

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1202592

Details

Other names AVONWAY

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-03-31

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

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Activities

Objects: A. PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF FORDINGBRIDGE AND ITS SURROUNDING DISTRICT (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS; B. ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, A COMMUNITY CENTRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE CENTRE") AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS. C. PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINE.

Activities: The charity operates a community centre for Fordingbridge and the surrounding area. The community centre is used for activities that benefit members of our community in the areas of health, fitness,

well-being, creativity and performance. Activities are available to all members of our community, with different activities of benefit to different age groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£85,994	£104,555	-	-
2023-12-31	£70,828	£67,958	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Derek Brooks	Chair	2023-03-31
Adrian Stuart Ings		2023-03-31
Alastair Jennings		2026-03-18
Carole Gannon		2023-03-31
Steve Gifford		2026-03-18

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England & Wales - Charity number 1202592

Accounts

Registered number: CE031893

**FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Information
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Trustees

Adrian Ings
Carole Gannon
Derek Brooks
Paul Harding
Julia Harley

Charity Number

CE031893

Registration Number

1202592

Registered Office

36 Shaftesbury Street
Fordingbridge
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Accountants

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Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Company No. CE031893
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report together with the Financial Statements for the Fordingbridge and District Community Association ("the Association") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Reference and Administrative Details

The original, unincorporated Association was constituted on 3rd June 1975. At the end of March 2023, the Charity Commission approved a change of status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registration number 1202592.

The Managing Trustees of the Association during the year were:

Derek Brooks
Carole Gannon
Paul Harding
Julia Harley
Adrian Ings
David Sanders (resigned 12th June 2024)
Lorraine Thompson
Karen Williets (resigned 28th February 2024)

The honorary officers during the year were:

Chair: Derek Brooks
Treasurer: Karen Williets (resigned 28th February 2024)
Secretary: Julia Harley

The leasehold premises are now held in the name of The Public Custodian for Charities.

The main agents of the Association during the year were:

Bank: National Westminster Bank Plc, Ringwood Branch
Independent Examiner: Artema Limited

Structure, Governance and Management

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In accordance with the constitution, the trustees in place on 31st March 2023 all transferred to the new board of trustees. In the future, additional trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. When selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Trustees meet on a monthly basis.

The Association had, for many years, employed a part-time centre manager supported more recently by a part-time administrative assistant. With the departure of the centre manager in May 2024, the Trustees took the decision to appoint a centre administrator, who has responsibility for the use of the centre on a daily basis. The Association wishes to express their gratitude to the Centre Manager for her dedication to the Community Centre during her tenure. The Trustees now make use of the services of a book-keeper, who manages all payments and receipts and now provides an additional layer of financial control. The Trustees are also grateful to a local tradesman who has been providing plumbing and handyman services to the Community Centre on a regular basis.

Objectives and Activities

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The Association operates the Avonway Community Centre, which has a range of rooms for use by community groups, clubs, charities and associations, some operated directly by the Association, others by third parties. (Avonway is a former school building, dating back to 1834, which is held on a long maintaining lease from the Diocese of Winchester). Rooms at Avonway are made available for use every day of the year.

Activities

Each week Avonway welcomes around 1500 or so people of all ages and abilities who visit Avonway to benefit from, and participate in, the educational, recreational and leisure time activities, as offered by some 40+ different groups, clubs and organisations. The majority of the users of Avonway are independent groups, some commercial, but all bring enriching activities to the community of Fordingbridge and the surrounding district.

It has been most encouraging that the usage of the Community Centre has continued to increase, and has exceeded all previous recorded levels, including pre-covid. This is, in part, due to the increase in bookings for private functions, the income from which supports the community provision aspect of the charity.

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During the year, a range of exercise related classes were regularly held at Avonway including yoga and pilates. Fordingbridge Dance Studios, which operates from Avonway during the school terms, offers a range of classes for ballet and cabaret dance styles and differing student abilities for children from two and a half to eighteen years. The Silver Swans group provides classes for adults, including those new to ballet.

A range of other social and educational activities were regularly held including: photography, art and bridge clubs; the Horticultural Society; U3A; Skittles Club; and Bingo. The Stepping Stones Pre-School leases the Avonway Annex and is a much-valued neighbour. The popular Busy Bees playgroup that meets in the main building also provides activities for under-5s.

Throughout 2024, volunteers at Avonway continued to provide a warm hub to response to those members of our community struggling with the cost of living. 'Friends on Friday' is open to all, and provides refreshments and company in the safety and shelter of Avonway. FareShare and representatives from external agencies are also in attendance which enables us to maximise support and promote poverty reduction.

The Association has maintained its provision for Avonway to be used as the area's Prepared Rest Centre in case of an emergency. The Association owns and manages a Portakabin that is used on weekdays by the British Red Cross as a bespoke Mobility Aids Centre for the continuing benefit of elderly and/or differently abled members of the community.

The Association is grateful to the Community Centre Administrator for ensuring that the Community Centre runs smoothly; and to the many hours given by the volunteers and trustees in supporting the objects of the charity and contributing to a vibrant, healthy and positive community.

Financial Review

The financial results of the Association for the year are set out on pages 5 to 9.

The Association has adopted a formal reserve policy principally:

- a) to provide a buffer against seasonal fluctuations in income,
- b) to ensure the cost of any urgent and unexpected building maintenance works is covered,
- c) to provide funds to meet contractual liabilities in the event of a temporary suspension of activity
- d) to ensure the Association can meet its financial obligations to staff.

The trustees commissioned a building and maintenance survey towards the end of 2023, the results of which have shown a significant number of building works that are required to keep the Victorian building operating. On this basis, the trustees have agreed to maintain the reserve at £40,000 in order to ensure the aims of the policy can be met. This sum is based on the annual running costs, the current uncertainty in energy prices and inflation, and an estimate should unexpected building works be required. These monies are in place and held in a designated account.

The financial position of the Association is secure as set out in the accounts. In light of the continuing economic pressures on our community, the Trustees did not increase rental rates in 2024. Increased use of the facilities has smoothed the impact of this decision, but additional costs incurred through the maintenance of the large Victorian building resulted in some financial reserves being utilised.

Current Developments

Following the recommendations of a fire safety officer, significant building works were undertaken in the kitchen of the main building. A number of new fire doors were installed and additional fire prevention works undertaken.

A number of roofing issues were identified and resolved during the year.

The Community Centre has benefited from new external signage.

Future Developments

A significant number of works are required to ensure that the building continues to be a positive environment for our community. Some rooms have not been renovated for some time and these will be the focus of any capital works taking place in the next year, subject to adequate funding being available.


Derek Brooks
Chair, Fordingbridge & District Community Association

Date.....
27th May 2025

**Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Independent Examiner's Report
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

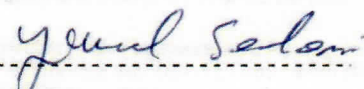
Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give 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 concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed



Yuval Salomi, FCCA

Date 20 5 25

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**Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
INCOME		85,994	70,040
Costs of trading activities		(9,354)	(5,852)
NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES		76,640	64,188
Administrative expenses		(104,555)	(71,659)
OPERATING DEFICIT		(27,915)	(7,471)
Other interest receivable and similar income		1,693	788
DEFICIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(26,222)	(6,683)

**Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Balance Sheet
As At 31 December 2024**

	Notes	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	4		176,094		179,873
			<u>176,094</u>		<u>179,873</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	5	1,204		4,388	
Debtors	6	2,813		1,835	
Cash at bank and in hand		140,662		160,253	
		<u>144,679</u>		<u>166,476</u>	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	(6,878)		(6,231)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			<u>137,801</u>		<u>160,245</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>313,895</u>		<u>340,118</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>313,895</u>		<u>340,118</u>
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS					
Medical Loan Facility	8		22,507		21,507
General Funds Account			291,388		318,611
CHARITY FUNDS			<u>313,895</u>		<u>340,118</u>

On behalf of the Association:



Claire Cox
Treasurer

Date 10/6/25

Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. General Information

Fordingbridge and District Community Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number CE031893. The registered office is 36 Shaftesbury Street, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 1JF.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

2.2. Income

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts. Income includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services.

Grant income

Grant income is recognised in line with the conditions attached.

2.3. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

- Leasehold Premises – straight line over the 99 year lease
- Fixtures – straight line over 10 years
- Computer Equipment – straight line over 3 years

2.4. Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads. Work-in-progress is reflected in the accounts on a contract by contract basis by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses.

3. Employees and Trustees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was: 2 (2023: 2)

Staff costs totalled £27,160 (2023 - £15,981).

The trustees receive no remuneration. They were reimbursed £nil (2023 - £nil) for expenses and project costs in the year.

4. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property		Computer Equipment	Total
	Leasehold	Fixtures & Fittings		
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2024	248,003	8,082	3,143	259,228
As at 31 December 2024	248,003	8,082	3,143	259,228
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2024	69,398	6,814	3,143	79,355
Provided during the period	3,021	758	-	3,779
As at 31 December 2024	72,419	7,572	3,143	83,134
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2024	175,584	510	-	176,094
As at 1 January 2024	178,605	1,268	-	179,873

Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
	£	£
5. Stocks		
Stock	<u>1,204</u>	<u>4,388</u>
6. Debtors		
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	<u>2,813</u>	<u>1,835</u>
7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	6,101	5,692
Taxation and social security	777	539
	<u>6,878</u>	<u>6,231</u>
8. Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	<u>313,895</u>	<u>340,118</u>

Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Trading Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Legacies		11,250		10,022
Room Hire		45,855		29,942
Annexe Lease		16,752		11,122
Medical Loan Facility		1,500		1,125
Carers Hub		-		493
Sales from Bar		8,313		6,973
Photocopying Income		122		185
Refreshments Income		27		41
Income from Donations		110		
Grants and subsidies received		2,065		10,137
		<u>85,994</u>		<u>70,040</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Purchases	7,764		2,188	
Photocopying Costs	683		214	
Medical Loan Facility Rent	500		500	
Friends' on Friday - Expenses	407		2,950	
		<u>(9,354)</u>		<u>(5,852)</u>
		76,640		64,188
Administrative Expenses				
Wages and salaries	25,540		15,515	
Employer's NI	610		-	
Employer's pensions - defined contributions scheme	1,010		466	
Subcontractor costs	492		4,125	
Rent	375		281	
Light and heat	11,167		10,846	
Water rates	822		2,049	
Repairs and maintenance	26,340		25,075	
Cleaning	9,980		6,029	
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	528		-	
Insurance	9,955		-	
Telecommunications	1,410		736	
Accountancy fees	1,332		1,296	
Professional fees	3,414		-	
Professional subscriptions	1,801		-	
Bookkeeping fees	3,413		-	
Bad debts written off	491		-	
Other office costs	2,097		1,542	
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	757		757	
Depreciation of leasehold land and property	3,021		2,942	
		<u>(104,555)</u>		<u>(71,659)</u>
OPERATING DEFICIT		(27,915)		(7,471)

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1202592

Accounts

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1202592

**FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

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FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Trustees Report

The Trustees submit their annual report together with the Financial Statements for the Fordingbridge and District Community Association ("the Association") for the period ended 31st December 2023.

Reference and Administrative Details

The Trust's original registration number was 269698. At the end of March 2023, the Charity Commission approved a change of status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registration number 1202592.

The Managing Trustees of the Association during the period were:

Derek Brooks
Carole Gannon
Paul Harding
Julia Harley
Adrian Ings
David Sanders
Lorraine Thompson
Karen Williets
Sara Winteridge (Ex-Officio) from March 2023

The principal officers of the Executive Committee during the period were:

Chair: Derek Brooks
Treasurer: Karen Williets
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The leasehold premises are now held in the name of The Public Custodian for Charities.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The original Association was constituted on 3rd June 1975. Following several years of consultation with members of the community, an application was made to the Charity Commission to change the charitable status to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This was approved at the end of March 2023, with a resulting new registration number of 1202592. The objects of the charity remain unchanged but the new constitution is more reflective of the needs of a charitable organisation in the 21st Century.

The Charity operates from the Avonway Community Centre, 36 Shaftesbury Street, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 1JF. The current constitution was adopted on 31st March 2023.

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Financial Review

The financial results of the Association for the period are set out on pages 8 to 14.

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The financial position of the Association is secure as set out in the accounts. The Trustees increased rental rates in 2023, but only using average inflation figures over 2021 and 2022, rather than reflecting the high inflation figures from the end of 2022. In taking this decision Trustees were aware of the threat of much higher costs in 2023 but sought to steer a middle path between affordability for users and securing the finances of the Association for the future. Indeed the rent was held at the 2022 rates for the first part of the year until escalating energy costs necessitated an increase in April 2023.

Current Developments

All of the emergency lights in the main building and the annex have been replaced, with additional emergency lights in and outside of the buildings installed. The gas boilers in the main building were replaced in order to improve the heating systems. In the summer of 2023, all the wooden floors were sanded and varnished to a high professional quality, and the South Room and Jubilee Lounge were redecorated.

Future Developments

Following receipt and review of the full building survey, the trustees will plan the building and maintenance developments for 2024 and beyond accordingly.

Derek Brooks

Derek Brooks

Chair, Fordingbridge and District Community Association

Date 19.09.2024

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 December 2023.

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

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Date

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st December 2023

2023

Incoming Resources

Donations and Legacies

Donations (note 2b)	-	
Legacies	10,022	
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Charitable Activities

Room Hire	29,942	
Annexe Lease	11,122	
Medical Loan Facility	1,125	
Carers Hub	493	
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Other Trading Activities

Minibus Income	-	
Bar Sales	6,973	
Photocopying Services	185	
Refreshments	41	
	<hr/>	7,199

Investment Income

Interest Received	788	
Bank Compensation	-	

Other

Covid-19 Grants (note 2a)	-	
Other Grants (note 2a)	10,137	
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Total Incoming Resources **£70,828**

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st December 2023

	2023
Total Incoming Resources	70,828
Resources Expended	
Raising Funds	
Fund Raising Expenses	-
Minibus Expenses	-
Bar	2,188
Photocopying Services	214
	2,402
Charitable Activities	
Warm Spaces	-
Medical Loan Facility	500
Friends on Friday	2,950
	3,450
Other	
Wages (Note 3b)	15,515
Staff Pension (Note 3b)	466
Subcontractors	4,125
Rent	281
Water and Sewerage	2,049
Repairs and Renewals	25,075
Light and Heat	10,846
Cleaning and Household	6,027
Telephone and Internet	736
Subscriptions and Licences	0
Sundries and Administration	1,542
Accountancy	1,296
	67,958
Incoming/(outgoing) resources	(£2,982)
Less Depreciation:	
Depreciation of Leasehold Building	2,942
Depreciation of Fixtures	757
Profit on disposal of Fixed Assets	-
Net Incoming/(outgoing) resources	(£6,681)

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	1b & 4	179,873
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock		4,388
Debtors	5	1,835
Cash at Bank		
Deposit Accs:	Fund Raising	-
	Reserve Account	115,606
Current Accs:	Bar	13,286
	General Account	31,274
	The Gate	-
	Cash in Hand	87
		166,476
Creditors	6	6,231
NET CURRENT ASSETS		160,245
Net Assets		£340,118
FINANCED BY THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Unrestricted Income Funds	7	
Accumulated Fund		318,611
Medical Loan Facility Fund		21,507
Minibus Reserve		-
		£340,118

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 Clare Cox
 Treasurer
 Date.....20/9/24
 For and on behalf of the Managing Trustees

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Notes to the Accounts
for the period ended 31st December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

b) Fixed Assets

The cost of fixed assets is written off over their expected useful lives at the following annual rates in order to write them down to their estimated residual value.

- **Leasehold Premises** – At equal instalments over the 99 year lease which expires on 31st March 2088.
- **Fixtures & Equipment** – Straight line over ten years.
- **Website Computers and Computer Equipment** – Straight line over three years
- **Motor Vehicle** – 25% reducing balance

2.

	2023
a) GRANTS	
Communities First	500
West Solent Solar	2,014
Carer's Hub	7,623
b) DONATIONS	
Fordingbridge Rotary Club	-
Others	-
Bridge Club	-
Lunch Club Donation	-
Hampshire County Council	-

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3. TRUSTEES AND STAFF

- a) The Trustees receive no remuneration. They were reimbursed £0 (2022 - £0) for expenses and project costs on the production of valid receipts.
- b) Staff numbers and costs

Wages	15,515
Staff Pension	466
	£15,981

Number - Administration and Bookkeeping	2
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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Total	Leasehold Premises	Fixtures & Equipment	Computer Equipment
COST				
At 31 March 2023	259,228	248,003	8,082	3,143
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 st December 2023	259,228	248,003	8,082	3,143
DEPRECIATION				
At 31 March 2023	75,654	66,455	6,056	3,143
Charge for the period	3,699	2,942	757	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 st December 2023	79,353	69,397	6,813	3,143
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 st December 2023	£179,873	£178,605	£1,269	£-
At 31 March 2023	£183,573	£181,547	£2,026	£-

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	2023
5. DEBTORS	
Trade Debtors	1,835
Prepayments and Accrued Income	-
	£1,835

	2023
6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	
Trade Creditors	-
Other Creditors	(3)
Other Taxes and Social Security	542
Accruals and Deferred Income	5,692
Carer's Hub Grant Deferred	-
	£6,231

Grant income of £7,623 in relation to the Carer's Hub has been released to the SOFA during the period to reflect the transfer of this to general funds.

7. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Total	Accumulated Fund	Medical Loan Facility
At 31.3.23	-	-	-
Transfers	346,799	325,917	20,882
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for period	(6,681)	(7,306)	625
At 31.12.23	£340,118	£318,611	£21,507

FORDINGBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Notes to the Accounts
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8. LEASE COMMITMENTS

As shown in note 1(b) the Association has a long lease on its premises to 31st March 2088 at £375 p.a.

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at the period-end (2022 - none).

10. RELATED PARTIES

Details of expenses reimbursed to Trustees are contained in note 3(a).

The grant income received from Co-Op in respect of the services provided by the Carer's Hub was released into the Association's funds during the period.