

Charity number: 1076090
Company number: 3655201

Community Action Project
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Legal and administrative information

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Company registration number 3655201

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

CAP is a registered Charity and a Company Limited by guarantee, the charity/ company is managed by a Board of Directors/Trustees who meets a minimum of four times a year. The Board of Directors/Trustees meets to consider management and financial matters relating to the running of the organisation. The Board is supported by a small staff team.

Membership of the organisation is open to anyone who subscribe to the aims and objectives of the organisation and has completed a membership application. No person is admitted a member of the organisation unless his application for membership is approved by the Board of Directors/Trustees. Directors/Trustees are elected by the members annually. Newly appointed Directors/Trustees are given an induction pack on election to the Board.

Objectives and activities

Provide or assist in the provision of facilities and activities for primarily the African - Caribbean community, and in particular: -

The preservation and protection of good health

The furtherance of education, recreation and leisure.

The relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

CAP's aim is to provide a one stop service for the target community to access work, education, health and other services locally. The organisation operates from a multi-purpose centre and focus on five key things

1. Bridging the Gap: That it provides a range of innovative, commercial, cultural and empowering services that address significantly the underlying problems facing black communities locally.
2. A Focus of Local Activity and Support: That it improves access and take up of services through a culturally sensitive one stop centre. These services include those around health, housing, employment, education and welfare.
3. Locally Owned: That these services are shaped, designed, managed and provided by local people.
4. Social Enterprise and Empowerment: Through a combination of harnessing and developing community enterprise and operating commercially.
5. Strong Local Partnership / Co-operation / Co-ordination: That it works closely in partnership with other key local agencies/networks

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Achievements and performance

Hospitality has steadily grown during the year, however it is becoming clear that the market is very competitive, and we now need to revise our business model if we are to maintain our sustainability.

Our childcare work continues despite setbacks with our losing of senior staff over the last two years. Successful Holiday Activities and Food projects were run at Easter and summer where a wide range of activities was provided for local children. Nursery numbers are steady and we are preparing to recruit a new manager to drive forward further progress.

Plans for future periods

Continue to grow the take up of nursery and out of school places. Recruit a new Nursery Manager to lead this process.

Continuously reviewing the hospitality business model to determine how best to meet the rising costs of energy, mortgage interest, minimum wage and food costs.

Continue to develop and implement maintenance and upgrading programme of work for the building.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They 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

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**Report of the trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

On behalf of the board


Secretary

19/12/2024

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Community Action Project.

I report on the accounts of Community Action Project for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 2 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006 does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the Act, as amended; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- (ii) 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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Sylvanus Dzotsi
19/12/2024

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	2	137,574	137,574	165,049
Activities for generating funds	3	83,681	83,681	149,102
Investment income	4	508	508	204
Other incoming resources	5	-	-	16,663
Total incoming resources		<u>221,763</u>	<u>221,763</u>	<u>331,018</u>
Resources expended				
Function Room Expenditure		36,273	36,273	38,949
Staff costs	6	133,482	133,482	170,579
Establishment costs		52,832	52,832	57,134
Accountancy fees		2,500	2,500	3,000
Legal and professional fees		264	264	1,879
Communications and IT		4,223	4,223	3,396
Printing,Postage & Stationery		272	272	631
Nursery expenses		-	-	513
Interest payable and similar charges		44,057	44,057	29,699
Depreciation and impairment		-	-	1,043
Subscriptions		891	891	1,682
General Expenses		625	625	2,250
Special Project		2,963	2,963	4,102
Total resources expended		<u>278,382</u>	<u>278,382</u>	<u>314,857</u>
Total funds brought forward		1,272,377	1,272,377	1,256,215
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,215,758</u>	<u>1,215,758</u>	<u>1,272,376</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		2,530,424		2,530,424
Current assets					
Debtors	9	8,106		5,440	
Cash at bank and in hand		22,791		79,090	
		<u>30,897</u>		<u>84,530</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(80,052)		(77,066)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			<u>(49,155)</u>		<u>7,464</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			2,481,269		2,537,888
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(700,287)		(700,287)
Accruals and deferred income	12		(565,224)		(565,224)
Net assets			<u>1,215,758</u>		<u>1,272,377</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds:					
Unrestricted income funds			915,386		972,005
Revaluation reserve			<u>300,372</u>		<u>300,372</u>
Total unrestricted income funds			1,215,758		1,272,377
Total funds			<u>1,215,758</u>		<u>1,272,377</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on and signed on its behalf by

Albert Hylton
Trustee

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19/12/2024

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from the charity shop is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

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1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Land and buildings	-	No provision
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% straight line
	-	

1.5. Defined contribution pension schemes

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Deferred income (Government grant)	-	-	18,233
SMBC	-	-	32,382
Room Hire	135,489	135,489	114,434
Clover Debits	2,085	2,085	-
	<u>137,574</u>	<u>137,574</u>	<u>165,049</u>

3. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from nursery/ Out of School	83,681	83,681	149,102
	<u>83,681</u>	<u>83,681</u>	<u>149,102</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank interest receivable	508	508	204
	<u>508</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>204</u>

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5. Other incoming resources

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Other income	-	11,267
Other income	-	5,396
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,663</u>

6. Employees

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	126,429	158,375
Social security costs	4,988	5,346
Pension costs	2,065	6,525
Other costs	-	333
	<u>133,482</u>	<u>170,579</u>

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

2024 Number	2023 Number
<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

7. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the Nest Fund. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Pension charge	<u>2,065</u>	<u>6,525</u>

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8. Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment		Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023 and				
At 31 March 2024	2,830,794	383,661	47,260	3,261,715
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023 and				
Net book values				
At 31 March 2024	2,530,422	1	1	2,530,424
At 31 March 2023	2,530,422	1	1	2,530,424

9. Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	(988)
Other debtors	8,106	6,428
	8,106	5,440

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank overdraft	297	-
Lloyd Bank	65,146	65,146
Sandwell Metropolitan Council	6,500	6,500
Trade creditors	4,209	-
Other taxes and social security	1,400	2,420
Accruals and deferred income	2,500	3,000
	80,052	77,066

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11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Lloyd Bank Plc	493,877	493,877
Sandwell Metropolitan Council	206,410	206,410
	<u>700,287</u>	<u>700,287</u>

12. Accruals and deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Government grants		
At 1 April 2023	(565,224)	(583,457)
Released in year	-	18,233
At 31 March 2024	<u>(565,224)</u>	<u>(565,224)</u>

13. Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted Fund	<u>972,005</u>	<u>221,763</u>	<u>(278,382)</u>	<u>300,372</u>	<u>1,215,758</u>