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GENERAL CONTEXT

It will be no surprise that the County Plan has occupied much of Trustees' time during the year. As a result, in December we submitted 122 pages of responses on the *Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan*. However, our suggestions, submitted along with nearly 4,000 others during the consultation period, seem to have had no effect whatsoever. In the Authority's own words, "there are no matters arising from the representations that call into question the soundness of the Plan". (The County did produce a document of 202 pages entitled *Amendments*, but four-fifths of those listed were simply to improve the Plan's clarity or correct grammatical or typographical errors, followed by a further list of unimportant "minor amendments.") The *Submission Draft*, having been to Cabinet in mid-March and to the full Council at the beginning of April, is finally about to be despatched to the Minister.

Trustees remain convinced that the *Plan* will in fact be deemed unsound, a belief reinforced by rejections of other authorities' submissions recently reported in the planning literature. The detailed reasons for Trustees' belief summarised here were spelled out in *Bulletin 75*, and can be consulted in full on our website, www.durhamcity.org.

In summary, the over-arching flaw of the *Plan* stems from the Council's inflated, aspirational population projection, which is unjustified by official statistics and made without reference to adjoining North East authorities. Employment and housing figures are affected accordingly. Concentration on the centre, without adequate consideration of

other areas, leads to Durham City being dogmatically proclaimed to be too small and needing a step change. Each of its policies, however, contravenes National Planning Policy Framework, besides being contrary to the recommendations of the government inspector for the last Local Plan. This applies not least to proposed housing on Green Belt, which is expected to fund two relief roads, the justification for which is not even supported by the Council's own transport consultants or Department for Transport statistics. Here, surprisingly, the *Plan* still makes no reference to the new Combined Authority (LA7) which, from the beginning of April, will oversee the strategic road network and economic development.

THE SOCIAL COST OF A UNIVERSITY

A second topic which has exercised Trustees during the year is that of student accommodation in the city. The University is of course an integral part of the City. Its benefits are many, even indispensable, but in the last two or three decades there has emerged an increasing social cost as student numbers have multiplied at a rate far beyond the capacity of colleges to provide accommodation. For two decades the consequence was the accelerating conversion of town houses from permanent residences to student rented accommodation. The number of dwellings converted is now in excess of 1,500, with many central streets being almost totally student-occupied. The authorities, slow to respond to this challenge, are now faced with a new one, namely, that of large, privately managed student blocks.

The sums, quite starkly, are that the total of proposed accommodation in these new blocks far exceeds the projected growth in student numbers. (Details of totals were given in *Bulletin 75*). If

realised, there will be obvious repercussions on converted houses and on the life of the town as a whole. The capacity of some pavements to absorb the diurnal flow of students is already being challenged. Meanwhile, there still appears to be a lack of any urgency among the authorities to grasp the nettle of this vitally important aspect of the City. Such tardiness applies to both the County - a policy proposed in its County Plan is unconvincing – and to the University. Surely, the two should consider it a priority to be liaising with each other.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES

The City has been enriched during the year, not only by particular buildings listed in our review of architecture in *Bulletin 57*, but by smaller structures which add interest way beyond their size. Sculptural additions are obvious examples; two appeared during the year, the foundations of a third were explored.



‘What lies beneath us’, by John de Pauley

In October a ‘geosculpture’, a mosaic of different stones representing the geology of the British Isles was unveiled on the pavement at the entrance to what we used to call the University Science Site. The two nearest academic departments, appropriately, are Earth Science (Durham has provided two directors of the Geological Survey in recent years) and Geography. The work, entitled ‘**What lies**

beneath us’, by John de Pauley, extends ten by five metres. (It is a pity that our most colourful rocks are softer sedimentaries and therefore require substitute materials. The proportion of flint in the chalk deposit, for instance, will surely evoke a smile from any geologist.)

In December a more conventional sculpture was erected at Windmill Hill by St Aidan’s College. The artist here was our own Fenwick Lawson, who generously donated his **Wheelcross** to be cast in bronze, the cost of casting derived from monies from the winding-up of the former Durham City Arts. As yet there is no accompanying plaque, something which is surely needed if one is to read meaningfully a work with many allusions to St Cuthbert and Northumbria.

The Wheelcross, of course, relates to ‘**The Journey**’ in Millennium Place. During the year there have been informed rumours concerning a possible re-location of the latter sculpture onto the peninsula. An initial reaction might be that, if realised, the work would then be more appropriately renamed ‘Journey’s End’. A simpler move would be one to the pinch-point of Millennium Place, from which position it would command attention, rather than at present waiting inconspicuously outside the Clayport Library. (If needs be, advertisements for The Gala, currently on the triangular stone pillar at the entrance, could easily revert to the original position on the nearby end wall.)

In February Millennium Place received an unusual artwork, ‘**Helvetic**’, by Tobie Langel, an exhibit originally in the Lumiere light festival in November and now purchased by the Council. The approximate time in text form is projected after nightfall onto the wall of the Library. According to the leader of the Council, the work is a cultural event which will help deliver much needed economic benefits.



'Wheelcross', by Fenwick Lawson

Kingsgate Bridge, the unique Grade 1 structure of Sir Ove Arup, deserves mention, not only for celebrating its fiftieth birthday during the year, as banners proclaimed, but for the fact that the rogue sycamore which had grown to obscure the cathedral from the landfall on the east side was quietly removed.

In January excavations below the balcony of the Town Hall presaged the erection later this year of a statue of a **DLI soldier**, a replica of that in the National Memorial Arboretum. Strangely, a location near the DLI Museum was ruled out from the beginning. As it is, soldier and Neptune will face each other across the empty Market Place, which still awaits the major events which were to spearhead the City's regeneration.

Finally, a tale of **two bollards**, one at either end of the Bailey. At the southern end a simple black, lockable, bollard has recently replaced the inappropriate motorway-type barrier beneath the Watergate arch. The Trust had long drawn attention to this latter insensitive piece of street furniture.

At the opposite end of this ancient street Trustees contacted the Council's Highways to request a bollard to protect the fine shell-hood

over the door to No.5 North Bailey. It had been hit twice by vehicles in the last eighteen months, and it seemed obvious that the identical solution applied some years earlier to protect the cornice of the premises of Jack Wills in Saddler Street would be applicable here. A refusal was received (from Neighbourhood Services, Traffic, Spennymoor). A bollard "would further hinder pedestrian movement". Bollards in Saddler Street, anyway, were protecting cellars beneath. (This is clearly not true, and is certainly not true for bollards outside St Chad's College.) Finally, bollards in general are "purposely constructed to deflect on impact, preventing injury to the occupiers of the vehicles". Despite such weighty arguments, Trustees have not given up hope of a reasonable solution.

TRUST EVENTS

Our autumn lecture this year had to be cancelled at the last minute when the speaker, **Sonali Craddock**, was indisposed. (The topic was 'Durham's Business Improvement District'.) In the spring we welcomed **Dr Muriel Sawbridge**, chair of the City's Neighbourhood Planning Forum, who opened a discussion on this new approach to democracy. It was an informative and encouraging exchange. At the beginning of the latter meeting, the plaque for the Trust's Architectural Award for 2013 was handed to **Garry Hodgson** (architect) and **Simon Williams** (project developer) for what might be described as the re-invention of 57-59 Crossgate. .

In September some Trust members again kindly acted as stewards during the Heritage Open Days scheme. This was the final occasion on which **Mrs June Wright** was responsible for co-ordinating our contribution. For all her co-ordinating work in recent years we are extremely grateful. In October the Salvation Army at Sherburn Hill was awarded the Trust prize in the Beautiful Durham Competition for 2013.

PERSONALIA

In July **Richard Hird** was co-opted as a trustee. His career in planning has been a boon in the crucial task of analysing the County Plan and framing our response. Equally valuable has been the economic input from Dr Barry Thomas, who unfortunately resigned in October due to more pressing commitments. Barry was elected in 2009, since when he has brought to our table moderating and distinctive contributions, the latter including drawing attention to the needs of cyclists.



Left to right: Simon Williams (57-59 Crossgate project developer), Garry Hodgson (Architect) with Trust chairman Roger Cornwell.

At this year's AGM it is the intention of **Miss Mary Sales** not to seek re-election as a trustee for a further three years. Her decision is no surprise, since she announced her plan when last re-elected. Lack of surprise, however, will not lessen the impact of her loss. Toothcomb scrutiny of planning applications and newspaper legal advertisements, allied to clarity of vision and expression have greatly facilitated our discussions – for decades, literally. Mary was joint secretary 1973-75 and chair 1994-98. Behind the scenes she has also been a leader in volunteering to provide practical assistance to the Trust. In short, the society owes her a considerable debt of gratitude.

A second stalwart who will retire at the AGM is **Nigel Ruffle**. From the northern quarter of the City he has brought a professionally - trained practical eye to many a planning application since his election in 1989. He has also undertaken the key role of membership secretary since 1992. In 1997 his was the initiative to enlarge the Bulletin to A4 size layout; its present attractive layout is all his own work. We are all considerably in his debt.

Finally, it is appropriate here to mention **Seif El-Rashidi**, who leaves in May after six years in the post of Co-ordinator of the World Heritage Site. He was the crucial, first occupant of the post, and has shown considerable initiative in promoting the Site in several ways - publications, lectures, research - besides overseeing revision of the Master Plan. A gentle person, yet buzzing with ideas, he clearly valued his adopted city. The City, in turn, will miss him.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members might like to consider bringing along this Report on 21st May, since not only does it contain the agenda for the AGM, but it would be especially helpful should comments be made on the annual accounts.

After the AGM there will be a lecture by Dr Edward Twiddy, director of the North East's Local Enterprise Project, a regional body set up to prioritise economic development and policy initiatives. He came in 2012 from the Treasury, where he was deputy director of Local Government and Regions. Before that he worked for the UN in Iraq and on a number of international boundary disputes in the Middle East. His recent description of the HST project as "bonkers" suggests a lively outlook for Durham and the North East.

Lastly, the Trust's latest publication will be on sale at the meeting. Entitled *Durham Cathedral: An Architectural Appreciation*, it does just that, describing the construction, decorating and maintenance through the centuries.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventy- second 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 21st May 2014

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting (Wednesday 8 May 2013).
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 2013..
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.

Dr C P Green, Mrs J E Hepple, Dr M C Reed, Mr N J Ruffle and Miss M E Sales.

Trustees intend to nominate Mr R Hird as a Trustee.

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. Subscriptions.
- 9 Any other business which may be brought forward by members.
It would be helpful if notice of this could be given to the Secretary.

At 8 pm, after the AGM

Edward Twiddy

will give a lecture

on

'The Future of Durham

And the North East'

City of Durham Trust

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.13 Total funds £	31.12.12 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	2,806	-	2,806	2,928
Activities for generating funds	3	834	-	834	1,759
Investment income	4	15	-	15	32
Total incoming resources		<u>3,655</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,655</u>	<u>4,719</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	5	308	-	308	-
Charitable activities	6				
Environmental conservation & appreciation		2,774	-	2,774	7,227
Governance costs	9	188	-	188	145
Total resources expended		<u>3,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,270</u>	<u>7,372</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		<u>385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>(2,653)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>15,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,079</u>	<u>17,732</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>15,464</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>15,464</u></u>	<u><u>15,079</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2013**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.13 Total funds £	31.12.12 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	487	-	487	542
Cash at bank		15,166	-	15,166	14,824
		15,653	-	15,653	15,366
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(189)	-	(189)	(287)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		15,464	-	15,464	15,079
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		15,464	-	15,464	15,079
NET ASSETS					
		15,464	-	15,464	15,079
FUNDS					
	14				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				15,464	15,079
TOTAL FUNDS					
				15,464	15,079

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2013.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 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 18 March 2014 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

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

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
Donations	70	25
Gift aid	468	510
Subscriptions	2,268	2,393
	<u>2,806</u>	<u>2,928</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
St Cuthbert	15	377
Essays	79	155
Bonomi	2	13
Visions	5	-
Futures of Durham	5	2
Walks leaflet	6	9
Christmas cards	363	378
Durham in Paintings	301	710
Unallocated sales	24	-
Unmaking of the Market Place	22	111
CDT Awards Book	12	4
	<u>834</u>	<u>1,759</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
CAF account interest	15	32
	<u>15</u>	<u>32</u>

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

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
Purchases	(60)	-
Price Lists	42	-
Christmas Cards	326	-
	<u>308</u>	<u>-</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (See note 7)	Support costs (See note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	1,604	164	1,006	2,774
	<u>1,604</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>1,006</u>	<u>2,774</u>

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	164	494
	<u>164</u>	<u>494</u>

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

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
Bow Trust	50	50
Civic Trust (North East)	10	10
Friends of Durham Cathedral	20	20
CPRE	34	34
Alington House	-	30
Beautiful Durham	50	50
Bearpark Action Group	-	300
	<u>164</u>	<u>494</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Totals
	£	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	1,005	1	1,006
	<u>1,005</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,006</u>

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
Filing fee	13	14
Independent examiner's remuneration	175	131
	<u>188</u>	<u>145</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

10. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
Other operating leases	-	50
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2013 nor for the year ended 31 December 2012.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2013 nor for the year ended 31 December 2012.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
Trade debtors	487	542
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.13	31.12.12
	£	£
Trade creditors	189	287
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.13	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.13
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,079	385	15,464
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,079</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>15,464</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,655	(3,270)	385
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,655</u>	<u>(3,270)</u>	<u>385</u>