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# **Flander Community Centre**

Charity No. 1070171

## **Report and Financial Statement For the year ended 30 September 2024**

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## **Flander Community Centre**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2024**

The Trustees, of the Charity present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 – effective 1 January 2019), The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit**

Flanders Community Centre's aims and objectives are to continue to provide services as set out above and to improve our regular services of our Activities List.

Flanders Community Centre remains a local community centre for the use of the inhabitants of East Ham with the aim to improving people's life conditions

#### **The activities of the charity are divided into three main areas**

1. To make available for hire rooms and associated facilities for any activity that people undertake for their own enjoyment or personal development outside work.
2. To promote (in partnership where possible) specific events and activities which meets a clear and identified social need.
3. To promote and support voluntary effort to achieve the above aims.

These are led by members of the Management Committee of the charity and cover:

- The obligations of Management Committee members
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity.
- Resource and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts
- Future plans and objectives.

#### **Achievements and performance in the year ended 30 September 2024**

The successful Little Wings Nursery continues to flourish with happy carers, parents, and children attending. Little Wings now have an established small nursery garden for bulb planting and seasonable vegetables. Flander Community Centre has enhanced the dedicated art space and display area with inclusion of fixed play activity boards.

Flander are still successfully running the pensioner afternoon gatherings which Flander has expanded to two afternoons per week. Flander has now created raised beds in the main hall garden (separate garden from the nursery) if our attendees wish to grow their own vegetables in their own dedicated space. The pensioners remain happy, fit, and healthy.

Flander now also provides a foodbank for the pensioner gatherings supplying paper grocery bags with a mix of foodstuffs to create a meal.

The Tenants Association continues to meet at Flander bi-monthly.

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Along with the Kumon Maths and English tutoring, Flander now opens as a dedicated exam facility for AEC Tutors. This has been running for four years and now Flander is confirmed as a registered exam venue with the organisation.

Flander still continues to run the Summer and Winter Kulan Group playschemes with strong attendance by all children's age groups. Flander also offers a foodbank facility within these schemes.

Along with the upgrades Flander made last year, Flander has now installed large fan units into the ceiling of the halls to support airflow throughout the building. Along with this Flander has re-insulated the whole building.

Flander has maintained, replaced, or repainted the fencing and exterior of the building where necessary to keep it looking fresh.

Flander continues to offer facemasks and hand sanitizer stations.

All classes, including ballroom dancing, line dancing, and yoga, are now regular features. Flander has upgraded the kitchen with new appliances.

Flander is looking forward to a happy future again, keeping in mind the ever-present threat from the local authority to try to close the facility which is a valuable and valued community asset. Therefore, we remain on guard and ever vigilant to their shenanigans.

Flander continue to work hard to meet the needs of the community.

**Financial Review**

The charity had Income for the year ended £39,551 and Expenditure £47,452.

**Reserves Policy:**

The charity aims to hold £5000.00 in reserve for contingencies such as redundancies and urgent repairs or in case of sudden withdrawal of funding.

**Risk Assessment:**

The Management Committee continues to keep under review the major risks to which the charity may be exposed.

**Future plans**

To defend ourselves through legal action against LBN. To redevelop the existing site.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing Document**

The Flander Community Centre is a registered Charity and the Charity number is 1070171.

**Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee**

The trustees for the purposes of charity law are known as members of the Management Committee.

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Under the requirements of the members of the Management Committee must be appointed from members of the charity, although persons with a particular skill to contribute to the charity may be co-opted to attend and contribute to management committee meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

**Trustees Induction and Training**

All new staff, volunteers and Management Committee members must go through an induction process at the start of their work with Flanders Community Centre. This process aims to familiarise them with the aims, objectives and structures of the organisation, as well as the policies and procedures which are likely to be of relevance to their work. Induction of new Management Committee members takes place during the new committee member's first month in post and is the responsibility of the Chair of the Management Committee. The induction process includes meetings with relevant management Committee and staff members and an introduction to Flanders Community Centre aims and objectives and key policies and procedures of the organisation.

The Management Committee meets approximately every three months, with day-to-day management delegated to a salaried Manager. In addition, individual members of the

Management Committee maintain regular contact with the Manager to supervise and assist, when necessary, in different areas of the charity's work.

**External Risks:**

Significant external risk of London Borough of Newham increasing our peppercorn rent from £1 per year to £23,000.00. The Management Committee has employed the services of a Solicitor to defend Flanders Community Centre for this purpose and Flanders Community Centre shall also employ a Valuation Surveyor, Building Surveyor and Builders to assess the premises. The London Borough of Newham who erected a building on a Flanders Community Centre demised land without apparent relevant permission to do so. Flanders Community Centre intend through legal action to reclaim this land.

**Internal Risks:**

Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of service for all operational aspects of the charity. These procedures are kept under constant review by the Management Committee to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

**Independent Examiner:**

A resolution passed in the Annual General Meeting will be to appoint Glory Community Accounting Services to act as an Independent Examiner and it is approved by the Trustees.

**Reference and Administrative Information:**

**Trustees:**

The trustees who served during the year ended 30 September 2024:

Mrs. Julia Mead (Chair)

Mr A Shanahan (Treasurer / Secretary)

Mr Cedric Johnson (Trustee)

**Principal Office:**

116 Napier Road  
London E6 2SG

**Bankers:**

Barclays Bank PLC

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London E6 2HW

**Solicitors:**

Thirsk Winton LLP  
11 Mason's Arms Mews  
Mayfair  
London W1S 1NX

**Surveyors:**

Richard John Clarke  
11 Masons Arms Mews  
Mayfair  
London W1S 1NX

**Insurers:**

Zurich Insurance  
Zurich House  
Ballsbridge Park  
Dublin 4  
Ireland

**Independent Examiners:**

Glory Community Accounting Services  
318 Barking Road  
London E13 8HL


**Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The Charity Trustees have responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
(Mrs Julia Mead – Chair)

Date ..... 8/8/25 .....

J. MEAD

## **Independent Examiners' Report to the Members of Flander Community Centre, Charity No: 1070171**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity "Flanders Community Centre" for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set on pages 6 to 10 and have been prepared on an accrual basis.


**Responsibilities and basis of Report:** As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act).

### **Independent Examiner's Statement:**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no materials matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
  - The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) ....
- 2) 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.

  
Hasina Jahan (DFT, M Com, MAAT, MBA)  
Glory Community Accounting Services  
318 Barking Road  
Plaistow  
London  
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Date: 08/08/25

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b><u>Income</u></b>		£	£	£	£
Income from Charitable Activities	2	-	-	-	-
Income from other activities	3	39,442	-	39,442	66,636
Bank Interest Received		109	-	109	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>39,551</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,551</b>	<b>66,636</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Expenditure on Charitable activities	4	47,452	-	47,452	68,028
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>47,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,452</b>	<b>68,028</b>
Net Income / (Expenditure)		(7,900)	-	(7,900)	(1,392)
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>98,931</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,931</b>	<b>100,323</b>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<b>91,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,031</b>	<b>98,931</b>

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

Fixed Assets	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible Assets	7	-	216
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>216</u>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			
Cash at Bank / in hand		98,435	99,915
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>98,435</u>	<u>99,915</u>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>			
Creditors: falling due within one year	6	(7,404)	(1,200)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>91,031</u>	<u>98,715</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>91,031</u>	<u>98,715</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u><u>91,031</u></u>	<u><u>98,931</u></u>
<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Unrestricted Funds		91,031	98,931
Restricted Funds		-	-
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<u><u>91,031</u></u>	<u><u>98,931</u></u>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:

..... (Mrs. Julia Mead - Chair)

JULIA MEAD

Date 8/8/25

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## Notes of the Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2024

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern:

The accounts (financial statements) 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 second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern

#### (b) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

#### (c) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor .

#### (d) Income recognition

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

All income are generated from hall hire.

#### (e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity 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.

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### (f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

### (g) Charitable activities

The expenditure on charitable activities includes grants made, governance costs and of support costs as shown in note.

### (h) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a work place pension scheme which is funded by contributions from employee and employer or alternatively they may have opted to join the group money purchase defined contribution pension scheme.

### (i) Fixed Assets :

All assets costing more than £1,000.00 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is charged from the year of acquisition on furniture and equipment on 25% straight-line basis over their estimated useful life of four years.

### 2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-

### 3. Income from other activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Hall hire	35,774	-	35,774	62,704
Other Income	3,668	-	3,668	3,932
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,442</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,442</b>	<b>66,636</b>

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<b>4. Expenditure on Charitable activities</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Support and Governance Costs (Notes 5)	14,540	-	14,540	19,089
Building Materials / Repair & Maintenance	12,556	-	12,556	13,645
Volunteer / Administrator expenses	130	-	130	16,700
Small equipment	2,281	-	2,281	4,622
Rate	3,395	-	3,395	3,121
Telephone / Internet	976	-	976	1,573
Postage /Printing /Stationery /Photocopying	560	-	560	656
Insurance	909	-	909	831
Cleaning expenses	505	-	505	931
Travel expenses	1,534	-	1,534	2,030
Refreshment	284	-	284	1,788
TV / Software expenses	353	-	353	49
Depreciation expenses	216	-	216	216
Event & Activities	8,517	-	8,517	2,274
Sundry expenses	696	-	696	503
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,452</b>	<b>68,028</b>

<b>5. Support and Governance Costs</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	12,000	-	12,000	11,000
Accountancy fee	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Payroll expenses	350	-	350	283
Professional / Legal fees	990	-	990	6,606
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,540</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,540</b>	<b>19,089</b>

<b>6. Creditors &amp; Accruals:</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy fee	404	-	404	1,200
L Salary	7,000	-	7,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,404</b>	<b>1,200</b>

<b>7. Fixed Assets:</b>	£
Computer: cost as at 2023	648
As at 30.09.23	432
Charge for the year	216
As at 30.09.24	648
Net Book Value 30.09.24	-