

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council has continued with its principal activity of promoting the interests of the inhabitants of Vauxhall and its immediate environments by providing services to protect good health, relieve hardship and distress, advance education and promote other activities which are beneficial to the community.

The company is a community organisation providing education and training to local residents as well as facilities, advice and support; it is also an umbrella group for other local community organisations. VNC's main objective to date has been to strengthen local neighbourhoods and empower residents whilst improving the range and quality of local service provision to meet the diverse and changing needs of people living in a very deprived area of Liverpool.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

It has been a challenging year for the organisation and following a thorough review of all aspects of the organisation a new development strategy has been developed to prepare VNC for the future and to improve sustainability. Additional support within the areas of business development, financial management and project management will enable the organisation to grow and build on what has been achieved to date and ensure the achievement of core aim and encapsulated within the mission statement "To relieve hardship, improve education, preserve good health, promote employment opportunities, and to provide and assist in the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare and recreational activities of the community". This is needed now more than ever and VNC has a strong direction and will to make this happen.

VNC has also achieved Disability Awareness accreditation.

Performance in the past year has been severely affected due to the pandemic and the restrictions the country has been under. The organisation has responded and reacted proactively to local needs by stepping up and providing support to those most vulnerable within the communities in which we work.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

VNC provides vital employability and life skills/sector based training to help young people overcome their individual barriers to progression and develop the skills and ability to raise aspirations and move forward. These projects include the:

- The ESF Funded - Inclusion and Progression Project delivering employability courses for young people is ongoing and
- ESF Funded - New Futures Project for young people who are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education Employment or Training) has also continued.

VNC has maintained Matrix accreditation for Information Advice and Guidance and provides much needed support to young people to help them navigate round the options and opportunities available and provide support to progress to the next step. We are also a Disability confident provider.

VNC continues to be home to a number of tenants that provide valuable services to the wider community. Amongst the tenants is the Vauxhall Community Law and Information Centre, who are expanding and this will enable them to provide greater access to justice for the community on a range of social welfare issues.

Collaborative working between VNC and Alt Valley Community Trust is going from strength to strength and this extends the reach and support we are able to provide to greater numbers as well as the breadth of activities and initiatives.

VNC also provides space for a number of local groups operating across the VNC catchment area who may struggle to meet without this support.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £249,816 (2020: £255,194) and total resources expended amounted to £266,203 (2020: £374,688) giving a deficit of £16,387. Expenditure for the year includes depreciation against assets of £98,071.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between two and three month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. The Trustees recognise free reserves need to be increased and are reviewing options to improve the position.

The Trustees remain satisfied that the charity is a going concern.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

FUTURE PLANS

In the forthcoming financial year, VNC plans to open a food pantry and also invite local children to attend a summer play centre to take place throughout the school holidays with all children being fed hot meals and taking parts in day trips out. We also plan to deliver a Halloween play scheme later in the year as well as a winter wonderland grotto.

We will be providing hampers to local households and families in need at Christmas. We have used lockdown to refurbish the education department.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees at the first meeting following the AGM will appoint the officers and can also appoint co-opted/advisory members who can retain office without voting rights until the next AGM. Sub committees and advisory committees can also be established by the Committee as and when required to carry out various functions such as development, personnel, membership, finance, policy etc. No subcommittee has delegated powers to operate or incur expenditure without the Committee of Management approval. The day to day operation of the company is delegated to staff under the direction of the Chief Executive, Pauline Connolly.

New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities under charity and company law and are appraised as to the aims and operation of the charity.

Remuneration of senior staff is benchmarked against similar organisations.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03352359 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1063661

Registered office

Vauxhall Millennium Resource Centre
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



J Donnelly - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

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16 March 2022

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities					
Employment training		119,879	35,500	155,379	165,443
Covid support		40,969	-	40,969	-
Investment income	2	53,468	-	53,468	89,751
Total		214,316	35,500	249,816	255,194
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Employment training		144,263	121,940	266,203	374,688
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		70,053	(86,440)	(16,387)	(119,494)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		(234,098)	1,142,942	908,844	1,028,338
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(164,045)	1,056,502	892,457	908,844

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	103,432	1,056,502	1,159,934	1,258,005
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	58,227	-	58,227	16,382
Cash at bank and in hand		17,510	-	17,510	29,979
		<u>75,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,737</u>	<u>46,361</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(226,483)	-	(226,483)	(278,791)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(150,746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(150,746)</u>	<u>(232,430)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(47,314)	1,056,502	1,009,188	1,025,575
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(116,731)	-	(116,731)	(116,731)
NET ASSETS		<u>(164,045)</u>	<u>1,056,502</u>	<u>892,457</u>	<u>908,844</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				(164,045)	(234,098)
Restricted funds				1,056,502	1,142,942
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>892,457</u>	<u>908,844</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

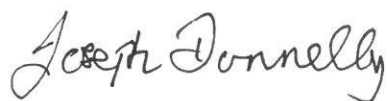
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

J Donnelly - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- at variable rates on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Rents received	52,189	81,827
Costs recharged	1,279	7,924
	<u>53,468</u>	<u>89,751</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	98,071	97,738
Hire of plant and machinery	600	600
	<u>98,671</u>	<u>98,338</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Staff	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>4,322,015</u>	<u>725,651</u>	<u>5,047,666</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	3,167,775	621,886	3,789,661
Charge for year	86,440	11,631	98,071
	<u>3,254,215</u>	<u>633,517</u>	<u>3,887,732</u>
At 31 March 2021			
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,067,800</u>	<u>92,134</u>	<u>1,159,934</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,154,240</u>	<u>103,765</u>	<u>1,258,005</u>

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	15,750	16,382
Prepayments and accrued income	42,477	-
	<u>58,227</u>	<u>16,382</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 10)	145,604	141,604
Trade creditors	-	55,309
Social security and other taxes	8,221	5,876
Other creditors	44,033	73,002
Accruals and deferred income	28,625	3,000
	<u>226,483</u>	<u>278,791</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 10)	<u>116,731</u>	<u>116,731</u>

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>145,604</u>	<u>141,604</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>116,731</u>	<u>116,731</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(234,098)	70,053	(164,045)
Restricted funds			
Millennium Building Fund	1,142,942	(86,440)	1,056,502
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>908,844</u>	<u>(16,387)</u>	<u>892,457</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	214,316	(144,263)	70,053
Restricted funds			
Millennium Building Fund	-	(86,440)	(86,440)
Grantscape (Burbo)	9,500	(9,500)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	26,000	(26,000)	-
	<u>35,500</u>	<u>(121,940)</u>	<u>(86,440)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>249,816</u>	<u>(266,203)</u>	<u>(16,387)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(212,342)	(21,756)	(234,098)
Restricted funds			
Millennium Building Fund	1,240,680	(97,738)	1,142,942
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,028,338</u>	<u>(119,494)</u>	<u>908,844</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	253,694	(275,450)	(21,756)
Restricted funds			
Millennium Building Fund	-	(97,738)	(97,738)
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund	1,500	(1,500)	-
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(99,238)</u>	<u>(97,738)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>255,194</u>	<u>(374,688)</u>	<u>(119,494)</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(212,342)	48,297	(164,045)
Restricted funds			
Millennium Building Fund	1,240,680	(184,178)	1,056,502
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,028,338</u>	<u>(135,881)</u>	<u>892,457</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	468,010	(419,713)	48,297
Restricted funds			
Millennium Building Fund	-	(184,178)	(184,178)
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund	1,500	(1,500)	-
Grantscape (Burbo)	9,500	(9,500)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	26,000	(26,000)	-
	<u>37,000</u>	<u>(221,178)</u>	<u>(184,178)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>505,010</u>	<u>(640,891)</u>	<u>(135,881)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Rents received	52,189	81,827
Costs recharged	1,279	7,924
	<hr/> 53,468	<hr/> 89,751
Charitable activities		
Training income	75,715	161,022
Grants	84,269	2,000
Other income	36,364	2,421
	<hr/> 196,348	<hr/> 165,443
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 249,816	<hr/> 255,194
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	70,930	118,504
Social security	4,751	6,697
Pensions	182	1,331
Direct training costs	22,088	40,947
	<hr/> 97,951	<hr/> 167,479
Support costs		
Management		
Hire of plant and machinery	600	600
Rates and water	11,810	17,180
Insurance	6,545	17,701
Light and heat	15,215	38,518
Telephone	1,301	1,193
Postage and stationery	366	2,657
Administrator costs	-	12,193
Sundries	-	1,252
Subscriptions	1,187	1,553
Repairs and renewals	28,729	5,274
Depreciation of freehold property	86,440	86,440
Depreciation of fixtures & fittings	11,631	11,298
	<hr/> 163,824	<hr/> 195,859
Finance		
Bank charges	595	845
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	3,000	1,850
Carried forward	3,000	1,850

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	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	3,000	1,850
Professional fees	833	8,655
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	3,833	10,505
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Total resources expended	266,203	374,688
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Net expenditure	<u>(16,387)</u>	<u>(119,494)</u>