

## **Sounding good at the Corn Exchange**

Everything is sounding much sweeter at the Alford Corn Exchange. Special panels have recently been fitted to improve the acoustics of the building.

Since control was handed from East Lindsey Council to a charitable community group over ten years ago, the Corn Exchange has undergone extensive renovation. Complete redecoration, a fully licensed bar and air conditioning are just some of the improvements.

However, the very high ceiling had meant that the venue sometimes struggled with the sound quality during louder musical performances and some theatre events. Now, the new panels, funded by a generous grant from the Lincolnshire Community Foundation, have made balancing the sound far easier and have improved the overall experience at events.

Nick O'Farrell, chair of the trustees, commented: "Some of the locals were a little dismayed when they saw that the panels had replaced the nostalgic black and white photographs that had previously been hanging in the hall. But they soon appreciated the benefit. Even a conversation across the hall is much clearer. And the missing pictures are now hanging in the bar!"