

Agenda Item 1
Chairman's welcome

Welcome back and as Christopher said this morning how good it is to see so many people here today for our Annual General Meeting.

First I should like to introduce those with me at the table – Nigel Yallop the National Vice Chairman, Chris Robinson our Honorary Treasurer David Bell our Chief Executive and Graeme East the Finance Director

There is one minor change on the procedure for questions this year. We do not have any roving mikes – their reliability as you know has not always been a hundred per cent in the past. Instead we have two fixed mikes at the front of the hall downstairs and two more upstairs. When we reach that part in the proceedings I shall ask those who want to put questions to come forward to the mikes. Thank you

Now let us move on to the business part of the day.

I make no apology for reminding you of what we are. NADFAS, as its name suggests is an **Association** of Societies. You represent those Societies: this is your Association and the thing that binds us all together is the Statement of Mutual Obligations. In meeting the charitable objectives of the association the Trustee Board is accountable to you, the membership and is obliged to report annually.

You've had the opportunity to read the report. We're now going to draw your attention to some of the key points and you will have the chance later to ask us questions. It is also an opportunity to look forward, for David to tell us what the priorities are for this year