

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103425

Details

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Activities

Purposes: The Society's Objects exist to deliver public benefit through provision of relief for those in need by reason of old age. The Objects are: a) To provide and maintain (or assist in providing and maintaining) housing and homes suitable to be used by elderly persons and to manage such accommodation for the general wellbeing of residents; b) To provide (or assist in providing) amenities and services for the benefit of elderly persons residing in that accommodation or elsewhere; c) To promote in society at large an awareness and understanding of the needs of the elderly population and encourage local communities to engage with meeting those needs including providing opportunities for individuals companies and organisations to participate in the work of the Society The Society's overall purpose is to – through its services, accommodation and activities- address isolation and loneliness experienced by elderly people and provide a home from home for elderly people within a supported sheltered environment. The Society's services are normally available to persons aged 65 and above.

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Accommodation/housing,Advice/advocacy/information,Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Older people

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,574,225	£2,409,895	£-2,038,901	67

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Harry Sproule		
Lady Christine Eames		
Mr Adam Alexander		
Mr Adrian Clements		
Mr Colin Buick		
Mrs Julie Anne Mccabe		
Ms Christine Olver		
Ms Gillian Traub		
Ms Judith Adams		
Susan Hill		

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

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Accounts

THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED
(company limited by guarantee)
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity Registration Number: 103425

Company Registration Number: NI004632

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Charity registration

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: 103425

HMRC: XN47884

Company registration number

NI004632

Directors

Mr TA Clements (Chair)

Lady C Eames (Deputy Chair)

Ms KA Shearer Resigned 25 April 2025

Mrs A Jackson Resigned 25 April 2025

Mr AR Alexander

Mrs CA Oliver

Mrs JA McCabe

Ms GR Traub

Mr E Sproule

Ms S Hill Appointed 29 July 2024

Mr C Buick Appointed 27 January 2025

Ms J Adams (Treasurer) Appointed 27 January 2025

Principal office of the Society and registered office

Harberton Hall

23a Harberton Park

Belfast

BT9 6WX

Bankers

Barclays Bank

Donegall House

7 Donegall House Sq North

Belfast

BT1 5GB

Danske Bank

Donegall Square West

Belfast

BT1 6LT

Independent Auditors

HM Chartered Accountants

6th Floor, East Tower

Lanyon Plaza

8 Lanyon Place

Belfast

BT1 3LP

Solicitors

Cleaver Fulton Rankin

50 Bedford Street

Belfast

BT2 7FW

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)

The Directors, who are also the trustees under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 and comply with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The company's principal activity continues to be the provision of supported sheltered accommodation for older people and the Society is guided in this undertaking by the shared beliefs of the Abbeyfield movement, that:

- Older people have an important role to play amongst their families, friends and in their community;
- Overcoming loneliness and insecurity can make all the difference to an older person's wellbeing and quality of life; and
- Local people have an essential part to play in helping older people in their community.

The Abbeyfield way of life seeks to provide a balance of privacy and support which can be ideal for many older people who no longer feel happy living alone. In Abbeyfield, older people can remain independent and active, knowing that they have the support of house staff and a network of local volunteers.

Public Benefit

The Directors are committed to furthering the Society's objectives by providing high quality support to the residents who occupy the Society's houses. In doing so, the Directors have due regard to the published guidance on public benefit and review the extent of the Society's income and reserves, the cost of the facilities it provides and the ability of residents to make payments from their own resources.

The Directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the company should undertake.

Strategic Report

The description under the headings "Achievements and Performance" and "Financial Review" meet the company law requirements for the Directors to present a strategic report.

Achievements and Performance

The Society has continued to provide supported sheltered accommodation for older people, in accordance with its aims and objectives. The occupation rate, over all houses, was 95.5% (2024: 96%).

Within the context of the public benefit requirement, during the year under review, a number of the Society's residents were funded, in part, other than through their own resources.

The Society is subject to the oversight of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive 'Supporting People' programme, which provides financial support to qualifying residents of the Society.

Financial Review

The Directors report net income for the year of £164,603 (2024: £607,984). This is after a depreciation charge of £245,071 (2024: £234,045), and legacies and donations received of £38,157 (2024: £6,252).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Financial Review (continued)

The Society's principal funding source is income from residents, and this is supplemented by donations and legacies, which are received from time to time.

All of the Society's operational expenditure is incurred in the provision of accommodation and services for residents and in the promotion of the Society.

Reserves Policy

The Society's policy is to hold and designate an amount of general reserves, in the form of cash at bank, equivalent to approximately four months forecast net expenditure, having regard to an anticipated level of income.

Reserves in excess of this amount are treated as designated for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

The policy relating to reserves is reviewed annually.

On an ongoing basis the Directors aim to generate a revenue surplus on operations which will allow for the augmentation of the company's designated reserves.

Risk Management

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the company. The Directors are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. The Society manages and reviews risk through a risk management strategy and the maintenance of a risk register.

The year under review

In the year under review all the Society's accommodation was fully operational and achieved a high occupancy rate of 95.5%. This outcome was supportive of the strategy of update and renewal which has been adopted by the Society and is a tribute to the efforts of staff and volunteers in applying that strategy.

Plans for Future Periods

The Society will continue to seek to provide high quality support for residents in all its Houses. It will also plan for the upgrade and regeneration of the Society's housing stock and the services provided to meet the requirements of future generations of residents.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

At the date of this report the Board of Directors consists of ten members, being a Chair, Deputy Chair, and Honorary Treasurer (collectively known as the Office Bearers) and seven others. Four members of the Board of Directors are male and six are female. The Society has sixty-seven employees.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

The Directors who served during the year or were appointed after the year end, were:

Mr TA Clements	(Chair)	
Lady C Eames	(Deputy Chair)	
Ms KA Shearer		Resigned 25 April 2025
Mrs A Jackson		Resigned 25 April 2025
Mr AR Alexander		
Mrs CA Oliver		
Mrs JA McCabe		
Ms GR Traub		
Mr E Sproule		
Ms S Hill		(Appointed 29 July 2024)
Mr C Buick		(Appointed 27 January 2025)
Ms J Adams	(Treasurer)	(Appointed 27 January 2025)

None of the Directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Directors are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The full Board of Directors meets at least quarterly; in between such meetings the Office Bearers and other Directors discharge a number of responsibilities delegated by the Board. The day to day management of the Society is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, who reports on a regular basis to the Office Bearers.

New Directors are appointed by the Board, having regard to the need for the Board as a whole to have a proper range of relevant skills, experience and characteristics. The Chair, Deputy Chair and Honorary Treasurer are appointed by the Board. New Board members are inducted by the Chair and other Office Bearers as well as the Society's Chief Executive. They are introduced to the aims, policies and procedures of the Society (and the Abbeyfield movement) through its manuals and general information on the Society's activities. The most recently appointed Directors bring a wide range of relevant experience to the Board.

All members of the Board are volunteers and, as stated in the audited accounts, no remuneration is paid to any Director of the charitable company. There are many volunteers, who, as House Friends, complement the work of the Society's Directors and staff, by giving friendship and support to residents.

The Society is affiliated to and is a Member Society of The Abbeyfield Society, a company limited by guarantee which does not have a share capital, having its registered office at Abbeyfield House, St Peter's House, 2 Bricket Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire; company number 574816, registered charity number 200719. As a Member Society, the Society agrees to adopt and work in accordance with the Guiding Principles and the established standards of The Abbeyfield Society.

Key Performance Indicators

The Society aims to:

- Generate an operating cash surplus which will allow the Society to meet financing commitments and for the continued development of the Society to benefit older people. The Directors use a surplus of 5% of income over operating expenses before financing requirements as a guideline. In the current period this metric amounted to 11.7% of income.
- Achieve an occupancy level, over all houses, of 90%.
- Be compliant with the standards and requirements of the NIHE Quality Assessment Framework.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Environmental Matters

The Society recognises its corporate responsibility to carry out its operations while minimising environmental impacts. The Board's continued aim is to comply with all applicable environmental legislation, prevent pollution and reduce waste wherever possible.

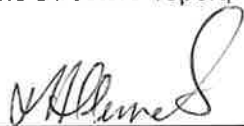
Auditor

The auditors, HM Chartered Accountants, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and in accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that they be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the Directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The Directors' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Directors.



Mr TA Clements (Chair)

Director

Dated: 13-11-2025



Ms J Adams (Treasurer)

Director

Dated: 13-11-2025

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the group for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and 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 group and charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Mr TA Clements (Chair)

Director

Dated: 13-11-2025.....

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, (including Income and Expenditure account), the parent charitable company Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the parent charitable company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows 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, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's charitable affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its profit 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 directors' 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 group'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. 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. 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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 an auditor's report 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.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and/or senior management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions;

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and the company's legal advisors;

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities> . This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work had been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Clare McCarrison FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of HM Chartered Accountants

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
6th Floor, East Tower
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Belfast
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Date: 13-11-2025

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Notes	2025			2024		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income							
Donations and legacies	3	36,157	2,000	38,157	6,252	-	6,252
Charitable activities	4	2,419,937	76,087	2,496,024	2,267,119	83,481	2,350,600
Investments	5	19,304	-	19,304	14,873	-	14,873
Other income	6	9,317	11,423	20,740	45,527	61,555	107,082
Total income		2,484,715	89,510	2,574,225	2,333,771	145,036	2,478,807
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	2,301,525	92,134	2,393,659	2,120,900	181,444	2,302,344
Trading activities		16,236	-	16,236	(1,338)	-	(1,338)
		2,317,761	92,134	2,409,895	2,119,562	181,444	2,301,006
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		273	-	273	430,183	-	430,183
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		167,227	(2,624)	164,603	644,392	(36,408)	607,984
Net movements in funds		167,227	(2,624)	164,603	644,392	(36,408)	607,984
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		7,453,526	18,954	7,472,480	6,809,134	55,362	6,864,496
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		7,620,753	16,330	7,637,083	7,453,526	18,954	7,472,480

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these accounts.

CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

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Profit on disposal of fixed assets		273	-	273	430,183	-	430,183
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		183,463	(2,624)	180,839	643,054	(36,408)	606,646
Net movements in funds		183,463	(2,624)	180,839	643,054	(36,408)	606,646
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		7,733,633	18,954	7,752,587	7,090,579	55,362	7,145,941
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		7,917,096	16,330	7,933,426	7,733,633	18,954	7,752,587

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	8,956,001	9,016,141
Current assets			
Debtors	15	26,931	86,406
Cash at bank and in hand		693,052	508,296
		719,983	594,702
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(493,726)	(482,819)
Net current assets		226,257	111,883
Total assets net current liabilities		9,182,258	9,128,024
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	17	(1,545,175)	(1,655,544)
Net assets		7,637,083	7,472,480
Income funds			
Restricted funds	18	16,330	18,954
Unrestricted funds	19	7,620,753	7,453,526
Total funds		7,637,083	7,472,480

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13-11-2025
and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr TA Clements (Chair)
Director



Ms J Adams (Treasurer)
Director

Company Registration No. NI004632

CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	9,090,282	9,297,586
Investments	13	1	1
		<u>9,090,283</u>	<u>9,297,587</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	26,450	65,458
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>630,063</u>	<u>508,273</u>
		656,513	573,731
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(268,195)</u>	<u>(463,187)</u>
Net current assets		<u>388,318</u>	<u>110,544</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>9,478,601</u>	<u>9,408,131</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	17	<u>(1,545,175)</u>	<u>(1,655,544)</u>
Net assets		<u>7,933,426</u>	<u>7,752,587</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	18	16,330	18,954
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,917,096</u>	<u>7,733,633</u>
Total funds		<u>7,933,426</u>	<u>7,752,587</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on
and were signed on its behalf by:

13-11-2025



Mr TA Clements (Chair)
Director



Ms J Adams (Treasurer)
Director

Company Registration No. NI004632

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	24	597,402	367,717
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		19,304	14,873
Interest paid		(136,922)	(152,677)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(185,614)	(75,282)
Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets		956	506,027
Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities		<u>(302,276)</u>	<u>292,941</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of bank loans		(110,370)	(567,086)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>184,756</u>	<u>93,572</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>508,296</u>	<u>414,724</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>693,052</u>	<u>508,296</u>
Relating to:			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>693,052</u>	<u>508,296</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. The registered office is Harberton Hall, 23a Harberton Park, Belfast, BT9 6WX.

The group consists of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and all of its subsidiaries.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Basis of consolidation

In the parent charitable company financial statements, the cost of business contribution is the fair value at the acquisition date of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed, plus costs directly attributable to the business combination. The excess of the cost of a business combination over the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired is recognised as goodwill. The cost of the combination includes the estimated amount of contingent consideration that is probable and can be measured reliably, and is adjusted for change in contingent consideration after the acquisition date. Provisional fair values recognised for business combinations in previous periods are adjusted retrospectively for final fair values determined in the 12 months following the acquisition date. Investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates are accounted for at cost less impairment.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate those of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and all of its subsidiaries (ie entities that the group controls through its power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain economic benefits). Subsidiaries acquired during the year are consolidated using the purchase method. Their results are incorporated from the date that control passes.

All financial statements are made up to 31 March 2025. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by other members of the group.

All intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

1.3 Going concern

The Directors consider that there are no material uncertainties concerning the group and the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.4 Charitable funds

The Society has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. Definitions of the various funds are as follows:

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Society in furtherance of the objectives of the Society. Such funds are expended on operating activities or may be held to finance capital investment and working capital.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Directors for particular purposes and comprise funds for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses, and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.5 Income

Income is recognised when the company is legally entitled to it after any performance condition have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and legacies comprise donations, legacies, gifts and other forms of voluntary income which are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers. Legacies are recognised when received or when their amount is capable of measurement. Entitlements to material legacies which are not included are disclosed in the notes.

Supporting People revenue grants are credited to restricted income when they are received.

Investment income comprises bank and other interest receivable in the accounting year.

Resident charges comprise charges receivable in the accounting year from residences of the Society's homes.

1.6 Expenditure

The charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure by the charity when working to meet its charitable objectives.

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

House running costs represent direct expenditure incurred in running houses for residents and an allocation of certain support costs. Support costs are allocated to house running costs on the basis of time spent.

Significant refurbishments are capitalised whilst other repairs and replacements are written off to revenue in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets comprise freehold properties (including improvements thereto), the initial cost of furnishings and fittings and computer equipment.

Freehold properties and improvements thereto are stated at cost, or in the case of bequeathed properties at probate valuation. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost on a straight line basis over the expected useful life of the properties. The annual rate used is 2% straight line. The Directors regularly review the properties for impairment.

The cost of furnishings and fittings is the purchase cost together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is provided in respect of these furnishings at a rate of 25% straight line.

The cost of office equipment is the purchase cost together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life. The annual rate used is 25% straight line.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.10 Financial instruments (cont'd)

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expenses as incurred.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (cont'd)

Impairment and depreciation

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of freehold property represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary, to reflect current conditions.

In determining these useful lives management consider technological changes, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. The net book value of tangible fixed assets subject to depreciation at the financial year end date was £8,956,001 (2024: £9,016,141).

3 Donations and legacies

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies	36,157	2,000	38,157	6,252	-	6,252

4 Charitable activities

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income from residents	2,419,937	76,087	2,496,024	2,267,119	83,481	2,350,600

Of the above income from residents, £76,087 (2024: £83,481) was received from Northern Ireland Housing Executive Supporting People and was specifically applied in providing support for those residents in respect of whom it was received.

5 Investments

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Bank interest receivable	19,304	-	19,304	14,873	-	14,873

6 Other income

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Insurance Claim	6,911	-	6,911	42,213	-	42,213
Supporting People grants	-	1,433	1,433	-	6,755	6,755
Other grants	-	9,990	9,990	-	54,800	54,800
Deposit refunds	2,406	-	2,406	3,314	-	3,314
	9,317	11,423	20,740	45,527	61,555	107,082

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7 Charitable activities

	House Running Costs 2025 £	House Running Costs 2024 £
Staff costs	1,095,703	988,291
Depreciation and impairment	245,071	234,045
Recruitment and redundancy	6,577	11,279
Food	196,189	169,113
Cleaning	16,361	17,828
Waste removal	11,775	10,648
Training and uniforms	24,788	4,939
Heat and light	132,012	139,971
Rates and water charges	17,411	17,302
Insurance	19,304	21,056
Telephone, printing and stationery	22,925	20,906
TV licence and events	12,824	8,492
Repairs	97,542	94,898
Garden upkeep	22,393	20,801
Bell Rotary garden project	-	87,899
Sundry expenses	1,167	215
Marketing	8,331	1,514
Affiliation fees	2,949	2,640
Employment services	5,546	4,784
	<u>1,938,868</u>	<u>1,856,621</u>
Support costs (see note 7.1)	446,028	434,423
Governance costs (see note 7.1)	8,763	11,300
	<u>2,393,659</u>	<u>2,302,344</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,301,525	2,120,900
Restricted funds	92,134	181,444
	<u>2,393,659</u>	<u>2,302,344</u>

During the year ended 31 March 2025, costs of £76,087 (2024: £83,481) were allocated against restricted funds to match the restricted income from Supporting People in relation to income from resident's charges. A further £15,601 (2024: £65,733) of costs relate to other restricted grants and £445 (2024: £32,230) of costs relate to restricted donations.

The total cost of support provided by the Society for eligible residents exceeded £76,087 (2024: £83,481) and income from Supporting People is fully utilised in making a contribution to those costs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7.1 Support and governance costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £
Staff costs	252,978	-	252,978	219,262	-	219,262
IT software and maintenance and office costs	31,575	-	31,575	33,422	-	33,422
Sundry expenses	2,703	-	2,703	2,522	-	2,522
Professional fees and recruitment costs	2,890	-	2,890	10,254	-	10,254
Bank fees	4,862	-	4,862	4,752	-	4,752
Travelling and training	8,272	-	8,272	4,932	-	4,932
Fleet costs	5,826	-	5,826	6,602	-	6,602
Interest paid	136,922	-	136,922	152,677	-	152,677
Audit fees	-	8,763	8,763	-	11,300	11,300
	<u>446,028</u>	<u>8,763</u>	<u>454,791</u>	<u>434,423</u>	<u>11,300</u>	<u>445,723</u>

8 Transfers

There were no transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds in the year ended 31 March 2025.

9 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charitable company during the year. Directors' fees of £10,000 (2024: £ 5,000) were paid to directors of the subsidiary company during the year.

Expenses amounting to £NIL (2024: £NIL) were paid to Directors during the year. Indemnity insurance for Directors' liability has been purchased by the subsidiary company for £826 (2024: £1,020).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

10 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
House managers	5	5
House staff	56	55
Administrative staff	6	5
	<u>67</u>	<u>65</u>

Employment costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	1,237,605	1,109,146
Social security costs	89,064	78,168
Other pension costs	22,903	20,239
	<u>1,349,572</u>	<u>1,207,553</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel in the year was £223,507 (2024: £206,951).

One employee's annual remuneration fell between £70,000 and £80,000.

11 Taxation

The Society is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Society's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

12 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Freehold property	Furnishings & fittings	Office equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	9,828,131	304,143	69,141	16,794	10,218,209
Additions	147,164	16,517	5,043	16,890	185,614
Disposals	-	(5,949)	(19,808)	-	(25,757)
At 31 March 2025	9,975,295	314,711	54,376	33,684	10,378,066
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2024	976,572	178,961	44,086	2,449	1,202,068
Depreciation charged in the year	168,488	60,834	10,144	5,605	245,071
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(5,266)	(19,808)	-	(25,074)
At 31 March 2025	1,145,060	234,529	34,422	8,054	1,422,065
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	8,830,235	80,182	19,954	25,630	8,956,001
At 31 March 2024	8,851,559	125,182	25,055	14,345	9,016,141

Charitable Company	Freehold property	Furnishings & fittings	Office equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	10,109,576	304,143	69,141	16,794	10,499,654
Additions	-	16,517	5,043	16,890	38,450
Disposals	-	(5,949)	(19,808)	-	(25,757)
At 31 March 2025	10,109,576	314,711	54,376	33,684	10,512,347
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Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(5,266)	(19,808)	-	(25,074)
At 31 March 2025	1,145,060	234,529	34,422	8,054	1,422,065
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	8,964,516	80,182	19,954	25,630	9,090,282
At 31 March 2024	9,133,004	125,182	25,055	14,345	9,297,586

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

13 Fixed asset investments

Charitable Company

		Unlisted investments £	
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024			1
Additions			-
			<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2025			<u>1</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025			<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2024			<u>1</u>
		2025 £	2024 £
Other investments comprise	Notes		
Investments in subsidiaries	22	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

14 Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised costs	<u>13,966</u>	<u>30,908</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>2,008,079</u>	<u>2,111,245</u>

15 Debtors

**Amounts falling due within one
year:**

	Group		Charitable Company	
	2025 £	2024 £	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	13,966	30,908	13,485	9,960
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>12,965</u>	<u>55,498</u>	<u>12,965</u>	<u>55,498</u>
	<u>26,931</u>	<u>86,406</u>	<u>26,450</u>	<u>65,458</u>

Other debtors in the charitable company relate to residents' charges due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charitable Company	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan	110,370	110,370	110,370	110,370
Other taxation and social security	30,822	27,118	30,822	27,118
Trade creditors	23,361	177,632	23,361	54,576
Other creditors	16,490	8,697	16,490	8,697
Accruals and deferred income	312,683	159,002	61,419	58,693
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	25,733	203,733
	493,726	482,819	268,195	463,187

Barclays Bank Plc hold a charge over all the assets of the company.

The term of the loan is 5 years on a floating rate basis of interest with a margin of 3% per annum. Repayments have been calculated on the basis of an 18 year repayment profile.

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Group		Charitable Company	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan	1,545,175	1,655,544	1,545,175	1,655,544

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Movements in funds		Transfer from Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	£	£
Supporting People Fund - NIHE	-	76,087	(76,087)	-	-
Supporting People Fund	9,054	-	(4,178)	-	4,876
Bell Rotary Fund	95	-	(95)	-	-
Samuel Eric Turpin Fund	9,805	-	(351)	-	9,454
Other restricted grants/donations	-	13,423	(11,423)	-	2,000
	18,954	89,510	(92,134)	-	16,330

The restricted funds comprise:

- The Supporting People funding is received from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and specifically applied in providing support for those residents in respect of whom it was received.
- The Supporting People fund in respect of Easireaders was capitalised and depreciation is being expensed on these over four years. The balance of £4,876 at 31 March 2025 represents the carrying value of these assets in the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

18 Restricted funds (continued)

- Samuel Eric Turpin Fund is utilised to mark long service of staff members.

19 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Movements in funds Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gain on Disposal £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Designated reserves	7,150,537	-	-	273	148,675	7,299,485
General reserves	302,989	2,484,715	(2,317,761)	-	(148,675)	321,268
	<u>7,453,526</u>	<u>2,484,715</u>	<u>(2,317,761)</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,620,753</u>

The Society's policy is to hold and designate an amount of general reserves in the form of cash at bank, equivalent to approximately four months forecast net expenditure, having regard to an anticipated level of income. Reserves in excess of this amount are treated as designated for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	8,951,125	4,876	8,956,001	9,016,141
Current assets	214,803	11,454	226,257	111,883
Long term liabilities	(1,545,175)	-	(1,545,175)	(1,655,544)
	<u>7,620,753</u>	<u>16,330</u>	<u>7,637,083</u>	<u>7,472,480</u>

21 Related party transactions

Fees totalling £10,000 (2024: £5,000) was paid to a director of the subsidiary company during the year. Directors liability insurance of £826 (2024: £1,020) was paid by the subsidiary company during the year.

22 Subsidiaries

These financial statements are separate company financial statements for The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited.

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 March 2025 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct	Indirect
AFB Developments Limited	As above	Property developments	Ordinary shares	100	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

23 Ultimate controlling party

There is no ultimate controlling party.

24 Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus for the year	164,603	607,984
Adjustments for:		
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(273)	(430,183)
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(19,304)	(14,873)
Interest payable recognised in statement of financial activities	136,922	152,677
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	245,071	234,045
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	59,475	(73,160)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	10,908	(108,773)
Cash generated from operations	597,402	367,717

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103425

Accounts



THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED

(company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity Registration Number: 103425

Company Registration Number: NI004632

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Charity registration

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: 103425
HMRC: XN47884

Company registration number

NI004632

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)

The Directors, who are also the trustees under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 and comply with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The company's principal activity continues to be the provision of supported sheltered accommodation for older people and the Society is guided in this undertaking by the shared beliefs of the Abbeyfield movement, that:

- Older people have an important role to play amongst their families, friends and in their community;
- Overcoming loneliness and insecurity can make all the difference to an older person's wellbeing and quality of life; and
- Local people have an essential part to play in helping older people in their community.

The Abbeyfield way of life seeks to provide a balance of privacy and support which can be ideal for many older people who no longer feel happy living alone. In Abbeyfield, older people can remain independent and active, knowing that they have the support of house staff and a network of local volunteers.

Public Benefit

The Directors are committed to furthering the Society's objectives by providing high quality support to the residents who occupy the Society's houses. In doing so, the Directors have due regard to the published guidance on public benefit and review the extent of the Society's income and reserves, the cost of the facilities it provides and the ability of residents to make payments from their own resources.

The Directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the company should undertake.

Strategic Report

The description under the headings "Achievements and Performance" and "Financial Review" meet the company law requirements for the Directors to present a strategic report.

Achievements and Performance

The Society has continued to provide supported sheltered accommodation for older people, in accordance with its aims and objectives. The occupation rate, over all houses, was 96% (2023: 83%).

Within the context of the public benefit requirement, during the year under review, a number of the Society's residents were funded, in part, other than through their own resources.

The Society is subject to the oversight of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive 'Supporting People' programme, which provides financial support to qualifying residents of the Society.

Financial Review

The Directors report net income for the year of £607,984 (2023: £22,060). This is after profit on sale of fixed assets of £430,183 (2023: £Nil), a depreciation charge of £234,045 (2023: £226,440), and legacies and donations received of £6,252 (2023: £80,873).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Financial Review (continued)

The Society's principal funding source is income from residents, and this is supplemented by donations and legacies, which are received from time to time.

All of the Society's operational expenditure is incurred in the provision of accommodation and services for residents and in the promotion of the Society.

Reserves Policy

The Society's policy is to hold and designate an amount of general reserves, in the form of cash at bank, equivalent to approximately four months forecast net expenditure, having regard to an anticipated level of income.

Reserves in excess of this amount are treated as designated for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

The policy relating to reserves is reviewed annually.

On an ongoing basis the Directors aim to generate a revenue surplus on operations which will allow for the augmentation of the company's designated reserves.

Risk Management

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the company. The Directors are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. The Society manages and reviews risk through a risk management strategy and the maintenance of a risk register.

The year under review

In the year under review all the Society's accommodation was fully operational and achieved a high occupancy rate of 96%. This outcome was supportive of the strategy of update and renewal which has been adopted by the Society and is a tribute to the efforts of staff and volunteers in applying that strategy. Work was also undertaken to re-design the garden at Bell Rotary House such that it would provide a sensory and accessible area for residents and staff alike. This was brought to completion in May 2024 and has been greatly assisted through a bequest from a former resident and a grant from the Wolfson Foundation.

Plans for Future Periods

The Society will continue to seek to provide high quality support for residents in all its Houses. It will also plan for the upgrade and regeneration of the Society's housing stock and the services provided to meet the requirements of future generations of residents.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

At the date of this report the Board of Directors consists of nine members, being a Chairman, Deputy Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Company Secretary (collectively known as the Office Bearers) and five others. Three members of the Board of Directors are male and six are female. The Society has sixty-five employees.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

The Directors who served during the year or were appointed after the year end, were:

Mr TA Clements	(Chairman)
Lady C Eames	(Deputy Chairperson)
Ms KA Shearer	(Honorary Treasurer)
Mrs A Jackson	(Company Secretary)
Mr AR Alexander	
Mr DC Magee	(Resigned 16 November 2023)
Mrs CA Oliver	
Mrs JA McCabe	
Ms GR Traub	
Mr E Sproule	(Appointed 6 December 2023)

None of the Directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Directors are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The full Board of Directors meets at least quarterly; in between such meetings the Office Bearers and other Directors discharge a number of responsibilities delegated by the Board. The day to day management of the Society is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, who reports on a regular basis to the Office Bearers.

New Directors are appointed by the Board, having regard to the need for the Board as a whole to have a proper range of relevant skills, experience and characteristics. The Chairman, Deputy Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer and Company Secretary are appointed by the Board. New Board members are inducted by the Chairman and other Office Bearers as well as the Society's Chief Executive. They are introduced to the aims, policies and procedures of the Society (and the Abbeyfield movement) through its manuals and general information on the Society's activities. The most recently appointed Director brings a wide range of relevant experience to the Board.

All members of the Board are volunteers and, as stated in the audited accounts, no remuneration is paid to any Director of the charitable company. There are many volunteers, who, as House Friends, complement the work of the Society's Directors and staff, by giving friendship and support to residents.

The Society is affiliated to and is a Member Society of The Abbeyfield Society, a company limited by guarantee which does not have a share capital, having its registered office at Abbeyfield House, St Peter's House, 2 Bricket Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire; company number 574816, registered charity number 200719. As a Member Society, the Society agrees to adopt and work in accordance with the Guiding Principles and the established standards of The Abbeyfield Society.

Key Performance Indicators

The Society aims to:

- Generate an operating cash surplus which will allow the Society to meet financing commitments and for the continued development of the Society to benefit older people. The Directors use a surplus of 5% of income over operating expenses before financing requirements as a guideline. In the current period this metric amounted to 13.3% of income.
- Achieve an occupancy level, over all houses, of 90%.
- Be compliant with the standards and requirements of the NIHE Quality Assessment Framework.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)
(CONT'D)**

Environmental Matters

The Society recognises its corporate responsibility to carry out its operations while minimising environmental impacts. The Board's continued aim is to comply with all applicable environmental legislation, prevent pollution and reduce waste wherever possible.

Auditor

The auditors, Harbinson Mulholland, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and in accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that they be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the Directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The Directors' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Directors.

Mr TA Clements (Chairman)

Director

Dated:.....

Ms KA Shearer (Treasurer)

Director

Dated:.....

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the group for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (2015);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and 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 group and charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

Mrs A Jackson (Secretary)

Director

Dated:

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, (including Income and Expenditure account), the parent charitable company Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the parent charitable company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows 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, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's charitable affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its profit 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 directors' 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 group'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. 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. 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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 an auditor's report 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.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and/or senior management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions;

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and the company's legal advisors;

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities> . This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work had been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Clare McCarrison FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Harbinson Mulholland

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Centrepont
24 Ormeau Avenue
Belfast
BT2 8HS

Date:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Notes	2024			2023		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income							
Donations and legacies	3	6,252	-	6,252	78,361	2,512	80,873
Charitable activities	4	2,267,119	83,481	2,350,600	1,887,610	69,282	1,956,892
Investments	5	14,873	-	14,873	1,816	-	1,816
Other income	6	45,527	61,555	107,082	-	46,751	46,751
Total income		2,333,771	145,036	2,478,807	1,967,787	118,545	2,086,332
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	2,120,900	181,444	2,302,344	1,954,804	105,668	2,060,472
Trading activities		(1,338)	-	(1,338)	3,800	-	3,800
		2,119,562	181,444	2,301,006	1,958,604	105,668	2,064,272
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		430,183	-	430,183	-	-	-
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		644,392	(36,408)	607,984	9,183	12,877	22,060
Net movements in funds		644,392	(36,408)	607,984	9,183	12,877	22,060
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		6,809,134	55,362	6,864,496	6,799,951	42,485	6,842,436
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		7,453,526	18,954	7,472,480	6,809,134	55,362	6,864,496

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these accounts.

CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Notes	2024			2023		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income							
Donations and legacies	3	6,252	-	6,252	78,361	2,512	80,873
Charitable activities	4	2,267,119	83,481	2,350,600	1,887,610	69,282	1,956,892
Investments	5	14,873	-	14,873	1,816	-	1,816
Other income	6	45,527	61,555	107,082	-	46,751	46,751
Total income		2,333,771	145,036	2,478,807	1,967,787	118,545	2,086,332
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	2,120,900	181,444	2,302,344	1,954,804	105,668	2,060,472
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		430,183	-	430,183	-	-	-
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		643,054	(36,408)	606,646	12,983	12,877	25,860
Net movements in funds		643,054	(36,408)	606,646	12,983	12,877	25,860
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		7,090,579	55,362	7,145,941	7,077,596	42,485	7,120,081
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		7,733,633	18,954	7,752,587	7,090,579	55,362	7,145,941

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	9,016,141	9,250,748
Current assets			
Debtors	15	86,406	13,246
Cash at bank and in hand		508,296	414,724
		594,702	427,970
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(482,819)	(618,457)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		111,883	(190,487)
Total assets net current liabilities		9,128,024	9,060,261
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			
	17	(1,655,544)	(2,195,765)
Net assets		7,472,480	6,864,496
Income funds			
Restricted funds	18	18,954	55,362
Unrestricted funds	19	7,453,526	6,809,134
Total funds		7,472,480	6,864,496

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on
and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr TA Clements (Chairman)
Director

Ms KA Shearer (Treasurer)
Director

Company Registration No. NI004632

CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	9,297,586	9,532,193
Investments	13	1	1
		<u>9,297,587</u>	<u>9,532,194</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	65,458	13,246
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>508,273</u>	<u>413,281</u>
		573,731	426,527
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(463,187)</u>	<u>(617,015)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>110,544</u>	<u>(190,488)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>9,408,131</u>	<u>9,341,706</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	17	<u>(1,655,544)</u>	<u>(2,195,765)</u>
Net assets		<u>7,752,587</u>	<u>7,145,941</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	18	18,954	55,362
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,733,633</u>	<u>7,090,579</u>
Total funds		<u>7,752,587</u>	<u>7,145,941</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on
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Mr TA Clements (Chairman)
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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	25	367,717	428,624
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		14,873	1,816
Interest paid		(152,677)	(125,011)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(75,282)	(163,749)
Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets		506,027	-
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		292,941	(286,944)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of bank loans		(567,086)	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		93,572	141,680
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		414,724	273,044
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		508,296	414,724
Relating to:			
Cash at bank and in hand		508,296	414,724
Bank overdrafts included in creditors payable in one year		-	-
		508,296	414,724

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. The registered office is Harberton Hall, 23a Harberton Park, Belfast, BT9 6WX.

The group consists of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and all of its subsidiaries.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Basis of consolidation

In the parent charitable company financial statements, the cost of business contribution is the fair value at the acquisition date of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed, plus costs directly attributable to the business combination. The excess of the cost of a business combination over the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired is recognised as goodwill. The cost of the combination includes the estimated amount of contingent consideration that is probable and can be measured reliably, and is adjusted for change in contingent consideration after the acquisition date. Provisional fair values recognised for business combinations in previous periods are adjusted retrospectively for final fair values determined in the 12 months following the acquisition date. Investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates are accounted for at cost less impairment.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate those of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and all of its subsidiaries (ie entities that the group controls through its power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain economic benefits). Subsidiaries acquired during the year are consolidated using the purchase method. Their results are incorporated from the date that control passes.

All financial statements are made up to 31 March 2024. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by other members of the group.

All intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

1.3 Going concern

The Directors consider that there are no material uncertainties concerning the group and the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Directors have prepared projections for the development project and the Group and, having considered the circumstances outlined above, are of the view that they have sufficient funding to ensure that the Society can continue to operate for the next 12 months. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.4 Charitable funds

The Society has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. Definitions of the various funds are as follows:

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Society in furtherance of the objectives of the Society. Such funds are expended on operating activities or may be held to finance capital investment and working capital.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Directors for particular purposes and comprise funds for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses, and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.5 Income

Income is recognised when the company is legally entitled to it after any performance condition have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and legacies comprise donations, legacies, gifts and other forms of voluntary income which are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers. Legacies are recognised when received or when their amount is capable of measurement. Entitlements to material legacies which are not included are disclosed in the notes.

Supporting People revenue grants are credited to restricted income when they are received.

Investment income comprises bank and other interest receivable in the accounting year.

Resident charges comprise charges receivable in the accounting year from residences of the Society's homes.

1.6 Expenditure

The charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure by the charity when working to meet its charitable objectives.

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

House running costs represent direct expenditure incurred in running houses for residents and an allocation of certain support costs. Support costs are allocated to house running costs on the basis of time spent.

Significant refurbishments are capitalised whilst other repairs and replacements are written off to revenue in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets comprise freehold properties (including improvements thereto), the initial cost of furnishings and fittings and computer equipment.

Freehold properties and improvements thereto are stated at cost, or in the case of bequeathed properties at probate valuation. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost on a straight line basis over the expected useful life of the properties. The annual rate used is 2% straight line. The Directors regularly review the properties for impairment.

The cost of furnishings and fittings is the purchase cost together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is provided in respect of these furnishings at a rate of 25% straight line.

The cost of office equipment is the purchase cost together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life. The annual rate used is 25% straight line.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.10 Financial instruments (cont'd)

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.14 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expenses as incurred.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (cont'd)

Impairment and depreciation

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of freehold property represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary, to reflect current conditions.

In determining these useful lives management consider technological changes, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. The net book value of tangible fixed assets subject to depreciation at the financial year end date was £9,016,141 (2023: £9,250,748).

3 Donations and legacies

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies	6,252	-	6,252	78,361	2,512	80,873

4 Charitable activities

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income from residents	2,267,119	83,481	2,350,600	1,887,610	69,282	1,956,892

Of the above income from residents, £83,481 (2023: £69,282) was received from Northern Ireland Housing Executive Supporting People Benefit and was specifically applied in providing support for those residents in respect of whom it was received.

5 Investments

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Bank interest receivable	14,873	-	14,873	1,816	-	1,816

6 Other income

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Insurance Claim	42,213	-	42,213	-	-	-
Supporting People grants	-	6,755	6,755	-	27,051	27,051
Other grants	-	54,800	54,800	-	19,700	19,700
Deposit refunds	3,314	-	3,314	-	-	-
	45,527	61,555	107,082	-	46,751	46,751

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7 Charitable activities

	House Running Costs 2024 £	House Running Costs 2023 £
Staff costs	988,291	936,637
Depreciation and impairment	234,045	226,440
Recruitment and redundancy	11,279	29,109
Food	169,113	144,067
Cleaning	17,828	14,418
Waste removal	10,648	14,413
Training and uniforms	4,939	4,498
Heat and light	139,971	147,034
Rates and water charges	17,302	13,534
Insurance	21,056	19,213
Telephone, printing and stationery	20,906	16,743
TV licence and events	8,492	10,129
Repairs	94,898	82,745
Garden upkeep	20,801	15,310
Bell Rotary garden project	87,899	-
Sundry expenses	215	30
Marketing	1,514	15,121
Indirect expenses	7,424	7,972
	1,856,621	1,697,413
Support costs (see note 7.1)	434,423	354,239
Governance costs (see note 7.1)	11,300	8,820
	2,302,344	2,060,472
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,120,900	1,954,804
Restricted funds	181,444	105,668
	2,302,344	2,060,472

During the year ended 31 March 2024, costs of £83,481 (2023: £69,282) were allocated against restricted funds to match the restricted income from Supporting People in relation to income from resident's charges. A further £65,733 (2023: £33,519) of costs relate to other restricted grants and £32,230 (2023: £2,867) of costs relate to restricted donations. A grant of £54,800 from the Wolfson Foundation and a bequest of £32,055 from L Nelson was used to offset the cost of the Bell Rotary garden project.

The total cost of support provided by the Society for eligible residents exceeded £83,481 (2023: £69,282) and income from Supporting People is fully utilised in making a contribution to those costs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7.1 Support and governance costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £
Staff costs	219,262	-	219,262	169,131	-	169,131
Office equipment, maintenance, printing, stationery and postage	33,422	-	33,422	30,025	-	30,025
Sundry expenses	2,522	-	2,522	5,713	-	5,713
Professional fees and recruitment costs	10,254	-	10,254	7,410	-	7,410
Bank fees	4,752	-	4,752	6,854	-	6,854
Travelling and training	4,932	-	4,932	1,274	-	1,274
Fleet costs	6,602	-	6,602	8,821	-	8,821
Interest paid	152,677	-	152,677	125,011	-	125,011
Audit fees	-	11,300	11,300	-	8,820	8,820
	<u>434,423</u>	<u>11,300</u>	<u>445,723</u>	<u>354,239</u>	<u>8,820</u>	<u>363,059</u>

8 Transfers

There were no transfers in the year ended 31 March 2024.

9 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charitable company during the year. Directors' fees of £5,000 (2023: £ Nil) were paid to directors of the subsidiary company during the year.

Expenses amounting to £NIL (2023: £NIL) were paid to Directors during the year. Indemnity insurance for Directors' liability has been purchased by the subsidiary company for £1,020 (2023: £1,294).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

10 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
House managers	5	7
House staff	55	48
Administrative staff	5	4
	<u>65</u>	<u>59</u>

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,109,146	1,025,516
Social security costs	78,168	75,084
Other pension costs	20,239	19,053
	<u>1,207,553</u>	<u>1,119,653</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel in the year was £206,951 (2023: £169,131).

One employee's annual remuneration fell between £60,000 and £70,000.

11 Taxation

The Society is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Society's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

12 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Freehold property	Furnishings & fittings	Office equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	9,946,604	271,531	55,341	-	10,273,476
Additions	-	44,688	13,800	16,794	75,282
Disposals	(118,473)	(12,076)	-		(130,549)
At 31 March 2024	9,828,131	304,143	69,141	16,794	10,218,209
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2023	856,147	129,933	36,648	-	1,022,728
Depreciation charged in the year	168,487	55,671	7,438	2,449	234,045
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(48,062)	(6,643)	-	-	(54,705)
At 31 March 2024	976,572	178,961	44,086	2,449	1,202,068
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2024	8,851,559	125,182	25,055	14,345	9,016,141
At 31 March 2023	9,090,457	141,598	18,693	-	9,250,748

Charitable Company	Freehold property	Furnishings & fittings	Office equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	10,228,049	271,531	55,341	-	10,554,921
Additions	-	44,688	13,800	16,794	75,282
Disposals	(118,473)	(12,076)	-		(130,549)
At 31 March 2024	10,109,576	304,143	69,141	16,794	10,499,654
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At 31 March 2024	976,572	178,961	44,086	2,449	1,202,068
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2024	9,133,004	125,182	25,055	14,345	9,297,586
At 31 March 2023	9,371,902	141,598	18,693	-	9,532,193

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

13 Fixed asset investments

Charitable Company

		Unlisted investments £	
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2023		1	
Additions		-	
		<u>1</u>	
At 31 March 2024		1	
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024		<u>1</u>	
At 31 March 2023		<u>1</u>	
		2024	2023
		£	£
Other investments comprise	Notes		
Investments in subsidiaries	23	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

14 Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised costs	<u>30,908</u>	<u>6,055</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>2,111,245</u>	<u>2,787,614</u>

15 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Group		Charitable Company	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	30,908	6,055	9,960	6,055
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>55,498</u>	<u>7,191</u>	<u>55,498</u>	<u>7,191</u>
	<u>86,406</u>	<u>13,246</u>	<u>65,458</u>	<u>13,246</u>

Other debtors in the charitable company relate to residents' charges due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charitable Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Bank loan	110,370	137,235	110,370	137,235
Other taxation and social security	27,118	26,608	27,118	26,608
Trade creditors	177,632	28,990	54,576	28,990
Other creditors	8,697	94,713	8,697	9,963
Accruals and deferred income	159,002	330,911	58,693	56,897
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	203,733	357,322
	<u>482,819</u>	<u>618,457</u>	<u>463,187</u>	<u>617,015</u>

Barclays Bank Plc hold a charge over all the assets of the company.

The term of the loan is 5 years on a floating rate basis of interest with a margin of 3% per annum. Repayments have been calculated on the basis of an 18 year repayment profile.

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Group		Charitable Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan	<u>1,655,544</u>	<u>2,195,765</u>	<u>1,655,544</u>	<u>2,195,765</u>

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Movements in funds		Transfer from Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	£	£
Supporting People Fund - NIHE	-	83,481	(83,481)	-	-
Supporting People Fund	13,232	-	(4,178)	-	9,054
Bell Rotary Fund	32,150	54,800	(86,855)	-	95
Samuel Eric Turpin Fund	9,980	-	(175)	-	9,805
Other restricted grants/donations	-	6,755	(6,755)	-	-
	<u>55,362</u>	<u>145,036</u>	<u>(181,444)</u>		<u>18,954</u>

The restricted funds comprise:

- The Supporting People funding is received from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and specifically applied in providing support for those residents in respect of whom it was received.
- The Supporting People fund in respect of Easireaders was capitalised and depreciation is being expensed on these over four years. The balance of £9,054 at 31 March 2024 represents the carrying value of these assets in the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

18 Restricted funds (continued)

- Bell Rotary Fund is to be used for the benefit of Society staff and residents who reside at Bell Rotary. £32,055 was received from L. Nelson and £54,800 from The Wolfson Foundation and was expended on a garden project at Bell Rotary.
- Samuel Eric Turpin Fund is utilised to mark long service of staff members.

19 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Movements in funds		Gain on Disposal £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £			
Designated reserves	6,490,724	-	-	430,183	229,630	7,150,537
General reserves	318,410	2,333,771	(2,119,562)	-	(229,630)	302,989
	<u>6,809,134</u>	<u>2,333,771</u>	<u>(2,119,562)</u>	<u>430,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,453,526</u>

The Society's policy is to hold and designate an amount of general reserves in the form of cash at bank, equivalent to approximately four months forecast net expenditure, having regard to an anticipated level of income. Reserves in excess of this amount are treated as designated for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	9,007,087	9,054	9,016,141	9,250,748
Current assets/(liabilities)	101,983	9,900	111,883	(190,487)
Long term liabilities	(1,655,544)	-	(1,655,544)	(2,195,765)
	<u>7,453,526</u>	<u>18,954</u>	<u>7,472,480</u>	<u>6,864,496</u>

21 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	-	2,135
Between two and five years	-	-
Measured at amortised cost	<u>-</u>	<u>2,135</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

22 Related party transactions

Fees totalling £5,000 (2023: £NIL) was paid to a director of the subsidiary company during the year. Directors liability insurance of £1,020 (2023: £1,293) was paid by the subsidiary company during the year.

23 Subsidiaries

These financial statements are separate company financial statements for The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited.

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 March 2024 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
AFB Developments Limited	As above	Property developments	Ordinary shares	100	-

24 Ultimate controlling party

There is no ultimate controlling party.

25 Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus for the year	607,984	22,060
Adjustments for:		
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(430,183)	-
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(14,873)	(1,816)
Interest payable recognised in statement of financial activities	152,677	125,011
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	234,045	226,440
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stock	-	8,672
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(73,160)	46,033
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(108,773)	2,224
Cash generated from operations	367,717	428,624

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103425

Annual report

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)

The Directors, who are also the trustees under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 and comply with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The company's principal activity continues to be the provision of supported sheltered accommodation for older people and the Society is guided in this undertaking by the shared beliefs of the Abbeyfield movement, that:

- Older people have an important role to play amongst their families, friends and in their community;
- Overcoming loneliness and insecurity can make all the difference to an older person's wellbeing and quality of life; and
- Local people have an essential part to play in helping older people in their community.

The Abbeyfield way of life seeks to provide a balance of privacy and support which can be ideal for many older people who no longer feel happy living alone. In Abbeyfield, older people can remain independent and active, knowing that they have the support of house staff and a network of local volunteers.

Public Benefit

The Directors are committed to furthering the Society's objectives by providing high quality support to the residents who occupy the Society's houses. In doing so, the Directors have due regard to the published guidance on public benefit and review the extent of the Society's income and reserves, the cost of the facilities it provides and the ability of residents to make payments from their own resources.

The Directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the company should undertake.

Strategic Report

The description under the headings "Achievements and Performance" and "Financial Review" meet the company law requirements for the Directors to present a strategic report.

Achievements and Performance

The Society has continued to provide supported sheltered accommodation for older people, in accordance with its aims and objectives. The occupation rate, over all houses, was 96% (2023: 83%).

Within the context of the public benefit requirement, during the year under review, a number of the Society's residents were funded, in part, other than through their own resources.

The Society is subject to the oversight of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive 'Supporting People' programme, which provides financial support to qualifying residents of the Society.

Financial Review

The Directors report net income for the year of £607,984 (2023: £22,060). This is after profit on sale of fixed assets of £430,183 (2023: £Nil), a depreciation charge of £234,045 (2023: £226,440), and legacies and donations received of £6,252 (2023: £80,873).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Financial Review (continued)

The Society's principal funding source is income from residents, and this is supplemented by donations and legacies, which are received from time to time.

All of the Society's operational expenditure is incurred in the provision of accommodation and services for residents and in the promotion of the Society.

Reserves Policy

The Society's policy is to hold and designate an amount of general reserves, in the form of cash at bank, equivalent to approximately four months forecast net expenditure, having regard to an anticipated level of income.

Reserves in excess of this amount are treated as designated for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

The policy relating to reserves is reviewed annually.

On an ongoing basis the Directors aim to generate a revenue surplus on operations which will allow for the augmentation of the company's designated reserves.

Risk Management

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the company. The Directors are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. The Society manages and reviews risk through a risk management strategy and the maintenance of a risk register.

The year under review

In the year under review all the Society's accommodation was fully operational and achieved a high occupancy rate of 96%. This outcome was supportive of the strategy of update and renewal which has been adopted by the Society and is a tribute to the efforts of staff and volunteers in applying that strategy. Work was also undertaken to re-design the garden at Bell Rotary House such that it would provide a sensory and accessible area for residents and staff alike. This was brought to completion in May 2024 and has been greatly assisted through a bequest from a former resident and a grant from the Wolfson Foundation.

Plans for Future Periods

The Society will continue to seek to provide high quality support for residents in all its Houses. It will also plan for the upgrade and regeneration of the Society's housing stock and the services provided to meet the requirements of future generations of residents.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

At the date of this report the Board of Directors consists of nine members, being a Chairman, Deputy Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Company Secretary (collectively known as the Office Bearers) and five others. Three members of the Board of Directors are male and six are female. The Society has sixty-five employees.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

The Directors who served during the year or were appointed after the year end, were:

Mr TA Clements	(Chairman)
Lady C Eames	(Deputy Chairperson)
Ms KA Shearer	(Honorary Treasurer)
Mrs A Jackson	(Company Secretary)
Mr AR Alexander	
Mr DC Magee	(Resigned 16 November 2023)
Mrs CA Oliver	
Mrs JA McCabe	
Ms GR Traub	
Mr E Sproule	(Appointed 6 December 2023)

None of the Directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Directors are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The full Board of Directors meets at least quarterly; in between such meetings the Office Bearers and other Directors discharge a number of responsibilities delegated by the Board. The day to day management of the Society is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, who reports on a regular basis to the Office Bearers.

New Directors are appointed by the Board, having regard to the need for the Board as a whole to have a proper range of relevant skills, experience and characteristics. The Chairman, Deputy Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer and Company Secretary are appointed by the Board. New Board members are inducted by the Chairman and other Office Bearers as well as the Society's Chief Executive. They are introduced to the aims, policies and procedures of the Society (and the Abbeyfield movement) through its manuals and general information on the Society's activities. The most recently appointed Director brings a wide range of relevant experience to the Board.

All members of the Board are volunteers and, as stated in the audited accounts, no remuneration is paid to any Director of the charitable company. There are many volunteers, who, as House Friends, complement the work of the Society's Directors and staff, by giving friendship and support to residents.

The Society is affiliated to and is a Member Society of The Abbeyfield Society, a company limited by guarantee which does not have a share capital, having its registered office at Abbeyfield House, St Peter's House, 2 Bricket Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire; company number 574816, registered charity number 200719. As a Member Society, the Society agrees to adopt and work in accordance with the Guiding Principles and the established standards of The Abbeyfield Society.

Key Performance Indicators

The Society aims to:

- Generate an operating cash surplus which will allow the Society to meet financing commitments and for the continued development of the Society to benefit older people. The Directors use a surplus of 5% of income over operating expenses before financing requirements as a guideline. In the current period this metric amounted to 13.3% of income.
- Achieve an occupancy level, over all houses, of 90%.
- Be compliant with the standards and requirements of the NIHE Quality Assessment Framework.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)
(CONT'D)**

Environmental Matters

The Society recognises its corporate responsibility to carry out its operations while minimising environmental impacts. The Board's continued aim is to comply with all applicable environmental legislation, prevent pollution and reduce waste wherever possible.

Auditor

The auditors, Harbinson Mulholland, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and in accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that they be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the Directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The Directors' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Directors.

Mr TA Clements (Chairman)

Director

Dated:.....

Ms KA Shearer (Treasurer)

Director

Dated:.....

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103425

Annual return

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, (including Income and Expenditure account), the parent charitable company Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the parent charitable company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows 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, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's charitable affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its profit 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 directors' 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 group'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. 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. 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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 an auditor's report 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.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and/or senior management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions;

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and the company's legal advisors;

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities> . This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work had been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Clare McCarrison FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Harbinson Mulholland

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Centrepont
24 Ormeau Avenue
Belfast
BT2 8HS

Date:

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103425

Accounts

THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED

(company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity Registration Number: 103425

Company Registration Number: NI004632

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Charity registration

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: 103425
HMRC: XN47884

Company registration number

NI004632

Directors

Mr TA Clements (Chairman)
Lady C Eames (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms KA Shearer (Honorary Treasurer)
Mrs A Jackson (Company Secretary)
Mr AR Alexander
Mr DC Magee
Mrs CA Olver
Mrs JA McCabe
Ms GR Traub

Company Secretary

Mrs A Jackson

Principal office of the Society and registered office

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Independent Auditors

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)

The Directors, who are also the trustees under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 and comply with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The company's principal activity continues to be the provision of supported sheltered accommodation for older people and the Society is guided in this undertaking by the shared beliefs of the Abbeyfield movement, that:

- Older people have an important role to play amongst their families, friends and in their community;
- Overcoming loneliness and insecurity can make all the difference to an older person's wellbeing and quality of life; and
- Local people have an essential part to play in helping older people in their community.

The Abbeyfield way of life seeks to provide a balance of privacy and support which can be ideal for many older people who no longer feel happy living alone. In Abbeyfield, older people can remain independent and active, knowing that they have the support of house staff and a network of local volunteers.

Public Benefit

The Directors are committed to furthering the Society's objectives by providing high quality support to the residents who occupy the Society's houses. In doing so, the Directors have due regard to the published guidance on public benefit and review the extent of the Society's income and reserves, the cost of the facilities it provides and the ability of residents to make payments from their own resources.

The Directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the company should undertake.

Strategic Report

The description under the headings "Achievements and Performance" and "Financial Review" meet the company law requirements for the Directors to present a strategic report.

Achievements and Performance

The Society has continued to provide supported sheltered accommodation for older people, in accordance with its aims and objectives. The occupation rate for those houses which were open for occupation for the full year was 83% (2022: 87%) reflecting the planned gradual opening of Harberton during the year.

Within the context of the public benefit requirement, during the year under review, a number of the Society's residents were funded, in part, other than through their own resources.

The Society is subject to the oversight of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive 'Supporting People' programme, which provides financial support to qualifying residents of the Society.

Financial Review

The Directors report net income for the year of £22,060 (2022: £604,443). This is after profit on sale of fixed assets of £Nil (2022: £923,238), a depreciation charge of £226,440 (2022: £50,743), and legacies and donations received of £80,873 (2022: £33,896).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Financial Review (continued)

The Society's principal funding source is income from residents, and this is supplemented by donations and legacies, which are received from time to time.

All of the Society's operational expenditure is incurred in the provision of accommodation and services for residents and in the promotion of the Society.

Reserves Policy

The Society's policy is to hold and designate an amount of general reserves, in the form of cash at bank, equivalent to approximately four months forecast net expenditure, having regard to an anticipated level of income.

Reserves in excess of this amount are treated as designated for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

The policy relating to reserves is reviewed annually.

On an ongoing basis the Directors aim to generate a revenue surplus on operations which will allow for the augmentation of the company's designated reserves.

Risk Management

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the company. The Directors are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. The Society manages and reviews risk through a risk management strategy and the maintenance of a risk register.

The year under review

During the year the new accommodation at Harberton Hall was brought into full operation and the transfer of residents from older houses which were being de-commissioned was managed. This was achieved through excellent work and commitment by staff and by volunteers, and with the co-operation and understanding of residents and their families and friends.

Plans for Future Periods

The Society will continue to plan for the upgrade and regeneration of the Society's housing stock and the services provided to meet the requirements of future generations of residents. This may involve, in some cases, replacing older housing stock and the Directors are exploring a number of options which they believe will support the objectives of the Society to provide appropriate supported accommodation for older people.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

At the date of this report the Board of Directors consists of nine members, being a Chairman, Deputy Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Company Secretary (collectively known as the Office Bearers) and five others. Three members of the Board of Directors are male and six are female. The Society has sixty-two employees.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

The Directors who served during the year or were appointed after the year end, were:

Mr TA Clements	(Chairman)
Lady C Eames	(Deputy Chairperson)
Ms KA Shearer	(Honorary Treasurer)
Mrs A Jackson	(Company Secretary)
Mr AR Alexander	
Mr DC Magee	
Mrs CA Oliver	
Mrs JA McCabe	
Ms GR Traub	(Appointed 31 March 2023)

None of the Directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Directors are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The full Board of Directors meets at least quarterly; in between such meetings the Office Bearers and other Directors discharge a number of responsibilities delegated by the Board. The day to day management of the Society is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, who reports on a regular basis to the Office Bearers.

New Directors are appointed by the Board, having regard to the need for the Board as a whole to have a proper range of relevant skills, experience and characteristics. The Chairman, Deputy Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer and Company Secretary are appointed by the Board. New Board members are inducted by the Chairman and other Office Bearers as well as the Society's Chief Executive. They are introduced to the aims, policies and procedures of the Society (and the Abbeyfield movement) through its manuals and general information on the Society's activities. The most recently appointed Director brings a wide range of relevant experience to the Board.

All members of the Board are volunteers and, as stated in the audited accounts, no remuneration is paid to any Director of the charitable company (Note 9). There are many volunteers, who, as House Friends, complement the work of the Society's Directors and staff, by giving friendship and support to residents.

The Society is affiliated to and is a Member Society of The Abbeyfield Society, a company limited by guarantee which does not have a share capital, having its registered office at Abbeyfield House, St Peter's House, 2 Bricket Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire; company number 574816, registered charity number 200719. As a Member Society, the Society agrees to adopt and work in accordance with the Guiding Principles and the established standards of The Abbeyfield Society.

Key Performance Indicators

The Society aims to:

- Generate an operating cash surplus which will allow the Society to meet financing commitments and for the continued development of the Society to benefit older people. The Directors use a surplus of 5% of income over operating expenses before financing requirements as a guideline. In the current period this metric amounted to 7.6% of income.
- Achieve an occupancy level, over all houses, of 90% (previously 85%), having completed new developments in the current financial year.
- Be compliant with the standards and requirements of the NIHE Quality Assessment Framework.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)
(CONT'D)**

Environmental Matters

The Society recognises its corporate responsibility to carry out its operations while minimising environmental impacts. The Board's continued aim is to comply with all applicable environmental legislation, prevent pollution and reduce waste wherever possible.

Auditor

The auditors, Harbinson Mulholland, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and in accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that they be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the Directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The Directors' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Directors.

Mr TA Clements (Chairman)

Director

Dated:.....

Ms KA Shearer (Treasurer)

Director

Dated:.....

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the group for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (2015);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and 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 group and charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

Mrs A Jackson (Secretary)

Director

Dated:

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, (including Income and Expenditure account), the parent charitable company Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the parent charitable company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows 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, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's charitable affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its profit 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 directors' 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 group'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. 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. 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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
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- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
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To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
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Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities> . This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work had been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Clare McCarrison FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Harbinson Mulholland

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
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Date:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Notes	2023			2022		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income							
Donations and legacies	3	78,361	2,512	80,873	1,341	32,555	33,896
Charitable activities	4	1,887,610	69,282	1,956,892	1,093,795	80,044	1,173,839
Investments	5	1,816	-	1,816	65	-	65
Other income	6	-	46,751	46,751	40,704	23,058	63,762
Total income		1,967,787	118,545	2,086,332	1,135,905	135,657	1,271,562
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	1,954,804	105,668	2,060,472	1,469,109	106,836	1,575,945
Trading activities		3,800	-	3,800	14,412	-	14,412
		1,958,604	105,668	2,064,272	1,483,521	106,836	1,590,357
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	923,238	-	923,238
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		9,183	12,877	22,060	575,622	28,821	604,443
Net movements in funds		9,183	12,877	22,060	575,622	28,821	604,443
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		6,799,951	42,485	6,842,436	6,224,329	13,664	6,237,993
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		6,809,134	55,362	6,864,496	6,799,951	42,485	6,842,436

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these accounts.

CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Notes	2023			2022		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income							
Donations and legacies	3	78,361	2,512	80,873	1,341	32,555	33,896
Charitable activities	4	1,887,610	69,282	1,956,892	1,093,795	80,044	1,173,839
Investments	5	1,816	-	1,816	94,166	-	94,166
Other income	6	-	46,751	46,751	40,704	23,058	63,762
Total income		1,967,787	118,454	2,086,332	1,230,006	135,657	1,365,663
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	1,954,804	105,668	2,060,472	1,469,109	106,836	1,575,945
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	923,238	-	923,238
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		12,983	12,877	25,860	684,135	28,821	712,956
Net movements in funds		12,983	12,877	25,860	684,135	28,821	712,956
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		7,077,596	42,485	7,120,081	6,393,461	13,664	6,407,125
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		7,090,579	55,362	7,145,941	7,077,596	42,485	7,120,081

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these accounts.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	9,250,748	9,313,439
Current assets			
Stock		-	8,672
Debtors	15	13,246	59,279
Cash at bank and in hand		414,724	311,999
		427,970	379,950
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(618,457)	(563,636)
Net current liabilities		(190,487)	(183,686)
Total assets less current liabilities		9,060,261	9,129,753
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(2,195,765)	(2,287,317)
Net assets		6,864,496	6,842,436
Income funds			
Restricted funds	18	55,362	42,485
Unrestricted funds	19	6,809,134	6,799,951
Total funds		6,864,496	6,842,436

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on
and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr TA Clements (Chairman)
Director

Ms KA Shearer (Treasurer)
Director

Company Registration No. NI004632

CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	9,532,193	1,478,607
Investments	13	1	1
		<u>9,532,194</u>	<u>1,478,608</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		-	8,672
Debtors	15	13,246	7,855,139
Cash at bank and in hand		413,281	308,642
		<u>426,527</u>	<u>8,172,453</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(617,015)</u>	<u>(243,663)</u>
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(190,488)</u>	<u>7,928,790</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>9,341,706</u>	<u>9,407,398</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	<u>(2,195,765)</u>	<u>(2,287,317)</u>
Net assets		<u>7,145,941</u>	<u>7,120,081</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	18	55,362	42,485
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,090,579</u>	<u>7,077,596</u>
Total funds		<u>7,145,941</u>	<u>7,120,081</u>

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	25	428,624	(508,919)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		1,816	65
Interest paid		(125,011)	(79,580)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(163,749)	(2,648,033)
Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets		-	1,575,743
Net cash generated from investing activities		(286,944)	(1,151,805)
Cash flows from financing activities			
New bank loans		-	1,313,000
Net cash used in financing activities		-	1,313,000
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		141,680	(347,724)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		273,044	620,768
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		414,724	273,044
Relating to:			
Cash at bank and in hand		414,724	311,999
Bank overdrafts included in creditors payable in one year		-	(38,955)
		414,724	273,044

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. The registered office is Harberton Hall, 23a Harberton Park, Belfast, BT9 6WX.

The group consists of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and all of its subsidiaries.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Basis of consolidation

In the parent charitable company financial statements, the cost of business contribution is the fair value at the acquisition date of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed, plus costs directly attributable to the business combination. The excess of the cost of a business combination over the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired is recognised as goodwill. The cost of the combination includes the estimated amount of contingent consideration that is probable and can be measured reliably, and is adjusted for change in contingent consideration after the acquisition date. Provisional fair values recognised for business combinations in previous periods are adjusted retrospectively for final fair values determined in the 12 months following the acquisition date. Investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates are accounted for at cost less impairment.

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the value of assets (other than goodwill) and liabilities recognised in a business combination accounted for using the purchase method and the amounts that can be deducted or assessed for tax, considering the manner in which the carrying amount of the asset or liability is expected to be recovered or settled. The deferred tax recognised is adjusted against goodwill or negative goodwill.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate those of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and all of its subsidiaries (ie entities that the group controls through its power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain economic benefits). Subsidiaries acquired during the year are consolidated using the purchase method. Their results are incorporated from the date that control passes.

All financial statements are made up to 31 March 2023. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by other members of the group.

All intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

1.3 Going concern

The Directors consider that there are no material uncertainties concerning the group and the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.3 Going concern (cont'd)

The Directors have prepared projections for the development project and the Group and, having considered the circumstances outlined above, are of the view that they have sufficient funding to ensure that the Society can continue to operate for the next 12 months. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

The Society has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. Definitions of the various funds are as follows:

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Society in furtherance of the objectives of the Society. Such funds are expended on operating activities or may be held to finance capital investment and working capital.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Directors for particular purposes and comprise funds for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses, and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.5 Income

Income is recognised when the company is legally entitled to it after any performance condition have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and legacies comprise donations, legacies, gifts and other forms of voluntary income which are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers. Legacies are recognised when received or when their amount is capable of measurement. Entitlements to material legacies which are not included are disclosed in the notes.

Supporting People revenue grants are credited to restricted income when they are received.

Coronavirus JRS grant income is credited to unrestricted income in the period to which it relates.

Investment income comprises bank and other interest receivable in the accounting year.

Rental income is income from properties/rooms let as private residences and is recognised on receipt.

Resident charges comprise charges receivable in the accounting year from residences of the Society's homes.

1.6 Expenditure

The charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure by the charity when working to meet its charitable objectives.

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

House running costs represent direct expenditure incurred in running houses for residents and an allocation of certain support costs. Support costs are allocated to house running costs on the basis of time spent.

Significant refurbishments are capitalised whilst other repairs and replacements are written off to revenue in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets comprise freehold properties (including improvements thereto), the initial cost of furnishings and fittings and computer equipment.

Assets in the course of construction are not depreciated.

Freehold properties and improvements thereto are stated at cost, or in the case of bequeathed properties at probate valuation. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost on a straight line basis over the expected useful life of the properties. The annual rate used is 2% straight line. The Directors regularly review the properties for impairment.

The cost of furnishings and fittings is the purchase cost together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is provided in respect of these furnishings at a rate of 25% straight line.

The cost of office equipment is the purchase cost together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life. The annual rate used is 25% straight line.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies

1.10 Financial instruments (cont'd)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.14 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expenses as incurred.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.15 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (cont'd)

Impairment and depreciation

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of freehold property represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary, to reflect current conditions.

In determining these useful lives management consider technological changes, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. The net book value of tangible fixed assets subject to depreciation at the financial year end date was £9,250,748 (2022: £9,313,439).

3 Donations and legacies

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Donations and legacies	78,361	2,512	80,873	1,341	32,555	33,896

4 Charitable activities

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income from residents	1,887,610	69,282	1,956,892	1,093,795	80,044	1,173,839

Of the above income from residents, £69,282 (2022: £80,044) was received from Northern Ireland Housing Executive Supporting People Benefit and was specifically applied in providing support for those residents in respect of whom it was received.

5 Investments

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Bank interest receivable	1,816	-	1,816	65	-	65

6 Other income

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Rental income	-	-	-	2,159	-	2,159
Supporting People grants	-	27,051	27,051	38,545	23,058	61,603
Other grants	-	19,700	19,700	-	-	-
	-	46,751	46,751	40,704	23,058	63,762

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7 Charitable activities

	House Running Costs 2023 £	Re-stated* House Running Costs 2022 £
Staff costs	936,637	746,013
Depreciation and impairment	226,440	50,743
Recruitment and redundancy	29,109	40,923
Food	144,067	80,006
Cleaning	14,418	10,541
Waste removal	14,413	10,490
Training and uniforms	4,498	2,143
Heat and light	147,034	66,631
Rates and water charges	13,534	12,427
Insurance	19,213	16,722
Telephone	16,743	8,782
TV licence and events	10,129	5,837
Repairs	82,745	53,232
Garden upkeep	15,310	15,467
Sundry expenses	30	2,072
Marketing	15,121	9,482
Indirect expenses	7,972	16,829
	1,697,413	1,148,340
Support costs (see note 7.1)	354,239	417,592
Governance costs (see note 7.1)	8,820	10,013
	2,060,472	1,575,945
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	1,954,804	1,469,109
Restricted funds	105,668	106,836
	2,060,472	1,575,945

During the year ended 31 March 2023, costs of £69,282 (2022: £80,044) were allocated against restricted funds to match the restricted income from Supporting People in relation to income from resident's charges. A further £33,519 (2022: £23,058) of costs relate to other restricted grants and £2,867 (2022: £3,734) of costs relate to restricted donations.

The total cost of support provided by the Society for eligible residents exceeded £69,282 (2022: £80,044) and income from Supporting People is fully utilised in making a contribution to those costs.

*Some costs have been reanalysed in the comparatives to ensure comparability with the 2023 disclosures.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7.1 Support and governance costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Staff costs	169,131	-	169,131	190,889	-	190,889
Office equipment, maintenance, printing, stationery and postage	30,025	-	30,025	22,275	-	22,275
Sundry expenses	5,713	-	5,713	1,862	-	1,862
Professional fees and recruitment costs	7,410	-	7,410	60,900	-	60,900
Bank fees	6,854	-	6,854	3,018	-	3,018
Travelling and training	1,274	-	1,274	1,631	-	1,631
Office hire	-	-	-	14,033	-	14,033
Fleet costs	8,821	-	8,821	8,446	-	8,446
Interest paid	125,011	-	125,011	79,580	-	79,580
Development costs	-	-	-	34,958	-	34,958
Audit fees	-	8,820	8,820	-	10,013	10,013
	<u>354,239</u>	<u>8,820</u>	<u>363,059</u>	<u>417,592</u>	<u>10,013</u>	<u>427,605</u>

8 Transfers

There were no transfers in the year ended 31 March 2023.

9 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charitable company during the year. Directors' fees of £Nil (2022: £8,000) were paid to directors of the subsidiary company during the year.

Expenses amounting to £NIL (2022: £NIL) were paid to Directors during the year. Indemnity insurance for Directors' liability has been purchased by the Society for £1,294 (2022: £1,929).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

10 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
House managers	7	6
House staff	48	44
Administrative staff	4	5
	<u>59</u>	<u>55</u>

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	1,025,516	899,920
Social security costs	75,084	57,607
Other pension costs	19,053	15,410
	<u>1,119,653</u>	<u>972,937</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel in the year was £169,131 (2022 restated: £190,889).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

11 Taxation

The Society is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Society's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

12 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Freehold property	Furnishings & fittings	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	9,840,985	234,606	34,136	10,109,727
Additions	105,619	36,925	21,205	163,749
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	9,946,604	271,531	55,341	10,273,476
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2022	685,290	79,437	31,561	796,288
Depreciation charged in the year	170,857	50,496	5,087	226,440
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	856,147	129,933	36,648	1,022,728
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	9,090,457	141,598	18,693	9,250,748
At 31 March 2022	9,155,695	155,169	2,575	9,313,439

Freehold property includes an asset constructed by a subsidiary company for the parent company. The subsidiary company disclosed the asset as stock on its balance sheet at 31 March 2022 and during the year ended 31 March 2023 the subsidiary transferred the asset to the parent company.

Charitable Company	Freehold property	Furnishings & fittings	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	2,006,153	234,606	34,136	2,274,895
Additions	8,221,896	36,925	21,205	8,280,026
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	10,228,049	271,531	55,341	10,554,921
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2022	685,290	79,437	31,561	796,288
Depreciation charged in the year	170,857	50,496	5,087	226,440
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	856,147	129,933	36,648	1,022,728
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	9,371,902	141,598	18,693	9,532,193
At 31 March 2022	1,320,863	155,169	2,575	1,478,607

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

13 Fixed asset investments

Charitable Company

		Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 April 2022		1
Additions		-
		<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2023		<u>1</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2023		<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2022		<u>1</u>
		2023 2022 £ £
Other investments comprise	Notes	
Investments in subsidiaries	23	<u>1 1</u>

14 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised costs	<u>6,055</u>	<u>10,297</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>2,787,614</u>	<u>2,827,658</u>

15 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	Group		Charitable Company	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	-	-	-	7,800,779
Other debtors	6,055	10,297	6,055	5,378
Prepayments and accrued income	7,191	48,982	7,191	48,982
	<u>13,246</u>	<u>59,279</u>	<u>13,246</u>	<u>7,855,139</u>

Other debtors in the charitable company relate to residents' charges due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charitable Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank overdrafts	-	38,955	-	38,955
Bank loan	137,235	45,683	137,235	45,683
Other taxation and social security	26,608	23,295	26,608	23,295
Trade creditors	28,990	200,867	28,990	61,874
Other creditors	94,713	19,119	9,963	19,119
Accruals and deferred income	330,911	235,717	56,897	54,737
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	357,322	-
	<u>618,457</u>	<u>563,636</u>	<u>617,015</u>	<u>243,663</u>

Barclays Bank Plc hold a charge over all the assets of the company.

The term of the loan is 5 years on a floating rate basis of interest with a margin of 3% per annum. Repayments have been calculated on the basis of an 18 year repayment profile.

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Group		Charitable Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan	<u>2,195,765</u>	<u>2,287,317</u>	<u>2,195,765</u>	<u>2,287,317</u>

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Movements in funds		Transfer from Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	£	£
Supporting People Fund - NIHE	-	69,282	(69,282)	-	-
Supporting People Fund	-	27,551	(14,319)	-	13,232
Bell Rotary Fund	32,150	-	-	-	32,150
Samuel Eric Turpin Fund	10,335	-	(355)	-	9,980
Other restricted grants/donations	-	21,712	(21,712)	-	-
	<u>42,485</u>	<u>118,545</u>	<u>(105,668)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,362</u>

The restricted funds comprise:

- The Supporting People funding is received from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and specifically applied in providing support for those residents in respect of whom it was received.
- The Supporting People funding in respect of crockery, technology and staff was applied against specified costs as described. Easireaders were capitalised and depreciation is being expensed on these over four years. The balance of £13,232 at 31 March 2023 represents the carrying value of these assets in the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Bell Rotary Fund is to be used for the benefit of Society staff and residents who reside at Bell Rotary.
- Samuel Eric Turpin Fund to be used for the benefit of Society staff, which is utilised to mark long service of support staff members.

19 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Movements in funds		Transfer from Restricted funds	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	£	£	£
Designated reserves	6,493,021	-	-	-	(2,297)	6,490,724
General reserves	306,930	1,967,787	(1,958,604)	-	2,297	318,410
	<u>6,799,951</u>	<u>1,967,787</u>	<u>(1,958,604)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,809,134</u>

The Society's policy is to hold and designate an amount of general reserves in the form of cash at bank, equivalent to approximately four months forecast net expenditure, having regard to an anticipated level of income. Reserves in excess of this amount are treated as designated for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	9,250,748	-	9,250,748	9,313,439
Current assets/(liabilities)	(245,849)	55,362	(190,487)	(183,686)
Long term liabilities	(2,195,765)	-	(2,195,765)	(2,287,317)
	<u>6,809,134</u>	<u>55,362</u>	<u>6,864,496</u>	<u>6,842,436</u>

21 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	2,135	4,526
Between two and five years	-	-
Measured at amortised cost	<u>2,135</u>	<u>4,526</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

22 Related party transactions

Fees totalling £Nil (2022: £8,000) were paid to two directors of the subsidiary company during the year.

23 Subsidiaries

These financial statements are separate company financial statements for The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited.

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 March 2023 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
AFB Developments Limited	As above	Property developments	Ordinary shares	100	-

24 Ultimate controlling party

There is no ultimate controlling party.

25 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
Surplus for the year	22,060	604,443
Adjustments for:		
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(923,238)
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,816)	(65)
Interest payable recognised in statement of financial activities	125,011	79,580
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	226,440	50,743
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stock	8,672	6,477
Decrease in debtors	46,033	34,303
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,224	(361,162)
Cash generated/(absorbed) from operations	428,624	(508,919)

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

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Annual report

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)

The Directors, who are also the trustees under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 and comply with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The company's principal activity continues to be the provision of supported sheltered accommodation for older people and the Society is guided in this undertaking by the shared beliefs of the Abbeyfield movement, that:

- Older people have an important role to play amongst their families, friends and in their community;
- Overcoming loneliness and insecurity can make all the difference to an older person's wellbeing and quality of life; and
- Local people have an essential part to play in helping older people in their community.

The Abbeyfield way of life seeks to provide a balance of privacy and support which can be ideal for many older people who no longer feel happy living alone. In Abbeyfield, older people can remain independent and active, knowing that they have the support of house staff and a network of local volunteers.

Public Benefit

The Directors are committed to furthering the Society's objectives by providing high quality support to the residents who occupy the Society's houses. In doing so, the Directors have due regard to the published guidance on public benefit and review the extent of the Society's income and reserves, the cost of the facilities it provides and the ability of residents to make payments from their own resources.

The Directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the company should undertake.

Strategic Report

The description under the headings "Achievements and Performance" and "Financial Review" meet the company law requirements for the Directors to present a strategic report.

Achievements and Performance

The Society has continued to provide supported sheltered accommodation for older people, in accordance with its aims and objectives. The occupation rate for those houses which were open for occupation for the full year was 83% (2022: 87%) reflecting the planned gradual opening of Harberton during the year.

Within the context of the public benefit requirement, during the year under review, a number of the Society's residents were funded, in part, other than through their own resources.

The Society is subject to the oversight of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive 'Supporting People' programme, which provides financial support to qualifying residents of the Society.

Financial Review

The Directors report net income for the year of £22,060 (2022: £604,443). This is after profit on sale of fixed assets of £Nil (2022: £923,238), a depreciation charge of £226,440 (2022: £50,743), and legacies and donations received of £80,873 (2022: £33,896).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Financial Review (continued)

The Society's principal funding source is income from residents, and this is supplemented by donations and legacies, which are received from time to time.

All of the Society's operational expenditure is incurred in the provision of accommodation and services for residents and in the promotion of the Society.

Reserves Policy

The Society's policy is to hold and designate an amount of general reserves, in the form of cash at bank, equivalent to approximately four months forecast net expenditure, having regard to an anticipated level of income.

Reserves in excess of this amount are treated as designated for the upgrading and renewal of the Society's houses and adding to its housing stock when appropriate.

The policy relating to reserves is reviewed annually.

On an ongoing basis the Directors aim to generate a revenue surplus on operations which will allow for the augmentation of the company's designated reserves.

Risk Management

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the company. The Directors are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. The Society manages and reviews risk through a risk management strategy and the maintenance of a risk register.

The year under review

During the year the new accommodation at Harberton Hall was brought into full operation and the transfer of residents from older houses which were being de-commissioned was managed. This was achieved through excellent work and commitment by staff and by volunteers, and with the co-operation and understanding of residents and their families and friends.

Plans for Future Periods

The Society will continue to plan for the upgrade and regeneration of the Society's housing stock and the services provided to meet the requirements of future generations of residents. This may involve, in some cases, replacing older housing stock and the Directors are exploring a number of options which they believe will support the objectives of the Society to provide appropriate supported accommodation for older people.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

At the date of this report the Board of Directors consists of nine members, being a Chairman, Deputy Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Company Secretary (collectively known as the Office Bearers) and five others. Three members of the Board of Directors are male and six are female. The Society has sixty-two employees.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONT'D)

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

The Directors who served during the year or were appointed after the year end, were:

Mr TA Clements	(Chairman)
Lady C Eames	(Deputy Chairperson)
Ms KA Shearer	(Honorary Treasurer)
Mrs A Jackson	(Company Secretary)
Mr AR Alexander	
Mr DC Magee	
Mrs CA Oliver	
Mrs JA McCabe	
Ms GR Traub	(Appointed 31 March 2023)

None of the Directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Directors are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

The full Board of Directors meets at least quarterly; in between such meetings the Office Bearers and other Directors discharge a number of responsibilities delegated by the Board. The day to day management of the Society is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, who reports on a regular basis to the Office Bearers.

New Directors are appointed by the Board, having regard to the need for the Board as a whole to have a proper range of relevant skills, experience and characteristics. The Chairman, Deputy Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer and Company Secretary are appointed by the Board. New Board members are inducted by the Chairman and other Office Bearers as well as the Society's Chief Executive. They are introduced to the aims, policies and procedures of the Society (and the Abbeyfield movement) through its manuals and general information on the Society's activities. The most recently appointed Director brings a wide range of relevant experience to the Board.

All members of the Board are volunteers and, as stated in the audited accounts, no remuneration is paid to any Director of the charitable company (Note 9). There are many volunteers, who, as House Friends, complement the work of the Society's Directors and staff, by giving friendship and support to residents.

The Society is affiliated to and is a Member Society of The Abbeyfield Society, a company limited by guarantee which does not have a share capital, having its registered office at Abbeyfield House, St Peter's House, 2 Bricket Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire; company number 574816, registered charity number 200719. As a Member Society, the Society agrees to adopt and work in accordance with the Guiding Principles and the established standards of The Abbeyfield Society.

Key Performance Indicators

The Society aims to:

- Generate an operating cash surplus which will allow the Society to meet financing commitments and for the continued development of the Society to benefit older people. The Directors use a surplus of 5% of income over operating expenses before financing requirements as a guideline. In the current period this metric amounted to 7.6% of income.
- Achieve an occupancy level, over all houses, of 90% (previously 85%), having completed new developments in the current financial year.
- Be compliant with the standards and requirements of the NIHE Quality Assessment Framework.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)
(CONT'D)**

Environmental Matters

The Society recognises its corporate responsibility to carry out its operations while minimising environmental impacts. The Board's continued aim is to comply with all applicable environmental legislation, prevent pollution and reduce waste wherever possible.

Auditor

The auditors, Harbinson Mulholland, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and in accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that they be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the Directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The Directors' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Directors.

Mr TA Clements (Chairman)

Director

Dated:.....

Ms KA Shearer (Treasurer)

Director

Dated:.....

The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103425

Annual return

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Abbeyfield Belfast Society Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, (including Income and Expenditure account), the parent charitable company Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the parent charitable company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows 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, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's charitable affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its profit 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 directors' 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 group'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. 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. 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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 an auditor's report 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.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and/or senior management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions;

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and the company's legal advisors;

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities> . This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABBEYFIELD BELFAST SOCIETY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work had been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Clare McCarrison FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Harbinson Mulholland

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
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