

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY TRUST

CHARITY NUMBER 1159543

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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 2024. 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 had 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 due to changes in the College's fee structure.

RECENT EVENTS

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.

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For a period Trustees were able to make arrangements with Wallace House, a local community facility, to continue providing some limited classes, for students, in Evesham.

Unfortunately, courses were often suspended through the lack of staffing provision from the college. Students reported poor communication from the college and numbers supporting these courses dwindled. Attempts were made by the trustees to encourage attendance by advertising to no avail.

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

Engaging with students to establish what they saw as their essential and preferred courses, was made difficult by the lack of access to the college database.

Reluctantly the Trustees came to the conclusion they could no longer support the college involvement in providing these services, due to the lack of reliable availability of staffing and limited facilities.

Subsequently, we have been working with an alternative supplier of suitable courses in Art and hope to expand these to include other courses previously operated through the centre at Evesham. Whilst these are operated through a third party and from a village hall, the trustees feel this is the best way of continuing provision.

FUTURE PLANS

We remain committed to providing these valuable services; however, we must ensure quality and consistency of service can also be delivered. The alternative venue we are now supporting provides the opportunity for the Trust to re-establish provision for those suffering with acquired brain injury, which is our primary objective. In addition, we are hoping to add other courses, beyond Art and Brain Gym to include Photography and other skills.

If this provider can be supported adequately and interest continues to grow from students the charity will look at expand provision and will look for further opportunities to enhance the provision.

FUNDRAISING

Having identified a viable means to deliver the provision of services, it is intended that fundraising will be focused on raising the funds needed to ensure the long-term provision of services. Our initial target is to raise sufficient funding to match current expenditure and preserve reserves.

Fundraising had been stalled in the last year pending reaching a decision on service provider. This caused a deficit in the year.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees:

Mr. Paul Taylor	Chairman
Lady Carolyn Harford	Secretary
Mrs. Lesley Kewley	
Mr. Clifford How	
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



Paul A Taylor FFA FTA FPFS
Chairman

Dated: 16th July 2024

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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 2024, 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: 25/7/24

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £
Income and endowments:			
Donations and legacies	6,214	-	6,214
Other trading activities		-	-
Investments	1,633	-	1,633
Total	7,847	-	7,847
Expenditure:			
Charitable activities:			
WCG			-
Courses	5,999		5,999
Equipment	257		257
Student/Support transport support	2,069	-	2,069
Website	900	-	900
Room Hire	558	-	558
Storage	2,475		2,475
Sundry expenses	(15)	-	(15)
Total	12,243	-	12,243
Depreciation			-
Net income/(expenditure)	(4,396)	-	(4,396)
Total funds brought forward	86,770	16,400	103,170
Total funds carried forward	82,374	16,400	98,774

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets		
Total fixed assets		
Current assets		
Debtors		
Investments	11,961	11,406
Cash at bank and in hand	87,289	93,043
Total current assets	99,250	104,449
Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(476)	(1,279)
Total net assets	98,774	103,170
The funds of the charity:		
Restricted income funds	16,400	16,400
Unrestricted funds	82,374	86,770
Total charity funds	98,774	103,170

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

(Chairman)



Dated: 16/7/2024

(Treasurer)



Dated: 16/7/2024

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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.

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.