offered to stand as Chair
Mr Murfin offered to stand as Treasurer
Mrs Haddock offered to stand as Secretary

The meeting thanked the officers for offering to stand and all nominations were accepted and voted in.

4 Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

There were no matters arising/

5 Financial Report

The financial report for 12th July 2023 to 11th July 2024 is duly attached. The Treasurer reported that the main costs were insurance and heating, the latter currently costing £7 per hour. It is hoped that there will be a reduction in costs when renovation work is completed and better insulation installed throughout the building.

There was a discussion with regard to solar panels on a Grade 2 listed building and also whether they would be a cost effective exercise due to the use of the village hall. Agreed to explore further if we can obtain funding for a feasibility study.

6 Chair's Report 2023

As noted in the Annual Meeting Report dated 7th July 2023, Stixwould Village Hall applied to lease the building from Lincoln Diocesan Trust who own the land on which the Village Hall stands.

A thirty-five year lease was signed on 19 December 2023 and this allows us to apply for grant funding from large organisations that demand applicants either own or have a long lease on buildings that they want to renovate. Under the terms of the lease, the church will continue to have free use of the building for ecclesiastical purposes by arrangement with the Hall committee

As we are now a functioning charity, we are required to submit an annual return which includes a financial statement and certain mandatory policies such as safeguarding, and managing risk.

Our first submission is due in October 2024 and will be available on the Charity Commission website for public view.

We have been successful in obtain two grants in 2023.

- **UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)**, a government scheme administered by Lincolnshire Community Foundation. This was a contribution to the renovation of the six grade 2 listed windows at the front of the Hall.

- We received £5700 towards the renovation costs of £6720. The shortfall was covered by a contingency in the National Lottery Heritage Fund who gave their permission for this change.

- **National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)**

- In September 2023 a grant totalling £9,784 was awarded for three specific purposes :
 - to undertake an asbestos survey of the Hall
 - to produce an exhibition on the early life of Major Jim Almonds, a founder member of the SAS, Stixwould resident and scholar.
 - to work with Heritage Lincolnshire to project manage and evaluate the exhibition and use it as a baseline for applications for further grant funding to continue the renovation work.
- This exhibition opened on 4th October 2023 at the Cottage Museum Woodhall Spa and remained there until the Museum closed for the season. It was very well received and was set up again for two months during April and May. We have collected data and comments from visitors as part of the evaluation report The History Group managed to produce this exhibition in record time with assistance from Major Almonds's daughter Gloria Almonds who kindly lent photographs and artefacts from her personal collection.
- The exhibition boards and artefacts will have a permanent home at the Village Hall once renovation work has been completed, it's environmentally safe to do so and will go on display at regular intervals. The first being the Heritage Lincolnshire Open Day on 15 September 2024. We have received permission to use some of the money to construct a bespoke storage container and this is underway.
- Part of the grant was used to host a talk at International Bomber Command Centre Lincoln on 10th November 2023 by Major Almonds's other daughter and biographer Lorna Almonds- Windmill. A spin-off from the exhibition and talk was a journalist contact who came to me for further information and resulted in a double-page spread in a national newspaper about Jim Almonds wartime exploits which coincided with the weekend of the talk. We received a

donation of £350 for the use of photographs from Gloria Almonds personal collection.

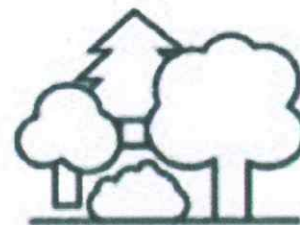
- Lorna Almonds-Windmill will be back at the Golf Hotel Woodhall Spa on 9th November to talk about their father's incredible life after the end of WW2.
- Heritage Lincolnshire is currently producing the evaluation report of the project which is very positive.

7 National Lottery Heritage Fund

- Having established a relationship with the NLHF and Heritage Lincolnshire, we are keen to progress to the next stage of the renovation project, the total cost of which will be just under £250k. We will again be working with Heritage Lincolnshire to complete the application which we plan to be submitted by the end of July.
- In addition to the building work, we will be required to engage with the wider community on heritage activities. Preliminary discussions have been held with Bucknall Primary School and we are delighted that if our bid is successful we will be working with them on a joint project that fulfils some of their curriculum requirements as well as meeting the NLHF objectives.

More details will follow when the application outcome is known. We are still at the ideas stage and would like as many people as possible to be engaged in this project so please let us know if you are interested in participating.

The meeting drew to a close at 8.15 pm with the Chair thanking everyone for attending.



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Accounts 12/07/2022 - 31/12/2023

Income

Fund Raising	£	2,365.49
Hall hire	£	557.61
Grants (Non UK Gov backed)	£	11,913.76
Gov. backed grants	£	5,700.00
Donations	£	512.60

TOTAL INCOME

£ 21,049.46

Expenditure

Fund rising expenses	£	115.91
Maintenance	£	292.84
Insurance & security	£	1,294.80
Refurbishment	£	395.00
Bank Charges	£	48.78
Electricity	£	987.12
Capital Expenditure	£	86.38
Grants Expenditure	£	3,678.89
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		

£ 6,899.72

Excess income over expenditure

£ 14,149.74

Bank account 12/07/2022

£ 3,314.82

Bank account 21/12/2023

£ 17,464.56

Cash in hand

£ 50.00

TOTAL

£ 17,514.56

Prepared by Melvyn Murfin

Treasurer