

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05514023 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1111085**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**  
**for**  
**The Knowle Society**

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for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

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**The Knowle Society**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2015. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

05514023 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1111085

**Registered office**

c/o West - Chartered Accountants  
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**Trustees**

W Bohanna (Chairman)

A Marston (Dep Chair)

K Stables (Sect'y)

D N Watson (Treasurer)

D J Bower

J Erzen

D A Pinwell

C C Robinson

P F Johnson

P J K Ewin

L T Jones

E Baker

M Warr

C Steventon

- resigned 7/2/2015

E V Hulse

- appointed 12/11/2014

A C Bird

- appointed 11/3/2015

**Independent examiner**

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**for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank Plc  
9/11 Poplar Road  
Solihull  
B91 3AN

National Savings & Investments  
Glasgow  
G58 1SB

COIF Charities Deposit Fund  
Senator House  
85 Queen Victoria Street  
London  
EC4V 4ET

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and is a company limited by guarantee. The Company registration number is 05514023. As a Charity we are also governed by the provisions of the Charities Act 2011. Our Charity registration number is 1111085.

**Risk management**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. A review of the major risks has been carried out and no additional actions found necessary.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the Society, in the governing Memorandum, are:

- " to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic or public interest in the area of benefit or adjacent areas;
- " to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit;
- " to preserve the character of the area of benefit as a thriving community;
- " to promote a high standard of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit, and to oppose any inappropriate developments;
- " to represent the views of the members to local and other authorities;
- " to help foster community spirit by arranging lectures, social events and other appropriate activities.

These objectives have been achieved largely through the work of the committees; Planning, Community Services, Local History, Meetings & Social and Walks and the Natural Environment committee. Information on the Society's activities has been publicised through the Newsletter, our Website and social media.

The Community Services Committee maintains close contacts with Solihull M.B.C., the Police, Public Transport providers, the Airport and the local traders to ensure that the views of the Society are heard in all relevant areas.

The Local History Committee maintains contact with appropriate organisations. It manages the Society's collection of documents and artefacts relating to the village, and arranges regular exhibitions of local interest in the History Centre in Knowle Library. It staged a number of very successful exhibitions.

The Meetings & Social and Walks Committee arranged a well supported programme of talks and walks throughout the year. Our involvement with arrangements for the switching on of the Christmas Lights in the High Street was again well supported and widely appreciated.

The Planning Committee had a busy year continuing to monitor the progress of a number of significant planning applications, notably that for retirement apartments on the High Street and a housing estate off Hampton Rd.

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Regular contact is maintained with the Council's Planning Department and representations made when appropriate. The Trustee Directors are also grateful for the advice and assistance given to the Society by the local Councillors on planning and other matters.

The Planning Committee, in association with Dorridge & District Residents Association, has been taking the lead for the Society in the launch of a 'Neighbourhood Forum'. This is now up and running as the Neighbourhood forum KDBH and will produce a neighbourhood plan which will sit under the Solihull Local Plan and influence any developments in the village. We will keep in close touch with the progress of the Forum.

The major project of the Natural Environment Committee has been the Bulb Planting Project with the first planting taking place in October 2015. The committee continued its attempt to register three areas of the previous route of the now abandoned Knowle Relief Road as 'Town & Village Greens'. This was carried out under the leadership of Leighton Jones as a stand-alone project. Solihull Council has reviewed the applications and agreed that they have merit. A public hearing will take place in early February 2016 to enable all parties to provide evidence. The Committee continued to operate with litter clearance from 'green' areas and planning for the future.

Committee Liaison maintains close relationship with Arden Academy and provides via its volunteers extra hours each Saturday in Knowle Library.

**Financial result for the Year**

The society has had a very successful year. The reserves having increased from £14,621 a year ago to £34,132 at the end of September 2015. Our income for the year included a splendid £14,929 of donations to the bulb appeal fund and a further £1,182 to the Village Greens appeal. The remaining income of the total £31,917 received in the year came mainly from membership subscriptions of £12,702 and gift aid tax recovery of £2,472.

Much of the anticipated project spending did not occur during the 2014-15 accounting year, so we move into the current year with a healthy cash balance. However it is expected that expenditure on the Village Greens project will be significant and further expenditure on the bulbs project will be required for the second planting year.

**Membership**

Membership on 30th September 2015 stood at 3402; 177 less than 12 months ago.

**Reserves Policy**

The Reserves Policy of the Society is to endeavour to maintain a minimum of one year's normal expenditure to cover any unforeseen eventuality.

**Gifts in Kind**

The Trustee Directors and many other volunteers freely give of their time and expertise. It is not considered meaningful to place an accurate value on this gift.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
W Bohanna (Chairman) - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Knowle Society**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2015 set out on pages five to nine.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: .....

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2015 Total funds £	2014 Total funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		15,261	15,981	31,242	14,302
Activities for generating funds	2	457	130	587	1,220
Investment income	3	88	-	88	47
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>15,806</u>	<u>16,111</u>	<u>31,917</u>	<u>15,569</u>
 <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income		4,840	-	4,840	5,078
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		2,834	1,798	4,632	4,874
<b>Governance costs</b>					
		2,934	-	2,934	3,726
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>10,608</u>	<u>1,798</u>	<u>12,406</u>	<u>13,678</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>5,198</u>	<u>14,313</u>	<u>19,511</u>	<u>1,891</u>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		11,133	3,488	14,621	12,730
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>16,331</u></u>	<u><u>17,801</u></u>	<u><u>34,132</u></u>	<u><u>14,621</u></u>

**The Knowle Society**

**Balance Sheet**  
**At 30th September 2015**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2015 Total funds £	2014 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		16,331	17,801	34,132	14,621
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>16,331</u>	<u>17,801</u>	<u>34,132</u>	<u>14,621</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		16,331	17,801	34,132	14,621
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>16,331</u></u>	<u><u>17,801</u></u>	<u><u>34,132</u></u>	<u><u>14,621</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7				
Unrestricted funds				16,331	11,133
Restricted funds				<u>17,801</u>	<u>3,488</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>34,132</u></u>	<u><u>14,621</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2015.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2015 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 ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
W Bohanna (Chairman) -Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

**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.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery etc - 20% on cost

**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.

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>£</b>	£
Social events	440	382
Local history centre	-	649
Calendars, guides & DVD's	147	189
	<u>587</u>	<u>1,220</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>£</b>	£
Bank interest	88	47
	<u>88</u>	<u>47</u>

**4. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES**

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>£</b>	£
Depreciation - owned assets	-	1,245
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,245</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th September 2015 nor for the year ended 30th September 2014 .

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th September 2015 nor for the year ended 30th September 2014 .

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Plant and machinery etc £</b>
<b>COST</b>	
At 1st October 2014 and 30th September 2015	6,225
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1st October 2014 and 30th September 2015	6,225
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30th September 2015	-
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At 30th September 2014	-
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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1.10.14 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 30.9.15 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,133	5,198	16,331
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
SUSTAiN Award	207	-	207
Village Greens Fund	3,281	(616)	2,665
Bulb Planting Fund	-	14,929	14,929
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	3,488	14,313	17,801
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	14,621	19,511	34,132
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th September 2015

7. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	15,806	(10,608)	5,198
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Village Greens Fund	1,121	(1,737)	(616)
Bulb Planting Fund	14,990	(61)	14,929
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	16,111	(1,798)	14,313
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>31,917</u>	<u>(12,406)</u>	<u>19,511</u>

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>£</b>	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	16,068	3,644
Subscriptions	12,702	8,858
Taxation refund	2,472	1,800
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	31,242	14,302
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Social events	440	382
Local history centre	-	649
Calendars, guides & DVD's	147	189
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	587	1,220
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	88	47
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	31,917	15,569
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>		
Meeting expenses	809	880
Social events & visits	403	658
Newsletter & printing	3,334	3,159
Advertising	268	344
Gifts & hospitality	26	37
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	4,840	5,078
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Local History Centre	454	1,964
Christmas expenses	760	791
Other charitable activities	3,418	2,119
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	4,632	4,874
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Insurance	213	202
Accountancy	552	540
Hire of rooms for Trustees' Meetings	531	434
Post, stationery & sundries	394	532
Storage facilities	37	559
Sundry governance expenditure	1,207	214
Fixtures and fittings	-	1,245
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	2,934	3,726
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	12,406	13,678

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>£</b>	£
<b>Net income</b>	<u>19,511</u>	<u>1,891</u>