

**THE GREAT BRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

THE GREAT BRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

B Patel
M Whatmore
L Paskin
A Whitehouse
J Dawson
L Whitehouse
M Turner
M Whitehouse

Charity number

1069672

Independent examiner

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees who served during the year were:

B Patel
M Whatmore
L Paskin
A Whitehouse
J Dawson
L Whitehouse
M Turner
M Whitehouse

Trustees

The structure of our board of trustees remains like that of previous years. We continue to work with associate members e.g., from the Sons of Rest, and St Peters Church Committee & Farley Community Allotment who deliver projects with our children from our Play Scheme.

Objectives and activities

Our basic aims remain what they have always been i.e., to welcome all members of the community with information, expertise and contact with partner organisations where necessary and to provide a safer and friendly environment for all young people.

We reopened our centre in July 2021 and it has been challenging. We have lost some groups but the surviving ones, particularly the children's have gone beyond our expectations.

The main projects of the Forum i.e., the holiday play scheme and after school club reopened in August 2021 and we were delighted with the uptake seeing old and new service users. We had 2 new volunteers work with us during the holidays giving them experience and input for their C.V's.

Training for our employees has taken place, where possible, online, and where applicable we were still able to offer places to other bodies or individuals who would benefit from that training. We continue to be flexible and open to new ideas and ways in which we can serve our community.

Healthy eating and exercise continue to be at the centre of some of our provision. Staff have been trained and are knowledgeable on other issues impacting our community such as information on local food banks and how to access them. Our aim is to continue to educate ourselves on local services that our community need the most.

We continue to look for funding to provide lunches for children during the school holidays. This was a hot topic for government, and we hope that it will be considered for future school holidays.

The welfare and safety of the vulnerable clients at two of our partner organisations, Ryders Green Day Centre, and Sandwell Community Care Trust, following the pandemic, is paramount. This has meant that some of our activities have been put on hold. We continue to communicate and liaise with them to see if our organisation can support them in any way and look forward to working with them again in the very near future.

It is important to us to continue to serve as much of our community as possible with new ideas and new opportunities. Many thanks to our supporters and funders who help us to provide these services to our community and enable us to employ local people and thus contribute to our local economy.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

On behalf of the board of trustees

M Whitehouse

Trustee

Dated: 27 January 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GREAT BRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: 27 January 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>					
Funding	2	27,193	-	27,193	9,900
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	60,511	60,511	80,766
Total incoming resources		27,193	60,511	87,704	90,666
<u>Resources expended</u>					
Charitable activities					
Depreciation	4	-	627	627	634
After school and other direct costs		-	4,214	4,214	2,185
Activities, events and trips		-	3,787	3,787	90
Total charitable expenditure		-	8,628	8,628	2,909
Governance costs		1,080	65,792	66,872	60,935
Total resources expended		1,080	74,420	75,500	63,844
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		26,113	(13,909)	12,204	26,822
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		44,088	34,355	78,443	51,621
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		70,201	20,446	90,647	78,443

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		3,108		2,535
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		88,827		76,714	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,288)		(806)	
Net current assets			87,539		75,908
Total assets less current liabilities			90,647		78,443
Income funds					
Restricted funds			20,446		34,355
Unrestricted funds			70,201		44,088
			90,647		78,443

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27 January 2023

M Whitehouse
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	33% PA
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% PA

2 Funding

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	27,193	9,900

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Performance related grants	23,087	19,234
Ancillary trading income	21,415	14,160
Charitable rental income	16,009	47,372
	60,511	80,766

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4 Total resources expended

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Charitable activities				
<u>Depreciation</u>				
Support costs	-	627	627	634
<u>After school and other direct costs</u>				
Activities undertaken directly	-	4,214	4,214	2,185
Activities, events and trips				
Activities undertaken directly	-	3,787	3,787	90
	-	8,628	8,628	2,909
Governance costs	52,422	14,450	66,872	60,935
	52,422	23,078	75,500	63,844

5 Support costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation	627	634
	627	634

6 Trustees

The trustees do not draw any emoluments from the charity.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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7 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Employees	6	6

Employment costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	52,422	51,729

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021 and at 31 March 2022	22,963	31,395	54,358
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021 and at 31 March 2022	22,963	28,287	51,250
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	-	3,108	3,108
At 31 March 2021	-	2,535	2,535

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	-	(220)
Accruals	1,288	1,026
	1,288	806

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	3,108	-	3,108
Current assets	68,381	20,446	88,827
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,288)	-	(1,288)
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	70,201	20,446	90,647
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