

Registered Charity Number: 0205082

THE FRIENDS OF BATH ABBEY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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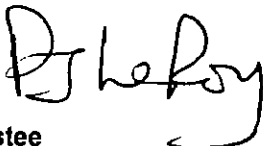
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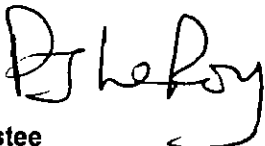
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