

THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CONNAUGHT COURT

England & Wales · Charity number 1046570

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-05-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF THE SICK/ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF CONNAUGHT COURT

Activities: THE RELIEF OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS AT CONNAUGHT COURT AND THE FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BY THE RECEIPT OF DONATIONS AND BY FUND RAISING EVENTS, ALLOWING FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE SUPPORT OF THE DAILY ACTIVITIES OF THE RESIDENTS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£35,609	£47,675	-	-
2023-09-30	£85,611	£138,122	-	-
2022-09-30	£30,034	£30,198	-	-
2021-09-30	£35,764	£15,912	-	-
2020-09-30	£22,598	£26,326	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRUCE LOWIS	Chair	
Alexander Gilston		2015-10-21
Barrie Graham		2019-11-17
David Batchelor		2023-05-14
David Birkinshaw		2013-10-01
David Wadsworth		2021-11-21
JOHN DAY		2022-03-13
Kevin Priestley		2019-11-17
Martin Gaunt		2023-11-05
Martin Latham		2018-10-01
Neill Smith		2018-10-01
Thomas Malcolm Brodie		2020-01-19

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Accounts

The year 2024 has been an interesting year

The Association has continued to work hard in order to provide extras for the residents of the Home. The effects of the COVID years are still being felt by the RMBI and this has led to a blurring of the traditional lines between the facilities to be provided by either the RMBI or the Association of Friends whilst the RMBI recovers from that devastating time. At the Association of Friends Conference last Thursday it emerged that all the Homes were in the same position.

Once again a great debt of thanks is due to the three Provinces, without whose support and generous contributions this year would have a very different end result. The third tranche of £5,000 was received from West Riding Masonic Charities Limited and was matched by both the Lincolnshire and the Yorkshire North & East Ridings Provinces when we started our projects of the year. We literally cannot thank you too much for all your ongoing support.

The Treasurer will be giving a detailed analysis as regards finances in his report, so I will not do the same. but as a broad outline this year has concentrated on three categories.

Firstly, to contribute the level of funding set as our baseline, now increased to £16,000pa for Activities Funding plus £2,000 for residents' Christmas presents. Due to setbacks at the Summer Fayre, which I will mention later, the donation from WRMCL was invaluable in our being able to meet this commitment without a reduction in our reserves.

Secondly, expenditure for specific requests put forward by Miranda and her team, namely £6,910 for specialist equipment (Kurton Chairs) and general improvements for the resident's wellbeing.

Thirdly, to forward plan by obtaining the necessary equipment to ensure successful fund raising in the future for many years to come, namely the marquees and gazebos, seating etc, together with

additional storage facility. These projects were financed by the Province of Lincolnshire and the Province of North and East Yorkshire.

The Associations main fund raising event is of course the Summer Fayre. It was tremendously disappointing, after all the months of planning, for us to suffer a major setback just 24 hours before the event. This was caused by a nearby resident raising concerns over parking near the trees and our driving across the ground where there were tree roots, despite their depth. Unfortunately, the Local Authority saw fit to judge against us, with the result that neither the stallholders nor the visitors were able to drive into or to park in the grounds. This resulted in a number of stallholders being unable to unload and so having to miss the event and as visitors were also unable to park in the congested surrounding streets our footfall was reduced, leading to a severe drop in takings for the year. The way forward currently rests with ourselves, with the assistance of the RMBI, because this will not only impact on the Fayre but also any other outdoor activities the Home may wish to participate in. It seems a great shame that after all the hard work put in by Kevin and Martin G that we did not have the result they richly deserved, and I thank all involved for the sheer physical effort it took to set up on the day before, when deliveries and heavy equipment had to be manhandled across the park. We will continue to monitor the situation going forward as a priority, as this will severely impact on our ability to provide even our basic funding.

On a positive note, the committee has enjoyed another year in close cooperation with the Home and I would like to thank Marinda and all her team for all their assistance and hope to be able to continue to fulfil what we consider our obligations. The reports we receive at our meetings from Miranda, Stephanie and Fran make us realise how worthwhile it all is and their presentations are the meeting's highlights.

At the end of my first year as Chairman may I sincerely thank all the members of the Committee for their hard work and regular attendance at meetings. If I may risk embarrassing some of them - A special thanks once again to John Day, unfortunately not able to attend due to family commitments, who seems to have both a wide ranging knowledge of

how to deal with every issue or setback we encounter, together with access to either the equipment or the personnel needed. And to Martin L, our Secretary, for his guidance and enthusiasm and his advice on Coffee Shops. To Barrie Graham for his work on the Social Media front, as well as his making our presence felt in the Provincial Publications. Also, our unsung hero, John Owen-Barnett, who tirelessly runs the Shop, rivalling Costco in its range and prices. The main things it provides however, cannot be bought, a welcoming smile and friendly chat.

A special thank you to our retiring Vice Chairman and ex-Chairman, Chris Turner, for all his boundless enthusiasm, advice and assistance. We will miss you and wish you well in the future, being sure that your Province and your Almshouse duties will keep you occupied. In short, to coin YOUR personal catchphrase. Keep smiling.

And finally, a special thanks to all who have attended, for showing your interest in the Association and for your support, both seen and behind the scenes.

Thank you.

Association of Friends of Connaught Court
Year ending 30 September 2024

Treasurers Report

Following the completion of our major projects in 2023 (two replacement conservatories and a new minibus), 2024 saw a significant reduction in expenditure of more than £90,000. We were once again able to hold our Summer Fayre at Connaught Court, and we spent nearly £12,000 on new marquees, chairs and tables and replacement gazebos. The Provinces generously responded to our request for funds to cover this cost, as detailed later in my report. Expenditure exceeded income in 2024 by £12,067, and the movement in funds is set out below.

	2024 £	2023 £	2024 movement Increase/(Decrease) £
NatWest General Account	10,968.59	21,870.62	(10,902.03)
NatWest Deposit Account	76,800.10	75,775.76	1,024.34
HSBC Bond	-	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Accruals	(1,689.00)	(2,000.00)	311.00
Total Funds	<u>86,079.69</u>	<u>98,146.38</u>	<u>(12,066.69)</u>
Represented by :-			
General Fund	40,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects Fund	46,079.69	68,146.38	(22,066.69)
	<u>86,079.69</u>	<u>98,146.38</u>	<u>(12,066.69)</u>

INCOME

Income at £35,609 (2023: £85,611) shows a decrease compared to last year of £50,002 as analysed below:

	Increase/ (Decrease) £
General Donations	
Lodges	(4,350)
Provinces	9,931
Individuals	(3,936)
Shop Sales	(40)
Summer Fayre	(1,176)
Summer Fayre Flyers	(1,705)
Badges	(145)
Interest	83
Investment Income	(83)
Membership	125
Minibus Donation	(50,000)
Capital growth - HSBC bond	1,294
	<u>(50,002)</u>

The main reason for 2023 income being higher was the £50,000 minibus donation received that year.

The Summer Fayre generated just over £14,500 in total, with Summer Fayre Flyers contributing £9,170 and proceeds on the day £5,393. This is down nearly £2,900 on 2023. General donations from lodges and individuals were also down by nearly £8,300, but this was more than offset by an increase of over £9,900 from Provinces.

The Provinces responded generously to our request for funds to purchase additional marquees, gazebos and other equipment for use at the Summer Fayres. The HSBC bond was encashed for £3,794, generating capital growth of just under £1,300. Excluding the minibus donation, total income was down by just £2.

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Treasurers Report

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure at £47,675 (2023: £138,122) was £90,447 lower than last year, with the net decrease analysed below:

	(Increase)/ Decrease £	(Increase)/ Decrease £
Amenities		
Replacement Conservatories	76,094	
Replacement Minibus	39,845	
Summer Fayre Marquees etc.	(11,724)	
General Amenities	(16,523)	
Storage Container	2,513	
Minibus Rental	<u>4,410</u>	
		94,615
Website		(186)
Amenity Fund		(3,400)
Summer Fayre Expenses		(861)
Sundry		<u>279</u>
		<u>90,447</u>

Actual expenditure for the year, excluding the add-back of unused provisions, is detailed below:

	£
Marquees & gazebos	11,724
2 Kurten Chairs	5,002
Storage Container	5,286
Temporary Minibus Rental & signage	1,643
Garden benches	698
Christmas presents and raffle prizes	2,200
Christmas trees and decorations	1,320
Regular Amenity Fund payments	16,000
Summer Fayre Expenses	3,656
Tai Chi classes	750
Music therapy sessions	740
Bose speaker	199
Website	402
Sundry	<u>55</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>49,675</u>
Less: unused provisions from 2023 added back	<u>(2,000)</u>
Expenditure per Accounts	<u>47,675</u>

The General Fund has been increased this year from £30,000 to £40,000, reflecting the impact of recent inflationary cost increases. I am confident that there is now sufficient capital in the General Fund to cover 2 years expenditure at present levels or to meet further enhancements as required.

The Summer Fayre expenses of £3,656 included the purchase of folding chairs and tables, griddles, refrigerated trailer rental, purchase of bar and food stock, bouncy castle hire, and hire of the brass band.

The Association's finances continue to be on a sound footing and we much appreciate the tremendous support of the membership across all three Provinces. With your help, we will endeavour to keep providing that much needed additional support to the residents of Connaught Court.

David Wadsworth

Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report
to The Association of Friends of Connaught Court

I have examined the attached account and statement for the year ended 30th September 2024.

Respective responsibilities of director and auditors

The trustees of the Charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act. It is my responsibility to

examine accounts,
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission
Commission, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Examiner's Statement

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1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *David Arthur Taylor* Date 19th October, 2024

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**Association of Friends of Connaught Court
Year ending 30 September 2024**

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT FUNDS

	September 2024	September 2023
Assets	£	£
NatWest General Account	10,968.59	21,870.62
NatWest Deposit Account	76,800.10	75,775.76
Investment at Cost - HSBC Bond	-	2,500.00
	<u>87,768.69</u>	<u>100,146.38</u>
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Liabilities	£	£
Accruals		
Minibus	0.00	(2,000.00)
Tai Chi classes	(750.00)	0.00
Bose speaker	(199.00)	0.00
Music therapy sessions	(740.00)	0.00
	<u>(1,689.00)</u>	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
	<u>(1,689.00)</u>	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Net Assets	<u>86,079.69</u>	<u>98,146.38</u>
Represented by :-	£	£
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Special Projects Fund	46,079.69	68,146.38
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As at 30/09/2024

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AFOCC AGM
Chairman's Report
5 November 2023

At last, we can start our AGM without saying it has been a challenging year; it has been a good year!

The only downside was that we lost our previous Chairman, Mark Payne in May.

He was a lovely man and a true Friend of Connaught Court both for our Association and his work for the RMBI. I think we all miss him.

In 1973, the AFOCC, The Association of Friends of Connaught Court was formed by the three Provinces of Yorkshire West Riding, Yorkshire North and East and Lincolnshire.

Now, in our 50th Year, we are delighted that our three Provinces continue to support our lovely Connaught Court in so many ways big and small, by Individual Freemasons and especially our Provincial Grand Masters. Thank you all.

Marinda has settled into her new role very well and I thank her and her team for making us so welcome here on many occasions.

Last year, I highlighted the aims we had for this year, and I am delighted to say we have certainly achieved them all plus a few other bits!

We started our projects with more storage facilities, which involved creating a level and solid base upon which we placed a large storage container which would hold various items including marquees, tables, etc.

It wasn't a simple task but thanks to John Day and his various contacts, it has succeeded very well. Thank you John.

Thanks to contact from Neill Smith, the Prince Frederick Lodge 307 in Yorkshire West Riding, who were sadly returning their warrant to Grand Lodge, informed Neill that they wanted to give something to Connaught Court; they asked Neill what we needed, and he informed Bob Taylor, the Trustee, that we could do with a new minibus. Bob basically said, you've got it and the eventual donation amounted to £50,000.

I hope you've seen the new minibus outside, if not, please check it out on your way home.

Then Barrie Graham got involved with Neill and managed to sell the old Peugeot and £12,000 went to the home (or perhaps it was RMBI, I couldn't possibly comment!)

Barrie found Gowrings in Theale who provide and fit minibuses for wheelchair uses. They were to become a very patient and helpful company to work with.

As there was a long lead-time for the bus, we hired a similar vehicle from Gowrings until the new one was delivered.

Barrie and Neill sorted out the decoration for the bus acknowledging the wonderful help from Prince Frederick Lodge.

You will have seen the Facebook page showing Barrie and Neill handing the keys to Marinda.

We invited Bob Taylor and his wife to our Summer Fayre and Neil collected and returned them to Aysgarth, and they thoroughly enjoyed the day and our three PGM's all made a big fuss of them !

We hope soon to take the new vehicle to Aysgarth to give Bob and his wife a little trip around the Dales, (Bob's wife needs to use a wheelchair)

The minibus project was completed when we purchased a couple of new "crash tested" wheelchairs which were required under new regulations.

Our Grateful thanks to Neill and Barrie.

Another very generous donation we received some years ago was from Owen Brooks-Duxbury who wanted Connaught Court to have an Orangery.

As previously explained, due to costs and Planning Restrictions, our Committee decided to up-date the two existing conservatories.

The work was carried out by a local company, Eliments, who have done a great job on both units, after holding their prices for over a year!

Connaught Court now have two great conservatories which are "fit for purpose" throughout the year.

Special thanks again to John Day who obtained a gift of an Air Conditioner for the front conservatory from one of his suppliers!

We also bought a dozen small folding tables for indoor or outside use which are proving very useful.

Oh yes, we held a Summer Fayre this year; remember those?

It was one of the hottest days of the year, blue skies and sunshine!

About 30 stalls on the field behind the home, Brass Band, Food, Drink, Cake Stalls, Books, Raffle, Bouncy Castle, Curry tasting, vintage cars, a few motorbikes and lots more.

About £7000 was taken on the day.

A tremendous and happy Day.

The whole committee, wives, husbands, partners plus the Team from Connaught Court, Walter and Co, putting up marquees (and taking them down at the end), power, water and lots more before and after the day.

All the Connaught Court people making sandwiches, cakes; Steph and Fran organising stalls and fetching and carrying the residents to the Fayre

Kevin Priestley worked so very hard in organising the day; these events don't just happen.

Thank you Kevin (and your P.A. Margaret!) a massive effort and a great result.

Next year ? Saturday 8th June , the King's official Birthday and a Connaught Court party to celebrate it.

Put it in your diaries now please.

One of the Trustees of the RMBI, David Snowden was appointed to “caretake” Connaught Court, Scarborough Court and Harry Priestley homes.

I met him at Connaught Court with Marinda in February, and I think it will be very positive moving forward to have better contact with RMBI.

Away from the Home, John Boyington brought back the meetings of Associations of Friends at Grand Lodge on 11 October.

I participated along with Bruce Lewis and David Wadsworth, and we all enjoyed an interesting and informative day.

I hope that they are going to continue in the future as a very useful tool to know what is happening within RMBI and to meet our counterparts from other homes.

The function of our Association is to provide the “little extras” for the residents, home and staff of Connaught Court and we must be careful that we use the funds we are given for that purpose and not simply build a big deposit account; I don’t think we do judging by what we have achieved in the past year.

We are a Team and I thank each one of that Team for their support, time, effort and friendship they have given me for nearly three years as Chairman.

Especial thanks have to go to our Secretary, Martin, for putting up with me; we have had some fun and so we should have as Masonry has to have fun to succeed.

Sincere thanks also to Bruce and David and of course Marinda who tolerates my phone calls on many occasions !

When I look at Connaught Court, it is filled fun, laughter, caring and love and long may it continue.

Association of Friends of Connaught Court
Year ending 30 September 2023

Treasurers Report

The end of the COVID restrictions enabled the Association to make progress during the year on the major projects which had been "on ice" for some time. As a result, our funds fell by £52,511 during the year, compared to a small decrease of £165 in 2022. We were also able to once again hold our Summer Fayre at Connaught Court, and were blessed with fine weather and splendid support. The funds movement during the year is set out below. The Owen Brooks Duxbury legacy was used to fund the two replacement conservatories at Connaught Court, and we were extremely grateful to receive a most generous donation of £50,000 from the Lodge of Prince Frederick on its closure. This splendid donation funded a replacement Multi-Purpose Vehicle (Minibus!) for the Connaught Court residents.

	2023 £	2022 £	2023 movement Increase/(Decrease) £
NatWest General Account	21,870.62	64,788.36	(42,917.74)
NatWest Deposit Account	75,775.76	25,011.30	50,764.46
NSI Account	-	67,507.73	(67,507.73)
HSBC Bond	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Accruals	(2,000.00)	(9,150.00)	7,150.00
Total Funds	<u>98,146.38</u>	<u>150,657.39</u>	<u>(52,511.01)</u>
 Represented by :-			
General Fund	30,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
Mini-bus/Special Projects Fund	68,146.38	58,149.66	9,996.72
Owen Brooks Duxbury Legacy	-	67,507.73	(67,507.73)
	<u>98,146.38</u>	<u>150,657.39</u>	<u>(52,511.01)</u>

**Association of Friends of Connaught Court
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Treasurers Report

INCOME

Income at £85,611 (2022: £30,033) shows an increase compared to last year of £55,578 as analysed below:

		Increase/ (Decrease) £
General Donations	Lodges	(5,172)
	Provinces	(3,000)
	Individuals	2,147
Shop Sales		(464)
Summer Fayre		6,569
Summer Fayre Flyers		4,963
Badges		(289)
Interest		922
Investment Income		7
Membership		(105)
Minibus Donation		50,000
		<u>55,578</u>

The Summer Fayre generated over £17,000 in total, with Summer Fayre Flyers contributing £10,876 and proceeds on the day £6,569. Flyer donations meant a reduction in general donations from lodges and provinces, although we did receive a further £5,000 from WRMCL for which we are most grateful. Donations from individuals totalled £5,612, an increase of £2,147. Improving interest rates resulted in receipts of £941, an increase of £922 on the previous year.

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Treasurers Report

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure at £138,122 (2022: £30,198) was £107,924 higher than last year, with the net increase analysed below:

	(Increase)/ Decrease £	(Increase)/ Decrease £
Amenities		
Replacement Conservatories	(76,094)	
Replacement Minibus	(40,228)	
General Amenities	19,442	
Storage Container	(7,798)	
Minibus Rental	<u>(5,670)</u>	
		(110,348)
Website		24
Amenity Fund		(500)
Summer Fayre Expenses		2,865
Sundry		<u>35</u>
		<u>(107,924)</u>

Actual expenditure for the year, excluding the add-back of unused provisions, is detailed below:

	£
2 Replacement Conservatories	76,094
Replacement Minibus	40,228
Storage Container	7,798
Temporary Minibus Rental	5,670
Servicing of Sound Systems	792
Blu-Ray Player	94
2 Crash-Tested Wheelchairs (for minibus use)	650
Regular Amenity Fund payments	12,600
Summer Fayre Expenses	2,796
Website	216
Sundry	<u>334</u>
Total Expenditure	147,272
Less: unused provisions from 2022 added back	<u>(9,150)</u>
Expenditure per Accounts	<u>138,122</u>

The HSBC Bond at a cost of £2,500 continues to show a positive return in terms of both interest and appreciation value.

The General Fund has been increased this year from £25,000 to £30,000, reflecting the impact of recent inflationary cost increases. I am confident that there is now sufficient capital in the General Fund to cover 2 years expenditure at present levels or to meet further enhancements as required.

The Summer Fayre expenses of £2,796 included printing of Flyers, equipment to accept card payments, refrigerated trailer rental, purchase of bar and food stock, waste bins for stalls, bouncy castle hire, replacement of damaged gazebos and hire of the brass band.

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Signed  Date 17th October, 2023

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**Association of Friends of Connaught Court
Year ending 30 September 2023**

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT FUNDS

Assets	September 2023	September 2022
	£	£
NatWest General Account	21,870.62	64,788.36
NatWest Deposit Account	75,775.76	25,011.30
National Savings - Owen Brooks Duxbury	-	67,507.73
Investment at Cost - HSBC Bond	2,500.00	2,500.00
	<u>100,146.38</u>	<u>159,807.39</u>
	<u>100,146.38</u>	<u>159,807.39</u>
 Liabilities	 £	 £
Accruals		
Re: Secure Outbuilding	0.00	(6,500.00)
CDs	0.00	(100.00)
Boat Trip	0.00	(250.00)
Screens	0.00	(300.00)
Servicing Sound Systems	0.00	(2,000.00)
Minibus	(2,000.00)	0.00
	<u>(2,000.00)</u>	<u>(9,150.00)</u>
	<u>(2,000.00)</u>	<u>(9,150.00)</u>
 Net Assets	 <u>98,146.38</u>	 <u>150,657.39</u>
 Represented by :-	 £	 £
General Fund	30,000.00	25,000.00
Special Projects Fund	68,146.38	58,149.66
Owen Brooks Duxbury Fund	-	67,507.73
	<u>98,146.38</u>	<u>150,657.39</u>
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As at 30/09/2023

Association of Friends of Connaught Court

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account
Year ending 30 September 2023

	Year to September 2023		Year to 30 September 2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
General Donations	6,189.55		11,361.51	
Lodges	0.00		3,000.00	
Provinces	5,000.00		5,000.00	
WRMCL	5,612.16		3,464.57	
Individuals	40.00		504.00	
Shop Sales	6,569.41		0.00	
Summer Fair	10,876.00		5,913.62	
Summer Fair Flyers	180.00		469.00	
Badges	940.59		18.67	
Interest	152.87		147.26	
Investment Income	50.00		155.00	
Membership	50,000.00		0.00	
Minitbus Donation				
		85,610.58		30,033.63
EXPENDITURE				
Amenity Fund	(12,600.00)		(12,100.00)	
Secretary Expenses	0.00		0.00	
Life Membership	0.00		0.00	
Secretary Expenses	0.00		0.00	
Postage				
Summer Fair Expenses	(2,795.40)		(5,660.28)	
Less Sponsorship	0.00		0.00	
Website	(216.00)		(239.98)	
Amenities	(1,535.93)			
Storage Container	(7,797.60)		(13,328.36)	
Minitbus Rental	(5,670.00)		0.00	
Replacement Minitbus	(40,228.00)		0.00	
Replacement Conservatories	(76,094.34)		0.00	
Write back 2022 provision	9,150.00		1,500.00	
Sundry	(122,175.87)		(11,828.36)	
	(334.32)		(369.96)	
		(138,121.59)		(30,198.58)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(52,511.01)		(164.95)

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Signed David Arthur Taylor Date 17th October, 2023

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THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CONNAUGHT COURT

England & Wales - Charity number 1046570

Accounts

AFOCC
AGM Sunday 6 November 2022
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Every Chairman's Riding Report for the past few years has started with "it has been a challenging year".

This is no exception!

We welcomed new PGM's from Yorkshire West and Yorkshire North and East Riding; we also welcomed a new Treasurer, David Wadsworth and a new Manager for Connaught Court. Marinda.

Sadly, we said "goodbye" to Victoria Wilson after many years of outstanding service.

We were looking forward to our first Summer Fair in three years but, alas, circumstances prevented that at the last minute.

Our thanks go out to all those involved in preparing for the Summer Fair; including the staff at CC for cake-making, marquee-erecting, arranging refrigeration and generator equipment, press liaison, raffle prize donations, purchasing the drinks, etc. Plus much more effort from many people.

A special thank-you to Kevin Priestley for booking nearly 30 stalls and events.

I am very sorry that the Fair was cancelled with very short notice but it was the right decision.

The AFOCC has continued to raise funds and support Connaught Court in many ways, including 2 "Kurten" chairs (Marinda will explain what they are!), cinema screen, portable screens, 4 new marquees, 12 indoor/outdoor tables, plus the usual support for entertainments, Christmas and Birthday presents and trips for the residents.

But this is what we are for!

We have been investigating some larger projects which hopefully, will be approved at our next committee meeting.

New storage area for marquees, chairs, tables, etc.

A replacement Mini-bus; the existing one requires a special licence for the driver and is too large for CC staff to drive.

Replacing the front and rear conservatories due to poor condition; unusable in hot or cold weather.

The original plan was to build an Orangery at the front of the Home but several factors necessitated a re-think !

An Orangery would require planning permission which is unlikely to be granted by the City of York Planning Department, I have also discussed with Mark Nelson-Smith at RMBI and he will see final plans before we start any work.

So, we have received quotations for removing the tops of the existing conservatories; retaining the dwarf walls and fitting new units with modern insulation materials.

The advantages are many, the total cost for the two units is less than one Orangery, no planning permission and completed with 2-3 weeks so minor disruption to the Home.

If we succeed in implementing these projects, it will bring the funding from AFOCC over the past 14 years to well-over £400,000.

One of the methods we have brought in to maintain our fund-raising is to ask our Brethren and Friends to pledge an annual Standing Order to AFOCC and have suggested a figure of £5.00 per year (more if they wish)

If every Freemason in our 3 Provinces pledged just £5,00 each, we would raise over £60,000 every year plus Gift Aid.

We feel that this is a better way to secure long-term regular income rather than the current Membership scheme which charges a minimum of £10 for life-time membership. This would mean that all Brethren who subscribe to the annual Standing Order would become Members of AFOCC,, existing Members would still retain their life-time Membership.

We have about 100 contributors at present with around £1500 plus Gift Aid being pledged.

As part of our Constitution, we can only remove the existing Membership Scheme with a vote at our AGM.

A little can go a very long way in supporting our wonderful Connaught Court!

I thank the Committee for all their hard work and support; especially our hard-working Secretary, I also thank the many Freemasons in our Provinces for their generosity and continued support, both individually and especially at Provincial level, we cannot manage without you!

We hope to see a lot of them on Saturday 10 June next year when we really hope to have our Summer Fair!

Chris J Turner

Chairman

AFOCC

Treasurers Report

Despite the ongoing issues with COVID and the unfortunate necessity to cancel the Summer Fair, I am pleased to report another successful if frustrating year for the Association, with a small decrease in total funds of £165 in the year compared with an increase of £19,852 in 2021. Income for the year was £30,033, with expenditure £30,198. The COVID restrictions affecting Connaught Court meant that we were not able to make progress on our major projects as quickly as we would have liked, but with the situation now improving, we are looking forward to getting on with implementing those projects over the next few months.

	2022	2021	2022 movement Increase/(Decrease)
	£	£	£
NatWest General Account	64,788.36	73,783.08	(8,994.72)
NatWest Deposit Account	25,011.30	10,238.28	14,773.02
NSI Account	67,507.73	67,500.98	6.75
HSBC Bond	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Accruals	(9,150.00)	(3,200.00)	(5,950.00)
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Total Funds	<u>150,657.39</u>	<u>150,822.34</u>	<u>(164.95)</u>
Represented by :-			
General Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Mini-bus/Special Projects Fund	58,149.66	58,321.36	(171.70)
Owen Brooks Duxbury Legacy	67,507.73	67,500.98	6.75
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Treasurers Report

INCOME

Income at £30,033 (2021: £35,764) shows a decrease compared to last year of £5,731 as analysed below:-

		Increase/ (Decrease) £
General Donations	Lodges	777.73
	Provinces	(12,000.00)
	Individuals	(1,075.43)
Shop Sales		504.00
Summer Fair Flyers		5,913.62
Badges		469.00
Interest		(347.29)
Investment Income		12.71
Membership		15.00
		(5,730.66)

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The easing of COVID restrictions meant that shop sales resumed, much to the delight of the residents.

The donations in the year were £22,826, a decrease from 2021 of £12,297.

The Provincial Donations are analysed as follows

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WRMCL	5,000.00
Lincolnshire	3,000.00
	8,000.00

These were boosted by a spendid £11,361 from Lodges and £3,465 from Individuals.

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EXPENDITURE

Expenditure at £30,198 (2021: £15,912) was £14,286 higher than last year, as analysed below:-

	(Increase)/ Decrease £
Anniversary Tea Party	5,615.00
Website	(23.98)
Amenity Fund	(600.00)
Amenities	(13,267.36)
Summer Fair Expenses	(5,660.28)
Sundry	(349.96)
	(14,286.58)

The net spend on Amenities at (£11,828)(2021: £1,439) are distorted by the adding back of unused provisions from prior years, and if these are eliminated for both years, then the actual spend is £13,328 (2021: £8,561).

Spend in the Year	£	£
2 BOSE speakers	359.90	
Isolation Boxes	413.66	
2 Kurten Chairs	4,140.00	
Active Hurricane Column	964.80	
Security Building	4,900.00	
Canal Boat Trip	250.00	
Screens	300.00	
Servicing of Sound Systems	2,000.00	
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These items were all provided at the request of the home managers for the benefit of the residents, and are in addition to the regular payments totalling £12,100 (2021: £11,500) provided to the Amenity Fund which cover regular outgoings on concerts, entertainment, craft, hospitality, birthdays etc.

The HSBC Bond at a cost of £2,500 continues to show a positive return in terms of both interest and appreciation value.

The General Fund has been retained at the previous years level of £25,000, as I am confident such an amount is sufficient capital in the General Fund to cover over 2 years expenditure at present levels or to meet further enhancements as required. This sum was transferred into the deposit account when we moved our accounts from HSBC to NatWest.

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David Wadsworth
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**Association of Friends of Connaught Court
Year ending 30 September 2022**

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	£	£
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National Savings - Owen Brooks Duxbury	67,507.73	67,500.98
Investment at Cost - HSBC Bond	2,500.00	2,500.00
	<u>159,807.39</u>	<u>154,022.34</u>
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 Liabilities	 £	 £
Accruals		
Re: Isolation Boxes	0.00	(500.00)
Re: Secure Outbuilding	(6,500.00)	(1,600.00)
CDs	(100.00)	(100.00)
M Payne Sponsorship	0.00	(1,000.00)
Boat Trip	(250.00)	-
Screens	(300.00)	-
Servicing Sound Systems	(2,000.00)	-
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Mini Bus/Special Projects Fund	58,149.66	58,321.36
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EXPENDITURE		
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Less Sponsorship	0.00	0.00
Anniversary/Tea Party	0.00	(5,615.00)
Less Sale of Badges	0.00	(216.00)
Website	(239.98)	1,439.20
Amenities	0.00	(20.00)
Write back 2021 provision	(13,328.36)	
Sundry	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,439.20</u>
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Investment Income	155.00	140.00
Membership		
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EXPENDITURE		
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THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CONNAUGHT COURT

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Accounts

Chairman's Report

2021 has seen another challenging year for the association as Covid still affected our activity and fundraising ability. Despite this we have been able to hold our regular meetings via zoom and plan for what was a most marvelous celebration of the 50th anniversary of the home.

Going back to the start of the year we began 2021 in lockdown again and we as a committee quickly realised that it would not be possible to hold our main fundraising event The Summer Fair in June. Given this Chris Turner our vice chairman had initiated a scheme in Lincolnshire to get masons to sign up to a regular donation each year thus taking some of the pressure off the Summer Fair as our main fundraising activity. This scheme has made a good start and I'm sure will grow year on year.

We have been able to continue to fund projects at the home due to the generosity of 3 Provinces which support the home. This was further evidenced at the 50th Anniversary Celebration where a total of £13,000 was donated with commitment from the Provinces for support in the coming years. Without this generosity in

such difficult times we would not be able to continue our work.

So what do we spend this money on? This year we have been able to keep our regular payments to the home totalling £12,500 which is spent by Stephanie and Fran on entertainment, trips out and not forgetting sherry! In addition to this we purchased a portable PA system so that concerts could be facilitated outside when performers were not allowed in the home. We also purchased at a cost of £7000 two large touch screen computers which can be used interactively with the residents throughout the home. These are just some of the examples of where the money goes.

On the 17 September Connaught Court celebrated its 50th Anniversary. I was lucky enough to be here 10 years ago to organise the 40th anniversary celebrations where we held a Proms concert in the grounds. We knew that this year would be very different and we would have to work within the guidelines set out by the

Government and RMBI Policy. At the heart of the celebrations had to be the residents and it was decided that after the formal ceremony organised by the RMBI

we would host a tea party in the grounds. After a year and a half of not mixing and for some (including myself) who had been shielding for much of that time it was an amazing sight to see the marquee full of residents and staff enjoying the event. Whilst I would like to thank the committee for their support and to Victoria,

Stephanie and Fran for the wonderful ideas they come up with for us to spend money on I should particularly like to thank a few members of the committee in

particular. Martin as secretary, you are the engine room which keeps us all running and straight, Chris as vice chairman, for your friendship and ideas and for being

at the end of the phone to talk to and to Bruce our Treasurer. Bruce has been on the committee longer than I have and has served as Treasurer for many years. His

financial knowhow and foresight in always keeping 2 years of funds in the bank for a rainy day has certainly proved invaluable over the past couple of years. Bruce

stands down as treasurer today so I would like to thank him for all of the work and commitment he has shown to the Friends and to the home and Kevin for all

your hard work in making the Anniversary celebrations a success. Today after 10 years on the committee and 2 years as chairman I am standing down a year early due to my health but I feel immensely proud of the association and the work that it does in providing the 'extras' which go to improving the life for the residents who live at Connaught Court. We are in a strong financial position and will continue our work with pride and passion.

Association of Friends of Connaught Court

**Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account
Year ending 30 September 2021**

INCOME		2021	2021	2020	2020
		£	£	£	£
General Donations	Lodges	10,583.78		5,067.00	
	Provinces	20,000.00		13,000.00	
	WRMCL	0.00		0.00	
	Individuals	4,540.00		1,725.22	
Shop Sales		0.00		150.00	
Summer Fair		0.00		0.00	
Summer Fair Flyers		0.00		1,287.05	
Badges		0.00		390.00	
Interest		499.48		179.53	
Investment Income		1.03		19.23	
Membership		140.00		780.00	
Demonstration Ceremony		0.00		0.00	
		0.00			
		<u> </u>	35,764.29	<u> </u>	22,598.03
EXPENDITURE					
Advertising		0.00		0.00	
Amenity Fund		(11,500.00)		(11,500.00)	
Secretary Expenses		0.00		0.00	
Life Membership Secretary Expenses		0.00		0.00	
Postage		0.00		0.00	
Publications		0.00		0.00	
Badges		0.00		(404.44)	
Summer Fair Expenses	0.00	0.00		(290.00)	
Less Sponsorship	<u>0.00</u>	0.00		0	(290.00)
Anniversary/Tea Party	(5,765.00)	0.00			
Less Sale of Badges	150.00	(5,615.00)			
Website		(216.00)		(185.88)	
Amenities	(8,560.80)	0.00		(13,925.71)	
Write back 2020 provision	<u>10,000.00</u>	1,439.20			
Sundry		(20.00)		(20.00)	
		<u> </u>	(15,911.80)	<u> </u>	(26,326.03)
Net Income/(Expenditure)			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
			19,852.49		(3,728.00)
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>

Independent Examiner's Report

to The Association of Friends of Connaught Court

I have examined the attached account and statement for the year ended 30th September 2021.

Respective responsibilities of director and auditors

The trustees of the Charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act. It is my responsibility to

examine accounts,
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission
Commission, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 25th October, 2021

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