

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

England & Wales · Charity number 1009687

Details

Other names BLACK WOMENS CENTRE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1992-03-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND ASIAN WOMEN AND OTHER INHABITANTS OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WALSALL:- A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF TRAINING (INCLUDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING) AND TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE AFORESAID WHO ARE IN NEED SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO DEVELOP AND TO UTILISE SKILLS ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF SUCH TRAINING; B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AMONGST THE AFORESAID BY ADVISING AND ASSISTING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUPS THE OBJECT OF WHICH IS BY MUTUAL RENDERING OF ASSISTANCE TO RELIEF THOSE NEEDS; C) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY BY PROVIDING FOR OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF NURSERY OR CRECHE FACILITIES TO ENSURE THE CRITICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN DURING THE ABSENCE OF THEIR PARENTS; D) TO WORK TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF THE TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INHABITANTS OF THE SAID AREA LESS FAVOURABLY THAN OTHERS ON THE GROUNDS OF COLOUR, RACE, NATIONALITY, ETHNIC OR NATIONAL ORIGINS AND TO PROMOTE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND GOOD RACE RELATIONS BETWEEN PERSONS OF DIFFERENT RACIAL GROUPS GENERALLY; E) TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND TO RELIEVE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISTRESS BY THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUCH OTHER MEANS AS SHALL FURTHER THE ABOVE OBJECTS

Activities: EDUCATION/TRAINING FOR THE YOUNG AND OLD.ELDERLY & MENTAL HEALTH PROVISIONS PROVIDED.MEDICAL/HEALTH/SICKNESS FOR ALL.RELIEF OF POVERTY.ARTS/CULTURE.SPORTS & RECREATION.ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/EMPLOYMENT

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WALSALL
- Walsall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-27	£85,348	£102,340	-	-
2024-03-31	£219,106	£201,604	-	-
2023-03-31	£232,377	£240,689	-	-
2022-03-31	£221,257	£230,417	-	-
2021-03-31	£272,265	£168,449	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Wendy Angus-Bovell	Chair	2022-10-21
Gene Johnson		2022-10-21
MAUREEN SCOTT-DOUGLAS		2022-10-21
SONIA McLaughlin		2022-10-21
TRACEY LECOINTE		2022-10-21

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PERIOD ENDED 27 OCTOBER 2024

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
Period ended 27 October 2024

	27/10/2024		31/03/2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Restricted				
Big Lottery grant	44,682		126,593	
Awards for All - Lottery	-		10,000	
Heritage Lottery	-		-	
Walsall Council Grants	16,975		35,420	
NHS Grants	4,504		2,100	
Locality	-		8,250	
Heart of England	-		2,400	
Walsall Wellbeing Grant	-		1,250	
Walsall for All	-		1,950	
		66,161		187,963
Unrestricted				
Money Manager Interest	617		1,048	
Donations - Other	164		366	
Repayments	5,360		7,192	
Room Hire and Charges	2,790		3,312	
Day care - Elderley	10,256		19,227	
		19,187		31,144
		85,348		219,106
Less : Expenditure		102,340		201,604
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		- 16,992		17,503

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

EXPENDITURE

Period ended 27 October 2024

	27/10/2024	31/03/2024
	£	£
Wages	68,315	121,517
Rent and rates	391	564
Heat and light	390	422
Stationery & printing	35	579
Postage	580	393
Computer costs	-	172
Insurance	547	3,908
Motor expenses & travel	1,494	3,833
Repairs and maintenance	1,823	2,870
Events	2,340	11,099
Professional fees	2,653	4,199
Consultancy	2,750	13,500
Telephone	807	5,071
Training	165	732
Food	4,543	5,948
Materials and resource	1,614	3,128
Volunteers expenses	1,317	1,559
Sundries	102	649
Marketing	1,242	1,931
Photocopier & phone system leases	7,335	8,745
Hygiene services	-	429
TV & zoom licences	170	159
Room hire & charges	2,020	2,257
Bank charges	55	182
Counselling	-	480
Crisis support project	1,652	7,277
	<u>102,340</u>	<u>201,604</u>

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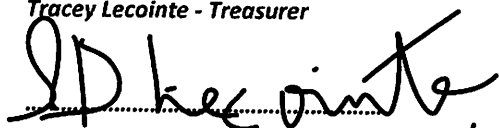
BALANCE SHEET
Period ended 27 October 2024

	27/10/2024		31/03/2024	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Motor Vehicles	25,250		25,250	
Office Equipment	4,679		4,679	
Computer Equipment	<u>8,021</u>		<u>8,021</u>	
		37,949		37,949
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Account	9,735		24,135	
Deposit Account	56,860		61,243	
Cash in hand	<u>198</u>		<u>254</u>	
		66,793		85,631
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>104,742</u>		<u>123,580</u>
CREDITORS				
HMRC - PAYE		1,229		1,946
NEST - Pension		258		830
Accruals		<u>882</u>		<u>1,440</u>
		<u>2,369</u>		<u>4,216</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>102,373</u>		<u>119,365</u>
Represented by:-				
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance brought forward		119,365		101,862
Excess of expenditure over income :-		<u>- 16,992</u>		<u>17,503</u>
		<u>102,373</u>		<u>119,365</u>

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Signed on behalf of the trustees :

Tracey Lecointe - Treasurer



Date of Approval : 21/1/26

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WALSALL BLACK SISTERS' COLLECTIVE
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2024 TO 27 OCTOBER 2024
CHARITY NUMBER 1009657**

I report on the accounts for the period 1st April 2024 to 27th October 2024 set out on pages 1-3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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Basis of the independent examiner's report

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Mrs SD Cooke FCCA

Director

Rice & Co (Brownhills) Ltd

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Date: 21/1/26

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BOARD REPORT 2023-2024

We are pleased to present our Annual Report for 2023/24, highlighting our achievements over the past year. Despite changes in policies, organisation structure, funding, and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on both our charity and community, our centre remains a crucial support hub for vulnerable individuals.

We continue to focus on addressing inequality and disadvantages faced by Black people, offering ongoing support to marginalized and economically inactive individuals facing discrimination.

Organisation Structure & Sustainability

To strengthen and sustain our charity, we are close to becoming a registered incorporated organisation. To aid this we are working to identify training for board members to better understand their roles and have worked to recruit new members with relevant skills and passion. We also regularly review our business strategic plan to ensure we meet our targets.

Funding

Securing funding remains challenging due to increased competition. Our Vulnerable Adults Project funding ends in October 2024, so we are actively working on plans to attract more funding for core and project activities. We are excited about the Windrush Sister Project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which will document the history of women from the Windrush generations and the Walsall Black Sisters Collective.

Conclusion & Thanks

Thanks to our dedicated staff led by Chief Officer Maureen Lewis, who ensure smooth service delivery. We also appreciate our funders and strategic partners for their ongoing support and collaboration. As we implement our business strategy, we look forward to strengthening existing partnerships and forming new ones within the West Midlands and beyond.

CHAIR – WENDY ANGUS-BOVELL

On behalf of Walsall BSC Board of Trustees



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YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Restricted				
Big Lottery grant	126,593		97,693	
Awards for All - Lottery	10,000		-	
Walsall Council Grants	35,420		18,000	
NHS Grants	2,100		-	
Kickstart	-		595	
Food Bank	-		1,000	
Locality	8,250		-	
Heart of England	2,400		-	
Safe Place	-		10,000	
Resetting	-		7,916	
ESF Community Grants	-		15,298	
Walsall Wellbeing Grant	1,250		7,975	
Holiday Program	-		4,371	
Community Cohesion	-		1,137	
Heating/Winter Warm	-		1,500	
Walsall for All	1,950		16,545	
Garfied Western	-		7,500	
Eveson Trust	-		10,000	
Baron Davenport grant	-		600	
		187,963		200,130
Unrestricted				
Money Manager Interest	1,048		184	
Donations - Walsall Womens Forum			5,000	
Donations - Other	366		450	
WBSC Accumulated Fund			-	
Repayments	7,192		-	
After School Club Fees			6,560	
Room Hire and Charges	3,312		10,749	
Day care - Elderley	19,227		9,305	
		31,144		32,247
		219,106		232,377
Less : Expenditure		201,604		240,689
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER (EXPENDITURE)		17,503		- 8,312

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages	121,517	158,198
Rent and rates	564	305
Heat and light	422	249
Stationery & printing	579	1,945
Postage	393	1,066
Computer costs	172	976
Insurance	3,908	5,565
Motor expenses & travel	3,833	5,953
Repairs and maintenance	2,870	1,761
Events	11,099	9,351
Professional fees	4,199	13,730
Consultancy	13,500	-
Telephone	5,071	2,337
Training	732	405
Food	5,948	5,338
Materials and resource	3,128	3,133
Volunteers expenses	1,559	1,399
Sundries	649	343
Marketing	1,931	2,148
Photocopier & phone system leases	8,745	5,738
Hygiene services	429	387
TV & zoom licences	159	303
Room hire & charges	2,257	1,555
Bank charges	182	197
Counselling	480	4,454
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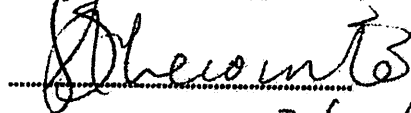
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Year ended 31 March 2024

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Office Equipment	4,679	3,322
Computer Equipment	8,021	8,021
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CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Account	24,135	3,718
Deposit Account	61,243	65,195
Cash in hand	254	108
	<u>85,631</u>	<u>69,021</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>123,580</u></u>	<u><u>105,613</u></u>
CREDITORS		
HMRC - PAYE	1,946	1,989
NEST - Pension	830	322
Accruals	1,440	1,440
	<u>4,216</u>	<u>3,751</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>119,365</u></u>	<u><u>101,862</u></u>
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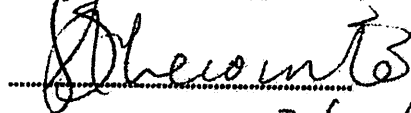
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The background of the cover is a photograph of three Black women hugging. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The woman on the right is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. The woman in the middle has her eyes closed and a gentle smile. The woman on the left is looking down with a slight smile. They are all wearing casual clothing.

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

WALSALL BLACK
SISTERS COLLECTIVE

UNI QUE SELLING POINT

“We provide community activities to empower and develop deprived communities from various ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds in Walsall; addressing inequality and bringing long-lasting change to encourage community cohesion, cultural respect and a diverse community we can all be proud of”.





**WBSC literally
saved my life!**

Mission

Mission

We exist to serve the most vulnerable communities by delivering relevant, needed services which lessen the loneliness and isolation, improve health and wellbeing and which educate and inform.

Vision

A well-run, well-resourced organisation where staff and volunteers know their worth, are valued and work in a passionate and professional manner to deliver life changing services to our community.

Statement



**I love it here.
I love the activities;
I love the staff.
I feel at home here.**

Chair's Address

Wendy Angus-Bovell

Chair of Wallsall Black Sisters Collective



I am delighted to welcome you to our Annual Report 2022/23 and to share some of our achievements and progress over the past 12 months, and our exciting plans for the forthcoming year. It has been another busy and productive year for us at WBSC, following

our AGM last October, we engaged with consultants, namely Siobhan Harper-Nunes from Shakti Women. She has worked with us to create our business strategy and shape our vision for the next three years. This has been a significant piece of work and a major development for us. It clearly sets out our strategic plan and direction of travel over the next 1-3 years. It is both ambitious and aspirational whilst being deliverable at the same time.

This will see us transform into a CIO, implement a revised constitution and lever in new investment to grow and secure our financial stability. As part of this, we have taken the opportunity to review and create a new staffing structure that better fits with our strategic vision and will also add much needed capacity to our organisation.

As well as this, we have continued to provide our core services that include our, elderly persons day centre, counselling support, befriending including outreach support and the women's weekly coffee mornings. These have all been well attended and remain key support mechanisms for some of our most vulnerable and isolated members of Walsall. Sadly, after much deliberation, the Board and I had to make the very difficult decision to close our long running After School provision in October of last year. It was accepted that it was no longer viable for us to continue with it after an Ofsted inspection at that time.

Alongside the above, we have run some very successful events such as dementia awareness, health and wellbeing sessions and a fabulous Windrush Celebration at Caldmore Community Gardens in June 2022. It was a wonderful recognition and salute to all those who came over from the Caribbean and contributed to the rebuilding of this Country after the 2nd World War.

None of this would be possible without the commitment and hard work of our dedicated and loyal staff team led by our brilliant Chief Officer Maureen Lewis.

They constantly go over and beyond to ensure the smooth running of the service and that all those who access WBSC get the support and outcomes they need. On behalf of myself and the Board, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you and that we very much appreciate all that you do.

Once again, I would also like to thank our funders and strategic partners for their on-going support, collaborative working and allegiance to us. This is much appreciated and as we move forward, at pace, with the implementation of our business strategy and plan, we look forward to strengthening those partnerships and establishing new ones within the West Midlands and beyond.

I am very excited and energised for the challenges, opportunities and the achievements we will deliver over the next 12 months and confident that we will continue to grow and evolve along this journey.

Chief Officer Statement



WBSC is a well-established charity and after 35 years are now working to ensure its longevity, by strengthening our internal structures and processes.

We have engaged with external consultants to help us in the process, to help set put together our Development and Sustainability Plan as well as to transition from a charity to a Community Interest Organisation (CIO) which would also give us greater fund-raising potential.

The transition has brought challenges and has meant we have had to cut a few services, one of which was our After School Club, due to low dwindling numbers.

Despite this 2022 -2023 has certainly had a busy year, with more work than ever before. Thanks to our staff team who have worked over a beyond to respond to the needs of our community.

Glad to say we have continued to forge great partnerships, which has enabled us to provide a co-ordinated approach, to represent and address the needs of the most vulnerable.

Maureen Lewis

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Services & Activities

01



VULNERABLE ADULTS PROJECT

Health & Social Care
Befriending
Day Care

02



MENTAL WELLBEING

Counselling
Coffee Mornings
Walking For Health
Women's Support

03



HOLIDAY & FOOD PROGRAMME

Summer Holiday Programme
Provision of food
for low-income families

04



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Building Confidence
& Self-Esteem
Employment & Training
Opportunities

05



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION EVENTS

International Women's Day
Windrush Celebration
Community Trip
Black History Month

06



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Stimulating Play
Social Interaction in a safe
environment
Supporting parents
in work and training

07



COMMUNITY AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Health & Wellbeing Conference
Dementia Awareness
Managing Diabetes

08



HOUSING CRISIS SUPPORT

Emergency Energy & White
Good Support
Food Parcel/Bank
Sign Posting

09



RESETTING PROGRAMME

Encouraging residents
back into activities
Improve Confidence
Form Friendships



A woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a patterned dress and a light-colored cardigan, is walking on a train platform. She is looking towards the camera. In the background, a train is visible, and the platform has a metal grate floor. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent pink filter.

Spotlight On The Hard To Reach

WBSC's vulnerable adults' projects addressing issues that impact on the health, social care and mental well-being of residents.

The Be A Friend Project focuses on the long-term effects of COVID-19 around loneliness and isolation.

01

Addressing Loneliness & Isolation

Everyone needs social connections to survive and thrive and being alone may leave older adults become more vulnerable to loneliness and isolation, which can affect their health and wellbeing. And statistically older adults are at higher risk for social isolation and loneliness due to changes in health and social connections that comes with growing older.



1.1 Day Centre

To address these concerns our Tree of Life Day care provides a vibrant and holistic support for older adults who are lonely and isolated. We provide a pickup and drop off service to enable older adults to access our service and engage in activities such as art and craft, games & quizzes, trips and outing. During the pandemic some of our members passed away which caused a reduction in membership and due to more publication via the media our membership is being to increase.

The day care has all relevant policies/procedures and is more structured to the needs of service users, staff and volunteers

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1.2 Befriending

Our befriending service provides face to face and telephone befriending service to lonely and isolated older adults within their homes, hospitals, and residential settings.

The demand for befriending has increased greatly and we are receiving more and more referrals from local authority, voluntary and community organisations, and we face the challenge of keeping up with the high demand.

Currently we have three paid befrienders who provide 20 hours of face-to-face befriending visits per week, this also included telephone calls. Our Support worker is also providing weekly befriending calls. In total there are 85 individuals receiving befriending support. Befrienders provides companionship and stimulating conversation, and in some cases,

this could be the only contact a person has. Our befriending support service helps to improve connections to the local community and wider social networks and is an opportunity in making a valued and valuable contribution to people's lives.

1.3 Engagement Partnerships

We are proactive in planning activities which re-engage the community in social activities. This is demonstrated by building authentic connections with community groups and organisations such as Health Watch, Bloxwich Community Partnerships, Manor Farm Association, Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, Walsall Council, One You Walsall, WHG, Accord Housing, Nehemiah Court and many more.

As partner organisations we can recognise and communicate the needs and interest of all communities and work together on joint initiatives to encourage re-engagement of communities.

02

Addressing Mental Wellbeing

**“I came and
haven’t looked
back!”**

2.1 Well-being Activities

We are addressing mental health through the provision of our Mental Wellbeing Project which encompass coffee mornings, walking for health, mental awareness sessions, health and nutrition, exercise sessions, and counselling. These initiatives are mainly accessed by women from varied ages and culture; however, men are not excluded.

Our Mental Wellbeing project enables women with mental health to come together and forge new friendships and gain knowledge about other cultures and norms. It also helps to build the confidence of women where they can support each other and develop better coping mechanisms to tackle issues in their life.

2.2 Counselling Service

We supported many vulnerable people who have experienced trauma, domestic violence, low self-esteem and lack of confidence through counselling/therapeutic sessions. To date we have helped 79 people who needed an outlet to clear their minds.

We have had positive feedback from clients on how much our counselling service has helped them.



03

Improving Peoples Quality of Life



3.1 Housing Crisis Support

Due to the cost-of-living crisis many people are struggling to cope with bills etc, therefore 123 people have benefitted from our Crisis Support Funds, which supports utility payment, food and white goods. We have also supported the community to claim their council tax rebate.

We still provide food parcels when requested and ensure that our food bank is stocked up. We have facilitated many activities for the sole purpose of improving the quality of life for service users and the wider communities. Some of the activities are:

We constantly liaise and advocate on individual's behalf to ensure that they are receiving the care and support they are entitled to within their homes and, ensure that assessments are carried out by social services to improve the quality of life of our service users.

3.2 Health & Wellbeing Event

Our Health & Wellbeing event was a great success. Approximately 53 people attended. The day consisted of keynote speakers presenting their services i.e., Street Team, Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia, Inequality in children birth outcomes, Mental Health and Self-Care Management.

Also, we had 13 organisations showcasing their services via information stalls. The event was very well attended and there was opportunity to network and obtain valid information for people to take away with them. Also, the food was excellent.

Dementia
Awareness

Introduction to
Better Health

Falls Prevention

Key Achievements

People supported
in Walsall

1059

Day Care

452 hot nutritious meals
to elders



“At the other place, I’m the only black woman in the group and I feel like an outsider.”

Befriending

204 Supported



“It gets me out of the house, and I’ve made friends, I also learn something new every week and I know more about what else is available to me. Being here has saved me!”

Women’s Empowerment

84 Sessions
77 women supported.



I would encourage every woman to be a part of this community.

Counselling

252 sessions



I can see an improvement in my confidence and ability to make decisions which is a great change considering what I have gone through.

Key Achievements

Coffee & Chat

230

people supported.

Demential Awareness

38

people supported.

Black History Month

138

people attended

Community Health
& Wellbeing

92

People attended

Food Parcels

186

parcels delivered

Walking For Wellness

36

people attended

Commnuity Outings

52

people engaged

Housing, Emergency
& Benefit Support

96

people helped

What People Say

Coffee & Chat

"I come every week. it just makes me so happy."

Housing Emergency & Benefit Support

"I would encourage anyone to be a part of this community."

Dementia Awareness

"Mom likes it here, she feels seen".





Financials 2022-23

We have been working really hard to deliver projects that benefit our community over the last financial year. Here is how we have allocated our funds.

Take a look at our Income & Expenditure from 2022 - 2023.

Income & Expenditure

Year ended 31 March 2023

RESTRICTED	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Grant	97,693		91,796	
Walsall Council Grants				
Walsall Connect	5,00		4,833	
Kickstart	595		10,030	
Community Development	5,000		5,000	
Adult Social Care	-		8,868	
Housing Support Fund & Food Bank	9,000		7,000	
Safe Place	10,000		-	
Resetting	7,916		4,159	
ESF Community Grants	15,298		-	
Walsall Wellbeing Grant	7,975		-	
Holiday Program	4,731		-	
Community Cohesion	1,137		-	
Heating/Winter Warm	1,500		-	
Other Walsall Grant	16,545			
			-	
Garfield Western	7,500		-	
Eveson Trust	10,000		-	
Baron Davenport Grant	600			
		200,130		131,686
UNRESTRICTED	£	£	£	£
Money Manager Interest	184		6	
Donations - Walsall Womens Forum	5,000		-	
Donations - Others	450		-	
WBSC Accumulated Fund	-		10,665	
Repayments	-		6,530	
After School Club Fees	6,560		5,357	
Room Hire & Charges	10,749		12,111	
Day care - Elderly	9,305		6,865	
HMRC CJRS Grants	-		7,037	
Walsall Council COVID Grants	-		39,500	
Government Apprentice Grant	-		1,500	

	32,247	89,571
	232,377	221,257
Less: Expenditure	240,689	230,417
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	8,312	9,160

Expenditure

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
WAGES	158,198	149,090
RENT & RATES	305	305
HEAT & LGIHT	249	530
STATIONERY & PRINTING	1,945	2,965
POSTAGE	1,066	545
COMPUTER COSTS	976	419
INSURANCE	5,565	4,359
MOTOR EXPENSES & TRAVEL	5,953	6,583
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	1,761	5,269
EVENTS	9,351	16,952
PROFESSIONAL FEES	13,730	9,853
MEMBERSHIP	-	85
TELEPHONE	2,337	2,763
TRAINING	405	2,284
HEALTH & SAFETY	-	354
FOOD	5,338	7,087
MATERIALS & RESOURCES	3,133	2,098
VOLUNTEERS EXPENSES	1,399	1,538
SUNDRIES	343	541
MARKETING	2,148	278
PHOTOCOPIER & PHONE SYSTEM	5,738	2,713
HYGENIE SERVICES	387	387
TV & ZOOM LICENCES	303	303
ROOM HIRE & CHARGES	1,555	4,534
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT	-	386
BANK CHARGES	197	66
COUNSELLING	4,454	5,040
CRISIS SUPPORT PROJECT	13,853	3,110
	240,689	230,417

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 March 2023

		2023		2022
ASSETS	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Motor Vehicles	32,016		32,016	
Office Equipment	3,322		2,738	
Computer Equipment	8,021	43,359	8,021	42,775
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Account	3,718		79,337	
Deposit Account	65,198		11	
Cash in Hand	108	69,021	409	79,757
TOTAL ASSETS		112,379		122,532
CREDITORS				
HMRC - PAYE	1,989		3,196	
NEST - Pension	322		-	
Attachment of Earnings	-		26	
Accruals	1,440		2,370	
NET ASSETS		108,628		116,940
Represented by:-				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:				
Balance brought forward		116,940		126,100
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TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH -- WSBC



**Baron
Davenport's
Charity**

Founded 1930



**Department
for Work &
Pensions**

The
EVESON
Trust



**WALSALL COMMUNITY
NETWORK**



**Garfield Weston
FOUNDATION**



WALSALL FOR ALL



Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

CHARITY NUMBER : 1009687

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WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
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Walsall Council grants :				
Walsall Connect	5,000		4,833	
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Community Development	5,000		5,000	
Adult Social Care	-		8,868	
Housing Support Fund & Food Bank	9,000		7,000	
Safe Place	10,000		-	
Resetting	7,916		4,159	
ESF Community Grants	15,298		-	
Walsall Wellbeing Grant	7,975		-	
Holiday Program	4,371		-	
Community Cohesion	1,137		-	
Heating/Winter Warm	1,500		-	
Other Walsall Grants	16,545		-	
Garfied Western	7,500		-	
Eveson Trust	10,000		-	
Baron Davenport grant	600		-	
		200,130		131,686
Unrestricted				
Money Manager Interest	184		6	
Donations - Walsall Womens Forum	5,000		-	
Donations - Other	450		-	
WBSC Accumulated Fund	-		10,665	
Repayments	-		6,530	
After School Club Fees	6,560		5,357	
Room Hire and Charges	10,749		12,111	
Day care - Elderley	9,305		6,865	
HMRC CJRS grants	-		7,037	
Walsall Council COVID-19 grants	-		39,500	
Government Apprentice Grant	-		1,500	
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WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

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Signed on behalf of the trustees :

Sonia McLaughlin - Treasurer

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Date of Approval : 11th October 2023

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Sonia McLaughlin - Treasurer

Sonia McLaughlin

Date of Approval : 11th October 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE
YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023
CHARITY NUMBER 1009657**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 1-3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mrs SD Cooke FCCA
Director
Rice & Co (Brownhills) Ltd
90 High Street
Brownhills
Walsall
WS8 6EW

Date: 16/10/2023

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

England & Wales - Charity number 1009687

Accounts



Annual Report 2022

Walsall Black Sisters Collective



Introduction

Walsall BSC is a registered charity that was established in July 1986 by a group of young Black women from Walsall. The group met to discuss the racial disparities that affected the Black Community; identify areas that were of concern and how they can help to address the inequality that existed at the time.

From their initial meeting they continued to meet regularly and out of this was formed the “Walsall Black Sisters Collective”. In the early years the group worked to highlight specific discriminations experienced by Black Women. The organisation grew and its aims and objectives became specific around education, training, welfare, self- help and child provision.

Our main aim is to provide a community-based provision for BME and the wider community within the borough of Walsall. Having been established for over 35 years now, we have a proven track record and play an integral role in meeting the health and social needs of local people; ensuring that services are appropriate and sensitive to meet their identified needs.

We work in partnership with statutory agencies and other voluntary organisations; ensuring that the services we provide demonstrate equality and that cultural needs are being met.

We are an organisation that is led by the community for the community. We advocate and ensure that local people are directly involved in the decision-making processes that affects their lives.

U.S.P.

WBSC provides community activities to empower and develop deprived BME communities from various ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds in Walsall; addressing inequality and bringing long-lasting change to encourage community cohesion, cultural respect and a diverse community we can all be proud of.

Our Vision

A Walsall that values diversity, is caring, supporting and addresses the needs of communities

Mission Statement

To successfully provide an open quality service to the wider community of Walsall, enabling a better quality of life.



CHAIR – Wendy Angus-Bovell

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, I am Wendy Angus-Bovell and was elected as Chair at our previous AGM in April 2021. It is an honour and privilege to be part of Walsall Black Sisters Collective (WBSC). I am continually impressed and amazed by the invaluable work we do for some of the most disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised individuals and communities in Walsall. I am in awe of our creativity, resilience, flexibility, adaptability and robustness, in delivering our services, aims and objectives. This has been tested to the extreme over the past eighteen months with some of the challenges we have had to manage such as the impact of the Pandemic, risks to funding, the loss of several of our much-loved service users and now the threat of the economic crisis nationally.

It cannot be overstated how difficult it was for WBSC and all those involved with us, during the Pandemic and the months of lock down. This period was challenging in ways we have never experienced before. Like many other organisations, we had no blueprint to guide us through this period. However, due to the brilliance of our committed staff and CEO, we were able to very quickly adapt our services to meet the new and complex presenting needs. We were able to deliver food parcels, provide telephone outreach and befriending support to our most vulnerable service users and the wider Walsall area throughout the Pandemic. In many cases, this was the only human contact some individuals received and it helped hugely in reducing feelings of anxiety, loneliness and isolation.

As we come out the other side of Covid, we are rebuilding our services, however, it has also given us an opportunity to review what our service offer will be going forward. Whilst our current services will remain at the core of our activity, such as our Elderly Persons Day Service, After School Club, Befriending, Counselling support for example, we are now able to explore new opportunities and options for growth to achieve our strategic objectives. We have an ambitious and exciting Vision for the future and are in the process of creating our Business Strategy and Plan for where we want to be in the next 3-5 years and how we will get there. As part of this, we will be changing our legal organisational status, which will allow us to become more self-financing, we are also looking at new business development opportunities that will help us to generate income and enable us to extend our range and reach of service provision.

Therefore, whilst there remain challenges ahead, there are opportunities and new possibilities for us to take advantage of too. All of this is supported by the longevity of WBSC, we celebrated our 35th Anniversary with a Gala Ball in March 2022. It was a much-anticipated event having been delayed for nearly a year due to Covid. It was a spectacular evening and a fitting tribute to WBSC for its resilience and ability to survive and still be relevant after this length of time. None of this would have been possible without our very loyal, committed and hardworking staff team, under the leadership of

our incredible CEO Maureen Lewis. I would thus like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our staff and volunteers on behalf of the Board, we appreciate all you do for WBSC. I would also like to thank our Funders and strategic partners for their on-going support, co-working and allegiance, that has helped us to remain the trusted, credible, respected and relevant organisation that we are locally.

We have a huge agenda over the next 12 months for us to achieve our strategic ambitions, aims and objectives. However, I am extremely optimistic and confident that we will continue to be successful in the delivery of our services, and that we also have the energy, motivation, experience and ability to take WBSC to the next level of its evolving journey.



“Making a

Walsall”

difference in

CEO – Maureen Lewis



We have certainly had a busy year, with more work than ever before. Thanks to our staff team who have worked over a beyond to respond to the needs of service users.

We have forged great partnerships, which has enabled us to engage with new and more needy user.

WBSC has been highly recognised for the work we have done, especially during the pandemic, and is still being recognised as a trusted organisation that delivers to make a difference to the lives of local residence.

The work of WBSC have spoken for itself and have been recognised, locally and regionally through the number of nominations of awards, one being the MBCC Community Award, and the BBC WM Make a Difference Community Award.

Future Planning

We have survived Covid-19 and is now on the road map of recovery, so it is important that the organisation strengthens itself, and establish ways in which the charity is sustained for the long-term. That we are financial sustainable, we work strategically, and what we do relates to what is happening in the borough of Walsall and the surrounding areas.

To that aim we are now putting together or Development and Sustainability Plan as well as to transition from a charity to a Community Interest Organisation (CIO) which would also give us greater fund-raising potential.

Services & Activities delivered:



Spotlight on our Vulnerable Adults Project

WBSC's vulnerable adults' projects addressing issues that impact on the health, social care and mental well-being of residents

The Be A Friend Project focuses on the long-term effects of COVID-19 as the country moved out the restrictions and into recovery. It provides an even greater emphasis on getting people through the effects of the pandemic, supporting recovery activities to re-engage communities.



1. Addressing Loneliness & Isolation

Everyone needs social connections to survive and thrive and being alone may leave older adults become more vulnerable to loneliness and isolation, which can affect their health and wellbeing. And statistically older adults are at higher risk for social isolation and loneliness due to changes in health and social connections that comes with growing older.

1.1: Day Centre

To address these concerns our Tree of Life Day care provides a vibrant and holistic support for older adults who are lonely and isolated. We provide a pickup and drop off service to enable older adults to access our service and engage in activities such as art and craft, games & quizzes, trips and outings, bingo, chair and stand-up exercise, celebration events and lots more. We provide a hot nutritious meal freshly cooked on site and for some people this is the only hot nutritious meal they have in a week.



The day care has all relevant policies/procedures and is more structured to the needs of service users, staff and volunteers. During the pandemic some of our members passed away which caused a reduction in membership and due to more publication via the media our membership is being to increase.



1.2: Befriending

Our befriending service provides face to face and telephone befriending service to lonely and isolated older adults within their homes, hospitals, and residential settings. The demand for befriending has increased

greatly and we are receiving more and more referrals from local authority, voluntary and community organisations, and we face the challenge of keeping up with the high demand.

Currently we have three paid befrienders who provide 20 hours of face-to-face befriending visits per week, this also included telephone calls. Our Support worker is also providing weekly befriending calls. In total there are 85 individuals receiving befriending support.

Befrienders provides companionship and stimulating conversation, and in some cases, this could be the only contact a person has. Our befriending support service helps to improve connections to the local community and wider social networks and is an opportunity in making a valued and valuable contribution to people's lives.

1.3: Engagement Partnerships

We are proactive in planning activities which re-engage the community in social activities. This is demonstrated by building authentic connections with community groups and organisations such as Health Watch, Bloxwich Community Partnerships, Manor Farm Association, Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, Walsall Council, One You Walsall, WHG, Accord Housing, Nehemiah Court and many more. As partner organisations we can recognise and communicate the needs and interest of all communities and work together on joint initiatives to encourage re-engagement of communities.



2. Addressing Mental Well-being

2.1: Well-being Activities

We are addressing mental health through the provision of our Mental Wellbeing Project which encompass coffee mornings, walking for health, mental awareness sessions, health and nutrition, exercise sessions, and counselling. These initiatives are mainly accessed by women from varied ages and culture; however, men are not excluded.

Our Mental Wellbeing project enables women with mental health to come together and forge new friendships and gain knowledge about other cultures and norms. It also helps to build the confidence of women where they can support each other and develop better coping mechanisms to tackle issues in their life.



2.2: Counselling Service

We supported many vulnerable people who have experienced trauma, domestic violence, low self-esteem and lack of confidence through counselling/therapeutic sessions. To date we have helped 79 people who needed an outlet to clear their minds.

We have had positive feedback from clients on how much our counselling service has helped them.



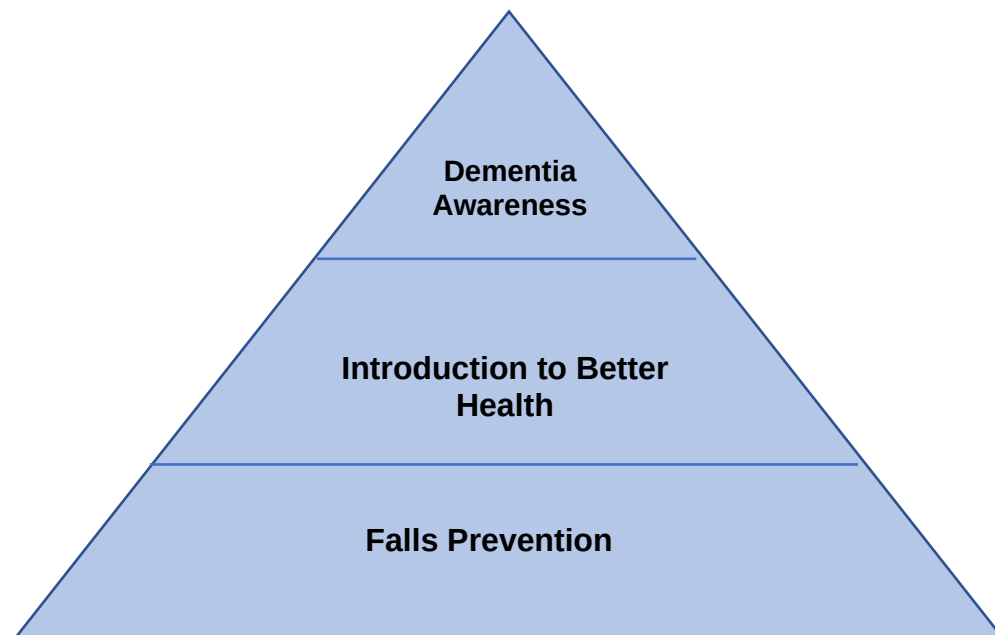
3. Improving Peoples Quality of Life

3.1: Housing Crisis Support

Due to the cost-of-living crisis many people are struggling to cope with bills etc, therefore 123 people have benefitted from our Crisis Support Funds, which supports utility payment, food and white goods. We have also supported the community to claim their council tax rebate.

We still provide food parcels when requested and ensure that our food bank is stocked up.

We have facilitated many activities for the sole purpose of improving the quality of life for service users and the wider communities. Some of the activities are:



We constantly liaise and advocate on individual's behalf to ensure that they are receiving the care and support they are entitled to within their homes and, ensure that

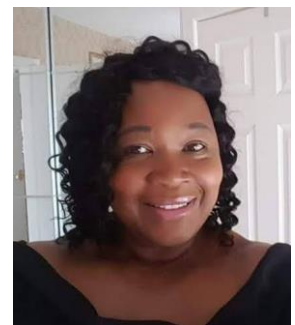
assessments are carried out by social services to improve the quality of life of our service users.

3.2: Health & Wellbeing Event

Our Health & Wellbeing event was a great success. Approximately 53 people attended. The day consisted of keynote speakers presenting their services i.e., Street Team, Sickle Cell & Thalassemia, Inequality in children birth outcomes, Mental Health and Self-Care Management. Also, we had 13 organisations showcasing their services via information stalls.

The event was very well attended and there was opportunity to network and obtain valid information for people to take away with them. Also, the food was excellent.

Evadne Lewin
Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator



Finance

Income & Expenditure Account 2021-2022

Income

Accumulated fund	£2,987.56
Making Connections Walsall (MCW Walsall)	£1,333.35
Walsall Council	£2,034.34
ASC fees	£6,466.65
Day Care- Elderly	£8,475.80
WMBC - Daycare	£588.60
Walsall Women Empowerment	£13,284.88
Big Lottery	£91,796.00
Near Neighbours	£1,015.33
Repayments	£825.01
Charges	£5,878.60
Government Funding	£24,000.00
Walsall MBC	£23,267.69
Loan	£10,000.00
Community Development	£3,750.00
Job Retention Scheme	£8,537.42
Resetting Grant	£4,158.64
Repayments	£2,630.00
Housing Support	£5,000.00
Mental Wellbeing	£5,500.00
Kickstart	£10,030.11

Total Income:	£231,559.98
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Expenditure

Payroll	£146,580.23
Rent & Rates	£503.53
Utilities & Service charges	£2,283.54
Heat & Light	£0.00
Stationery	£1,364.63
Insurance	£5,987.94
Transport & Travel	£3,889.70
Repairs & Maintenance	£4,720.59
Repayments	£10,000.00
Activities & Events	£14,443.00
Postage	£255.75
Professional fees	£10,822.65
Telephone	£2,596.81
Building & Maintenance	£332.80

Food	£7,285.76
Materials & Resource	£5,033.82
Volunteers Expenses	£1,603.33
Petty Cash	£12,400.00
Capital	£1,448.92
Lease agreement	£1,901.33
Counselling Service	£3,560.00
Training	£2,283.97
Women Empowerment	£43.65
Charges	£390.46
T.V. Licence	£159.00
Room Hire	£4,600.00
Care Costs	£876.00
Marketing	£398.00
Housing Support Funding	£3,660.00
Membership	£50.00
Bookkeeping Services	£183.75
Fees	£645.00
Miscellaneous	£358.02

Total Expenditure:	£250,662.18
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Balance:	-£19,102.20
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Balance Brought Forward:	44,816.00
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£25,713.80



WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

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YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

CHARITY NUMBER : 1009687

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WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
Year ended 31 March 2022

		2022	2021
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Restricted			
Big Lottery grant	91,796		150,318
Walsall Council grants :			
Making Connections Walsall grant	4,833		2,667
Kickstart grant	10,030		-
Community Development grant	5,000		-
Adult Social Care grant	8,868		-
Housing Support Fund & Food Bank grant	7,000		-
CE Reset grant	4,159		-
Neighbourhood Natters grant	-		2,642
Baron Davenport grant	-		500
Winter Grant	-		2,000
Womens Empowerment workshop	-		8,934
Police Crime Commission	-		2,533
Heart of England	-		8,000
		131,686	177,593
Unrestricted			
Money Manager Interest	6		-
WBSC Accumulated Fund	17,910		4,453
After School Club Fees	5,357		3,609
Room Hire and Charges	11,396		-
Day care - Elderley	6,865		8,218
HMRC CJRS grants	7,037		14,400
Walsall Council COVID-19 grants	39,500		55,538
Government Apprentice Grant	1,500		-
Charities Aid Foundation grant	-		8,454
		89,571	94,672
		221,257	272,265
Less : Expenditure		230,417	168,449
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		- 9,160	103,817

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Payroll	149,070	111,191
Rent and Rates	305	305
Heat and Light	530	1,448
Stationery	2,790	4,140
Printing	174	97
Postage	545	346
Computer Costs	419	-
Insurance	4,359	4,811
Motor expenses & Travel	6,583	2,614
Repairs and Maintenance	5,269	11,589
Events	16,952	3,776
Professional Fees	9,853	6,362
Membership	85	35
Telephone	2,763	2,232
Training	2,284	3,560
Health and Safety	354	762
Food	7,087	10,973
Materials and Resource	2,098	126
Volunteers Expenses	1,538	914
Sundries	541	351
Marketing	278	173
Lease Agreement	3,100	1,377
TV & Zoom Licence	303	158
Room Hire & charges	4,534	700
Bess Care	-	412
Women Empowerment	386	-
Bank Charges	66	-
Counselling	5,040	-
Crisis support Project	3,110	-
	<u>230,417</u>	<u>168,449</u>

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

BALANCE SHEET

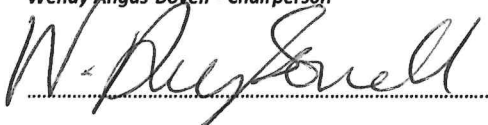
Year ended 31 March 2022

	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Motor Vehicles	32,016		32,016	
Office Equipment	2,738		2,738	
Computer Equipment	8,021		7,322	
		42,775		42,076
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Account	79,337		11,556	
Deposit Account	11		75,005	
Cash in hand	409		310	
		79,757		86,871
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>122,532</u>		<u>128,946</u>
CREDITORS				
HMRC - PAYE		3,196		1,862
NEST Pension		-		-
Attachment of Earnings		26		-
Accruals		2,370		984
		<u>5,592</u>		<u>2,846</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>116,940</u>		<u>126,100</u>
Represented by:-				
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance brought forward		126,101		22,284
Excess of expenditure over income :-		- 9,160		103,817
		<u>116,940</u>		<u>126,101</u>

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Signed on behalf of the trustees :

Wendy Angus-Bovell - Chairperson



Date of Approval
15 February 2023

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

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Neighbourhood Natters grant	-		2,642	
Baron Davenport grant	-		500	
Winter Grant	-		2,000	
Womens Empowerment workshop	-		8,934	
Police Crime Commission	-		2,533	
Heart of England	-		8,000	
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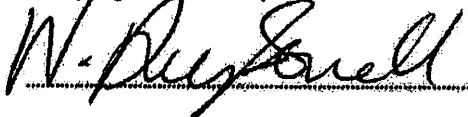
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Signed on behalf of the trustees :

Wendy Angus-Boydell - Chairperson



Date of Approval
15 February 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE
YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022
CHARITY NUMBER 1009657**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 set out on pages 1-3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mrs SD Cooke FCCA

Director

Rice & Co (Brownhills) Ltd

90 High Street

Brownhills

Walsall

WS8 6EW

Date: 15 February 2023

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
Year ended 31 March 2021

		2021		2020
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Restricted				
Big Lottery grant	150,318		60,575	
Making Connections Walsall grant	2,667		3,208	
Womens Empowerment workshop	8,934		19,166	
Walsall Council - Windrush	-		5,000	
Awards for All - Digital	-		9,069	
Public Health - Healthy Weight	-		897	
Victim Fund	-		4,884	
Neighbourhood Natters grants	2,642			
Baron Davenport grant	500			
Winter Grant	2,000		-	
Police Crime Commission	2,533		-	
Heart of England	8,000		-	
		177,593		102,799
Unrestricted				
WBSC Accumulated Fund	4,453		6,578	
ASC Fees	3,609		14,216	
Day care - Elderley	8,218		16,007	
HMRC CJRS grants	14,400		-	
Walsall Council COVID-19 grants	55,538		-	
Charities Aid Foundation grant	8,454		-	
		94,672		36,801
		272,265		139,600
Less : Expenditure		168,449		140,701
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		103,816		- 1,101

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Payroll	111,191	93,489
Rent and Rates	305	301
Heat and Light	1,448	738
Stationery	4,140	1,604
Insurance	4,811	2,871
Transport & Travel	2,614	4,890
Repairs and Maintenance	8,347	820
Events	3,776	11,491
Postage	346	719
Professional Fees	5,610	7,763
Telephone	2,232	2,144
Training	3,560	388
Health and Safety	762	1,053
Food	10,973	4,109
Materials and Resource	126	128
Volunteers Expenses	914	1,708
Sundries	351	53
Marketing	173	149
Bess Care	412	70
Printing	97	757
Lease Agreement	1,377	725
Building - Maintenance/Utilities	1,568	2,400
TV Licence	158	155
Room Hire	700	500
Cleaning/Maintenance	1,674	297
Security	-	1,070
Membership	787	-
Music Licence	-	309
	<u>168,449</u>	<u>140,701</u>

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

BALANCE SHEET

Year ended 31 March 2021

	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Motor Vehicles	32,016		6,766	
Office Equipment	2,738			
Computer Equipment	<u>7,322</u>		<u>7,322</u>	
		42,076		14,088
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Account	11,556		12,761	
Deposit Account	75,005			
Cash in hand	<u>310</u>		<u>711</u>	
		86,871		13,472
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>128,946</u></u>		<u><u>27,560</u></u>
CREDITORS				
HMRC - PAYE		1,862		4,322
NEST Pension		-		-
DWP		-		-
Accruals		<u>984</u>		<u>954</u>
		<u><u>2,846</u></u>		<u><u>5,276</u></u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>126,100</u></u>		<u><u>22,284</u></u>
Represented by:-				
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance brought forward		22,284		23,385
Excess of expenditure over income :-		<u>103,816</u>		<u>- 1,101</u>
		<u><u>126,100</u></u>		<u><u>22,284</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees :

Wendy Angus-Bovell - Chairperson



Sonia McLaughlin - Treasurer



Date of Approval

12 November 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE
YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021
CHARITY NUMBER 1009657**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 1-3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mrs SD Cooke FCCA
Director
Rice & Co (Brownhills) Ltd
90 High Street
Brownhills
Walsall
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12 November 2021