The Assembly House Trust Unaudited annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2013

Company Registration Number 05486947

Charity Number 1111391

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Financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2013

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Trustees' annual report

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2013

Registered charity name

The Assembly House Trust

Charity number

1111391

Company registration number

05486947

Trustees

Mr P Norton (Chairman)

Mr C Dugdale Mrs J Jury Mrs M C Rudd Mr J Malt

Secretary

Mr P Norton

Patron

Sir Nicholas Bacon Bt

Secretary to the trust

Mr M King

Independent examiner

C H Dicker FCA DChA Lovewell Blake LLP

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Solicitors

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Trustees' annual report (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2013

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Assembly House Trust was incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 on 21 June 2005 as a Company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Company was registered with the Charity Commission on 21 September 2005.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the Trustees are required to retire from office each year and are eligible for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting Mr C Dugdale retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-election

The Articles of Association states that existing Trustees have the power to appoint new Trustees. The Trustees should always be not less than three in number. The Trustees wish to ensure they maintain an appropriate balance of skills and this is seen as essential when candidates are nominated.

Induction and training of Trustees

All new Trustees will be provided with copies of

- The Memorandum and Articles of Association
- . The latest accounts of the Charity and periodic financial activity reports

In addition, Trustees are encouraged to read the Charity Commission guidance notes CC3 - 'The Essential Trustee', other Charity Commission guidance and newsletters, and to attend courses designed to keep them abreast of their duties and responsibilities

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate these risks

Organisational structure

The Trust is administered and controlled by the Trustees of The Assembly House Trust, who meet regularly and not less than four times a year. The day to day operation and services of The Assembly House are now outsourced to The House, a non charitable company, who are required to provide facilities for the arts and other public benefit. The House pays a pavement fee monthly to Assembly House Caterers Limited, a subsidiary of The Trust. The House provides regular reports to the Trustees on its operation and in particular that it is fulfilling it's obligations under the outsourcing agreement. The Trust pays to The House an annual payment towards the cost of employing an arts and public benefit facilitator and to subsidise the arts. The Trust continues to use the services of Mr M King on a part time self employed basis, to carry out secretarial and other responsibilities for the Trust.

Related parties

The Charity is the sole Trustee of the unincorporated entity, H J Sexton Norwich Arts Trust, which owns the freehold of The Assembly House, Norwich

The majority of the Trustees are also directors of Assembly House Caterers Limited, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom Assembly House Caterers Limited receives a pavement fee for the use of the facilities at The Assembly House

Trustees' annual report (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2013

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Charity are for the benefit of the public to preserve, renovate and keep in good order the buildings known as The Assembly House in Norwich so that they may be used primarily for charitable and other purposes and in particular

- To provide and promote the use of the buildings known as The Assembly House in Norwich for the benefit of the public, particularly those living in Norfolk and Suffolk, in pursuance for the following purposes
- promotion of the arts, in particular the performance of plays, drama, music, opera, ballet and any other works of art, the showing of films and other visual images for educational, scientific or artistic purposes, the exhibition of pictures, drawings, sculptures and other artistic, literary or scientific works,
- to provide a meeting place and otherwise assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the people of Norwich, Norfolk and Suffolk, provided it is in the interests of social welfare and to improve their conditions of life, and
- such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the public as the Trustees think fit and which are exclusively charitable under the law of England and Wales
- To promote the preservation and conservation of The Assembly House for the benefit of the public

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Charity adheres to and continues in its remit to advance its objects, these being the arts, culture, education and heritage. The Charity can demonstrate that it recognises its responsibility to all sectors of the public and further can demonstrate that through its continued commitment to the preservation of the building which affords free public admission to the building, through its support of of art exhibitions which affords free admission to all, and through its support of concerts and concert series which offer ticket price banding recognising the various socio-economic groups within its potential visitor profile. Therefore, the Charity's benefit to the public is continuing and clear. With the development of its activities which embrace education for both children and adults alike, the Charity continues to secure the future of the historic/heritage site both externally, through a a developing outreach programme of activities, and in its internal events which demonstrate that the advancement of its remit is paramount.

Achievements and performance

The Assembly House Trust through its management representatives has continued to consolidate its activities in support of both its charitable and arts remit

- Performance Art The Great Hall Theatre Company has continued in its presentation of six, week long performances of both contemporary and traditional drama
- Concerts Britten Sinfonia have continued with their seasonal presentation of lunchtime concerts
 and have attracted a significant audience. The UEA Performance Studies faculty similarly have
 continued with the presentation "Music at One". This series of concert performances features
 current undergraduates studying at the School of Music. Contemporary and world music concerts
 have also continued with performances promoted by Acoustic Music Promotions. The Assembly
 House has also created an association with Norwich based initiative called "Mixed Voices" who
 present regular chorus and choral based productions.
- Exhibitions Visual continues to be a major part of Assembly House activities. The creation of the bi-annual regional art show continues. This year the exhibition entitled "Art Alive" attracted many artists from across East Anglia and proved to be an extremely popular occasion attracting over 5000 visitors.
- Pubic Lectures/Education The U3A, The Norwich Society, John Innes Institute, Council for the Preservation of Rural England, Amnesty International are regular users of the facilities

Trustees' annual report (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2013

Achievements and performance (continued)

As with prior years the Assembly House continues to support the Norfolk & Norwich Festival Lunch time concert events featuring young student musicians from the Royal Academy of Music The Norfolk County Music Festival, Piano Class held its yearly Grade presentation in the Music Room Support continues in respect of subsidised rates to the Noverre Visual Arts Society, Club, the Norwich Baroque Ensemble, the Norwich Music Society, the Norwich Opera Club, The Norwich Society, The Norwich Writers Circle, The Friends Norwich in Bloom & The Trustees of The Friends of Norwich in Bloom Trust, Norwich & Norfolk Writers Circle, The Battlefield Trust, The Richard 3rd Society, the University of the Third Age, and similar institutions

Financial review

Total incoming resources amounted to £145,525 (2012 - £127,625) and after incurring expenditure of £102,978 (2012 - £105,129), the funds increased by £42,547 (2012 - £22,496) At 30 June 2013 general funds totalled £674,416 and designated funds amounted to £31,142

Investment policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to deposit funds not immediately required within short-term deposit accounts and to hold works of art, previously donated to the Charity, as long-term investments

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that it should be their aim to maintain reserves of approximately £125,000 to cover the costs of unforeseen expenditure

At the year end the Trust had unrestricted reserves, excluding fixed assets, of £485,079, of which £31,142 related to designated funds, leaving free reserves of £453,937

These reserves do not include the Charity's investments of £76,226, being the investment in the subsidiary company Assembly House Caterers Limited and works of art which could be sold if further funds were required to meet running costs

Reserves are significantly in excess of requirements at the year end owing to funds being required for various future building projects including the building development and enhancement of St Mary's House

Principal funding sources

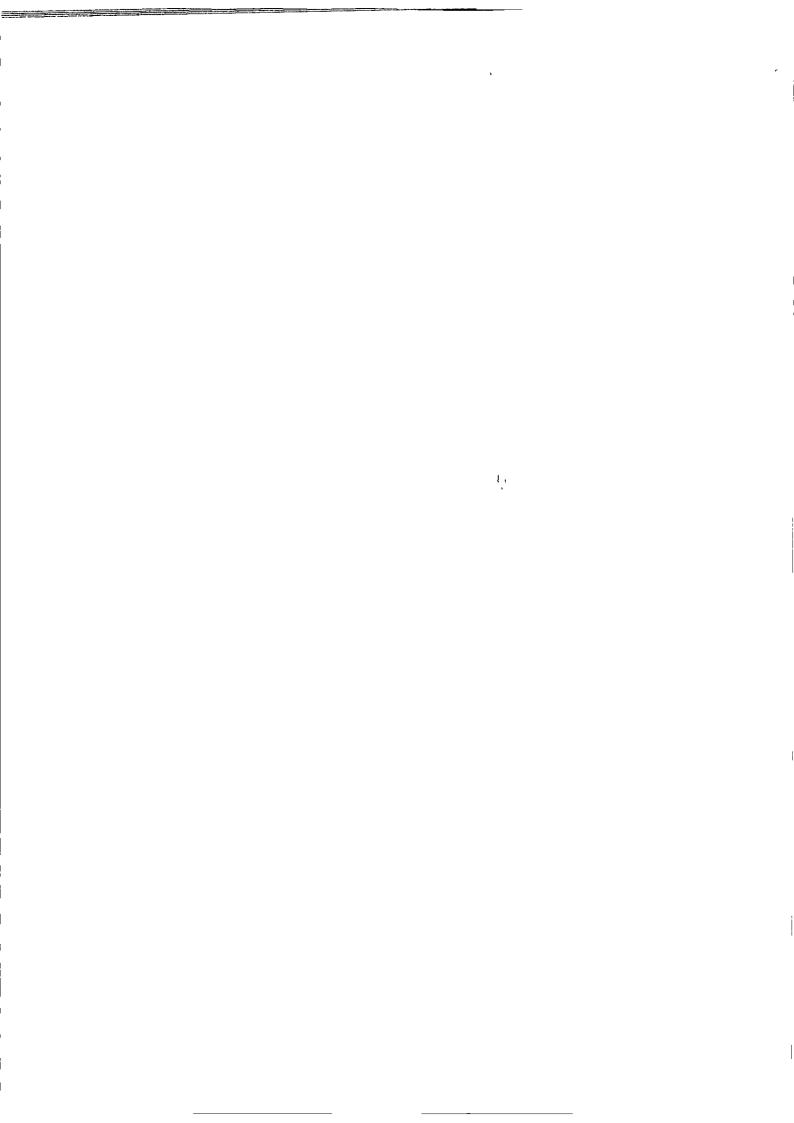
The main source of the Charity's income was payments under gift aid from its subsidiary company, Assembly House Caterers Limited

Plans for future periods

Trustees continue to keep the fabric of The Assembly House in good order and are working with our architect trustee and managers of activities in the building to make sure we keep on top of regular maintenance whilst keeping the building open for use. Trustees are proud to be promoting and supporting both performing and visual arts events as well as educational activities. Trustees are currently working with City Planners and English Heritage with a view to securing permission to redevelop an unused part of the building so that it might be brought into operation as a means of generating income helping to fund additional charitable activities. Discussions concerning opening up of our medieval vaults and undercroft have been shelved for now but this remains an objective for the future. Trustees wish to ensure the building is available for all forms of support for the arts and educational projects as well as a place for clubs and societies to hold meetings and events.

Donations

During the year the donations totalling £4,785 (2012 - £2,500) were made to local charitable organisations



Trustees' annual report (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2013

Trustees

Members of the board of Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of Company law and Trustees for the purpose of Charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1

Independent examiner

A resolution to re-appoint C H Dicker of Lovewell Blake LLP as independent examiner will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

Signed on behalf of the trustees

28-3-14

Mr P Norton Chairman

Independent examiner's report to the members of The Assembly House Trust

Year ended 30 June 2013

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 2013 which are set out on pages 7 to

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to

- · examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- · state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

C H Dicker FCA DChA Independent Examiner Lovewell Blake LLP Chartered Accountants Bankside 300 Peachman Way Broadland Business Park Norwich NR7 0LB

28-2-14



Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

Year ended 30 June 2013

Incoming resources	Note	Total Funds 2013 £	Total Funds 2012 £
Incoming resources from generating funds			
Voluntary income	2	137,889	118,541
Investment income	3	3.635	5,083
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	4,001	4,001
Total incoming resources		145,525	127,625
Resources expended			
Charitable activities	5	(98,718)	(101,049)
Governance costs	6	(4,260)	(4,080)
Total resources expended		(102,978)	(105,129)
Net incoming resources for the year and net income for the year	7	42,547	22,496
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		663,011	640,515
Total funds carried forward		705,558	663,011

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Balance sheet

30 June 2013

		2013	_	2012	•
Photo do a series	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets			144.050		157 705
Tangible assets Investments	9 10		144,253		157,795 76,226
investments	10		76,226		70,220
			220,479		234,021
Current assets					
Debtors	13	192,865		164,103	
Cash at bank		323,320		283,527	
		516,185		447,630	
Creditors Amounts falling due wit	thin	310,103		447,000	
one year	14	(31,106)		(18,640)	
Net current assets			485,079		428,990
Total assets less current liabilities	•		705,558		663,011
Net assets	*		705,558		663,011
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds	15		705,558		663,011
Total funds			705,558		663,011

For the year ending 30 June 2013 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' responsibilities

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 14-3-14 and are signed on their behalf by

Mr P Norton (Chairman) Director

Company Registration Number 05486947

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2013

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

(b) Consolidation

In the opinion of the trustees, the charity and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a small group. The charity has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

(c) Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity
- · Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes

(d) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant
- · Investment income is included when receivable
- · Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned

(e) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates

- Charitable activities comprise 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.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity
- 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.

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2013

Accounting policies (continued)

(f) Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Property improvements

- 2% straight line

Other equipment

- 25% reducing balance

Lift & boiler

- 5% straight line

Office equipment

- 10% / 20% straight line

The freehold of the Assembly House was a gift of permanent endowment to H J Sexton Norwich Arts Trust, established by way of the original donations to purchase The Assembly House and make required improvements. On the establishment of The Assembly House Trust, the Charity became responsible for the property improvements and for keeping the original buildings in a fit and useful condition in perpetuity. The costs of doing so are written off as and when incurred

(g) Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments comprising works of art are included in the balance sheet at the Trustees' best estimate of market value Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities

Voluntary income

		Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2013 £	Total Funds 2012 £
	Donations under Gift aid from Assembly House Caterers Limited	137,889	137,889	118,541
3	Investment income			
	Bank interest receivable	Unrestricted Funds £ 3,635	Total Funds 2013 £ 3,635	Total Funds 2012 £ 5,083
4	Incoming resources from charitable activities			
		Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2013 £	Total Funds 2012 £
	Rent and service charge	4,001	<u>4,001</u>	4,001

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2013

5	Costs of charitable activities by activity type			
		Charitable activities £	Total Funds 2013 £	Total Funds 2012 £
	Repairs and maintenance	36,969	36,969	29,748
	Quinquennial maintenance	-	_	4,950
	Insurance and licences	15,841	15,841	14,995
	Rates	1,395	1,395	1,347
	Professional fees	8,812	8,812	14,672
	Bank charges and interest	201	201	309
	Depreciation	13,853	13,853	15,437
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,779	1,779	_
	Arts subsidy	10,000	10,000	10,000
	VAT and accountancy advice	830	830	2,750
	Accountancy	14	14	14
	Bookkeeping	4,060	4,060	4,020
	Sundry expenses	179	179	307
	Donations paid	4,785	4,785	2,500
		98,718	98,718	101,049
6	Governance costs			
		Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2013	Total Funds 2012

7 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging		
5 0	2013	2012
	£	۶ -
Depreciation	13,853	15,437

1,600

2,660

4,260

1,600

2,660

4,260

1,600 2,480

4,080

8. Staff costs and emoluments

Accountancy fees Secretarial services

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2013

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Property Improvements £	Office equipment £	Other equipment £	Lift & boiler	Total £
Cost					
At 1 July 2012	50,358	25,378	124,029	119,780	319,545
Additions	_	_	2,090	_	2,090
Disposals		(9,412)	(16,716)		(26,128)
At 30 June 2013	50,358	15,966	109,403	119,780	295,507
Depreciation					
At 1 July 2012	5,709	25,242	97,023	33,776	161,750
Charge for the year	1,006	110	6,748	5,989	13,853
On disposals		(9,400)	(14,949)	_	(24,349)
At 30 June 2013	6,715	15,952	88,822	39,765	151,254
Net book value					
At 30 June 2013	4 <u>3,643</u>	_14	20,581	80,015	144,253
At 30 June 2012	44,649	136	27,006	86,004	157,795

The assets owned by the Charity are all used for direct charitable purposes

The Charity is the sole Trustee of the unincorporated entity, H J Sexton Norwich Arts Trust, which owns the freehold of The Assembly House, Norwich

10 Investments

Investment in subsidiary Company – at cost	2013 £	2012 £
Assembly House Caterers Limited 2,200 £1 Ordinary shares issued to Trustees on 28 February 1991	2,200	2,200
Assembly House Caterers Limited 6 £1 Ordinary shares presented to the Charity under Deed of Gift	6	6
As at 30 June 2013 representing 100% of the issued Share capital	2,206	2,206
Result of Assembly House Caterers Limited	2013 £	2012 £
Overheads Other income	(8,141) 144,352	(6,818) 122,938
Net profit Payment under gift aid	136,211 (137,889)	116,120 (118,541)
Loss for the year	(1,678)	(2,421)
Net assets	34,054	35,732



Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2013

11 H J Sexton Norwich Arts Trust

The Trust is a Trustee of H J Sexton Norwich Arts Trust which was dormant through the year The only asset of the Trust at 30 June 2013 was the freehold property of The Assembly House which is regarded as a Heritage asset and is included at its cost value of £312,544 (2012 - £312,544)

12 Other investment assets

Prepayments

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Works of art	2013	, 2012
Brought forward at 1 July 2012 Disposal proceeds	74,020 -	74,520 (500)
Market value at 30 June 2013	74,020	74,020
Debtors		
	2013 £	∠ 2012 £
Trade debtors	2,529	23,027
Assembly House Caterers Limited	89,577	68,541
Other debtors	39,810	40,239

Included within prepayments is an amount of £42,853 relating to the proposed development of St Mary's House

60,949

192,865

32,296

164,103

14 Creditors Amounts falling due within one year

	2013	2012
	£	£
Trade creditors	29,386	17,040
Accruals	1,720	1,600
	31,106	18,640

15. Unrestricted income funds

Balance at 1 July 2012 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30 June 2013 £
31,142	_	_	31,142
631,869	145,525	(102,978)	674,416
663,011	145,525	(102,978)	705,558
	1 July 2012 £ 31,142 631,869	1 July 2012 resources £ £ 31,142 - 631,869 145,525	1 July 2012 resources resources £ £ £ 31,142 - 631,869 145,525 (102,978)

Raymond King Trust Fund - A capital distribution was made by the Raymond King Trust prior to its winding up and a request was made by the Trust that the fund be designated. The Trustees have decided to spend the interest arising on this capital in the furtherance of the Arts, this being included within incoming resources of the general fund.

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2013

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Income Funds Designated Funds General Funds	_ 144,253	- 76,226	31,142 453,937	31,142 674,416
	144,253	76,226	485,079	705,558
Total Funds	144,253	76,226	485,079	705,558

17 Related party transactions

The majority of the Trustees are also directors of the subsidiary Company, Assembly House Caterers Limited The Charity is the sole Trustee of the unincorporated entity, H J Sexton Norwich Arts Trust, which owns the freehold of The Assembly House

Mrs J Jury's company provided architectural services during the year for fees totalling £3,185 (2012 - £9,631)

Mr P Norton's firm provided solicitor services during the year for fees totalling £1,554 (2012 - £2,365)

18 Company limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The members have guaranteed that in the event of the charity being wound up during their membership or one year thereafter, each would contribute a sum not exceeding £10 towards the costs of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the Charity while he or she was a member