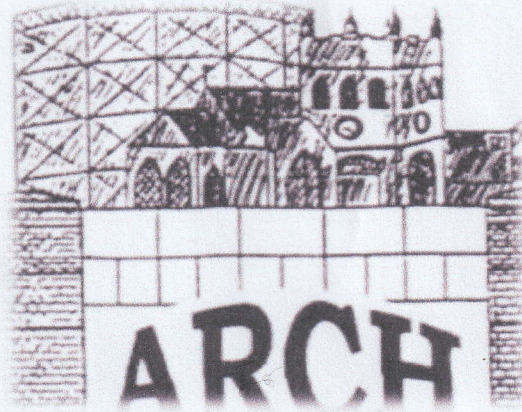


CHARITY No: 1072568



ARCH UNDER THE BRIDGE LTD.

ARCH ACCOUNTS

## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Year**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**To**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

## **ARCH Under the Bridge Ltd.**

Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

The Management Committee presents its report and financial statement for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information.

Charity Name:	ARCH UNDER THE BRIDGE LIMITED
Other names of the charity:	Action for Regeneration & Community Health (ARCH)
Charity Registration Number:	1072568
Company Registration Number:	3541318
Registered Office and Operational address:	83 Window Lane Garston Liverpool L19 8EJ

Management Committee:	
Joyce Nolan	Chair
Sylvia Mcleod	Treasurer
Doreen Finnegan	
William Jones	
Caitlin Burke	Secretary
Kirsty Mcleod	
Carolyn Dougherty	
Doreen Fay	

Independent Examiner  
Mr S Whiteside  
40 Lincoln Street  
Garston  
Liverpool  
L19 8LE



## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing Document

The Organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1998. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and the powers of the charitable company and is governed under the Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 which is towards the costs of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while the contributor is a member.

### Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee.

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purpose of the charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the management committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the management committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

The management committee all reside within an area known as Garston Under the Bridge, this being their geographical boundary or catchment area. The Management Committee are from all different social backgrounds in an effort to maintain a broad skill mix, the Management Committee are requested to provide a list of their skills which are updated every year.

### Trustee Induction and Training.

All Trustees are already familiar with the practical work the charity delivers. However, they are encouraged to partake in any training courses that will benefit the company's operational framework. New Trustees or volunteers partake in a induction course which covers the key roles of trustees and volunteers. Courses are also provided on:

The Roles and Responsibilities of a Trustee

Minute Taking

Deaf awareness

Bookkeeping (Accounting)

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objects of the Charity are:

To promote for the benefit of the public of Merseyside without distinction of sex, race, political, religious, or other opinion by the provision or assistance in the provision of education and training opportunities.

Facilities in the Interests of social welfare

Advice Information and assistance in relation of citizenship

To carry out any other charitable objects that can advantageously be carried out in conjunction with the objectives first described.

Services and Activities carried out during 2024 to 2025.

Through Liverpool City Council Youth & Community grant funding ARCH has provided a positive impact to the most isolated, vulnerable members of our community. Their funding has enabled ARCH to provide weekly coffee mornings and potters allotment project to our older beneficiaries.

The coffee morning group meet once a week for 4hrs, this is aimed at bereaved isolated members of the community. The group chat about every day life, they pay £2 a week for day trips out, or to go to restaurants together and they also plan their annual holidays together.

Potters Allotment scheme is aimed at isolated and vulnerable members of our community they meet 3 times a week for 4hrs each day. The group work together fixing raised beds, making new paths and giving the container classroom a new lick of paint after a new metal roof went on it, funded by MNF Cllrs fund. The potter group sow seeds in February so the children have seedlings to plant out during the school holidays.

Throughout the 2024-2025 financial year 1,313 residents have attended these activities

- The Impact made with individuals.

If these activities we not made accessible to individuals it would have a negative impact – anxiety, depression, loneliness, poor diet, shorter life expectancy

- By providing these weekly activities vulnerable and isolated members of our community have been able to access them, these activities have contributed to their overall health and wellbeing -
- combating isolation  
individuals are getting out interacting with people, chatting about current affairs, life problems, day to stresses
- decreases their vulnerability  
doing physical exercise – bending stretching, raking, planting seeds, number of steps taken have all contributed in combating trips and falls,
- maintaining a healthy diet  
by growing and harvesting and cooking produce grown by themselves it has enabled them to eat more healthy.



Here is feedback from our evaluation form.

I moved to the area about a year ago so don't know anyone. I was walking my dogs with my fella and started talking to a woman with her dog, after a long chat about our health problems she told me about an allotment scheme she attended and asked me to come along . I have now been attending the allotment every week and love it, It has changed my life in so many ways, I have met new people, learnt how to grow and preserve foods that I have grown from seed. It has given me something new to talk about with my family. Cathy

### **Interactive community events**

Provided a Christmas Grotto

158 families attended our Winter Wonderland grotto. Each child received a selection box, a candy cane and a personalised 'Good' certificate in total 400 selection boxes were handed out, This was funded by LNF Cllrs fund.

Garston Adventure Playground (GAP)

ARCH has delivered 6 sessions of Horticultural activities, these activities engaged young children and parents in planting potatoes, cabbage, sweetcorn, onions, cucumber, tomatoes and strawberries in pots and low raised beds. The children also made strawberry Jam and were astonished about how much sugar you need to make jam. The children took home the jam they had made and some of the produce they had grown.

Evaluation feedback.

Can I Join your Playscheme as I love digging and planting seeds. Teddy aged 5.

Making Jam is my favourite activity. Ivy-Lily age 8

LCC Streetscene Community Clean Up.

ARCH's volunteers worked alongside LCC Streetscene providing horticultural activities to local residents. Cllrs, Onward housing, the probation service, SLH housing officers paper picked the area whilst LCC Streetscene and SLHs environmental team took away the larger flytipping items. The environmental clean-up campaign took place in the Garston Under the Bridge area. This was due to the amounts of complaints regarding fly tipping, dirty entries and dog fouling. SLH environmental team took away over 27 bags of rubbish and 4 skip loads of household furniture. This is an Increase from last years figures and is a twice annual event.

This combined task was good for our area as seeing ward level clean-up campaigns that are organised and conducted by community members and local leaders motivates residents to believe that their problems can be solved, resulting in a shared responsibility for the area.



## Little Dibbers Allotment Playscheme

The Children 0-12yrs are loving the Little Dibbers Playscheme, even the parents love it and therefore stay to chat to other parents/guardians. On average due to our own Health & Safety we have 24 children attending every day Monday to Friday, 10.30 to 2.30. The children engage in an array of allotment activities from planting seeds to harvesting and preserving it, they learn about the history of food, food miles, the health benefits, they taste, cook, make Jam and pickle onions. They love digging looking for worms, getting manure, and replacing paths with new wood chippings whilst putting the old mulch in the bin for composting. The children also engage in creative crafts, making bird boxes, bug hotels from recycled materials, they love tie-dyeing from berries and beetroot plus tie-dyeing with paints designing their own t-shirts.

The children chose the solar system as their themed activity we also linked this in with air pollution and food miles. The children learnt this through numerous arts and crafts activities (planet wind chimes, sand art, through reading books, designed their own hessian 'save our planet' shopping bags for either their school P.E kit or for mum to take shopping cutting down on buying a plastic bag, Each child received a solar system reading book or colouring book based on age and preference. Our Allotment is next door to John Lennon Airport so the children counted the amount of airplanes that took off, by the end of the first week the children could identify what the plane was, Lessons were always very vocal as the children created a bar chart of the planes that took off every day over the duration of a 4 week period. We then spoke about which is best growing food locally or importing food in from other countries, weighing up the positive and negative impacts it has on our planet. During Halloween the children produced an 'Ofrenda' altar as they wanted to learn about the day of the dead. The children brought photos in of loved ones and spoke about them fondly. The children also took part in 'Remembrance' making medals, poppies and poppy windmills for our local heroes from WW1 and WW2, the children were also asked to bring in army photos and medals in from their great grandparents, these were also displayed on our 'Ofrenda'. All the children attending have FREE hot/cold lunches, snacks and refreshments Funded by MPAC and LCC Sutton Croft HAF, The children always leave happy and with a full belly.

Through our evaluation the children and parents stated that they love the activities that they take part in on the allotment stating it's a bit like school but more fun.

During this financial year 1288 children and parents have had healthy meals prepared for them due to food poverty.

Here is some feedback from parents taken from our evaluation forms..

Archie has once again had the most amazing time at The Arch allotment camp this summer. He has thrived in the outdoor environment with new and established friends made through the camp. He has learned so many skills for life, digging the potatoes and picking onions harvested that he had helped plant in the spring. He learns so much about where food comes from and making healthy choices from these activities and also the lovely healthy snacks and meals provided. The day trips out have been a god send as there is no way we would have been able to provide these weekly trips with the hard economic times we are in, when everything is a financial struggle, a struggle that as a family we are worried will continue to



worsen over these coming years, it has given Archie so much to look forward each week. We can not thank Karen and the whole of The Arch team for working so hard and tirelessly to ensure our children can have these wonderful experiences in a fabulous environment! D King

While we have been struggling with rising food and energy costs our kids have not needed to miss out thanks to Karen and the volunteers at ARCH I can't thank you enough the kids have loved ALL the activities and food provided every day has been a massive help too. C Langley

"The little dibblers scheme has been absolutely brilliant again this year. My two daughters thoroughly enjoyed every minute they spent with Karen and the other volunteers, and I'm so grateful to be part of such an amazing program. My children have learnt so much again this summer, from taking care of the planet to growing & planting vegetables, art skills etc. They've also built such great friendships with the other children in the program. I'm beyond thankful for being able to join in for the days out because I could never afford to take my 2 daughters to those places on my own, and my kids loved the adventures out so much. Every aspect of the scheme is invaluable, from the healthy lunches, which my kids devoured everyday, to the skills they learned. It is a wonderful program for the children in Garston, especially "under the bridge" because there isn't much locally for them to participate in. I'm very grateful to everyone associated with the scheme and I hope my children can continue to be part of it in the future." L Arnold

This past year has proved that we do need funding to provide 'wellbeing' to the most vulnerable and isolated members of our community, young and old, we all need social, personal interaction and routine. Staying in is not good for our mental or physical wellbeing no matter what age you are.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

ARCH has 9 volunteers to help towards the successful delivery of events and projects. These volunteers have proved to be most valuable to the successful delivery of the Little Dibbers playscheme which takes place during the children's holidays. The volunteers help with the preparation of the children's hot/cold lunches, preparing activities, helping SEND children on a one to one basis and cleaning up. Two volunteers worked alongside the manager assisting with all the food buying, bagging and hand deliveries. As for our working partnerships, sponsors and funders we appreciate all their time, help, support and guidance as without them we could not achieve or deliver the projects and events, meeting our deprived communities' needs. **A big Thank you to you all.**

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources for the charity is currently by way of grant funding from Liverpool City Council CRU, this source of funding is presented as a 'Restricted' income. During 2024 to 2025 ARCH received CRU grant funding of £7500.00 and LCC Youth & community Grant funding £7992.78. The table below demonstrates how the grants of £15492.78 has been used.

Towards Salary +costs for 2024/2025 for the delivery of activities.	Amount awarded £15492.78
Rent	00.00
Utilities	00.00
Office Expenses	00.00
Telephone	00.00
Insurance	00.00
TOTAL	15492.78

ARCH also carries out community projects or events which generate income from other funding sources for example Merseyside Play Action Council (MPAC), Mayor Hardship Fund (MHF) and the Mayors Neighbourhood Fund (MNF) Councillors Local Neighbourhood fund (LNF) these are also set out as 'restricted' incomes on the Companies and Charities Accounts.

ARCH provides help and assistance to community groups or resident groups in writing bids to secure funds for their local events. These groups may not have a bank account, therefore if their bids are successful the cheque is placed in to ARCHs bank account, which are set out on the Company and Charity Accounts as 'Restricted'. Receipts are collated from the groups and forwarded on to their funders with an evaluation report. The Community/resident group/s and ARCH also have a file copy for future reference. This Year no small community groups have put on any social events. Therefore, no external restricted funds are on our accounts.

### Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has examined the charities requirements for reserves in light of the main risks of the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. Budgeted expenditure for 2024/25 (based on premises, inflation and rising capital costs) is £25772.70 and therefore the target is £6443.17 to £12886.35 in the general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the management committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant



drop in funding. The present level of reserves available to the charity is £2341.23. Although the strategy is to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses, the management committee are well aware that it is unlikely that the target range can be reached for at least 10yrs. In the short term the management committee has also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed should such circumstances arise.

#### Independent Examiner

Mr S Whiteside has been re-appointed as the charitable companies' independent examiner during the year and has expressed a willingness to continue.

This report has been carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 under direction given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies regime.

Signed On Behalf Of The Board

Mrs Joyce Nolan

Trustee's Signature: ..... *J. Nolan* .....

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS.

Report to the Trustee's/  
Members of

ARCH UNDER THE BRIDGE LTD

On the Accounts for the  
Year ended

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity No:

1072568

Company No:

3541318

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I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charities Trustees consider of the Company (who are also the directors of the Company for the purpose 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 for this year under part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination. I report in respect of my examination of your Charities 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.

It is my responsibility to

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- The accounts do not accord with such records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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

The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Signed: 

Name: Mr Steven Whiteside

Relevant professional Qualification(s) or body(if any): None

Address: 40 Lincoln Street, Garston  
Liverpool L19 8EL

Date: 17.1.26.



ARCH UNDER THE BRIDGE LTD  
Company No: 3541318. Charity No: 1072568.  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
<b>RESTRICTED</b>			
LCC Youth & Community grant Fund)	7992.78	Insurance	
LCC/ CRU grant Fund	7500.00	Salary	14050.32
Merseyside Action Play Council (MPAC) Activities	1700.00	HMRC NI/ER	830.66
LCC/LNF Christmas grotto,	300.00	Premises rent	6000.00
LCC Sutton Croft Dibbers holiday playscheme	14500.00	Ruby Gas	2244.01
GAP	493.00	Ruby Electric	1832.59
SLH	544.00	GAP Activities	357.00
		Bank Charges	102.30
		Water plus	678.82
		Companies House	34.00
		Agency Fees	
		Projects	9141.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>33059.78</u></b>		
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>35003.70</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>33059.78</u></b>	Cash at Bank	<u>2341.23</u>
Cash B/F	<u>4642.15</u>	Un-presented cheques	<u>00.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>37701.93</u></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>37701.93</u></b>

ARCH UNDER THE BRIDGE LIMITED

For the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2)  
Of the Companies Act 2006

Signature of Director (Chair) .....

Print Name: Joyce Nolan

Date: 19/01/26

Signature of Director (treasurer) .....

Print Name: 19/1/26

Date: SYLVIA McLEOD

Signature of Independent Examiner .....

Print Name: Stephen Chilvers

Date: 17.1.26

ARCH UNDER THE BRIDGE LTD  
BALANCE SHEET CONTINUED  
1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at bank	2341.23
Cash in hand	0.00
Unpresented cheques	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>2341.23</u>

RESERVES

Income & Expenditure	
Cash in Bank	2341.23
Cash in Hand	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>2341.23</u>

The Directors responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the act with respect to the accounting records and the preparation of accounts;
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision applicable to companies subject to the small companies 'regime'.

Yours faithfully

Signature of Director (Chair) ..... *J. Nolan* ..... Date: *19/01/26* .....

Print Name: *Joyce Nolan* .....

Signature of Director (Treasurer) ..... *S. McLeod* ..... Date: *19/1/26* .....

Print Name: *SILVIA MCNEED* .....

Signature of Independent Examiner: ..... *S. White* ..... Date: *17.1.26* .....

Print Name: *Stephen White* .....