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Charity Registration No. 1105384

AGE CONCERN MERTON
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2005



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COMPANY INFORMATION

Company registration No.	5173595
Charity registration No.	1105384
Principal address	277 London Road Mitcham Surrey CR4 3NT
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc Wimbledon Business Centre P O Box No 850 Barclays House 8 Alexandra Road Wimbledon SW19 7LA
Auditors	Hartley Fowler LLP Nelson House 58 Wimbledon Hill Road Wimbledon London SW19 7PA
Lynne Bainbridge Sarah Cooke Stella Beston	Chief Executive Trading Officer Finance Officer
Directors	
Mr Michael Mitchell Chairman	Ms Elaine Payne Treasurer
Bryan Wagner Vice Chairman	Shirley Wyschna Trustee
David Hobson Trustee	Sheikh Saleemullah Trustee
Shirley Fernandez – appointed May 2005 Trustee	

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present herewith their annual report, together with the audited financial statements of the company for the period ended 31 March 2005.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company was incorporated on 7 July 2004.

The company took over the assets and liabilities and carried out the activities of Age Concern (Merton) from 1 August 2004.

The company's principal activity during the year was to promote independence, well being and quality of life for all older people in the London Borough of Merton.

A review of the charity's activities is set out in the annual report.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the company at 31 March 2005 were as follows:

Mr Michael Mitchell
Mrs Shirley Wyschna
Mr David Hobson

Ms Elaine Payne
Mr Bryan Wagner
Ms Sheikh Saleemullah

The directors are also trustees of the charity.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT - (CONTINUED)

**Principal Activities during the period
Day Centre**

The role of the Day Centre, which is held in our own premises, is to offer an opportunity to maintain physical, mental and social skills, and the activities and structure of the day are geared to the fulfilment of these aims. The service also offers an opportunity for respite.

The Centre operates six days a week (Monday - Friday and Sunday). The staff team comprises 7 paid staff and 4 volunteers). We have an average of 107 visitors per week, with capacity for 120. There is no limit to the number of days any individual can attend, but the average is two days a week and the maximum five days. The majority of our visitors are housebound because of mobility or mental health difficulties; all are isolated and most lack direct family support. A large number of them receive community care packages.

All those attending are assessed by us to ensure they derive the maximum benefit from the service. We receive referrals from statutory and voluntary agencies as well as from the public, religious and community groups, but we also encourage older people and their carers to self-refer.

Within the day centre format we have an exercise class, a craft class, guest speakers, Reiki and relaxation sessions (one-to-one with a therapist), outings, visits from the local community librarian, with a permanent lending library renewed every month, and a regular programme of entertainment, games and quizzes. All our visitors have access to our other services.

Transport

Our 3 minibuses provide transport for the day centre and all the clubs as required

We have two paid staff and three volunteer drivers, who have all undergone either Midas or local authority driver training. All the vehicles are operated under a Section 19 permit.

We are members of the Community Transport Association and continue to collaborate with Merton Community Transport to ensure optimum use of resources and to develop new ways to meet the transport needs of older people.

Information and Advice Service

This service has continued to be well used, with a dedicated worker employed for 28 hours a week, a post partly funded by a grant from Age Concern England. An average of 75 people a week are helped directly by this service, either in our office or in their own homes, another 20-30 people are assisted by telephone, by post or increasingly by email. Many have been helped to claim the welfare benefits to which they are entitled and we estimate that the service has helped people to claim some £250,000 in such benefits over the past year.

We are pleased that the Department of work and Pensions continue to hold a weekly "surgery" in our premises, providing an additional source of specialist information and advice.

Community Activities

As the name suggests, most of the activities listed under this heading are held in community venues other than our own premises

- **Triwell Group:** a social group with 10 - 15 members per week, organised by a volunteer
- **Coffee Boys:** men only social group with an average of 15 members per week, organised by two volunteers
- **Exercise class:** Maximum of 121 participants, run by an employed tutor
- **Shopping Service:** provides co-ordination and transport for people who still want to visit the large supermarkets, but need transport and in some cases assistance within the store. This service is run by a staff member and volunteers
- **Craft Class:** 15 - 20 participants weekly in a class run by a paid tutor and two volunteers.

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Celebrating Age Festival.

We continue to be centrally involved in the planning and organisation of the annual Merton Older People's Festival, being responsible for its financial and operational administration. We have seen a growth in people attending as well as in the number of groups participating.

The Festival aims to highlight and celebrate the contribution of older people in the borough and showcases the myriad of opportunities open to older people across the borough. We are also able to deliver consultation and information events to ensure older people are a "real" part of commissioning and planning of services.

Ageing Well

This new project, funded by a HIMP grant in collaboration with the Sutton and Merton Primary Care Trust, began in November 2004. The project has four distinct areas, firstly with the help of a community dietician based with us at Age Concern Merton we are delivering a series of healthy eating road shows at community venues throughout the Borough, secondly we are recruiting, supporting and training volunteer Senior Health Mentors who will visit older people at home to assist them in developing their well being or engaging in a new activity, thirdly we will be developing a series of "taster" activities to assess how older people want to look after their well being and from all this work develop an Ageing Well Plan for Merton, which will inform service development and planning.

Developments in the past year include:

Staff and volunteers attending First Aid training, more drivers undergoing Midas training. Project workers attending job specific training.

The Untold Story – a joint project with the National Trust aimed at creating a living archive of memories of Morden Hall Park with local older people. This project culminated in an exhibition and drama performance including among the older cast, young performers from a local theatre group. This work will continue as a data bank is created to store and utilise the wealth of information the group has gathered.

Our strategic work has increased and we are represented on a number of multi agency forums, representing older people and the voluntary sector where appropriate.

Premises

A grant from Age Concern England's Access Fund has enabled us to improve access to our facilities by people with physical disabilities.

Volunteers

Age Concern Merton currently has 29 volunteers. On recruitment all volunteers are subject to Criminal Records Bureau checks. Volunteers help in every aspect of our activities, including administration and reception duties as well as assisting staff in working with our service users. They play a most important role in ensuring the quality of our service to older people.

Investors in People

During this period we were pleased to be accredited as Investors in People, and will now be working to achieve the new standards soon due to be introduced.

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Other Charitable Funds

In September 2003 the Charity Commission agreed that Age Concern (Merton) should take over the administration of two local charity funds: Mitcham United Charities and the Nursing Aids and Comforts in Sickness Fund. The new Company has succeeded to this task and Guidelines and Procedures for grants have now been established. The availability of grants from these funds is now being publicised.

Financial Information

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity is financially sound. Net current assets have increased to £225,412 for the eight-month period covered by the accounts. Total reserves remain healthy and will sustain the deficit projected for 2005/6. Work has begun on a Business Plan to shape the development and ensure the financial stability of the charity over the next three years.

Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed in its operation and finances. Operational risks are minimised by the implementation of appropriate policies and procedures, which are regularly reviewed.

Insurance policies are in place to cover public liability, premises and contents, professional indemnity, vehicles, drivers and volunteers. These are reviewed annually by the Trustees.


The Trustees have identified an inherent risk in that the charity is heavily dependent on funding from the London Borough of Merton. This funding has been agreed in principle for a further year, but future funding will be subject to the change in structures following on the transfer of funding responsibilities to the Primary Care Trust. We shall be monitoring developments closely, but have a reasonable expectation that we shall not be financially disadvantaged by the change. Other sources of income are being developed and the Trustees have decided that no new services will be undertaken unless specific funding is secured. The Trustees are committed to maintaining free reserves of at least six months ordinary running costs.

Auditors

Following the transfer of substantially all of the business of Hartley Fowler to a limited liability partnership on 1 June 2005, Hartley Fowler resigned and the directors appointed their successor, Hartley Fowler LLP, as auditors.

Hartley Fowler LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution proposing their reappointment will be submitted to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the trustees on 8 August 2005 and signed on their behalf by:


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ME Mitchell
Company Secretary

8 August 2005

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
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We have audited the financial statements of Age Concern Merton for the period ended 31 March 2005 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 the charity and the members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

As set out in the directors' annual report, the directors are responsible for the preparation of their annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirement and United Kingdom Auditing Standards. We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you, if in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read other information contained in the directors' report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any further information.


Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2005 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.


HARTLEY FOWLER LLP
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Nelson House
58 Wimbledon Hill Road
Wimbledon
London
SW19 7PA

10 August 2005

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2005**

		General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total funds 2005
	Notes	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Donations		8,185	-	8,185
Gift Aid Donation		6,309	-	6,309
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects				
Grants	3	83,834	48,534	132,368
Investment income		3,801	2,250	6,051
Other income	4	12,429	-	12,429
Total incoming resources		114,558	50,784	165,342
Resources expended				
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects				
Services provided	5	80,509	11,541	92,050
Support costs	6	37,446	5,145	42,591
Management & administration	7	16,296	1,192	17,488
Total resources expended		134,251	17,878	152,129
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains/(losses) on investments				
Realised		-	-	-
Unrealised	10	414	-	414
Transfers		-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the period after transfers		(19,279)	32,906	13,627
Total funds at 1 August 2004		-	-	-
Adjustment in connection with asset transfer	13/15	231,761	30,973	262,734
Total funds at 31 March 2005		212,482	63,879	276,361

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**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2005**

	<u>2005</u>
	£
Income	159,291
Expenditure	<u>(152,129)</u>
Net operating profit	7,162
Interest receivable	<u>6,051</u>
Net historical cost surplus for the period	<u><u>13,213</u></u>

The Summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7 which, together with the notes to the financial statements on pages 10 to 16 provides full information on the movements during the period on all funds of the charity.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

These are reported as a part of the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7.

Continuing operations

The company took over the assets and liabilities and carried out the activities of Age Concern (Merton) from 1 August 2004.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2005

		2005	
		£	£
	Notes		
Fixed assets			
Equipment	8		47,796
Investments	10		3,153
 Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	9	30,782	
Cash at bank and in hand		225,878	
		<u>256,660</u>	
 Current liabilities			
Creditors	11	31,248	
		<u> </u>	
Net current assets			<u>225,412</u>
 Total assets less current liabilities			<u>276,361</u>
 Funds			
Restricted	15	63,879	
Unrestricted	13	192,482	
Designated	14	20,000	
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			<u>276,361</u>

Approved by the directors on 8 August 2005

M E Mitchell
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M E Mitchell, Director

E Payne
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Ms E Payne, Director

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Charitable status

Age Concern Merton Limited is a registered charity under the Charities Act 1993 and is accordingly exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Accounting conventions

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in October 2000.

Consolidated financial statements including the financial statements of Optional Care Limited and Age Concern (Merton) Trading Limited have been prepared for the period to 31 March 2005.

2.2 Recognition of income

Interest includes all amounts earned to 31 March 2005. Associated income tax recoveries are included for all income included in the financial statements. Dividends are included as income when received.

Donations, grants and other income are included as income when received.

2.3 Allocation of expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure includes costs directly incurred in carrying out charitable objectives.

Support costs includes costs incurred in support of charitable activities.

Management and administration costs include all costs not included above.

2.4 Fixed assets

Fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation rates are 20% on the straight-line basis.

Items over £1,000 of office equipment are capitalised.

2.5 Investments

Listed investments are included in the balance sheet at mid-market value. Gains and losses whether realised or unrealised are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.6 Voluntary help

A significant amount of time is expended on the charity's activities, which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of time given and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements. The charity currently has 29 volunteers.

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3. Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds 2005 £	Restricted Funds 2005 £	Total Funds 2005 £
London Borough of Merton	83,119	-	83,119
Celebrating Age Festival	-	2,500	2,500
Age Concern England	-	5,000	5,000
NHS Work force grant	715	-	715
Sutton & Merton PCT – Ageing Well	-	39,146	39,146
Access Grant	-	1,888	1,888
	<u>83,834</u>	<u>48,534</u>	<u>132,368</u>

4. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds 2005 £	Restricted Funds 2005 £	Total Funds 2005 £
Day Centre Fees	6,386	-	6,386
Transport	4,416	-	4,416
Room Hire	132	-	132
Club fees	356	-	356
Sundry income	1,139	-	1,139
	<u>12,429</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,429</u>

5. Services provided

	Unrestricted Funds 2005 £	Restricted Funds 2005 £	Total Funds 2005 £
Personnel costs	57,419	7,920	65,339
Food costs	5,663	-	5,663
Transport costs	8,305	-	8,305
Cleaning and repairs	1,262	-	1,262
Room hire	706	-	706
Celebrating Age Festival	-	3,621	3,621
Depreciation	7,154	-	7,154
	<u>80,509</u>	<u>11,541</u>	<u>92,050</u>

6. Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2005 £	Restricted Funds 2005 £	Total Funds 2005 £
Support personnel costs	30,238	5,000	35,238
Premises	5,470	-	5,470
Staff recruitment and training	1,738	145	1,883
	<u>37,446</u>	<u>5,145</u>	<u>42,591</u>

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7. Management and administration

	Unrestricted Funds 2005 £	Restricted Funds 2005 £	Total Funds 2005 £
Personnel costs	-	996	996
Audit and accountancy fees	3,325	-	3,325
Office costs	10,430	196	10,626
Depreciation	2,541	-	2,541
	<u>16,296</u>	<u>1,192</u>	<u>17,488</u>

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2004	-	-	-
Transfer	53,656	24,902	78,558
Additions	-	2,486	2,486
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u>53,656</u>	<u>27,388</u>	<u>81,044</u>
At 31 March 2005			
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2004	-	-	-
Transfer	14,308	9,245	23,553
Charge for the period	7,154	2,541	9,695
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u>21,462</u>	<u>11,786</u>	<u>33,248</u>
At 31 March 2005			
Net book values			
At 31 March 2005	<u>32,194</u>	<u>15,602</u>	<u>47,796</u>

Assets were transferred at cost less accumulated depreciation from Age Concern (Merton) as at 1 August 2004.

9. Debtors

	2005 £
Other debtors	5,681
Optional Care Limited	13,238
Age Concern (Merton) Trading Limited	11,863
	<u>30,782</u>

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10. Investments

	2005 £
Quoted investments:	
Market value as at 1 August 2004	-
Transfer from Age Concern (Merton)	2,734
Net unrealised investment gain	414
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Market value as at 31 March 2005	3,148
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Historical cost of investment	660
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Quoted investments comprise shares listed on a recognised stock exchange. Their value is determined by the mid-market value at the balance sheet date.

In addition to the quoted investments shown above, the Charity owns the following shares in its unlisted subsidiary companies. The trustees consider that the market value thereof is not materially in excess of their cost value.

	Percentage holding	Country of incorporation	Investment at cost
Optional Care Limited	100	England	3
Age Concern (Merton) Trading Limited	100	England	2

The results of the subsidiary companies for the period ended 31 March 2005 and their retained reserves are as follows:

	Optional Care Limited	Age Concern (Merton) Trading Limited
	£	£
Turnover	12,899	12,679
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(Loss)/Profit before taxation	(26)	343
Taxation	-	35
Dividends paid	-	-
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Retained loss for the period	-	-
Reserves at 1 August 2004	(2,146)	(378)
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Reserves at 31 March 2005	(2,146)	-
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11. Creditors

	2005 £
Other creditors	28,000
Accruals	3,248
	<u>31,248</u>

12. Staff Costs

	2005 Number
The average weekly number of persons employed during the period was:	
Full time	1
Part time	13
	<u>14</u>
Staff costs were:	
Wages and salaries	94,055
National insurance	7,518
	<u>101,573</u>

No employee was paid over £50,000 during the period.

No remuneration was payable to trustees for the period. There were no out of pocket expenses reclaimed by trustees.

13. Unrestricted funds

	Adjustment in connection with asset transfer	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gain on investment assets	Balance carried forward at 31 March 2005
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	221,761	114,558	(134,251)	(10,000)	414	192,482
Designated funds:						
Bus Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	20,000
	<u>231,761</u>	<u>114,558</u>	<u>(134,251)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>212,482</u>

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14. Designated funds	Bus Fund	Total
	£	£
Adjustment in connection with the transfer of assets	10,000	10,000
Transfer to general fund	-	-
Transfer from general fund	10,000	10,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Carried forward at 31 March 2005	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>

There was a need to replace two minibuses last year and the fund, held by Age Concern (Merton) was to earmark funds for this purpose. The funds have now been released, but a further earmarking of funds is now being done to build up funds for the next replacements in 2006/2007.

15. Restricted funds

	Adjustment in connection with asset transfer	Income	Expenditure	Transfers to general fund	Balance carried forward at 31 March 2005
	£	£	£	£	£
Information and Advice - Age Concern England	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Mitcham United Fund	20,142	1,125	-	-	21,267
Nursing Comforts and Aid in Sickness Fund	5,841	1,125	-	-	6,966
Celebrating Age Festival	4,990	2,500	(4,617)	-	2,873
Ageing Well	-	39,146	(8,261)	-	30,885
Access Grant	-	1,888	-	-	1,888
	<u>30,973</u>	<u>50,784</u>	<u>(17,878)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,879</u>

Mitcham United Fund

To relieve either generally or individually persons in the Mitcham area who are in need, hardship or distress by making grants of money, or purchasing items, services etc on their behalf.

Nursing Comforts and Aid in Sickness Fund

Generally benefit the sick poor of the Mitcham area either generally or individually.

The accounts of both these charities are included in the accounts of Age Concern (Merton). These funds provide us with a resource for making small grants to older people in particular need.

Access Grant

Age Concern Merton was granted monies by Age Concern England to upgrade our facilities. We are a fully accessible building but we wished to upgrade certain features in line with modern standards.

The doorway between the day centre and the conservatory was widened to facilitate easier access. We had all our hand dryers converted to automatic making them easier to use, we had emergency call alarms fitted to the day centre lavatories and increased the number of small aids.

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15. Restricted funds – continued

Celebrating Age Festival

Now in its second year, the Festival aims to showcase the talents of people 50+, as well as the organisations and services for all those 50+ in the borough of Merton.

We aim to raise the profile of both individuals and groups to celebrate how people 50+ contribute to the borough and highlight what is on offer for them and their carers

Over 60 different groups-statutory, business, voluntary and user led groups join us in producing a two-week fun packed programme. Festivals such as the one described are being taken up by many Age Concerns around the country and the GLA.

Funding came principally from the London Borough of Merton with all the groups contributing to their own events in some way.

Information & Advice

This service is a cornerstone of Age Concern Merton's services and a priority nationally and we aim to provide good quality information and advice, supporting the service user to make informed decisions. Enquiries are varied some requiring a few moments others involving many months of complex case work.

We were successful in obtaining a grant to enhance the development of this service from Age Concern England, this together with in house investment allowed us to appoint a worker to lead this vital work stream.

Ageing Well

This is a three-year project funded by the Health Improvement Fund aimed at working with older people to improve their health and well being. This project is run in conjunction with the Merton & Sutton Primary Care Trust.

A range of activities will be developed in conjunction with older people in Merton, looking particularly at healthy eating and assisting those who are isolated for some reason from accessing healthy lifestyle activities. In addition a team of Senior Health Mentors -older people themselves will be recruited trained and supported to help these isolated individuals.

We are working jointly with the Dietetics department of the Primary Care Trust and have a dietician situated with us here in the community. Through the presentation of Healthy Eating Road Shows to groups and day centres etc we hope to dispel commonly held myths about diet and promote well being

The Ageing Well Plan will be developed in year 3 to encompass the service users views on the project, what activities and events worked and how those in isolated situations were assisted to get the most out of life.

We hope that Ageing Well will be a "vehicle" to deliver a range of health promotion activities to improve opportunities for older people across the borough to look after their physical, mental, social, financial and environmental health.

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16. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2005 £
Tangible assets	47,796	-	-	47,796
Investments	3,153	-	-	3,153
Net current assets	141,533	20,000	63,879	225,412
Total	<u>192,482</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>63,879</u>	<u>276,361</u>