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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2012-2013

GENERAL CONTEXT

Events during the past year have confirmed to Trustees that we could be witnessing the end of the city as we know it. While care and promotion of the peninsula continue unabated, the distinctiveness of the city as a whole is being eroded. The county town, which gave its name to the county, is being administered by a county authority in a manner which appears to have scant regard for the city. Administrative independence within the context of a two tier system was lost in 2009 when a new unitary authority took control of the whole area. Insult was added to injury when the new authority did not 'parish' the city area. Having insisted that a petition with sufficient signatures be presented, the County then argued that the majority in favour in the resultant referendum was insufficient (It was in fact higher than the result of the 2009 referendum to select the form of local government, where the majority in favour of a unitary County authority was a mere 50.6%)

The county town, therefore, currently has **no town or parish council**; no body to represent it. Its citizens are disenfranchised. Although there are ten councillors representing the wards of the city on the county council, what are they among so many (100)? Planning decisions are therefore decided by an overwhelming majority of councillors who owe no allegiance to – and, at times, appear to have scant knowledge of – the city. Consequently, major decisions, such as that of Mount Oswald, are determined by outsiders despite cogently argued and united opposition, not only by city councillors, but also the M.P., the Trust and the public.

The latest dilution of the city's distinctiveness is the proposal to **abolish the separate role of mayor**, which has been a feature since 1602. (Actually, the proposal is that the role be taken over by the County, being added to the duties of the County chairman. (It would seem that the current mayor's 400 annual engagements will not interfere with roles of chairing and serving her constituents.)

The emerging **County Plan**, of course, is a huge threat to the character of the city. The Chief Planner is quite open in insisting that Durham is "too small". Accordingly, the Plan proposes making the city the power-house of the county, concentrating 6,000 employees at Aykley Heads, with 5,000 new dwellings, two-thirds of which are provocatively situated on the city's small and only recently created Green Belt. (A brief summary of Trustees' criticisms to the County's *Preferred Options Consultation* was given in *Bulletin 74*; our full 59 page submission is available via our website, www.durhamcity.org) During the forth-coming year there will be the critical last round of consultation to the *Submission Draft*. Following any alterations, the Plan will finally be subject to an Examination in Public before a government-appointed inspector. There at least, at last, Trustees' arguments, and counter-arguments, will be objectively assessed.

ENVIRONMENTAL GAINS

The city area has been enriched in a variety of ways in the last year. Pride of place went to **Eshwin Hall**, winner of this year's architectural award. The monumental building, worthy of citation in Pevsner, had been neglected for three decades before being rescued from demolition and remarkably restored. (It is even more

remarkable when one learns that the restoration was achieved without any grants.) Its twin functions as a miners' memorial and community use have been happily revived.

Outstanding is the only word to describe the unveiling of the medieval **dormitory undercroft** in its new role as cathedral bookshop. With only a glass division into the restaurant, the original architectural space of the twelve double bays with quadripartite vaulting can now be seen in all its glory. This first element of the cathedral's Open Treasure project must have won over any waverers. Complementary to the cathedral's reorganisation of the former monastic buildings and its treasures, has been the continued conversion of some Palace Green Library rooms into exhibition spaces. The prime exhibit, of course, will be the Lindisfarne Gospels in the summer.

Elsewhere on the peninsula the new **flood-lighting** of the cathedral, following similar treatment last year to the castle, means that the architectural detail of the city's two iconic buildings are now highlighted, as opposed to being formerly washed with light. **St John's College**, in the Bailey, successfully rose to the challenge of inserting a residential block into its garden. Less of a challenge, but equally appropriate, was the extension of its dining room out from its Georgian house.

Respectful residential terracing is nearing completion on the **Byland Lodge** site, even if the bay treatment of the Hawthorn Terrace elevation is overly regimented. Nearby, and also nearing completion, on the steepest section of lower **Crossgate**, is the conversion and careful restoration of three properties. Care is required, given their prominence in the streetscape.

Trustees were pleased when the proposal to demolish the grade 1 listed communication mast, designed by Ove Arup, was reversed. Standing alongside the **police**

headquarters at Aykley Heads, it was to be demolished when the police moved to a new HQ nearby. Our objection was followed by a crucial input from Ove Arups themselves suggesting that the mast was not only worthy of retention but also showing how it could be safely dismantled and re-erected. No sooner had the mast problem been solved, than it transpired that, nearby, was the home of great crested newts. Work therefore halted while a suitable replacement home was provided.

Most recently, approval has been given for the redevelopment of the former **ice rink site**. Trustees, who were twice consulted by the developers and architect, would have preferred further modifications from the original proposal, but there is no doubt about its superiority over the last submission in 2003, which was rejected after an inquiry following local authority approval. The present scheme, of brick with less but appropriate glazing, acknowledges its context between Walkergate and the river.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUERIES

Some development, or proposed developments, during the year could not be classed as sensitive to the city's environment. Most prominent is the elevation onto Stockton Road of the university's **Palatine Centre**. The advantage of amalgamating various university services in new accommodation on the site was never queried, but the aggressive public face, in materials alien to Durham, could not be more inappropriate. Although Trustees were twice consulted at an early stage, their suggestions were not accepted. Nothing, it seemed, was to deflect the inexorable course in progressing the young architects' design for the university's flagship project. The result is universal criticism from both professionals and the public.

The **Castle Kitchen** was also insensitively modernised in the summer. The precious late medieval space was filled with bulky modern machinery (without submitting final drawings to the planning department or receiving written consent). Dr Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of

English Heritage, who visited the kitchen at Trustees' request, diplomatically observed that "there are a number of lessons to be learned from this project which could usefully be applied to the planning of future schemes at the Castle and World Heritage Site generally."

The approval of Banks' scheme for the whole of **Mount Oswald** was mentioned earlier. Trustees were prepared to consider one element of the scheme - the proposal for student accommodation in the north-east quarter, which might be seen as a straight swap for the Local Plan's policy reservation of one-tenth of the whole site as a business park. But no further. We were later surprised to learn that the County Authority itself could determine whether or not the 'departure' from the Local Plan, which the scheme represented, should be submitted for the Secretary of State's approval. It was not submitted.

More than once Trustees have suggested that the area 'beyond' the railway viaduct, including the former County Hospital, should be subjected to comprehensive development by means of a master plan. The whole area is clearly undergoing a new cycle in its evolution. The Authority, however, prefers a piecemeal approach, the first two parts of which have hardly brought confidence. Approvals were given during the year to redevelop the former **Arriva Bus Depot** and the **Fred Henderson** sites. The former was for family housing, but the opportunity for more such dwellings, which would have been a boost to reassert a 'balanced community' amid a growing tide of student-occupied housing, was lost when approval was given for apartments to accommodate 220 students on the nearby second site. The university itself was among the objectors to the scheme.

Trustees also queried the wisdom of moving the **Registrar's Office** for Births, Deaths and Marriages from Old Elvet to Aykley Heads, and the **Parking Shop** from North Road to Framwellgate Moor. The

moves represent a further loss of city centre functions.

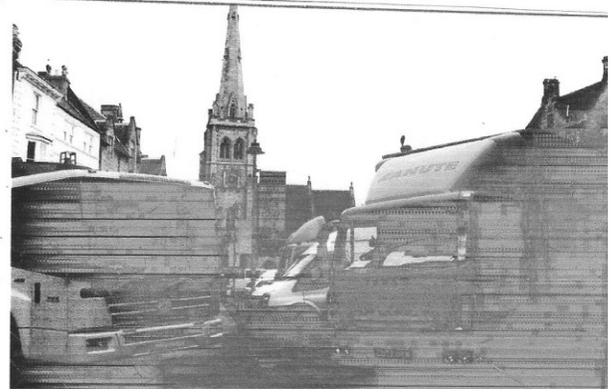
An act which had deleterious environmental consequences was the Authority's curious decision to deregulate **taxis**. The number of vehicles serving the city suddenly jumped from 74 to 1500. The residential street of Claypath and beyond immediately became lined with cars until the early hours. Eventually some sort of order was achieved, but, as they say, 'things are not what they were'.

One final query concerns the former Tourist Information Bureau and adjacent unit in **Millennium Place**. Both were axed in austerity cuts, but what revenue can they possibly be generating given the subsequent occupants, or lack of?

THE MARKET PLACE

The manner in which a modernised Market Place was forced upon its citizens has been outlined in our publication, *The Unmaking of Durham's Historic Market Place* (2010), and a comparison of the resultant and pre-existing townscapes was discussed in *Bulletin 71*. The illustrations here might be entitled, 'A Year in the Life of the Market Place'.

The illustrations all derive from the decision to do away with the vehicle service area and to blur the difference between street and pavement in a 'shared surface' solution for the historic space. As a result, delivery lorries find themselves in a free-for-all. The County Authority's reaction to this, and to the lack of traditional kerbing, is to erect yet more (standard) bollards. Such treatment hardly improves the townscape. Meanwhile, vehicles have damaged lamp posts, indicator posts and bollards; hit cabinet, bins and almost every granite seating pod; but the greatest hit was that which nearly knocked Neptune from his plinth. (He was removed for safety while the plinth is being repaired. Trustees have been informed



Delivery Vehicles' free-for-all

that he will return at the end of April.) Incidentally, the Authority's pride of place may be questioned, given the time taken to make good the damaged elements. Neptune apart, it is surely not a case of awaiting settlement of insurance claims. In any event, we were assured that, after completion, money would be assigned for maintenance.

Meanwhile, the free-for-all with which traffic battled in Saddler Street has been brought to an end by the restoration of permanent traffic lights; underfoot, acceptance of the danger of the so-called flush kerbing, has resulted at last in the practical amendment of tactile paving.

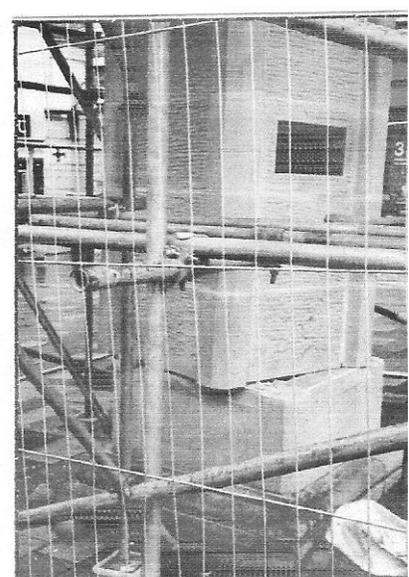
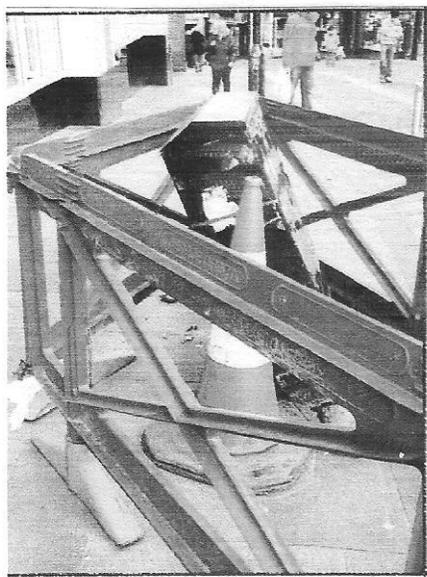
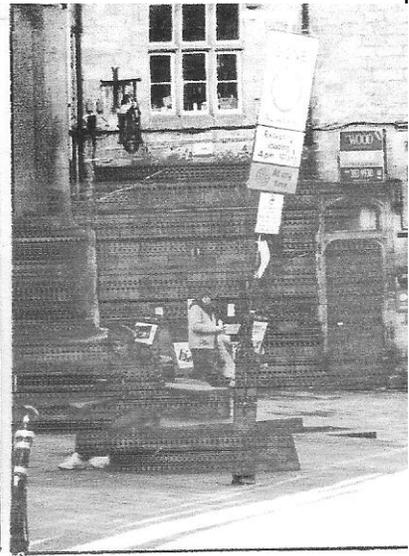
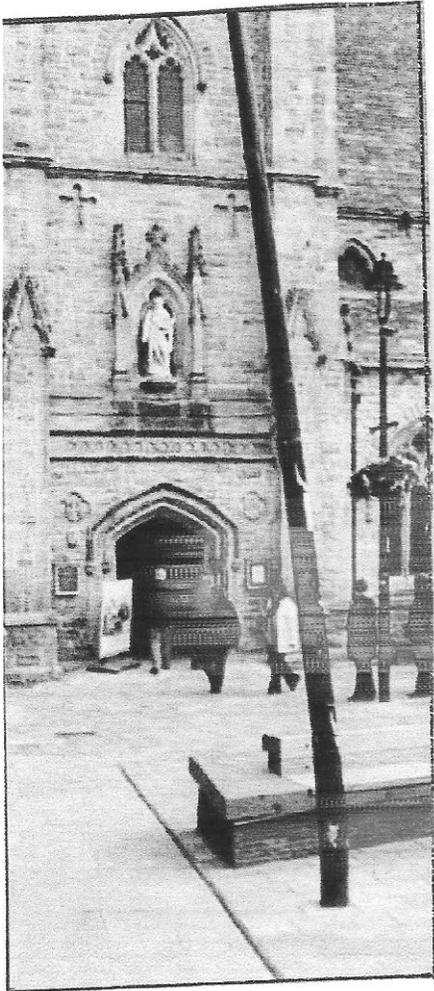
The reason given by Durham City Vision for 'clearing' the Market Place was in order that some twenty major events a year could be staged. This, it was argued at the fateful decision day at County Hall in November 2009, would be the key driver in the economic regeneration of the city and region. Perhaps your Secretary missed almost all of the major events this year, for the most frequent occupant seen was the familiar roundabout for young children which often shared the space with a newcomer, a van of the Dutch Doughnut Company.

EVENTS

Our open meetings this year were marked by two informative lectures. In the autumn, Melanie Sensicle, chief executive of Visit County Durham, spoke on 'Durham's visitor economy'. In the spring we had two for the price of one when Norman Emery (cathedral archaeologist) and Garry Hodgson (architect) fascinated members with



The Authority's 'bollard' solution



Damaged street furniture in the Market Place

the story of the beginning of Esh Winning Miners' Memorial Hall and its restoration as Eshwin Hall. The topic chose itself, for the building had just won the Trust's Architectural Award for 2012, and the occasion was taken to hand over the plaque to the entrepreneur, Mick Brett, who had dared to envisage the project and to bring it to fruition.

In September some Trust members again kindly acted as stewards during the Heritage Open Days scheme. Once again we are indebted to Mrs June Wright for co-ordinating our contribution. In the beautiful Durham 2012 Competition the Trust Award was won by Norman Mollon, a popular personality passionately keen about St Margaret's allotments.

In February Trustees benefited from a discussion and exchange of ideas with Dr Edward Twiddy, chief executive of the North East Local Economic Partnership, successor to One North-East. We are fortunate to have as head of this crucially important economic unit a Durham graduate who knows intimately both city and county.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members might like to consider bringing along this Report on 8th May, since not only does



Mick Brett with Trust Chairman, Roger Cornwell

it contain the agenda for the AGM, but it would be especially helpful should comments be made on the accounts.

After the AGM there will be an illustrated lecture by Jim Cokill, director of the Durham Wildlife Trust, on

The Future of Durham's Wildlife.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventy- first Annual General Meeting of the City of Durham Trust will be held in Room 141, Elvet Riverside 1, New Elvet at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 8 May 2013
Members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting (Wednesday 9 May 2012).
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Report of the Trustees and the Presentation of Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2012.
5. Appointment of the honorary officers of the Trust.
6. Appointment of Trustees.

The following Trustees retire by rotation. All are eligible for re-election.

Mr P J F Beard, Mr R Cornwell, Mrs J A Gill, Mr D M H Glen, & Mr N J Ruffle
Names of other possible new Trustees, together with proposer and seconder, and up to 100 words of recommendation, should reach the Secretary before the meeting.

7. Chairman's remarks.
8. Any other business which may be brought forward by members.
It would be helpful if notice of this could be given to the Secretary.

LECTURE

At 8 pm, after the AGM

Jim Cokill
will give a lecture on

*The Future of Durham's
Wildlife*

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.12 Total funds £	31.12.11 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	2,928	-	2,928	3,035
Activities for generating funds	3	1,759	-	1,759	1,255
Investment income	4	32	-	32	22
Total incoming resources		4,719	-	4,719	4,312
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	5	-	-	-	940
Charitable activities					
Environmental conservation & appreciation	6	7,227	-	7,227	2,669
Governance costs	9	145	-	145	183
Total resources expended		7,372	-	7,372	3,792
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(2,653)	-	(2,653)	520
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		17,732	-	17,732	17,212
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15,079	-	15,079	17,732

The notes form part of these financial statements

City of Durham Trust

**Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2012**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.12 Total funds £	31.12.11 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	12	542	-	542	581
Cash at bank		14,824	-	14,824	18,375
		<u>15,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,366</u>	<u>18,956</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(287)	-	(287)	(1,224)
		<u>15,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,079</u>	<u>17,732</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>15,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,079</u>	<u>17,732</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>15,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,079</u>	<u>17,732</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>15,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,079</u>	<u>17,732</u>
FUNDS					
	14				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				15,079	17,732
				<u>15,079</u>	<u>17,732</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>15,079</u>	<u>17,732</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2012.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 March 2013 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr R J Cornwell -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost 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 resources. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
Donations	25	49
Gift aid	510	635
Subscriptions	2,393	2,351
	<u>2,928</u>	<u>3,035</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
St Cuthbert	377	167
Essays	155	53
Bonomi	13	11
Futures of Durham	2	-
Walks leaflet	9	2
Christmas cards	378	264
Durham in Paintings	710	620
Unallocated sales	-	30
Unmaking of the Market Place	111	78
CDT Awards Book	4	30
	<u>1,759</u>	<u>1,255</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
CAF account interest	32	22
	<u>32</u>	<u>22</u>

5. FUNDRAISING TRADING: COST OF GOODS SOLD AND OTHER COSTS

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
Purchases	-	940
	<u>-</u>	<u>940</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (See note 7)	Support costs (See note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	5,635	494	1,098	7,227
	<u>5,635</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>1,098</u>	<u>7,227</u>

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	494	134
	<u>494</u>	<u>134</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS - continued

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
Bow Trust	50	50
Civic Trust (North East)	10	10
Friends of Durham Cathedral	20	20
CPRE	34	34
Alington House	30	(30)
Beautiful Durham	50	50
Bearpark Action Group	300	-
	<u>494</u>	<u>134</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Totals
	£	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	<u>1,096</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1,098</u>

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
Filing fee	14	40
Independent examiner's remuneration	131	143
	<u>145</u>	<u>183</u>

10. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
Other operating leases	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2012 nor for the year ended 31 December 2011.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2012 nor for the year ended 31 December 2011.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>542</u>	<u>581</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
Trade creditors	287	1,224
	<u>287</u>	<u>1,224</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.12	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.12
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,732	(2,653)	15,079
	<u>17,732</u>	<u>(2,653)</u>	<u>15,079</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>17,732</u>	<u>(2,653)</u>	<u>15,079</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,719	(7,372)	(2,653)
	<u>4,719</u>	<u>(7,372)</u>	<u>(2,653)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,719</u>	<u>(7,372)</u>	<u>(2,653)</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

	31.12.12	31.12.11
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
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Investment income		
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Total incoming resources	4,719	4,312
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		
Fundraising Trading Costs	-	700
Storage Costs	-	240
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	-	940
Charitable activities		
Exhibition	50	-
Insurance	282	305
Ove Arup	3,990	(58)
Plaques for annual award	400	-
Postage, stationery & secretarial	913	997
Subscriptions	494	134
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	6,129	1,378
Governance costs		
Filing fee	14	40
Independent examiner's remuneration	131	143
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	145	183
Support costs		
Management		
Meeting expenses	805	708
Development committee agendas, bulletins, etc	291	577
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	1096	1285
Finance		
Bank charges	2	6
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Total resources expended	7372	3792
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(Net (expenditure)/Income	(2653)	520
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