THE ABBEYFIELD TAUNTON DEFENDAMUS SOCIETY LIMITED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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Company Registration Number: 900502 Registered Charity Number: 253429

COMPANY INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Col D N Lowe OBE DL

Chairman

(deceased February 2023)

A Whyte

K McCarthy

(resigned November 2022) Chairman

Cdre D Lewis R Harris

D Allwright

C Weeks

(appointed November 2022)

COMPANY SECRETARY

S Corrie

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A C Mole Stafford House

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Members of the Executive Committee present their Report and the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 30 June 2023.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The impact of the ongoing war in Ukraine, resulting in what has become known as a cost of living crisis, including significant increases in energy costs, and inflation rates not seen for many years provided the economic backdrop to the management of the Society over the last year. The COVID crisis seems to have been contained for the moment, but continues as a factor which inevitably must be considered in day to day operations.

It is therefore most encouraging to report that the Society ends a year in which occupancy rates have been high and expenditure generally has been in line with expectations, and has returned a better than predicted surplus.

It is with great regret that I must report the death, in February, of our Chairman David Lowe. David had served as a Trustee of the Taunton Defendamus Society for many years and as Chairman had been the inspiration for the move from Middleway to Northfield Court, approaching 15 years ago.

The House Manager, Sam Corrie, has not only been inspirational in her leadership of the staff team who have themselves worked tirelessly to keep residents safe and fed, but also innovative in thinking out of the box in securing grant funding for projects of direct benefit to the House community. This has included funding for a more accessible garden area, new dining room furniture, which has improved comfort and safety during meal times and funds to support social events during the festive season.

Again thanks to the House Manager, Community Engagement has been a real focus this year, including providing opportunities for students from local schools to carry out work experience in the House and also the establishment of a Community Lunch Club. Both these activities result in wider community awareness of Northfield Court and Abbeyfield more generally.

We were also grateful to the Inner Wheel Club of Taunton who have provided the labour, and with the help and advice of residents, undertook the redesign of the garden.

Before Chairman David's death in February, the Executive Committee had discussed and supported a recommendation from the Chair that the Society should pursue a merger with another Abbeyfield Society to minimise operational risks. Following consideration of the options it was agreed that we should pursue a merger with the Abbeyfield East Devon Society and this work is now progressing.

Finally, I must record my sincere thanks to my fellow Trustees, the House Manager and all the staff and volunteers for their support and hard work during the year.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The Society is a charity constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 10 March 1967 and registered as a charity on 16 August 1967. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Executive Committee. The Chairman and other committee members have been actively seeking to attract new members to increase the size of the existing committee. We were pleased to welcome Mr Colin Weeks as our new Treasurer at last year's AGM. New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making processes and recent performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Society is affiliated to the Abbeyfield Society, and is controlled by an Executive Committee who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Executive Committee has five members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. All committee members are unpaid volunteers. Further valuable help is given by other volunteers who, under the collective name of Friends of Abbeyfield, provide support to residents.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Society's objective and principal activity is to provide accommodation and housing for the elderly in accordance with the aims and principles of the Abbeyfield Society Limited. This objective is achieved by the provision and management of a house in Taunton known as Northfield Court. It is the objective of the Executive Committee each year to maximise the public benefit provided by the Society in providing high quality support, having regard to the extent of the Society's income and reserves, the cost of facilities and the ability of residents to make payments from their own resources.

Northfield Court provides seven one bedroomed and four two bedroomed self-contained flats and can accommodate up fifteen people.

Residents are encouraged to maintain their independence whilst being supported with meals, administration and social activities. A housekeeper is in attendance and much voluntary support is given by a wide cross section of the local community. Entry is open to all, subject to satisfactory health requirements, with charges set at affordable levels. Residents in receipt of housing or other state benefits are accepted. Charges are reviewed annually and kept as low as considered prudent.

When reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and planning its activities the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance, including its guidance on fee charging.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Net rental income has increased as a result of an increase of fees and minimal voids and vacancies during 2023. There is a net surplus for the year of £28,771 (2022: surplus £22,722).

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves are needed to cover any decline in occupancy levels and unexpected emergency repairs and other expenditure. At 30 June 2023 the level of free reserves (excluding fixed assets and restricted funds) amounted to £163,170 (2022: £138,008) which the Executive Committee consider is appropriate for the charity's needs. The free reserves equate to approximately eight months' running costs.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Executive Committee (who are also directors of The Abbeyfield Taunton Defendamus Society Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Executive Committee (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Executive Committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will
 continue in business.

The Executive Committee are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Insofar as the Executive Committee are aware:-

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are aware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information

The Executive Committee are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

CDRE D LEWIS Chairman

Date 1 NOV 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ABBEYFIELD TAUNTON DEFENDAMUS SOCIETY LIMITED (the Company)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023, which are set put on pages 6 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael Cook BSc FCA A C Mole Chartered Accountants

Stafford House Blackbrook Park Avenue

Taunton TA1 2PX

1 November 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	RESTRICTED	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
INCOME	<u>Note</u>	£	£	£	£
Donations and grants	2	1,197	5,877	7,074	1,100
Investments		378	-	378	17
Charitable activities	3	260,264	-	260,264	243,749
TOTAL INCOME	-	261,839	5,877	267,716	244,866
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	5	236,677	2,268	238,945	222,144
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	- -	236,677	2,268	238,945	222,144
NET INCOME AND MOVEMENT IN FUNDS IN THE YEAR	6	, 25,162	3,609	28,771	22,722
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds Brought Forward	-	1,819,650		1,819,650	1,796,928
Total Funds Carried Forward	13	1,844,812	3,609	1,848,421	1,819,650

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

_	Notes	20	023	2	022
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FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	9		1,681,642		1,681,642
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	6,941		6,362	
Cash at bank and in hand	•	168,948		143,771	
		175,889		150,133	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	9,110		12,125	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			166,779		138,008
NET ASSETS		_	1,848,421	-	1,819,650
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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		_		=	
General Fund	13		1,204,380		1,179,218
Redevelopment Fund	13		640,432		640,432
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
SCL Furniture Grant	13		3,609		-
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		· -	1,848,421	-	1,819,650

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2023. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members of the Executive Committee acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 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 surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 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.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on | November 2023 and signed on its behalf

by:-

C WEEKS

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

CDRE D LEWIS Chairman

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Charitable Company Status

The Abbeyfield Taunton Defendamus Society Limited provides self-contained flats where residents are encouraged to maintain their independence whilst being supported with meals, administration and social activities. It is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, has no share capital and is registered in England and Wales. The registered office is Stafford House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, Somerset TA1 2PX.

Statement of compliance and basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Abbeyfield Taunton Defandamus Society Limited meets the definition of a public entity under FRS102.

The Executive Committee consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and are of the opinion that the accounts should be prepared on this basis.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Executive Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Executive Committee for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Income from charitable trading activities is accounted for when earned. The company is not registered for VAT.
- The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Grants are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis if applicable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

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Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost.

No provision for depreciation of freehold properties is included in the financial statements because in the opinion of the Executive Committee the depreciation charge and any accumulated depreciation would be immaterial. The residual value of the property at the end of its useful economic life to the charity is likely to be significantly above the present carrying value given the charity's policy and practice of regular maintenance and repair.

Expenditure on major items of equipment at Northfield Court has been capitalised and is being written off at 15% per annum on a straight line basis.

Other expenditure on furniture and equipment within the charity's home is written off in the year in which the cost is incurred as it is subject to considerable wear and tear and is being continually replaced and renewed.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

Financial instruments

All of the charity's financial assets and liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Executive Committee to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The Executive Committee are of the opinion that there were no estimates or assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

2 DONATIONS AND GRANTS

Donations Grants	2023 £ 947 6,127	2022 £ 800 300
All income from donations and grants were unrestricted except £5,877 of grants (2022: £nil).	7,074	1,100

3 <u>RESIDENTS' LETTINGS</u>

This represents the amounts receivable by the charity from residents for accommodation in the home maintained by the charity.

	<u>2023</u>	<u> 2022</u>
	£	£
Gross residents' lettings	266,136	249,852
Less: vacancies	(8,136)	(6,103)
Less: amounts written off	2,264	•
	260,264	243,749

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YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

4	UNITS/BEDSPACES		
		2023	<u>2022</u>
	Under management at the end of the year	15	16
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5	CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		•
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		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£
	Provisions	20,817	17,998
	Staff costs	133,374	123,330
	Repairs and renewals	18,214	17,756
	Council tax	12,106	12,156
	Water	3,133	2,733
	Insurance	5,882	5,506
	Electricity and gas	20,660	17,947
	Gardening	928	515
	Abbeyfield Society membership fee	5,215	5,159
	Independent Examination and accountancy	4,752	4,966
	Sundry expenses	6,248	4,997
	Telephone	4,431	3,647
	Bank charges	427	392
	Advertising	1,492	2,744
	Legal and professional fees	1,250	2,298
	HMRC interest	16	-
		238,945	222,144

All charitable activities expenditure is unrestricted except £1,787 of repairs and renewals, £81 of gardening, £138 of provisions and £262 of sundry expenses which are restricted (2022: £nil).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

6 NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR

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Net income for the year is after charging:		2023 £	2022 £
Independent Examiner's fee Accountancy services – Payroll Accountancy services – Software support Accountancy services – Company secretarial		2,796 1,956 968 282	3,126 1,840 -
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STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS			
	<u>2023</u>	<u>20</u> 2	<u>22</u>
Staff costs were as follows:-	£		£
Wages and salaries	127,963	117,99	
Social security costs Pension costs	3,233 2,178	3,34 1,99	
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	133,374	123,3	30
The average number of employees during the year was as follows:-			
	<u>2023</u>	<u>20</u> 2	
	Number	Numb	er
Staff	10		10

No employee had emoluments above £60,000 in the current or the previous year. .

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise the Executive Committee and the House Manager. Total remuneration of key management personnel in the year was £33,054 (2022 - £25,568).

8 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No members of the Executive Committee received any remuneration during the current or the previous year.

No members of the Executive Committee were reimbursed expenses in respect of Trustee duties during the current or the previous year.

No member of the Executive Committee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the current or the previous year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

9	TANGIBLE ASSETS	Freehold Land & Buildings Northfield Court £	Furniture Fixtures & Fittings £	<u>Total</u> . £
	Cost			
	At 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023	1,681,642	16,457	1,698,099
	<u>Depreciation</u>			
	At 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023	-	16,457	16,457
	Net Book Value		-	
	At 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023	1,681,642	-	1,681,642
10	DEBTORS		2023 £	2022 £
	Prepayments		6,941	6,362
11	CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year		2023 £	2022 £
	Other creditors		9,110	12,125
				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	•	General Fund	Redevelopment Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Tangible fixed assets	1,041,210	640,432	-	1,681,642
	Current assets	172,280	-	3,609	175,889
	Current liabilities	(9,110)	-	•	(9,110)
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		1,204,380	640,432	3,609	1,848,421
		General	Redevelopment	Restricted	Total
		Fund £	· Fund	Funds	Funds 2022
	Tangible fixed assets	1,041,210	£ 640,432	£	£ 1,681,642
	Current assets	150,133	040,432	-	150,133
	Current liabilities	(12,125)	_	-	(12,125)
	Current machines				
		1,179,218	640,432	-	1,819,650
13	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
		At 1 July			At 30 June
		2022	Income	Expenditure	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds				
	General Fund	1,179,218	261,839	236,677	1,204,380
	Redevelopment Fund Restricted Funds	640,432	-	-	640,432
	SCF Furniture Fund	•	3,609	-	3,609
	SASP Housing Fund	-	1,868	1,868	-
	Festive Fund	-	400	400	-
	·	1,819,650	267,716	238,945	1,848,421
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PURPOSE OF FUNDS

Redevelopment Reserve Fund:

This fund is a designated fund of the charity and has arisen from bequests made to the charity. When Woodstock House was sold the funds generated by the sale were transferred to this reserve.

SCF Furniture Fund

This fund is a restricted fund awarded by Somerset Community Foundation to replace dining room chairs which will improve the comfort of residents and encourage them to enjoy meal times for longer due to the sliders and arm rests.

SASP Housing Fund

This fund has arisen from bequests made to the charity by SASP. The grant is to enable the elderly to live well, by using a SMART TV and resistance bands to complete virtual exercise classes.

Festive Fund

The fund represents funding for residents to attend social events at Christmas time, combatting loneliness.