

# GREAT WITCHINGHAM FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 210554

## Details

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**Other names** FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1962-10-22

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

## Contact

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**Address** Woodstock Bungalow  
Etling Green  
Dereham  
NR20 3EY

**Phone** 01362691243

## Activities

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**Objects:** RELIEVING EITHER GENERALLY OR INDIVIDUALLY PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE PARISH OF GREAT WICHINGHAM WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS, OR DONATING TO ORGANISATIONS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES OR FACILITIES TO RELIEVE NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS

**Activities:** Provision of benefit and winter fuel for the poor of the parish of Great Witchingham and the provision of financial aid to groups working for the benefit of the Parishioners of Great Witchingham

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF GREAT WITCHINGHAM
- Norfolk

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £39,257 | £44,408     | -      | -         |
| 2024-12-31 | £43,953 | £52,929     | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £46,313 | £37,680     | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £45,623 | £45,691     | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £50,136 | £45,503     | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £52,206 | £53,869     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                     | Role  | Appointed  |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Mark Richard Pead</b> | Chair | 2021-10-21 |
| Daniel Gareth Stolady    |       | 2022-04-04 |
| Freda Bunton             |       | 2016-04-13 |
| Helen Theresa Davison    |       | 2025-01-07 |
| Maeve Patricia Sykes     |       | 2023-06-21 |
| PETER LAWRENCE DILLOWAY  |       |            |
| Sally Acloque            |       | 2014-07-15 |

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' Annual Report April 2025** **Charity Report**

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The Trustees were pleased to make beneficial payments to 26 eligible applicants £10400 and village activities £1000 - totalling £11,400. The Trustees will continue to accept requests for support from parishioners at any time of year. This financial year gave rise to a net income from the sale of fishing permits of £10,368 from which 20% in the form of rent, is paid to Great Withingham Church Lands Charity. The Charity also holds a permanent endowment in the form of COIF shares, which provides an income of approximately £2,000 p.a.

Although delayed due to unforeseen circumstances the toilet and shower unit is up and running, many thanks to the fishery manager and his team for making this happen. This facility improves and enhances our fishery which continues to be held in high regard throughout the fishing community. The Charity continues to maintain contingency funds to withstand a prolonged loss of income without detriment to the benefit to those people and organisations we serve.

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## **Fishery Report**

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Season 2025 again proved a difficult period for some parts of the fishery with such a warm summer and light winds allowing an algal bloom to form in the Tench Lake. This type of weather and climate change is arguably one which will form our management plans for years to come contending with dry warm conditions which affect oxygen levels, fish spawning and feeding cycles. Also, with an unseasonably dry winter we didn't thankfully suffer from the constant flooding the Wensum valley has seen in recent years although this could prove an issue come the summer unless we experience some significant rain over the next few months.

Much work has been completed around the fishery this spring and the environment is looking in a superb condition for the year ahead. We are also pleased our new welfare facilities are completed and functioning as planned which will be a long-awaited benefit to the fishery members.

As we start the new season the fishing has been brisk with some good catches especially following the recent warmer days.

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08 February 2026

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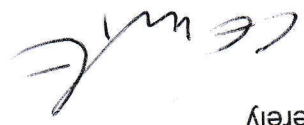
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Yours sincerely



Clare Morton.

| Income                                  |                   | Cash Account (petty cash) | GWFAC Current (30951404) | Charities Official Investment Fund | GWFAC Savings (03567567) |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Opening balances</b>                 |                   |                           |                          |                                    |                          |
| Cash Account (petty cash)               | £231.78 ✓         | £10,400.00 ✓              | £0.00 ✓                  | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| GWFAC Current (30951404)                | £4,887.63 ✓       | £131.24 ✓                 | £0.00 ✓                  | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| Charities Official Investment Fund      | £42,938.34 ✓      | £700.00 ✓                 | £700.00 ✓                | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| GWFAC Savings (03567567)                | £10,850.59 ✓      | £2,870.06 ✓               | £2,870.06 ✓              | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>£58,908.34</b> | <b>£1,000.00 ✓</b>        | <b>£4,349.70 ✓</b>       | <b>£0.00 ✓</b>                     | <b>£0.00 ✓</b>           |
| <b>Income</b>                           |                   |                           |                          |                                    |                          |
| <b>Fishing Membership &amp; Refunds</b> |                   |                           |                          |                                    |                          |
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| Cash Account (petty cash)               | £2,000.00 ✓       | £1,131.20 ✓               | £1,131.20 ✓              | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| <b>Other Income</b>                     |                   |                           |                          |                                    |                          |
| GWFAC Current (30951404)                | £0.00 ✓           | £4,401.00 ✓               | £4,401.00 ✓              | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>£35,150.00</b> | <b>£8,304.06 ✓</b>        | <b>£8,304.06 ✓</b>       | <b>£0.00 ✓</b>                     | <b>£0.00 ✓</b>           |
| <b>Interest</b>                         |                   |                           |                          |                                    |                          |
| COIF Interest                           | £1,835.12 ✓       | £5,356.55 ✓               | £5,356.55 ✓              | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| COIF Dividend                           | £2,033.73 ✓       | £5,301.16 ✓               | £5,301.16 ✓              | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| Bank Interest (Business Premium Ac)     | £238.23 ✓         | £44,407.97 ✓              | £44,276.73 ✓             | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>£4,107.08</b>  | <b>£2,000.00 ✓</b>        | <b>£44,276.73 ✓</b>      | <b>£0.00 ✓</b>                     | <b>£0.00 ✓</b>           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                      | <b>£98,165.42</b> | <b>£0.00</b>              | <b>£4,538.60</b>         | <b>£0.00</b>                       | <b>£0.00</b>             |

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| Admin Expenses                     | £131.24 ✓         | £131.24 ✓                 | £0.00 ✓                  | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| Bailiff Gratuities                 | £700.00 ✓         | £0.00 ✓                   | £700.00 ✓                | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| Church Lands                       | £2,870.06 ✓       | £0.00 ✓                   | £2,870.06 ✓              | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
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| Fishing Expenses                   | £0.00 ✓           | £0.00 ✓                   | £0.00 ✓                  | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| Insurance*                         | £463.00 ✓         | £0.00 ✓                   | £463.00 ✓                | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
| Keys & Locks                       | £1,131.20 ✓       | £0.00 ✓                   | £1,131.20 ✓              | £0.00 ✓                            | £0.00 ✓                  |
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| <b>Closing balances</b>            |                   |                           |                          |                                    |                          |
| Cash Account (petty cash)          | £100.54 ✓         | Agrees 31/12/25 ✓         |                          |                                    |                          |
| GWFAC Current (30951404)           | £333.23 ✓         | Agrees 31/12/25 ✓         |                          |                                    |                          |
| Charities Official Investment Fund | £44,773.46 ✓      | Agrees 31/12/25 ✓         |                          |                                    |                          |
| GWFAC Savings (03567567)           | £8,560.22 ✓       | Agrees 31/12/25 ✓         |                          |                                    |                          |
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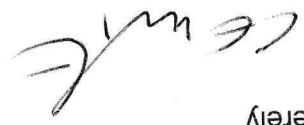
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So far, the fishery has survived the worst of the flooding this winter and unlike last year, we have remained open for most part. However, the storms and strong winds have been challenging.

Many plans are in place for the fishery this season and the hope is that the delayed installation of our new welfare facilities will be completed later this year.

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Chair of Trustees

Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity - Statement of Accounts - 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

**INCOME**

**OPENING BALANCES**

CASH ACCOUNT  
CURRENT ACCOUNT  
COIF ACCOUNT  
BP ACCOUNT

£295.09 ✓  
£867.70 ✓  
£62,036.17 ✓  
£4,685.25 ✓

£67,884.21

**INCOME**

FISHING 2024  
GRANT

£36,010.00  
£2,895.00

**INTEREST**

BANK INTEREST  
COIF INTEREST

£165.34  
£4,882.51

£5,047.85

**EXPENDITURE**

DISTRIBUTION  
ADMIN EXPENSES  
BAILIFF GRATUITIES  
CHURCH LANDS PAYT  
EXPENSES  
FISHING 2024  
KEYS & LOCKS  
MAINTENANCE  
MANAGEMENT FEES  
TOILET BLOCK  
TOILET HIRE  
VAT ON GOODS AND SERVICES

£11,600.00  
£218.16  
£725.00  
£4,138.62  
£500.00  
£520.00  
£1,046.20  
£6,919.27  
£6,816.67  
£15,530.40  
£4,882.18  
£32.22

£52,928.72

**CLOSING BALANCES**

CASH ACCOUNT  
CURRENT ACCOUNT  
COIF ACCOUNT  
BP ACCOUNT

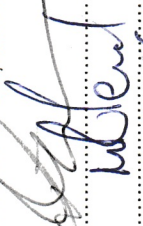
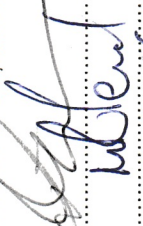
£231.78  
£4,887.63 ✓  
£42,938.34 ✓  
£10,850.59 ✓

£58,908.34

INVESTMENTS HELD: SHARES IN CHARITIES  
OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND (INCOME UNITS)  
2889.84 @ £20.2933 = £58,644.39  
695.10 @ £20.2933 = £14,105.87  
Value as at 31/12/24 = £72,750.26

£111,837.06

£111,837.06

Signed:  Treasurer  
Signed:  Chairman

Dated: 17-1-25  
Dated: 11-2-25

I HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND BANK STATEMENTS AND CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT REFLECTS A TRUE RECORD OF THE CHARITY'S ACCOUNTS.

Signed:  Auditor Dated: 27/2/25

Clare Morton  
2 The Cottages  
Breck Rd  
Weston Green  
Weston Longville  
Norwich  
NR9 5LQ

27 February 2025

Dear Peter and Helen

Please find below, the methodology for the audit of the Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity accounts for the year 2024

I have looked at each financial transaction and have cross checked each with :

- a. Supporting invoices or receipts
- b. Bank statement entries.
- c. The record of said transaction within the Trustee minutes where applicable.
- d. Eligibility of recipients

I have noted the basis for budgeting for the Charity to fulfil its requirement to distribute funds to the intended recipients and checked that the subsequent pay-outs were valid.

In all, I have found no evidence that the Charity's financial control is not being adequately managed.

I have therefore signed the audit return and such summary documents as you have produced.

Yours sincerely

Clare Morton.

Mr Peter Dilloway  
Woodstock Bungalow  
Etling Green  
Dereham  
NR20 3EY

**GREAT WITCHINGHAM FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 210554

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# Accounts

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# GREAT WITCHINGHAM FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY

Registered Charity No.: 210554 A/1



## Trustees' Annual Report April 2024

### Charity Report

The Charity was formed in 1811 by the provision of land under the Act of Enclosure and has provided residents of Great Witchingham, who are in need, hardship or distress, with charitable benefit in one form or another. Since that time, benefit has taken the form of a winter fuel payment in money or kind and applications for benefit are sought from September onwards. Charitable benefit is not limited to this period as need, hardship and distress has no such calendar boundaries. The Trustees will consider any written request for relief at any time.

Income is derived from the Charity's land, which is vested in The Charity Commission and governed by the Trustees. Contrary to popular belief, the land is private. Access to Charity land is, and has always been, by permission of the Trustees. Presently and for the foreseeable future, granting of that permission, by way of an annual permit, is delegated by a Management Agreement issued to the Fishery Manager.

Once the core aim of the Charity has been satisfied, The Charity Commission permits the Trustees to grant aid to groups or individuals in the Great Witchingham Parish to satisfy a particular need, which may exist in the Parish. The Charity is not permitted to relieve rates, taxes, or any other public funds but may supplement relief provided by public funds. The Charity is also not permitted to commit to repeating or renewing benefit granted on any occasion. The Trustees will consider all individual applications upon their merit.

2023 has thankfully seen daily life returned to normal following the pandemic but the economic effects of the war in Ukraine will be with us for some time. Liquid fuel, electricity and gas prices have been at a high, which affects the cost of living in every area, and whilst those costs have abated slightly, it is for now, the new normal.

The Trustees were pleased to make beneficial payments to 25 eligible applicants and village activities totalling £13,725. The Trustees will continue to accept requests for support from parishioners at any time of year.

This financial year gave rise to a net income from the sale of fishing permits of £20,522, from which a 20% in the form of rent, paid to Great Witchingham Church Lands Charity. The Charity also holds a permanent endowment in the form of COIF shares, which provides an income of approximately £1,900 p.a.

We stated last year that storm damage continued to be an annual event as the climate changes and 2023 had many named storms pass through, but with pro-active maintenance, the number of fallen trees are diminishing. The Trustees have resolved to provide permanent on-site facilities for the benefit of members, which will allow our fishery to compete favourably with other high quality venues in the county. The installation will commence in June 2024. The Charity continues to maintain contingency funds to withstand a prolonged loss of income without detriment to the benefit to those people and organisations we serve.

The value of our COIF investment shares has remained level over the last twelve months and dividend yield remains very much at a premium compared to ordinary investments.

The Trustees would like to thank all the people who give their time freely, particularly those who act as volunteer Bailiffs, without whose contributions the benefits that our charity is able to offer would be greatly reduced. The work of our Fishery Manager and his team of volunteer Bailiffs continues to be invaluable to the Trustees, managing both the land and the fishery in accordance with the Trustees rules and wishes and in a wholly professional manner. The Trustees are exceedingly grateful to our team of bailiffs who have worked so hard in providing members safe environment to enjoy.

We look forward to being able to continue to enjoy another near normal year, which we very much hope will allow us to continue and indeed improve upon our good work in the Parish.

Our thanks to Clare Morton, Chair of Weston Longville Parish Council, for kindly carrying out the annual audit of our accounts. A copy of the Charity's audited accounts is appended.

### **Fishery Report**

The fishery at Great Witchingham provides the Charity's main source of income for the distribution of benefit. 2024 proved a very difficult start to the year for the fishery with extensive flooding throughout the Wensum valley meaning our fishery was closed for long periods of time and access had to be suspended. However once the waters receded we were able to make repairs and clear the damage the floodwaters had caused.

The fishery is now in excellent shape and looking forward to the installation later this year of our new welfare facilities

The start of the new season has brought some good fishing for our members who have been using the opportunity to spend as much time on the bank as possible and enjoy the surroundings.

Our fishery remains arguably one of the best mixed specimen syndicate fisheries of its type in this region and especially for big carp, with many of our fish in the thirty-to-forty-pound range.

Continued investment has provided our members with the fishing they look for when choosing the waters, they want to join season after season, in a safe well managed environment.

The fishery is managed as a traditional mixed species fishery, and on any day, members can not only catch large Carp, but large Bream, huge Tench into double figures, or large catches of smaller fish. The fishery has something for everyone, and an enjoyable day's fishing can always be had. We endeavour to continue with our aim to grow the fishery in stature and prominence as a superb place to fish.

The fishery will continue to be developed on an environmentally sustainable basis, to provide an excellent outdoor experience and most importantly, meet the aims and needs of the Charity in supporting the community.

Mark Pead  
Chair of Trustees

Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity - Statement of Accounts - 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

**INCOME**

**OPENING BALANCES**

CASH ACCOUNT £300.74  
 CURRENT ACCOUNT £1,162.19 ✓  
 COIF ACCOUNT £1,180.74 ✓  
 BP ACCOUNT £6,608.13 ✓

£59,251.80

**INCOME**

FISHING 2022 £12.00  
 FISHING 2023 £41,415.00

£41,427.00

**INTEREST**

BANK INTEREST £77.12  
 COIF INTEREST £4,808.53 ✓

£4,885.65

**EXPENDITURE**

DISTRIBUTION £13,725.00  
 ADMIN EXPENSES £208.05  
 BAILIFF GRATUITIES £1,200.00  
 CHURCHLANDS PAYT £3,433.35  
 FISHING 2023 £430.00  
 INSURANCE RENEWAL £672.00  
 KEYS & LOCKS £1,038.45  
 KVVH PREVENTION £1,128.44  
 MAINTENANCE £2,448.28  
 MANAGEMENT FEES £8,208.33  
 TOILET HIRE £5,114.48  
 VAT ON GOODS AND SERVICES £73.86

£37,680.24

**CLOSING BALANCES**

CASH ACCOUNT £295.09 ✓  
 CURRENT ACCOUNT £867.70 ✓  
 COIF ACCOUNT £62,036.17 ✓  
 BP ACCOUNT £4,685.25 ✓

£67,884.21

INVESTMENTS HELD: SHARES IN CHARITIES  
 OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND (INCOME UNITS)  
 2689.84 @ £19.8450 = £57,348.87  
 695.10 @ £19.8450 = £13,794.26  
 Value as at 31/12/23 271,143.13

£105,564.45

£105,564.45

Signed  Treasurer  
 Signed  Chairman

Dated 29/1/24  
 13/2/24  
 Dated.....  
 Dated.....

I HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND BANK STATEMENTS AND CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT REFLECTS A TRUE RECORD OF THE CHARITY'S ACCOUNTS.

Signed  Auditor  
 C E MORTON  
 Dated 25/2/2024

Clare Morton  
2 The Cottages  
Breck Rd  
Weston Green  
Weston Longville  
Norwich  
NR9 5LQ  
27 February 2024

Dear Peter

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I have noted the basis for budgeting for the Charity to fulfil its requirement to distribute funds to the intended recipients and checked that the subsequent pay-outs were valid.

In all, I have found no evidence that the Charity's financial control is not being adequately managed.

I have therefore signed the audit return and such summary documents as you have produced.

Yours sincerely  
Clare Morton.

Mr Peter Dilloway  
Woodstock Bungalow  
Etling Green  
Dereham  
NR20 3EY

**GREAT WITCHINGHAM FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 210554

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# Accounts

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# GREAT WITCHINGHAM FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY

Registered Charity No.: 210554 A/1



## Trustees' Annual Report March 2023

### Charity Report

The Charity was formed in 1811 by the provision of land under the Act of Enclosure and has provided residents of Great Witchingham, who are in need, hardship or distress, with charitable benefit in one form or another. Since that time, benefit has taken the form of a winter fuel payment in money or kind and applications for benefit are sought from September onwards. Charitable benefit is not limited to this period as need, hardship and distress has no such calendar boundaries. The Trustees will consider any written request for relief at any time.

Income is derived from the Charity's land, which is vested in The Charity Commission and governed by the Trustees. Contrary to popular belief, the land is private. Access to Charity land is, and has always been, by permission of the Trustees. Presently and for the foreseeable future, granting of that permission, by way of an annual permit, is delegated by a Management Agreement issued to the Fishery Manager.

Once the core aim of the Charity has been satisfied, The Charity Commission permits the Trustees to grant aid to groups or individuals in the Great Witchingham Parish to satisfy a particular need, which may exist in the Parish. The Charity is not permitted to relieve rates, taxes, or any other public funds but may supplement relief provided by public funds. The Charity is also not permitted to commit to repeating or renewing benefit granted on any occasion. The Trustees will consider all individual applications upon their merit.

2022, saw life begin to return to normal save for the fact that Covid appears to have changed some anglers' work/life balance. The fishery was busier and required the Trustees to reduce the number of permits available to reduce the pressure on our fish. The effect upon income was kept to the bare minimum. The traumatic cost of living increase experienced in the autumn of 2022 gave rise to particular hardship for some people. Our ability to support the parishioners in greatest need within Great Witchingham remained unaffected. The Trustees were pleased to make beneficial payments to 30 eligible applicants and village activities totalling £14200. In addition, The Trustees agreed to fund a defibrillator for the village to be purchased in the New Year. The Trustees will continue to accept requests for support from parishioners at any time of year.

This financial year gave rise to a net income from the sale of fishing permits of £26,006, from which a 20% share is paid to Great Witchingham Church Lands Charity. The Charity also holds a permanent endowment in the form of COIF shares, which provides an income of approximately £1,900 p.a.

Storm damage continues to be an annual event as the climate changes and we are working towards pre-empting the problem with pro-active maintenance. The Trustees are actively pursuing providing on-site facilities for the benefit of members which will allow our fishery to compete favourably with other high quality venues in the county. The Charity continues to maintain contingency funds to withstand a prolonged loss of income without detriment to the benefit to those people and organisations we serve.

Despite a year which ended in financial turmoil which appears to have gathered fragile stability, the value of our COIF investment shares has remained level over the last twelve months and dividend yield remains very much at a premium compared to ordinary investments.

The Trustees would like to thank all the people who give their time freely, particularly those who act as volunteer Bailiffs, without whose contributions the benefits that our charity is able to offer would be greatly reduced. The work of our Fishery Manager and his team of volunteer Bailiffs continues to be invaluable to the Trustees, managing both the land and the fishery in accordance with the Trustees rules and wishes and in a wholly professional manner. The Trustees are exceedingly grateful to our team of bailiffs who have worked so hard in providing members safe environment to enjoy.

Trustees: Mark Pead (Chair), Peter Dilloway, Susie Thomson, Freda Bunton, Daniel Stolady, Karen Christianson, Rev Helen Rengert, Sally Acloque.

We look forward to being able to continue to enjoy another near normal year, which we very much hope will allow us to continue and indeed improve upon our good work in the Parish.

Our thanks to Clare Morton, Chair of Weston Longville Parish Council, for kindly carrying out the annual audit of our accounts. A copy of the Charity's audited accounts is appended.

### **Fishery Report**

The fishery at Great Witchingham provides the Charity's main source of income for the distribution of benefit. 2022-23 has again so far been a good very year for the fishery. Our members have yet again enjoyed some superb fishing and have been using the opportunity to spend as much time on the bank as possible and enjoy the surroundings. The fishery remains arguably one of the best, mixed specimen syndicate fisheries of its type, in this region and especially for big carp.

We continue to see year on year growth in our big carp with many fish well over thirty pounds and several fish now close to or over forty pounds.

The fishery is managed as a traditional mixed species fishery, and on any day, members can not only catch large carp, but large Bream, huge Tench into double figures, or large catches of smaller fish. We will continue with our aim to grow the fishery in stature and prominence as a superb place to fish.

Investment and sound management have ensured a sustainable aquatic environment, which also supports the wider environment around the fishery. The fishery will continue to be developed on an environmentally sustainable basis, to provide an excellent outdoor experience and most importantly, meet the aims and needs of the Charity in supporting the community.

Mark Pead  
Chair of Trustees

Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity - Statement of Accounts - 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

**INCOME**

**OPENING BALANCES**

CASH ACCOUNT  
CURRENT ACCOUNT  
COIF ACCOUNT  
BP ACCOUNT

£72.95  
£1,262.49  
£50,686.21  
£7,289.07

£59,310.72

**INCOME**

FISHING 2021  
FISHING 2022

£12.00  
£43,161.00

£43,173.00

**INTEREST**

BANK INTEREST  
COIF DIVIDEND  
COIF INTEREST

£9.61  
£1,945.57  
£494.53

£2,449.71

INVESTMENTS HELD: SHARES IN CHARITIES  
OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND (INCOME UNITS)  
2889.84 @ £18.1749 = £52,522.55  
695.10 @ £18.1749 = £12,633.37  
Value as at 31/12/22 = £65,155.92

Signed:  Treasurer

Dated 17-1-23  
Dated 17-1-23

Signed:  Chairman

**EXPENDITURE**

DISTRIBUTION  
ADMIN EXPENSES  
CHURCH LANDS PAYT  
FISHING 2022  
INSURANCE RENEWAL  
KVH PREVENTION  
MAINTENANCE  
MANAGEMENT FEES  
TOILET HIRE  
VAT ON GOODS AND SERVICES

£14,200.00  
£977.05  
£5,484.82  
£1,760.00  
£640.00  
£2,739.67  
£4,890.34  
£9,672.84  
£5,116.36  
£210.00

£45,691.08

**CLOSING BALANCES**

CASH ACCOUNT  
CURRENT ACCOUNT  
COIF ACCOUNT  
BP ACCOUNT


£300.74  
£1,162.19  
£51,180.74  
£6,598.68

£59,242.35

**£104,933.43**

**£104,933.43**

I HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND BANK STATEMENTS AND CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT REFLECTS A TRUE RECORD OF THE CHARITY'S ACCOUNTS.

Signed:  Auditor Dated 6/2/23

Clare Morton  
2 The Cottages  
Breck Rd  
Weston Green  
Weston Longville  
Norwich  
NR9 5LQ

6 February 2023

Dear Peter

Please find below, the methodology for the audit of the Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity accounts for the year 2022

I have looked at each financial transaction and have cross checked each with :

- a. Supporting invoices or receipts
- b. Cheque book stubs (where applicable) and bank statement entries.
- c. The record of said transaction within the Trustee minutes where applicable.
- d. Eligibility of recipients

I have noted the basis for budgeting for the Charity to fulfil its requirement to distribute funds to the intended recipients and checked that the subsequent pay-outs were valid.

In all, I have found no evidence that the Charity's financial control is not being adequately managed.

I have therefore signed the audit return and such summary documents as you have produced.

Yours sincerely

Clare Morton.

Mr Peter Dilloway  
Woodstock Bungalow  
Etling Green  
Dereham  
NR20 3EY

**GREAT WITCHINGHAM FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 210554

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# GREAT WITCHINGHAM FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY

Registered Charity No.: 210554 A/1



## Trustees' Annual Report March 2022

### Charity Report

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Once the core aim of the Charity has been satisfied, The Charity Commission permits the Trustees to grant aid to groups or individuals in the Great Witchingham Parish to satisfy a particular need, which may exist in the Parish. The Charity is not permitted to relieve rates, taxes, or any other public funds but may supplement relief provided by public funds. The Charity is also not permitted to commit to repeating or renewing benefit granted on any occasion. The Trustees will consider all individual applications upon their merit.

2021, like 2020, also proved to be a challenging year. Fortunately, our fishery was able to remain open for much of the time with named storms proving more of a problem than Covid 19. The pandemic has clearly changed peoples habits and their importance toward leisure activities. As a result, our income was little affected and continued to provide income for our charitable purpose. Our ability to support the people in greatest need within Great Witchingham remained unaffected. The Trustees were pleased to make beneficial payments to 43 eligible applicants, the local playgroup and the new village playground, totalling just over £21500.

This financial year gave rise to a net income from the sale of fishing permits of £27425, from which a 20% share is paid to Great Witchingham Church Lands Charity. The Charity also holds a permanent endowment in the form of COIF shares, which provides an income of approximately £1,900 p.a.

It was again necessary to carry out some unplanned emergency tree works due to storm damage. Such damage continues to be an annual event as the climate changes and we are working towards pre-empting the problem with pro-active maintenance. The Trustees are considering the viability of improving on-site facilities for the benefit of members which will allow our fishery to compete favourably with other high quality venues in the county. The Charity continues to maintain contingency funds to withstand a prolonged loss of income without detriment to the benefit to those people and organisations we serve.

The work of our Fishery Manager and his team of volunteer Bailiffs continues to be invaluable to the Trustees, managing both the land and the fishery in accordance with the Trustees rules and wishes and in a wholly professional manner. The Trustees are exceedingly grateful to our team of bailiffs who have worked so hard in providing members with a Covid safe environment to enjoy under the most difficult of circumstances.

Despite a another year of financial turmoil which at the time of writing sees no prospect of stability, the value of our COIF investment shares increased over the last twelve months and dividend yield remains very much at a premium compared to ordinary investments.

The Trustees would like to thank all the people who give their time freely, particularly those who act as volunteer Bailiffs, without whose contributions the benefits that our charity is able to offer would be greatly reduced.

We look forward to being able to enjoy a normal year, which we very much hope will allow us to continue and indeed improve upon our good work in the Parish.

Our thanks to Clare Morton, Chair of Weston Longville Parish Council, for kindly carrying out the annual audit of our accounts. A copy of the Charity's audited accounts is appended.

### **Fishery Report**

The fishery at Great Witchingham provides the Charity's main source of income for the distribution of benefit. 2021-22 has again so far been a good year for the fishery allowed to operate normally with sensible precautions around ongoing Covid concerns.

Members have yet again enjoyed some superb fishing and have been using the opportunity to spend as much time on the bank as possible and enjoy the surroundings.

Our fishery remains arguably one of the best mixed-specimen syndicate fisheries of its type in this region and especially for big carp. We continue to see year on year gains in our big carp with many fish over thirty pounds and several now very close to forty pounds including our established forty-pound fish now around 45lbs and 41lbs respectively.

Investment has ensured that stocking the fishery with high quality pedigree fish, has provided our members with the fishing they look for when choosing the waters, they want to join season after season.

The fishery is managed as a traditional mixed species fishery, and on any day, members can not only catch large carp, but large Bream, huge Tench into double figures, or large catches of smaller fish. The fishery has something for everyone, and an enjoyable day's fishing can always be had. We endeavour to continue with our aim to grow the fishery in stature and prominence as a superb place to fish.

The fishery will continue to be developed on an environmentally sustainable basis, to provide an excellent outdoor experience and most importantly, meet the aims and needs of the Charity in supporting the community and many local families who benefit from the charitable donations, which the fishery income provides. This will ensure that the Charity will have a long future in its core provision of local welfare and allow the opportunity to expand further to assist the wider community. We hope our patrons will continue to support us in this goal.

Susie Thomson  
Chair of Trustees

# Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity - Statement of Accounts - 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

## INCOME

### OPENING BALANCES

|                 |              |            |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| CASH ACCOUNT    | £592.95      |            |
| CURRENT ACCOUNT | £1,117.28 ✓  |            |
| COIF ACCOUNT    | £46,679.55 ✓ |            |
| BP ACCOUNT      | £6,287.50 ✓  |            |
|                 |              | £54,677.28 |

### INCOME

|              |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| FISHING 2021 | £48,232.00 |            |
|              |            | £48,232.00 |

### INTEREST

|               |           |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| BANK INTEREST | £1.57     |           |
| COIF DIVIDEND | £1,895.71 |           |
| COIF INTEREST | £6.66     |           |
|               |           | £1,903.94 |

INVESTMENTS HELD: SHARES IN CHARITIES  
OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND (INCOME UNITS)

2889.84 @ £20.7881 = £60074.82

695.10 @ £20.7881 = £14449.81

Value as at 31/12/21 £74524.63

£104,813.22

Signed  Treasurer

Dated 15-1-22

Signed  Chairman

Dated 15-1-22

## EXPENDITURE

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| DISTRIBUTION              | £21,519.00 |
| ADMIN EXPENSES            | £337.00    |
| BAILIFF GRATUITIES        | £675.00    |
| BAILIFF REFUND            | £180.00    |
| CHURCH LANDS PAYT         | £3,175.59  |
| FISHING 2021              | £770.00    |
| INSURANCE RENEWAL         | £617.00    |
| KEYS & LOCKS              | £2,176.54  |
| MAINTENANCE               | £1,785.62  |
| MANAGEMENT FEES           | £10,315.33 |
| TOILET HIRE               | £3,528.34  |
| VAT ON GOODS AND SERVICES | £423.08    |
|                           | £45,502.50 |

### CLOSING BALANCES

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| CASH ACCOUNT    | £72.95       |
| CURRENT ACCOUNT | £1,262.49 ✓  |
| COIF ACCOUNT    | £50,686.21 ✓ |
| BP ACCOUNT      | £7,289.07 ✓  |
|                 | £59,310.72   |

£104,813.22

I HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND BANK STATEMENTS AND CERTIFY THAT  
THE ABOVE STATEMENT REFLECTS A TRUE RECORD OF THE CHARITY'S  
ACCOUNTS.

Signed  Auditor

Dated 11/3/2022

Clare Morton  
2 The Cottages  
Breck Rd  
Weston Green  
Weston Longville  
Norwich  
NR9 5LQ

11 March 2022

Dear Peter

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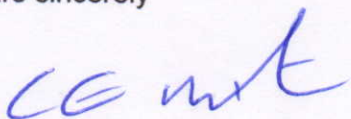
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Yours sincerely



Clare Morton.

Mr Peter Dilloway  
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## Trustees' Annual Report April 2021

### Charity Report

The Charity was formed in 1811 by the provision of land under the Act of Enclosure and has provided residents of Great Witchingham, who are in need, hardship or distress, with charitable benefit in one form or another. Since that time, benefit has taken the form of a winter fuel payment in money or kind and applications for benefit are sought from September onwards. Charitable benefit is not limited to this period as need, hardship and distress has no such calendar boundaries. The Trustees will consider any written request for relief at any time.

Income is derived from the Charity's land, which is vested in The Charity Commission and governed by the Trustees. Contrary to popular belief, the land is private. Access to Charity land is, and has always been, by permission of the Trustees. Presently and for the foreseeable future, granting of that permission, by way of an annual permit, is delegated by a Management Agreement issued to the Fishery Manager.

Once the core aim of the Charity has been satisfied, The Charity Commission permits the Trustees to grant aid to groups or individuals in the Great Witchingham to satisfy a particular need, which may exist in the Parish. The Charity is not permitted to relieve rates, taxes, or any other public funds but may supplement relief provided by public funds. The Charity is also not permitted to commit to repeating or renewing benefit granted on any occasion. The Trustees will consider all individual applications upon their merit.

2020 has proved to be the most worldwide challenging year in a lifetime. Thankfully, circumstances have allowed our fishery to remain open for much of the time, contributing to the well-being of members and providing income, whilst many other businesses have suffered badly from the Covid19 pandemic. Our ability to support the people in greatest need within Great Witchingham remained unaffected. The Trustees were pleased to make payments for winter fuel to 42 eligible applicants totalling £14700.

This financial year gave rise to a net income from the sale of fishing permits of £15,878, from which a 20% share has been paid to Great Witchingham Church Lands Charity. The Charity also holds a permanent endowment in the form of COIF shares, which provides an income of approximately £1,860 p.a.

It was necessary to carry out some planned replacement of our predator fencing last year and will be necessary to continue with the program this year as some further sections are coming to the end of their life. Unfortunately, emergency tree works had to be carried out due to storm damage. Such damage is becoming an annual event as the climate changes and we are working towards pre-empting the problem with pro-active maintenance. The Charity maintains contingency funds to withstand a prolonged loss of income without detriment to the benefit to those people and organisations we serve.

The work of our Fishery Manager and his team of volunteer Bailiffs continues to be invaluable to the Trustees, managing both the land and the fishery in accordance with the Trustees rules and wishes and in a wholly professional manner. The Trustees are exceedingly grateful to our team of bailiffs who have worked so hard in providing members with a Covid safe environment to enjoy under the most difficult of circumstances.

Despite a another year of financial turmoil, the value of our COIF investment shares increased over the last twelve months and dividend yield remains very much at a premium compared to ordinary investments.

The Trustees would like to thank all the people who give their time freely, particularly those who act as volunteer Bailiffs, without whose contributions the benefits that our charity is able to offer would be greatly reduced.

We look forward to being able to enjoy a normal year, which we very much hope will allow us to continue and indeed improve upon our good work in the Parish.

Our thanks to Clare Morton, Chair of Weston Longville Parish Council, for kindly carrying out the annual audit of our accounts. A copy of the Charity's audited accounts is appended.

### **Fishery Report**

The fishery at Great Witchingham provides the Charity's main source of income for the distribution of benefit.

2020-21 was without doubt the most difficult year yet to run a fishery as along with many businesses we were forced into closures and had restrictions imposed upon us because of the Covid19 pandemic. However, with careful sensible planning we were able to mitigate both financial impact and any impact to the reputation of our fishery. So much so we have seen a real interest in members wishing to join the fishery this year not just because of the superb fishing it provides but also because of the way the fishery has been operated over the last few years. While the traditional opening for us was delayed, we managed to offer as much time on the bank to our members as possible. We also had a very difficult winter period where severe flooding through the Wensum valley, which lasted for weeks on end, had closed many fisheries but we were able to continue to stay open in some part for our members. However, while all these matters have caused us some concern the members have enjoyed yet again some excellent fishing. Our fishery still remains arguably one of the best mixed specimen syndicate fisheries of its type and especially for big carp in Norfolk. We continue to see year on year gains in our big carp many fish over thirty pounds and several now very close to forty pounds including our two established forty pound fish now around 45lbs and 41lbs respectively. With our earlier investment in stocking the fishery with high pedigree fish, such as those from Dinton Pastures, many of these fish are into thirty pounds and will comfortably reach over forty in the coming years. The quality of the fishing is the thing which always stands out and is what brings our members back season after season.

The fishery is managed as a traditional mixed species fishery, and on any day members are able to not only able to catch large carp, but large Bream, huge Tench into double figures, or large catches of smaller fish. The fishery has something for everyone and an enjoyable day's fishing can be had whether our members wish to come to catch a fish of a lifetime or just enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside and a cup of tea with their mates. We endeavour to continue with our aim to grow the fishery in stature and prominence as a superb place to fish.

The fishery will continue to be developed on an environmentally sustainable basis, to provide an excellent outdoor experience and most importantly, meet the aims and needs of the Charity in supporting the community and many local families who benefit from the charitable donations, which the fishery income provides. This will ensure that the Charity will have a long future in its core provision of local welfare and allow the opportunity to expand further to assist the wider community. We hope our patrons will continue to support us in this goal.



Ron Cornell  
Chair of Trustees

Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity - Statement of Accounts - 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

**INCOME**

**OPENING BALANCES**

CASH ACCOUNT £134.89  
 CURRENT ACCOUNT £2,569.37  
 COIF ACCOUNT £49,554.44  
 BP ACCOUNT £4,080.91

£56,339.61

**INCOME**

FISHING 2018 £77.00  
 FISHING 2019 £108.00  
 FISHING 2020 £50,031.00

£50,216.00

**INTEREST**

BANK INTEREST £6.59  
 COIF DIVIDEND £1,858.78  
 COIF INTEREST £125.11

£1,990.48

**EXPENDITURE**

DISTRIBUTION £14,771.27  
 ADMIN EXPENSES £329.94  
 BAILIFF GRATUITIES £1,400.00  
 BAILIFF REFUND £610.00  
 CHURCH LANDS PAYT £4,759.49  
 COVID 19 REFUND £1,568.00  
 EXPENSES £688.00  
 INSURANCE RENEWAL £617.00  
 KEYS & LOCKS £4,168.79  
 MAINTENANCE £10,150.72  
 MANAGEMENT FEES £11,768.00  
 TOILET HIRE £1,585.00  
 VAT ON GOODS AND SERVICES £1,452.60

£53,868.81

**CLOSING BALANCES**

CASH ACCOUNT £592.95  
 CURRENT ACCOUNT £1,117.28  
 COIF ACCOUNT £46,679.55  
 BP ACCOUNT £6,287.50

£54,677.28

INVESTMENTS HELD: SHARES IN CHARITIES  
 OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND (INCOME UNITS)  
 2889.84 @ £18.2517 = £52744.49  
 695.10 @ £18.2517 = £12686.76  
 Value as at 31/12/20 £65431.25

£108,546.09

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Signed  Treasurer  
 Signed  Chairman

Dated 11-1-21  
 Dated 29/03/21

I HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND BANK STATEMENTS AND CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT REFLECTS A TRUE RECORD OF THE CHARITY'S ACCOUNTS.

Signed  Auditor Dated 11 March 2021

Clare Morton  
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Breck Rd  
Weston Green  
Weston Longville  
Norwich  
NR9 5LQ

8 March 2021

Dear Peter

Please find below, the methodology for the audit of the Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity accounts for the year 2020

I have looked at each financial transaction and have cross checked each with :

- a. Supporting invoices or receipts
- b. Cheque book stubs and bank statement entries.
- c. The record of said transaction within the Trustee minutes where applicable.
- d. Eligibility of recipients

I have noted the basis for budgeting for the Charity to fulfil its requirement to distribute funds to the intended recipients and checked that the subsequent pay-outs were valid.

In all, I have found no evidence that the Charity's financial control is not being adequately managed.

I have therefore signed the audit return and such summary documents as you have produced.

Yours sincerely



Clare Morton.

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