

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY TRUST

CHARITY NUMBER 1159543

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Acquired Brain Injury Trust
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Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Acquired Brain Injury Trust are to support the re-education, rehabilitation and improvement of quality of life of people in Worcestershire and adjoining counties who have suffered an acquired brain injury due to accident, stroke or otherwise, and as a result have experienced loss of communication, cognitive and/or motor skills as well as personal confidence.

FACTS ABOUT BRAIN INJURY

At any one time about 1,000,000 people in the UK are living with the results of a head injury, usually caused by an accident, stroke or tumour. The effects may be devastating, affecting not only the injured person, but also family, friends and work colleagues. The problems that arise do not always depend on the severity of the injury. People with an apparently minor injury may experience difficulties with memory, concentration, communication, problem solving, mood and personality changes, as well as fatigue and intolerance to their environment. People with more severe injuries may in addition experience complex physical and sensory difficulties. Stroke can have similar effects – about 100,000 people each year will experience their first stroke, of whom 10,000 are under the age of 55.

BACKGROUND OF THE ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY TRUST

The Acquired Brain Injury Trust operated from the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Centre, which was built with a lottery grant in 1998 on land leased from Evesham College. Students living with the effects of a brain injury are enrolled with the College and taught by College staff, but appreciated the ABI Centre as a calm and homely base, where they have their own co-ordinator appointed by the College. At the beginning of the academic year in September 2019, there were 52 students enrolled on a wide range of classes over four days each week, with students also benefitting from a woodwork class in the main College on Mondays.

As in previous years, the principal activity of the Trust has been the provision of bursaries for those students who would have difficulty meeting the cost of College courses. Although the need for bursaries was reduced this year due to changes in the College's fee structure, there are still many students who rely on such support from the Trust.

Trustees hold formal meetings once a term, with the chairman and two other trustees also aiming to meet with senior College staff during each term, although this pattern was disrupted in March 2020 by the outbreak of the coronavirus, when the College had to close.

Following staff redundancies in the summer of 2019 and some press publicity, a special meeting was held between trustees and senior staff of the Warwickshire Group of Colleges, of which Evesham College is part, when it was confirmed that regular communication and consultation was important for both sides.

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EVENTS OF THE PAST YEAR

The trust was saddened to lose its lease on the building which was terminated by the Warwickshire College group as part of their plan to restructure their provision of services and centre this largely on their site at Pershore. Unfortunately, they have been unable to provide similar provision at Pershore and in consequence the trust has had to seek alternative arrangements to maintain this important provision.

Trustees were able to make arrangements with Wallace House, a local community facility, to continue providing some limited classes, for students, in Evesham. The college has provided the required staffing and discussion are ongoing as to how this will be maintained for the short to medium term

FUTURE PLANS

The trustees are undertaking a review of the services that could be provided and looking to establish a more long term solution for the provision of this valuable service to the local community of those affected by brain injury.

The first step in this process is to try and engage with students to establish what they see as their essential and preferred courses.

The trust is also seeking additional trustees to ensure the long term viability and succession in running the trust.

Once this review is complete a strategic plan will be formulated to address the changes in circumstances and provision available from the relationship with the Warwickshire College group with a view to helping deliver a service suitable to meet the needs of students over the longer term.

In the interim the trustees are committed to supporting the provision at Wallace house and working with Warwickshire College Group for the benefit of the students.

FUNDRAISING

Given the uncertainty regarding the provision of services, the trustees resolved to put fund raising on hold until a way forward could be identified. This is reflected in the significant reduction in donations this year.

However, in the context of the review referred to above and in support of continued provision it is expected fundraising requirements will be revisited during the coming year

The full extent of our funding requirements will be determined by the outcome of the review but the need to continue providing bursaries and the provision of Wallace House can only be met from existing reserves for a very limited time period.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

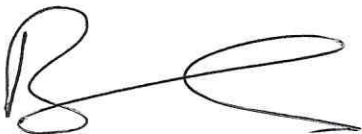
Trustees:

Mr. Paul Taylor	Chairman
Lady Carolyn Harford	Secretary
Mr. Michael Gage	
Mrs. Lesley Kewley	
Mrs. Barbara McLaren	Resigned 30 th September 2021
Mr. Clifford How	
Ms Caroline Leviss	
Mrs. Tania Jones	Treasurer

No fees or reimbursements were received by the Trustees

Independent Examiner: Mrs Ginette Getting FCA FFA

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report.
Signed on behalf of Acquired Brain Injury Trust



Chairman

Dated: 22nd June 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Acquired Brain Injury Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Acquired Brain Injury Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an Independent Examination is needed.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners' statement

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

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination".

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



Ginette Getting FCA FFA

Dated: 14/7/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments:						
Donations and legacies	2,408	-	2,408	9,423	-	9,423
Other trading activities		-	-		-	-
Investments	14	-	14	57	-	57
Total	2,422	-	2,422	9,480	-	9,480
Expenditure:						
Charitable activities:						
Warwickshire College Group (South Worcestershire College)		3,000	3,000		5,000	5,000
Equipment		-	-		-	-
Student transport support	891	-	891		-	-
Gardening tuition fees		-	-		-	-
Room Hire	621	-	621		-	-
Sundry expenses	889	-	889	240	-	240
Total	2,401	3,000	5,401	240	5,000	5,240
Depreciation			-			-
Net income/(expenditure)	21	(3,000)	(2,979)	9,240	(5,000)	4,240
Total funds brought forward	88,619	21,800	110,419	79,379	26,800	106,179
Total funds carried forward	88,640	18,800	107,440	88,619	21,800	110,419

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2022

	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets		
Total fixed assets		
Current assets		
Debtors		
Investments	11,208	11,203
Cash at bank and in hand	97,352	99,822
Total current assets	108,560	111,025
Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,120)	(606)
Total net assets	107,440	110,419
The funds of the charity:		
Restricted income funds	18,800	21,800
Building fund	-	-
Unrestricted funds	88,640	88,619
Total charity funds	107,440	110,419

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

(Chairman)  Dated: 22nd June 2022

(Treasurer)  Dated: 22nd June 2022

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Notes to the Accounts

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1. Accounting Policies

i) Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

ii) Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

The charity becomes entitled to the resources;

The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources;

The monetary value can be measured with sufficient accuracy.

iii) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Irrecoverable VAT is included as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all similar costs and which can then be related to costs of raising funds and charitable activities.

iv) Depreciation

The Trust operated a depreciation policy for Leasehold Buildings, which was fully depreciated the building upon the expiry of the current lease in 2018, at which time the Trust renewed.

2. Reserves

The Trust's policy is to maintain a level of reserves at least sufficient to ensure the status of the charity as a going concern.

