

Charity Registration No. 1069672

**THE GREAT BRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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

Charlty number

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Independent examiner

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 Trustees of the Great Bridge Community Forum have been with us for a number of years and are committed to helping provide a good, structured service for our local community. They are also the main members of the Management Committee of our base which is Farley Park Lodge.

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 have continued to build our groups and support service users following the return to 'normal life' following the Covid-19 outbreak. We have refreshed and updated our Place of Welcome group which is seeing new members and we encourage and aim to develop this further.

The main projects of the Forum i.e. the holiday play scheme and after school club have seen a growth in numbers. Partly helped by the funding received via Sandwell Council's Holiday and Food Activities Fund. We have been able to offer children and families opportunities and provisions they may not have been able access if it weren't for our services. We are hoping to gain further funding to continue this work for the next 3 years. We had 2 new volunteers work with us during the holidays giving them experience and input for their C.V's.

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 i.e. information of local food banks and how to access them. Staff are also aware of Sandwell Council's website and the information listed on Supporting Sandwell (warm spaces, help with energy costs etc).

Training for our employees has taken place, where possible, face to face but also online. We continue to be flexible and open to new ideas and ways in which we can serve our community.

We continue to build on our relationship with Sandwell Community Care Trust and Sandwell Children's Trust. We have welcomed new partnerships this year which include Midland Adaptive Boxing, Groundwork West Midlands, and Sandwell Leisure Trust.

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 2023

On behalf of the board of trustees



M Whitehouse

Trustee

Dated: 8 January 2024

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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 2023, 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: 19 January 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>					
Funding	2	20,861	-	20,861	27,193
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	70,687	70,687	60,511
Total Incoming resources		20,861	70,687	91,548	87,704
<u>Resources expended</u>					
4					
Charitable activities					
Depreciation		804	-	804	627
After school and other direct costs		-	19,739	19,739	4,214
Activities, events and trips		-	18,639	18,639	3,787
Total charitable expenditure		804	38,378	39,182	8,628
Governance costs		45,727	28,428	74,155	66,872
Total resources expended		46,531	66,806	113,337	75,500
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(26,670)	3,881	(21,789)	12,204
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		70,201	20,446	90,647	78,443
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		44,531	24,327	68,858	90,647

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		4,129		3,108
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		68,598		88,827	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,869)		(1,288)	
Net current assets			64,729		87,539
Total assets less current liabilities			68,858		90,647
income funds					
Restricted funds			24,327		20,446
Unrestricted funds			44,531		70,201
			68,858		90,647

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 19 January 2024


M Whitehouse
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	20,861	27,193

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Performance related grants	52,137	23,087
Ancillary trading income	18,550	21,415
Charitable rental income	-	16,009
	70,687	60,511

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Total resources expended

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable activities				
<u>Depreciation</u>				
Support costs	-	627	804	627
<u>After school and other direct costs</u>				
Activities undertaken directly	-	19,739	19,739	4,214
Activities, events and trips				
Activities undertaken directly	-	18,639	18,639	3,787
	-	39,182	39,182	8,628
Governance costs	56,856	17,299	74,155	66,872
	56,856	56,481	113,337	75,500

5 Support costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation	804	627
	804	627

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:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Employees	7	6

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	56,856	52,422

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 2022	22,963	31,395	54,358
Additions	1,824	-	1,824
At 31 March 2023	24,787	31,395	56,182
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022 and at 31 March 2023	23,145	28,908	52,053
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	1,642	2,487	4,129
At 31 March 2022	-	3,108	3,108

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages Control	2,445	-
Accruals	1,424	1,288
	3,869	1,288

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	4,129	-	4,129
Current assets	44,271	24,327	68,598
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(3,869)	-	(3,869)
	<u>44,531</u>	<u>24,327</u>	<u>68,858</u>