

Anderson and Woodman Library Trust

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For The Year Ended:

31 March 2023

Charity no: SC000850

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The Trustee representatives present their annual report and financial statements of the Anderson and Woodman Library Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 of the financial statements and comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended by The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2014 and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014.

Going Concern

After making enquiries, the Trustee representatives have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the report and financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis are included in note 1 of the financial statements.

Reference and administrative information

Aberdeenshire Council acts as sole Trustee for the Anderson and Woodman Library Trust and Councillors, as detailed below act on behalf of the Council as Trustee representatives. The Trust listed below has charitable status and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR):

Charity Name: Anderson and Woodman Library Trust

Charity no: SC000850

Principal Office: Aberdeenshire Council

Woodhill House Westburn Road

Aberdeen AB16 5GB

Trustee Representatives:

James Adams# Anne Allan* Neil Baillie# Dianne Beagrie# Geva Blackett* Sarah Brown# Marion Buchan* Eileen Durno# Alison Evison# Paul Gibb* Victoria Harper* Andrew Hassan* Fatima Joji# Doreen Mair* Colin Pike* Sam Payne# Hannah Powell# Glen Reynolds Ann Ross* Hazel Smith# Anne Stirling Iain Taylor# Iris Walker Sandy Wallace*

Judy Whyte*

* to 5 May 2022 # from 6 May 2022

Reference and administrative information (continued)

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Structure, Governance and Management

The charity has been set up as a charitable Trust.

The governing document for this Trust is the Anderson and Woodman Library Trust Scheme 1979.

All members of the Communities Committee are Trustee representatives.

Councillors are currently elected to office every five years. Extensive training is given to new elected members following appointment which enables them to carry out their duties as Trustee representatives.

The Head of Finance of the Council manages the affairs of the Trust to secure the economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets and those of any charitable Trust it controls. Given that Anderson and Woodman Library Trust is controlled by elected members of Aberdeenshire Council, these specific provisions are supplemented by general provisions relating to the administration of local authority monies e.g. the duty to obtain best value.

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

The Head of Finance of the Council has responsibility for ensuring an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated. This system of internal financial control can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are recorded and properly authorised, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period. The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures and a system of delegation and accountability.

The Head of Finance of the Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are up to date and which ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended by the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2014.

Decisions regarding the operation, assets, processes or policies of the Anderson and Woodman Library Trust are delegated by the Trustee representatives to the Head of Finance of the Council.

Risk

The Trustee representatives have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems to manage those risks.

The Trustee representatives consider market risk, the possibility that financial loss might arise for the charity as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and stock market movements, to be the main risk facing the Anderson and Woodman Library Trust.

The charity funds are invested in Aberdeenshire Council's Loans Fund. Investments are governed by Aberdeenshire Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

Aberdeenshire Council provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and the investment of surplus cash.

Objectives and Activities

The Anderson and Woodman Library Trust was set up to provide, maintain and administer a library and reading room in Strichen Library, Aberdeenshire.

Achievements and Performance

There were no applications for funding in either 2022/23 or 2021/22. The charity was set up many years ago. Library services are now funded from Aberdeenshire Council's core budget, therefore there has been no call for funding from the charity in several years.

There is very little activity in these funds by way of income and reserves. Income received is either voluntary income for donated services or investment income.

Reserves

The Trustee representatives aim to maintain a consistent level of reserves. The level of reserves held at 31st March 2023 was £95,336.

Public Benefit

The Anderson and Woodman Library Trust benefits the users of Strichen Library services.

Due regard has been paid to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

The charity is reliant on income from investments, income of £1,797 was received in the year. Anderson and Woodman Library Trust funds are invested in Aberdeenshire Council's Loans Fund.

Plans for Future Years

Work is continuing with the library service and the community to determine the best model for the future delivery of library services within Strichen.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable U.K accounting standards have been followed; 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 that 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 and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

In so far as the Trustee representatives are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- The Trustee representatives have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Trustee representatives on 21 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Anne Stirling Councillor Anderson and Woodman Library Trust

04 January 2024

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Anderson and Woodman Library Trust and the Accounts Commission

Reporting on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

We certify that we have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of Anderson and Woodman Library Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charities as at 31 March 2023 and of their incoming resources and application of resources 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 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. 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 charities in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council'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 basis of accounting

We have concluded that the 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 charities' ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charities' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees intend to discontinue the charities' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Procedures include:

 using our understanding of the local government sector and charity sector to identify that the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 are significant in the context of the charities:

- inquiring of the Trustees as to other laws or regulations that may be expected to have a fundamental effect on the operations of the charities;
- inquiring of the Trustees concerning the charities' policies and procedures regarding compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory framework;
- discussions among our audit team on the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur; and
- considering whether the audit team collectively has the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the charities' controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skilfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved.

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

Reporting on other requirements

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the Trustees' Annual Report.

Our responsibility is to read all 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.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on the Trustees' Annual Report to the extent explicitly stated in the following opinion prescribed by the Accounts Commission.

Opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the Trustees' Annual Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Matters on which we are required to report by exception We are required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 108 of the Code of Audit Practice, we do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Angela Pieri, (for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP), 110 Queen Street Glasgow G13BX	
Date:04 January 2024	

Grant Thornton UK LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Anderson and Woodman Library Trust Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2023

	2022/23	2021/22
Note	£	£
5	2,513	1,949
6	1,797	102
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	4,310	2,051
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7	(2,513)	(1,949)
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_	(2,513)	(1,949)
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	1,797	102
	93,539	93,437
	1,797	102
	95,336	93,539
	5	Note £ 5 2,513 6 1,797 4,310 7 (2,513) (2,513) 1,797 93,539 1,797

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

All funds are unrestricted.

Anderson and Woodman Library Trust Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Note	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Fixed Assets:	_		
Investments	8	95,336	93,539
Net Assets		95,336	93,539
Funds:			
Unrestricted income funds	9	95,336	93,539
Total funds		95,336	93,539

These financial statements of Anderson and Woodman Library Trust (Registered charity no: SC000850) were approved by the Trustee representatives and authorised for issue on 21 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Anne Stirling Councillor 04 January 2024

Anderson and Woodman Library Trust Cashflow Statement as at 31st March 2023

		2022/23	2021/22
	Note	£	£
Net cash flows from operating activities	11	-	-
Cash flows from investing Activities			
Interest from Investments Additional investment in Council's		1,797	102
Loans Fund	_	(1,797)	(102)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	_	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		-	-

Anderson and Woodman Library Trust Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Charitable Status

The Anderson and Woodman Library Trust has charitable status and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), Charity no: SC000850. The principal address of the Charity is given on page 3.

1.2 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception that equity investments are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) 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.

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in both the current and prior year, are set out below.

1.3 Going Concern

The Trustee representatives have assessed the balance sheet and likely future cash flows of the fund at the date of approving the financial statements. The Trustee representatives believe that the fund is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook. The Trustee representatives have a reasonable expectation that the fund has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity is notified of the amount by the donor.

Income received from investments is classified as unrestricted reserves in accordance with the donors' wishes.

Donated professional services are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. They are stated at estimated market value. Audit fees are an estimated allocation of the aggregate Council fee and the administration charge is based on 1% of fund balance as at 31st March.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.4 Income (continued)

On receipt, donated professional services are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Expenditure

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

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred in undertaking activities that further the charitable aims for benefit of beneficiaries, grants paid to third parties to undertake work contributing to the charity's aims, support costs and governance costs.
- Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include governance costs which support the charity's activities.

1.6 Fund Accounting

The charity holds unrestricted funds which the charity Trustee representatives are able to use for any of the charity's purposes.

There are no restricted or endowment funds for the charity.

1.7 Investments

Investments held are measured at fair value as at the Balance Sheet date. Both realised and unrealised gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. Cash held within the investment portfolio is stated at its cash value.

1.8 Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs).

The charity only have financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty In the application of the charity's accounting policies, described in note 1, the Trustee representatives are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts 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 if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustee representatives do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure beyond application of the policies above.

3. Trustee and Employee Remuneration and Expenses

Neither the Trustee representatives nor any associated person connected with them have received any remuneration for their services or received any expenses.

There are no direct employees of the charity as all administration is carried out by officers of Aberdeenshire Council, therefore there are no remuneration costs incurred.

4. Investment Management Costs

There are no direct investment management costs as Aberdeenshire Council deal with all investments on behalf of the Trustee representatives.

5. Income from donations and legacies

This income relates to donated services from Aberdeenshire Council. Note 7 sets out the relevant expenditure associated with these donated services. The value of the gift reflects the equivalent economic benefit.

6. Analysis of income from investments

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Interest from investments	<u>1,797</u>	<u>102</u>
Total	<u>1,797</u>	<u>102</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Support Costs (see	Support Costs
	below)	(see below)
	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Library Services	<u>2,513</u>	<u>1,949</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Support Costs	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Administration costs	953	935
Governance costs (Audit Fees)	<u>1,560</u>	<u>1,014</u>
Total	2,513	1,949

In 2021/22 and 2022/23 the administration charge was a donated service from Aberdeenshire Council.

Due to the interaction of section 106 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 with the Charities Regulations a full audit is required of all registered charities where the local authority is the sole Trustee.

The audit fee has been allocated based on individual financial statements, then allocated to the charities within those financial statements where appropriate. Some charities have received a higher audit fee compared to others due to the higher number of transactions and therefore more audit input required.

8. Fixed asset investments

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Other investments (See Note 10)	<u>95,336</u>	93,539
Total	95,336	93,539

9. Movements on funds

Analysis of Fund movements	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds c/fwd £
Unrestricted Funds	93,539	4,310	(2,513)	95,336
Total	93,539	4,310	(2,513)	95,336

10. Related Party Transactions

The charity is required to disclose material transactions with related parties – bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the charity or to be controlled or influenced by the charity. Disclosure of these transactions allows readers to assess the extent to which the charity might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely with the charity.

Aberdeenshire Council

Aberdeenshire Council has effective control over the general operations of the charity. All of the Trustee representatives are Aberdeenshire Council Councillors. As at 31 March 2023, balances totalling £95,336 (2022: £93,539) were invested in the Council's Loans Fund.

The related party transactions during the year were £4,310 income (2021/22: £2,051), which was loans fund interest and voluntary income for donated services. Expenditure transactions were £2,513 (2021/22: £1,949) which was donated services of an administration charge and audit fee.

11. Cashflow Statement

Reconciliation of net income to cash generated by operating activities:

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Net income for the year Adjustments for:	1,797	102
Interest receivable	(1,797)	(102)
Net Cash flow from operating activities	-	

12. Parent Entity

Aberdeenshire Council is the parent entity of the charity as it acts as the sole Trustee for the charity via local Councillors who act on behalf of the Council as Trustee representatives. Control can be exercised by the Council by making decisions on how funds can be spent. Aberdeenshire Council's principal purpose is that it is a Local Authority. The principal office address is listed on page 3.