

# Alston Community Workshop

Registered Charity No: 1202099



## First Annual General Meeting

2.00pm Held at The Community Workshop, High Mill Factory. 22nd September 2024

**Present:** Tim Haldon, Phil Pennefather, Richard Glover, Paul Burke, David Jackson, Dave Liquorice. Steve Bentley.

**Apologies:** Dee Monk, Gordon Monk, Jocelyn Hattersley, Susie Stafford, Graham Walker

### 1. Report by the Trustees

TH read out the report on the Repair Cafe prepared by Gordon Monk;

*So far this year in the monthly Repair Cafe, we've looked at 195 items with 156 things successfully repaired, and another 21 items 'Work in Progress' with an excellent chance that they will mostly be repaired – that is a success rate of 88% Although we have failed to fix 18 items, that is still an excellent success rate, and is much better than last year.*

*As a result, we have had almost £1,000 in donations so far this year and every penny of this goes to the Community Workshop to help us to keep the lights on for the Men's Shed, Busy Buddies and the Repair Cafe, the coffee warm and the Custard Creams flowing.*

*Since we started at the Annexe in 2022, we have looked at a total of 574 items with an overall success rate of 83%, and that is a huge amount of landfill, or CO2 saved if you'd rather.*

*The most effective 'Green' energy and CO2 saving that we can implement here on Alston Moor has to be the continuing use of items that have just developed simple faults, rather than replacing them and adding to the current mountain of waste. The 'Greenest' item is usually the one that you have already!*

*A huge thanks has to go to our enthusiastic Volunteers who turn up every month and do whatever they can to help the people of the Community to save money, save sentimental items and help to fight climate change in the process.*

*Moving forward, now that we're settled in to our new home at the High Mill, we will be changing the name of the Repair Café to something more fitting to us, to be discussed as item 4 on the agenda, but we will remain aligned with the Repair Café Organisation and the international network of venues that continue this good work, and we will continue to hold our Repair sessions here, on the First Saturday of every month.*

*Bin it? Not if we can help it!*

Report agreed by those present

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## 2. Presentation of the financial accounts for the period:

**1st March 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (copy circulated in advance)**

TH as Treasurer reported that the accounts presented were for the 13 months from the registration of ACW as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, up to 31st March 2024. For information the figures for the first six months of the current financial year were included.

- SB asked if the charity had a balance of unrestricted funds in the account.  
*TH ~ there was approx. £5k of unrestricted funds.*
- RG asked if the rent was lower than the Town Hall Annexe  
*TH ~ the cost per m<sup>2</sup> was lower but High Mill was three times the size.*

Accounts approved by those present

## 3. Election of Trustees

The current trustees (Dave Liquorice, Jocelyn Hattersley, Tim Haldon and Gordon Monk) stood down as required by the constitution; they had all stated that they were willing to stand again.

The following members were proposed and appointed as trustees:

David Liquorice, Jocelyn Hattersley, Tim Haldon, Dee Monk and Gordon Monk.

## 4. Recommend a new name for the Repair Cafe

Following discussion, 'The Repair Mill' was chosen as the preferred name.

## 5. Discussion - what shall we do next?

Develop Tool Hire Scheme

Start a model railway and/or Scalextric track

Investigate and develop a lathe room

Improve recruitment, advertising and signage.

## AOB

Tim Haldon was thanked for his considerable efforts in bringing the ACW into existence and the move and fit out for the High Mill. TH thanked the group but emphasised that it was a team effort.

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## Income & expenditure account

1st March 2023 -31st March 2024

Income	2023-4		Expenditure	2023-4	
Grants	21,876		Premises	4,607	
Donations(RepCaf)	1,165		Tools & Equipment	798	
Sales	647		Materials	758	
Subscriptions	130		Admin & Publicity	1,054	
1st Responders	100		Training	493	
Interest	161		High Mill Re-fit	2,713	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£24,078</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,422</b>	

Surplus / deficit   £13,655.56

Bank balance at 31 Mar 24   £21,401.21