

Alford Windmill Trust

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Alford Windmill Trust

Charity Registration Number: 1200315

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Alford Windmill Trust is a charitable organisation governed by a Board of Trustees. The Trust operates under a governing document (the Trust Deed) and is supported by volunteers who help to preserve and promote the historic Alford Windmill for the benefit of the community and visitors.

Trustees meet regularly to review the Trust's activities, finances, and strategic direction, ensuring compliance with charity law and good governance practices.

3. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

To preserve Alford Windmill, a historic five-sail windmill, for the public benefit.

To educate the public about the history and heritage of Alford and its milling traditions.

To provide opportunities for community engagement, volunteering, and heritage learning.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when carrying out the charity's aims and activities.

4. Achievements and Performance

The 2024 financial year has been particularly challenging for the Alford Windmill Trust due to circumstances beyond the Trust's control.

The Trust had planned to progress with the development of the site, including the opening of a café and exhibition space to generate a sustainable income stream. However:

The Levelling Up Fund, which was previously allocated to support the windmill site's development, was withdrawn and reallocated to the Manor House project.

Lincolnshire County Council has not earmarked the substantial funding required to undertake the essential repairs to the historic windmill, leaving the site in a state where it cannot operate as intended.

As a result, the Trust has been unable to proceed with the café opening or generate any income from the site. Volunteers, who remain committed to the preservation of the windmill, have expressed disheartenment as these delays have restricted their ability to engage the public and advance the Trust's aims.

Furthermore, the Trust has been unable to secure grants from heritage and community funding bodies because it currently does not have a lease or formal rental agreement for the windmill site, a prerequisite for most funding applications.

Despite these significant obstacles, the Trustees and volunteers had continued to advocate for the restoration and future sustainability of Alford Windmill, maintaining the Trust's readiness to deliver community and educational programmes once the site becomes operational. However, this has become fruitless.

5. Financial Review

The Trust has had minimal income during the year, as no trading activities or café operations have been possible. Expenditure has been limited to essential administrative costs and the maintenance of the Trust's statutory obligations.

Reserves remain low, and the Trustees acknowledge that without progress on site development and funding support, the Trust will continue to face financial constraints.

6. Plans for the Future

Unfortunately, the board has decided that the trust should close in light that no movement on the site by Lincolnshire County Council is planned for the foreseeable future.

In 2022, Alford Town Council awarded the Windmill Trust a grant to purchase kitchen equipment intended for the future café. This equipment is currently stored in a rented storage container, the cost of which is being covered by Alford Town Council as Lincolnshire County Council instructed the Trust that the site had to be emptied.

Given that these items were purchased entirely with public monies provided via the Council, the Trustees have resolved that:

All assets held by the Windmill Trust will be transferred to Alford Town Council to ensure their preservation for the town.

This transfer means the Trust will hold no tangible assets in its own name going forward as it is the intention of the Trustees to close the Trust.

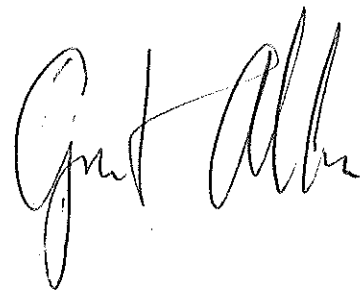
Should the windmill be restored and reopened in the future, Alford Town Council will retain these assets to facilitate the operation of the site as originally intended by the Trust and the wider community of Alford.

7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing this report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Charity Commission's requirements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 1st October 2024

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gint Albin', is written over a horizontal line.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Alford Windmill Trust

1200315

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st Jan 2024

To

Period end date
31st Dec 2024

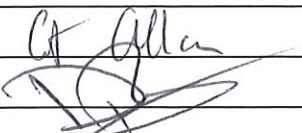
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	378	-	-	378	
Coop Grant	656	-	-	656	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,034	-	-	1,034	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,034	-	-	1,034	-
A3 Payments					
Utilities/Telecoms	2,212	-	-	2,212	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,212	-	-	2,212	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,212	-	-	2,212	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,178	-	-	- 1,178	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,517	-	-	1,517	-
Cash funds this year end	339	-	-	339	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	GRANT ALLAN	28/7/2025
	DOUG ROBINSON	28/7/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Alford Windmill Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1200315

Set out on pages

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(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 DD/MM/YYYY.

**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:

LC Pryke

Date:

26/07/2025

Name:

Dr Lynnette Pryke

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

Responsible Financial Officer
Alford Town Council

Address:

The Civic and Library Building
5-6 South Market Place
Alford, Lincolnshire

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.