

Trustees

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	Mrs	J Robinson
	Mrs	J Sampson
	Mrs	C Robertson
	Mrs	S Bradley
	Mrs	J Martin
	Mrs	J Codd
Auditor		Mr M Saint

Chairpersons Report on behalf of the Trustees

Welcome to you all and thank you for coming to our AGM. We hope that the move to Thursday will save some of you the tortuous Friday return through Penrith. I am pleased to report on another successful year for Age Concern Appleby. Judy will report on the money we are able to distribute. We continue to receive some high quality donations for sale, unfortunately along with some rubbish that we are left to dispose of. Footfall from locals and tourists in both shops is high and takings have been consistently high throughout the year. The expected disruption caused by street closures for Environment Agency work did not materialise this year but are yet to come – the effect on Appleby businesses will not be known till it happens. Our success is obviously due to the quality of our 2 shops which is driven by our managers; Sue Bradley in Low Wiend and Janet Martin in Boroughgate. Two shops, both very different and each with its own problems but Sue, Janet and an army of about 50 volunteers are proud of attractive, efficiently run shops. Sincere thanks and well done to all of you. This year has seen the end of the “Friends Agreement” with Age UK. When Age Concern Appleby stayed separate from Age UK there was an affiliation known as the “Friends Agreement” whereby we could access their expertise and advice. The 2 organisations have developed differently and the advice and support offered by Age UK has little to do with our sole purpose, the money raising from the 2 shops to distribute to locally. So when Age UK re-visited this agreement it was decided not to continue it. I do not believe this will have any material effect on us. As a group of Trustees we have made considerable progress with required policies, which most of you will know all about. Even as a tiny charity we need to have policies in place – Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Data Protection – the list seems endless and we have spent considerable time this year updating and producing these policies relevant to our shops. I thank all the Trustees for their specific work in this regard and for all their support through the year. Unfortunately this year will see changes to the Trustees. Tina Robertson Wragg, who unfortunately can’t be with us today, has given many years service and her measured, common sense contributions at meetings have always been welcomed. Joy Sampson became manager of the clothes shop in 2006 and remained in that post till 2019. She has seen the transfer from Chapel Street to Low Wiend to Boroughgate. The move to Boroughgate was a particular turning point for us and required considerable effort, skill and planning, something which Joy managed in her own quiet efficient way. Many thanks for all your work over all those years. (Presentation) I will also be resigning as Chair and from the Trustees. Having been involved in the charity since 2009, joining the Trustees in 2013 and serving as Secretary from 2015, I became Chair in 2021. I just feel I have progressed the charity as much as I can and to be honest, I have not found it easy. So new blood will see Age Concern Appleby move on. Both Joy and I will continue as volunteers in the shops. My “go-to guy” over the last 10 years has been David Sampson. I and Age Concern owe him a great debt of gratitude for many, many years service. A special thank you from me. When our shops were both in Low Wiend they basically functioned as one unit but after the move in 2019 both shops had new managers and space to develop individually. As our record shows they have done that very well. But in the end they are both working towards the same goal. To raise money so that we can support established and new charities in the local area. We know how hard you all

work for your own charities and applaud you. I know we will continue to work hard together to enable you all to develop.

Treasure's Report

My comments relate to our accounts for the calendar year ending 31.12.2023. I am pleased to say that both shops continue to thrive. Yet again they have surpassed themselves with takings for 28 Boroughgate up by 9% on 2022 to £34999.85 and for Low Wiend takings up by 19% on 2022 to £53541.89. This income continues to reflect the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and shop managers. I would also like to thank those who think of us when looking for charities to pass unwanted items onto.

We were able to pass on our success to 19 different charities donating a total of £44780.00. This is an increase on last year of £7655.

We continue to operate out of 4 properties which generate most of our costs. The operating costs of the charity amounted £29750.12. This is an increase of 6% on 2022. This reflects the increase in fuel prices and other utilities. We have set aside sufficient funds to secure the future of the charity for the next year and beyond

AGE CONCERN APPLEBY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2023

EXPENDITURE	2022	2023	<u>Char.</u>	INCOME	2022	2023
				Building Society Interest	145.96	939.46
Charitable Gifts						
Appleby Crafty Womens Group		500.00	N			
Alms Houses Food Vouchers		270.00	N	Donations	578.42	626.95
Appleby First Responders	1000.00	1000.00	Y			
Appleby Grange Residents Fund	600.00			Shop 1 Sales	32221.75	34999.85
Appleby Medical Practice		1500.00	N			
Appleby Smarter	1000.00	1000.00	Y	Shop 2 Sales	45141.98	53541.89
Appleby Archeology Group		500.00	N			
Beep Fund Ltd	1000.00	2000.00	Y	World Of Books	109.55	145.05
Blood Bikes	2000.00	2500.00	Y			
Carer Support Carlisle and Eden	1000.00	1000.00	Y	Nathans Waste Save	635.20	853.10
Eden Valley Hospice	5000.00	5500.00	Y			
Exercise Classes	1775.00	1810.00	N	UK Recycling	465.15	458.74
Evergreen Club	1100.00	2000.00	N			
Eden Valley Friends of Dementia UK	1000.00			Re-Payments		343.80
Fellside Singers	250.00					
Great North Air Ambulance	5000.00	5500.00	Y			
Heart Of Eden Newsletter		1700.00	N			
Hospice at Home	5000.00	5500.00	Y			
Macmillan Cancer Relief	5000.00	5500.00	Y			
Memory Club Sands Meth Church	1200.00	2000.00	Y			
Penrith Hospital League of Friends	2000.00	2500.00	Y			
Renew Wellbeing	1200.00	2500.00	Y			
Talking Messenger	2000.00					
Total for Charitable Gifts	37125.00	44780.00				
Administration and Sundries	2757.83	3128.96				
Cleaning, Repairs and Renewals	760.75	496.69				
Rent, Rates, Insurance and Services	24596.52	26124.47				
Transfer of funds from Bank To B. S.		15000.00				
Overall Totals	65240.10	89530.12			79298.01	91908.84

BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31st December 2023

	2022	2023			
Shop 1 - 28 Boroughgate	30.00	30.00			
Shop 2 - 4 Low Wiend	50.00	50.00			
Barclays Community Account	21870.44	23309.70			
Cumberland Building Society	58872.11	74811.57			

Cumberland Building Society Account at 31st December 2023

Balance as at 31.12.22	58872.11				
Interest 31 st March 2023	939.46				
Transfer from Bank Account	15000.00				
Balance as at 31.12.23		74811.57			

Barclays Bank Account as 31st December 2023

Balance at 31.12.22	21870.44				
Balance at 31.12.23	23309.70	(assuming all cheques presented)			

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

AGE CONCERN APPELBY

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2023 Charity no (if any) 517868

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements

concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Michael

Date:

15/4/24

Name:

Michael Bowton Davis

Relevant professional

Retired Chartered Accountant