

Friends of Abbeyfield Park

England & Wales - Charity number 1158810

Details

Other names ABBEYFIELD COMMUNITY HERITAGE HUB

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-10-08

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF ABBEYFIELD PARK HOUSE SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD, A GRADE II* LISTED BUILDING; AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE PRESERVATION AND HISTORY OF ABBEYFIELD PARK HOUSE; AND TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF THE BURN GREAVE WARD OF SHEFFIELD AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION (PARTICULARLY BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FIELDS OF LOCAL HERITAGE AND CULTURE) AND PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: The charity was set up to explore the possibility of a community asset transfer of Abbeyfield Park House, Burngreave, Sheffield.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£9,301	£67,825	-	-
2024-03-31	£55,929	£10,178	-	-
2023-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2022-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Brown		2025-09-23
Deborah Egan		2022-10-25
John Francis Feeley		2024-04-30
Kieran Boden		2025-09-23
LYN BRANDON		2019-03-20
Malcolm Camp		2023-11-28
Victoria Wright		2023-11-24

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Celebrating community and preserving heritage - a year in review

Friends of Abbeyfield Park (FoAP)

Chairs Report - AGM 2025

Reflecting on the last year I'm filled with a strong sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible work our community has accomplished during the last year. Filled with activity - volunteers and organisations have produced festivals, run workshops , hosted events, landscaped parkland, and run health and wellbeing activities for and in the heart of our community.

The house is home to many groups and organisations with social purpose. Anchor tenants are environmental charity **Green City Action** <https://greencityactionsheffield.wordpress.com/> and social enterprise - repair cafe **Reyt Repair** <https://reyt.repair/>.

GCA and RR -in partnership run a community tool bank from Abbeyfield House - a well-used local resource. Abbeyfield Park is also home to volunteer powered organisations like **Abbeyfield Park Gardeners**, The **Step Out** group, the **Tigray Community Association** ,**Abbeyfield Festival** organising group, an **Afghan Women's Sewing** group, annual **Heritage Days working with** Sheffield Civic Trust ,space for the **Parkwood Springs Lantern Festival** workshops. Regular art workshops are led in the Art Studio by local artists Patrick Amber with packed workshop featuring this year's inaugural Goat Walk! This year we organised Open Heritage Days in September Led by Dr Tim Neal and introduced nearly 100 new visitors to the historical mysteries and future plans for the house - with plans for more next year celebrating FoAP's 20th birthday.



While FOAP concerns itself with the house **Abbeyfield Park Gardeners** have transformed the once dull grounds into a well-designed and textured green landscape created for the enjoyment of the community. This year's achievements include working with an artist and the festival group to make the shelter attractive and cutting back the overgrown hedging on the boundary wall to create a mini orchard esplanade with GCA. Gardeners are currently refurbishing the beds at the entrance to the house to make them 'smart and flowery' and creating a mound bed to the left of the building. Plans for this year include replacing some of the cherry trees at the main entrance of the park.

Like the Abbeyfield Festival group things wouldn't happen without them!

Abbeyfield Food Co-op the weekly food co-op is run and managed by FoAP volunteers and provides food for 20 local households. In partnership with Foodshare this food distribution project provides extra cheap provisions and stops food waste as well as volunteers making regular donations to The Burngreave Ashram.

The **Abbeyfield Community Festival** group give time and commitment to organise the annual festival. It includes a very popular (fun) dog show, live music and dance, children's activities, the gardeners' outdoor tearooms and stalls from many local groups., The event is supported by a range of local funders including the LAC, Arches Housing Association and Graves Trust. and is now a fixture in our community's calendar. This year festival ran smoothly and successfully indicating we've been doing it so long it's become a well-oiled machine! New contributors and people with ideas are always welcome to our open meetings.



Spital Hill Network

This year FOAP was asked to run this SCC ERF2 project for the Spital Hill neighbourhood. The project was in partnership with **Green City Action** and supported by African led organisations **Clean Zone Network** , **ISHRAAC** and **Reach Up Youth**, demanding and challenging with a very short delivery time frame. It generated widespread environmental activity including mosque supported litter picks raising sensitivity and participation in environmental action which remains in place. It ran training sessions with its Women and Digital group, created a business forum, produced Spital Hill Festival, and fashion and film events for young people working closely with Yemeni fashion designer Kazna Asker at London Fashion week and Pitsmoor!

The legacy from SHN has been the reopening of The Burngreave Ashram on the high street as a community hub - hosting a 7-day week programme with its free meals averaging 380 per month. .

In requiem

The year has included sadness as well as positivity. In April we unexpectedly lost **Sue Atkins** leader **Youth Association South Yorkshire** (YASY) who had become one of Abbeyfield's anchor tenants and provided youth services and training. Sue was a cherished colleague and tireless champion of the youth movement in the city and UK. Her dedication and kindness touched the lives of everyone who had the fortune to know her and her passing leaves a huge gap in the movement she championed.

Future Actions 25/26 Abbeyfield House is a 19th Century Grade 2 listed building -which features in Pevsner -which continues to be maintained and supported by FOAP in partnership with Sheffield City Council.

But to act on the plans and ambitions we developed with Sheffield University architects - which will allow the estate to grow and develop new facilities - we need to build capacity for delivering a programme of change.

This can't be sustained by the current small volunteer team and so we have actively been

seeking partners from larger and constituted organisations who share values and are interested in being collaborators. To do this we reached out to **SACMHA** - a neighbouring social charity with strong historical relationships to the Pitsmoor area **SACMHA-Sheffield African Caribbean Mental Health Association**

SACMHA provide adult social services to Sheffield's senior African and Caribbean communities - providing lunch clubs - history cafes - and accommodation for seniors at their building Breinburg Court on Pitsmoor Road. They are interested in space in Abbeyfield House to host regular events not least because of the area's close links with our African /Caribbean community.

SACMHA will act as active partners welcoming and supporting our plans for the future. In pursuit of this FoAP, Sheffield City Council and SACHMA this year wrote a bid to The Community Infrastructure Levy managed by SCC to pay for a contracted development worker and basic building works for 'cafe' outbuilding. The development worker's role will write grant applications for the larger scale budget for the remainder of the house working directly from the architect's report and community consultation developed by FoAP and Sheffield Universities Architecture Department. A successful bid will see that individual employed by the year end-based part-time in FoAP's office

Current Officers This year will be the last year of charity service from the current voluntary Secretary and Chair, so we are actively inviting new trustees who are excited and motivated by what happens in their community. Both will remain in place till new officers are elected. We're confident that Abbeyfield House will remain a beacon for community action and inclusivity and , as 2026 will mark the 20th anniversary of the formation of FOAP, and we look forward to planning those celebrations with our community.

Finally **a heartfelt thank you** again to our incredible volunteers, anchor organisations, donors and supporters. To you we extend our deepest gratitude for your commitment and dedication and look forward to working with you in 2025/26.

Deborah Egan OBE

Chair Friends of Abbeyfield Park – 2025

FoAP Trustees 2024-25

Deborah Egan

Malcolm Camp

Vicky Wright

Lyn Brandon

David Parker-Johnstone (Resigned June 2024)

Francis Feeley

Friends of Abbeyfield Park (FoAP)

Annual Accounts 01 April 2024 -31 March 2025

Income		Expenditure	
Internet	468.00	Internet	1011.45
ACF	3200.00	ERF Spital Hill	55903.43
Donations	2551.50	Resources	156.94
Maintenance	170.00	Admin/Printing	93.79
AH Art Project	750.00	Sundries/Hospitality	33.62
Swift Art Project	1650.00	Maintenance	734.00
Gardeners Grant	405.79	ACF24	6798.95
Repayments	107.11	Gardeners Grant (R)	405.79
		Swift Project Grant	1650.00
		AH Art Project Grant	700.00
		Errors (1-9)	337.86
Total	9302.40		67825.83

Balance 01/04/24	62744.21		
Income	9302.40		
	72046.61		
Expenditure	67825.83		
		Balance 31 March 2025	4220.78

Payments made in error

1	24.69	repaid
2	13.00	Repaid
3	23.00	Repaid
4	15.00	Repaid
5	40.97	Repaid
6	20.00	Repaid
7	121.78	Repaid
8	25.00	Repaid
9	54.42	Repaid

Key Budget Headings

	1/4/24	Income	Expenditure	Balance
FoAP	13415.52	3296.61	2367.66	14344.47
ERF	44438.19	0	55903.43	-11465.24
ACF	4000.00	3200.00	6748.95	401.05
Bowls Club	890.50	0	0	890.50
Arts Projects		2400.00	2350.00	50.00
Garden Project		405.79	405.79	0
Total	62744.21	9302.40	67825.83	4220.78

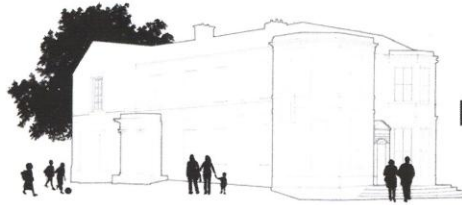
Outstanding Payments

- i. SCC ERF Spital Hill Project £11,465.24 (Repaid October 2025)

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Charity No, 1158810 Abbeyfield House, 187 Abbeyfield Road, Burngreave, Sheffield - <https://abbeyfieldpark.org.uk/>

Chairs Report 2023/2024

2023/2024 has been a very positive year for FoAP as we began to act positively after the restrictions of lockdown. The Grade 2 listed building Abbeyfield House is obviously a priority but equally the interests and well being of our community. Here are some of the actions of the previous year and a sketch of our intentions for the next.

Abbeyfield House

This year we have worked with partners at SCC with contractors installing a new fire alarm system, clearing and lighting the house cellars. with a new fire exit from the community room , to be completed imminently .

The Stables Project



We were keenly aware of reinvigorating **The Stables** and engaged with a dedicated heritage officer from Sheffield City Council to lay the foundations of a firm and practical partnership to bring the building back into community use . Plans include a neighbourhood kitchen and café, a youth and sports base, a purpose-built makers workshop and accessible toilets.

The partnership led to the acquisition of health and well-being funding £14.5k for the M and E survey and architects drawings required to initiate building work - all which have all now completed. So FoAP is now at the stage of fundraising for the project , negotiating a buildings lease from SCC and applying for Planning Permission. An EOI (expression of interest) has already been submitted to the UKGOV Community Ownership Fund for £250k and has been positively received with guidance on the next steps.

The Bread Oven

Tangent to this we worked successfully with international architecture project EASA to build **The Bread Oven** as part of the café/community kitchen facilities for the estate. EASA (EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS ASSEMBLY) is a platform for cultural and educational exchange, connecting architecture students and professionals across Europe and the world.

Project funding and labour were secured through the partnership providing an in kind contribution of approx. £5.5k and a completed build technically advised by The British Brick Foundation.



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This year we were asked to head up a new neighbourhood project **The Spital Hill Network** supporting the Middle Eastern and African businesses of Spital Hill in partnership with our charity partners



A new website has been designed by former trustee illustrating the house and projects.

<https://abbeyfieldpark.org.uk/>



We are now the home of **Reynt Repair Shop** recycling restoring, innovating and mending open 5 days a week 10-4pm Tuesday to Saturday website reynt/repair



Home to **Youth Association South Yorkshire** -providing training for youth workers.

<https://www.instagram.com/yasyworks/>



Green City Action leading on environmental activism and community food growing and a pioneering organic allotment.

<https://greencityactionssheffield.wordpress.com/>

Green City Action - securing £74k from SCC ERF funding to deliver this primarily environmental project.

The project fits in with our desire to impact meaningfully on our neighbouring communities and small businesses , many of which are run and worked in by local people The project involves working with local schools to deliver environmental awareness, designing and producing a physical directory , running a Mental Health First Aid course with VAS , creating a volunteer environmental group, a Somalian women's business forum, holding a large scale outdoor market and mini festival in Autumn to celebrate the cultures of the area, plus delivering environmental training to over 20 businesses. ERF2 is working closely with Cllr Safiya Saeed and Adam Yusuf of ISRAAC. The projects has allowed us to build a new partnership with Darnall Health and Wellbeing with aims to share actions and development in the future.
<https://abbeyfieldpark.org.uk/spital-hill-network/>



Abbeyfield Festival

Abbeyfield Festival ran successfully again this year with a third profiled for July 28th 2024, Featuring local initiatives, artists and musician the event was initiated post Covid to bring the community together and has now become a regular much anticipated fixture marked by its diversity and community cohesion.

It features live music, children's activities, hot food, an annual dog show, the Pitsmoor Open Exhibition , Garden Teas within Abbeyfield Gardeners , displays and stalls. In collaboration with local charity **Pitsmoor Adventure Playground** . Funded by NE LAC, The Church Burgesses Fund, Archers Housing Association, DINA and Sheffield Town Trust.



Abbeyfield House is home to many groups including the **Abbeyfield Voluntary Gardeners Group** who create resources and produce the parklands displays and borders. This year the group have facilitated the Bread Oven sit down area , green waste bins, and developed new beds at the Abbeyfield Road entrance. They are currently doing a community survey establishing further plans with our community for a recreational garden to the right of the house and restoring the youth shelter to the left of the Abbeyfield Road entrance.

New Groups and events have formed at Abbeyfield House this year adding to the dynamism and activity of the house including Abbeyfield Arts, The Goat Stomp YASY youth training, music and theatre rehearsals, Tigrayan Community Meetings , a regular Community Development Workers course, Quaker gatherings.

Next years actions

Plans for The Stables involve designing a funding matrix, applying for funding , and subsequently scheduling contractors. SCC Architects plans currently indicate a refurbishment budget of £650k of which £50k is already secured from the NE Sheffield LAC.

Actions will establish a relationship with heritage and social funding agencies in anticipation of a similar approach to Abbeyfield House

- Getting a lease and planning permission for **The Stables Project** .
- Building a funding pot for The Stables Project to initiate building works .
- Completing the retrofitting report for **Abbeyfield House** with Sheffield University Architecture Dept.,
- Producing **Abbeyfield Festival** No.3.
- Continuing the delivery of **The Spital Hill Network** (ERF2).
- Building upon our organisations partnership with *Darnall Health and Well being*
- Supporting **Abbeyfield Park Gardeners** with a community use review of the parkland
- Establishing a **Memorial Trees** section of the Parkland with Sheffield Trees.
- Becoming a location for **The Big Purple Bus** in partnership with Weston Park Hospital offering free cancer screening and health advice in the community.

FoAP couldn't function without the support of co-householders and activists Reyt Repair, Green City Action, YASY , Abbeyfield Gardeners , The Abbeyfield Festival organising team , our FoAP trustees and all the groups and volunteers who animate and sustain the building to keep it a vibrant centre for our community. Just signing off with our heartfelt thanks to you all for everything you do and looking forward to next year!

Deborah Egan O.B.E. (Chair -Friends of Abbeyfield Park)

April 2024

FoAP Annual Accounts

Income 01 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

	Grants	ACF 2023	ACF 2024	Donations	ERF	Internet Costs		
SCC Cost of Living	500.00							
SCC Ward Pot		800.00						
Dementia Group				30.00				
M'Ship x 6				6.00				
Arches Housing		1000.00						
M'Ship				1.00				
Previous Festival		742.55						
Reyt Repair				5.00				
SUCF		1000.00						
Room				75.00				
Cash Repaid		400.00						
5 rivers				20.00				
Community Foundation		835.00						
Zimbabwe CA				60.00				
Globamama		150.00						
Stall & Deposit		150.00						
J Currie				1.00				
Dementia Group				30.00				
Winter Window Grant	500.00							
Kaleido Arts				100.00				
5 rivers				25.00				
ERF					44,772.90			
Internet						0.11		
RR						45.00		
Community Development				1000.00				
SCC LAC			2000.00					
SCC Ward Pot			2000.00					

YASA									81.00		
TOTAL		1000.00	4677.55	4000.00	1353.00	44,772.90		126.11			55,929.56
Expenditure	Arts Projects	Bowls	Gardeners	ACF 2023	FoAP Travel	FoAP Sundries	FoAP Admin	FoAP Resources	FoAP Internet	ERF	
Artist Fee	150.00										
M Nott					16.75			56.48			
Trolley		60.00									
Office								120.00			
Materials	65.80										
Equipment		382.72									
Bulbs			23.98								
Bowls		845.00									
Public Liability						129.10					
Supplies		8.50									
Trip			20.00								
Supplies		22.11									
planning						298.00					
PA Fee	200.00										
Materials				90.63							
portaloos				430.80							
Tables & Chairs				422.86							
Keys/Admin						43.50	9.35				
Cash payments				300.00							
Arts Materials				245.67							
Artists Fee				450.00							
Robots				100.00							
Amjad				200.00							
Exhibition				26.91							
Skip				240.00							
Volunteers				173.79		24.57	14.74	33.98			
Printing				383.00							
PA & Stage				1800.00							
J Veal Fees				700.00							
J Veal Materials				191.85							
Dog Show				11.00							
Volunteers				112.47							
Fire Show				200.00							
Oct 2023									54.00		

Income		
Arts Project Grants	1000.00	
ACF 2023	4677.55	
ACF 2024	4000.00	
Donations	1353.00	
ERF Spital Hill	44,772.90	
Internet Charges	81.00	
	TOTAL	55,929.56
Expenditure		
Arts Projects	915.80	
Bowls Club	1318.33	
Gardening Group	43.98	
ACF 2023	6078.98	
FoAP Travel	16.75	
Sundries	795.17	
Admin	102.09	
Resources	210.46	
Internet Costs	362.47	
ERF Spital Hill	334.71	
	Total	10,178.74
	New Balance	45,750.82
	Opening Balance	16,993.28
	Total	62,744.10

Opening Balance 01 April 2024

Restricted	Opening Balance	Expenditure 23-24	Income 23-24	Balance CF 24-25
Bowls Club	2208.83	1318.33	0	890.50
ACF 2024	0	0	4000.00	4000.00
Bread Oven	6000.00	298.00		5702.00
ERF Spital Hill	44,772.90	334.71		44,438.19
			Restricted	55,030.69
FoAP Non-Restricted				7713.52



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Friends of Abbeyfield Park

On accounts for the year ended

March 31 2024

Charity no (if any)

1158810

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 March 2024**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

30/01/25

Name:

Ian Hamilton

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The records of expenditure are all well recorded. I would suggest the charity keeps a better record of donation that are a substantial part of the income and unrestricted.

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The Charity has 3 Directors.

Tim Neal

Craig Broadwith

Lyn Brandon

The charity was dormant in the above period and therefore no income and no expenditure.

Lyn Brandon FoAP (Secretary)

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Abbeyfield Community Heritage Hub

Re No. 1158810

The charity has not been active over the past year and does not currently operate a bank account. We therefore have no annual accounts to present.

We are still looking into option for creating the Abbeyfield Community Heritage Hub to develop the facilities in Abbeyfield House, associated out buildings and the park.

Lyn Brandon (Trustee)