

Trustees' Annual Report for Alford Corn Exchange Community Group (Charity No. 1154929) for the period 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2018

Charity Name:	Alford Corn Exchange Community Group
Registered Charity Number:	1154929
Charity Principal Address:	Alford Corn Exchange, 9 Market Place, Alford, Lincolnshire, LN13 9EB
Trustees:	Harry Dewick-Eisele, Janet Taylor, Andy Taylor, Sue Lyster, Kathlyn Walsh, Janice McHamilton, Nick O'Farrell, John Hynes, Mandy Lowe and Patricia Davis
Type of governing document:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation with Constitution adopted 10.04.2013

Trustees are appointed (or re-appointed) annually at the AGM.

Objectives:

"To further or benefit the residents of Alford and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre at the historic Alford Corn Exchange and to maintain and manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the preservation, maintenance and management of the building for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects."

Summary of Development

The past 12 months has been another very busy period for the Corn Exchange and its Trustees. A sub-committee of Trustees are working hard to secure large grants for the Corn Exchange which includes having a detailed survey of the building carried out. If the grant is successful it is hoped that the Corn Exchange roof can be completely renovated which, being a listed building, will be a time consuming and expensive project.

The Trustees are continually aiming to improve the building as a venue and, as a result, the booking of events (both regular and one off events) goes from strength to strength. In the past 12 months the Corn Exchange has itself organised for the Budapest Café Orchestra to play, there has been a 1940s evening of music and dance, there was a 'Bollywood' Indian themed evening together with various theatre productions including 'Barnaby Rudge' and 'Steptoe and Son'. Christmas was a very busy period with the 'Small Business Christmas Party', the Elizabethan Choir Concert and the community lunch where people on their own (or who are full time carers) are invited to an afternoon Christmas meal and entertainment. In addition, the Alford twinning 50th anniversary took place as did the Co-Op summer food tasting. The 'Withern Singers' attended the Corn Exchange in the summer and various local organisations used the facility – including the Alford and District Darts League and Huttoft Primary School. The Qwackers Playgroup also held their Christmas Carol Concert at the Corn Exchange. Many other events were held here (not organised by the committee) including a 'Don't Be Alone at Christmas' tea and coffee morning on Christmas day itself.

The Corn Exchange is also becoming a very popular venue for funeral receptions – 13 were held during the course of the year.

Activities in Alford Corn Exchange on a weekly basis:

Monday morning: Short mat bowls

Monday night: Zumba

Tuesday night: An exercise class

Wednesday afternoon and evening: Dance classes

Thursday morning and evening: Slimming World

The Corn Exchange also holds monthly tea dances on a Sunday afternoon which are extremely successful with dancers travelling from all over Lincolnshire to attend. The building also holds regular Craft Markets which helps cement Alford's position as a 'beacon' of craft activities in the Lincolnshire area.

Financial Review:

The Trustees are extremely mindful of the immense support that they receive from the regular hirers and the generous donations that are made to the Charity. In particular, the Alford Congregational Church continues to financially support the Corn Exchange with its projects and Safelincs, Lincolnshire Trading, Lincolnshire Poacher and many other organisations support our Charity. Without this it would not be possible for the Corn Exchange to thrive in the way that it is doing.

The Trustees continue to meet on at least a monthly basis to discuss the Charity's business. The Trustees have complementary skill sets which makes the committee strong. The Charity is continually updating and refining its procedures with sound financial planning at the forefront of what we do. A part-time administrator helps to ensure that the venue is run in a smooth and professional manner.

The successful future of the Corn Exchange is dependant on this continuing support to ensure that it can fulfil the ambitious plans that the Trustees have.

Declaration:

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature:

Full name: Harry Dewick-Eisele, Chairman
Date: 29.01.2019



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2017

To

Period end date
31/03/2018

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	9,150	-	-	9,150	-
General Sales	35,819	-	-	35,819	-
Sundry Income	40	-	-	40	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,009	-	-	45,009	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,009	-	-	45,009	-
A3 Payments					
Labour	1,146	-	-	1,146	-
General purchases	14,137	-	-	14,137	-
Advertising	758	-	-	758	-
Gifts	25	-	-	25	-
Staff Salaries	2,137	-	-	2,137	-
Water Rates & HLP	2,771	-	-	2,771	-
Licences	70	-	-	70	-
Accountancy Fees	247	-	-	247	-
Consultancy Fees	600	-	-	600	-
Professional Fees	3,020	-	-	3,020	-
Equipment Hire	713	-	-	713	-
Office Maintenance	70	-	-	70	-
Repairs & Renewals	4,327	-	-	4,327	-
Cleaning & Laundry	1,499	-	-	1,499	-
Bad Debt	366	-	-	366	-
Subscriptions	54	-	-	54	-
Sundry purchases & costs	182	-	-	182	-
Premises Expenses	30	-	-	30	-
Telephone	32	-	-	32	-
Sub total	32,183	-	-	32,183	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,183	-	-	32,183	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,826	-	-	12,826	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,590	-	-	56,590	-
Cash funds this year end	69,416	-	-	69,416	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Account	69,416	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	69,416	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Building	restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



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**Independent
examiner's
report on
the
accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

ALFORD CORN EXCHANGE COMMUNITY GROUP

On accounts for the
year ended

31/03/2018

Charity no (if any)

1154929

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- 1* examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 2* to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- 3* to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

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

- 4* accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- 5* 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

3/7/18

Name:

ROBERT STEPHENSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).