

Fair Frome: 2017/2018 Report

### Trustees 2017 - 2018

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#### **Fair Frome Aims and Objectives**

#### 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

### **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.



## Chair's Report 2017/2018

2017/18 marks the 4<sup>th</sup> year Fair Frome has been in existence. During this period, we have consolidated and increased our service level provision to meet the growing demand within Frome. Whilst Frome on the surface has prospered and been nationally recognised in broadcast and printed media as a destination to visit and live, for many in the town this has brought serious problems. House prices have increased dramatically in recent years and so have house and flat rentals. 2017/18 also saw the introduction of Universal Credit for new welfare claims alongside a freeze in benefits and new disability legislation. All this has impacted greatly on those in employment on low incomes and those who rely wholly on welfare benefits. The gap between those who have and those who struggle to make ends meet in Frome has grown considerably.

Fair Frome as a charity has done what it can to try and meet some of the most acute needs. We have a very active group of Trustees who not only provide the strategic direction of the charity but are very much "hands on" in delivering the work needed to implement and run projects and campaigns. Our volunteer base continues to grow. We now support over 30 volunteers who are involved in a variety of different tasks and roles. We also now have two part time members of staff — an overall Fair Frome Coordinator and a Furniture Bank coordinator who has helped up establish this new service in this financial year.

In terms of services we have created a Furniture Bank, which we established following an identified need and provides free re-cycled furniture and white goods to

people referred to us. The Food Bank continues to grow in demand and we now regularly provide grocery "top ups" to schools etc in addition to our normal food bank service. We also continue to run Community Lunches designed to bring local communities together, reduce isolation and offer a free nutritious lunch.

Fair Frome is also a campaigning organisation- raising a voice on poverty, inequality and social inclusion. In the past year we have continued to support the Living Wage Campaign, are affiliates to the Equality Trust and have been running an Access for All in the town designed to raise awareness of the issues faced by those with visible or hidden disabilities when they try and access town businesses or shops. In all our communications and press releases we continue to outline not only our work but the root causes of why our work is necessary.

Fair Frome also acts an umbrella group and catalyst for other organisations who work with those in need in the town. We regularly bring together these groups to share ideas/concerns and ensure our services are "joined up" and rooted in real need.

The year 2017/18 has also seen Fair Frome consolidate our finances and structures. We have amended our Constitution with the Charity Commission to reflect our growing needs and have moved into new premises which we rent from Frome Town Council. This allows us to store food and have a direct interface with food bank customers who visit the centre. Financially we are still supported by Frome Town Council but have also broadened our financial support considerably. As Trustees we made a conscious decision not to rely on large external grants but to work to attract local individual and business sponsorship. This serves to follow our wish to have local ownership of local problems and keep the reasons for our work alive in the local consciousness.

Fair Frome is now an established part of Frome, attracting interest and support not only in Frome but wider afield as a model of community resilience. None of this would be possible without the support of our stakeholders and everyone in the town who supports our work.

Bob Ashford
Chair of Trustees
Fair Frome

# FAIR FROME UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 31 MARCH 2018

## ALANBROOKES (FROME) LIMITED TRADING AS BERKELEY HALL

## ACCOUNTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

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# CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO FAIR FROME ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF FAIR FROME

#### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

In accordance with the engagement letter, we have prepared for your approval the financial information of FAIR FROME for the year ended 31 March 2018 which comprises Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/membershandbook.

Our work has been undertaken in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW as detailed at icaew.com/compilation.

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

|                                  | 2018         |        | 2017   |        |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                  | £            | £      | £      | £      |
| TURNOVER                         |              | 54,720 |        | 47,372 |
| Purchases                        |              | 1,459  |        | 2,278  |
| GROSS PROFIT                     |              | 53,261 |        | 45,094 |
| EXPENSES                         |              |        |        |        |
| Wages and salaries               | 23,692       |        | 14,740 |        |
| Staff pensions                   | 1,389        |        | 416    |        |
| Light and heat                   | 48           |        | 66     |        |
| Insurance                        | 1,548        |        | 708    |        |
| Repairs and maintenance          | 4,445        |        | 829    |        |
| Motor expenses                   | 1,230        |        | _      |        |
| Travel and subsistence           | 162          |        | 74     |        |
| Telephone                        | 265          |        | ****   |        |
| IT Support                       | 234          |        | 60     |        |
| Room hire                        | 6,548        |        | 3,256  |        |
| Training for volunteers          | 70           |        | 126    |        |
| Printing, stationery and postage | 357          | •      | 999    |        |
| Sundry expenses                  | 360          |        | 47     |        |
| Subscriptions                    | 168          |        | 98     |        |
| Advertising                      | 92           |        |        |        |
| Accountancy fees                 | 480          |        | 480    |        |
| Depreciation                     | 2,168        |        | 1,334  |        |
|                                  | <del> </del> | 43,256 |        | 23,233 |
| NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR          |              | 10,005 |        | 21,861 |

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### 31 MARCH 2018

|   | 2018 |  | 2017             |                    |                  |
|---|------|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|   | Note | £                                      | £                | £                  | £                |
| FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets  | 1    |  | 8,284            |                    | 4,001            |
| CURRENT ASSETS Prepayments Cash at bank Cash in hand                            |      | 52,730<br>50                           |                  | 528<br>46,530<br>— |                  |
|   |      | 52,780                                 |                  | 47,058             |                  |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade creditors   |      | 600                                    |                  | 600                |                  |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS  |      | ************************************** | 52,180           | Average At Malains | 46,458           |
| NET ASSETS  |      |  | 60,464           |                    | 50,459           |
| FINANCED BY:  |      |  |                  |                    |                  |
| CAPITAL ACCOUNT - FAIR FI<br>Balance Brought Forward<br>Net profit for the year | ROME |  | 50,459<br>10,005 |                    | 28,598<br>21,861 |
|   |      |  | 60,464           |                    | 50,459           |

#### PROPRIETOR'S APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

In accordance with our terms of engagement, I approve the financial information which comprises the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework and for providing Alanbrookes (Frome) Limited trading as Berkeley Hall with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

## 1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|                     | Fixtures &<br>Fittings  | Motor<br>Vehicles | Office<br>Equipment | Total  |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|--------|
|                     | £   | £                 | £                   | £      |
| COST                |   | •                 |                     | •      |
| At 1 April 2017     | 9,484   |                   |                     | 9,484  |
| Additions           | 119   | 6,000             | 332                 | 6,451  |
| At 31 March 2018    | 9,603   | 6,000             | 332                 | 15,935 |
| DEPRECIATION        |   |                   |                     |        |
| At 1 April 2017     | 5,483   |                   |                     | 5,483  |
| Charge for the year | 618   | 1,500             | 50                  | 2,168  |
| At 31 March 2018    | 6,101<br>distribution della distribution della distrib | 1,500             | 50                  | 7,651  |
| NET BOOK VALUE      |   |                   |                     |        |
| At 31 March 2018    | 3,502   | 4,500             | 282                 | 8,284  |
| At 31 March 2017    | 4,001   |                   |                     | 4,001  |

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