

Heckington Windmill Trust



Annual Report & Accounts 2014-2015



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Chairman's Report

It is my very great pleasure to present to you our 32nd annual report on the principal activities of the Heckington Windmill Trust.



The keys to the site were formally handed over by Peter Pocklington to the Trust following the purchase of the site

Our year began with another very successful open meeting in Heckington Village Hall when 100 interested people crowded in to hear the latest about the mill project. What was particularly exciting was that we were able to report that we had completed the purchase of the entire historic site from the Pocklington family only hours before.

At the same time we entered into a 99 year lease of the mill itself from Lincolnshire County Council mill. After 32 years we have moved up from the rolling 3 month arrangement with the

Council. This enables us to ensure that the whole historic site is managed in a coherent way. We will continue to work in partnership with the Council, who will continue to repair the mill, and one exciting idea is for the cafes at their other major historic sites to use flour from our windmill.



Volunteer work parties soon cleared the site up and emptied buildings for re-use

One of first things we did was to clear the site. An army of volunteers turned up including several new members to help reclaim the site and indeed the buildings. As well as improving the look of the site, it has meant we can start using some of the ancillary buildings as we have cleared them. The Nissen Hut has proved a superb venue for events, and we have started baking demonstrations in the bake-house which have been very popular – thanks to Fay and

others who have done such a superb job.

This was hugely exciting but of course we still didn't have a working windmill. As of 23rd August that all changed when the mill re-started after almost 5 years out of action. The eight gleaming sails turning in the sunlight were a truly awesome sight. This whole aspect of the project attracted enormous publicity. We believe it is over 120 years since eight new sails were fitted to a windmill anywhere in the world. We were joined by Countryfile to film the removal of the old sails, which reached over 6 million people. The fitting of the new sails hit the Times and the Daily Telegraph as well as regional television.



The mill received a visit from BBC's Countryfile reaching over 6 million people.

The celebrations were complete on 2nd October when the mill was formally re-commissioned by County Councillor Nick Worth with our Patron the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, and over 150 members and invited guests – a truly



Over 150 people came to the official launch of the sails which were started by our Patron, Mr Tony Worth

wonderful evening which also saw the mill floodlit for the first time.

Thanks to some great work by Neil Medcalf of Traditional Millwrights Ltd we once again have a fully-functioning mill, and it is fair to say it is now in better condition than it has been for very many years.

The mill has definitely been set to work and as well as grinding record quantities of flour, a set of stones has been specially tuned to grind malt for the 8 Sail Brewery on site. We are the only windmill in the country grinding malt, and later this year will see the launch of Britain's only stone ground beer, aptly named "Rolling Stone".

The year has also seen major progress in the research into the history of the mill and the families connected with it. We are delighted to have embarked on a Shared Learning Project

with the Lincolnshire branch of the U3A and we now have a dedicated research team of 15 volunteers which is truly remarkable. During the year we invited proposals for our Interpretation Consultant and are delighted to have selected Attract Marketing from Warwickshire. Together with our research team we are looking forward to creating a heritage offer of the highest quality when the project formally opens in 2017. In the meantime, we delighted to welcome Michelle Adams, a professional conservator, as our volunteer Collections Manager. Under her excellent guidance we have created a dedicated research room in the Mill House and have committed to applying for full Museums Accreditation.

During the year, we said farewell to Ian and Michaela Yardley and are grateful for all they have done for us since they came to run our tea room in 2009. It was a particular pleasure to be able to



Baking demonstrations are proving to be very popular in the Bakehouse

provide the venue for their wedding reception during the summer.

Looking to the longer term, we have continued to progress the delivery of the regeneration project with detailed plan being finalised for tender. The



The roadside verge in front of the mill was planted with wild flowers to recall the mill's historic countryside setting

extended timescale for securing the land purchase has meant that we are facing an increase in construction costs due to general inflation. However, we have agreed a strategy with HLF which we are confident will see work on the main buildings start early next year and be completed for the original target date of Spring 2017.

Even though we continue to grow in number and activities, we still remain a very sociable organisation. As well as the sails re-commissioning event, we had a very enjoyable Christmas dinner for helpers that was much enjoyed. Our thanks go to Liz for organising this and the quiz.

Our visitor numbers for 2014-15 were 6,435. This was up by over 30% from 4,894 the year before, a

significant growth in our visitor numbers and reflects the increase in activities and events at the windmill, combined with the rise in levels of publicity and interest in the windmill.

The level of activity this year has been so comprehensive that this report can only give a flavour of what has been achieved. We have taken the step of including reports from some of the key areas of our activities to provide the fullest possible picture of all that has been achieved.



The Harvest Home weekend in October saw a loaf of bread produced during the course of the day using corn threshed & milled on site

The group that looks after Heckington windmill is truly remarkable. That was acknowledged during the year when we were nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, described as the MBE for groups. In the citation, we were described as "... hugely impressive. As an entirely voluntary organisation The Heckington Windmill Trust is one of the very best".



Some of our younger volunteers, Luke, Kurtis and Ross being trained under the guidance of Martin Hanson

Whilst we have more to do, what has been achieved this year by Heckington Windmill Trust is a major milestone in the history of the mill which will lay the foundations for its successful preservation for decades if not centuries to come.

Charles Pinchbeck



The first of the new sails being fitted to the mill tower

The Windmill

This has been a year of two distinct parts, non-operational until late August, then set to work in early September. Until then we had been reliant on Sibsey Trader mill to grind our wheat which was a very generous gesture on their behalf and lasted for 4 years, much more than they and we envisaged!

Since we have been milling again, flour sales have increased and from September to April we milled approximately 3 tonnes, and are forecasting that in the full first year of milling we will process around 6 tonnes! A long way from the 1—1.5 tonnes of previous years.

Geoff Stead's outstanding flour blender and the increased availability of white flour has allowed us to start selling self-raising flour and early indications are that it is proving popular.



Geoff Stead (centre) with his self-raising flour blender—a marvellous invention!

Pre-printed bags are now on the shop shelves which look very professional and saves much time for the baggers.



Getting the windmill ready for milling, lifting and cleaning the stones

The new sails and mill machinery are working well, and volunteer millers, baggers and guides are meeting the challenge of increased visitors and the resulting additional milling and bagging load. It has been a very good year for us, we need more millers and guides, but our training programme is paying off and we are well placed for the next year.

Jim Bailey

Outreach Talks

Bookings for outreach talks and baking demonstrations continue to increase. In the year ending March 2014 Jim gave 21 talks and Fay 8 demonstrations. Combined, this raised £1241 in fees, and £812 in sales. Future bookings into 2016 include 23 talks and demonstrations. Fay will be standing down as our outreach demonstrator at the end of 2015 and we would like to offer her our thanks for all the hard work she has put in to set up the demonstrations, both outreach and at the mill.

Jim Bailey

Report on Activities at the Windmill

Museum Accreditation & Collections

In November 2014 Heckington Windmill Trust decided to pursue Museum Accreditation and is currently preparing for "Working Towards Accreditation Status" with the Arts Council. Policies and plans are being formed and procedures are being implemented in line with National Standards.

We were very pleased to welcome a newly formed group of volunteers from the U3A who are accessioning, imaging and cataloguing both objects and archival material.

This year has also seen the production of collection documentation; digital imaging of archival material and the development of a database for recording the collection.

Michelle Adams



A large number of events have been held at the windmill, including the WI Passing the Centenary Baton in June 2014

Group Visits

Over an increasingly busy year there have been 19 booked visits, including car rallies, clubs, Brownies, coach parties and primary schools.



Thank you letter from one of our younger visitors

Excellent visitor feedback has been received with 5 star reviews on Facebook and 4 & 5 star reviews on TripAdvisor. Comments from one group said: "The guides made the mill come to life and the freshly baked bread and cream teas just finished off the afternoon"

The team have offered schools a trio of activities including a tour, baking demonstrations and activity booklets. Feedback has been outstanding "this was best school trip I've have ever been on" and "keep trying to rebuilt Heckington windmill, I would like to visit again"

In March we held very successful open morning and a number of new volunteers came forward to assist in the shop, tea rooms and with baking demonstrations.

Louise Roberts

Regeneration Project Update

2014-15 has been a busy year for the Regeneration Project with the design element of the project progressing well. Our Conservation Architect, Karen Lim, has been working closely with us to develop the detailed designed drawings for the main contract works.



Going through the plans on site with the architects and the project team

Due to increases in building costs and the delay due to purchase negotiations we have been carefully reviewing the overall costs of the construction works. Project Board members have been working hard searching for new grant providers and writing applications for funding to help bridge the funding gap.

We have reviewed the opportunity for a major upgrade of the tea room and our architects drew up a really exciting scheme which included for the replacement of the modern flat roofed extension. Unfortunately, with the main project being costlier than expected, we were not able to

raise the major funds required for this next step.

However alternative options for the Mill House are being looked at on how best to use the existing shell of the house as the basis of our current support activities (cafe, shop, food, interpretation, research room and storage).

Our HLF funded Activities Programme includes the delivery of school and educational visits, regular community events and volunteer involvement. We are really pleased that our activities programme continues to over-perform in most of these areas.

We are very pleased to have appointed Attract Marketing as consultants to develop our long term interpretation strategy, coordinate the delivery of the interpretation of site for the buildings, and provide a legacy interpretation system and templates for use by volunteers. The consultants are working in partnership with our new community historic research group of keen researchers who have already had a number of



The arrival of the Ruston Engine purchased using a grant from the Arts Council. The engine will power the stones on the Hurst Frame

training and development days to further research the family, social and technical history of the mill



One of our youngest volunteers, Kurtis, has raised funds for the project at school by holding bake sales

Our programme of development of traditional skills for millers and bakers has successfully continued in 2014/15. A historic diesel engine has been acquired to provide the power for the Hurst frame to be fitted in the base of the mill thanks to a grant from the Arts Council. The bake house continues to be used for regular baking demonstrations which are extremely popular with our visitors, showing what an asset the bake-house is proving to be.

We are able to show the Heritage Lottery Fund and our other funders that visitor numbers and revenue generated by the site continues to exceed the business plan projections. We are also very pleased to have achieved our expected volunteer contribution for the whole of the project, by the first quarter of this year.

All in all, despite a few hiccups along the way, we are on target to complete the HLF funded major works to the site by 2018. We look forward to completing the works on the bakehouse and brewery in 2015/16 and letting the main contract towards the end of the year. *David Hickie*

Supporters & Donations

Funding for the project to date has been received from:

Heritage Lottery Fund

Lincolnshire County Council

Charles Hayward Foundation

North Kesteven District Council

Heckington Parish Council

Arts Council England

Waynflete Charitable Trust

Plus a number of private donations and some excellent fund raising by volunteers.



Trustees:	Mr Charles Pinchbeck Mr Tony Lickman Mr Jim Bailey
Patron	Mr Tony Worth, Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire
President	Mr Martin Hanson
Chairman	Mr Charles Pinchbeck
Treasurer	Mr Tony Lickman

Committee Members:

Secretary	Mrs Sylvia Doughty
Membership Secretary	Mrs Sheila Channing
Mill Manager	Mr Jim Bailey
Shop Manager	Mrs Liz Desmond
Publicity Officer	Mrs Marta Cox
Newsletter Editor	Mr Kevin Teasdale
Events Manager	Mr Roger Woods
Additional Officers	Mr Bob McMath Mr David Nickols



The Trust was recognised with an award from North Kesteven District Council with the Community Champions Award for Contribution to Arts and Culture

Regeneration Project Board:

Mr Charles Pinchbeck	Mr Jim Bailey
Mrs Jo Lewin	Mr Michael Surfleet
Mr Mike Hardy	Mrs Sheila Channing
Mrs Liz Desmond	Mr George Bell
Mrs Liz Bates	Mr Daniel Chard
Mrs Michelle Adams	
Project Manager:	Mr David Hickie

Statement of Accounts

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015	HWT	HLF	TOTAL	HWT	HLF	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2015	Unrestricted	Restricted	2014
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations & Grant Award Income	1,152	71,063	72,215	2,146	2,000	4,146
Heritage Lottery funding (a) Development Phase	-	396,277	396,277		4,960	4,960
Heritage Lottery funding (b) Delivery Phase	-	79,972	79,972		2,518	2,518
Activities for generating funds:						
Mill entrance	6,644	-	6,644	3,711		3,711
Net profit from shop	6,739	-	6,739	4,805		4,805
Brewery rent	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	-
Tearoom rent	2,600	-	2,600	3,535		3,535
Threshing weekend	512	-	512	-	-	-
Subscriptions	750	-	750	1,045	-	1,045
Other income	1,866	-	1,866	1,057	-	1,057
Previous years adjustment	-	-	-	174		174
Incoming resources from generated funds	26,263	547,312	573,575	16,474	9,478	25,952
Investment income and interest	75	-	75	79	-	79
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	26,338	547,312	573,649	16,553	9,478	26,031
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Wages	2,719	-	2,719	2,918	-	2,918
Publicity	1,415	-	1,415	327	-	327
Postage	221	-	221	305	-	305
Printing & stationery	858	-	858	751	-	751
Telephone	271	-	271	233	-	233
Electricity	1,048	-	1,048	170	-	170
Travel Expenses	235	-	235	25	-	25
Materials & maintenance	2,570	-	2,570	596	-	596
Courses & training	-	-	-	95	-	95
Sponsorship	18	-	18	14	-	14
SPAB	67	-	67	65	-	65
Shop overheads	255	-	255	478	-	478
Mill house expenses	1,887	-	1,887	454	-	454
Mill house refurbishment	-	-	-	77	-	77
Mill house rent	-	-	-	6,300	-	6,300
Development project management	-	-	-	-	3,596	3,596
Delivery capital work	-	465,614	465,614	-	151	151
Delivery activities	-	4,875	4,875	-	2,635	2,635
Delivery project costs	-	14,339	14,339	-	404	404
Miscellaneous	1,273	-	1,273	508	-	508
Charitable activities	12,836	484,827	497,663	13,316	6,785	20,101
Governance costs	3,090	1,318	4,408	2,221	-	2,221
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	15,925	486,145	502,071	15,536	6,785	22,322
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	10,412	61,166	71,579	1,017	2,693	3,709
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	16,221	3,463	19,684	15,204	770	15,975
AT 1 APRIL 2014						
Transfer of funds	- 9,000	9,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD						
AT 31 MARCH 2015	17,633	73,630	91,263	16,221	3,463	19,684

BALANCE SHEET							
31ST MARCH 2015		HWT	HLF	TOTAL	HWT	HLF	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	
		Funds	Funds	2015	Funds	Funds	2014
		£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS							
Stock		6,864	-	6,864	4,996	-	4,996
Debtors		855	44,671	45,526	-	2,518	2,518
Inter fund transfer	-	7,682	7,682	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		18,560	41,296	59,856	12,189	2,229	14,417
		18,597	93,649	112,246	17,185	4,747	21,932
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Creditors		(964)	(1,902)	(2,866)	(964)	(1,284)	(2,248)
Short term loan (NKDC)		-	(18,117)	(18,117)	-	-	-
		(964)	(20,019)	(20,983)	(964)	(1,284)	(2,248)
NET ASSETS		17,633	73,630	91,263	16,221	3,463	19,684
FUNDS		17,633	73,630	91,263	16,221	3,463	19,684
<i>The unrestricted fund is wholly undesignated.</i>							
<i>Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.</i>							
<i>The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2015</i>							
<i>The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st march 2015 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.</i>							
<i>The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:</i>							
a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and							
b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its net incoming resources or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.							
<i>These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).</i>							

The full statutory accounts and the Independent Examiners Report thereon are available on request. The accounts have been independently verified and submitted to the Charity Commission

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