



Friends of Abbeyfield Park

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.

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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 **Reyts Repair Shop** recycling restoring, innovating and mending open 5 days a week 10-4pm Tuesday to Saturday website reyts/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://greencityactionsheffield.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 Somali 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					

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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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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.