

Fair Frome: 2016/2017 Report



FairFrome
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Trustees 2016-2017

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Fair Frome Aims

Fair Frome aims to:

To prevent and relieve financial, educational, social and health poverty for people living in Frome and the surrounding areas. This will be achieved through the provision of direct services and through the support and development of other organisations in such a way that they are able to identify and meet these needs

Strategic Objectives:

1. To influence, inform and coordinate the development of appropriate services which make a meaningful difference to the lives of people living in Frome and the surrounding area
2. To help coordinate services across a wide range of agencies through effective networking, guidance, training and information sharing
3. To help families and individuals with social, educational, health and financial problems.
4. To advocate on behalf of the most disadvantaged in Frome by raising awareness of the issues at the root causes of poverty through campaigning.
5. To improve, establish and fund existing and new projects including a Frome Community Food Scheme.
6. To support and work effectively and in partnership with other organisations
7. To identify, promote and support the delivery of appropriate training opportunities for service users and professionals.
8. To build the mechanisms for volunteering which will increase organisational capacity and volunteering opportunities.
9. To fundraise in line with Fair Frome's aims and objectives.

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Chairs Report 2016/2017



The period 2017/17 marks the 3rd year that Fair Frome has been in existence. During this period as a charity we have continued to grow our services based on real need and firmly establish ourselves in Frome as a positive and well recognised charity.

We now have 11 Trustees from a variety of backgrounds who as well as carrying out duties as Trustees also spend many hours as volunteers involving themselves in “hands on” activities. In addition we have over 30 volunteers who give huge amounts of their time to Fair Frome and serve the needs of local people. We now have one invaluable member of staff who acts as our overall coordinator working 30 hours per week. Trustees meet monthly for full Trustee meetings to oversee the legal and practical aspects of Fair Frome- setting out the overall strategy and direction of the charity based on our constitution. They also take part in leading other aspects of our work such as the Food Bank, Community dining, and campaigns etc. All our Trustees are appointed through open completion and interview and our volunteers are required to be interviewed and complete applications and submit references. Full inductions are available for all and take recruits through our formal policies and procedures and the work of Fair Frome. Fair Frome now has a full website/Facebook page and twitter account and continues to publish regular press releases on our services and campaigns.

Fair Frome has also acted as an umbrella organisation to bring together groups both statutory and voluntary who work with vulnerable people in the town. This has several benefits: It allows the group to share knowledge and experience, it enables us to develop ideas and new services based on real need and finally it is respectful of the role that others play and reduces duplication and mistrust. This has been hugely successful over the past

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year and has enabled us to grow our services with the challenging and essential feedback from other service groups. Fair Frome has also contributed to other external groups and their development of strategies and services. Frome Town Council for instance set up a Health and Wellbeing panel which Fair Frome contributed to- ultimately establishing a Town Council Strategy. Fair Frome Trustees and staff also regularly contribute to other panels and meetings across the town including talking to church and school groups about our work. This serves to raise awareness of our role and need for support but also serves to raise debates about inequality in the town.

In terms of services Fair Frome runs the local Food Bank which unfortunately continues to grow as more people are forced to seek help. We now have collection points across town which are well established and regularly supported. Our volunteers then collect the food and take it to our containers where it is sorted and distributed to our collection points. All service users are referred by our partner organisations. We thankfully receive annual supplements to our food bank at Harvest Festivals and Xmas. The food bank is staffed entirely by volunteers.

We have also run Community Dining events throughout the town over the year. These aim to bring together people from distinct areas of the town to meet and share food and conversation- reducing loneliness and isolation and helping to bring local communities together. Again these are run entirely by volunteers from their planning to delivery. Over the past year we have also started a regular weekly dining event in a local voluntary café which offers food and advice to those in need. We have also supported the Big Xmas Get Together in Frome which provides a Xmas day lunch for over 130 people on Xmas Day.

Fair Frome also acts as a campaigning organisation to raise debates in Frome about poverty and inequality. We are affiliated to the Equality Trust and have supported the real Living Wage campaign. Over the past year we have held events with local businesses to encourage take up the Living Wage and held an event with the Equality Trust in the town to show the film "The Divide" followed by a panel and audience discussion about the scale of inequality and how to tackle it. We have also spoken out about the negative impacts of governmental budgets on increasing inequality. In doing so we stress that we are non-Party political.

Fundraising has also been a significant and essential part of our work. We are supported financially by Frome Town Council but need to realise significant funds to maintain our services. We have been relatively successful in doing so. We receive small grants from local and national organisations but the majority of our funding is raised locally. This does serve a dual purpose in that as well as raising funds for Fair Frome it also makes a direct link between donors and our work which raises awareness and involvement in our activities.

Overall the past year has been a successful one for Fair Frome. Without the generosity and hard work of staff, Trustees, volunteers and donors none of this would be possible. It is also

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obvious that need for our services will increase rather than decline over the coming year meaning that we need to continue to grow as charity if we are to meet those very real needs in our local community.

Bob Ashford

Chair of Trustees.

Fair Frome Accounts

FAIR FROME STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

Income unrestricted	To be added after the accounts have been audited and agreed
Income restricted	
Expenditure	
Balance at end of year	

Statement of assets

Fair Frome currently hold:

2 containers used for the food bank purchase value £7933.

Industrial shelving and storage boxes purchase value £1400

Banners £400

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**FAIR FROME
ACCOUNTS
FOR
31 MARCH 2017**

BERKELEY HALL LIMITED

Chartered Accountants
Vallis House
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FAIR FROME
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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FAIR FROME
ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO FAIR FROME
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

As described on page 3, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages 2 to 4. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

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57 Vallis Road
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Somerset
BA11 3EG

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BERKELEY HALL LIMITED
Chartered Accountants

Berkeley Hall Ltd

FAIR FROME
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	2017		2016	
	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER		47,372		30,392
Purchases		<u>2,278</u>		<u>196</u>
GROSS PROFIT		45,094		30,196
EXPENSES				
Wages and salaries	14,740		15,522	
Staff pensions	416		-	
Light and heat	66		-	
Insurance	708		607	
Repairs and maintenance	829		1,121	
Travel and subsistence	74		115	
IT Support	60		100	
Room hire	3,256		279	
Training for volunteers	126		-	
Printing, stationery and postage	999		76	
Sundry expenses	47		74	
Subscriptions	98		-	
Accountancy fees	480		518	
Depreciation	<u>1,334</u>		<u>1,778</u>	
		23,233		20,190
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		<u>21,861</u>		<u>10,006</u>

FAIR FROME
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2017

	Note	2017 £	£	2016 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	1		4,001		5,335
CURRENT ASSETS					
Prepayments		528		659	
Cash at bank		46,530		25,548	
		<u>47,058</u>		<u>26,207</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade creditors		600		2,944	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>46,458</u>		<u>23,263</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>50,459</u>		<u>28,598</u>
FINANCED BY:					
Capital account	2		<u>50,459</u>		<u>28,598</u>

PROPRIETOR'S APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

I approve these accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages 2 to 4 and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation and give my authority for them to be submitted to HM Revenue and Customs.

Linda Wynne

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017	<u>9,484</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2016	4,149
Charge for the year	<u>1,334</u>
At 31 March 2017	<u>5,483</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2017	<u>4,001</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>5,335</u>

2. PROPRIETOR'S CAPITAL ACCOUNT

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening balance	28,598	18,592
Net profit for the year	<u>21,861</u>	<u>10,006</u>
Carried forward at 31 Mar 17	<u>50,459</u>	<u>28,598</u>