

# EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1165547

## Details

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|-------------|---|
| Other names | EVESHAM ABBEY GARDEN TRUST, EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST         |
| Status      | Registered  |
| Legal form  | CIO   |
| Registered  | 2016-02-11  |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a> |

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO CONSERVE, PRESERVE AND IMPROVE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE NATURAL AND MAN-MADE HERITAGE CONTAINED WITHIN THE SITE AND ENVIRONS OF EVESHAM ABBEY, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

**Activities:** Fund-raising including applying for grants.Management, maintenance and development of the site of Evesham Abbey.Organising and coordinating activities to encourage appreciation and understanding of the history and function of Evesham Abbey.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Worcestershire

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £1,190   | £20,812     | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £264,574 | £271,540    | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £615,885 | £664,553    | £7,015 | 1         |
| 2021-12-31 | £260,448 | £232,880    | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £67,751  | £48,789     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                        | Role  | Appointed  |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>BARRIE JOHN BALDELLI</b> | Chair | 2015-10-24 |
| Carmel Langridge            |       | 2021-10-01 |
| Christopher Bloomfield      |       | 2018-09-11 |
| Elizabeth Mary Spencer BEd  |       | 2017-10-31 |
| Hugh Robert Banton          |       | 2021-11-09 |
| Michael Hurst               |       | 2021-03-01 |

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# Accounts

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**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
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EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Name:                 | Evesham Abbey Trust   |
| Address and Location: | 24 Charlton Close<br>Evesham<br>Worcestershire<br>WR11 4SL  |
| Trustees:             | Barrie Baldelli (Chairman)<br>Christopher Bloomfield<br>Elizabeth Spencer BED<br>Michael Hurst<br>Carmel Langridge<br>Hugh Banton |
| Charity Number:       | 1165547   |
| Independent Examiner: | Clement Rabjohns Limited<br>111-113 High Street<br>Evesham<br>Worcestershire<br>WR11 4XP  |
| Bankers:              | Charity Aid Foundation (CAF) Bank<br>25 Kings Hill Avenue<br>West Malling<br>Kent<br>ME19 4JQ                                     |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

## **Introduction**

I am pleased to report that the Evesham Abbey Trust has proceeded well over the past twelve months. Over the past year our volunteer and community engagement plan has maintained its pace and activity and all our contractors have fulfilled their obligations in accordance with the planned programme.

The Evesham Abbey project was conceived in 2014. As can be seen from the attached independently examined accounts cash flow has presented some issues. I am pleased however to report that despite challenges the Trust has managed to remain solvent and met all its liabilities on time.

## **Site Programme Progress**

D.A.Cook Ltd. our main contractor has now completed the restoration works of all the walls and standing structures in accordance with the requirements of Historic England.

The Trust volunteers have worked very hard over the past twelve months on maintaining the gardens. As a result of their efforts the site now contains a Nave Garden, Stone Garden, Cloister Garden and Wildflower Garden and also incorporates a picnic area. The Chairman expressed the Trustees gratitude for all their hard work and dedication.

## **Community Engagement**

The Trust has continued to be actively involved with the local community and has been involved in many of the local festivals and community events, including the Battle of Evesham re-enactment and the Medieval Fair. Trustees have continued to deliver talks to local community groups alongside conducted tours of the site and visits by school groups.

Our Vice Chair, Elizabeth Spencer, has continued to visit schools and to distribute the two school books on the story of the abbey.

## **Transfer of Ownership**

The Trustees have commenced the work of agreeing for the ownership of the site to be transferred to Wychavon District Council and the Trust has appointed solicitors to undertake the legal framework to see this process is as smooth as possible. The Trust hopes that the process will be completed within the next six months. The District Council is keen to accept the gift of the site and to run and maintain it under the management of their Parks and Open Spaces Department.

## **Financial Statement**

I am pleased to recommend to you the adoption of this financial report prepared by our independent examiners. As in past years we have had to harbour our resources carefully and balance the cash flow with caution.

The Trust has held discussions with Wychavon District Council regarding the underwrite loan provided by the council after the loan period has been extended to five years. The negotiations are ongoing but we have received assurances that the Council has agreed to writing off this loan as part of the transfer agreement. The final figures in this regard will be finalised in Trust's final budget and once subsequent audits has been finalised.

We are grateful for the support we have received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic England and our many other funders and supporters and thank them all for their contributions, guidance and encouragement.

Once again we must thank Gill Pawson who has maintained a firm grip on the bookkeeping and our financial management and always displayed good judgement and provided much valued support.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

We are now approaching the final stages of the Abbey project. I am confident that the end results will meet expectations and all liabilities.

We go into 2025 with the knowledge that we have achieved everything we set out to do and that we have done everything we can to preserve the site for the benefit of our community for future generations. The Trust and its partners, volunteers and contractors have saved a scheduled ancient monument from dereliction, removed it from the "at Risk" register and created a new community resource which is being greatly valued.

My thanks go to all my fellow trustees, patrons, our loyal supporters, volunteers and donors for their continued support of Evesham Abbey Trust. That so much has been achieved within the last twelve months is testament to their faith, dedication and tenacity over the past nine years.

Barrie Baldelli

Chairman, Evesham Abbey Trust

Date:

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

### **Governance**

This charity is governed by an unmodified constitution for a Charitable Incorporation Organisation (CIO) who's only voting members are its charity trustees (Foundation Model) as published by the Charity Commission. The constitution was adopted on 24 October 2015 and amended, following advice from the Charity Commission, on 6 February 2016. Once the application was approved and recorded, the trust was incorporated.

The trust is a corporate body, with limited liability, formed under charity law and registered solely with the charity regulator (the Charity Commission).

### **Structure and Management**

The trust is managed by its trustees who communicate regularly and meet formally as required.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

Potential new trustees are identified by formal discussion at trust meetings bearing in mind the experience and skills of that person and the future requirements of the Trust. If that is considered suitable then an existing trustee is nominated to contact that person and discuss the work of the Trust and their possible role. If they agree, then the matter is formally raised and voted on at a subsequent trust meeting.

### **Background**

Evesham Abbey, founded c.710 was dissolved by King Henry Y111 in 1540.

From 1664 to 2017 the site was owned by the Rudge family. In 2014, following discussions for a possible cloister garden on part of the site, the Rudge family offered for public benefit the freehold of the Abby site (comprising the site of the view nave and claustral ranges). The Trust took on the freehold of the "Abbey site" in May 2017 for a nominal sum with a view to undertaking fabric conservation, selected archaeological investigations and development of the site as public gardens for the benefit of Evesham.

### **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

#### **Objectives**

The trustees have complied with the duty on Section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission.

The charitable object of the Trust is to conserve, preserve and improve for the public benefit the natural and man-made heritage contained within the site and environs of Evesham Abbey, Evesham, Worcestershire.

The charitable purposes of the Trust relate to the advancement of education and the advancement of heritage (within the meaning of the Charities Act).

The public benefit is preservation and conservation. The beneficiaries of the charity are the general public.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

The geographical area of the charity's benefit is Evesham, Worcestershire. The charity does not work with children or vulnerable adults.

The areas covered by the Trust are: Arts/Culture/Heritage and Environment/Conservation/Heritage.

#### **Achievements and Performance Activities**

The Trust performs the following activities:

- Commission and undertake repair, restoration and conservation work.
- Commission and undertake archaeological and historical research.
- Commission and undertake public engagement activities.
- Commission and undertake garden development and maintenance.
- Undertake fund-raising for the above activities.

#### **Management and administration activities.**

Since the trust accepted the freehold for the Abbey site in May 2017 it has continued to develop its volunteer base. The trust has also been active in promoting opportunities for a better understanding of the significance of Evesham Abbey and promoted the work of the Trust through involvement in local festivals and events, providing organised talks and lectures at local societies and social groups, as well as organising opportunities for active volunteer activity.

#### **Financial Review**

The total funds of the Abbey have decreased during the year by £23,346 (2023: decrease of £8,466) leaving negative reserves of £24,797 (2023: negative reserves of £1,451) of which £9 are positive restricted funds. The bank balance on 31 December 2024 was £35,103. The trustees have been actively managing the financial risks by successfully negotiating with the Council regarding their waiving of the portion of the initial loan balance over and above the cash reserves held at the completion of the project, in exchange for the transfer of the freehold site into the Council's long term care. This is further detailed in the Chairman's report.

#### **Future Developments**

As stated in the Chairman's report, the next 12 months will include the completion of purely administrative affairs.

#### **Reserves Policy**

Reserves are held to fund maintenance, investigation and development of the Abbey site. Reserves are also held to ensure the ongoing operation of the trust itself.

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards. The applicable law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the Income and Expenditure for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the applicable Charities SORP.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether accounting standards have been followed and disclose any material departures.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on..... and signed on their behalf by:

Barrie Baldelli, Chairman of the Trustees.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 for Charity Number 1165547, set out on pages 9 to 16.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities act,
- To follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts prepare a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

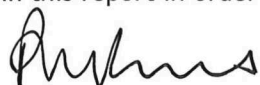
**Independent Examiner's Statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements 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 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.



P R Parsons FCA  
Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Clement Rabjohns Limited  
111-113 High Street  
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**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>Funds 2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds 2024<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>          |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Donations                          | -                               | -                             | -                        | 2,600                    |
| Charitable activities:             |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Other income                       | 1,190                           | -                             | 1,190                    | 3,388                    |
| External grant funding             | -                               | -                             | -                        | 258,586                  |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>    | <u>1,190</u>                    | <u>-</u>                      | <u>1,190</u>             | <u>264,574</u>           |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>          |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Charitable activities              | 24,536                          | -                             | 24,536                   | 273,040                  |
| Other resources expended           | -                               | -                             | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>    | <u>24,536</u>                   | <u>-</u>                      | <u>24,536</u>            | <u>273,040</u>           |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>    | <u>(23,346)</u>                 | <u>-</u>                      | <u>(23,346)</u>          | <u>(8,466)</u>           |
| Transfer between funds             | -                               | -                             | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Net Movement in Funds</b>       | <u>(23,346)</u>                 | <u>-</u>                      | <u>(23,346)</u>          | <u>(8,466)</u>           |
| <b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>     |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Total Funds brought forward        | (1,460)                         | 9                             | (1,451)                  | 7,015                    |
| <b>Total Funds carried forward</b> | <u>(24,806)</u>                 | <u>9</u>                      | <u>(24,797)</u>          | <u>(1,451)</u>           |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

|  | Unrestricted<br>Funds 2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds 2024<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>  |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Heritage Assets  | 5,000                           | -                             | 5,000                    | 5,000                    |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                      |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Debtors  | -                               | -                             | -                        | -                        |
| Cash at bank   | 35,094                          | 9                             | 35,103                   | 59,049                   |
| Total current assets                                       | <u>35,094</u>                   | <u>9</u>                      | <u>35,103</u>            | <u>59,049</u>            |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due<br/>within one year:</b> | <u>64,900</u>                   | <u>-</u>                      | <u>64,900</u>            | <u>65,500</u>            |
| Net current assets/(liabilities)                           | <u>(29,806)</u>                 | <u>9</u>                      | <u>(29,797)</u>          | <u>(6,451)</u>           |
| <b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>                     | <u>(24,806)</u>                 | <u>9</u>                      | <u>(24,797)</u>          | <u>(1,451)</u>           |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>                                |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Unrestricted funds   | (24,806)                        | -                             | (24,806)                 | (1,460)                  |
| Restricted funds   | -                               | 9                             | 9                        | 9                        |
| Total funds  | <u>(24,806)</u>                 | <u>9</u>                      | <u>(24,797)</u>          | <u>(1,451)</u>           |

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by Evesham Abbey Trust on .....

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

.....  
B Baldelli, Chairman

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

|  | 31/12/2024<br>£ | 31/12/2023<br>£ |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>                          |                 |                 |
| Net Expenditure for the reporting period as per the Income Statement | (23,346)        | (8,466)         |
| <u>Adjustments for:</u>  |                 |                 |
| Movement in Debtors  | -               | 13,151          |
| Movement in Creditors  | (600)           | 600             |
| <i>Net Cash Generated from operations</i>                            | (23,946)        | 5,285           |
| <b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>                          |                 |                 |
| <i>New Loans</i>   | -               | -               |
| <b>Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Period</b>             | <b>(23,946)</b> | <b>5,285</b>    |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the Period</b>      | <b>59,049</b>   | <b>53,764</b>   |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Period</b>            | <b>35,103</b>   | <b>59,049</b>   |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies**

**General information and basis of preparation**

Evesham Abbey Trust is a Charity in England and Wales. The location of the Abbey is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operation and principal activities are described on the Report of the Trustees on pages 5 to 7.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Final Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1, as published on 2 February 2016.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, such as investments. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**Funds**

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given and any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for ordinary purposes.

**Income Recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust becomes legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**Income from Donations and Grants**

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, are included in incoming resources when receivable, that is, when the Trust is legally entitled to the amounts due, except as follows:

1. When the donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
2. When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the charity become entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in the incoming resources until the preconditions for use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to preconditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

**Income tax recoverable**

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

**Volunteer Time**

The value of time donated by general volunteers is not included (FRS 102 S6.18).

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

**Taxation**

The trust has charitable statute and this is exempt from taxation of its income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988, to the extent that they are applied to their charitable objectives.

**Heritage Assets**

A heritage asset is a tangible or intangible asset with historical, artistic, scientific, geophysical or environmental qualities that is held and maintained principally for its contribution to knowledge and culture.

Heritage assets are measured initially at either their cost or valuation if donated.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**2 Analysis of Income**

|                      | Activity   | 31/12/24 | 31/12/23 |
|----------------------|------------|----------|----------|
|                      |            | £        | £        |
| Grants               | Charitable |          | 258,586  |
| Book sales           | Charitable | 20       | 377      |
| Christmas Card sales | Charitable |          | 170      |
| Other income         | Charitable | 1,170    | 2,644    |
| Concert income       | Charitable |          | 197      |
| Donations            | Charitable |          | 2,600    |
|                      | Charitable | 1,190    | 264,574  |

**3 Charitable Activities Cost**

|            | Direct<br>Costs | Support<br>Costs | Total  |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
|            | £               | £                | £      |
| Charitable | 20,812          | 3,724            | 24,536 |

**4 Direct Costs from Charitable Activities**

|  | 31/12/24 | 31/12/23 |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | £        | £        |
| Staff Costs                                    | -        | 2,579    |
| Cost of Fundraising                            | -        | 3,664    |
| Advertising and Promotion                      | 637      | 18,801   |
| Insurance                                      | 811      | 774      |
| Archaeology                                    | -        | 9,148    |
| Surveying, architecture and garden development | 19,303   | 235,337  |
| Office Costs                                   | -        | 144      |
| Computer Costs                                 | -        | 251      |
| Bank Charges                                   | 61       | 60       |
| Other Admin Costs                              | -        | 782      |
|  | 20,812   | 271,540  |

**5 Support Costs**

|            | 31/12/24              | 31/12/23              |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|            | Governance<br>Costs £ | Governance<br>Costs £ |
| Charitable | 3,724                 | 1,500                 |

**6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

|           |   |                           |                         |                     |
|-----------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Staff Costs</b>  |                           |                         |                     |
|           | The average monthly employees during the year was as follows  |                           | 31/12/24                | 31/12/23            |
|           |   |                           | 0                       | 1                   |
|           | No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000         |                           |                         |                     |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities</b> |                           |                         |                     |
|           |   | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ |
|           | <b>Income and Endowments From</b>                             |                           |                         |                     |
|           | Donations and Legacies  | 1,000                     | 1,600                   | 2,600               |
|           | <b>Charitable Activities</b>                                  |                           |                         |                     |
|           | Charitable Activities   | 236,889                   | 25,085                  | 616,841             |
|           | <b>Total</b>  | <u>237,889</u>            | <u>26,685</u>           | <u>264,574</u>      |
|           | <b>Expenditure On</b>   |                           |                         |                     |
|           | Charitable Activities   | 241,483                   | 31,557                  | 273,040             |
|           | <b>Net Income</b>   | <u>(3,594)</u>            | <u>(4,872)</u>          | <u>(8,466)</u>      |
|           | <b>Transfer Between Funds</b>                                 | -                         | -                       | -                   |
|           | <b>Net movement in Funds</b>                                  | <u>(3,594)</u>            | <u>(4,872)</u>          | <u>(8,466)</u>      |
|           | <b>Total Funds brought forward</b>                            | 2,134                     | 4,881                   | 7,015               |
|           | <b>Total Funds carried forward</b>                            | <u>(1,460)</u>            | <u>9</u>                | <u>(1,451)</u>      |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Debtors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>           |                           | 31/12/24                | 31/12/23            |
|           |   |                           | £                       | £                   |
|           | Other Debtors & Prepayments                                   |                           | -                       | -                   |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>         |                           | 31/12/24                | 31/12/23            |
|           |   |                           | £                       | £                   |
|           | Accruals  |                           | 900                     | 1,500               |
|           | Loan  |                           | 64,000                  | 64,000              |
|           |   |                           | <u>64,900</u>           | <u>65,500</u>       |

The Trust has been advanced £Nil (2023:£Nil) by Wychavon District Council as an underwriting loan to guarantee cashflows throughout the project period.

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

**11 Legal Charges**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has a legal charge over the freehold of the Abbey site for the duration of the project. Once the project is complete, the charge will be satisfied.

**12 Related Party Disclosures**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165547

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# Accounts

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EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Name:                 | Evesham Abbey Trust   |
| Address and Location: | 24 Charlton Close<br>Evesham<br>Worcestershire<br>WR11 4SL  |
| Trustees:             | Barrie Baldelli (Chairman)<br>Christopher Bloomfield<br>Elizabeth Spencer BED<br>Michael Hurst<br>Carmel Langridge<br>Hugh Banton |
| Charity Number:       | 1165547   |
| Independent Examiner: | Clement Rabjohns Limited<br>111-113 High Street<br>Evesham<br>Worcestershire<br>WR11 4XP  |
| Bankers:              | Charity Aid Foundation (CAF) Bank<br>25 Kings Hill Avenue<br>West Malling<br>Kent<br>ME19 4JQ                                     |

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## Introduction

I am pleased to report that the Evesham Abbey Trust has proceeded well over the past twelve months in securing the final phases of funding and the workforce to largely complete the conservation, repairs and site development of the remains of Evesham Abbey. Over the past year our volunteer and community engagement plan has maintained its pace and activity and all our contractors have fulfilled their obligations in accordance with the planned programme.

The Evesham Abbey project was conceived in 2014 and it is gratifying for everyone involved that we are seeing nine years on concentrated thinking, ambition and hard work come to fruition.

As can be seen from the attached independently examined accounts cash flow has presented some issues. The Trust is constantly playing catch up by having to pay bills prior to receiving grant payments. I am pleased to report that despite this drawback the Trust has managed to remain solvent and met all its liabilities on time.

## Site Programme Progress

D.A.Cook Ltd. our main contractor has now largely completed the restoration works of all the walls and standing structures in accordance with the requirements of Historic England. We acknowledge the additional contribution that Historic England and The National Lottery Heritage Fund has made towards the funding of the works on the internal southern wall structure, a significant contribution that has greatly enhanced the visual and structural integrity of this feature. Whilst there are still minor works to complete alongside the necessary "snagging" rectifications the Trust is very satisfied with the final results and would like to record their appreciation for the exemplary way in which D A Cook has worked alongside the Trust, often going above and beyond their brief to assist the Trust.

The Trust volunteers have worked very hard over the past twelve months with the interpretive gardens development. With much of the work requiring the hard physical labour of path creation, soil movement, ground clearance and structure erection this work has required stamina, determination and vision. As a result of their efforts the site now contains a Nave Garden, Stone Garden, Cloister Garden and Wildflower Garden and also incorporates a picnic area. Local growers have donated plants, lawn areas laid and arbours.

Trellising in the Nave Garden has been erected thanks to the assistance of the local "Men in Sheds" group.

We particularly appreciated the dedication of the "Wednesday Doughnut Gang" who have remained faithful to the project over many years and deserve praise for their tenacity and commitment. They were joined by two volunteers from a local refugee asylum hotel who proved to be very willing and involved throughout their stay with us.

The one aspect of the gardens development that has been of significant concern has been the difficulty of raising funds for its development. There are very few sources of grant funding for horticulture and gardens development and whilst the Trust was able to source some support the overall budget of £30,000 is quite restricted for such a large area and requires careful management to ensure that the overall visual effect is maintained despite these restrictions.

We are particularly grateful for the contribution of Paul Dare and his team for their invaluable contribution to the gardens ground works and New Leaf Plants of Sedgeborough for their donation of plants.

Discussions have been initiated with volunteers leading to assist the formation of a permanent "Friends of Evesham Abbey" group to support the work of the Parks Department once the District Council take ownership of the site.

Overall the Trust can feel proud of what has been achieved and the level of support and encouragement it has received from all the agencies involved. We must particularly thank Nicola Dyer of Greenwood Projects for her unstinting work and encouragement as our project manager, our conservation architect Philip Balchere of Hook Mason Ltd. and Natalie Hanson, our Community Engagement Worker for their significant contributions over the past year.

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- (CONTINUED)

### Community Engagement

The Trust has continued to be actively involved with the local community and has been involved in many of the local festivals and community events, including the Battle of Evesham re-enactment, the Medieval Fair and Christmas Fair. Trustees have delivered numerous talks to local community groups alongside conducted tours of the site and visits by school groups.

Our Vice Chair, Elizabeth Spencer, has continued to visit schools and to distribute the two school books on the story of the abbey. A total of 40 local schools, both primary and secondary, have been actively engaged in a variety of ways. Elizabeth has been a tower of strength in organising and running these activities and the Trustees are very appreciative of her time and effort.

Our Artist in Residence has completed the banners and monks habits illustrated with artwork by children and these items are now on tour around the district. Additionally the Evesham History tapestry group has continued to develop their activities and their work will be on display at a variety of venues in the coming months.

Our Community Engagement worker completed her period of tenure with the Trust at the end of the year and we must thank and recognise Natalie's work over the past two years.

As part of these activities the Trust commissioned an independent evaluation consultant to assess the work of the Trust and a report has been produced and is available for public scrutiny. Additionally an archaeological report by Avon Archaeology is being finalised and will also be made available.

The Trust held an unveiling ceremony during the year to celebrate the completion of the restoration works by D A Cook Ltd. which was attended by local dignitaries, supporters, volunteers and trustees. The event also allowed the general public to have access to the site to view what had been achieved to that time.

Finally one of the National Lottery Heritage Fund adjudicators visited the site and praised the work of the Trust saying, "We underestimated the scope of the site, how much could be achieved, the capacity for hard work and the tenacity of everyone involved".

### Financial Statement

I am pleased to recommend to you the adoption of this financial report prepared by our accountants and independent examiners. As in past years we have had to harbour our resources carefully and balance the cash flow with caution. On a project of this size and complexity matching income with expenditure whilst dealing with the inevitable delays of drawing down grant funding against invoices causes required some careful planning and forethought. It is indicative of how carefully our initial estimates were calculated that our overrun cost of £1.2m for the total cost of the project is within 5% of our original estimate made in 2017.

The Trust has held discussions with Wychavon District Council regarding the underwrite loan provided by the council and the loan period has been extended to five years. This is on the understanding that there may be a need to write off part of the loan once final figures are completed in 2024 and forms part of the transfer of the freehold of the site to the long term care of the Council's Parks and Open Spaces Department. These negotiations are ongoing. The final figures in this regard will be finalised in 2024 once the 2024 budget and examination has been finalised.

We are grateful for the support we have received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic England and our many other funders and supporters and thank them all for their contributions, guidance and encouragement.

Particular thanks must go to Gill Pawson who has maintained a firm grip on the bookkeeping and our financial management and always displayed good judgement and provided much valued support.

We are now approaching the final stages of the Abbey project whilst still having much to do to further develop the gardens aspect of the site. We have a very restricted budget with which to develop our gardens work but I am sure that we can still achieve the desired effect through hard work and imagination within our limited

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - (CONTINUED)

resources. I am confident that the end results will meet expectations whatever limitation we may face in fiscal support.

We go into 2024 with the knowledge that we have achieved everything we set out to do and that we can preserve the site for the benefit of our community for future generations. The Trust and its partners, volunteers and contractors have saved a scheduled ancient monument from dereliction, removed it from the "at Risk" register and created a new community resource which is being greatly valued.

My thanks go to all my fellow trustees, patrons, our loyal supporters, volunteers and donors for their continued support of Evesham Abbey Trust. That so much has been achieved within the last twelve months is testament to their faith, dedication and tenacity over the past eight years.



Barrie Baldelli

Chairman, Evesham Abbey Trust

Date: 13/2/2024

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

#### **Governance**

This charity is governed by an unmodified constitution for a Charitable Incorporation Organisation (CIO) who's only voting members are its charity trustees (Foundation Model) as published by the Charity Commission. The constitution was adopted on 24 October 2015 and amended, following advice from the Charity Commission, on 6 February 2016. Once the application was approved and recorded, the trust was incorporated.

The trust is a corporate body, with limited liability, formed under charity law and registered solely with the charity regulator (the Charity Commission).

#### **Structure and Management**

The trust is managed by its trustees who communicate regularly and meet formally at least once a month.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

Potential new trustees are identified by formal discussion at trust meetings bearing in mind the experience and skills of that person and the future requirements of the Trust. If that is considered suitable then an existing trustee is nominated to contact that person and discuss the work of the Trust and their possible role. If they agree, then the matter is formally raised and voted on at a subsequent trust meeting.

#### **Background**

Evesham Abbey, founded c.710 was dissolved by King Henry V111 in 1540.

From 1664 to 2017 the site was owned by the Rudge family. In 2014, following discussions for a possible cloister garden on part of the site, the Rudge family offered for public benefit the freehold of the Abby site (comprising the site of the view nave and claustral ranges). The Trust took on the freehold of the "Abbey site" in May 2017 for a nominal sum with a view to undertaking fabric conservation, selected archaeological investigations and development of the site as public gardens for the benefit of Evesham.

#### **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

##### **Objectives**

The trustees have complied with the duty on Section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission.

The charitable object of the Trust is to conserve, preserve and improve for the public benefit the natural and man-made heritage contained within the site and environs of Evesham Abbey, Evesham, Worcestershire.

The charitable purposes of the Trust relate to the advancement of education and the advancement of heritage (within the meaning of the Charities Act).

The public benefit is preservation and conservation.

The beneficiaries of the charity are the general public.

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The geographical area of the charity's benefit is Evesham, Worcestershire.

The charity does not work with children or vulnerable adults.

The areas covered by the Trust are: Arts/Culture/Heritage and Environment/Conservation/Heritage.

#### Achievements and performance

##### Activities

The Trust performs the following activities:

1. Commission and undertake repair, restoration and conservation work.
2. Commission and undertake archaeological and historical research.
3. Commission and undertake public engagement activities.
4. Commission and undertake garden development and maintenance.
5. Undertake fund-raising for the above activities.
6. Management and administration activities.

Since the trust accepted the freehold for the Abbey site in May 2017 it has continued to develop its volunteer base. The trust has also been active in promoting opportunities for a better understanding of the significance of Evesham Abbey and promoted the work of the Trust through involvement in local festivals and events, providing organised talks and lectures at local societies and social groups, as well as organising opportunities for active volunteer activity.

##### Financial Review

The total funds of the Abbey have decreased during the year by £8,466 (2022: decrease of £46,862) leaving negative reserves of £1,451 (2022: positive reserves of £7,015) of which £9 are positive restricted funds. The bank balance on 31 December 2023 was £59,049. The trustees have been actively managing the financial risks by successfully securing a loan extension from the council until the negotiations regarding the loan settlement and transfer of part of the freehold site to their long-term care are complete. This is further detailed in the Chairman's report.

##### Future Developments

As stated in the Chairman's report, the next 12 months will include the completion of the final delivery phase of the project and administrative affairs.

##### Reserves Policy

Reserves are held to fund maintenance, investigation and development of the Abbey site. Reserves are also held to ensure the ongoing operation of the trust itself.

##### Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards. The applicable law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the Income and Expenditure for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the applicable Charities SORP.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether accounting standards have been followed and disclose any material departures.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

EVESHAM ABBY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on  ..... and signed on their behalf by:

Barrie Baldelli, Chairman of the Trustees.

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 for Charity Number 1165547, set out on pages 9 to 16.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities act,
- To follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts prepare a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements 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 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.

P R Parsons FCA  
Date:  
Clement Rabjohns Limited  
111-113 High Street  
Evesham  
Worcestershire  
WR11 4XP

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

|                                 | Unrestricted<br>Funds 2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds 2023<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>       |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Donations                       | 1,000                           | 1,600                         | 2,600                    | 850                      |
| Charitable activities:          |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Other income                    | 3,388                           | -                             | 3,388                    | 4,788                    |
| External grant funding          | 233,501                         | 25,085                        | 258,586                  | 612,053                  |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b> | <u>237,889</u>                  | <u>26,685</u>                 | <u>264,574</u>           | <u>617,691</u>           |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>       |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Charitable activities           | 241,483                         | 31,557                        | 273,040                  | 664,553                  |
| Other resources expended        | -                               | -                             | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b> | <u>241,483</u>                  | <u>31,557</u>                 | <u>273,040</u>           | <u>664,553</u>           |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b> | <u>(3,594)</u>                  | <u>(4,872)</u>                | <u>(8,466)</u>           | <u>(46,862)</u>          |
| Transfer between funds          | -                               | -                             | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Net Movement in Funds</b>    | <u>(3,594)</u>                  | <u>(4,872)</u>                | <u>(8,466)</u>           | <u>(46,862)</u>          |
| <b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>  |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Total Funds brought forward     | <u>2,134</u>                    | <u>4,881</u>                  | <u>7,015</u>             | <u>53,877</u>            |
| Total Funds carried forward     | <u>(1,460)</u>                  | <u>9</u>                      | <u>(1,451)</u>           | <u>7,015</u>             |

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
BALANCE SHEET

|  | Unrestricted<br>Funds 2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds 2023<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                                |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Heritage Assets                                    | 5,000                           | -                             | 5,000                    | 5,000                    |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                              |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Debtors  | -                               | -                             | -                        | 13,151                   |
| Cash at bank                                       | 59,040                          | 9                             | 59,049                   | 53,764                   |
| Total current assets                               | <u>59,040</u>                   | <u>9</u>                      | <u>59,049</u>            | <u>66,915</u>            |
| Creditors: amounts falling due<br>within one year: | <u>65,500</u>                   | <u>-</u>                      | <u>65,500</u>            | <u>64,900</u>            |
| Net current assets/(liabilities)                   | <u>(6,460)</u>                  | <u>9</u>                      | <u>(6,451)</u>           | <u>2,015</u>             |
| Total net assets or liabilities                    | <u>(1,460)</u>                  | <u>9</u>                      | <u>(1,451)</u>           | <u>7,015</u>             |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>                        |                                 |                               |                          |                          |
| Unrestricted funds                                 | (1,460)                         | -                             | (1,460)                  | 2,134                    |
| Restricted funds                                   | -                               | 9                             | 9                        | 4,881                    |
| Total funds  | <u>(1,460)</u>                  | <u>9</u>                      | <u>(1,451)</u>           | <u>7,015</u>             |

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by Evesham Abbey Trust on .....

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

.....  
B Baldelli, Chairman

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

|  | 31/12/2023                 | 31/12/2022                 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | £                          | £                          |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities                                 |                            |                            |
| Net Expenditure for the reporting period as per the Income Statement | (8,466)                    | (46,862)                   |
| <u>Adjustments for:</u>  |                            |                            |
| Movement in Debtors  | 13,151                     | (2)                        |
| Movement in Creditors  | 600                        | 120                        |
| <i>Net Cash Generated from operations</i>                            | 5,285                      | (46,744)                   |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities                                 |                            |                            |
| <i>New Loans</i>   | -                          | -                          |
|  | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> |
| Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Period                    | 5,285                      | (46,744)                   |
|  | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the Period             | 53,764                     | 100,508                    |
|  | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Period                   | 59,049                     | 53,764                     |
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EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

**General information and basis of preparation**

Evesham Abbey Trust is a Charity in England and Wales. The location of the Abbey is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operation and principal activities are described on the Report of the Trustees on pages 5 to 7.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Final Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1, as published on 2 February 2016.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, such as investments. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**Funds**

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given and any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for ordinary purposes.

**Income Recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust becomes legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**Income from Donations and Grants**

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, are included in incoming resources when receivable, that is, when the Trust is legally entitled to the amounts due, except as follows:

1. When the donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
2. When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the charity become entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in the incoming resources until the preconditions for use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to preconditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

**Income tax recoverable**

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

**Volunteer Time**

The value of time donated by general volunteers is not included (FRS 102 S6.18).

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

**Taxation**

The trust has charitable statute and this is exempt from taxation of its income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988, to the extent that they are applied to their charitable objectives.

**Heritage Assets**

A heritage asset is a tangible or intangible asset with historical, artistic, scientific, geophysical or environmental qualities that is held and maintained principally for its contribution to knowledge and culture.

Heritage assets are measured initially at either their cost or valuation if donated.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

2 Analysis of Income

|                      | Activity   | 31/12/23<br>£  | 31/12/22<br>£  |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Grants               | Charitable | 258,586        | 612,053        |
| Book sales           | Charitable | 377            | 338            |
| Christmas Card sales | Charitable | 170            | 275            |
| Other income         | Charitable | 2,644          | 3,219          |
| Concert income       | Charitable | 197            | 956            |
| Donations            | Charitable | 2,600          | 850            |
|                      | Charitable | <u>264,574</u> | <u>617,691</u> |

3 Charitable Activities Cost

|            | Direct<br>Costs<br>£ | Support<br>Costs<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Charitable | <u>271,540</u>       | <u>1,500</u>          | <u>273,040</u> |

4 Direct Costs from Charitable Activities

|  | 31/12/23<br>£  | 31/12/22<br>£  |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Staff Costs                                    | 2,579          | 25,658         |
| Cost of Fundraising                            | 3,664          | 1,341          |
| Advertising and Promotion                      | 18,801         | 7,194          |
| Insurance                                      | 774            | 727            |
| Archaeology                                    | 9,148          | 6,309          |
| Surveying, architecture and garden development | 235,337        | 620,712        |
| Office Costs                                   | 144            | 144            |
| Computer Costs                                 | 251            | 501            |
| Bank Charges                                   | 60             | 81             |
| Other Admin Costs                              | 782            | 987            |
|  | <u>271,540</u> | <u>663,653</u> |

5 Support Costs

|            | 31/12/23<br>Governance<br>Costs £ | 31/12/22<br>Governance<br>Costs £ |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Charitable | <u>1,500</u>                      | <u>900</u>                        |

6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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|    |  |                           |                         |                     |
|----|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 7  | Staff Costs  |                           |                         |                     |
|    | The average monthly employees during the year was as follows |                           |                         |                     |
|    |  | 31/12/23                  | 31/12/22                |                     |
|    |  | 1                         | 1                       |                     |
|    | No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000        |                           |                         |                     |
| 8  | Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities       |                           |                         |                     |
|    |  | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ |
|    | Income and Endowments From<br>Donations and Legacies         | 250                       | 600                     | 850                 |
|    | Charitable Activities  |                           |                         |                     |
|    | Charitable Activities  | 613,341                   | 3,500                   | 616,841             |
|    | Total  | <u>613,591</u>            | <u>4,100</u>            | <u>617,691</u>      |
|    | Expenditure On<br>Charitable Activities                      | 664,553                   | -                       | 664,553             |
|    | Net Income   | <u>(50,962)</u>           | <u>4,100</u>            | <u>(46,862)</u>     |
|    | Transfer Between Funds                                       | -                         | -                       | -                   |
|    | Net movement in Funds  | <u>(50,962)</u>           | <u>4,100</u>            | <u>(46,862)</u>     |
|    | Total Funds brought forward                                  | 53,096                    | 781                     | 53,877              |
|    | Total Funds carried forward                                  | <u>2,134</u>              | <u>4,881</u>            | <u>7,015</u>        |
| 9  | Debtors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year                 |                           | 31/12/23                | 31/12/22            |
|    |  |                           | £                       | £                   |
|    | Other Debtors & Prepayments                                  |                           | -                       | 13,151              |
| 10 | Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year               |                           | 31/12/23                | 31/12/22            |
|    |  |                           | £                       | £                   |
|    | Accruals   |                           | 1,500                   | 900                 |
|    | Loan   |                           | 64,000                  | 64,000              |
|    |  |                           | <u>65,500</u>           | <u>64,900</u>       |

The Trust has been advanced £Nil (2022:£Nil) by Wychavon District Council as an underwriting loan to guarantee cashflows throughout the project period.

EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
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11 Legal Charges

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has a legal charge over the freehold of the Abbey site for the duration of the project. Once the project is complete, the charge will be satisfied.

12 Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165547

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1165547**

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Name:** Evesham Abbey Trust

**Address and Location:** 24 Charlton Close  
Evesham  
Worcestershire  
WR11 4SL

**Trustees:** Barrie Baldelli (Chairman)  
Christopher Bloomfield  
Elizabeth Spencer BED  
Michael Hurst  
Carmel Langridge  
Hugh Banton

**Charity Number:** 1165547

**Independent Examiner:** G C Accountancy Limited  
43 Merstow Green  
Evesham  
Worcestershire  
WR11 4BB

**Bankers:** Charity Aid Foundation (CAF) Bank  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Introduction:**

I am pleased to present my annual report for the year ending December 31st 2022 on behalf of the Evesham Abbey Trust.

2022 has been a defining year for the Trust. Following the Covid pandemic and all the difficulties associated with the restoration works of the Abbey site fabric together with the demands of running the community engagement this year has seen a remarkable leap forward on all aspects of the Trust's work.

**Programme Progress:**

D.A.Cook Ltd., our main contractors have maintained steady progress throughout the year in restoring and conserving the walls and structures. Such was the pace of progress that all the peripheral walls were completed on time and to such a high standard that Historic England inspectors remarked, that: **These works stand as an exemplar of good practice and workmanship.**

High praise that is well deserved. The Trust wishes to acknowledge the superb level of cooperation, flexibility and sensitivity that D.A.Cook Ltd. and all its staff have demonstrated throughout these works.

This was also a year of discovery when the ground works uncovered the Western end wall of the Abbey nave, which in turn allowed the trust to undertake some additional archaeology. Fortunately Historic England were able to provide some additional funding to enable this feature to be conserved and incorporated into the overall interpretive gardens design for future reference. Other archaeological investigations over the year were undertaken, including a number of community archaeology sessions. Whilst only limited additional discoveries were made the confirmation of pre-existing knowledge was useful and will be incorporated in the final archaeological report being prepared by Avon Archaeology.

The Trust was successful in securing the funds to enable a ramp to be installed between the Nave Garden and the Wildflower Garden to facilitate access for those with mobility issues and the design specification for all the access routes throughout the site will incorporate accessible routes for wheelchairs.

The Trust has also successfully obtained additional funding to ensure that the internal walls of the site are conserved and repaired to the same high standard as the peripheral walls. This element had been in some doubt for a time in view of the relatively high cost and the extent of the work involved but thanks to supplementary grant funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund the cost of this work has now been incorporated into the main NLHF funding stream.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)**

Thanks must go to Nicola Dyer, our Project Manager, for all her hard work in maintaining strict and thorough oversight of the project finances and progress. Her skills and dedication to the task has greatly facilitated the work of the Trust and her enthusiasm and good humour has greatly helped trustees overcome any qualms they might have had at times when the detail needed a calm and reassuring voice.

The gardens design has now been formalised and agreed with Historic England and the Trust has consulted with the Wychavon District Council Parks Department to ensure that it meets the requirement of “low maintenance”. Thanks to the efforts of Philip Belchere, our conservation architect, this design is now agreed and work will be commencing in 2023 on setting out the hard landscaping and the initial planting in early Spring 2023. We have to thank all the dedicated volunteers who have continued to work on the site throughout the year. Their contribution has been invaluable and indispensable. Thank you, each and every one of you!

**Community Involvement:**

The range and scope of our community involvement through the year has met all the programme objectives and in many cases exceeded expectation. Natalie Hanson, our Community Engagement Worker has diligently worked to ensure that all the objectives which were set out as part of the programme agreed with the Heritage Lottery Fund were achieved. The Trust was involved in numerous local public events, developed funding opportunities, engaged with local schools, clubs and societies and organised talks, site tours and walks. Alongside these events Natalie manned the Trust Hub office in the local shopping centre and acted as the day to day community link.

Particular mention must be made of the schools engagement programme. The Trust has actively involved over 30 local schools in the work of the Trust through site visits, talks in schools, archaeological teaching sessions, musical and visual art works and hands on activities on site thanks to cooperation from our main contractors. One of the highlights of these activities was the production and distribution of specially written illustrated histories of Evesham Abbey designed for Key Stage 1 and 2 readers alongside an adult history book.

An Artist in Residence has been working with local schools and is producing artworks based on children’s illustrations for exhibition. A musical composer was commissioned to write a suite of “Music From The Abbey” which was given its premier by over 100 children from 12 different schools coming together to perform this unique piece.

In cooperation with a local Rotary Club an Evesham History Tapestry is being sewn for exhibition in 2023. This activity has brought together a significant number of people who have met in the Trust Hub to create this artwork for public exhibition.

The Trust has to thank the many people who have contributed to the success of our community engagement programme. That so much has been achieved is testament to their commitment to the project, their enthusiasm and unflinching good humour.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)**

Our thanks go in particular, to Natalie Hanson for undertaking her duties so well, and to Elizabeth Spencer, our Vice Chairman of Trustees, for her dedication to the schools engagement programme. Her knowledge and enthusiasm for the schools work was invaluable.

**Financial Statement:**

I am pleased to recommend to you the adoption and approval of the financial report prepared by our accountants G C Accountancy Limited. (Copies available at the Annual General Meeting and by request)

As in past years our finances have always relied heavily on grants and donations and we are very grateful for all the contributions we have received over this past twelve months, large or small. We are particularly grateful for the ongoing support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England and the additional funding they have provided when required. We also recognise the funding support we have received from numerous sources to fund the gardens development. It has always been particularly difficult to secure funding for new gardens but the trust is optimistic that it now has secured sufficient funding to create the framework of the gardens within budget during 2023. But as ever we will continue to seek more support, in cash or plant donations, to further enhance this area of work.

Overall the financial situation of the Trust is secure and well managed. Thanks to the diligent work of Gill Pawson in looking after our books and accounts we have a firm grasp of our financial assets and liabilities which combined with the work of our project manager Nicola Dyer in monitoring the project costs we have been able to maintain a reasonable surplus in our bank account and absorb the demands of large construction bills. Our thanks to both of them for their diligence and hard work.

In 2023 the Trust will enter a more challenging period as we seek to develop the gardens and face a very short period where funding retentions are applied whilst the project is completed. We also have to re-pay the Wychavon District Council underwrite as soon as possible, subject to negotiation in transferring ownership once the project is completed. The Trust has started these negotiations and hopes to complete them in 2023.

May I thank all my fellow Trustees, our loyal volunteers and helpers, donors and supporters for their continuing support of the Evesham Abbey Trust. That so much has been achieved over the past twelve months is a testament to their faith, loyalty and hard work. I look forward to welcoming you all to our official opening in 2023 and celebrating the culmination of all the years of commitment and dedication.

.....  
Barrie Baldelli

Chairman, Evesham Abbey Trust

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

### **Governance**

The charity is governed by an unmodified constitution for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) who's only voting members are its charity trustees (Foundation Model) as published by the Charity Commission. The constitution was adopted on 24 October 2015 and amended, following advice from the Charity Commission, on 6 February 2016. Once the application was approved and recorded, the trust was incorporated.

The Trust is a corporate body, with limited liability, formed under charity law, and registered solely with the charity regulator (the Charity Commission).

### **Structure and Management**

The trust is managed by its trustees who communicate regularly and meet formally at least once a month.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

Potential new trustees are identified by formal discussion at trust meetings bearing in mind the experience and skills of that person and the future requirement of the Trust. If that person is considered suitable then an existing trustee is nominated to contact that person and discuss the work of the Trust and their possible role. If they agree, then the matter is formally raised and voted on at a subsequent trust meeting.

### **Background**

Evesham Abbey, founded C.710, was dissolved by King Henry VIII in 1540. From 1664 to 2017 the site was owned by the Rudge family. In 2014, following discussions for a possible cloister garden on part of the site, the Rudge family offered for public benefit the freehold of the Abbey site (comprising the site of the view nave and claustral ranges). The Trust took on the freehold of the "Abbey site" in May 2017 for a nominal sum with a view to undertaking fabric conservation, selected archaeological investigations and development of the site as public gardens for the benefit of Evesham.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

**Objectives**

The trustees have complied with the duty on Section 17 (5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission.

The charitable object of the Trust is to conserve, preserve and improve for the public benefit the natural and man-made heritage contained within the site and environs of Evesham Abbey, Evesham, Worcestershire.

The charitable purposes of the Trust relate to the advancement of education, and the advancement of heritage (within the meaning of the Charities Act).

The public benefit is preservation and conservation.

The beneficiaries of the charity are the general public.

The geographical area of the charity's benefit is Evesham, Worcestershire.

The charity does not work with children or vulnerable adults.

The areas covered by the Trust are: Arts/ Culture/ Heritage and Environment/ Conservation/ Heritage.

**Achievements and performance**

**Activities**

The Trust performs the following activities:

- 1) Commission and undertake repair, restoration and conservation work.
- 2) Commission and undertake archaeological and historical research.
- 3) Commission and undertake public engagement activities.
- 4) Commission and undertake garden development and maintenance.
- 5) Undertake fund-raising for the above activities.
- 6) Management and administration activities.

Since the trust accepted the freehold for the Abbey site in May 2017 it has continued to develop its volunteer base. The trust has also been active in promoting opportunities for a better understanding of the significance of Evesham Abbey, and promoted the work of the Trust through involvement in local festivals and events, providing organised talks and lectures at local societies and social groups, as well as organising opportunities for active volunteer activity.

The Chairman's report details the achievements during the year.

**Financial Review**

The total funds of the Abbey have decreased during the year by £46,862 (2021: Increase of £27,568) leaving reserves of £2,134 of which £4,881 are restricted funds.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

The bank balance at 31 December 2022 was £53,764. The trustees consider the level of funds to be appropriate based on the future requirements of the project.

**Future Developments**

As stated in the Chairmans report, the next 12 months will include the completion of the delivery phase of the project. The Challenge of the Gradens will then be well underway, with the next 12 months hopefully including secured funding for the remainder of the garden project.

**Reserves Policy**

Reserves are held to fund maintenance, investigation and development of the Abbey site. Reserves are also held to ensure the ongoing operation of the trust itself.

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards. The applicable law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the Income and Expenditure for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether accounting standards have been followed and disclose any material departures;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on the ..... and signed on their behalf by:

Barrie Baldelli, Chairman of the Trustees

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, for Charity number 1165547, set out on pages 9 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the charities act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities act,
- To follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts prepare a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the charities act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements 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 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.

Daniel Lewis  
G C Accountancy Limited  
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**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                    | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>Total Funds<br/>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>Total Funds<br/>2021<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>          |  |  |                                   |                                   |
| Donations                          | 250  | 600  | 850                               | 138                               |
| Other Income                       | 4,788  | -  | 4,788                             | 9,725                             |
| External Grant Funding             | 608,553                                      | 3,500                                      | 612,053                           | 250,586                           |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>    | <b>613,591</b>                               | <b>4,100</b>                               | <b>617,691</b>                    | <b>260,449</b>                    |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>          |  |  |                                   |                                   |
| <b>Charitable Activities</b>       |  |  |                                   |                                   |
| Charitable                         | 664,553                                      | -  | 664,553                           | 232,880                           |
| Other Resources Expended           | -  | -  | -                                 | -                                 |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>    | <b>664,553</b>                               | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>664,553</b>                    | <b>232,880</b>                    |
| <b>Net Incoming/ (Outgoing)</b>    | <b>- 50,962</b>                              | <b>4,100</b>                               | <b>- 46,862</b>                   | <b>27,569</b>                     |
| Transfer Between funds             |  |  | -                                 | -                                 |
| <b>Net Movement in Funds</b>       | <b>(50,962)</b>                              | <b>4,100</b>                               | <b>- 46,862</b>                   | <b>27,569</b>                     |
| Total Funds Brought Forward        | 53,096                                       | 781  | 53,877                            | 26,308                            |
| <b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b> | <b>2,134</b>                                 | <b>4,881</b>                               | <b>7,015</b>                      | <b>53,877</b>                     |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

| Notes                      | 2022<br>£ | 2021<br>£ |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>        |           |           |
| Heritage Assets            | 5,000     | 5,000     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>      |           |           |
| Debtors                    | 13,151    | 13,149    |
| Cash at bank               | 53,764    | 100,508   |
|                            | 66,915    | 113,657   |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b> |           |           |
| Creditors                  | 900       | 780       |
| Bank Loan                  | 64,000    | 64,000    |
|                            | 64,900    | 64,780    |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>  | 2,015     | 48,877    |
| <b>Net Assets</b>          | 7,015     | 53,877    |
| <b>Funds</b>               |           |           |
| Unrestricted Funds         | 2,134     | 93,273    |
| Restricted Funds           | 4,881     | (66,964)  |
|                            | 7,015     | 26,309    |

*These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by Evesham Abbey Trust*  
 on .....

*Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:*

.....  
*Barrie Baldelli, Chairman*

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

|  | <b>31.12.2022</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| <b>Cashflows from Operating Activities</b>   |                   |                   |
| Net (Expenditure) / Income for the reporting period as per the Statement of Financial Position | (46,862)          | 27,568            |
| <u>Adjustments for:</u>  |                   |                   |
| Movement in Debtors  | (2)               | (11,494)          |
| Movement in Creditors  | 120               | 420               |
| <i>Net Cash Generated from operations</i>  | <i>(46,744)</i>   | <i>16,494</i>     |
| <b>Cash flows from Financing Activities</b>  |                   |                   |
| <i>New Bank Loans</i>  | <i>0</i>          | <i>30,000</i>     |
| <b>Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Period</b>                                       | <b>(46,744)</b>   | <b>46,494</b>     |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the period</b>                                | <b>100,508</b>    | <b>54,014</b>     |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the period</b>                                      | <b>53,764</b>     | <b>100,508</b>    |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies**

**General information and basis of preparation**

Evesham Abbey Trust is a Charity in England and Wales. The location of the Abbey is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operation and principal activities are described on the Report of the Trustees on pages 2 to 4.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying for FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, such as investments. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**Funds**

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given and any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for ordinary purposes.

**Income Recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust becomes legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**Income from Donations and Grants**

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, are included in incoming resources when receivable, that is, when the Trust is legally entitled to the amounts due, except as follows:

1. When the donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
2. When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in the incoming resources until the preconditions for use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to preconditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

**Income tax recoverable**

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

**Volunteer Time**

The value of time donated by general volunteers is not included (FRS102 S6.18).

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an Accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

**Taxation**

The Trust has charitable statute and this is exempt from taxation of its income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988, to the extent that they are applied to their charitable objectives.

**Heritage Assets**

A heritage asset is a tangible or intangible asset with historical, artistic, scientific, geophysical or environmental qualities that is held and maintained principally for its contribution to knowledge and culture.

Heritage assets are measured initially at either their cost or valuation if donated.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**2 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                      |                 | <b>31.12.2022</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                      | <b>Activity</b> | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Grants               | Charitable      | 612,053           | 250,586           |
| Allotment Fees       | Charitable      | -                 | 735               |
| Pilgrim Walk Fees    | Charitable      | -                 | 92                |
| Book Sales           | Charitable      | 338               | 30                |
| Christmas Card Sales | Charitable      | 275               | 1,014             |
| Other Income         | Charitable      | 3,219             | 1,026             |
| Concert Income       | Charitable      | 956               | -                 |
| Donations            | Charitable      | 850               | -                 |
|                      |                 | <u>615,885</u>    | <u>253,483</u>    |

**3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

|            | <b>Direct Costs<br/>(See Note 4)</b> | <b>Support Costs<br/>(See Note 5)</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
|            | <b>£</b>                             | <b>£</b>                              | <b>£</b>       |
| Charitable | <u>663,653</u>                       | <u>900</u>                            | <u>664,553</u> |

**4 DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                            | <b>31.12.2022</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Staff Costs                | 25,658            | 24,683            |
| Cost of Fundraising        | 1,341             | 2,828             |
| Advertising & Promotion    | 7,194             | 1,107             |
| Insurance                  | 727               | 689               |
| Repairs & Maintenance      | -                 | 422               |
| Archaeology                | 6,309             | 11,097            |
| Surveying & Architecture   | 620,712           | 186,131           |
| Office Costs               | 144               | 144               |
| Computer Costs             | 501               | 204               |
| Bank Charges               | 81                | 102               |
| Other Administration Costs | 987               | 4,218             |
| Sundry Expenses            | -                 | 475               |
|                            | <u>663,653</u>    | <u>232,100</u>    |

**5 SUPPORT COSTS**

|            | <b>Governance<br/>Costs</b> |
|------------|-----------------------------|
|            | <b>£</b>                    |
| Charitable | <u>900</u>                  |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**7 STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

| <b>31.12.2022</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| <u>1</u>          | <u>0</u>          |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

**8 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                    | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Total Funds</b>   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|                                    | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>             |
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |                              |                             |                      |
| Donations and Legacies             | 9,863                        | -                           | 9,863                |
| <b>Charitable Activities</b>       |                              |                             |                      |
| Charitable Activities              | 240,840                      | 9,745                       | 250,585              |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>250,703</u>               | <u>9,745</u>                | <u>260,448</u>       |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |                              |                             |                      |
| <b>Charitable Activities</b>       |                              |                             |                      |
| Charitable Activities              | 232,880                      | -                           | 232,880              |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                  | <u>17,823</u>                | <u>9,745</u>                | <u>27,568</u>        |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>     | -                            | 58,000                      | -                    |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>       | <u>-</u>                     | <u>67,745</u>               | <u>27,568</u>        |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                              |                             |                      |
| <b>Total Funds Brought Forward</b> | <u>93,273</u>                | <u>(66,964)</u>             | <u>26,309</u>        |
| <b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b> | <u><u>53,096</u></u>         | <u><u>781</u></u>           | <u><u>53,877</u></u> |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**9 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                             | <b>31.12.2022</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                             | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Other Debtors & Prepayments | 13,151            | 13,149            |
|                             | <u>13,151</u>     | <u>13,149</u>     |

**10 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|          | <b>31.12.2022</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
|          | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Accruals | 900               | 780               |
|          | <u>900</u>        | <u>780</u>        |

**11 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE OVER ONE YEAR**

|      | <b>31.12.2022</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|------|-------------------|-------------------|
|      | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Loan | 64,000            | 64,000            |
|      | <u>64,000</u>     | <u>64,000</u>     |

The Trust has been advanced £Nil (2021: £30,000) by Wychavon District Council as an underwriting loan to guarantee cashflows throughout the project period. This balance is interest free for the first 3 years, with the interest rate increasing to 3% + BOE Base Rate after the initial interest free period.

**12 LEGAL CHARGES**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has a legal charge over the freehold of the Abbey site for the duration of the project. Once the project is complete, the charge will be satisfied.

**13 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165547

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1165547

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
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**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021  
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Name:</b>                 | Evesham Abbey Trust   |
| <b>Address and Location:</b> | 24 Charlton Close<br>Evesham<br>Worcestershire<br>WR11 4SL  |
| <b>Trustees:</b>             | Barrie Baldelli (Chairman)<br>Christopher Bloomfield<br>Elizabeth Spencer BED<br>Michael Hurst (Appointed 1 March 2021)<br>Carmel Langridge (Appointed 1 October 2021)<br>Hugh Banton (Appointed 9 November 2021) |
| <b>Charity Number:</b>       | 1165547   |
| <b>Independent Examiner:</b> | G C Accountancy Limited<br>43 Merstow Green<br>Evesham<br>Worcestershire<br>WR11 4BB  |
| <b>Bankers:</b>              | Charity Aid Foundation (CAF) Bank<br>25 Kings Hill Avenue<br>West Malling<br>Kent<br>ME19 4JQ   |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

May I welcome you to our annual report and AGM. The year ending December 2019 was a pivotal year in the work of the Trust, made all the more demanding by the emergence of the Covid pandemic. As a result of the shutdowns and restrictions the normal schedule of the Annual General Meeting was disrupted and delayed until October 2021 rather than the normal date of February 2021. Therefore my report covers a time scale that includes the whole of 2020 as well as part of 2021.

I am delighted to report that the past eighteen months has seen highly significant progress in the work of the Evesham Abbey Trust. Despite the complications caused by the Covid 19 epidemic the Trust has managed to maintain an acceptable momentum in delivering the Evesham Abbey project.

The most important factor in the year was the confirmed funding from both The Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England. Both these grants have allowed the Trust to move to the next stage of the project and inject renewed pace into the work on the ground. The contractors have worked very hard with the Trust to ensure that the Covid situation effect was minimised as much as was humanly possible. As a result we can now report that works have at long last commenced on the restoration of the walls.

The Trust has received sufficient funding from the HLF to undertake the conservation and restoration stages of the works and permission to start was received from the Lotter Fund in November 2020 subject to the appointment of the project managers and the community engagement worker. Over the following months the trust appointed Greenwood Projects Ltd as the project managers and Ms Natalie Hanson as the Community Engagement Worker for the Trust.

The Trustees have worked with Historic England and as a result of building this relationship the Trust has been awarded an increased grant of over £130,000 towards the cost of restoring the north wall and north east corner of the Nave area of the site. This was an important recognition by Historic England of the importance of the Abbey site and the help they are prepared to offer in preserving this scheduled ancient monument site. The Trust also recognises the care and support Historic England has offered in advising and supporting us on the large number of issues relating to scheduled ancient monument consent and planning. Their expertise has been invaluable.

Fund raising remains a central feature and continues to be a priority in the work of the Trust in order to build sufficient reserves and to meet the matched funding requirements of the awarded grants. Thanks to the increase in funding from Historic England and additional input from other sources the Trustees remain confident that they will be able to meet its matched funding obligations in respect of the construction and conservation aspects. We continue to seek the funding for the gardens phase of the scheme which has been estimated to require an additional £85,000 to complete. Discussions have been initiated with a number of local funding sources to meet this requirement and the Trustees will be working towards securing the required resources over the next two years.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)**

Over the past twelve months the Trust has continued to work with a number of expert contractors who are working with the Trustees. The retention of Greenwood Projects Ltd. as Project Managers has ensured continuity of service as has the continuing service of Hook Mason Ltd. as Conservation Architects. Avon Archaeology Ltd. were appointed as the Trust's archaeology contractors. Over the period of 2021 we have also engaged the services of DA Cook Ltd as our building contractor and Hulls Ltd. for groundworks. We thank them for their expert contribution to the work of the Trust and look forward to our continuing relationship with them. We have also worked with numerous other organisations and businesses over the past twelve months who have contributed their expertise, facilities and resources for the benefit of the Trust and we thank them all.

The Trust has now established a Gardens Sub Committee to develop a gardens design and planting scheme which aims to finalise the design of the four garden areas and fully cost this part of the project. The Trust is aiming to begin the gardens work in the Spring of 2022.

The involvement of the local community has always been central to the way the Trust functions and the Trustees have worked hard to engage with the people of the town and to find ways in which they can be involved in the work and activities of the Trust. Our volunteer and supporters register now numbers over 100 local residents many of whom have been involved with work on the ground. The Trust has also been active in promoting opportunities for a better understanding of the significance of Evesham Abbey and promoted the work of the Trust through involvement in local festivals and events, providing organised talks and lectures to local societies and social groups as well as organising opportunities for active volunteer activity. We thank all our volunteers and supporters for their unstinting support. The Trust intends to continue to develop and improve the opportunities for community engagement, particularly in the participation of young people. The development of a comprehensive schools involvement programme that is compatible with the National Curriculum has been a big task which Vice Chair, Elizabeth Spencer CEW Natalie Hanson have devoted considerable time to developing. The Schools Lead Teacher Panel has met regularly over the past months and our involvement with schools has seen many sessions of direct involvement both in schools and on the abbey site. This work will continue to be a high priority in the activities of our community engagement worker.

The Trustees are also pleased to report that, thanks to Trustee Chris Bloomfield, the relationship with our allotment tenants have developed into a very constructive partnership which has seen an increase the number of plots available. We will continue to work cooperatively with the tenants towards developing these growing areas into a sustainable and more attractive feature of the overall scheme for the Abbey site.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST  
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)**

The Trustee board has seen some changes over the past year. We have been joined by Mick Hurst as a new Trustee and Trust meetings now include representatives from the Vale of Evesham Historical Society and Trust volunteers. The Trust will continue to review the composition of the board of Trustees in accordance with its terms of reference and constitution. My thanks to all the Trustees and organisations and volunteers both past and present, for their commitment, support and hard work over what has been a demanding eighteen months. My thanks also go to our Treasurer, Gill Pawson, who has kept our books in order and maintained our grip on financial discipline. Her contribution has been invaluable in what is a large and sometimes complex exercise.

Also thank you Brenda Morton for acting as the trust scribe when recording trust minutes as minute secretary. My final appreciation must go to Elizabeth Spencer, my Vice Chair whose support and unflagging commitment has done so much to keep spirits high and resolve unbowed!

Finally a big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who have given of their time to the project. Often quietly and unasked they have maintained their faith and commitment to the project, taken on roles and tasks that required stoic resolve, been buoyed up and sometimes disappointed. Thank each and everyone of you from all the Trust committee members.

The next twelve months will be both exciting and challenging. Once the Delivery phase is completed by late 2022 the challenge of gardens development will be well underway and the final chapter in delivering the abbey site as an Evesham community resource will be written.



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Barrie Baldelli

Chairman, Evesham Abbey Trust

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

#### **Governance**

The charity is governed by an unmodified constitution for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) who's only voting members are its charity trustees (Foundation Model) as published by the Charity Commission. The constitution was adopted on 24 October 2015 and amended, following advice from the Charity Commission, on 6 February 2016. Once the application was approved and recorded, the trust was incorporated.

The Trust is a corporate body, with limited liability, formed under charity law, and registered solely with the charity regulator (the Charity Commission).

#### **Structure and Management**

The trust is managed by its trustees who communicate regularly and meet formally at least once a month.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

Potential new trustees are identified by formal discussion at trust meetings bearing in mind the experience and skills of that person and the future requirement of the Trust. If that person is considered suitable then an existing trustee is nominated to contact that person and discuss the work of the Trust and their possible role. If they agree, then the matter is formally raised and voted on at a subsequent trust meeting.

#### **Background**

Evesham Abbey, founded C.710, was dissolved by King Henry VIII in 1540. From 1664 to 2017 the site was owned by the Rudge family. In 2014, following discussions for a possible cloister garden on part of the site, the Rudge family offered for public benefit the freehold of the Abbey site (comprising the site of the view nave and claustral ranges). The Trust took on the freehold of the "Abbey site" in May 2017 for a nominal sum with a view to undertaking fabric conservation, selected archaeological investigations and development of the site as public gardens for the benefit of Evesham.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

**Objectives**

The trustees have complied with the duty on Section 17 (5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission.

The charitable object of the Trust is to conserve, preserve and improve for the public benefit the natural and man-made heritage contained within the site and environs of Evesham Abbey, Evesham, Worcestershire.

The charitable purposes of the Trust relate to the advancement of education, and the advancement of heritage (within the meaning of the Charities Act).

The public benefit is preservation and conservation.

The beneficiaries of the charity are the general public.

The geographical area of the charity's benefit is Evesham, Worcestershire.

The charity does not work with children or vulnerable adults.

The areas covered by the Trust are: Arts/ Culture/ Heritage and Environment/ Conservation/ Heritage.

**Achievements and performance**

**Activities**

The Trust performs the following activities:

- 1) Commission and undertake repair, restoration and conservation work.
- 2) Commission and undertake archaeological and historical research.
- 3) Commission and undertake public engagement activities.
- 4) Commission and undertake garden development and maintenance.
- 5) Undertake fund-raising for the above activities.
- 6) Management and administration activities.

Since the trust accepted the freehold for the Abbey site in May 2017 it has continued to develop its volunteer base. The trust has also been active in promoting opportunities for a better understanding of the significance of Evesham Abbey, and promoted the work of the Trust through involvement in local festivals and events, providing organised talks and lectures at local societies and social groups, as well as organising opportunities for active volunteer activity.

The Chairman's report details the achievements during the year.

**Financial Review**

The total funds of the Abbey have seen an improvement during the year of £27,568 (2020: £18,962) leaving reserves of £53,877 of which £781 are restricted funds.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

The bank balance at 31 December 2021 was £100,508. The trustees consider the level of funds to be appropriate based on the future requirements of the project.

**Future Developments**

As stated in the Chairmans report, the next 12 months will include the completion of the delivery phase of the project. The Challenge of the Gradens will then be well underway, with the next 12 months hopefully including secured funding for the remainder of the garden project.

**Reserves Policy**

Reserves are held to fund maintenance, investigation and development of the Abbey site. Reserves are also held to ensure the ongoing operation of the trust itself.

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards. The applicable law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the Income and Expenditure for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether accounting standards have been followed and disclose any material departures;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on the .....<sup>9/3/2022</sup> and signed on their behalf by:



Barrie Baldelli, Chairman of the Trustees

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, for Charity number 1165547, set out on pages 9 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the charities act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities act,
- To follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts prepare a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the charities act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements 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 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.



Daniel Lewis  
G C Accountancy Limited  
43 Merstow Green  
Evesham  
Worcestershire  
WR11 4BB

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|   | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2021<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2021<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2021<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2020<br>£ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                 |                                    |                                  |                          |                          |
| Donations                                 | 138                                | -                                | 138                      | 12,896                   |
| Other Income                              | 9,725                              | -                                | 9,725                    | 2,605                    |
| External Grant Funding                    | 240,841                            | 9,745                            | 250,586                  | 52,250                   |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>           | <b>250,703</b>                     | <b>9,745</b>                     | <b>260,448</b>           | <b>67,751</b>            |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                 |                                    |                                  |                          |                          |
| <b>Charitable Activities</b>              |                                    |                                  |                          |                          |
| Charitable                                | 232,880                            | -                                | 232,880                  | 48,789                   |
| Other Resources Expended                  | -                                  | -                                | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>           | <b>232,880</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>232,880</b>           | <b>48,789</b>            |
| <b>Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources</b> | <b>17,823</b>                      | <b>9,745</b>                     | <b>27,568</b>            | <b>18,962</b>            |
| Transfer Between funds                    | (58,000)                           | 58,000                           | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Net Movement in Funds</b>              | <b>(40,177)</b>                    | <b>67,745</b>                    | <b>27,568</b>            | <b>18,962</b>            |
| Total Funds Brought Forward               | 93,273                             | (66,964)                         | 26,309                   | 7,347                    |
| <b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>        | <b>53,096</b>                      | <b>781</b>                       | <b>53,877</b>            | <b>26,309</b>            |

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

|                            | Notes | 2021<br>£      | 2020<br>£     |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>        |       |                |               |
| Heritage Assets            |       | 5,000          | 5,000         |
| <b>Current Assets</b>      |       |                |               |
| Debtors                    |       | 13,149         | 1,655         |
| Cash at bank               |       | 100,508        | 54,014        |
|                            |       | <u>113,657</u> | <u>55,669</u> |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b> |       |                |               |
| Creditors                  |       | 780            | 360           |
| Bank Loan                  |       | 64,000         | 34,000        |
|                            |       | <u>64,780</u>  | <u>34,360</u> |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>  |       | <u>48,877</u>  | <u>21,309</u> |
| <b>Net Assets</b>          |       | <u>53,877</u>  | <u>26,309</u> |
| <b>Funds</b>               |       |                |               |
| Unrestricted Funds         |       | 53,096         | 93,273        |
| Restricted Funds           |       | 781            | (66,964)      |
|                            |       | <u>53,877</u>  | <u>26,309</u> |

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by Evesham Abbey Trust

on ..... *J.H. Mason 2022*

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

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 Barrie Baldelli, Chairman



**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies**

**General information and basis of preparation**

Evesham Abbey Trust is a Charity in England and Wales. The location of the Abbey is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operation and principal activities are described on the Report of the Trustees on pages 2 to 4.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying for FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, such as investments. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**Funds**

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given and any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for ordinary purposes.

**Income Recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust becomes legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**EVESHAM ABBEY TRUST**  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**Income from Donations and Grants**

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, are included in incoming resources when receivable, that is, when the Trust is legally entitled to the amounts due, except as follows:

1. When the donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
2. When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in the incoming resources until the preconditions for use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to preconditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

**Income tax recoverable**

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

**Volunteer Time**

The value of time donated by general volunteers is not included (FRS102 S6.18).

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an Accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

**Taxation**

The Trust has charitable status and this is exempt from taxation of its income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988, to the extent that they are applied to their charitable objectives.

**Heritage Assets**

A heritage asset is a tangible or intangible asset with historical, artistic, scientific, geophysical or environmental qualities that is held and maintained principally for its contribution to knowledge and culture.

Heritage assets are measured initially at either their cost or valuation if donated.

**Exemptions from Disclosures**

The Charity claims exemption from the requirement to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows under Section 1 A of the FRS102 for small companies, where income is less than £500,000.

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**2 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                      |                 | <b>31.12.2021</b> | <b>31.12.2020</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                      | <b>Activity</b> | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Grants               | Charitable      | 250,586           | 52,250            |
| Allotment Fees       | Charitable      | 735               | 458               |
| Pilgrim Walk Fees    | Charitable      | 92                | -                 |
| Book Sales           | Charitable      | 30                | -                 |
| Christmas Card Sales | Charitable      | 1,014             | 1,458             |
| Other Income         | Charitable      | 1,026             | 1,701             |
|                      |                 | <u>253,483</u>    | <u>55,867</u>     |

**3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

|            | <b>Direct Costs<br/>(See Note 4)</b> | <b>Support<br/>Costs (See<br/>Note 5)</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------|
|            | <b>£</b>                             | <b>£</b>                                  | <b>£</b>       |
| Charitable | <u>232,100</u>                       | <u>780</u>                                | <u>232,880</u> |

**4 DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                            | <b>31.12.2021</b> | <b>31.12.2020</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Staff Costs                | 24,683            | -                 |
| Cost of Fundraising        | 2,828             | 904               |
| Advertising & Promotion    | 1,107             | 5,739             |
| Insurance                  | 689               | 627               |
| Repairs & Maintenance      | 422               | 222               |
| Archaeology                | 11,097            | 8,759             |
| Surveying & Architecture   | 186,131           | 31,242            |
| Office Costs               | 144               | 144               |
| Computer Costs             | 204               | 221               |
| Bank Charges               | 102               | 25                |
| Other Administration Costs | 4,218             | -                 |
| Sundry Expenses            | 475               | 545               |
|                            | <u>232,100</u>    | <u>48,428</u>     |

**5 SUPPORT COSTS**

|            | <b>Governance<br/>Costs<br/>£</b> |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Charitable | <u>780</u>                        |

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**6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**7 STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

| 31.12.2021 | 31.12.2020 |
|------------|------------|
| 1          | 0          |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

**8 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total Funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |                           |                          |                  |
| Donations and Legacies             | 11,884                    | -                        | 11,884           |
| <b>Charitable Activities</b>       |                           |                          |                  |
| Charitable Activities              | 3,617                     | 52,250                   | 55,867           |
| <b>Total</b>                       | 15,501                    | 52,250                   | 67,751           |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |                           |                          |                  |
| <b>Charitable Activities</b>       |                           |                          |                  |
| Charitable Activities              | 8,787                     | 40,002                   | 48,789           |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                  | 6,714                     | 12,248                   | 18,962           |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>     | -                         | -                        | -                |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>       | 6,714                     | 12,248                   | 18,962           |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                           |                          |                  |
| <b>Total Funds Brought Forward</b> | 86,559                    | (79,212)                 | 7,347            |
| <b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b> | 93,273                    | (66,964)                 | 26,309           |

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**9 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                             | <b>31.12.2021</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                             | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Other Debtors & Prepayments | 13,149            | 1,655             |
|                             | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

**10 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|          | <b>31.12.2021</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
|          | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Accruals | 780               | 369               |
|          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

**11 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE OVER ONE YEAR**

|      | <b>31.12.2021</b> | <b>31.12.2021</b> |
|------|-------------------|-------------------|
|      | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Loan | 64,000            | 34,000            |
|      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

The Trust has been advanced £30,000 (2020: £34,000) by Wychavon District Council as an underwriting loan to guarantee cashflows throughout the project period. This balance is interest free for the first 3 years, with the interest rate increasing to 3% + BOE Base Rate after the initial interest free period.

**12 LEGAL CHARGES**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has a legal charge over the freehold of the Abbey site for the duration of the project. Once the project is complete, the charge will be satisfied.

**13 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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# Accounts

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## **Evesham Abbey Trust**

### ***Chairman's Report 2020/21***

May I welcome you to our annual report and AGM. The year ending December 2019 was a pivotal year in the work of the Trust, made all the more demanding by the emergence of the Covid pandemic. As a result of the shutdowns and restrictions the normal schedule of the Annual General Meeting was disrupted and delayed until October 2021 rather than the normal date of February 2021. Therefore my report covers a time scale that includes the whole of 2020 as well as part of 2021.

I am delighted to report that the past eighteen months has seen highly significant progress in the work of the Evesham Abbey Trust. Despite the complications caused by the Covid 19 epidemic the Trust has managed to maintain an acceptable momentum in delivering the Evesham Abbey project.

The most important factor in the year was the confirmed funding from both The Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England. Both these grants have allowed the Trust to move to the next stage of the project and inject renewed pace into the work on the ground. The contractors have worked very hard with the Trust to ensure that the Covid situation effect was minimised as much as was humanly possible. As a result we can now report that works have at long last commenced on the restoration of the walls.

The Trust has received sufficient funding from the HLF to undertake the conservation and restoration stages of the works and permission to start was received from the Lotter Fund in November 2020 subject to the appointment of the project managers and the community engagement worker. Over the following months the trust appointed Greenwood Projects Ltd as the project managers and Ms Natalie Hanson as the Community Engagement Worker for the Trust.

The Trustees have worked with Historic England and as a result of building this relationship the Trust has been awarded an increased grant of over £130,000 towards the cost of restoring the north wall and north east corner of the Nave area of the site. This was an important recognition by Historic England of the importance of the Abbey site and the help they are prepared to offer in preserving this scheduled ancient monument site. The Trust also recognises the care and support Historic England has offered in advising and supporting us on the large number of issues relating to scheduled ancient monument consent and planning. Their expertise has been invaluable.

Fund raising remains a central feature and continues to be a priority in the work of the Trust in order to build sufficient reserves and to meet the matched funding requirements of the awarded grants. Thanks to the increase in funding from Historic England and additional input from other sources the Trustees remain confident that they will be able to meet its matched funding obligations in respect of the construction and conservation aspects. We continue

to seek the funding for the gardens phase of the scheme which has been estimated to require an additional £85,000 to complete. Discussions have been initiated with a number of local funding sources to meet this requirement and the Trustees will be working towards securing the required resources over the next two years.

Over the past twelve months the Trust has continued to work with a number of expert contractors who are working with the Trustees. The retention of Greenwood Projects Ltd. as Project Managers has ensured continuity of service as has the continuing service of Hook Mason Ltd. as Conservation Architects. Avon Archaeology Ltd. were appointed as the Trust's archaeology contractors. Over the period of 2021 we have also engaged the services of DA Cook Ltd as our building contractor and Hulls Ltd. for groundworks. We thank them for their expert contribution to the work of the Trust and look forward to our continuing relationship with them. We have also worked with numerous other organisations and businesses over the past twelve months who have contributed their expertise, facilities and resources for the benefit of the Trust and we thank them all.

The Trust has now established a Gardens Sub Committee to develop a gardens design and planting scheme which aims to finalise the design of the four garden areas and fully cost this part of the project. The Trust is aiming to begin the gardens work in the Spring of 2022.

The involvement of the local community has always been central to the way the Trust functions and the Trustees have worked hard to engage with the people of the town and to find ways in which they can be involved in the work and activities of the Trust. Our volunteer and supporters register now numbers over 100 local residents many of whom have been involved with work on the ground. The Trust has also been active in promoting opportunities for a better understanding of the significance of Evesham Abbey and promoted the work of the Trust through involvement in local festivals and events, providing organised talks and lectures to local societies and social groups as well as organising opportunities for active volunteer activity. We thank all our volunteers and supporters for their unstinting support. The Trust intends to continue to develop and improve the opportunities for community engagement, particularly in the participation of young people. The development of a comprehensive schools involvement programme that is compatible with the National Curriculum has been a big task which Vice Chair, Elizabeth Spencer CEW Natalie Hanson have devoted considerable time to developing. The Schools Lead Teacher Panel has met regularly over the past months and our involvement with schools has seen many sessions of direct involvement both in schools and on the abbey site. This work will continue to be a high priority in the activities of our community engagement worker.

The Trustees are also pleased to report that, thanks to Trustee Chris Bloomfield, the relationship with our allotment tenants have developed into a very constructive partnership which has seen an increase the number of plots available. We will continue to work cooperatively with the tenants towards

developing these growing areas into a sustainable and more attractive feature of the overall scheme for the Abbey site.

The Trustee board has seen some changes over the past year. We have been joined by Mick Hurst as a new Trustee and Trust meetings now include representatives from the Vale of Evesham Historical Society and Trust volunteers. The Trust will continue to review the composition of the board of Trustees in accordance with its terms of reference and constitution. My thanks to all the Trustees and organisations and volunteers both past and present, for their commitment, support and hard work over what has been a demanding eighteen months. My thanks also go to our Treasurer, Gill Pawson, who has kept our books in order and maintained our grip on financial discipline. Her contribution has been invaluable in what is a large and sometimes complex exercise.

Also thank you Brenda Morton for acting as the trust scribe when recording thrust minutes as minute secretary. My final appreciation must go to Elizabeth Spencer, my Vice Chair whose support and unflagging commitment has done so much to keep spirits high and resolve unbowed!

Finally a big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who have given of their time to the project. Often quietly and unasked they have maintained their faith and commitment to the project, taken on roles and tasks that required stoic resolve, been buoyed up and sometimes disappointed. Thank each and everyone of you from all the Trust committee members.

The next twelve months will be both exciting and challenging. Once the Delivery phase is completed by late 2022 the challenge of gardens development will be well underway and the final chapter in delivering the abbey site as an Evesham community resource will be written.

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Barrie Baldelli

Chairman, Evesham Abbey Trust