GWYNEDD ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 508849

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Gwynedd Archaeological Trust

Legal and administrative information

Trustees

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Mr J Ellis Jones
Miss A Rhydderch
Professor N Edwards
Dr J Llywelyn Williams
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Mr A Davidson

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Charity registration number

508849

Company registration number

1180515

Auditor

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Bankers

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Solicitor

Elwyn Jones & Company, 123 High Street, Bangor, Gwynedd

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2013

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity. The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013 comply with statutory requirements and with the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited is a charitable Trust and a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. It is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13th May 1974.

The objective of the Trust is to advance the education of the public in archaeology. This is undertaken by means of archaeological excavation and survey and the dissemination of the results of such work through reports, publications, lectures, field excursions and other similar means. There have been no material changes in policy since the last Trustees' report.

Delivery of public benefit

The aims and remit of the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust are to record, interpret and disseminate historical and archaeological information concerning the historic landscape and built heritage of north-west Wales There are several ways in which we hope to achieve this

- 1 The Gwynedd Archaeological Trust staff maintains the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) This is a database of around 20,000 records relating to the archaeological landscape in north-west Wales Enquiries can be made by telephone or email, by visiting our offices and our library and records directly, and, during this financial year, the HER is scheduled to go on-line with a graphical, map-based, searchable database Enquiries by members of the public are free of charge
- 2 The Gwynedd Archaeological Trust organises a lecture series during the winter months, once a week, between November and March, usually 12 lectures These lectures are well attended with, on average, an audience of forty We also organise other talks and occasional conferences
- 3 The Gwynedd Archaeological Trust attends local and regional shows and exhibitions, creating interpretative literature, leaflets, booklets and interpretation panels drawing attention to, and providing information on, new discoveries and work done

The results of all projects undertaken are written up in report format and are available for consultation in the Historic Environment Record Certain of the more significant project results are published more widely through academic journals and monographs

4 Our website contains information on several of the projects which have been complete, totalling about three hundred web pages. In addition the Trust produces and circulates an annual round-up of recent projects

Review of activities and future development

During the year ending 31 March 2013 the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust completed or undertook over 60 projects which have or will generate reports available for consultation in the Historic Environment Record Approximately 40% of the work load of the Trust was undertaken with the support of grant aid from Cadw and from the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales. Sixty percent of the work programme was commissioned by private sector developers, government agencies and consultants. The scope of this work ranged from major threat related assessment surveys to excavation and recording in advance of erosion and development, the provision of advice to the planning process and landowners and the continuing maintenance of the Historic Environment Record

Significant Cadw funded projects included post-excavation study of the excavations undertaken at Tai Cochion, a Roman settlement located alongside the Menai Strait opposite Caernarfon (where the Roman fort of Segontium is located) The settlement is of unusual character, and certainly unique within north-west Wales, and the excavations generated considerable interest. The post-excavation studies will lead to a publication in an academic journal

A project designed to survey the coastline in respect of archaeological sites at potential risk from climate change involved participation by members of the public continued for its third year. Field walking was undertaken with members of the public.

A gazetteer of medieval and post-medieval mills was compiled with the help of volunteers, and used to help identify appropriate management strategies, including the scheduling and listing of appropriate structures. Similar work was undertaken for structures associated with military airfields

The Trust provides archaeological advice to the Regional Planning Authorities, to Welsh Government on Trunk Road schemes, and to Department of Environment and Climate Change in relation to gas main renewal schemes Advice is also given as part of the Glastir Land Management Scheme

In addition to salaried staff the Trust is dependent on the unpaid expertise of its Trustees

Cadw grant-aided support for Trust projects has been confirmed for the year April 2013 to March 2014 at £288,417 Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments Wales grant-aided support continues in respect of the Regional Historical Environment Record Commissions from consultants and developers are anticipated The Trust expects to maintain a staffing level of twenty-five during 2013-2014

Governance

The Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the work of the Trust and monitors activities through a management committee that has particular responsibility for overseeing the financial management of the Trust The number of full-time employees during the year ending 31st March 2013 was twenty and there were four part-time employees. The Chief Archaeologist is responsible for the day to day management of Trust projects

The Trustees may from time to time and at any time appoint a Trustee, either to fill a casual vacancy or by way of addition to the Board of Trustees, provided that the prescribed maximum be not thereby exceeded. Any member so appointed shall retain his/her office only until the next Annual General Meeting, but he/she shall then be eligible for re-election

No person shall, unless recommended by the Trustees for election, be eligible for election as a Trustee at any General Meeting, unless within the prescribed time before the day appointed for the meeting there shall have been given to the Secretary notice in writing, by some member duly qualified to be present and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of his/her intention to propose such person for election, and also notice in writing, signed by the person to be proposed, of his/her willingness to be elected. The prescribed time above mentioned shall be such that, between the date when the notice is served, or deemed to be served, and the day appointed for the meeting there shall be no less than four nor more than twenty-eight intervening days. There are, at present, no formal policies for the induction and training of Trustees. This situation is, however, under review.

The Trustees are empowered to invest the monies of the Trust not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investment securities or property as may be determined from time to time subject to the condition that such investments are calculated to further the objects of the Trust as defined in the governing instrument, being the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust

No Trustee has an interest in the company which is limited by guarantee

Reserves policy

The Trust maintains a level of reserves that enables the Charity to meet its ongoing commitments, to fund any short-term falls in income and to maintain sufficient funds to cover future liabilities to staff in case of redundancy. The accounts for 2012-2013 shows the net movement in funds for the year 2012-2013 was £52,838 being net incoming/outgoing resources. This is enhanced by a balance of £1,048,105 brought forward at 1st April 2012, allowing a balance of £995,267 to be carried forward at 31st March 2013.

Risk management

The Trustees of the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust have considered the major risks to which Gwynedd Archaeological Trust is exposed Procedures have been established in order to mitigate these risks in the following categories

- Governance and Management, including Strategy, Organisations Structure and Staff
- Operational Risk, including the provision of services, competition, supply, IT security and back-up and procedures
- Financial risks, including budgetary control, procedures and reporting, reserves policy, cash flow, pension commitments and dependency on income sources

For all funds, the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations. The Trust fulfils its charitable functions through the project work of its salaried staff. In this respect the financial priorities are in securing sufficient grant aided and commissioned work to meet those costs.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees, who are directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, have a specific responsibility for reporting to members and for the assets of the company. The Trustees are required to present for each period financial statements which comply with those provisions of the Companies Act 2006 that are applicable to small companies in respect of the affairs of the company as at the end of the accounting period and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing the financial statements, suitable accounting policies, framed by reference to reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have to be used and applied consistently. Applicable accounting standards have been followed and the accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that arrangements are made for the maintenance of adequate accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company, and for ensuring that steps are taken with a view to preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' statement as to the disclosure of information to auditor

The directors' confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. They have taken all the steps they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

The Trustees' report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th September 2013 and signed on their behalf

Prof N Edwards

Trustee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust

We have audited the financial statements of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust for the year ended 31 March 2013 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities)

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies act 2006 Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Gwynedd Archaeological Trust for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view

Our responsibility is to audit and express and opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustee's report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies $Act\ 2006$

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report

Manteller A Bryn Jones (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

W J Matthews & Son

Statutory Auditor and

Chartered Accountants

11-15 Bridge Street

Caernarfon, LL55 1AB

Dated 2 September 2013

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2013

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 31 March	Total Funds 31 March
		2013	2013	2013	2012
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations		199	-	199	284
Incoming resources from charitable activities	es .				
Grants and Contracts	2	-	395,788	395,788	335,745
Project Income and Bursaries	2	466,413	-	466,413	636,100
Subscriptions/ Friends Income	2	2,603	-	2,603	2,116
Bank Interest Received		6,422	•	6,422	1,844
Other Incoming Resources		271	•	271	1,885
Total Incoming Resources		£475,908	£395,788	£871,696	£977,974
					
Resources Expended					
Charitable activities	3	518,082	397,745	915,827	985,531
Governance Costs	3	8,707	-	8,707	8,548
Total Resources Expended		£526,789	£397,745	£924,534	£994,079
Net movement in funds		(50,881)	(1,957)	(52,838)	(16,105)
Total funds brought forward		1,039,721	8,384	1,048,105	1,064,210
Total funds carried forward		£988,840	£6,427	£995,267	£1,048,105

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2013					
(Company number 01180515)	Notes	2013	2013	2012	2012
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	8		359,028		364,538
Current assets					
Debtors	9	358,470		267,878	
Cash at bank and in hand		381,406		491,274	
		720.976		750 152	
Creditors amounts falling due		739,876		759,152	
within one year	10	(103,637)		(75,585)	
Net Current Assets			636,239		683,567
Net Assets			£995,267		£1,048,105
			======		======
Funds					
Restricted funds	11		6,427		8,384
Unrestricted funds	11		803,655		852,536
Revaluation funds	11		185,185		187,185
			£995,267		£1,048,105
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These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th September 2013 and signed on its behalf by

Prof N Edwards

Trustee

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013

1 Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified for the revaluation of freehold land and buildings. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Companies Act 2006

Income and expenditure are shown gross in the financial statements and are recognised on an accruals basis

b) Company status

The Charity is a company is limited by guarantee. If upon the winding up of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited, there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company, but shall be given to some other charitable institution having objects similar to Gwynedd Archaeological Trust Limited. As members will not receive any surplus from the Company, a Reconciliation of Members' Funds is not required.

c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on the general funds that are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes

Restricted funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes

d) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is related to performance and specific deliverables is accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by performance. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Where income is received in advance of performance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received the income is accrued.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013

l Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs 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.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with archaeological projects and include the direct costs and support costs relating to those activities

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the Charity which relate to the general running of the Charity Included within this category are costs associated with the strategic as opposed to the day to day management of the Charity's activities

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred

f) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost or at a valuation. The cost of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided on all assets with the exception of freehold land in order to write down the cost or valuation of fixed assets to their expected residual value in equal instalments over their expected useful lives as follows.

Freehold land	NIL	
Freehold property	50	years
Property alterations	10	years
Equipment	3-5	years
Motor vehicles	5	years

g) Leases

The Charity has no finance leases All operating leases and rental expenses are charged to the Statement of Financial Activity as incurred

h) Pensions

The Company contributes to two pension schemes, of which one is a defined contribution scheme and the other is a defined benefit scheme. The cost of pension benefits is charged to the statement of financial activities, so as to accrue the cost over the service lives of employees.

In the case of the defined benefit scheme, the expected cost is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities, on the advice of actuaries, on the basis of a constant percentage of earnings, and variations from the regular cost are spread over the expected remaining service lives of current employees in the scheme

For the defined contribution scheme the amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of pension costs and other post retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year and contributions paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013

2. Incoming Resources from Activities to Further the Charity's Objects

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2013 Total	2012 Total
		£	£	£	£
	Grants from Cadw	-	337,343	337,343	294,565
	Grants from the Royal Commission on				
	Ancient and Historical Monuments	-	29,930	29,930	29,930
	CCW	-	13,750	13,750	•
	Grant - Anglesey Council	-	7,565	7,565	
	Grant - Gwynedd Council	-	2,100	2,100	11,250
	Grant - Digital Storage	-	4,500	4,500	-
	ALGAO	-	600	600	-
	Private Archaeological projects	448,049	-	448,049	610,568
	Bursaries	18,364	-	18,364	25,532
	Subscriptions/ Friends income	2,603	•	2,603	2,116
		£469,016	£395,788	£864,804	£973,961
3	Total Resources Expended				
•	total resources Expended	Basis of	A	rchaeologicalAi	chaeological
		Allocation		Services	Services
				2013	2012
	Costs directly allocated to activities			£	£
	Salaries	Direct		545,331	603,489
	Recruitment costs	Direct		363	200
	Project on - costs	Direct		124,948	121,027
	Friends expenditure	Direct		951	585
	Transport and subsistence	Direct		26,998	31,212
	Library and subscriptions	Direct		2,779	2,777
	Meeting and conference expenses	Direct		68	150
	Depreciation	Direct		11,105	11,370
	Auditor fees	Direct		4,395	4,138
	Legal and professional	Direct		9,330	5,047
				£726,268	£779,995
	Support costs allocated to activities				
	Salaries	Staff time		96,080	112,696
	Pension admin cost	Staff time		3,084	1,750
	Telephone	Usage		11,113	11,083
	Premises and rental	Usage		14,851	13,289
	Repairs and renewals	Usage		19,533	17,305
	Insurances	Transactions		12,053	13,003
	Stationery, postages and sundries	Usage		26,822	19,510
	Leasing	Usage		4,010	3,407
	Training	Direct		2,984	5,294
	Advertising and website	Transactions		1,453	4,514
	Bank interest and charges	Transactions		1,698	2,279
	Provision for bad debt	Transactions		(2,220)	3,149
	Depreciation	Usage		6,805	6,805
				£924,534	£994,079

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013

4.	Net Resources	Expended	for the	Year
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The resources Expended for the Tear	2013	2012
This is stated after charging	£	£
Depreciation	17,910	18,175
Auditor's remuneration	3,145	2,988
Auditor – accountancy services	1,250	1,150
•	4,010	3,407
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	2013	2012
Staff Costs	£	£
Wages and salaries	548,899	610,825
Social security costs	43,498	52,242
Other pension costs	49,014	53,118
	This is stated after charging Depreciation Auditor's remuneration Auditor – accountancy services Operating leases Staff Costs Wages and salaries Social security costs	This is stated after charging Depreciation Auditor's remuneration Auditor – accountancy services Operating leases 2013

The average number of employees during the year on a full time working basis was as follows

£641,411

£716,185

	2013	2012
	Number	Number
Chief executive	1	1
Heritage management	8	8
Archaeological projects	12	15
Administration and support	2	2

No employees received emoluments of more than £60,000

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013

6. Trustee remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was received or waived by the directors/ trustees No directors/ trustees were reimbursed for travelling expenses (2012- NIL)

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2012 - NIL)

7 Taxation

As a Charity, Gwynedd Archaeological Trust is exempt on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Motor Vehicles	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost/Valuation				
At 1 April 2012	350,000	25,562	96,147	471,709
Additions	-	-	12,400	12,400
Disposal	-	-	-	-
				
At 31 March 2013	350,000	25,562	108,547	484,109
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2012	6,805	20,785	79,581	107,171
Charge for the year	6,805	4,777	6,328	17,910
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	•
At 31 March 2013	13,610	25,562	85,909	125,081
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Net book value				
At 31 March 2013	£336,390	£ -	£22,638	£359,028
At 31 March 2012	£343,195	£4,777	£16,566	£364,538
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All the assets are used for the furtherance of the charity's objects. The freehold property was valued in July 2011 by Bob Parry (Pritchards) Group on the form of an asset valuation as outlined in the 'White Book' prepared by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The land and buildings were valued at £350,000. The original cost of fixed assets was £357,166 and the accumulated depreciation was £147,536.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013

9.	Debtors		
		2013	2012
		£	£
	Trade debtors	222,016	148,383
	Prepayments	13,924	12,722
	Accrued income	122,084	106,773
	Other debtors	446	-
		£358,470	£267,878
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10	Creditors		
		2013	2012
		£	£
	Trade creditors	16,814	6,515
	Taxation and social security	40,129	48,789
	Accruals and Deferred Income	46,694	20,281
	Other creditors	-	-
		£103,697	£75,585
			======
11.	Analysis of fund balances between net assets as at	31 March 2013	

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fixed assets	355,428	3,600	359,028
Net current assets	633,412	2,827	636,239
Total	£988,840	£6,427	£995,267

12 Pensions

The Company partakes in a defined benefit scheme

The defined benefit pension scheme provides benefits based on an average of pension able salaries prior to the date of normal or early retirement, or of leaving the service of the Company, whichever is the earlier The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company, being invested with an insurance company in a joint pension scheme with other Archaeological Trusts - the Archaeological Organisations Pension Scheme The actuarial reports do not enable each charity to identify the shares of underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent or reasonable basis. As a result the charity is unable to comply with the full provisions of FRS 17 Disclosure is made as if the scheme were a defined contribution scheme although additional disclosures are made of the overall group scheme's funding provision and assumptions used in arriving at funding levels

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013

12. Pensions (Continued)

The charge for the year was £49,014, (2012 - £44,404) There were ten employees in the defined benefit scheme during the year

From the latest Actuarial valuation the scheme assets, liabilities and deficits are detailed below A valuation was undertaken by the Actuaries on 6 April 2012 and this is noted below

	Actuarial Valuation 6 April 2012
	£
Value of assets	6,627,000
Past Service Liabilities	
Active members	5,639,000
Members with preserved benefits	2,202,000
Pensioners paid from fund	911,000
	8,752,000
Deficit	2,125,000
Funding level	76%

The contributions made to the scheme are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations, using the projected unit method with a 15 year control period. Of the assumptions made the following had the most significant effect on the results of the valuation.

Rate of return on investments – up to retirement	6 00% per annum
Rate of return on investments – after retirement	4 50% per annum
Rate of increase in salaries	3 50% per annum
Rate of increase in pension payment	3 40% per annum
Early leaver indexation	2 90% per annum
Commutation	22 5% of pension cost

Members who joined the scheme before 6 April 2000 retire at age 60 whereas later joiners retire at normal retirement age

The Trustees of the scheme have agreed to eliminate their share of the deficit by increasing the percentage of contributions to the scheme. The contributions of the company and of employees will be 15.1% for future accruals and additional amounts for the recovery plan (plus death in service benefits) for the charitable company and 8.6% for the employees of pensionable salaries respectively being contribution rates recommended in the actuarial report to ensure that the scheme is adequately funded for future commitments.

The pension trustees have undertaken a detailed review of the pension scheme with a view to eliminating the deficit and securing the future pension for its members

It should be noted that employees of the Company are a small minority of the total membership of the scheme. There are currently 47 active members and 34 members with preserved benefits of which 10 active members relate to Gwynedd Archaeological Trust.