

**Charity Registration No. 259956**

**SPALDING AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Charity name: Spalding and District Civic Society**

**Charity registration number: 259956**

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Society's main objectives and activities are:

- To increase and develop the amenities of Spalding town and district.
- To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in and around Spalding and to promote interest in and care for the existing qualities of the area.
- To pursue these ends by means of meetings, lectures, promotion of schemes etc. and by cooperation with the local authorities and national organisations and individual concerns
- To encourage a sense of citizenship by stimulating interest in these matters.

However, we also continue to:

- Keep a watching brief on local planning applications and opposing damaging and poor-quality development
- Work constructively with the South Holland District Council, but making a critical stand where necessary
- Promote and defend the vitality of the Town Centre
- Give evidence at public inquiries
- Keep abreast of best practice in town planning and urging its adoption locally
- Float ideas for the regeneration of run-down sites
- Undertake surveys
- Review listed buildings and the Conservation Area

### **Achievements and Performance**

Our Market Art project (MARK-IT) has been in limbo over last few years, with nothing much happening, that's because we have been searching for a source of funding. Now that our bid for government funding has been successful with a substantial sum from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, we can get going again, and speedily, as the money has to be spent by March 2025. Our immediate sites are New Road (cattle) and the Sheepmarket (sheep). We have also been in receipt of an extremely generous donation, towards this project, from one of our members.

In 2024 we have been able to commission high quality art works so that besides enhancing the attractiveness of the town centre for all who live and work here, the Project has the potential to become a visitor attraction and increase footfall in the town.

Also, during 2024 we have been able to commission and erect a seventh Blue Plaque in Spalding. This latest one in memory of Charlotte Charinton, a quiet spinster philanthropist who lived on London Road. South Holland, like most of Lincolnshire, is rich in mediaeval churches, and that the architectural glory of many local ones was preserved from neglect or misguided alteration owes much to the munificence of Charlotte Charinton.

## **Financial Review**

Our general unrestricted account has incurred a deficit of payments over receipts during the year of £622 (2023 surplus of £79) this is mainly due to the costs incurred in erecting the Blue Plaque in memory of Charlotte Charinton. The funds for this plaque having been received in previous years.

However, during 2024 the most significant financial items have been the receipt of a UK Shared Prosperity grant and a private donation towards our Market Art project. This latest phase of the project will be completed in 2025. The amounts relating to this project are shown under the restricted funds column on the attached Receipts and Payments Accounts.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Administrative details**

**Charity name:** Spalding and District Civic Society

**Registered charity number:** 259956

**Charity's contact address:** 78A Edinburgh Drive, Spalding, PE11 2RT

### **Names of the charity trustees who have managed the charity during the year:**

John Richard Glendy Bland - Chairman

Marian Elizabeth Boxall – Secretary

Melvyn Price – Treasurer

John Charlesworth

David Jones

Graham Leslie Boor

Alwyn Roffe

Martin Christopher Blake – appointed 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Valery Ann Gemmell -- appointed 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

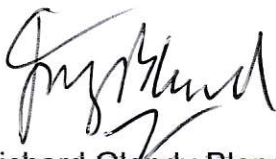
Brendan Jude Joseph D'Abreo - appointed 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
- resigned 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Vivian Howard Baxter – appointed 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## **Declaration**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Richard Glendy Bland', written in a cursive style.

**John Richard Glendy Bland**

**Chairman**



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2024

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Subscriptions	347	-	347	433
Donations	22	40,478	40,500	17
UK Shared Prosperity Fund grant	-	35,542	35,542	-
Bank interest	-	297	297	-
Guided tour	300	-	300	-
Gift Aid tax repayment	38	-	38	53
Sale of calendars	445	-	445	658
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>76,317</b>	<b>77,469</b>	<b>1,161</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>76,317</b>	<b>77,469</b>	<b>1,161</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
MARK-IT project	-	52,843	52,843	-
Insurance	96	-	96	96
Membership fee - Civic Voice	85	-	85	93
Cost of blue plaque installation	772	-	772	-
Printing of calendars	390	-	390	464
Room hire for committee meetings	192	-	192	108
Annual General Meeting expenses	31	-	31	-
Website expenses	197	-	197	221
Donation	-	-	-	100
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>52,843</b>	<b>54,606</b>	<b>1,082</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>52,843</b>	<b>54,606</b>	<b>1,082</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 611</b>	<b>23,474</b>	<b>22,863</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>6,961</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>7,631</b>	<b>7,552</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,350</b>	<b>24,144</b>	<b>30,494</b>	<b>7,631</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Bank PLC - current account	6,350	1,148
	Lloyds Bank PLC - deposit account	-	22,996
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,350</b>	<b>24,144</b>

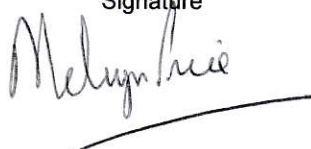
	Details	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		-	
		-	

Signed on behalf of all the trustees by:

Signature  


Print Name  
**MELVYN PRICE**

Date of approval  
 6th May 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**Report to the Trustees and Members of**  
**Spalding and District Civic Society**  
**On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**as set out on pages 1 to 5**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

As the charity trustees of the Society, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

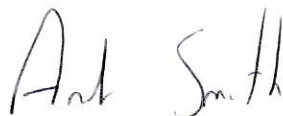
I report in respect of my examination of the Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:



Date:

20. Apr  
2025

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