

QUEEN ALEXANDRA COTTAGE HOMES



ANNUAL REPORT 2015

ANNUAL REPORT 2014 – 2015 OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA COTTAGE HOMES

Registered Charity No. 209208

The Trust is governed by the Deed of Trust dated 27th March 1906

Trustees	Mrs S Parkes-Crick I M A Stewart R H Fovargue P R Austin
Management Committee	Mrs S Parkes-Crick (Chairman) I M A Stewart (Vice-Chairman) R H Fovargue P R Austin A J Hassell (Resigned 30th July 2014) N D Rogers Mrs J Alexander A Errigo (Appointed 30th July 2014)
Senior Management	P Buckland Mrs G I Thomas (Resigned 31st March 2015) Mrs S Mills (Appointed 1st April 2015) Mrs A Caira
Registered Office	557 Seaside, Eastbourne East Sussex BN23 6NE (01323 737816)
Bank	Barclays Bank Plc 63-67 Terminus Road, Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3NE
Auditors	Perkins Copeland 15 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 4RA
Solicitors	Heringtons 39 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 4RY
Objectives	To provide a range of accommodation and support appropriate to the needs of local older people with limited means, which is designed to enable them to live as full and independent life as possible

An introduction to Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes

From modest beginnings to modern, integrated care

Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes have provided accommodation for elderly people in Eastbourne for 109 years.

It was in 1905 that the Mayor at that time, Alderman Simmons, launched an initiative to provide housing for 'the aged and deserving poor of Eastbourne' and the original Homes opened the following year, housing 16 people.

Since those early days the Trustees have, with the aid of generous benefactors, developed the concept of the Homes so that a range of facilities are available allowing residents to move from independent living, through care in the home, to a residential and nursing home within the same complex.

Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes is now made up of 36 one-bedroom flats, 15 studio flats, nine bungalows (two of which are designed for users of wheelchairs) and a 28-place residential and nursing wing with a large, new comfortable lounge with decking area overlooking attractive landscaped gardens. This amounts to an integrated range of care for up to 110 people on the one site.

Applications for the flats and bungalows are welcomed from anyone over 60 years of age who is of limited financial means and has a link with the area.

Over the years the Homes have developed close working relationships with local Health and Social Services as well as forging strong links with the local community, whose support at



ABOVE: The Homes pictured from the air following the completion of the Care Wing lounge extension

many of the activities run at the Homes open to the general public are a feature of life at the Homes.

The high quality of care provided has been recognised at both local and national level and the Homes have been recipients of the 'Employer of the Year' award at the Eastbourne Business Awards in 2008, and the 'Three-Star Excellent' grading which was awarded to the Care Wing in January 2009 by what is now the Care Quality Commission.

Additionally the Homes also received the Gold Award from the Elderly Accommodation Counsel's National Housing for Older People Awards in 2012.

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Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes

Trustees' Annual Report – Year Ended 31st March 2015

Introduction

Created in 1906 by Alderman Simmons and his colleagues, Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes has, with the aid of many generous benefactors, experienced major redevelopments in recent years and now proudly promotes an ethos of high quality in both the level of care provided for its residents and the environment in which this care is offered.

The Homes currently provide an impressive range of facilities for up to one hundred and ten older people, which allow them to move from independence, through care in the home, to residential and nursing care within the same complex.

These facilities include thirty-six one-bedroom flats, two of which are designed for people with disabilities; nine bungalows; fifteen studio flats; a twenty-eight place residential and nursing care wing; and two large residents' lounges, all set within delightful landscaped gardens.

Our Activities This Year

It has been another noteworthy year for the Homes during which some significant changes to management and committee personnel have occurred, and in which the Homes have continued to invest in improving the fabric and structure of the Homes.

In July, Alan Hassell stepped down from the Management Committee after a period of eighteen years of invaluable service to the Homes. During his time on the Committee Alan oversaw all of the major redevelopments at the Homes including Simmons and Chitty Houses, the Alice Hudson Gardens Bungalows and the renovation of the Main Lounge and the new Care Wing extension.

Alan was invited to formally open the Care Wing lounge in April and was presented with crystal glasses and vintage champagne at the Annual General Meeting in July. Former Chairman Ian Stewart paid tribute to Alan's outstanding contribution and stated that the modern development of the Homes was a monument to his hard work. The Homes are truly indebted to Alan and the Trustees wish to place

on record their grateful thanks for his contribution, not only to the significant redevelopments but also to life at the Homes in general.

Stephanie Parkes-Crick, the Chairman and a Trustee of the Homes since 2005, continues to oversee the management of the Homes, and she has been ably supported by former Chairman Ian Stewart in his role as Vice Chairman, together with Trustees Robert Fovargue and Peter Austin.

In addition to the afore-mentioned contribution of Alan Hassell, the Homes have once again benefitted from the continued support of committee members Neil Rogers and Jackie Alexander. They have provided invaluable specialist support to the Management Committee at large as well as to the individual members of the Senior Management Team. The Trustees would like to extend their thanks to them for all of their time and effort.

As part of her role as Chairman, Stephanie Parkes-Crick continues to visit the Homes on a regular basis to liaise with General Manager Peter Buckland and Matron Gill Thomas, who together are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Homes.

Having been Matron for the past ten years, Gill Thomas stepped down from her post at the end of March, and is succeeded by her deputy Simone Mills. Gill's association with the Homes began in 1998 when she started working for the Homes as an Enrolled Nurse. With support from the then Matron Gwynneth Watsham and Chief Executive Graham Shuttleworth, she qualified as a Registered Nurse before taking over from Gwynneth when she retired in 2005.

During her time as Matron, Gill has overseen much change to the Care Wing with the number of residents increasing from eighteen to the current twenty-eight, and two significant extensions including the most recent development of the Care Wing lounge. The Trustees are grateful to Gill for all of her hard work and are pleased that she has been able to ensure a smooth handover to Simone who took over on the 1st April 2015. Gill's association with the Homes will continue as she will continue to work on a part-time basis as a Registered Nurse.

The increased administrative demand involved in running the Homes led to the appointment of Michelle Petrie as the new full-time Care Wing Administrator at the end of March. She has settled extremely well into her new role. With the assistance of the Finance Administrator Jen Willott, many of the administrative requirements of the Homes have been improved and the Trustees would like to thank them both for their considerable efforts.

The Trustees readily acknowledge that Care Wing staff have again worked incredibly hard to continue to provide high standards of care and recognise that much of their work goes 'beyond the call of duty'. They continue to be an immense credit to the Homes.

The on-going programme of staff training has been developed further this year and includes a comprehensive schedule of additional training modules. Thanks are due to our new trainer Kathy Berlanga, who has provided invaluable assistance in the continuing development of the programme as well as advising on the new regulatory requirements introduced this year by the Care Quality Commission.

A great deal of time and effort has been put in this year, in particular by those staff hoping to achieve either NVQ or other professional qualifications. The Trustees greatly appreciate the hard work of all staff whether in supervising the training or being trained, which is a credit to everyone involved. As a result more than 75% of the care staff now hold a relevant qualification which is considerably above the 50% level required by the National Care Standards.

Homes Manager Ann Caira, with the assistance of Jane Funnell and Sara Macdonald, have again strived to ensure that the Homes continue to provide high quality support, stimulation and care to the residents of the flats and bungalows. Their hard work is integral to the quality of life at the Homes and is tremendously appreciated by all concerned. A further addition was made to the Warden Team this year when Nicky Page joined at the beginning of April, and she has been made to feel very welcome by all of the residents.

Residents continue to enjoy the wide range of social and recreational activities which are on offer and mutual care and support is a feature of life in the Homes. The range of activities has also been improved significantly since the extended lounge has been available, and stronger links with Tollgate Junior School have seen pupils regularly visit the Homes to either read or sing to the residents.



ABOVE: Alan pictured with Stephanie and Ian at last year's presentation at the AGM in July

Richard Dixon, formerly Catering and then Services Manager, left the Homes in December after deciding upon a change of career. He and his team of Chefs, Lesley West, Barry Robinson and Sonia Syer, have again continued to improve the quality of the food at the Homes. Themed evenings are often held in the main lounge along with regular Sunday Carveries which have quickly become a popular addition to life at the Homes. We would like to thank Richard for his hard work and wish him well for the future.

Barbara Fletcher, the Head Housekeeper, has continued to lead the team of domestics, and the Trustees remain grateful to them all for their efforts in working to maintain high standards of cleanliness throughout the Homes, a fact that is regularly commented on by the numerous visitors to the Homes.

With the aim of ongoing improvement of the fabric of the buildings as finances permit, the year has seen significant expenditure on works carried out throughout the Homes. The Care Wing boilers were replaced in September and a major refurbishment to the power supply of the Care Wing lift was also carried out. New automated doors and a chairlift were installed during the year in Chitty House, and improvements to kitchens and bathrooms were carried out in numerous locations in both Pauling House and the Alice Hudson Gardens bungalows.

The gardens at the Homes continue to provide a wonderful environment for the residents and repeatedly draw positive comments from many of those that see them. The Homes held their first open-garden event in conjunction with the Friends of QACH in the summer.



ABOVE: Betty Hobson's friends Dave and Lyn Sellwood beside the plaque in the new Care Wing lounge extension, acknowledging her generosity and support towards the Homes

As ever our grateful thanks go to our gardeners, Helen Clark and Barbara Funnell, whose tireless work and enthusiasm do the Homes proud. Our thanks also go to residents Gordon Martin and Shirley Crunden for looking after the birds and the fish respectively, and to Margaret Hunt for her assistance with the Summerhouse.

We are, as always, indebted to the considerable generosity of numerous benefactors and our sincere gratitude goes to all those who have contributed. The Homes were sad to report last year that Betty Hobson had passed away, and were particularly pleased to be able to mark her contribution to the Homes with a plaque in the new Care Wing lounge. The Trustees would also particularly like to place on record their thanks to Norah Mitchell and Alan and Barbara Harfey for their support.

The Homes were grateful to be named as the Society of Eastbourne Artists' charity for another year and were delighted to again host one of their excellent exhibitions. Our thanks and appreciation goes to all concerned.

The Trustees would like to place on record their thanks to the Friends of QACH and their Chairman Colin Tarrant for yet another year of enormous support.

The Friends have continued to carry out numerous fund-raising events and as a result of their efforts have been able to contribute towards further improving the new summer house and redeveloping the scooter shed at the rear of the property. We are extremely grateful for their significant on-going support and enthusiasm.

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have instigated systems which are designed to monitor and mitigate these risks. In addition to the external inspections carried out by the Care Quality Commission, internal quality management reviews are carried out and regular meetings of residents and staff are held.

The Management Committee monitors financial reports each month and the Senior Management Team report to the Management Committee at each bi-monthly meeting. Members of the Committee also visit to monitor the operation of the Homes in the intervening months.

Following on from Alan Hassell's resignation, Angelo Errigo was appointed to the Management Committee at the AGM. The Trustees remain keen to add to the Committee membership and would particularly welcome interest from someone with experience in the provision or management of care services.

Future Plans

The Trustees and Management Committee members have, with the Senior Management Team, continued work to refine objectives and develop strategies for the Homes for the longer term.

A rolling programme of maintenance has also been agreed and the forthcoming year will once again see considerable investment in maintaining and improving the fabric of the building.

The Management Committee are proposing to undertake a review of the constitutional structure of the Homes, which has remained unaltered since its inception in 1906, to consider a more appropriate organisational model in keeping with modern day charitable law.

The Homes have been approached with regard to establishing our interest in the possible purchase of neighbouring St. Anthony's Hall and the Management Committee will give due consideration to the feasibility of such a possible purchase. In planning our activities for this and for forthcoming years we have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Finance

In July 2014, following a review of Interest Rate Hedging Products, the Homes accepted an offer from Barclays Bank for redress and received the total of £673,226 including compensatory interest.

Expenditure excluding depreciation over the past year has once again been met from income, donations, interest and dividends. We are particularly grateful to all those who have supported us so generously by their donations and fund-raising efforts.

The Management Committee is confident that the finances of the organisation are on a firm footing and that all budgeted expenditure can be met from anticipated income or reserves. Details of the financial situation are given in the Annual Accounts which are attached.

Accounts

The Trustees confirm that the Accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Trust's governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (issued in March 2005).

Investment Policy

The Charity's policy is to receive a consistent level of income from its investments. The Charity's investments have been managed in accordance with this policy and their performance for the year is in line with expectations.

Income Reserves

The Trustees regularly review the levels of reserves of the Charity to ensure that the properties owned by the Charity are adequately maintained and comply with statutory requirements and that sufficient funds are available to cover the running expenses of the Homes should there be any temporary changes to occupancy levels.

Method of Appointment of Trustees

The existing Trustees and Management Committee Members, when required, appoint Trustees.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice).

Law applicable to Charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the

Charity and the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Summary

The Trustees once again wish to place on record their thanks to all the staff of the Homes for their efforts in the last year. They rightly believe that the Homes are second to none in Eastbourne and that the staff deserve all due credit for achieving this reputation.

The Trustees also extend their thanks to all those who have helped to contribute to life at the Homes and appreciate that much of the work goes largely unrecognised.

The residents throughout the Homes continue to enjoy a high quality of care and a wide range of facilities in a delightful setting, and the Trustees and Management Committee look forward to ensuring that this continues for the future.

On behalf of the Trustees

MRS S PARKES-CRICK
August 2015

Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes - the year in pictures



LEFT AND BELOW: Gill Thomas stepped down as Matron at the end of March following 10 years in the role. A formal 'Stepping-down Party' was held in the main lounge with gifts presented by Deputy Matron Simone Mills, who has since succeeded her as Registered Manager of the Care Wing.



ABOVE: The Residents' Lounge at the Homes was adorned with paintings on April 12th and 13th for the spring exhibition of the Eastbourne Society of Artists. It was the third successive year that local artists have displayed their work at the Homes, and once again they generously donated 20 per cent of sale proceeds to QACH. The exhibition was opened by then Eastbourne MP Stephen Lloyd, and also attended by the then Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr and Mrs Mike Thompson. The guests were welcomed by the Chairman of the Society, Andrew Forrester.



ABOVE AND LEFT: Alan Hassell stepped down from the Management Committee after 18 years of invaluable service to the Homes. The Care Wing lounge extension was his last major project and the Homes are indebted to him for his outstanding contribution.

BELOW: Alan formally opening the new extension and pictured with some of the staff and residents left, and below with some of the contractors involved.



BELOW: Maria Thomas, daughter of Matron Gill, presenting a cheque to General Manager Peter Buckland after she had raised money for the Homes Amenities Fund by completing a five-kilometre major series mud run in October.



The Senior Management Team reflect upon a year of change for the Homes

2014/15 has been a year in which there have been some significant changes to management and committee personnel. In July, Alan Hassell stepped down from the Management Committee after eighteen years of service. Alan oversaw all of the major redevelopment projects at the Homes, and enormous thanks are due to him for his expertise and continual attention to detail in helping to minimise any possible disruption to the residents and day-to-day running of the Homes.

Gill Thomas stepped down from her role as Matron in March and during her tenure the Care Wing experienced substantial change, with two major extensions and an increase in the number of residents from eighteen to the current twenty eight. Gill managed the Care Wing with great professionalism, integrity and pride, and we are delighted that she will continue to play a part in the ongoing development of the Homes by staying on as a part-time Registered Nurse.

Her replacement and former Deputy Matron Simone Mills was appointed in April, and having worked closely with Gill for the past five years has quickly established herself as the new

BELOW: New Care Wing Administrator Michelle Petrie, who was appointed in March



ABOVE: New trainer Kathy Berlanga, who now delivers all of the Homes' training requirements

Registered Manager. We are pleased that the transition appears to have been as seamless as it has, and wish Simone and her new Deputy Rebecca Wren every success for the forthcoming years.

The increased administrative demands involved in running the Homes led to the appointment in March of Michelle Petrie as the new Care Wing Administrator. With the assistance of Finance Administrator Jen Willot, Michelle has settled extremely well into her new role and as a result many of the systems and procedures of the Homes have been improved. The Management Team would like to thank them both for all of their hard work to date, much of which goes largely unrecognised. They are both a huge credit to the Homes.

One of the most important changes this year has been the appointment of our new trainer Kathy Berlanga in the Autumn of last year. Kathy is now responsible for delivering all of our training requirements and has been instrumental in the continual development of the training programme, as well as providing invaluable assistance and advice on the new regulatory



ABOVE: Presentations being made to members of staff celebrating various milestones in their service

requirements introduced this year by the Care Quality Commission.

The Care Wing staff have again worked tirelessly this year and continue to uphold the high standards of care for which the Homes are renowned. It was fitting that at last year's AGM presentations were made to numerous members of staff celebrating various milestones in their service, especially Domestic Assistant Brenda Hacker and Care Assistant Sheila Kendall, who completed twenty five and twenty years respectively.

We were again pleased to see that ties to our close neighbours Tollgate Junior School continued to be strengthened, and regular visits from the children to read and entertain residents have become a core feature of life at the Homes. Homes Manager Ann Caira was invited to attend their annual prize-giving and enjoyed handing out awards to many of the children.

A further addition was made to the Warden Team during the year when Nicky Page joined at the beginning of April, and she has been made to feel very welcome by all of the residents. Assistant Homes Manager Jane Funnell has continued to work closely with Care Wing Activities Organiser Sally Kroschinski in arranging numerous events and trips and they have helped to continue the management team's philosophy of combining events for all residents.

We continue to be indebted to the Chairman Stephanie Parkes-Crick for her invaluable

guidance and support, as well as to all of the other Trustees and Management Committee members who provide invaluable specialist support to the Management team.

The Friends of QACH have had yet another successful year and have very kindly contributed towards improvements to the summerhouse as well as the renovation of the Scooter Shed at the rear of the bungalows. Our grateful thanks go to Chairman Colin Tarrant and his team for their continued support.

As ever the Homes are indebted to the considerable generosity of numerous benefactors who have made donations this year and our sincere gratitude goes to them all, especially Norah Mitchell and Alan and Barbra Harfey. We were also delighted to be able to mark the late Betty Hobson's contribution to the Homes with a plaque in the new Care Wing lounge. We were again delighted to have been selected by the Society of Eastbourne Artists as their chosen charity for the year and their exhibitions at the Homes are always appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those who have given so generously of their time in supporting the Homes. The forthcoming year will again present many challenges and our intention as always will be to build on the Homes' success and find ways to further improve our services, whilst ensuring value for money and striving to be the best at what we do.

The Friends of Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes enjoy another successful year

The Friends of QACH was formed as a separate charity in May 2000 to help the Homes pay for extras to benefit residents and staff in both Sheltered Housing and the Care Wing.

Their main income is derived from annual membership which costs £3.50 per year and the 100 Club which costs £12 per year. The 100 Club draw takes place once a month at the Homes' coffee mornings. There are three £10 and one £5 prize each month with two bonus prizes of £25 in February and August.

Anyone joining part way through the year pays £1 for every month up to and including the following August when yearly membership and 100 Club membership is due.

Items bought in the past have been lockable notice boards for each block of flats and the Care Wing, an overhead projector for staff training, £3,000 towards updating the lighting in the landscaped gardens, £3,000 towards a specialist Parker bath for the Care Wing, coffee

tables, armchairs, stacking chairs, wide screen televisions for the communal lounges in the Homes and the Care Wing plus various items for activities including a table tennis table, Wii console and games etc.

Over the past year The Friends have continued their fundraising efforts by way of increasing membership and 100 Club numbers, and the proceeds from these have enabled them to contribute towards further updating the summerhouse as well as the renovation of the scooter shed at the rear of the bungalows.

The Friends have also successfully raised funds by selling tickets at the Win-A-Car competition in the Arndale Centre in Eastbourne, and in July also organised a hugely successful Open Gardens Day.

The Friends are concentrating on raising funds for the forthcoming year with a view to contributing towards the cost of purchasing an electronic blind for decking area off the Main Lounge.

BELOW: Some of the Friends at the Eastbourne Arndale Centre at Christmas selling Win-A-Car tickets



*TOP RIGHT:
The Friends
organised a very
successful Open
Gardens day in July*



*LOWER RIGHT:
The newly
decorated inside of
the Summerhouse on
Simmons lawn*



The Friends continue to hold regular fund-raising events, with a break in July and August. For members who live outside of the Homes a news sheet is sent in February and August with updates and forthcoming events. Anyone wishing to join The Friends may do so by completing the form below.

THE FRIENDS OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA COTTAGE HOMES

557 Seaside, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 6NE

Annual subscriptions are now available for both The Friends membership and the 100 Club.

Please note – membership is per person.

Membership fee for The Friends	£ 3.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership fee for the 100 Club	£12.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tick

I am enclosing my annual membership for The Friends of QACH

I am enclosing my annual membership for the 100 Club

Total

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone.....

e-mail.....

Please make cheques payable to: The Friends of QACH and return to The Treasurer at the above address by 31st August 2015.

Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes

Summarised Financial Statements – Year Ended 31st March 2015

These Accounts are not the full Financial Statements, but a summary of information relating to both the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet.

The full Accounts, from which the Accounts Summary is derived, have been audited.

The full annual Accounts, audit report and the Trustees' Annual Report will be obtainable from 6th August 2015 by contacting:

Peter Buckland – General Manager
557 Seaside
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN23 6NE

The full Accounts were approved on 5th August 2015, but have yet to be submitted to the Charity Commission.

On behalf of the Trustees

MRS S PARKES-CRICK

Independent Auditors' Statement Summarised Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2015

The full Financial Statements from which the Accounts Summary is derived are consistent with the full annual Financial Statements.

The audit opinion was unqualified.

Perkins Copeland
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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QUEEN ALEXANDRA COTTAGE HOMES

Summarised Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2015

Statement of Financial Activities

<u>Income</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
General Rents	501,104	514,779
Care Wing Fees	1,044,975	924,653
Covenants & Donations	103,623	92,099
Sundry Income	28,391	20,727
Barclays Redress Funds	673,226	-
	<u>2,351,319</u>	<u>1,552,258</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Care Wing Costs	1,119,646	990,020
Warden Care & Property Costs	265,536	221,731
Central Services	201,150	237,125
Governance Costs	5,302	4,310
Depreciation	157,674	154,528
	<u>1,749,308</u>	<u>1,607,714</u>
<u>Net Income/(Expenses)</u>	602,011	-55,456
Other Recognised Gains - (Losses)/Profits on Investments	-522	1,924
	<u>601,489</u>	<u>-53,532</u>
Balance of General Fund at 1st April 2014	2,477,211	2,553,777
Transfer from Cyclical Maintenance Fund - Prior year adjustment	-	-23,034
<u>Total Funds at 31st March 2015</u>	<u>3,078,700</u>	<u>2,477,211</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015

<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>		
Freehold Land & Buildings	5,179,273	5,266,285
Equipment	32,245	35,556
	<u>5,211,518</u>	<u>5,301,841</u>
Investments	-	19,900
	<u>5,211,518</u>	<u>5,321,741</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors & Prepayments	239,771	222,109
Cash at Bank & in Hand	901,714	34,963
	<u>1,141,485</u>	<u>257,072</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities	229,703	367,482
<u>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</u>	911,782	-110,410
<u>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</u>	<u>6,123,300</u>	<u>5,211,331</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Long Term Liabilities	3,044,600	2,734,120
<u>Total Assets less Liabilities</u>	<u>3,078,700</u>	<u>2,477,211</u>

How you can help the Homes



We are grateful to the many people who help support Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes as we face continuing challenges to meet our current costs and to build funds to finance future projects, including the proposed refurbishment of the care wing kitchen, and maintain the high standard of facilities at the Homes.

If you, or anyone you know, can help in any way, please let us know as we can only hope to maintain our high standards of care through ongoing support. Should you wish to help, please complete the form below and return it to Peter Buckland at QACH, 557 Seaside, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 6NE (01323 737816).

Gift Aid notes: By agreeing to make a 'gift aid' donation you can enable us to reclaim tax on your donation. For us to do this, you must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax the charity reclaims on your donations in the last or current tax year. (The tax reclaimed is currently 25p for each £1 you give). If you pay at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

☐ **Regular giving scheme:**

A donation made on a regular basis through a bankers order, and allowing us to claim back the tax if you are a tax payer, will help us plan for the future.

☐ **Donations:**

Every donation is gratefully received. Please make cheques payable to 'Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes.'

☐ **Legacies:**

By making a gift in your will, you will help us ensure that our service will be here for the future.

I enclose £..... and would/would not like this contribution to be treated as a Gift Aid donation.

Signature.....

Date.....

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone.....

e-mail.....