

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 6 October 2022 to 31 March 2024

Crowland Buffalo/LVT Association

No. 1200588

Trustees:

Daniel Abbott	Chair
Cathleen Elphee	Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Sly	
Pete Issitt	
Nicholas Day	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

How charity is constituted COI

Trustee selection methods Trustees appointed or reappointed annually. The Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of charity set out in governing document:

To advance the education of the public in general (and particularly the local community) about local history (particularly concerning farming, land drainage and military) mainly through the preservation and restoration of artefacts (and particularly "Buffalo LVT4" amphibious landing craft), and the provision of talks and tours for the public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

During the winter months we have continued with the restoration of the LVT4

During spring and summer months the LVT4 has been taken to events, namely ADA exhibition and Crowland and Thorney 1940s Weekend where members have put on an exhibition and spoken with members of the public telling them about our project and the history of the vehicle and the 1947 Floods in Crowland. The information stand and wooden replica LVT4 have also attended Spalding Tulip Parade, Heritage Open Days at Crowland and various 1940s weekends in Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.

Achievements and performance:

Winter: Whilst undercover we have continued with the restoration of the vehicle. We have also built on and collated our stock of information relating to the vehicle and also to the Floods of 1947 and how it affected the local community.

Spring and Summer has been spent attending local events:

May 2023 – Spalding Tulip Parade, Moulton Chapel Parade and Gt Casterton Village Fete. We also attended Carrington Week Ends and East Kirkby Lancs and Tanks.

June 2023 – Open Farm Weekend, Crowland Abbey Open Day and Crowland and Thorney 1940s

July 2023 – ADA – Internal Drainage Boards Event, Woodhall Spa 1940s and Fleet House Summer Fete

August 2023 – Ramsey 1940s

September 2023 – Classic Vehicle Road Run

Talks have also been given:

November 2022 – Edenham Farmers

June 2023 – Norwich

February 2024 – Whaplode Drove W.I. and Sleaford Farmers

March 2024 – Spalding Gentlemans Society

Additional details of objectives and activities

We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent working on the LVT4 and also listening and speaking with members of the public. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Financial review:

Our main sources of income this year has been from donations, fundraising at events and talks and from selling merchandise. Money raised goes towards the restoration of the the LVT4 and to the future set up of a museum.

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed Cathleen Elphee

Name Cathleen Elphee Date 17 March 2025

Address 48 North Street, Crowland, PE6 0EF

Accounts:

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

As the charity trustees of the Association, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Association's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have following the application Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect

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 would be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed E Jackson

Name E Jackson

Date 17 March 2025

Address 23 East Street, Crowland

Section 1 Receipts and payments

Crowland Buffalo/LVT Association **1200588**

For the period 6 October 2022 to 31 March 2023

Receipts

Grants and Donations	£6828
Talks	£ 730
Fundraising	£ 786
Merchandise sales	£1127
 Total	 £9470

Payments

Test Dig	£1036
LVT4 Parts	£2985
Advertising/Events	£ 155
Merchandise purchase	£ 913
Royal Mail Postage	£ 16
Insurance	£1179
Lottery Licence	£ 40
 Total	 £6324

Signed on behalf of the trustees **Cathleen Elphee**