



# Annual Report 2023/24

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# Chairman's Report

## Introduction

I am pleased to report the NFCI is in good health with another full year of events and industry activities as well as some worthy donations to several charitable causes.

## Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report shows that the Forum remains in a positive financial position with a surplus for the year ending 31 March 2024 of £10,637 being added to the existing reserves. This includes donations through the year to charitable causes of around £11,000.

## Charitable Giving & Support

Once again, the Forum has been able to support a number of good causes throughout the year. As a result of the generosity of our members and their guests who attended the Norfolk Property Dinner in February we were able to present cheques of £5,000 to both the Jenny Lind Hospital and to the United Norwich Kidney Patients Association.

The Council of the NFCI retain a close relationship with the Norfolk Construction Charitable Trust (NCCT) which has received significant donations from the Forum since its formation.

The NCCT continue to support local good causes and are currently exploring new partnerships with organisations whose charitable objectives align with those of the Trust.



## Events, Presentations and Site Visits

Since the last AGM the Forum has hosted a full programme of events, presentations and site visits.

Our summer drinks reception was once again well attended with over 150 NFCI members enjoying some early summer sun on the terrace at the Centrum Building on the Norwich Research Park. This was an opportunity for me to give my first brief speech on how we are looking to work to make these events fit for the membership and that we are always looking for feedback and new ideas.



We have been very fortunate to hosts several on-site events this year ranging from two visits to the Priscilla Bacon Hospice which was later opened by his majesty King Charles III, the new Soul Church which is now also Norwich 's largest indoor event space, the hugely historic Norwich Castle refurbishment, SG100 a revolutionary bio fuel plant and a talk on the Norwich Solar System, an initiative to cover the roofs of Norwich city centre with solar panels. All of the events have been oversubscribed and we continue to look at ways to enable as many members as possible to attend.



In September, we hosted another successful NFCI Lego competition with 14 teams competing for the prestigious title. With the theme for the event being 'Iconic Norwich' the winners, voted for by the other teams, were NCL Contractors with a very accurate representation of the double decker bus falling down a collapsed chalk hole.

Our Annual Quiz took place again in November at the new venue of the Maids Head Hotel. A packed room of 25 teams saw a few brains melt under the pressure with Kier Construction being crowned the 2023 quiz champions. The event also raised £500 for Home Start Norfolk.



Both our Lego competition and Quiz evening were over-subscribed so we will be looking at alternative venues next year to try and cater for everyone.



February saw the return of the Norfolk Property Dinner. We once again maxed out the venue at Norwich City Football Club with over 450 members and guests attending the dinner on a cold winter evening. The entertainment from well-known impressionist Jon Culshaw was a great success and for 45 minutes he took us on a whirlwind journey through the past three decades with his different characters. The event raised £10,000 for local charities as mentioned above.

This year we are seeing the departure of John Walker who is a founder member of the Forum since it began in 1991 and will be sadly missed. A big thank you to John for his many years of service. We are also sadly losing the services of Julie Howes as Secretary, who holds this group together. A big personal thank you for her invaluable assistance to me over my first year as Chairman.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our members for their continued support of the Forum, it really is appreciated.

Ian Fox  
Chair

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# Stated Objectives of the NFCI

- To promote a wider understanding and appreciation of the construction industry and to enhance its reputation with those who employ it and with the general public.
- To develop and maintain friendly relations and to secure mutual support and co-operation among the Members of the Forum and among professions, trade associations, Trade Unions and other bodies connected with or otherwise interested in the Construction and Property industry.
- To secure the free exchange of information, to monitor events, trends and developments within or affecting the construction industry generally and particularly in the Norfolk area, and to make private or public comment thereon either independently or in conjunction with any other body.
- To promote any charitable, educational or other public object connected with the construction industry generally and particularly in the Norfolk area.
- To do all such things as are incidental ancillary or conducive to the attainment of the aforementioned objects or any of them.

## NFCI Council

### Officers:

Chairman	Ian Fox
Vice-Chairman	Jay Mehta
Treasurer	Jonathan Gibbins
Secretary	Julie Howes

### Council Members:

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