

**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 2017**  
**for**  
**The Knowle Society**

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**for the Year Ended 30th September 2017**

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2017**

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 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 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 2015).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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

- o 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;
- o to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit;
- o to preserve the character of the area of benefit as a thriving community;
- o to promote a high standard of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit, and to oppose any inappropriate developments;
- o to represent the views of the members to local and other authorities;
- o to help foster community spirit by arranging lectures, social events and other appropriate activities.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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

Methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The Trustee Directors may at any time co-opt a member who is qualified to be appointed as an Ordinary Trustee Director to take office until the next AGM, upon which, if elected at the AGM may serve for a period of three years. A retiring Trustee Director who remains qualified may stand for re-election at an AGM. Officers of the Society (Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer) are elected by members at the AGM.

Community Services Committee

The Community Services Committee continues to maintain close contacts with Solihull M.B.C., the Police, Public Transport providers, and the Airport to ensure that the views of the Society are heard in all relevant areas. Several projects including a litter pick, a tidy up of raised flowerbeds in the Precinct and on Lodge Road/ Station Road were undertaken by member volunteers with support from Neighbourhood Services (SMBC). Funding has been raised through the generosity of Knowle and Dorridge Lions, Avon Homes and Neighbourhood Services (SMBC) for the maintenance of the Knot garden for 2017/18.

Local History Committee

During the last year in addition to our usual ongoing work i.e. stewarding the Local History Centre every Saturday morning, researching where necessary and dealing with enquiries, and monthly committee meetings, we have also put on three exhibitions - "Sports in Knowle - Part 2", "The Bower Family" and "Grimshaw Hall". The 4th exhibition of the year was "300 years of Freemasonry" which was put on by the Masons themselves.

Our Christmas cards again sold well. Profits this year will be donated to the Stroke Unit at Solihull Hospital. Thanks to David Bower and Kathy Jephcott, who have updated the online archive. Plans are underway for the 100 year anniversary of WW1 commemorations.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee continues to monitor the progress of planning applications and makes representations to the Council's Planning Department when appropriate. The Committee also bring any breaches of Planning Permission to the attention of the Council. The Planning Committee sent to SMBC the Society's response to the Draft Solihull Local Plan and has been working with the Knowle Dorridge and Bentley Heath Neighbourhood Forum on Knowle planning issues.

Natural Environment Committee

The committee has been working with SMBC to ensure completion of a Management Plan for the Job's Close Local Nature Reserve and working on the required improvements identified in the plan. We applied to "Tesco Bags of Help" for funding for some of the work and have secured £1000 to pay for materials.

Village Greens Project.

The Village Greens Project concluded with two areas (both adjoining Knowle Park) being formally registered as Town & Village Greens. They are now freely available to all residents of the 'area of benefit', the Ecclesiastical Parish of Knowle, Solihull. The third area has been lost as public open space.

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2017**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Community and Business Liaison maintains close relationship with Arden Academy and It also maintains contacts with many local traders.

**Library & Arden Academy**

This year we have had another busy year in the library, since we started in July 2011 we have had over 8,500 visitors and with the help volunteers, 22 in total, have extended the hours on Saturdays by 2 hours. Arden Academy has been in receipt of our annual cheque of £250 that is awarded for the pupil who has done the most in the community.

**Community Events Programmes**

A well-supported programme of talks and walks occurred 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.

**Website and newsletter**

The website at [www.knowlesociety.org.uk](http://www.knowlesociety.org.uk) has been updated this year to a fresh new look with an emphasis on compatibility with mobile devices. In addition to its quarterly Members Newsletter, the Society continues to make use of social media and direct emailing to keep Members up to date with Society events and other village activities.

**Financial results for the Year**

The year ending September 30th 2017 has been steady with an excess of expenditure over income of £1,032. Income from subscriptions was slightly down from last year reflecting the lower membership numbers.

Other expenditure included a donation made to the Neighbourhood Forum of £2,000 to support the transport and landscape study. Expenditure on the Village Greens Project was much smaller than previously, as the project came to an end.

**Financial aims for the forthcoming year**

The 2017-18 accounting year began with £14,403 held in the general fund, with the remainder in restricted funds. The general fund balance on 30th September 2017 was close to our normal annual expenditure. The aim is to keep a healthy reserve of funds throughout 2018, having budgeted for our expected costs over the next accounting year.

**Membership**

Membership on 30th September 2017 stood at 3166; a reduction of 116 on the previous year, mostly arising from deaths or members moving away.

**Reserves Policy**

The Reserve's Policy of the Society is that sufficient funds are retained to cover a minimum of one year's normal expenditure. The end of year balance was comfortably above that level.

**Full set of accounts**

The full set of accounts will be available in due course by request from the Treasurer, on the Society's website or at the AGM in February 2018.

**Gifts in Kind**

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

**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 2016. Our Charity registration number is 1111085.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

05514023 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1111085

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2017**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered office**

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**Trustees**

W Bohanna (Chairman)  
A Marston (Dep Chair)  
D N Watson (Treasurer)  
D J Bower  
J Erzen  
D A Pinwell  
C C Robinson - resigned 25/2/2017  
L T Jones  
E Baker  
M Warr  
E V Hulse  
A C Bird  
M T Brown (Secretary)

**Independent examiner**

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**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

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**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Knowle Society ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September 2017.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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 2017**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total funds £	2016 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		15,664	-	15,664	17,717
Other trading activities	2	809	-	809	2,465
Investment income	3	60	-	60	107
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,533</b>	-	<b>16,533</b>	20,289
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		5,581	-	5,581	5,333
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		6,495	3,685	10,180	21,366
Other		1,804	-	1,804	1,565
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,880</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>17,565</b>	28,264
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>2,653</b>	<b>(3,685)</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>	<b>(7,975)</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>11,750</b>	<b>14,407</b>	<b>26,157</b>	34,132
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>14,403</b>	<b>10,722</b>	<b>25,125</b>	26,157

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

**Balance Sheet**  
**At 30th September 2017**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total funds £	2016 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		14,403	10,722	25,125	26,813
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	-	-	-	(656)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>14,403</b>	<b>10,722</b>	<b>25,125</b>	26,157
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<b>14,403</b>	<b>10,722</b>	<b>25,125</b>	26,157
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<b>14,403</b>	<b>10,722</b>	<b>25,125</b>	26,157
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	8			<b>14,403</b>	11,750
Unrestricted funds				<b>10,722</b>	14,407
Restricted funds				<b>25,125</b>	26,157
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2017.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2017 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.

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 2017

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Fixtures and fittings - 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. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Social events	-	300
Queen's 90th event	-	2,165
Calendars, guides & DVD's	<b>809</b>	-
	<b>809</b>	2,465

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Bank interest	<b>60</b>	107

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th September 2017

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th September 2017 nor for the year ended 30th September 2016 .

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th September 2017 nor for the year ended 30th September 2016 .

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	15,381	2,336	17,717
Other trading activities	2,465	-	2,465
Investment income	107	-	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,953</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>20,289</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	5,333	-	5,333
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	15,636	5,730	21,366
Other	1,565	-	1,565
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,534</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>28,264</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(4,581)</b>	<b>(3,394)</b>	<b>(7,975)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>16,331</b>	<b>17,801</b>	<b>34,132</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>14,407</b>	<b>26,157</b>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th September 2017

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>
<b>COST</b>	
At 1st October 2016 and 30th September 2017	<u>6,225</u>
 <b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1st October 2016 and 30th September 2017	<u>6,225</u>
 <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30th September 2017	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 30th September 2016	<u><u>-</u></u>

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
Trade creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>656</u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1.10.16 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 30.9.17 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,750	2,653	14,403
 <b>Restricted funds</b>			
SUSTAiN Award	207	-	207
Natural Environment Fund	14,200	(3,685)	10,515
	<u>14,407</u>	<u>(3,685)</u>	<u>10,722</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>26,157</u></u>	<u><u>(1,032)</u></u>	<u><u>25,125</u></u>

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	16,533	(13,880)	2,653
 <b>Restricted funds</b>			
Natural Environment Fund	-	(3,685)	(3,685)
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>16,533</u></u>	<u><u>(17,565)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,032)</u></u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2017**

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th September 2017.

**Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure  
for the Year Ended 30th September 2016**

	Notes	UK GAAP £	Effect of transition to FRS 102 £	FRS 102 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies		17,717	-	17,717
Other trading activities		2,465	-	2,465
Investment income		107	-	107
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,289</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,289</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Raising funds		5,333	-	5,333
Charitable activities		21,366	-	21,366
Other		1,565	-	1,565
<b>Total</b>		<b>28,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,264</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(7,975)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7,975)</b>

**Reconciliation of Funds**  
**At 1st October 2015**  
**(Date of Transition to FRS 102)**

	Notes	UK GAAP £	Effect of transition to FRS 102 £	FRS 102 £
		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		=	=	=
<b>FUNDS</b>		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		-	-	-
		=	=	=

**Reconciliation of Funds**  
**At 30th September 2016**

	Notes	UK GAAP £	Effect of transition to FRS 102 £	FRS 102 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank		26,813	-	26,813
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year		(656)	-	(656)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>26,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,157</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		26,157	-	26,157
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>26,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,157</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Unrestricted funds		11,750	-	11,750
Restricted funds		14,407	-	14,407
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>26,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,157</u>

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2017**

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	1,171	2,865
Subscriptions	12,078	12,304
Taxation refund	2,415	2,548
	<hr/> 15,664	<hr/> 17,717
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Social events	-	300
Queen's 90th event	-	2,165
Calendars, guides & DVD's	809	-
	<hr/> 809	<hr/> 2,465
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	60	107
	<hr/> 60	<hr/> 107
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>16,533</b>	<b>20,289</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Meeting expenses	673	532
Social events & visits	325	686
Newsletter & printing	3,201	3,396
Advertising	460	430
Membership expenditure	240	238
Gifts & hospitality	-	51
Cost of calendars & cards	682	-
	<hr/> 5,581	<hr/> 5,333
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Local History Centre	696	291
Christmas expenses	970	900
Village greens project	645	15,412
Queen's 90th event	-	2,164
Donations given	2,997	860
Planning committee	287	101
Other charitable activities	4,585	1,638
	<hr/> 10,180	<hr/> 21,366
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Insurance	271	270
Storage facilities	270	388
Trustee meetings & expenses	461	236
Carried forward	1,002	894

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 30th September 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	<b>£</b>	£
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Brought forward	<b>1,002</b>	894
Sundry governance expenditure	<b>67</b>	65
Accountancy	<b>552</b>	552
Administration expenses	<b>183</b>	54
	<b>1,804</b>	1,565
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>17,565</b>	28,264
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<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>(1,032)</b>	<b>(7,975)</b>
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