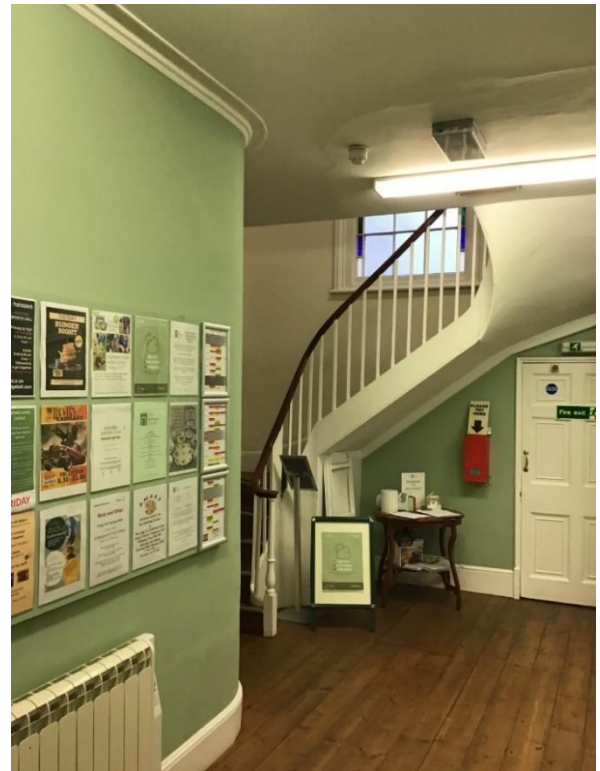




Open for All At the Heart of Reepham



Annual Report 2024

Introduction

In 1919 Samuel Bircham (1841-1923), a local resident and landowner, of Reepham gave the building to the town to be held in trust for the people of the town and surrounding area for use as a reading room and community meeting place. Since that time the Centre has been the hub of community life in Reepham. It currently houses a wide variety of social activities and voluntary services, including the town library, charity and pre-loved book shop, the local archives in addition to space for counselling and well-being services along with numerous local community groups, clubs and societies and a weekly country market. The building is grade II listed and fronts onto the historic marketplace at Reepham. Parts of the building date back to the Jacobean period.



The Centre is managed by a committee of up to twelve trustees, whose responsibility is to ensure that the original purpose is upheld in line with the constitution. The use of the building by the community is seen as the primary purpose of the charity. In order to achieve this, trustees are responsible for generating sufficient funds to ensure the preservation of historical building.

The trustees usually meet monthly for formal meetings and provide advice and support between meetings. During 2024 the trustees met on ten occasions, which included the Annual General Meeting in May 2024.

Legal Status and Constitution

The name of the charity is 'The Bircham Centre'. It is a charity founded by Trust Deed dated 15 August 1919. It is registered by the Charity Commission of England with the registration number 242536.

The Registered Office is The Market Place, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4JJ.

The charity's main professional contacts and staff

Audit and Accountancy – Boldero & Co
Bankers – HSBC & COIF (Charities Investment Fund)
Insurance – Grout Insurance Brokers

The Trustees employ the following part time staff:
Centre Manager Polly Brockis (16 hours per week)
Community Engagement Worker Jess Bygrave (16 hours per week)
Caretaker Monique Bayles (8 hours per week)
Cleaning services (total of 15 hours per week worked by 3 people)

The charity is dependent on groups of volunteers, supporters and helpers to assist with the operation of the centre. The trustees are responsible for their direction, recruitment and training. It is recognised that such assistance and volunteering is absolutely key to the operation and future of the charity.

Trustees

Les West	Chairman	2019 - present
Ian Kenvyn	Vice Chairman	2022 - present
Ian McGilvray		2020 - present
Carl Lamb		2020 – present
Roisin Howard		2020 – present
Clare Kenvyn		2022 - present
Paul Brock (Representing Reepham Bowls Club)		2024 – present
Tina Pashley		2024 - present
Gill Long		2020 - 2024



Chairman's Report

I am pleased to give this report on the activities of the Bircham Centre for 2024 and to look ahead to our plans for 2025. 2024 was another busy year and this report details what was achieved in all aspects of the Centre's work.

In 2025, I will have completed my tenure as a trustee. It has been a privilege to have been associated with the Centre over the past six years and to have been its Chairman for the past four years. Looking back, we have achieved a lot during that time, both in terms of community engagement and support along with maintaining the historical building.

All of this could not have been possible without the support of many people. I thank all the trustees for what they do to support the work of the Centre in so many different ways. It is important that the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Centre Manager have a close working and supportive relationship. I have been blessed in Polly. We have worked well together and shared a common vision for the operation and development of the Centre. Many people have a lot to thank Polly for in the way she cares and supports the different community groups and individuals, often going far beyond her contractual duties.

We are also blessed with a number of faithful volunteers who work in the shop, book room, garden, archives and support our Centre Manager in many ways. Our particular thanks to Brenda, the shop manager, and Judy her assistant along with all the shop volunteers for the large number of hours they put in every week in the shop and others who receive and sort donations. Also, to John and Linda in the book room and Tom from Eves Hill Veg Co. who leads the dedicated team of volunteer gardeners. Along with Jo and Joy who support Polly with the finance work and the archive volunteers. Without these dedicated helpers the Centre would struggle to undertake all that it does.

The major addition to the staff from October 2024 was the appointment of Jess Bygrave, as the Community Engagement Worker. This post is a grant funded post, initially for one year. During the latter part of 2024 Jess's task was to build relationships with key groups and individuals and to ascertain what was needed. A number of new groups have now been set up, covering all age groups. We look forward to seeing how this new initiative develops over the coming year, while further funding is investigated.

I wish Tina Pashley, the Chair Elect, who takes over in June 2025, all the best, as she leads the Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers into the next chapter of the Bircham Centre. If you have some time to spare and are looking for a voluntary role that is genuinely rewarding, thoroughly enjoyable and will make a real and lasting difference to the local community, you may wish to consider becoming a trustee.

Administration

Personnel

After a year of change we ended 2024 with a full complement of wonderful staff. Tina, Glen and Julie, our part time cleaners, work hard around the ever-changing room bookings to ensure the cleanliness of our building, Sadley, Robert Taylor, our caretaker, lost his fight against cancer and our maintenance cover Monique took on the hours and duties to care for the building and users.

From a strong applicant base we appointed a Community Engagement Worker. Jess Bygrave hit the ground running. Focusing on finding out what we have and what our community needs. Her personality and drive have added another dimension to the Centre, we are delighted to have her with us and offer huge thanks to Norfolk Community Foundation who are funding this one-year post, with its focus of looking at ways to reduce isolation. Brenda Gostling continues to support our Website and Marketing needs. With the additional activities Jess has instigated, and local connections Jess and Brenda have, we are widening what we offer and how we communicate with our community.



Jess Bygrave, Community Engagement Worker

It feels appropriate under personnel to mention our Chair of the Board, Les West. Les will complete his tenure at the AGM, and we have so much to thank him for. He has given hours of his time and care to the Centre, overseeing large maintenance projects and using his skills to renew and upgrade our policies and procedures, along with putting into place a fundraising strategy. All will help ensure the building is here for perpetuity. We are hopeful that Les will continue to work with the Centre in other ways. A chair elect position has been established to ensure a thorough handover can take place. All that we do and provide at the Centre would not be possible without the many hours and dedication given by many, in a variety of ways; from the trustees, current and passed, shop and book personnel, The Fixery, Reepham Town Bowling Club, community event supporters, the archive volunteers and many one-off individuals. We thank everyone who has stepped through the door and helped in any way, that support is really appreciated.

Hires

We have a large core of regular weekly users and the whole site, building and garden, are also used by many local groups and organisations for their one-off events. At the end of 2024 we had over 60 names on our booking rota. With Jess's arrival we have been able to work in partnership with additional agencies, bringing people and groups together and adding value to services already here.

We are helping instigate activities suggested at the World Café events and Norfolk Youth Advisory meetings, as well as individuals. Our long-term tenant is Reepham Library, and we are grateful for a strong relationship with Kris, the Manager, and her team, as we work together on activities for Reepham.

We continue to keep our hourly booking rate low to raise funds by more use, rather than larger charges. This keeps the footfall higher and more varied. There were approximately 27,000 visits to the Centre in 2024.

Community Events

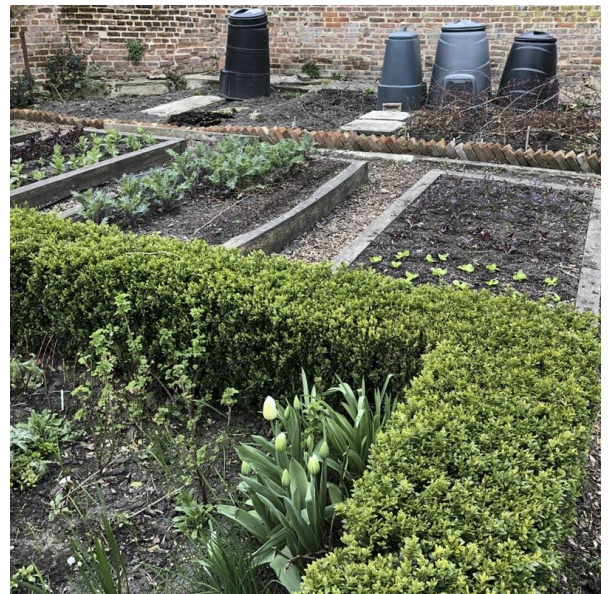
We organised another year of free Walled Garden talks. Helped showcase various artists, Reepham W.I and the Norfolk Detectorists in their exhibitions. Facilitated a training day for the Heritage Trust so the next cohort of heritage officers, historical buildings workers could gain hands on experience of a complex listed site. Worked with MAP, Field of Joy and Grow Naturally on the National Citizenship Scheme.

Hosted AGMs for many local groups including Reepham Town Bowls, Reepham Runners, Reepham and Salle Cricket Club, RGNS, RALGA. Supported plant sales, cake sales, workshops and classes for many organisations. Continued the warm space community coffee mornings. Initiated crafternoons and held gardening workshops. With Jess's arrival we have been able to offer DofE placements again, offering a space for young people to engage with their community.

Garden

Funds from Norfolk Community Foundation via the Greening Our Community grant gave funds towards tools and allowed us to add compost bays and a water capture system for the allotment. The highlight for garden visitors in 2024 was the addition of a pollinator bed, which not only looked beautiful all summer but buzzed with insect life. After works in the frontage new troughs were installed, with an Amalanchier tree transforming the look of the front garden.

In 2024 Jane Bown stepped aside to allow Tom Martin to return as lead gardener this year. The garden is testament to the skills of both and the dedication of a fantastic team of volunteers. The aspirations and peer support of Eves Hill Veg Co run through the garden and wider community engagement projects of the Centre. Hannah Claxton deserving special mention as my personal sounding board.



A number of significant local characters died this year and from individuals and member organisations memorials have been gifted to the community garden in their memory – a bird bath, toad house, benches, trees. Our thoughts go out to all who have lost someone. We hope the garden here offers everyone a tranquil space to remember good times and loved ones.

Polly Brockis – Centre Manager

Charity Shop

2024 has been another good year for the shop. Donations keep the shop supplied with quality items. Thank you to Julie, Gill, Kevin and Paul for all their support on Tuesdays.

Our monthly jumble sales are still proving very popular, and we have people waiting outside before we open!

The annual events in Reepham like the Food Festival, Music Festival, Classic Car Festive and Festival of Light bring in extra revenue for the shop. A very big thanks to Julie Smith who organizes and runs the annual Vintage Sale, that is very popular and is very profitable. Also thank you Julie for selling items on E-Bay for us.



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, Judy Smith, Judith Sweetman, Beth, Tamara, Linda, Lynda and Rosie for their continued support in making the shop so successful and a big thank you to all our regular and loyal customers. A big thank you to Polly for all the support she gives to the shop, for all the extra time she spends having stalls at the Material Sale at Whitwell Station and the Music Festival, and to her family who support the many activities we run. Polly is our main contact relaying problems, queries etc. to the Trustees and it would help, seeing the shop generates the most income to the Bircham Centre, if there was a Trustee with responsibility for the shop.

Brenda Green - Shop Manager



Aims and Objectives for 2025

In 2021, the Trustees of the Bircham Centre produced and agreed a strategic document which outlined the aims and objectives of the charity for the period 2021 – 2026. The document explained the Centre's role as the community hub for Reepham, the range of activities that the centre provides, the building and its history, along with the management arrangements and financial position.

The document restates the primary purpose of the Charity; to provide services that benefit the community and to ensure the preservation of the grade II listed building for present and future generations.

For each year of the five-year period, the Trustees develop and agree a working plan in line with the overall aims and objectives contained in the strategic document under the following five categories.

<u>Community</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Well-Being</u>	<u>Environment</u>
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Community

Achieved in 2024

- The Centre continued to provide a programme of community events and workshops, some of which were in partnership with other local groups.
- The Centre continued to host weekly community coffee mornings with a grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation from the Surviving Winter Fund.
- With funding provided by Norfolk Community Foundation, the Charity employed a part time 'Community Engagement Worker'.
- The Centre took part in the Reepham Christmas Tree Festival by decorating a tree which was voted visitors' favourite tree.
- The Centre took part in a school liaison day with Reepham High School.
- The Centre, worked with the archive group, to hold an evening for the local community, to show how Reepham cared for the worried during the First World War.

Plans for 2025

- Appoint a new Chair of the Board of Trustees to lead the management of the charity and take it forward.
- Increase the number of trustees and volunteers, to provide additional support for the work of the charity.
- Increase the number of community activities and facilities to meet the needs of a wider range of age groups in the local community, whilst maintaining support for existing users.
- To develop a programme to encourage and support the arts, by providing
- Develop a Communications Strategy and Plan, so that all communications express our values, use the same 'voice' and maximise the reach and effectiveness of how we communicate our purpose and activities.

- Create a single, accessible Contact Database of all Bircham Centre contacts, both users and volunteers to facilitate easier communication and promotion of events and requests for volunteering help etc.
- Work with the Archive Group to host an event, following the success of the community event in 2024 to share the history of Reepham.

Building

Achieved in 2024

- Work was carried out in the front gardens to improve the drainage system.
- The front gardens were redesigned to improve their appearance and use.
- Listed Building Consent was obtained to replace/repair seven of the windows in urgent need of work.

Plans for 2025

- Carry out work to seven windows in urgent need of replacement/repair.
- Improve the appearance of The Front Room (Room 7) and redefine the room as a community space and make it more attractive for hire.
- Carry out work to improve the appearance of the public areas.
- Investigate options for improved access to the garden.

Funding

Achieved in 2024

- Managed the operation of the centre within budget.
- Obtained a number of grants to support the work of the Centre and garden development.
- A legacy leaflet was produced and promoted.

Plans for 2025

- Agree a balanced budget for 2025.
- Consider ways of increasing the income of the Centre.
- Consider ways of becoming more efficient in the use of resources available to the charity.
- Submit a funding application to The Pilgrim Trust for the urgent work required to the windows.
- Identify funding possibilities and submit an application to extend the funding for the Community Engagement Worker.
- Identify further funding opportunities and make applications to support the maintenance repairs to the building and core operating costs.

Well-Being

Achieved in 2024

- The Centre supported staff, volunteers, and users of the Centre as needs were identified.
- Held our annual volunteer tea party to thank all volunteers for their contribution throughout the year, along with a social event for garden volunteers.

Plans for 2025

- Create an Induction and Training Framework for all new volunteers, to include an 'Introduction to Volunteering' module which will include guidance on how it can benefit personal wellbeing.
- Develop a Wellbeing Framework for the Bircham Centre with a clear set of agreed values and behaviours, such as kindness and inclusion, and guidelines on how everyone entering the Bircham Centre should be treated, both volunteers and users.
- Increase volunteer recognition to include, promoting positive news stories/achievements of volunteers helping, regular thanks from trustees, in addition to existing recognition activities.
- Support staff, volunteers, and users of the Centre to ensure that their well-being is considered.
- Increase events and workshops in the garden to encourage people to connect with nature to help their wellbeing.

Environment & Sustainability

Achieved in 2024

- The Centre supported the initiative to bring a free repair service to the town in the form of 'The Fixery'.

Plans for 2025

- Continue to host and promote the Fixery service to support our community, sustainability and the environment.
- Implement and promote upcycling, recycling and protecting the environment wherever possible
- Continue to implement sustainability and environmental impact as core considerations in procurement decisions.

Maintenance of the Building

A building of this age needs continued maintenance. In 2021, the Trustees commissioned a quinquennial inspection of the building. This detailed the work required to the building, over the following five years, in order to keep it in good repair and available for the current community and future generations to benefit from the services it provides.

We prioritised the work required and produce an action plan each year. The main work carried out in 2024 was to rectify the drainage problem at the front of the building, along with other minor repairs. The front garden had to be totally cleared for this work with a new tree planted to replace the dying holly.

The main work identified for 2025 is the replacement of four windows and the repair of a further three. The appropriate Listed Building Consent was obtained in the latter part of 2024, allowing for the work to be carried out in 2025.



Financial Position

Sadly, no legacy was left to maintain the building and garden, so it relies heavily on the hard work of its volunteers and on donations. The major income comes from the charity and pre-loved book shop along with rent and hire charges from the various groups and individuals who use the building.

In 2024 the total income was £61,354 (£57,717 in 2023).

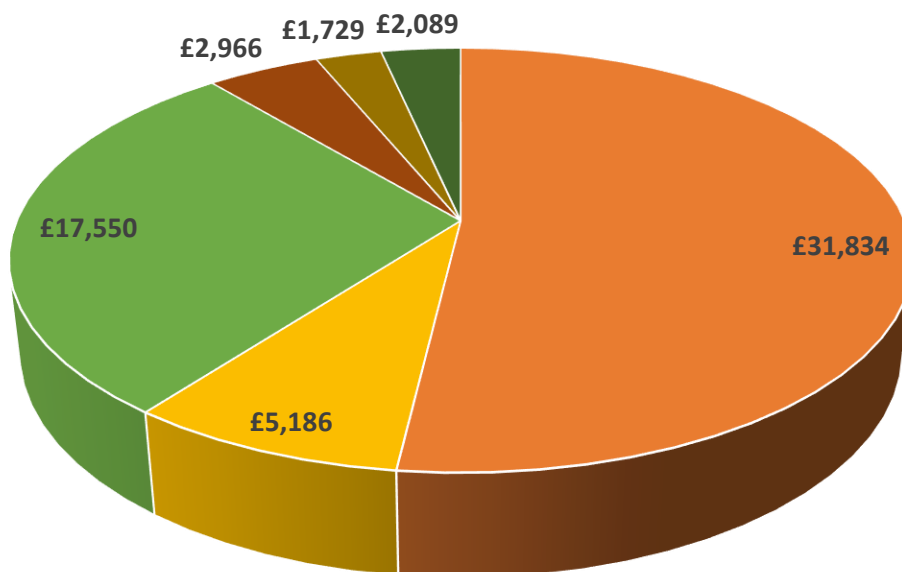
The total expenditure for 2024 was £58,640 (£60,593 in 2023)

This gave a surplus of £2,714. This was mainly due to staff vacancies during the year.

Once the designated and grant income and expenditure was taken into account the result was a surplus of £20,856, compared with a deficit of £12,978 in 2023. These figures are the result of the timings of grant payments. We ended 2023 awaiting a grant payment and now the surplus shown is a grant in hand, allocated for use into 2025.

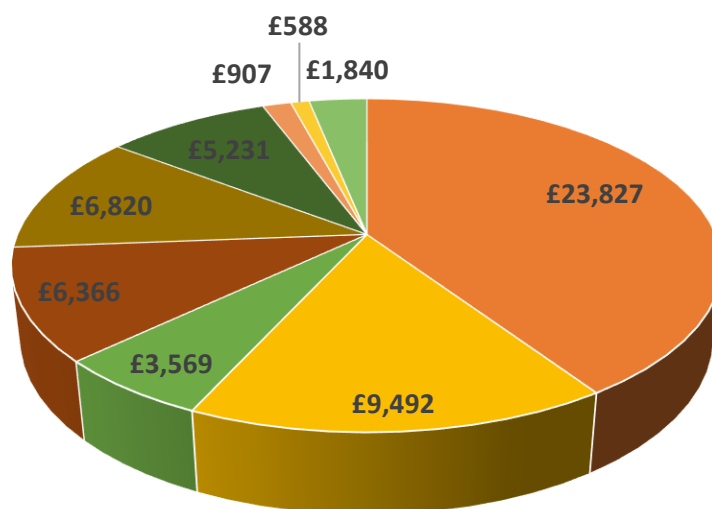
The total funds available at the end of 2024 was £64,321 compared with £43,465 the previous year.

TOTAL INCOME £61,354



- Charity and book shop (51%)
- Library rent & cleaning (10%)
- Hire charges (24%)
- Donations (9%)
- 200 Club (3%)
- Other (3%)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £58,640



- Administration (41%)
- Cleaning (16%)
- Repairs & Maintenance (6%)
- Garden Maintenance (11%)
- Electricity & Telephone (12%)
- Insurance (9%)
- Health & Safety (2%)
- Rates & Water (1%)
- Other (3%)

The accounts for 2024 have been audited by Boldero & Co. and can be found at Appendix A. We wish to thank Ian and Nicola for their support with the accounts and payroll and propose that we engage them for 2025.

The Centre is a not-for-profit charitable organisation and with careful management, it just about breaks even each year, but this does not allow for major repairs to the building, which have to be funded by grants. We also need to obtain funding / grants for community activities we wish to provide.

During 2024, the charity was pleased to receive grants from the following organisations and grant making bodies:

In 2022, 'Travel Chapter', the Devon holiday lettings firm acquired the 'Original Cottage Company' based in Reepham. In 2024 they moved their operation from Reepham to Norwich. In recognition that the family business had operated in Reepham for many years they gave a legacy to the Bircham Centre, over three years, to be used to help maintain the building.

Norfolk Community Foundation - Countering Loneliness Innovation Fund, supporting the Community Engagement Worker position and activities to reduce isolation

Norfolk Community Foundation – Surviving Winter Fund, which supported the Monday warm space community coffee mornings.

Norfolk Community Foundation – Greening our Communities, which facilitated the purchase of tools and the development of a pollinator bed.

Broadland and South Norfolk District Council – Get it Started Start grants, supporting the RAMs group and workshops, providing resources for a Board Game Group

Reepham Loins

Reepham WI

Reepham Rotary

Reepham Town Council



Kate Robertson from Travel Chapter
with Les West, Bircham Centre Chair

In addition to the grants, the Centre received donations during the year from individuals who wish to remain anonymous. The Trustees offer their sincere thanks to all. Also, to the many members of the 200 Club who continue to support the Centre financially. If you are not a member of the 200 Club, you may wish to consider joining. It only costs £12 per year (£1 per month). 200 Club winners are drawn monthly, with prizes of £25, £15 and £10 awarded each month with additional prizes at Christmas.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees aim to obtain sufficient funds each year so that the maintenance of the building and the work of the charity can continue and develop.

The Trustees aim to keep a reserve of at least 50% of annual expenditure.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is about looking out for each other, particularly for the vulnerable among us, and knowing when to speak up if something doesn't seem quite right. Safeguarding helps us support those at risk of harm, following a clear reporting process. Whether it concerns an employee, volunteer, or a visitor/user of the Bircham Centre. It is important to address issues early, so to create a safe and secure environment for everyone.

During 2024 there were no safeguarding matters brought to the attention of the trustees.

The trustees reviewed and updated its safeguarding policy in September 2023, which is available on the website.

Health and Safety

During 2024 there were no reportable Health and Safety incidents reported to the trustees. The trustees monitor the Health and Safety of its employees, volunteers and users of the Centre on a continuous basis, which is a standing item of the trustees' agenda. Health and Safety is led by the trustees one of whom, namely Carl Lamb, has ultimate responsibility in this area.

The trustees reviewed and updated its Health and Safety policy in March 2023, which is available on the website. Within this policy statement the trustees recognise their duties and obligations in ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of its employees, volunteers and all those who use the Centre including visitors and contractors.

Other Policies

In addition to the above, the following policies are available and reviewed on a regular basis:

Governance	Whistle Blowing
Complaints	Wide Up
Equal Opportunities	ECO Journey
Legal and Administration Information	
Risk Management	
Staff Employment Matters	
Volunteers	

Reepham Archives

The Reepham Archives are housed at the Bircham Centre and contain a publicly available collection of documents, photographs, and artefacts relevant to the history and development of Reepham and the surrounding area. The purpose of the Reepham Archives is to nurture public and professional interest and an understanding of the heritage of Reepham and the local area.

The trustees of the Bircham Centre have overall financial and administrative responsibility for the management of the Reepham Archives. The trustees delegate the day-to-day management and operation of the archive to a group of volunteers, who are responsible for the storage, preservation, recording, acquisition and disposal of items and interface with archival organisations and the general public. A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between the Bircham Centre and the Archive group.

The Reepham Archive group have the right to appoint a representative to the Board of Trustees of the Bircham Centre. As no one wanted to take up this position, a link volunteer has been nominated to attend the Trustee Board every quarter to give a report on the activity of the archives. The current link is Charles Butcher.

The archives are maintained by a small group of volunteers and are open to the public on the first Wednesday and Saturday morning of each month or by appointment.

In November 2024, the Bircham Centre hosted a community event during which the archive group gave a presentation on 'How Reepham cared for the wounded during WWI'. This was very successful, with over 80 people attending. Following this success there are plans to hold a future event in November 2025, which will focus on the Market Square, giving the history of the buildings and businesses, along with the people and families who lived there in past years.



REEPHAM CARING FOR THE WOUNDED IN WW1

Friday 22 November 2024
7.00 pm, Town Hall, Reepham

TICKETS £5 inc cheese & wine

Discover the role Reepham played as a Red Cross Hospital during WW1

Tickets available from the following (cash only)

- Bircham Centre Office (Monday to Friday mornings)
- On the door

www.birchamcentrereepham.org

Reepham Bowling Club

Until 2020, The Reepham Town Bowling Green was the responsibility of the Reepham Society. When the society was disbanded, ownership and responsibility was transferred to the Bircham Centre charity. A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between the Bircham Centre and the Bowling Club.

The Bircham Centre owns the freehold of the bowling green along with the associated buildings, the title of which was transferred to the trustees of the Bircham Centre, under title number NK428204 by the Land Registry Office.

The trustees of the Bircham Centre have agreed a twenty-five-year lease to the Reepham Town Bowling Club for the green and associated buildings, including the club house, at an agreed annual rent as outlined in the lease, currently £150 per annum.

The Reepham Town Bowling Club is managed by a committee of members which reports to the trustees of the Bircham Centre. The committee is responsible for keeping the ground and buildings in a good state of housekeeping and repair, and for the security of the site.

The committee has the right to appoint one member of the committee to the Board of Trustees of the Bircham Centre, who reports to the Board at each meeting. Paul Brock currently fulfills this role.

The committee keep their own finances and provide a copy of the inspected accounts to the Board on an annual basis. The Bowling Green was added as an asset to the Bircham Centre insurance documentation in 2020. The trustees of the Bircham Centre do not accept any financial liability for the Reepham Town Bowling Club.



Currently the bowls club have around 25 members and play in 4 leagues where they finished in the top half of all leagues in 2024. Club members keep the green and premises clean and tidy all through the year. Expenditure was high in 2024 as the lawn mower had to be repaired along with the shed roof due to leaks and the shed door had to be replaced. They are currently in the process of putting up new fence panels to replace the hedge which had died.

The Bircham CentreIncome & Expenditure for the Year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
<u>Receipts</u>		
Hirings	17,550	13,966
Library rent	3,106	4,440
Library cleaning	2,080	1,495
200 Club	1,729	1,680
Shop	28,164	24,767
Book sales etc. (Red Box)	3,670	4,528
Donations received	2,966	5,030
Bowls Club	150	150
Sundry	345	50
Interest on deposits	1,594	1,611
	<u>61,354</u>	<u>57,717</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Cleaning	9,492	8,906
Insurance	5,231	5,189
Water	496	406
Electricity and telephone	6,820	7,574
Accountant's report and payroll	420	360
Rates	92	95
Administration	23,827	21,370
Repairs & maintenance	3,569	8,211
Health & safety	907	1,248
Garden maintenance	6,366	6,534
200 Club	595	550
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Sundries including marketing / event	675	-
	<u>58,640</u>	<u>60,593</u>
Surplus (2023 - deficit)	2,714	(2,876)
Grant income	36,479	40,176
Fundraising income	61,353	-
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Grant expenditure	(21,050)	(50,278)
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The Bircham Centre

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2024

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE BIRCHAM CENTRE

On accounts for the year
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

27.02.2025

Name:

IAN G. M. BOLDERD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES.