

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1043679

Details

Other names	MERSEYSIDE SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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Status	Registered
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Legal form	Other
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Registered	1995-01-26
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Register	View on the Charity Commission register
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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF MERSEYSIDE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, RELIEVE SICKNESS, RELIEVE POVERTY AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS

Activities: -We provide a community centre that is open 12 hours per day, 7 day week-Lunch club for the elders serving a daily average of 10 breakfasts, 20 lunches and innumerable hot drinks-Advice sessions on: Welfare rights, Health and drugs, Benefits, Jobs and training and Housing.-an advocacy and interpreting service for dealing with the authorities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, 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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MERSEYSIDE
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- St Helens
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£92,455	£80,286	-	-
2024-03-31	£71,584	£138,633	-	-
2023-03-31	£95,631	£150,887	-	-
2022-03-31	£125,263	£172,151	-	-
2021-03-31	£136,321	£194,011	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AHMED ADAN FARAH		2013-01-21
ALI HASSAN MOHAMOUD		2013-03-12
Abdihakim Mohamoud		2022-06-06
DAHIR OMAR SALIH		2013-01-21
MOHAMED HASSAN EGE		2013-01-21
Mohamed Hassan Ibraahim		2022-06-06

Accounts

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Charity Registration No. 1043679

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published (FRS 102) as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To further or benefit the residents of Merseyside without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious, or other opinions by associating together the residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, relieve sickness, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Merseyside Somali and Community Association (MSCA) have had a wonderful full operational with some challenges as result of end of some essential funds that enabled the organisation to deliver its services to those who rely on its service.

However, we did manage to maintain service levels to the exceptional help and support of our staff whom their post seized but decided to continue they work as volunteers and volunteers.

Activities:

Advocacy, advice and information Service:

MSCA has continue delivering this drop-in service three days per week at intake rate of 3-5 individuals accessing service each day. The part-time Community engagement officer, trustees and volunteers have taken the responsibility and redundant Advocacy officer has volunteered to continue his help and support to the service user's ones a week.

In November 2023 we successfully to secure salaries for 3 staff Training and Development Worker, Advocacy Worker and cleaner from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund for 3 years. This has enabled us to full re-instate our staff and resume full scale services in the centre.

Lunch Club:

The lunch club provides nurturing breakfast and lunch meals to 14 elderly service users and more than 25 other centre users 7 days a week. Since MSCA transferred the management of the kitchen to Private caterer the service standard has been upgraded and quality of food has significantly improved.

Socialising activities:

MSCA centre provides space for meaningful social activities in the centre during the afternoon Monday to Friday and 10: AM to 17: PM over the weekend. The activities varied from socialising, playing cards and dominos. Both young older service user have taken part in those activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Youth Work:

MSCA youth worker delivers youth activities to the 7- 19 year olds twice a week in the centre and from number of other venues. The youth engaged in football, basketball, walking sessions and digital play stations games.

We have also delivered Youth educational enhancement programme, where young person has been assisted to make inform decision about their educational choices when they are choosing GCSE subject, A Levels and university choices.

Annual Youth Inspiring Event:

We have delivered another very successful and well attended Youth inspiring event on 1st November 2024. The event was financially supported by Liverpool City Council via "Councillor's Fund"

Financial Situation:

- MSCA has secured £55, 956 Grant over five years via Youth and Community Programme.
- Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund Grant continued for second year.
- £3500 from Councillor's fund toward Youth Inspiring event
- £3295, secured from VOLA toward new Laptops and tablets
- £5000, secured from Pilkington Charitable toward MSCA core running cost.

Staffing:

Staffing Level has been re-instated to its usual level from November 2023 when The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund Grant has been secured.

Future Plans:

- Maintain current level of services
- Applying for further project's core running
- Exploring alternative and sustainable income sources.
- Improving Governance and management via series of training workshops for trustees, staff and volunteers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £92,455 (2024: £71,584) of which £86,463 (2024: £66,947) related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £80,286 (2024: £138,633), including depreciation of £2,486 (2024: £53,690) leaving a surplus in the year of £12,169 (2024: deficit £67,049).

At 31st March 2025 the charity's reserves stood at £26,583 (2024: £14,414); £23,646 (2024: £13,798) of which were restricted funds.

RISK MANAGMENT

The main risks to which the charity is exposed as identified by the Trustees have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

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RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision and one month of running costs should no further funding be received.

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £2,937. The charity requires £361 redundancy provision and £306 for one-month total running costs.

The Trustees are planning to build up the unrestricted reserves through members' donations, fundraising events, and an increased number of small unrestricted grants.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Maintain current level of services
- Applying to extend the National Lottery funding for further 3 Years.
- Exploring alternative and sustainable income sources.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is a registered charity, number 1043679 formed 26th January 1995.

The Governing Document is a constitution adopted on 14th October 1979, and as amended on 13th December 1994 and amended by resolution on 16th March 2013.

The Board of Trustees also forms the Executive Committee which appoints officers who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the association.

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is run by a voluntary Management Committee of six local Somali residents who meet monthly and who spend as much time at the centre as possible.

Agenda items include finance, health & safety and staff reports.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name Merseyside Somali and Community Association

Charity Number 1043679

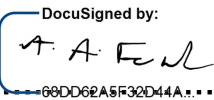
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Liverpool, L7 7HL

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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A Farah – Trustee and Treasurer

29 January 2026
Date:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **Ying Huang** 
 Relevant professional qualification or body: **ACCA**
 Address: **LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH**
 Dated: 30 January 2026

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	2a	-	-	-	987
Charitable activities	2b	5,880	86,463	92,343	70,597
Other trading income	2c	112	-	112	-
Total income		5,992	86,463	92,455	71,584
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	3	3,671	76,615	80,286	138,633
Total expenditure		3,671	76,615	80,286	138,633
Net (expenditure), net movement in funds		2,321	9,848	12,169	(67,049)
Total funds brought forward	9, 10	616	13,798	14,414	81,463
Total funds carried forward	8-10	2,937	23,646	26,583	14,414
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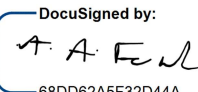
The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of these accounts. The net movement of funds for the year was derived from the continuing activities of the charity.

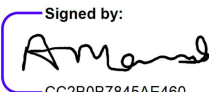
MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	31 st March 2025		31 st March 2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		10,100		9,924
Current assets					
Debtors	5	8,416		8,542	
Cash at bank and in hand		10,024		3,301	
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		18,440		11,843	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,957)		(7,353)	
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Net current assets			16,483		4,490
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Creditors: amounts falling due over one year or more	7		(-)		(-)
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Total net assets less current liabilities			26,583		14,414
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Funds:					
			£		£
Unrestricted funds	8, 9		2,937		616
Restricted funds	8, 10		23,646		13,798
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			26,583		14,414
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29 January 2026

Approved by the Trustees on:

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A Farah - Trustee

Signed by:

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A Mohamoud - Trustee

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019 and Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity can build up the reserves to a level they require to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the charity's operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charity's free reserves available for the trustees to apply in accordance with the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations and general grants which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accrual's basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Fixed Assets

Capital expenditure of £200 and above is stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as below:

Freehold Property	- 10% per annum Straight Line basis
Equipment	- 25% per annum reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% per annum reducing balance basis

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charitable company. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charitable company.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Cost of charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The charity benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

2. Income and endowments from:

a. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	-	-	987
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	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
b. Charitable activities				
Austin Smith Small Grant Award	-	500	500	-
David Lewis Association	-	672	672	-
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	11,167	11,167	9,500
Youth Play Grant	-	-	-	6,000
John Moore Foundation	-	-	-	3,650
Kitchen hire	4,280	-	4,280	5,000
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	-	2,500	2,500	29,994
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	-	-	-	3,500
Liverpool City Council – Councillor's Fund	-	500	500	-
Liverpool City Council – Energy Support	-	5,592	5,592	11,453
Liverpool City Council – Youth & Community Grant	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	1,600	-
Pilkington Charity Foundation	-	3,295	3,295	-
Room hire	1,600	-	-	-
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	-	-	-
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Total	5,880	86,463	92,343	70,597
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Income from charitable activities in 2024 comprised £3,650 unrestricted funds and £66,947 related to restricted funds

c. Other trading activities

	£	£	£	£
Bank charges refund	112	-	112	-
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time.	69,382	10,904	80,286	138,633
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a. Analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>		
Salary staff costs	38,016	52,858
Pension	922	748
Building running costs	16,432	13,642
Sessional fees	10,912	9,430
Volunteer expenses	50	300
Activities and trips	2,000	-
Venue hire	200	-
Donations	-	2,219
Food and refreshments	850	-
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	69,382	79,197
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<i>Support & governance costs:</i>		
Salary staff costs	-	-
Office costs	5,146	3,049
Professional Fees	821	-
Insurance	872	1,189
Bank charges	-	237
Payroll fees	499	481
Accountancy	1,080	790
Depreciation	2,486	53,690
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	10,904	59,436
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Total expenditure on charitable activities	80,286	138,633
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£76,615 (2024: £122,933) of the above expenditure is restricted expenditure

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b. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	38,016	52,858
Social security costs	-	-
Pension	922	748
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	38,938	53,606
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c. Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2025	2024
	0.9	2.1
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: nil)

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services and are not included in the above number of employees.

No out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in the year (2024: £nil)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 st April 2024	528,084	3,725	12,323	544,132
Additions	-	2,662	-	2,662
Disposals	-	-	-	-
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Balance at 31st March 2025	528,084	6,387	12,323	546,794
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Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 st April 2024	522,620	2,923	8,665	534,208
Charge for the year	1,382	372	732	2,486
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Balance at 31 st March 2025	524,002	3,295	9,397	536,694
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Net Book Value at 31st March 2025	4,082	3,092	2,926	10,100
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Net Book Value at 31 st March 2024	5,464	802	3,658	9,924
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There were no material commitments at the year-end (2024: none)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors	58	-
Prepayments	8,358	8,542
	<u>8,416</u>	<u>8,542</u>
	<u><u>8,416</u></u>	<u><u>8,542</u></u>

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,153	1,625
Net salary	276	4,194
Other Creditor	528	1,534
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	1,957	7,353
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	2025 £	2024 £
Other Creditors	-	-
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

2025	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	88	(151)	(63)
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
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	3,088	(151)	2,937
Restricted Funds			
Community Donations	144	-	144
Community Foundation	146	-	146
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	90	-	90
Granby Toxteth Development Trust- Youth Play	-	2,923	2,923
Liverpool City Council	-	1,249	1,249
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	212	-	212
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	329	1,484	1,813
Liverpool City Council – Councillor's Fund	-	700	700
Liverpool City Council – Youth & Community Grant	-	1,799	1,799
National Lottery Awards for All	-	787	787
National Lottery Community Fund	1,786	6,924	8,710
Pilkington Charity Foundation	-	684	684
Skelton Charity	36	-	36
Steve Morgan Foundation	395	-	395
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	1,384	-	1,384
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	2,490	84	2,574
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	7,012	16,634	23,646
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	10,100	16,483	26,583
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MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

2024	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
Unrestricted Funds	£	£	£
General Fund	117	(2,501)	(2,384)
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
	<u>3,117</u>	<u>(2,501)</u>	<u>616</u>
Restricted Funds			
Community Donations	179	-	179
Community Foundation	183	-	183
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	121	-	121
Granby Toxteth Development Trust- Youth Play	-	3,250	3,250
Liverpool City Council	-	1,249	1,249
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	264	-	264
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	411	1,485	1,896
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	-	200	200
National Lottery Awards for All	-	787	787
National Lottery Community Fund	3,377	20	3,397
Skelton Charity	49	-	49
Steve Morgan Foundation	493	-	493
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	1,730	-	1,730
	<u>6,807</u>	<u>6,991</u>	<u>13,798</u>
	<u>9,924</u>	<u>4,490</u>	<u>14,414</u>
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9. Unrestricted Funds

2025	Reserves At beginning of Year	<u>Movements in the year</u>		Reserves at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	(2,384)	5,992	(3,671)	(63)
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	-	3,000
	<u>616</u>	<u>5,992</u>	<u>(3,671)</u>	<u>2,937</u>
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2024	Reserves At beginning of Year	<u>Movements in the year</u>		Reserves at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	8,679	4,637	(15,700)	(2,384)
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	(-)	3,000
	<u>11,679</u>	<u>4,637</u>	<u>(15,700)</u>	<u>616</u>
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General Fund is used to finance the charity's general activities as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

Liverpool City Council – Land Donation – Land donated from Liverpool City Council to build the new building.

10. Restricted Funds

2025	Reserves At beginning of Year	Movements in the year		Reserves at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
Austin Smith Small Grant Award	-	500	(500)	-
Community Donations	179	-	(35)	144
Community Foundation	183	-	(37)	146
David Lewis Association	-	672	(672)	-
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	121	-	(31)	90
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	3,250	11,166	(11,493)	2,923
Youth Play Grant				
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	200	-	(200)	-
Liverpool City Council	1,249	-	-	1,249
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	264	2,500	(2,552)	212
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	1,896	-	(83)	1,813
Liverpool City Council – Councillor's Fund	-	3,500	(2,800)	700
Liverpool City Council – Energy Support	-	500	(500)	-
Liverpool City Council – Youth & Community Grant	-	5,592	(3,793)	1,799
National Lottery Awards for All	787	-	-	787
National Lottery Community Fund	3,397	53,738	(48,425)	8,710
Pilkington Charity Foundation	-	5,000	(4,316)	684
Skelton Charity	49	-	(13)	36
Steve Morgan Foundation	493	-	(98)	395
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	1,730	-	(346)	1,384
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	3,295	(721)	2,574
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	13,798	86,463	(76,615)	23,646
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2024	Reserves At beginning of Year	<u>Movements in the year</u>		Reserves at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
Clothworkers Foundation	3,000	-	(3,000)	-
Community Donations	224	-	(45)	179
Community Foundation	229	-	(46)	183
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	161	-	(40)	121
Granby Toxteth Development Trust				
Youth Play Grant	2,700	9,500	(8,950)	3,250
John Moore Foundation	-	6,000	(6,000)	-
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	200	-	-	200
Liverpool City Council	1,922	-	(673)	1,249
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	2,169	5,000	(6,905)	264
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	514	29,994	(28,612)	1,896
National Lottery Awards for All	2,550	-	(1,763)	787
National Lottery Community Fund	53,156	11,453	(61,212)	3,397
Pilkington Charity Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Skelton Charity	65	-	(16)	49
Steve Morgan Foundation	617	-	(124)	493
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	2,162	-	(432)	1,730
Writing on the Wall Ltd	115	-	(115)	-
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	69,784	66,947	(122,933)	13,798
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These are monies given to the charity to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

Austin Smith Small Grant Award – Contribution towards health & wellbeing promotional activities

Clothworkers Foundation – grant towards the refurbishment of a new community centre capitalised previous year.

Community Donations – funds collected from the community to support the running costs and refurbishment of building

Community Foundation – men's health promotion activities and health and wellbeing activities for women.

David Lewis Association – Contribution towards IT equipment to facilitate student education

Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust – Contribution towards ESOL course and equipment.

Granby Toxteth Development Trust – Contribution towards 'Youth Mental Health' project and youth play.

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Granby Toxteth Development Trust Youth Play Grant – Contribution towards youth play project.

John Moores Foundation – Contribution towards salaries costs

Liverpool City Council – Contribution towards activities

Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant – Funding towards core running costs.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Utilities (heat/light/water)		694
Salaries	1,683	4,022
Payroll Fees	36	-
Telephone/internet	-	113
Sessional Costs	-	100
Repairs	780	450
Insurance	-	1,189
Rates	-	271
Depreciation	53	66
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TOTAL	2,552	6,905
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Liverpool City Council – Community Champions – Contribution towards salaries, interpreting and translation costs

Liverpool City Council – Councillor's Fund – Contribution towards cultural event & project

Liverpool City Council – Energy Support – Contribution towards running costs

Liverpool City Council – Youth & Community Grant – Contribution towards cultural youth provision

Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund – Contribution towards food & refreshments, Room hire, workshops etc.

National Lottery Awards for All – Contribution towards 'Youth Mental Health' project

National Lottery Community Fund – Building Links: upgrading of the facilities to provide a multi-cultural community centre and develop social cohesion through the provision of recreation, social, welfare and learning activities and services. Toward salaries of the Community Development Worker, Project Co-ordinator, the Caretaker and freelance youth worker fees plus project's general cost.

Pilkington Charities Fund – Contribution towards equipment and running costs.

Skelton Charity – Contribution towards equipment and activities

Steve Morgan Foundation – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Contribution towards salaries and core costs

Writing on the Wall Ltd – Contribution towards general costs.

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11. Related Party

There were no material related party transactions during the year which require disclosure.
(2024: None)

12. Guarantees and Other Financial Commitments

There were no financial commitments at the end of the year. (2024: None)

Accounts

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

Charity Registration No. 1043679

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published (FRS 102) as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To further or benefit the residents of Merseyside without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious, or other opinions by associating together the residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, relieve sickness, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Merseyside Somali and Community Association (MSCA) have had a wonderful full operational with some challenges as result of end of some essential funds that enabled the organisation to deliver its services to those who rely on its service.

However, we did manage to maintain service levels to the exceptional help and support of our staff whom their post seized but decided to continue they work as volunteers and volunteers.

Activities:

Advocacy, advice and information Service:

MSCA has continue delivering this drop-in service three days per week at intake rate of 3-5 individuals accessing service each day. The part-time Community engagement officer, trustees and volunteers have taken the responsibility and redundant Advocacy officer has volunteered to continue his help and support to the service user's ones a week.

In November 2023 we successfully to secure salaries for 3 staff Training and Development Worker, Advocacy Worker and cleaner from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund for 3 years. This has enabled us to full re-instate our staff and resume full scale services in the centre.

Community Champion Programme:

The programme has been extended for further year and came to end on 31st March 2024 with a particular focus on children and young people's Covid-19 vaccination and mental health impact of the Covid-19. The Community Champion worker reached out to 315 young persons and managed to persuade the majority of those youngsters to take Covid-19 vaccinations and raised their awareness of mental health impact that they encountered as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Lunch Club:

The lunch club provides nurturing breakfast and lunch meals to 14 elderly service users and more than 25 other centre users 7 days a week. Since MSCA transferred the management of the kitchen to Private caterer the service standard has been upgraded and quality of food has significantly improved.

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Socialising activities:

MSCA centre provides space for meaningful social activities in the centre during the afternoon Monday to Friday and 10: AM to 17: PM over the weekend. The activities varied from socialising, playing cards and dominos. Both young older service user have taken part in those activities.

Youth Work:

MSCA youth worker delivers youth activities to the 7- 19 year olds twice a week in the centre and from number of other venues. The youth engaged in football, basketball, walking sessions and digital play stations games.

We have also delivered Youth educational enhancement programme, where young person has been assisted to make inform decision about their educational choices when they are choosing GCSE subject, A Levels and university choices.

Financial Situation:

MSCA continue delivering its services to community members with the financial support of the Liverpool City Council's Community Resource Unit, The big Lottery fund, Liverpool City Council's Community Champion Programme, Granby Toxteth Development Trust. The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund has been recommenced in November 2023 to cover staff salaries and part of core project's running cost.

Staffing:

Staffing Level has been re-instated to its usual level from November 2023 when The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund Grant has been secured.

We have lost two members of staff due end of Community Champion project.

Future Plans:

- Maintain current level of services
- Applying for further project's core running
- Exploring alternative and sustainable income sources.
- Improving Governance and management via series of training workshops for trustees, staff and volunteers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £71,584 (2023: £95,631) of which £66,947 (2023: £88,199) related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £138,633 (2023: £150,887), including depreciation of £53,690 (2023: £54,008) leaving a deficit in the year of £67,049 (2023: deficit £55,256).

At 31st March 2024 the charity's reserves stood at £14,414 (2023: £81,463); £13,798 (2023: £69,784) of which were restricted funds.

RISK MANAGMENT

The main risks to which the charity is exposed as identified by the Trustees have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision and one month of running costs should no further funding be received.

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £616. The charity requires £459 redundancy provision and £1,308 for one-month total running costs.

The Trustees are planning to build up the unrestricted reserves through members' donations, fundraising events, and an increased number of small unrestricted grants.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Maintain current level of services
- Applying to extend the National Lottery funding for further 3 Years.
- Exploring alternative and sustainable income sources.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is a registered charity, number 1043679 formed 26th January 1995.

The Governing Document is a constitution adopted on 14th October 1979, and as amended on 13th December 1994 and amended by resolution on 16th March 2013.

The Board of Trustees also forms the Executive Committee which appoints officers who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the association.

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is run by a voluntary Management Committee of six local Somali residents who meet monthly and who spend as much time at the centre as possible.

Agenda items include finance, health & safety and staff reports.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	Merseyside Somali and Community Association
Charity Number	1043679
Address & Office	145 Granby Street Liverpool L8 2UR
Trustees	M H Ege A Farah Treasurer M H Ibraahim A Mohamoud Chair Ali H Mohamoud D O Salih Secretary
Independent Examiner	Ying Huang ACCA LCVS 151 Dale Street Liverpool, L2 2AH
Bankers	NatWest Bank 5 Oxford Street, Liverpool, L7 7HL

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

..A. A. Farah

A Farah – Trustee and Treasurer

Date: ..11.10.2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **Ying Huang**



Relevant professional qualification or body: **ACCA**

Address: **LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH**

Dated: 12/11/2024.....

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Income and endowments		£	£	£	£
from:					
Donations and Legacies	2a	987	-	987	1,329
Charitable activities	2b	3,650	66,947	70,597	92,579
Other trading income	2c	-	-	-	1,723
Total income		4,637	66,947	71,584	95,631
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	3	15,700	122,933	138,633	150,887
Total expenditure		15,700	122,933	138,633	150,887
Net (expenditure), net movement in funds		(11,063)	(55,986)	(67,049)	(55,256)
Total funds brought forward	9, 10	11,679	69,784	81,463	136,719
Total funds carried forward	8-10	616	13,798	14,414	81,463

The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of these accounts. The net movement of funds for the year was derived from the continuing activities of the charity.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	31 st March 2024 £	31 st March 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	9,924	63,614
Current assets			
Debtors	5	8,542	6,171
Cash at bank and in hand		3,301	122,428
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		11,843	128,599
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(7,353)	(14,500)
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Net current assets		4,490	114,099
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Creditors: amounts falling due over one year or more	7	(-)	(96,250)
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Total net assets less current liabilities		14,414	81,463
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Funds:			
		£	£
Unrestricted funds	8, 9	616	11,679
Restricted funds	8, 10	13,798	69,784
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		14,414	136,719
		=====	=====

Approved by the Trustees on: 11 OCTOBER 2024

A. A. Farah
A Farah - Trustee

A. Mohamoud
A Mohamoud - Trustee

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019 and Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity can build up the reserves to a level they require to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the charity's operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charity's free reserves available for the trustees to apply in accordance with the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations and general grants which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accrual's basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Fixed Assets

Capital expenditure of £200 and above is stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as below:

Freehold Property	- 10% per annum Straight Line basis
Equipment	- 25% per annum reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% per annum reducing balance basis

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charitable company. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charitable company.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Cost of charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The charity benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

2. Income and endowments from:

a. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations	987	-	987	3,052
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	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
b. Charitable activities				
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	9,500	9,500	6,000
Youth Play Grant	-	6,000	6,000	-
John Moore Foundation	-	-	-	3,900
Kitchen hire	3,650	-	3,650	39,992
Liverpool City Council	-	-	-	3,600
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	-	-	-	5,000
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	-	29,994	29,994	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	11,453	11,453	15,107
Pilkington Charity Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Room hire	-	-	-	480
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	16,000
Writing on the Wall Ltd	-	-	-	2,500
Total	3,650	66,947	70,597	92,579
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Income from charitable activities in 2023 comprised £4,380 unrestricted funds and £88,199 related to restricted funds

	£	£	£	£
c. Other trading activities				
Fundraising Income	-	-	-	1,723
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MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time.	79,197	59,436	138,633	150,887
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a. Analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>		
Salary staff costs	52,858	57,037
Pension	748	1,013
Building running costs	13,642	17,595
Sessional fees	9,430	3,800
Somali Appeal	-	1,750
Volunteer expenses	300	500
Activities and trips	-	500
Venue hire	-	860
Event Costs	-	3,985
Donations	2,219	-
Food and refreshments	-	1,177
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	79,197	88,217
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<i>Support & governance costs:</i>		
Salary staff costs	-	1,426
Office costs	3,049	2,251
Travel expenses	-	612
Insurance	1,189	1,243
Sundry expenses	-	300
Bad Debts	-	1,389
Bank charges	237	245
Payroll fees	481	446
Accountancy	790	750
Depreciation	53,690	54,008
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	59,436	62,670
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Total expenditure on charitable activities	138,633	150,887
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£122,933 (2023: £150,887) of the above expenditure is restricted expenditure

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b. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	52,858	58,463
Social security costs	-	-
Pension	748	1,013
	<u>53,606</u>	<u>59,476</u>
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c. Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2024	2023
	2.1	2.1
Charitable activities	<u>2.1</u>	<u>2.1</u>
	=====	=====

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: nil)

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services and are not included in the above number of employees.

No out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in the year (2023: £nil)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 st April 2023	528,084	3,725	12,323	544,132
	<u>528,084</u>	<u>3,725</u>	<u>12,323</u>	<u>544,132</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Balance at 31st March 2024	528,084	3,725	12,323	544,132
	<u>528,084</u>	<u>3,725</u>	<u>12,323</u>	<u>544,132</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 st April 2023	470,111	2,656	7,751	480,518
Charge for the year	52,509	267	914	53,690
	<u>522,620</u>	<u>2,923</u>	<u>8,665</u>	<u>534,208</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Balance at 31st March 2024	522,620	2,923	8,665	534,208
	<u>522,620</u>	<u>2,923</u>	<u>8,665</u>	<u>534,208</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Net Book Value at 31st March 2024	5,464	802	3,658	9,924
	<u>5,464</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>3,658</u>	<u>9,924</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Net Book Value at 31st March 2023	57,973	1,069	4,572	63,614
	<u>57,973</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>4,572</u>	<u>63,614</u>
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There were no material commitments at the year-end (2023: none)

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5. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	8,542	6,171
	=====	=====

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	1,625	750
Net salary	4,194	-
Other Creditor	1,534	13,750
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	7,353	14,500
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7. Creditors: amounts falling due over one year or more

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Creditors	-	96,250
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	-	96,250
	=====	=====

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

2024	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	117	(2,501)	(2,384)
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
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	3,117	(2,501)	616
Restricted Funds			
Community Donations	179	-	179
Community Foundation	183	-	183
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	121	-	121
Granby Toxteth Development Trust- Youth Play	-	3,250	3,250
Liverpool City Council	-	1,249	1,249
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	264	-	264
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	411	1,485	1,896
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	-	200	200
National Lottery Awards for All	-	787	787
National Lottery Community Fund	3,377	20	3,397
Skelton Charity	49	-	49
Steve Morgan Foundation	493	-	493
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	1,730	-	1,730
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	6,807	6,991	13,798
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	9,924	4,490	14,414
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

2023	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	156	8,523	8,679
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
	<u>3,156</u>	<u>8,523</u>	<u>11,679</u>
		-	
Restricted Funds			
Clothworkers Foundation	3,000	-	3,000
Community Donations	224	-	224
Community Foundation	229	-	229
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	161	-	161
Granby Toxteth Development Trust- Youth Play	-	2,700	2,700
Liverpool City Council	-	1,922	1,922
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	330	1,839	2,169
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	514	-	514
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	-	200	200
National Lottery Awards for All	-	2,550	2,550
National Lottery Community Fund	53,156	-	53,156
Skelton Charity	65	-	65
Steve Morgan Foundation	617	-	617
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	2,162	-	2,162
Writing on the Wall Ltd	-	115	115
	<u>60,458</u>	<u>9,326</u>	<u>69,784</u>
	<u>63,614</u>	<u>17,849</u>	<u>81,463</u>
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9. Unrestricted Funds

2024	Reserves At beginning of Year £	Movements in the year		Reserves at end of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
General Fund	8,679	4,637	(15,700)	(2,384)
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	(-)	3,000
	<u>11,679</u>	<u>4,637</u>	<u>(15,700)</u>	<u>616</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====

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2023	Reserves At beginning of Year £	Movements in the year		Reserves at end of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
General Fund	1,247	7,432	(-)	8,679
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	(-)	3,000
	<u>4,247</u>	<u>7,432</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>11,679</u>
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General Fund is used to finance the charity's general activities as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

Liverpool City Council – Land Donation – Land donated from Liverpool City Council to build the new building.

10. Restricted Funds

2024	Reserves At beginning of Year £	Movements in the year		Reserves at end of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Clothworkers Foundation	3,000	-	(3,000)	-
Community Donations	224	-	(45)	179
Community Foundation	229	-	(46)	183
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	161	-	(40)	121
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	2,700	9,500	(8,950)	3,250
Youth Play Grant	-	6,000	(6,000)	-
John Moore Foundation	-	6,000	(6,000)	-
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	200	-	-	200
Liverpool City Council	1,922	-	(673)	1,249
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	2,169	5,000	(6,905)	264
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	514	29,994	(28,612)	1,896
National Lottery Awards for All	2,550	-	(1,763)	787
National Lottery Community Fund	53,156	11,453	(61,212)	3,397
Pilkington Charity Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Skelton Charity	65	-	(16)	49
Steve Morgan Foundation	617	-	(124)	493
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	2,162	-	(432)	1,730
Writing on the Wall Ltd	115	-	(115)	-
	<u>69,784</u>	<u>66,947</u>	<u>(122,933)</u>	<u>13,798</u>
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2023	Reserves At beginning of Year £	Movements in the year		Reserves at end of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Clothworkers Foundation	6,000	-	(3,000)	3,000
Community Donations	280	-	(56)	224
Community Foundation	286	-	(57)	229
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	215	-	(54)	161
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Granby Toxteth Development Trust Youth Play Grant	-	6,000	(3,300)	2,700
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	-	3,600	(3,400)	200
Liverpool City Council	-	39,992	(38,070)	1,922
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	413	5,000	(3,244)	2,169
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions Mayoral Fund	643	-	(129)	514
National Lottery Awards for All	5,507	-	(5,507)	-
	2,550	-	-	2,550
National Lottery Community Fund	103,018	15,107	(64,969)	53,156
Skelton Charity	87	-	(22)	65
Steve Morgan Foundation	771	-	(154)	617
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	2,702	16,000	(16,540)	2,162
Writing on the Wall Ltd	-	2,500	(2,385)	115
	<u>132,472</u>	<u>88,199</u>	<u>(150,887)</u>	<u>69,784</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====

These are monies given to the charity to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

Clothworkers Foundation – grant towards the refurbishment of a new community centre capitalised previous year.

Community Donations – funds collected from the community to support the running costs and refurbishment of building

Community Foundation – men's health promotion activities and health and wellbeing activities for women.

Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust – Contribution towards ESOL course and equipment.

Granby Toxteth Development Trust – Contribution towards 'Youth Mental Health' project and youth play.

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Granby Toxteth Development Trust Youth Play Grant – Contribution towards youth play project.

John Moores Foundation – Contribution towards salaries costs

Liverpool City Council – Contribution towards activities

Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant – Funding towards core running costs.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Utilities (heat/light/water)	694	1,484
Salaries	4,022	1,042
Telephone/internet	113	-
Sessional Costs	100	-
Event Costs	-	635
Repairs	450	-
Insurance	1,189	-
Rates	271	-
Accountancy	-	-
Depreciation	66	83
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TOTAL	6,905	3,244
	=====	=====

Liverpool City Council – Community Champions – Contribution towards salaries, interpreting and translation costs

Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund – Contribution towards food & refreshments, Room hire, workshops etc.

National Lottery Awards for All – Contribution towards 'Youth Mental Health' project

National Lottery Community Fund – Building Links: upgrading of the facilities to provide a multi-cultural community centre and develop social cohesion through the provision of recreation, social, welfare and learning activities and services. Toward salaries of the Community Development Worker, Project Co-ordinator, the Caretaker and freelance youth worker fees plus project's general cost.

Pilkington Charities Fund – Contribution towards equipment and running costs.

Skelton Charity – Contribution towards equipment and activities

Steve Morgan Foundation – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Contribution towards salaries and core costs

Writing on the Wall Ltd – Contribution towards general costs.

11. Related Party

There were no material related party transactions during the year which require disclosure. (2023: None)

12. Guarantees and Other Financial Commitments

There were no financial commitments at the end of the year. (2023: None)

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

(This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements)

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Grant income	66,947	88,199
Donations	987	1,329
Fundraising	-	1,723
Kitchen hire	3,650	3,900
Room hire	-	480
Total Income	71,584	95,631
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff salaries costs	52,858	58,463
Pension	748	1,013
Heat and light	9,161	6,633
Rates	271	1,400
Telephone and internet	2,100	1,935
Water	1,091	659
Printing, postage, stationery	949	316
Sessional fees	9,430	3,800
Volunteer expenses	300	500
Activities and trips	-	500
Event Costs	-	3,985
Donations	2,219	-
Travel expenses	-	612
Insurance	1,189	1,243
Food and refreshments	-	1,177
Repairs	2,496	7,988
Cleaning and waste removal	623	915
Venue hire	-	860
Somali Appeal	-	1,750
Sundry expenses	-	300
Bad Debts	-	1,389
Bank charges	237	245
Payroll fees	481	446
Accountancy	790	750
Depreciation	53,690	54,008
Total expenditure on charitable activities	138,633	150,887
Net (expenditure) for the year	(67,049)	(55,256)

Accounts

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

Charity Registration No. 1043679

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published (FRS 102) as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To further or benefit the residents of Merseyside without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious, or other opinions by associating together the residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, relieve sickness, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Merseyside Somali and Community Association (MSCA) had gone through another year with many challenges post Covid-19. The rise of cost of living crisis impacted MSCA and its service users which led to notable increase in service demand with diminishing resources.

MSCA has returned to its full operational capacity during the 2022/23 financial year and delivered services that are essential to its beneficiaries. However, the core staff salaries grant has come to end on 31/10/2022 that resulted the loss of two important officers, the training and Community development officer and advocacy officer. Both officers, have kindly continue delivering their service on voluntary basis at no cost to community member.

Activities:

Advocacy, advice and information Service:

MSCA has continue delivering this drop-in service three days per week at intake rate of 3-5 individuals accessing service each day. The part-time Community engagement officer, trustees and volunteers have taken the responsibility after the Advocacy officer made redundant. The Advocacy officer has volunteered -as I mentioned above- to continue deliver those services once a week.

Community Champion Programme:

The programme has been extended for a further year with a particular focus on children and young people's Covid-19 vaccination and mental health impact of the Covid-19. The Community Champion worker reached out to 700 young persons and managed to persuade the majority of those youngsters to take Covid-19 vaccinations and raised their awareness of mental health impact that they encountered as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Lunch Club:

The lunch club provides nurturing breakfast and lunch meals to 14 elderly service users and more than 25 other centre users 7 days a week. Since MSCA transferred the management of the kitchen to Private caterer the service standard has been upgraded and quality of food has significantly improved.

Socialising activities:

MSCA centre provides space for meaningful social activities in the centre during the afternoon Monday to Friday and 10: AM to 17: PM over the weekend. The activities varied from

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socialising, playing cards and dominos. Both young older service user take part in those activities.

Youth Work:

MSCA youth worker delivers youth activities to the 7- 19 year olds once a week in the centre and from number of other venues. The youth engaged in football, basketball, walking sessions and digital play stations games.

Financial Situation:

MSCA continue delivering its services to community members with the financial support of the Liverpool City Council's Community Resource Unit, The big Lottery fund, Liverpool City Council's Community Champion Programme, Trust House Charity Foundation, Granby Toxteth Development Trust. The third year's funding period of Big Lottery Fund ended in October 2022 while Trust House Charity Foundation fund ended in January 2023. Also, during the financial 2022/23 MSCA has successfully secured Investment Loan from Kinder to setup Somali Taxi Project which would contribute to the creation of employment opportunities to number of Somali Community Members.

Staffing:

Staffing Level has been scaled down from November 2022 when the Training and Community Development Officer and Advocacy Worker made redundant after Big Lottery Fund ceased. Currently only operates with one part-time Community Engagement Officer and Part-time cleaner.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £95,631 (2022: £125,263) of which £88,199 (2022: £123,303) related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £150,887 (2022: £172,151), including depreciation of £54,008 (2022: £53,842) leaving a deficit in the year of £55,256 (2022: deficit £46,888).

At 31st March 2023 the charity's reserves stood at £81,463 (2022: £136,719); £69,784 (2022: £132,472) of which were restricted funds.

RISK MANAGMENT

The main risks to which the charity is exposed as identified by the Trustees have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision and one month of running costs should no further funding be received.

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £11,679. The charity requires £0 redundancy provision and £1,466 for one-month total running costs.

The Trustees are planning to build up the unrestricted reserves through members' donations, fundraising events, and an increased number of small unrestricted grants.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Maintain current level of services
- Applying to extend the Big Lottery funding for further 3 Years.

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- Exploring alternative and sustainable income sources.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is a registered charity, number 1043679 formed 26th January 1995.

The Governing Document is a constitution adopted on 14th October 1979, and as amended on 13th December 1994 and amended by resolution on 16th March 2013.

The Board of Trustees also forms the Executive Committee which appoints officers who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the association.

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is run by a voluntary Management Committee of six local Somali residents who meet monthly and who spend as much time at the centre as possible.

Agenda items include finance, health & safety and staff reports.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	Merseyside Somali and Community Association		
Charity Number	1043679		
Address & Office	145 Granby Street Liverpool L8 2UR		
Trustees	M H Ege		
	A Farah	Treasurer	
	M H Ibraahim		(Appointed 6 th June 2022)
	A Mohamoud	Chair	(Appointed 6 th June 2022)
	Ali H Mohamoud		
	D O Salih	Secretary	
	H Warsame		(Resigned 19 th April 2022)
Independent Examiner	Paula Sanchez ACCA C/o LCVS 151 Dale Street Liverpool, L2 2AH		
Bankers	NatWest Bank 5 Oxford Street, Liverpool, L7 7HL		

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A. A. Farah
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A Farah – Trustee and Treasurer

Date: 3rd November 2023
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: **Paula Sanchez**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **ACCA**

Address: **c/o LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH**

Dated: 7 November 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Income and endowments from:		£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	2a	1,329	-	1,329	-
Charitable activities	2b	4,380	88,199	92,579	125,263
Other trading income	2c	1,723	-	1,723	-
Total income		7,432	88,199	95,631	125,263
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	3	-	150,887	150,887	172,151
Total expenditure		-	150,887	150,887	172,151
Net income/(expenditure), net movement in funds		7,432	(62,688)	(55,256)	(46,888)
Total funds brought forward	9, 10	4,247	132,472	136,719	183,607
Total funds carried forward	8-10	11,679	69,784	81,463	136,719
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The notes on pages 8 to 21 form part of these accounts. The net movement of funds for the year was derived from the continuing activities of the charity.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	31 st March 2023 £	31 st March 2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	63,614	117,622
Current assets			
Debtors	5	6,171	3,678
Cash at bank and in hand		122,428	16,641
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		128,599	20,319
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(14,500)	(1,222)
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Net current assets		114,099	19,097
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Creditors: amounts falling due over one year or more	7	(96,250)	(-)
		-----	-----
Total net assets less current liabilities		81,463	136,719
		=====	=====
Funds:			
		£	£
Unrestricted funds	8, 9	11,679	4,247
Restricted funds	8, 10	69,784	132,472
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		81,463	136,719
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Approved by the Trustees on: 3rd November 2023


A Farah - Trustee


A Mohamoud - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019 and Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the charity's operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charity's free reserves available for the trustees to apply in accordance with the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations and general grants which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accrual's basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Fixed Assets

Capital expenditure of £200 and above is stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as below:

Freehold Property	- 10% per annum Straight Line basis
Equipment	- 25% per annum reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% per annum reducing balance basis

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Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charitable company. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charitable company.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Cost of charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The charity benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

2. Income and endowments from:

a. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations	3,052	-	3,052	-
	=====	=====	=====	=====
	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
b. Charitable activities				
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	-	-	12,000
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	6,000	6,000	-
Youth Play Grant				
Kitchen hire	3,900	-	3,900	560
Liverpool City Council	-	39,992	39,992	500
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	-	3,600	3,600	-
Liverpool City Council –				
Communities Resource Grant	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Liverpool City Council – Community				
Champions	-	-	-	39,992
Liverpool City Council (Youth				
Inspiring)	-	-	-	2,050
Mayoral Fund	-	-	-	6,217
National Lottery Awards for All	-	-	-	9,560
National Lottery Community Fund	-	15,107	15,107	31,984
Room hire	480	-	480	1,400
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
Writing on the Wall Ltd	-	2,500	2,500	-
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Total	4,380	88,199	92,579	125,263
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Income from charitable activities in 2022 comprised £1,960 unrestricted funds and £123,303 related to restricted funds

c. Other trading activities

	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Income	1,723	-	1,723	-
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3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time.	88,217	62,670	150,887	172,151
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a. Analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>		
Salary staff costs	57,037	59,801
Pension	1,013	1,317
Building running costs	17,595	15,447
Sessional fees	3,800	22,427
Somali Appeal	1,750	-
Kitchen costs	-	1,040
Volunteer expenses	500	200
Activities and trips	500	4,930
Venue hire	860	1,480
Event Costs	3,985	-
Speaker fees	-	340
Food and refreshments	1,177	1,593
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	88,217	108,575
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<i>Support & governance costs:</i>	£	£
Salary staff costs	1,426	2,443
Office costs	2,251	2,325
Travel expenses	612	18
Consultancy fees	-	1,000
Professional fees	-	1,100
Insurance	1,243	1,006
Website costs	-	73
Training	-	280
Sundry expenses	300	31
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	236
Bad Debts	1,389	-
Bank charges	245	21
Payroll fees	446	381
Accountancy	750	820
Depreciation	54,008	53,842
	62,670	63,576
	150,887	172,151

£150,887 (2022: £171,098) of the above expenditure is restricted expenditure

b. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	58,463	62,244
Social security costs	-	-
Pension	1,013	1,317
	59,476	63,561

c. Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2022	2022
	2.1	2.6

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022: nil)

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services and are not included in the above number of employees.

No out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in the year (2022: £nil)

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4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 st April 2022	528,084	3,725	12,323	544,132
Balance at 31st March 2023	528,084	3,725	12,323	544,132
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 st April 2022	417,603	2,299	6,608	426,510
Charge for the year	52,508	357	1,143	54,008
Balance at 31st March 2023	470,111	2,656	7,751	480,518
Net Book Value at 31st March 2023	57,973	1,069	4,572	63,614
Net Book Value at 31 st March 2022	110,481	1,426	5,715	117,622

There were no material commitments at the year-end (2022: none)

5. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	6,171	3,678

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	750	1,097
Net salary	-	125
Other Creditor	13,750	-
	14,500	1,222

7. Creditors: amounts falling due over one year or more

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Creditors	96,250	-
	96,250	-

Other Creditors includes a loan from Kindred of £110,000 payable from October 2023 over 48 months.

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8. Analysis of net assets between funds

2023	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	156	8,523	8,679
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
	3,156	8,523	11,679
		-	
Restricted Funds			
Clothworkers Foundation	3,000	-	3,000
Community Donations	224	-	224
Community Foundation	229	-	229
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	161	-	161
Granby Toxteth Development Trust- Youth Play	-	2,700	2,700
Liverpool City Council	-	1,922	1,922
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	330	1,839	2,169
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	514	-	514
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	-	200	200
National Lottery Awards for All	-	2,550	2,550
National Lottery Community Fund	53,156	-	53,156
Skelton Charity	65	-	65
Steve Morgan Foundation	617	-	617
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	2,162	-	2,162
Writing on the Wall Ltd	-	115	115
	60,458	9,326	69,784
	63,614	17,849	81,463
2022	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	207	1,040	1,247
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
	3,207	1,040	4,247
		-	
Restricted Funds			
Clothworkers Foundation	6,000	-	6,000
Community Donations	280	-	280
Community Foundation	286	-	286
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	215	-	215
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource	413	-	413

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Restricted Funds (continue)

Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	643	-	643
Mayoral Fund	-	5,507	5,507
National Lottery Awards for All	-	2,550	2,550
National Lottery Community Fund	103,018	-	103,018
Skelton Charity	87	-	87
Steve Morgan Foundation	771	-	771
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	2,702	-	2,702
	<u>114,415</u>	<u>18,057</u>	<u>132,472</u>
	<u>117,622</u>	<u>19,097</u>	<u>136,719</u>
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9. Unrestricted Funds

2023	Funds At beginning of Year	<u>Movements in the year</u>		Funds at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	1,247	7,432	(-)	8,679
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	(-)	3,000
	<u>4,247</u>	<u>7,432</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>11,679</u>
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2022	Funds At beginning of Year	<u>Movements in the year</u>		Funds at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	340	1,960	(1,053)	1,247
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	(-)	3,000
	<u>3,340</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>(1,053)</u>	<u>4,247</u>
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General Fund is used to finance the charity's general activities as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

Liverpool City Council – Land Donation – Land donated from Liverpool City Council to build the new building

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10. Restricted Funds

2023	Funds At beginning of Year	<u>Movements in the year</u>		Funds at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
Clothworkers Foundation	6,000	-	(3,000)	3,000
Community Donations	280	-	(56)	224
Community Foundation	286	-	(57)	229
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	215	-	(54)	161
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Granby Toxteth Development Trust Youth Play Grant	-	6,000	(3,300)	2,700
Liverpool City Council Mayoral Fund	-	3,600	(3,400)	200
Liverpool City Council	-	39,992	(38,070)	1,922
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	413	5,000	(3,244)	2,169
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	643	-	(129)	514
Mayoral Fund	5,507	-	(5,507)	-
National Lottery Awards for All	2,550	-	-	2,550
National Lottery Community Fund	103,018	15,107	(64,969)	53,156
Skelton Charity	87	-	(22)	65
Steve Morgan Foundation	771	-	(154)	617
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	2,702	16,000	(16,540)	2,162
Writing on the Wall Ltd	-	2,500	(2,385)	115
	<u>132,472</u>	<u>88,199</u>	<u>(150,887)</u>	<u>69,784</u>
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MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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2022	<u>Movements in the year</u>			
	Funds	Income	Expenditure	Funds
	At beginning of Year £	£	£	at end of Year £
Beautiful Ideas Co	3,000	-	(3,000)	-
CAF	163	-	(163)	-
Clothworkers Foundation	9,000	-	(3,000)	6,000
Community Donations	350	-	(70)	280
Community Foundation	358	-	(72)	286
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	2,154	-	(1,939)	215
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	12,000	(2,000)	10,000
John Moores Foundation	3,667	-	(3,667)	-
Liverpool City Council	-	500	(500)	-
Liverpool City Council Austin Smith	350	-	(350)	-
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	36	5,000	(4,623)	413
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	-	39,992	(39,349)	643
Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund)	689	-	(689)	-
Liverpool City Council (Youth Inspiring)	-	2,050	(2,050)	-
Liverpool City Region Cares	1,024	-	(1,024)	-
Martin Lewis	901	-	(901)	-
Mayoral Fund	-	6,217	(710)	5,507
National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,560	(7,010)	2,550
National Lottery Community Fund	154,066	31,984	(83,032)	103,018
Pilkington Charities Fund	486	-	(486)	-
Postcode Lottery	1,208	-	(1,208)	-
Police Property Act	320	-	(320)	-
Skelton Charity	115	-	(28)	87
Steve Morgan Foundation	964	-	(193)	771
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	1,016	16,000	(14,314)	2,702
Youth Play	400	-	(400)	-
	<u>180,267</u>	<u>123,303</u>	<u>(171,098)</u>	<u>132,472</u>
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These are monies given to the charity to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

Beautiful Ideas Co – Towards community health needs research

CAF– Towards projects core running costs

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Clothworkers Foundation – grant towards the refurbishment of a new community centre capitalised previous year.

Community Donations – funds collected from the community to support the running costs and refurbishment of building

Community Foundation – men’s health promotion activities and health and wellbeing activities for women.

Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust – Contribution towards ESOL course and equipment.

Granby Toxteth Development Trust – Contribution towards ‘Youth Mental Health’ project and youth play

Granby Toxteth Development Trust Youth Play Grant– Contribution towards youth play project.

John Moores Foundation – Contribution towards salaries costs

Liverpool City Council – Contribution towards activities

Liverpool City Council Austin Smith – Towards the cost of PEP as response to covid-19

Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant – Funding towards core running costs.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Travel	-	8
Activities	-	1,757
Utilities (heat/light/water)	1,484	528
Salaries	1,042	-
Cleaning & Waste Removal	-	22
Telephone/internet	-	325
Repairs	-	464
Event Costs	635	-
Stationery	-	30
Professional fees	-	500
Rates	-	261
Accountancy	-	700
Depreciation	83	28
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TOTAL	3,244	4,623
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Liverpool City Council – Community Champions – Contribution towards salaries, interpreting and translation costs

Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund) – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Liverpool City Council (Youth Inspiring) – Contribution towards ‘Youth Inspired’ events

Liverpool City Region Cares – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19 and projects core costs

Mayoral Fund – Contribution towards food & refreshments, Room hire, workshops etc.

Martin Lewis – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

National Lottery Awards for All – Contribution towards ‘Youth Mental Health’ project

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National Lottery Community Fund – Building Links: upgrading of the facilities to provide a multi-cultural community centre and develop social cohesion through the provision of recreation, social, welfare and learning activities and services. Toward salaries of the Community Development Worker, Project Co-ordinator, the Caretaker and freelance youth worker fees plus project's general cost.

Pilkington Charities Fund – Contribution towards equipment and running costs.

Postcode Lottery – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Police Property Act – Crime prevention cost as a response to covid-19

Skelton Charity – Contribution towards equipment and activities

Steve Morgan Foundation – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Contribution towards salaries and core costs

Writing on the Wall Ltd – Contribution towards general costs

Youth Play – for youth activities and freelance youth worker fee

11. Related Party

There were no material related party transactions during the year which require disclosure.
(2022: None)

12. Guarantees and Other Financial Commitments

There were no financial commitments at the end of the year. (2022: None)

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

(This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements)

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME		
Grant income	88,199	123,303
Donations	1,329	-
Fundraising	1,723	-
Kitchen hire	3,900	560
Room hire	480	1,400
Total Income	95,631	125,263
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff salaries costs	58,463	62,244
Pension	1,013	1,317
Heat and light	6,633	2,536
Rates	1,400	261
Telephone and internet	1,935	1,552
Water	659	1,262
Printing, postage, stationery	316	773
Sessional fees	3,800	22,767
Kitchen costs	-	1,040
Volunteer expenses	500	200
Activities and trips	500	4,930
Event Costs	3,985	-
Consultancy fees	-	1,000
Professional fees	-	1,100
Travel expenses	612	18
Insurance	1,243	1,006
Food and refreshments	1,177	1,593
Repairs	7,988	11,366
Cleaning and waste removal	915	22
Venue hire	860	1,480
Training	-	280
Somali Appeal	1,750	-
Sundry expenses	300	31
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	236
Bad Debts	1,389	-
Computer costs	-	73
Bank charges	245	21
Payroll fees	446	381
Accountancy	750	820
Depreciation	54,008	53,842
Total expenditure on charitable activities	150,887	172,151
Net (expenditure) for the year	(55,256)	(46,888)

Accounts

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Charity Registration No. 1043679

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published (FRS 102) as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To further or benefit the residents of Merseyside without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious, or other opinions by associating together the residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, relieve sickness, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Merseyside Somali and Community Association (MSCA) has continued to deliver its services to its beneficiaries and service users in another challenging year where the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was still rigid and apparent.

The dedication of our staff and volunteers and generosity of our respected funders have made the impossible possible and achievable.

The relaxation of Covid-19 restriction enabled MSCA to gradually resume some of the suspended activities such as the day centre service, leisure, and socialising activities in November 2021. One-to-one advice and advocacy were fully re-instated from the centre.

Training sessions and youth activities are fully resumed though some were still delivered online and via zoom to accommodate the largest number of participants.

Women ESOL and sewing classes yet to be recommenced due to the poor health of the volunteer who leading these activities and we are doing our best to recruit a replacement.

The Community Champion Project: - Community Champion project was one of our greatest achievements this year alongside our Partner organisation Kaalmo Youth Development. The project has enhanced, and increased Covid-19 vaccination up take. MSCA has recruited two competitive and professional community champion outreach workers that educated community members about the benefits of having Covid-19 vaccinations, corrected misconceptions, and myths about covid-19 vaccinations. The outreach worker worked in partnership with other community champion outreach workers from another eleven community organisations delivering the community champion programme across the city.

Youth Mental health Awareness Sessions: - MSCA has successfully delivered Youth mental health awareness sessions between August 2021 and February 2022 to raise youth mental health awareness as a direct impact of Covid-19 pandemic this was widely attended by the youth aged between 12 to 19 years old. The sessions were delivered by our experienced mental health Practitioners and freelance youth worker. Those sessions have been funded by the National Lottery Award for All and Granby Toxteth Consortium.

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Youth Educational Enhancement & Parents educational Awareness: - Awareness sessions were the aim is to improving educational choices and enabling them to make the right choices when they are choosing their GCSE subjects that fulfil their potentials. It is also guides participants in taking the right paths to higher education by making informed and right choice. Graduate Somalis trainers have delivered those sessions to set a practical example for the Somali youth.

The sessions shade light on the importance of parents' role and their involvement in their children's different key educational stages. The sessions paid particular attention to importance of communication between home and school and importance of attending parents' evening which the most important and informative means of communication between teachers and parents. The sessions also addressed how parents can assist their children to make the desirable choices that will enhance their educational attainment and fulfil their potentials.

Activities:

- Welfare right benefits advice and information
- Lunch club
- Leisure & Socialising activities
- Youth Activities
- Housing, immigration. Education and health advice and information
- Sign posting to other essential services and agents

Partnership Network:

- Kaalmo Youth Development
- Granby Toxteth Foundation
- LCVS
- Merseyside Police
- Black Feast
- Turkish Madrassah
- Somaliland Women & Children Group

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £125,263 (2021: £136,321) of which £123,303 (2021: £136,321) related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £172,151 (2021: £194,011), including deprecation of £53,842 (2021: £53,464) leaving a deficit in the year of £46,888 (2021: deficit £57,690).

At 31st March 2022 the charity's reserves stood at £136,719 (2021: £183,607); £132,472 (2021: £180,267) of which were restricted funds.

RISK MANAGMENT

The main risks to which the charity is exposed as identified by the Trustees have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision and one month of running costs should no further funding be received.

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £4,247. The charity requires £3,193 redundancy provision and £1,053 for one-month total running costs (Total £4,246).

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

The Trustees are planning to build up the unrestricted reserves through members' donations, fundraising events, and an increased number of small unrestricted grants.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Securing continuation funds
- Creating income generation channels (taxi project in the pipeline)
- Enhancing services and creating focussed new services

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is a registered charity, number 1043679 formed 26th January 1995.

The Governing Document is a constitution adopted on 14th October 1979, and as amended on 13th December 1994 and amended by resolution on 16th March 2013.

The Board of Trustees also forms the Executive Committee which appoints officers who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the association.

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is run by a voluntary Management Committee of six local Somali residents who meet monthly and who spend as much time at the centre as possible.

Agenda items include finance, health & safety and staff reports.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	Merseyside Somali and Community Association		
Charity Number	1043679		
Address & Office	145 Granby Street Liverpool L8 2UR		
Trustees	M H Ege		
	A Farah	Treasurer	
	M H Ibraahim		(Appointed 6 th June 2022)
	A Mohamoud	Chair	(Appointed 6 th June 2022)
	Ali H Mohamoud		
	D O Salih	Secretary	
	H Warsame		(Resigned 19 th April 2022)
Independent Examiner	Paula Sanchez ACCA C/o LCVS 151 Dale Street Liverpool, L2 2AH		
Bankers	NatWest Bank 5 Oxford Street, Liverpool, L7 7HL		

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


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A Farah – Trustee and Treasurer

Date: 22nd December 2022
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **Paula Sanchez**



Relevant professional qualification or body: **ACCA**

Address: **c/o LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH**

Dated: **9th January 2023**

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

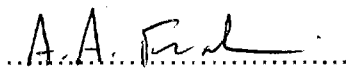
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Income and endowments from:		£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	2a	1,960	123,303	125,263	136,321
Total income		1,960	123,303	125,263	136,321
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	3	1,053	171,098	172,151	194,011
Total expenditure		1,053	171,098	172,151	194,011
Net income/(expenditure), net movement in funds		907	(47,795)	(46,888)	(57,690)
Total funds brought forward	8, 9	3,340	180,267	183,607	241,297
Total funds carried forward	7-9	4,247	132,472	136,719	183,607

The notes on pages 8 to 21 form part of these accounts. The net movement of funds for the year was derived from the continuing activities of the charity.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

	Notes	31 st March 2022		31 st March 2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		117,622		167,620
Current assets					
Debtors	5	3,678		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		16,641		16,687	
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		20,319		16,687	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,222)		(700)	
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Net current assets			19,097		15,987
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Total assets less current liabilities			136,719		183,607
			=====		=====
Funds:					
			£		£
Unrestricted funds	7, 8		4,247		3,340
Restricted funds	7, 9		132,472		180,267
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			136,719		183,607
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Approved by the Trustees on: 22nd DECEMBER 2022


A Farah - Trustee


A Mohamoud - Trustee

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019 and Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the charity's operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charity's free reserves available for the trustees to apply in accordance with the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations and general grants which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accrual's basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Fixed Assets

Capital expenditure of £200 and above is stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as below:

Freehold Property	- 10% per annum Straight Line basis
Equipment	- 25% per annum reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% per annum reducing balance basis

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charitable company. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charitable company.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Cost of charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The charity benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

2. Income and endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
a. Charitable activities				
Big Lottery Fund Grant	-	-	-	34,531
Beautiful Ideas co	-	-	-	3,000
CAF	-	-	-	5,400
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	12,000	12,000	-
John Moores Foundation	-	-	-	4,000
Kitchen hire	560	-	560	-
Liverpool City Council	-	500	500	-
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	-	39,992	39,992	-
Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund)	-	-	-	2,100
Liverpool City Council (Youth Inspiring)	-	2,050	2,050	-
Liverpool City Region Cares	-	-	-	13,176
LCC Austin Smith	-	-	-	350
Martin Lewis	-	-	-	19,992
Mayoral Fund	-	6,217	6,217	-
National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,560	9,560	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	31,984	31,984	14,780
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	-	-	5,000
Postcode Lottery	-	-	-	19,992
Police Property Act	-	-	-	2,000
Room hire	1,400	-	1,400	-
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	16,000	16,000	-
Youth Play	-	-	-	4,000
Total	1,960	123,303	125,263	136,321

Income from charitable activities in 2021 comprised £nil unrestricted funds and £136,321 related to restricted funds

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time.	108,575	63,576	172,151	194,011
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MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

a. Analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>		
Salary staff costs	59,801	36,670
Pension	1,317	637
Building running costs	15,447	13,034
Sessional fees	22,427	36,100
Kitchen costs	1,040	-
Volunteer expenses	200	800
Activities and trips	4,930	980
Venue hire	1,480	-
Speaker fees	340	-
Food and refreshments	1,593	38,720
	108,575	126,941
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<i>Support & governance costs:</i>		
Salary staff costs	2,443	2,443
Office costs	2,325	4,150
Travel expenses	18	1,010
Consultancy fees	1,000	240
Professional fees	1,100	-
Insurance	1,006	1,048
Bad Debt	-	2,868
Website costs	73	-
Training	280	-
Sundry expenses	31	-
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	236	-
Bank charges	21	-
Computer Costs	-	800
Payroll fees	381	347
Accountancy	820	700
Depreciation	53,842	53,464
	63,576	67,070
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Total expenditure on charitable activities	172,151	194,011
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£171,098 (2021: £191,336) of the above expenditure is restricted expenditure

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

b. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	62,244	36,900
Social security costs	-	2,213
Pension	1,317	637
	63,561	39,750
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c. Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2022	2021
	2.6	1.4
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2021: nil)

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services and are not included in the above number of employees.

No out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in the year (2021: £nil)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 st April 2021	528,084	3,725	9,357	541,166
Additions in the year	-	-	4,080	4,080
Disposal in the year	(-)	(-)	(1,114)	(1,114)
Balance at 31st March 2022	528,084	3,725	12,323	544,132
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Accumulated Depreciation				
Balance at 1 st April 2021	365,093	1,824	6,629	373,546
Charge for the year	52,510	475	857	53,842
Disposal in the year	(-)	(-)	(878)	(878)
Balance at 31st March 2022	417,603	2,299	6,608	426,510
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Net Book Value at 31st March 2022	110,481	1,426	5,715	117,622
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Net Book Value at 31 st March 2021	162,991	1,901	2,728	167,620
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MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

There were no material commitments at the year-end (2021: none)

5. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	3,678	-
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6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	1,097	700
Net salary	125	-
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	1,222	700
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MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

7. Analysis of net assets between funds

2022	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
Unrestricted Funds	£	£	£
General Fund	207	1,040	1,247
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
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	3,207	1,040	4,247
		-	
Restricted Funds			
Clothworkers Foundation	6,000	-	6,000
Community Donations	280	-	280
Community Foundation	286	-	286
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	215	-	215
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	413	-	413
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	643	-	643
Mayoral Fund	-	5,507	5,507
National Lottery Awards for All	-	2,550	2,550
National Lottery Community Fund	103,018	-	103,018
Skelton Charity	87	-	87
Steve Morgan Foundation	771	-	771
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	2,702	-	2,702
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	114,415	18,057	132,472
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	117,622	19,097	136,719
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MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

2021	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	340	-	340
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
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	3,340	-	3,340
 Restricted Funds			
Beautiful Ideas Co	-	3,000	3,000
CAF	-	163	163
Clothworkers Foundation	9,000	-	9,000
Community Donations	350	-	350
Community Foundation	358	-	358
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	286	1,868	2,154
John Moores Foundation	-	3,667	3,667
Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund)	-	689	689
Liverpool Community Resources	36	-	36
Liverpool City Region Cares	-	1,024	1,024
LCC Austin Smith	-	350	350
Martin Lewis	-	901	901
National Lottery Community Fund	153,171	895	154,066
Pilkington Charities Fund	-	486	486
Postcode Lottery	-	1,208	1,208
Police Property Act	-	320	320
Skelton Charity	115	-	115
Steve Morgan Foundation	964	-	964
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	1,016	1,016
Youth Play	-	400	400
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	164,280	15,987	180,267
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	167,620	15,987	183,607
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MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

8. Unrestricted Funds

2022	Funds At beginning of Year	<u>Movements in the year</u>		Funds at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	340	1,960	(1,053)	1,247
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	(-)	3,000
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	3,340	1,960	(1,053)	4,247
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2021	Funds At beginning of Year	<u>Movements in the year</u>		Funds at end of Year
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	3,326	-	(2,986)	340
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	(-)	3,000
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	6,326	-	(2,986)	3,340
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General Fund is used to finance the charity's general activities as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

Liverpool City Council – Land Donation – Land donated from Liverpool City Council to build the new building

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

9. Restricted Funds

2022	Funds At beginning of Year £	Movements in the year		Funds at end of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Beautiful Ideas Co	3,000	-	(3,000)	-
CAF	163	-	(163)	-
Clothworkers Foundation	9,000	-	(3,000)	6,000
Community Donations	350	-	(70)	280
Community Foundation	358	-	(72)	286
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	2,154	-	(1,939)	215
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	-	12,000	(2,000)	10,000
John Moores Foundation	3,667	-	(3,667)	-
Liverpool City Council	-	500	(500)	-
Liverpool City Council Austin Smith	350	-	(350)	-
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	36	5,000	(4,623)	413
Liverpool City Council – Community Champions	-	39,992	(39,349)	643
Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund)	689	-	(689)	-
Liverpool City Council (Youth Inspiring)	-	2,050	(2,050)	-
Liverpool City Region Cares	1,024	-	(1,024)	-
Martin Lewis	901	-	(901)	-
Mayoral Fund	-	6,217	(710)	5,507
National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,560	(7,010)	2,550
National Lottery Community Fund	154,066	31,984	(83,032)	103,018
Pilkington Charities Fund	486	-	(486)	-
Postcode Lottery	1,208	-	(1,208)	-
Police Property Act	320	-	(320)	-
Skelton Charity	115	-	(28)	87
Steve Morgan Foundation	964	-	(193)	771
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	1,016	16,000	(14,314)	2,702
Youth Play	400	-	(400)	-
	180,267	123,303	(171,098)	132,472

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

2021	Funds At beginning of Year £	Movements in the year		Funds at end of Year £
		Income £	Expenditure £	
Beautiful Ideas Co	-	3,000	-	3,000
CAF	-	5,400	(5,237)	163
Clothworkers Foundation	12,000	-	(3,000)	9,000
Community Donations	438	-	(88)	350
Community Foundation	447	-	(89)	358
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	381	3,000	(1,227)	2,154
John Moores Foundation	4,000	4,000	(4,333)	3,667
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	46	5,000	(5,010)	36
Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund)	-	2,100	(1,411)	689
Liverpool City Region Cares	-	13,176	(12,152)	1,024
LCC Austin Smith	-	350	-	350
Martin Lewis	-	19,992	(19,091)	901
National Lottery Community Fund	204,892	49,311	(100,137)	154,066
Pilkington Charities Fund	486	-	(-)	486
Postcode Lottery	-	19,992	(18,784)	1,208
Police Property Act	-	2,000	(1,680)	320
Skelton Charity	154	-	(39)	115
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	5,000	(4,036)	964
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	12,127	-	(11,111)	1,016
Youth Play	-	4,000	(3,600)	400
	234,971	136,321	(191,025)	180,267

These are monies given to the charity to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

Beautiful Ideas Co – Towards community health needs research

CAF– Towards projects core running costs

Clothworkers Foundation – grant towards the refurbishment of a new community centre capitalised previous year.

Community Donations – funds collected from the community to support the running costs and refurbishment of building

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Community Foundation – men’s health promotion activities and health and wellbeing activities for women.

Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust – Contribution towards ESOL course and equipment.

Granby Toxteth Development Trust - Contribution towards ‘Youth Mental Health’ project and youth play

John Moores Foundation – Contribution towards salaries costs

Liverpool City Council - Contribution towards activities

Liverpool City Council Austin Smith – Towards the cost of PEP as response to covid-19

Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant: Funding towards core running costs.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Travel	8	-
Activities	1,757	-
Utilities (heat/light/water)	528	348
Insurance	-	645
Cleaning & Waste Removal	22	250
Telephone/internet	325	397
Repairs	464	2,736
Stationery	30	661
Professional fees	500	-
Rates	261	-
Accountancy	700	-
Depreciation	28	9
TOTAL	4,623	5,046
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Liverpool City Council – Community Champions – Contribution towards salaries, interpreting and translation costs

Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund) – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Liverpool City Council (Youth Inspiring) – Contribution towards ‘Youth Inspired’ events

Liverpool City Region Cares – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19 and projects core costs

Martin Lewis – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

National Lottery Awards for All – Contribution towards ‘Youth Mental Health’ project

National Lottery Community Fund – Building Links: upgrading of the facilities to provide a multi-cultural community centre and develop social cohesion through the provision of recreation, social, welfare and learning activities and services. Toward salaries of the Community Development Worker, Project Co-ordinator, the Caretaker and freelance youth worker fees plus project’s general cost.

Pilkington Charities Fund – Contribution towards equipment and running costs.

Postcode Lottery – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Police Property Act – Crime prevention cost as a response to covid-19

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Skelton Charity – Contribution towards equipment and activities

Steve Morgan Foundation – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Contribution towards salaries and core costs

Youth Play – for youth activities and freelance youth worker fee

10. Related Party

There were no material related party transactions during the year which require disclosure.
(2021: None)

11. Guarantees and Other Financial Commitments

There were no financial commitments at the end of the year. (2021: None)

Accounts

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Charity Registration No. 1043679

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015).

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To further or benefit the residents of Merseyside without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious, or other opinions by associating together the residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, relieve sickness, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Activities:

We have successfully delivered the following activities:

- Hot meals delivery and collection of medication for elderly and those who isolated from chemists
- Provision of advice and guidance online, by telephone and zoom.
- Assisting parents to get free meals for their children
- Skills upgrading training October 2020- March 2021
- Raising people's awareness of pandemic via distribution of leaflets, zoom sessions, emails text messages and WhatsApp's.

Suspended Services:

- Breakfast and lunch club
- Day centre and socialising activities
- Women's sewing classes
- Drop-in welfare rights advice and guidance

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £136,321 (2020: £54,379) of which £136,321 (2020: £48,654) related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure for the year was £194,011 (2020: £88,899), including depreciation of £53,464 (2020: £53,591) leaving a deficit in the year of £57,690 (2020: deficit £34,520).

At 31st March 2021 the charity's reserves stood at £183,607 (2020: £241,297); £180,267 (2020: £234,971) of which were restricted funds.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

The main risks to which the charity is exposed as identified by the Trustees have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover one month of running costs should no further funding be received.

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £3,340. The charity requires £16,168 for one month total running costs.

The Trustees are planning to build up the unrestricted reserves through members' donations, fundraising events, and an increased number of small unrestricted grants.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Maintaining support to community members during the pandemic
- Changing people's perception of the covid-19 and encouraging them to take vaccinations for their own protection and others via focussed awareness programme.
- Gradually normalise operational activities once the restrictions are eased and the Covid-19 pandemic spread is controlled.
- Renovating centre's Kitchen.
- Raising continuity funds and explore new income generation channels

Covid-19 update

Merseyside Somali and community Association has operated in extremely challenging atmosphere in the current year as a direct result of Covid-19 Pandemic which affected all aspects of life in the United Kingdom and in the world. MSCA has closed the centre and scaled down its operational activities to the minimum and asked all its staff and volunteers to work from home except for extreme exceptional cases.

Telephone, zooms, social media, emails, and SMS messages were channels of engagement with our users, agencies, and partner organisations.

The service delivery have been challenged itself due to high illiteracy in the community particularly among older generation and the inability of significant portion of our service users to use the IT or having the confidence to use them. This led that MSCA have to adopt a strategy to accommodate these needs in safe and protected environment.

We have put in place one-to-one support appointments for those who were struggling or cannot use IT either in the centre or in their own homes by strictly following the government guideline to protect ourselves and the community.

The trustees' have secured additional funds to ease the impact of the Pandemic from number of funders including Liverpool City Council, Liverpool City Regions, Steve Morgan's foundation, CAF, Martin Lewis and the Big Lottery Fund.

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This enabled us to deliver hot meals to the elderly and isolated individuals due to their underlying health conditions from March 2020 to February 2021, upgrading skills through training and providing support to the self-employed to apply for grants.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Merseyside Somali Community Association is a registered charity, number 1043679 formed 26th January 1995.

The Governing Document is a constitution adopted on 14th October 1979, and as amended on 13th December 1994 and amended by resolution on 16th March 2013.

The Board of Trustees also forms the Executive Committee which appoints officers who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the association.

Merseyside Somali and Community Association is run by a voluntary Management Committee of six local Somali residents who meet monthly and who spend as much time at the centre as possible.

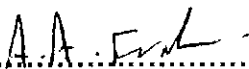
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	Merseyside Somali and Community Association
Charity Number	1043679
Address & Office	145 Granby Street Liverpool L8 2UR
Trustees	M H Ege A Farah Treasurer A H Mohamoud D O Salih Secretary H Warsame Chairman
Independent Examiner	Paula Sanchez ACCA C/o LCVS 151 Dale Street Liverpool, L2 2AH
Bankers	NatWest Bank 5 Oxford Street, Liverpool, L7 7HL

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


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A Farah – Trustee and Treasurer

Date: 18/03/2021
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **Paula Sanchez**



Relevant professional qualification or body: **ACCA**

Address: **c/o LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH**

Dated: 22 Nov. 2021

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2a	-	-	-	5,725
Charitable activities	2b		136,321	136,321	48,654
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Total income		-	136,321	136,321	54,379
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Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	3	2,986	191,025	194,011	88,899
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Total expenditure		2,986	191,025	194,011	88,899
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Net (expenditure)		(2,986)	(54,704)	(57,690)	(34,520)
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Total funds brought forward	8, 9	6,326	234,971	241,297	275,817
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Total funds carried forward	7-9	3,340	180,267	183,607	241,297
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The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of these accounts. The net movement of funds for the year was derived from the continuing activities of the charity.

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	31 st March 2021		31 st March 2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		167,620		219,421
Current assets					
Debtors	5	-		2,868	
Cash at bank and in hand		16,687		20,315	
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		16,685		23,183	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(700)		(1,307)	
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Net current assets			15,987		21,876
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Total assets less current liabilities			183,607		241,297
			=====		=====
Funds:					
			£		£
Unrestricted funds	7, 8		3,340		6,326
Restricted funds	7, 9		180,267		234,971
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			183,607		241,297
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Approved by the Trustees on: ⁱⁿ 18 November 2021.

A. A. Farah
A Farah - Trustee

Hassan Warsame
H Warsame - Trustee

MERSEYSIDE SOMALI AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (SORP 2015) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015) and Charities Act 2011.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

The Charity has not been significantly impacted financially by Covid-19, due to receiving emergency funding from six funders. At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have therefore adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charity's free reserves available for the trustees to apply in accordance with the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor. All restricted funds are accounted for as restricted income and expenditure for the purposes is charged to the fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations and general grants which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accruals basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Fixed Assets

Capital expenditure of £200 and above is stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as below:

Freehold Property	- 10% per annum Straight Line basis
Equipment	- 25% per annum reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% per annum reducing balance basis

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Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charitable company. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charitable company.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Cost of charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The charity benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

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2. Income and endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
a. Donations and legacies				
Donations	-	-	-	5,725
	=====	=====	=====	=====
b. Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Fund Grant	-	34,531	34,531	-
Beautiful Ideas co	-	3,000	3,000	-
CAF	-	5,400	5,400	-
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
John Moores Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund)	-	2,100	2,100	-
Liverpool City Region Cares	-	13,176	13,176	-
LCC Austin Smith	-	350	350	-
Martin Lewis	-	19,992	19,992	-
Mpac	-	-	-	4,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	14,780	14,780	17,654
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Postcode Lottery	-	19,992	19,992	-
Police Property Act	-	2,000	2,000	-
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	18,000
Youth Play	-	4,000	4,000	-
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TOTAL	-	136,321	136,321	48,654
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3. Expenditure on: charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time.	88,221	105,791	194,011	88,899
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

a. Analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>		
Salary staff costs	36,670	14,740
Pension	637	260
Building running costs	13,034	10,155
Sessional fees	36,100	4,490
Volunteer expenses	800	-
Activities expenses	980	-
	88,221	29,645
<i>Support & governance costs:</i>		
Salary staff costs	2,443	794
Pension	-	-
Office costs	4,150	1,957
Travel expenses	1,010	11
Consultancy fees	240	300
Insurance	1,048	1,271
Refreshments	38,720	51
Bad Debt	2,868	-
Bank charges	-	397
Computer Costs	800	-
Payroll fees	347	182
Accountancy	700	700
Depreciation	53,464	53,591
	105,790	59,254
Total expenditure on charitable activities	194,011	88,899
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£191,336 (2020: £88,899) of the above expenditure is restricted expenditure

b. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	36,900	14,676
Social security costs	2,213	858
Pension	637	260
	39,750	15,794
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c. Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2021	2020
Charitable activities	1.4	0.9
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2020: nil)

The Trustees are not remunerated for their services and are not included in the above number of employees.

No out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in the year (2020: £nil)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 st April 2020	528,084	2,725	8,694	539,503
Additions in the year	-	1,000	663	1,663
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Balance at 31st March 2021	528,084	3,725	9,357	541,166
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Accumulated Depreciation				
Balance at 1 st April 2020	312,585	1,495	6,002	320,082
Charge for the year	52,508	329	627	53,464
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Balance at 31st March 2021	365,093	1,824	6,629	373,546
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Net Book Value at 31st March 2021	162,991	1,901	2,728	167,620
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Net Book Value at 31 st March 2020	215,499	1,230	2,692	219,421
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There were no material commitments at the year-end (2020: none)

5. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors	-	2,868
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6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Creditors and Accruals	700	1,307
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7. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	340	-	340
Liverpool City Council - Land Donation	3,000	-	3,000
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	3,340	-	3,340
 Restricted Funds			
Big Lottery Fund Grant	152,192	-	152,192
Beautiful Ideas Co	-	3,000	3,000
CAF	-	163	163
Clothworkers Foundation	9,000	-	9,000
Community Donations	350	-	350
Community Foundation	358	-	358
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	286	1,868	2,154
John Moores Foundation	-	3,667	3,667
Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund)	-	689	689
Liverpool Community Resources	36	-	36
Liverpool City Region Cares	-	1,024	1,024
LCC Austin Smith	-	350	350
Martin Lewis	-	901	901
National Lottery Community Fund	979	895	1,874
Pilkington Charities Fund	-	486	486
Postcode Lottery	-	1,208	1,208
Police Property Act	-	320	320
Skelton Bounty	115	-	115
Steve Morgan Foundation	964	-	964
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	1,016	1,016
Youth Play	-	400	400
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	164,280	15,987	180,267
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	167,620	15,987	183,607
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8. Unrestricted Funds

	<u>Movements in the year</u>			
	Resources At beginning of Year	Income	Expenditure	Resources at end of Year
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	3,326	-	(2,986)	340
Liverpool City Council – Land Donation	3,000	-	(-)	3,000
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	6,326	-	(2,986)	3,340
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General Fund is used to finance the charity's general activities as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

Liverpool City Council – Land Donation – Land donated from Liverpool City Council to build the new building

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9. Restricted Funds

	<u>Movements in the year</u>			
	Resources At beginning of Year	Income	Expenditure	Resources at end of Year
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Fund Grant	202,021	34,531	(84,360)	152,192
Beautiful Ideas Co	-	3,000	-	3,000
CAF	-	5,400	(5,237)	163
Clothworkers Foundation	12,000	-	(3,000)	9,000
Community Donations	438	-	(88)	350
Community Foundation	447	-	(89)	358
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	381	3,000	(1,227)	2,154
John Moores Foundation	4,000	4,000	(4,333)	3,667
Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant	46	5,000	(5,010)	36
Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund)	-	2,100	(1,411)	689
Liverpool City Region Cares	-	13,176	(12,152)	1,024
LCC Austin Smith	-	350	-	350
Martin Lewis	-	19,992	(19,091)	901
National Lottery Community Fund	2,871	14,780	(15,777)	1,874
Pilkington Charities Fund	486	-	(-)	486
Postcode Lottery	-	19,992	(18,784)	1,208
Police Property Act	-	2,000	(1,680)	320
Skelton Bounty	154	-	(39)	115
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	5,000	(4,036)	964
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	12,127	-	(11,111)	1,016
Youth Play	-	4,000	(3,600)	400
	<u>234,971</u>	<u>136,321</u>	<u>(191,025)</u>	<u>180,267</u>

These are monies given to the charity to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes, as follows:

Big Lottery Fund Grant – Building Links: upgrading of the facilities to provide a multi-cultural community centre and develop social cohesion through the provision of recreation, social, welfare and learning activities and services. Toward salaries of the Community Development Worker, Project Co-ordinator, the Caretaker and freelance youth worker fees plus project's general cost.

Beautiful Ideas Co – Towards community health needs research

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CAF– Towards projects core running costs

Clothworkers Foundation – grant towards the refurbishment of a new community centre capitalised previous year.

Community Donations – funds collected from the community to support the running costs and refurbishment of building

Community Foundation – men's health promotion activities and health and wellbeing activities for women.

Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust – Contribution towards ESOL course and equipment

John Moores Foundation – Contribution towards Youth and play project

Liverpool City Council – Communities Resource Grant: Funding towards core running costs.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries & on costs	-	1,145
Maintenance & repairs	-	593
Utilities (heat/light/water)	348	344
Insurance	645	1,271
Cleaning & Waste Removal	250	-
Telephone/internet	397	483
<u>Repairs</u>	2,736	-
Stationery	661	767
Bank charges	-	397
Depreciation	9	11
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TOTAL	5,046	5,011
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Liverpool City Council (Councillors Fund) – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Liverpool City Region Cares – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19 and projects core costs

LCC Austin Smith – Towards the cost of PEP as response to covid-19

Martin Lewis – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

National Lottery Community Fund – Contribution towards 'Building Links' project

Pilkington Charities Fund – Contribution towards equipment and running costs.

Postcode Lottery – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Police Property Act – Crime prevention cost as a response to covid-19

Skelton Bounty – Contribution towards equipment and activities

Steve Morgan Foundation – Towards meals cost as a response to covid-19

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Contribution towards environmental improvement.

Youth Play – for youth activities and freelance youth worker fee

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10. Related Party

There were no material related party transactions during the year which require disclosure.
(2020: None)

11. Guarantees and Other Financial Commitments

There were no financial commitments at the end of the year. (2020: None)