

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

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 summer months the LVT4 has been taken to 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 Moulton Chapel Tulip Parade, Malvern Militaria Show, Bovington Tank Festival and various 1940s weekends in Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.

This year also saw us taking over the organising and running of the Crowland and Thorney 1940s weekend. We are working with a small sub-committee to present a well respected new event. This presents new opportunities for us to grow the association.

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 2024 – Moulton Chapel Parade and Glinton Village Fete.

June 2024 – Open Farm Weekend and Crowland and Thorney 1940s

July 2024 – Bovington Tank Fest

August 2024 – Ramsey 1940s

September 2024 – On Freedoms Wings Event, Classic Vehicle Road Run and Haddenham Steam Rally

Talks have also been given:

Norwich

Gedney Hill

Local U3A

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 15 March 2026

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 2025.

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

Signed E Jackson

Name E Jackson

Date 15 March 2026

Address 23 East Street, Crowland

Section 1 Receipts and payments

Crowland Buffalo/LVT Association

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For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Receipts

Balance from show a/c	£ 6787
Grants and Donations	£ 3119
Talks	£ 330
Fundraising	£ 985
Merchandise sales	£ 638
Income from 1940s show	£14416
Total	£26275

Payments

Building/gazebo repair	£ 42
LVT4 Parts	£ 729
Advertising/Events	£ 60
Merchandise purchase	£ 1197
Insurance	£ 1558
Expense from 1940s show	£11507
Total	£15093

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Cathleen Elphee