

THE WILLIAM ROBERTSON HOMES ASSOCIATION

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 247405

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

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Board of Governors

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I G Robertson	(Life Governor)
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 8-9 and comply with the charity's constitution and rules and applicable law.

Constitution and objects

The William Robertson Homes Association is governed by a constitution and rules and was registered as a charity on 29 March 1966, number 247405.

The objects of the charity are to provide homes as residences for farmers and other agricultural workers in the county of Northumberland, who are incapacitated through old age or infirmity, or who are not less than sixty years of age, who are in need of assistance and who have retired from full employment, and who shall prior to ceasing work have been employed in agriculture in the county of Northumberland for a period of not less than 15 years.

Organisation

The Trustees and Governors who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on page 1. Life Governors are elected by the Board of Governors; the Chairman is also elected by the Board of Governors and holds office so long as he is prepared to act as such during his lifetime. The Treasurer and Secretary are elected at the annual meeting of the Association. The remaining Board members consist of one member elected from the Northumberland County branches of each of The Land Agents' Society, The Transport and General Workers' Union, and a representative Trustee for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Northumberland and Durham Branch. The trustees meet annually, although further meetings are convened whenever it is thought necessary.

Occupation of homes

The constitution specifies that the choice of occupants lies with the trustees, subject to them fulfilling the requirements outlined in the objects. In the event that suitably qualified persons cannot be found, the trustees have the power to let any surplus homes to persons who do not meet the requirements.

Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds are needed:

- to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice, and
- to cover administration and support costs without which the charity could not function.

The trustees continue to ensure the properties are well maintained and, in the year ended 31 December 2024 all running repairs were carried out to ensure the properties are

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maintained in good condition. The total free reserves held by the charity at 31 December 2024 stood at £54,823 equivalent to £3,655 per property. Included in these amounts is a designated fund for repair and maintenance which had a balance at 31 December 2024 of £30,000 equivalent to £2,000 per property.

Administration and support costs are generally covered by rental income. In the event of an unexpected vacancy and delay in re-letting the property, this income may fall below the level needed to cover these costs and funds will need to be taken from reserves.

Financial review and investment policy

The funds held generated income of £416.03 in the year, which was used in furtherance of the charity's objects. The treasurer and secretary, in consultation with the trustees, constantly monitor the charity's financial requirements with a view to maximising income while still allowing quick access to funds.

Risk review

The trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

The trustees work closely with the Board of Governors and the Secretary, who between them have a wide range of experience in many fields. If any specialised skills are required, appropriately qualified people are consulted. Because of the size and nature of the charity, the trustees do not consider there to be any major governance, operational or financial risks. External risks are considered to be mainly physical, for which adequate insurance cover exists. Changes in government policy and regulations are monitored on a regular basis.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr D E Robertson,
Chairman

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE WILLIAM ROBERTSON HOMES ASSOCIATION**

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

We report in respect of our examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	13,117
Charitable activities					
Rents receivable		-	37,200	37,200	35,276
Investments	2	-	416	416	263
Total		<u>-</u>	<u>37,616</u>	<u>37,616</u>	<u>48,656</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities					
Property expenses	3	-	24,242	24,242	59,656
Other	4	-	1,080	1,080	1,008
Total		<u>-</u>	<u>25,322</u>	<u>25,322</u>	<u>60,664</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-	12,294	12,294	(12,008)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	400,343	400,343	412,351
Total funds carried forward		<u>-</u>	<u>412,637</u>	<u>412,637</u>	<u>400,343</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	6	-	357,814	357,814	357,814
		<u>-</u>	<u>357,814</u>	<u>357,814</u>	<u>357,814</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	7	-	4,100	4,100	4,026
Cash at Bank and in Hand		-	54,336	54,336	41,216
		<u>-</u>	<u>58,436</u>	<u>58,436</u>	<u>45,242</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	3,613	3,613	2,713
		<u>-</u>	<u>54,823</u>	<u>54,823</u>	<u>42,529</u>
Net Current Assets					
		-	412,637	412,637	400,343
Total Assets less Current Liabilities					
		<u>-</u>	<u>412,637</u>	<u>412,637</u>	<u>400,343</u>
Total Net Assets					
		<u>-</u>	<u>412,637</u>	<u>412,637</u>	<u>400,343</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	9	<u>-</u>	<u>412,637</u>	<u>412,637</u>	<u>400,343</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of Governors on and signed on its behalf by:

..... Mr D E Robertson

..... Mr T J Bell

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Investment Income

Investment income is accounted for in the period it is receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resource.

Management and administration comprise costs for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

Basic financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 Charities SORP (FRS 102). Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19 Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discount.

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Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts. Subsequently they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost. Where certain properties had been revalued, on transition to FRS 102, the trustees have elected to use as their deemed cost, the previously revalued amounts of the housing properties.

Housing properties are not depreciated. They are maintained to ensure that their value does not diminish over time. The maintenance costs are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year incurred. In the Trustees' opinion, depreciation would be immaterial and has not been charged; residual values of the properties are not materially different to the carrying value.

2. Investment Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest on cash deposits	<u>416</u>	<u>263</u>

3. Property Expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Water rates	893	2,584
Property insurance	3,133	2,974
Vacant property expenses	-	81
Repairs and maintenance	16,216	14,637
Property refurbishments	-	35,380
Professional fees	-	-
Administration fees	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>24,242</u>	<u>59,656</u>

4. Other Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Audit and accountancy	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,008</u>

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5. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

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

Trustees' expenses

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

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

Freehold Land and Buildings

	Dispensary Street Alnwick (3 Houses) £	Quakers Row Embleton (4 Houses) £	Total £
Deemed Cost 1 January 2024	<u>75,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	
Deemed Cost 31 December 2024	<u>75,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	175,000
	North End Longhoughton (6 Houses) £	North End Longhoughton (New build) (2 Houses) £	
Deemed Cost / Cost 1 January 2024	<u>120,000</u>	<u>62,814</u>	
Deemed Cost / Cost 31 December 2024	<u>120,000</u>	<u>62,814</u>	<u>182,814</u> <u>357,814</u>

7. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and Accrued Income	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,026</u>

8. Creditors

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	<u>3,613</u>	<u>2,713</u>

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**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
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9. Movement in Funds

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	370,343	12,294		382,637
Designated repair and maintenance fund	30,000	-	-	30,000
	<u>400,343</u>	<u>12,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>412,637</u>
Restricted funds				
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>400,343</u></u>	<u><u>12,294</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>412,637</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>37,616</u>	<u>(25,322)</u>	<u>12,294</u>

Comparatives for Movement in Funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	412,351	(12,008)	(30,000)	370,343
Designated repair and maintenance fund	-	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>412,351</u>	<u>(12,008)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400,343</u>
Restricted funds				
Property refurbishment fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>412,351</u></u>	<u><u>(12,008)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>400,343</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,539	(47,547)	(12,008)
Restricted funds			
Property refurbishment fund	13,117	(13,117)	-
Total Funds	<u><u>48,656</u></u>	<u><u>(60,664)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,008)</u></u>

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2023	£	Total Funds	£	£
35,276		Turnover (Rents receivable)		37,200.00
13,117		Grants		-
		Direct Costs		
	2,584	Water rates	893.74	
	2,974	Property insurance	3,133.06	
	14,636	Repairs and maintenance	16,215.75	
	35,380	Property refurbishments	-	
	-	Professional fees	-	
55,574	-	Sundry (inc death cert & waste removal)	-	20,242.55
(7,181)				16,957.45
		Administrative Expenses		
	81	Vacant property expenses	-	
	4,000	Administration fees	4,000.00	
5,089	1,008	Accountancy	1,080.00	5,080.00
(12,270)		Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		11,877.45
		Other Income		
		Interest Receivable		
263	263	Business premium account	416.03	416.03
(12,007)		Surplus/(Deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		12,293.48
-		Tax on surplus on ordinary activities		-
(12,007)		Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year		12,293.48
412,350		Funds brought forward		400,343.27
400,343		Funds carried forward		412,636.75

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DETAILED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

2023			
£	£		£
		Fixed Assets	
		Tangible Fixed Assets	
357,814		Housing Properties	357,814.00
		Current Assets	
	4,026	Debtors	4,099.45
		Bank Balances	
	20,098	Business Premium Account	46,114.20
	21,118	Current Account	8,222.18
	<u>45,242</u>		<u>58,435.83</u>
		Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	
	<u>2,713</u>	Creditors	<u>3,613.08</u>
42,529		Net Current Assets	54,822.75
<u>400,343</u>		Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>412,636.75</u>
		Capital and Reserves	
370,343		General Fund	382,636.75
30,000		Designated Repair and Maintenance Fund	30,000.00
<u>400,343</u>			<u>412,636.75</u>