

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00996404 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 500644

Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

JBC Accountants Limited
Statutory Auditor
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Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Society is established for the public benefit to provide accommodation, care and companionship for lonely or frail, elderly people in accordance with the aims and principles of the Abbeyfield Society Limited
This activity falls wholly within hostel housing activities as defined in the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

Significant activities

The Society provides and manages three houses for the elderly in Darlington, being Sir Charles Starmer House, J.F.Latimer House and Earl Keelan House.

The Society's principal source of funding is the monthly charges received from residents for their room and meals. Income received from residents for room hire in the year to 31st March 2025 was £484,602; this has increased from the previous year (£463,121).

Public benefit

The Executive Committee have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission (ie public benefit statement).

Volunteers

The Trustees are all voluntary. They are grateful to the small number of volunteers who participate in residents social and other activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Society continues to provide a high standard of service to our residents despite the ever increasing costs that we incur. The occupancy rate for 2025 was 84%. Rents were increased to reflect the increase in the cost of living. Despite increased payroll and other costs there was a surplus for the year of £39,919 (2024 £ 57,907) before gains on investments

The Trustees review the financial results and position periodically and regularly monitor performance against budgets.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Society has a healthy financial position at the year end and is set out on the Society's balance sheet on page 8.

Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2025 is £137,320 (2024: £122,833) and this is available to meet any future costs that may arise.

The net income for the year was £51,342 (which includes £11,423 net gains on investments) (2024: £98,060)

Our investments are managed by two independent fund managers. There has been an increase in the value of investments since 31 March 2024 of £14,266, however, there have been withdrawals from the funds of £109,455 to cover refurbishment and improvement costs. This has resulted in a fall in the value of investments at 31 March 2025 to £307,548 (£95,189 decrease). The trustees remain confident that the valuations will increase in the medium to long term.

The society's net assets at 31 March 2025 amounted to £2,256,160 which compares to £2,204,818 at the end of the previous year.

Reserves policy

Reserves which include readily realisable Independently managed investment portfolios are required to meet reduction in income due to unexpected under occupancy and unexpected levels of and any planned repair and refurbishment work in the future, as well as any unplanned emergency repairs that may arise.

The trustees consider that an adequate level of reserves as at 31st March 2025 would be £250,000.

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FUTURE PLANS

The Society will continue with the general refurbishment and improvement to residents' rooms and the houses and surrounding areas in general.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Society is governed by its Memorandum of Association which establishes the objects and powers of the Society and its Articles of Association, both are dated 8th December 1970 and amended by a Special Resolution dated 20 July 2005.

The Society is a Company limited by guarantee, having no share capital, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

It is also registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Recruitment, appointment and induction of new trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the number of trustees shall not be less than three and no more than eighteen.

New trustees are appointed as set out in the Articles of Association. All trustees are encouraged to nominate new members.

New Trustees are given adequate training so that they are aware of their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, content of the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the Society, which meets a minimum of quarterly. A secretary and treasurer have been appointed from members of the board..

A general manager is employed to facilitate the day to day running of the Society.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Society is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The main risk to the Society is the possibility of reduced occupancy. Occupancy levels are monitored continuously.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00996404 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

500644

Registered office

Sir Charles Starmer House
Danby Lodge
Ashcroft Road
Darlington
Co. Durham
DL3 8PD

Trustees

Mrs G Wiper (Secretary & Chair)
Mr D L Steel (Treasurer)
Ms C A Sobkowiak
Mrs H I Scott OBE
Mr P Robinson
Mr A Teague
Mrs E Lyle
Mr G Blenkinsop (appointed 11/12/2025)

Company Secretary

Mrs G Wiper

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Auditors

JBC Accountants Limited
Statutory Auditor
3B Lockheed Court
Preston Farm
Stockton on Tees
TS18 3SH

Solicitors

Latimer Hinks
5-8 Priestgate
Darlington
County Durham
DL1 1NL

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
27-31 High Row
Darlington
DL3 7QS

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, JBC Accountants Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Gail M. Wiper
Mrs G Wiper - Secretary

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We identified areas of law and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements, from our knowledge of the Charity and discussions with trustees.
- We had regard to laws and regulations in areas that directly affect the financial statements, including the rules and regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006 and FRS 102.
- We made enquiries of the trustees as to their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud and the existence of internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance.
- We addressed the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, by testing accounting records, including the appropriateness of journal entries, to identify unusual transactions and assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of potential bias.
- We designed procedures which included but were not limited to agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and enquiring of the trustees as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations are from financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

JBC Accountants Limited

JBC Accountants Limited

Statutory Auditor

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

3B Lockheed Court

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Date: 28 January 2026

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**Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	31/3/25 Total funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Charitable activities	3					
Social housing		490,939	600	-	491,539	470,915
Investment income	2	10,422	-	-	10,422	10,442
Total		<u>501,361</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>501,961</u>	<u>481,357</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	4	6,112	-	-	6,112	6,182
Charitable activities	5					
Social housing		455,746	184	-	455,930	417,268
Total		<u>461,858</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>462,042</u>	<u>423,450</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>11,423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,423</u>	<u>40,153</u>
NET INCOME		50,926	416	-	51,342	98,060
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		2,105,885	933	98,000	2,204,818	2,106,758
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>2,156,811</u></u>	<u><u>1,349</u></u>	<u><u>98,000</u></u>	<u><u>2,256,160</u></u>	<u><u>2,204,818</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	31/3/25 Total funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	11	1,730,328	300	98,000	1,828,628	1,732,309
Investments	12	307,548	-	-	307,548	402,737
		<u>2,037,876</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>98,000</u>	<u>2,136,176</u>	<u>2,135,046</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	36,016	-	-	36,016	22,091
Cash at bank and in hand		136,271	1,049	-	137,320	122,833
		<u>172,287</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,336</u>	<u>144,924</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(53,352)	-	-	(53,352)	(75,152)
		<u>118,935</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,984</u>	<u>69,772</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		<u>118,935</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,984</u>	<u>69,772</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
		<u>2,156,811</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>98,000</u>	<u>2,256,160</u>	<u>2,204,818</u>
NET ASSETS						
		<u>2,156,811</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>98,000</u>	<u>2,256,160</u>	<u>2,204,818</u>
FUNDS						
Unrestricted funds	15				2,156,811	2,105,885
Restricted funds					1,349	933
Endowment funds					98,000	98,000
TOTAL FUNDS						
					<u>2,256,160</u>	<u>2,204,818</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 Jan 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Gail M. Wiper
Mrs G Wiper - Trustee

D L Steel
Mr D L Steel - Trustee

Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	11,379	36,837
Net cash provided by operating activities		11,379	36,837
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(107,813)	(160,390)
Sale of fixed asset investments		109,455	100,000
Interest received		1,466	798
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		3,108	(59,592)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		14,487	(22,755)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		122,833	145,588
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		137,320	122,833

The notes form part of these financial statements

Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	51,342	98,060
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	11,494	12,231
Gain on investments	(11,423)	(40,153)
Interest received	(1,466)	(798)
Net investment income	(2,843)	(3,461)
Increase in debtors	(13,925)	(6,313)
Decrease in creditors	(21,800)	(22,729)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>11,379</u>	<u>36,837</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Cash flow	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	122,833	14,487	137,320
	<u>122,833</u>	<u>14,487</u>	<u>137,320</u>
Total	<u>122,833</u>	<u>14,487</u>	<u>137,320</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

- raising funds comprise the costs of managing the investments held by the Society;
- expenditure on charitable activities include the costs directly related to the provision of Social Housing and their related support costs.

The Society is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the Society but do not directly undertake the charitable activity. These costs include management, finance, payroll and governance costs which support the provision of Social Housing.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- not provided
Fixtures fittings & equipment	- 25% on cost and 20% on cost

Housing land and properties are stated at cost or valuation. The cost of properties is their purchase price together with incidental costs of acquisition.

Expenditure on housing properties, which results in an enhancement to the economic benefits arising from the properties, or is considered to be a replacement or restoration of an item is capitalised.

No depreciation is charged on housing properties because they are maintained in a state of repair such that the estimated residual value of land and buildings is not less than their net book value. The annual charge would therefore be immaterial.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals during the year.

The Society does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Society is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors and sub sectors.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Funds held at the year-end are considered sufficient for the on-going operation of the charity.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Dividends and interest on equities and securities	8,956	9,644
Deposit account interest	1,466	798
	<u>10,422</u>	<u>10,442</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31/3/25	31/3/24
	Activity	£	£
Residents' Room Charges	Social housing	484,602	463,121
Other income	Social housing	1,337	1,994
Grants	Social housing	600	800
Employment allowance	Social housing	5,000	5,000
		<u>491,539</u>	<u>470,915</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Portfolio management	6,112	6,182
	<u>6,112</u>	<u>6,182</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Social housing	349,140	106,790	455,930
	<u>349,140</u>	<u>106,790</u>	<u>455,930</u>

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Staff costs	161,886	147,032
Rates and water	10,769	10,791
Insurance	15,580	14,842
Light and heat	48,482	42,471
Telephone	5,335	4,707
Food and other household costs	32,776	34,194
Repairs and Maintenance	29,711	31,349
Council Warden Service	11,003	10,265
Gardening	18,288	17,143
Hire of plant and machinery	3,816	3,744
Depreciation	11,494	12,231
	<u>349,140</u>	<u>328,769</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Social housing	104,240	2,550	106,790
	<u>104,240</u>	<u>2,550</u>	<u>106,790</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	31/3/25 Social housing £	31/3/24 Total activities £
Salaries	73,830	68,189
Marketing costs	400	143
Sundries	2,906	2,147
Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees	7,948	7,157
Professional fees	19,156	8,513
Auditors' remuneration	2,550	2,350
	<u>106,790</u>	<u>88,499</u>

Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	2,550	2,350
Depreciation - owned assets	11,494	12,232
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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	209,245	191,668
Social security costs	16,103	14,061
Other pension costs	10,368	9,492
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	<u>235,716</u>	<u>215,221</u>

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

	31/3/25	31/3/24
Total staff	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	1,705,503	235,521	1,941,024
Additions	80,416	27,397	107,813
Disposals	-	(6,444)	(6,444)
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At 31 March 2025	1,785,919	256,474	2,042,393
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	-	208,715	208,715
Charge for year	-	11,494	11,494
Eliminated on disposal	-	(6,444)	(6,444)
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At 31 March 2025	-	213,765	213,765
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	1,785,919	42,709	1,828,628
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At 31 March 2024	1,705,503	26,806	1,732,309
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Sir Charles Starmer House became an asset of the Society as a result of a bequest from Lady Starmer in January 1980. It is included in the accounts at its probate value of £98,000 plus additions at cost.

J. F. Latimer House was financed by a bequest from Miss Muriel Latimer and is included at cost in the accounts.

Earl Keelan House was financed by the residue of the bequest from Miss Muriel Latimer, together with those from Thomas Earl and Miss Keelan and is also included at cost.

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Value of investments at 1 April 2024	402,737	459,122
Dividend and interest received	8,956	9,644
Investment portfolio management charges	(6,112)	(6,182)
Withdrawals during the year	(109,455)	(100,000)
Movement in value during year	11,423	40,153
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Value of investments at 31 March 2025	307,548	402,737
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Analysis:		
Listed investments	298,352	390,330
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Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	9,196	12,407
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	307,548	402,737
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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Other debtors	17,308	4,446
Prepayments and accrued income	18,708	17,645
	<u>36,016</u>	<u>22,091</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Trade creditors	43,541	52,509
Social security and other taxes	3,086	3,322
Other creditors	1,252	4,033
Accruals and deferred income	5,473	15,288
	<u>53,352</u>	<u>75,152</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Revenue Reserve	2,018,313	50,926	2,069,239
Cyclical repairs reserve	14,000	-	14,000
General Charitable Reserve	73,572	-	73,572
	<u>2,105,885</u>	<u>50,926</u>	<u>2,156,811</u>
Restricted funds			
Morrisons Garden Grant	141	(34)	107
Ward Councillors	792	450	1,242
	<u>933</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>1,349</u>
Endowment funds			
Endowment Reserve	98,000	-	98,000
	<u>2,204,818</u>	<u>51,342</u>	<u>2,256,160</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Revenue Reserve	501,361	(461,858)	11,423	50,926
Restricted funds				
Morrisons Garden Grant	-	(34)	-	(34)
Ward Councillors	600	(150)	-	450
	<u>600</u>	<u>(184)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>501,961</u></u>	<u><u>(462,042)</u></u>	<u><u>11,423</u></u>	<u><u>51,342</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
Revenue Reserve	1,920,470	97,843	2,018,313
Cyclical repairs reserve	14,000	-	14,000
General Charitable Reserve	73,572	-	73,572
	<u>2,008,042</u>	<u>97,843</u>	<u>2,105,885</u>
Restricted funds			
Morrisons Garden Grant	216	(75)	141
Ward Councillors	500	292	792
	<u>716</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>933</u>
Endowment funds			
Endowment Reserve	98,000	-	98,000
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>2,106,758</u></u>	<u><u>98,060</u></u>	<u><u>2,204,818</u></u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Revenue Reserve	480,557	(422,867)	40,153	97,843
Restricted funds				
Morrisons Garden Grant	-	(75)	-	(75)
Ward Councillors	800	(508)	-	292
	<u>800</u>	<u>(583)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>481,357</u>	<u>(423,450)</u>	<u>40,153</u>	<u>98,060</u>

Amounts have been set aside for future cyclical and major repairs that may be incurred in the medium to long term. This is based on the Society's obligation to carry out works on a continuing basis on its properties and planned programmes of work that have been put into place.

The General Charitable Reserve represents funds received which have been designated for a specific purpose.

The Endowment reserve represents the value of Sir Charles Starmer House gifted to the Society in 1980 (see note 11).

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	<u>28,166</u>	<u>-</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

18. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Executive Committee has ultimate control over the Society.

19. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Abbeyfield (Darlington) Society Limited is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. There are seven members (2023: nine), whose liability is limited to £1, in the event of winding up. The Society is registered in England and Wales and its registered number and office address can be found within the 'Reference and Administrative Details' of the Report of the Trustees.