

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 01 January 2023 31 December 2023
From **To**

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Yorkshire Carnival Association

Other names charity is known by YCA

Registered charity number (if any) 1075071

Charity's principal address 43 Towngate

Mirfield

West Yorkshire

Postcode

WF14 9JG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kathryn Hirst	Chairman		Kathryn Hirst
2	Keeley Rutherford	Secretary		Keeley Rutherford
3	Jacqui Duffield	Treasurer		
4	Sarah Roberts-Lello	Trustee		
5	Deborah Campbell	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>eg. trust deed, articles of association</i>	Constitution adopted 1998
How the charity is constituted <i>eg. trust, company limited by guarantee</i>	Association
Trustee selection methods <i>eg. elected by members, appointed by members</i>	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in February.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All Trustees of the YCA have been elected to positions through our recruitment policy and follow an agreed code of conduct. We have undertaken DBS checks carried out before the commencement of employment as a volunteer or trusteeship. All other volunteers for the association have been employed following the same process. All trustees and volunteers give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

We have a Child Protection Policy, and incident reporting procedure should we require assistance to protect our children. The YCA hold a Photography and Film policy to ensure a safe sporting environment for children and young people for the appropriate use of images in resources and on the internet. We are registered with the ICO Information Commissioners Office which guides how to protect and store information regarding our dancers under the Data Protection Act.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide out of school activities for the recreation and leisure time occupation of young people, in the interest of social welfare and by the provision of training and performing with a troupe of majorettes.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities for the year, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The focus of our activities is to promote dance and music activities, mutually support and come together with our members. We work together with established majorette teams that participate in YCA competitions and events and enjoy our social media.

This benefits all children, young adults, and adults by developing their self-confidence, social skills, interacting and bringing together new friendships and sharing their majorette skills. We welcome all people regardless of personal background, faith, gender, disability or personal circumstances and we believe this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of the skills and aptitude for our members and volunteers.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

A great contribution is made by the YCA member volunteers and troupe leaders. We are grateful for the many hour's volunteers have spent encouraging children through dancing and building relationships. We have spent time listening to our members and making changes that are necessary to improve the charity. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much success as a charity.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The YCA has developed a strong work ethic towards learning by example which promotes a stable peer relationship whilst out of school.

Our 2023 season has been very successful, and we have seen record number of troupes show interest and join our association.

We held 9-day competitions throughout 2023 ranging from March to October attracting between 700 and 1000 people to each event. Various majorette troupes attended with some travelling great distances, we had troupes attend from Dewsbury, Batley, Heckmondwike, Bridlington, Kendal, Leeds, Wakefield, and Horbury.

Our end-of-season finale competition is held at The Spa, Bridlington, East Yorkshire. Our event is held over 4 days and has been a huge success and very much missed by everyone throughout the pandemic. During the day we have the majorette and pom competitions, and, in the evening, we hold entertainment nights where troupes socialise and relax together in a safe environment. We also have Solo and Duo competitions at this event which is thoroughly enjoyed by the members.

Our fundraising includes raffles, numbers boards, and the Pound in the Bucket challenge, we also raise some funds from the sale of competition wristbands.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our starting balance for 2023 in the charity bank account was £19649.20. The intention for this amount is to buy trophies, medals, and gifts for the upcoming 2024 season and any other costs that we may need to spend for the charity to function e.g. laptops, printers, stationary etc.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal source of funds comes from teams, parents of dancers, majorettes and supporters who pay entry fees into our competitions both to dance and to enter the events. We have previously applied for grants; however, we did not do so in 2023.

We always try to obtain the lowest prices for everything we buy to keep the costs low for those involved in the YCA.

Most of the income is applied to the awards, certificates, venue costs and the association's costs.

Section F

Other optional information


Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Jacqui Duffield

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

18 - 9 - 2024

Yorkshire Carnival Association

Accounts overview 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

Opening balance 01/01/23	£19,649.20
Closing balance 31/12/23	£11,892.73

In

2023 Memberships	£1,750.00
Day Comps	£5,603.50
solo	£1,078.50
Wristbands	£26,476.80
Donations	£50.00
Bridlington 2023	£29,248.50
fees	£685.60

Out

Day comp venue Hire	£8,282.00
Trophies & Medals 2023	£15,978.05
Certificates & Printing	£710.11
Equipment	£2,412.00
Expenses	£4,484.03
Bridlington overall costs	£26,997.79
Clothing	£748.50
Charity insurance	£813.50
Postage	£220.10
Wristbands	£1,119.60

Total in £64,892.90

Total out £61,765.68

Opening balance £19,649.20

plus

Total money in £64,892.90

Overall money 2023 £84,542.10

Overall money 2023 £84,542.10

minus

Total money out 2023 £61,765.68

Remaining balance @ 31/12/23 £22,776.42

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Yorkshire Carnival Association

On accounts for the year ended

2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1075071

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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; or
- 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) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Alexander Newsome

Date:

18/9/24

Name:

ALEXANDER NEWSOME

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

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WAKEFIELD WF2 7PS

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.