CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.1.24 **Period start date** **To 31.10.25**
Period end date

Charity name: Alford Focal Point

Charity registration number: 1162899

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**To establish and operate a community library for Alford in conjunction with Lincolnshire County Council and their agents and Alford Town Council.** **To create a community resource centre to enhance the promotion of education and social welfare within the community.**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**The operation of the community library for at least 12 hours each week.** **Free hire of the library area for community groups, including Alford Town Promotions, a book club, music appreciation, war-games, Alford Hub meetings, bereavement group, photography group and a warm spot for the elderly and vulnerable within the community.** **The first floor rooms are used by the Town Council.**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**The trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have paid due regard to it in managing its activities throughout the period of this report.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**Regular opening of the library in partnership with GLL, Lincolnshire County Council and Alford Town Council.** **Recruitment and training of volunteers to run the library.** **Increased usage of the library space by the community.** **Activities for children. Regular story time sessions and related craft activities.** **Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge.** **Refurbishment of the children's section has led to increased foot fall.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**The charity will aim to have in reserve such amount as is required to ensure continued operation for up to 18 months. This will ensure that in the event of loosing our annual grant there will be sufficient time to apply for other grants. A refurbishment of the adult section of the library will have to be funded by our reserve fund, plus a contribution towards a new boiler system.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£44,395**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**CIO** **Foundation Model Constitution as filed with the Charity Commission.**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more	Para 1.25	**By existing trustees**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Alford Focal Point
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1162899
Charity's principal address	6 South Market Place Alford Lincolnshire LN13 9AF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Elizabeth Graham Ramm	Chair and volunteer co-ordinator		
2	Victoria Louise Hynes	Vice Chair		
3	Kerry Culley	Treasurer		
4	Lucy Iaquaniello	Secretary		
5	Richard Quantrell			
6	Andrew Taylor			
7	Alan Whitcomb			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

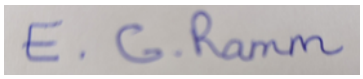
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Graham Ramm	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date		

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ALFORD FOCAL POINT

Charity registration number: 1162899

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2024.

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/11/2024

Financial period end date

31/10/2025

Income and spending

Income £

£7133.89

Spending £

£4121.52

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

1

Value of grants from government

What was the total value of the grants received from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

£5,167

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).Individuals

£0

Other charities

£0

Other organisations that are not charities

£0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

☒ e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Charity contact details correct

Is the contact address displayed from the Register of Charities, correct?

Yes

Charity headquarters details correct

Is this the same address that you use as your charity's administrative headquarters?

Yes

Charity contact address

Suncrest

Alford Road

Bilsby

ALFORD

Lincolnshire

LN13 9PY

Charity Headquarters address

Suncrest

Alford Road

Bilsby

ALFORD

Lincolnshire

LN13 9PY

Membership type

Is your charity part of a wider group structure with a parent body and subsidiary bodies?

no, the charity is not part of a wider group structure

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Yes

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Yes

Financial reserves policy and procedures

No

Complaints policy and procedures

No

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

Yes

Internal risk management policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

Not applicable

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

Yes

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

Not applicable

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

Yes

Social media policy and procedures

Not applicable

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

No

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

Yes

a. All required standard DBS checks have been obtained

Yes

b. All required enhanced DBS checks have been obtained

Yes

c. All required enhanced with Barred List(s) DBS checks have been obtained

Yes

d. DBS checks are not required other than Basic DBS checks

No

External risk and impact

Donations,

Negative

Other income - grants

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - contracts

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - investment

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on overheads

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of volunteers

Negative

Number of employees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of trustees

Negative

Fundraising activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Capacity to deliver services

Negative

Total service demand

Negative

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

20

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

· you have consented to their release; or

· we are legally obliged to disclose them; or

· we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

· we can lawfully do so; and

· we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

(a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;

(b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;

(c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

Your role at the charity (select one):

☒ Trustee

Given names	ELIZABETH GRAHAM
Family name	RAMM
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Date submitted	21/08/2026

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