

CORE (CORE - CALVERTON, OASIS, RESOURCES, EDUCATION)

England & Wales · Charity number 1079864

Details

Other names	THE CORE CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2000-03-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Calverton Core Centre At Calverton Working Men's Club Collyer Road Nottingham NG14 6JX
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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE POVERTY, ADVANCE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF ANY SERVICES AND FACILITIES DEEMED IN LAW TO BE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE AMONGST PERSONS RESIDENT IN CALVERTON, WOODBOROUGH, OXTON, EPPERSTONE, GONALSTON, LOWDHAM AND OTHER NEARBY COMMUNITIES

Activities: CORE is an essential one-stop shop in the village of Calverton, Nottingham offering information, advice and guidance, education and training, leisure courses and activities like Trace Your Ancestors, tutor-led Job Club, office services, book loan, stationery supplies, Hearing Clinic, meeting rooms, Citizens Advice Bureau, Chairbased Exercise and Yoga, Chiropody, Reflexology and Family Law Service.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CALVERTON, WOODBOROUGH, OXTON, EPPERSTONE, GONALSTON, LOWDHAM AND OTHER NEARBY COMMUNITIES
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£133,881	£128,551	-	-
2024-03-31	£128,864	£112,718	-	-
2023-03-31	£128,658	£105,594	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,680	£90,774	-	-
2021-03-31	£90,705	£93,894	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Norman Granville Lord	Chair	2020-10-14
Denise Pilkington		2025-12-10
Eva Atkin		2018-09-11
Gillian Stynes		2025-10-07
PATRICIA DOREEN BOSWORTH		2019-06-04
Peter Wallis		2023-11-01
Sue Baker		2025-12-10

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Collyer Rd, Calverton, Nottingham NG14 6JX**



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The Core Centre Annual Report 2024/2025

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Tuesday 7th October 2025 @ 3:30pm

Annual General Meeting

- Chairman's welcome and opening remarks/Apologies for absence
- Tribute to Maggie
- Approval of minutes from the last AGM
- Matter arising from those minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda
- Trustee's Annual Report
- End of year financial report
- Election of executive committee 2025/2026
- Questions and comments from the floor
- AOB
- Dates of next meeting

Maggie Burrows

Vice Chair of The Core Centre, volunteer and wonderful friend to all.

Although outside the reporting period, we are deeply saddened and shocked to report the passing of our amazing Vice Chair Maggie in May this year. Maggie's energy, kindness, and unwavering support for The Core Centre was outstanding. She gave above and beyond in everything she did, always bringing a spark of joy—whether through her daft costumes, her infectious laughter, or her thoughtful encouragement and interest in others.

Maggie was a passionate advocate for community and helping others, and cared deeply about the people we serve. Her creativity, commitment, and sense of fun brightened up the room every time she walked in. We will miss her greatly, and we are profoundly grateful for the time, heart, and humour she so generously shared with us all.

Thank you Maggie





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14th August 2024 3:45pm

DRAFT MINUTES of Annual General Meeting

The CORE Centre, Calverton Working Men’s Club, Collyer Road, Calverton, Notts, NG14 6JX

	Present: Norman Lord (Chairman), Eva Atkin, Pat Bosworth, Chris Peck, Sam Round (Project Manager), Becky Lord (Assistant project manager and Minute Secretary) Maggie Burrows , Lorraine Newlove, , Sue Baker, Jane Middleton, Peter Wallis, Lisa White	
		Action
1	Welcome: Norman greeted everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.	
2	Apologies: None	
3	Declaration of Interest: None	
4	Minutes of the last meeting: No questions.	
5	Matters arising: None	
6	Trustees Annual Report: Norman read the report. Norman thanked the Trustees for all their ongoing support, volunteering and ideas throughout the year. Sam and Becky also thanked Jane for the work she does in her role. Norm went through other major Core Achievements and Sam commented that an awful lot had been achieved so much so that she couldn’t believe we had done it all in one year! Becky explained about the optimistic outcome re new lottery bid and that we would continue to look forward to reapplying to the Lottery after 2027 possibly on a 50/50 funding basis as this is a far more sustainable position than when we started back in 2021.	
7	Financial Report: Norman explained the difference between restricted and unrestricted funding, basically that some pots of money are ring fenced for specific identified activities and outcomes (restricted) Sam explained that unrestricted funds were the most useful as they could go towards revenue such as wages and rent. Chris asked about having too much profit and could that be an issue—Becky explained about deferring money to Year 3 or 4 through the Lottery which is very helpful as otherwise we appear to have made a profit when actually the money is already spoken for to fill our funding gaps for Year 3 and 4. Peter expressed that he was impressed with the Lottery which Sam and Becky agreed with as they have found them to be extremely fair and sensible to work with although Core have built trust and respect over the years as with all working relationships.	

8	Election of Executive Committee: All trustee were nominated and seconded and no changes made to the committee. Norman was re-elected as Chairman and Maggie re-elected as Vice Chairman.	
9	Question and comments: None	
10	AOB: None	
11	Dates of next Meeting: Nov 20 th 24	

Chairman Report

It has been another year of growth, adaptation and deep community impact at The Core Centre. As Chair, I'm proud to report that despite the ongoing challenges faced by many in our community — from cost-of-living pressures to increasing loneliness — The Core Centre has remained a steady and welcoming place for connection, support and wellbeing. We have supported over 1,800 individuals through more than 15,000 interactions, demonstrating the centre's vital role as a hub for social contact, practical help and emotional resilience.

Throughout the year, we have continued to offer a wide range of services that reflect the evolving needs of our community. From informal drop-ins and support with everyday issues, to activities that promote wellbeing, learning, and social connection, our programmes have grown more responsive and inclusive. We've worked closely with local partners, volunteers and residents to ensure that The Core Centre remains rooted in compassion, flexibility and trust — values that guide everything we do.

I want to thank our dedicated staff team, trustees, funders and the incredible volunteers who give their time and energy so generously. As we look ahead, our focus will remain firmly on creating a safe, kind, and inclusive space where everyone feels they belong. We know our work is far from done, but with such a committed team and supportive community, I am confident The Core Centre will continue to be a lifeline for many in the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Lord', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Norman Lord



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Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

**CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Full name CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education

Other names by which the charity is known The Core Centre

Registered charity number 1079864

Principal address

Calverton Core Centre, Calverton Working Men's Club, Collyer Road, Calverton,
Nottinghamshire, NG14 6JX

Trustees

Norman Lord - Chairman
Christopher Peck
Eva Atkin
Patricia Bosworth

Susan Baker
Lorraine Newlove
Margaret Burrows
Peter Wallis

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41
Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL.

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 23rd April 1998 and
most recently amended 20th May 2003.

Potential candidates are nominated to become trustees, this is seconded and then
the person nominated is asked for their consent to be considered for election at the
next AGM or Special Executive Committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to promote well-being, relieve mental health problems
and isolation and loneliness, relieve poverty, advance education, training and
employment opportunities and assist in the provision of any services and facilities
deemed in law to be exclusively charitable amongst person's resident in Calverton,
Woodborough, Oxtou, Epperstone, Gonalston, Lowdham, and other nearby
communities.

Most recently, the charity has sought to help the community combat the effects of the
"Cost of Living Crisis"

Furthermore, the aim of the charity has moved toward becoming a "first point of
contact" an embedded service delivered for the most part "by the people, for the
people" within the community, easily accessible and delivered by those who
understand the community best. Core aims to provide all services either free or at a
very low cost and additionally source partnerships and facilitators who are free or
very low cost.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The Core Centre (Core) is a registered charity where Sam, Becky and Jane run a community hub offering over 40 services and activities which combat loneliness, improve health, and provide practical support to vulnerable individuals, particularly the elderly, in Calverton and the rural surrounding villages in Gedling, Nottinghamshire. Core is a haven of kindness serving around 1,800 local people annually (15k interactions). We are a grass roots organisation delivering services like health and well-being activities, social eating lunch clubs, problem solving, arts and crafts, outreach and support clinics, a food pantry, and many initiatives are led by our wonderful and compassionate volunteers.

Core's work addresses the challenges of poverty, isolation and poor health, where we make a significant positive impact on individuals' lives by encouraging resilience, building social networks, and providing holistic and vital support. We are a route to market for all sorts of partners and organisations and we try to fill any local gaps in services where we can. Studies now show that social interaction is the most significant factor in overall longevity, something that Core deeply recognises, values and prioritises.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

General Highlights

Feedback Postcards:

Introduced in October.

- o 100% of visitors would recommend Core to others.
- o 86% are very satisfied with the services offered.
- o 96% feel more informed and optimistic after engaging with Core.

Shed Improvements:

Norm installed racking in the shed, improving safety and organisation for volunteers accessing items.

- Blue Badge & Attendance Allowance Help:

Still highly popular, with a few weeks' wait for services. Volunteers needed to meet demand.

Food Pantry:

- o Increased pantry weight in October, providing 50 boxes weekly
- o New freezer purchased to increase capacity.
- PPG (Patient Participation Group):

Sam continues attending monthly meetings to promote Core, now featured on screens at the surgery.

- Kath Boullen MBE consultation Support:

Kath continues to play a crucial role in financial support for the bidding process, though she has been used less frequently this year.

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Key Programs & Services Offered new this year

Lunch Club (Since July):

- o 50 meals provided plus 10 for volunteers, including some discretionary tickets.
- o Regular musical entertainment and talks, including topics on talking therapies and energy conservation.

New NHS Job Support:

- o Launched in January with Colleen Allen, providing help with job searches, CV creation, and interview techniques for NHS roles.

Basic IT Skills Course (January):

- Free 3-week course in partnership with Inspire, attended by 12 people, with excellent feedback.

Recycling Champion Sue Baker:

- Took part in the Macmillan fundraiser by transporting Christmas chocolate tubs to Greene King in February, supporting the campaign.

Display Board:

- Installed in April to better communicate Core's offerings to the community.

Smartphone Course (June):

- A free 3-week course with Inspire, attended well by community members.

Volunteer Celebration (June):

- A thank-you event for volunteers, in partnership with Newark and Sherwood CVS.

Community Litter Picking (July):

- In collaboration with GBC, 30 bags of rubbish collected in a community event.

'Care Squares' Project (July):

- Knitted squares collected and donated to the library for a collaborative blanket project with Inspire.

New Walking Group (August):

- Gentle walking group established in response to community interest.

Christmas Wreath Workshop (December):

- Held for volunteers, with foliage generously donated by the community.

Macmillan Coffee Morning (October):

- Raised £205, with strong attendance and community support.

Extra Portions Project:

- Encouraging exercise participation by offering a free class after 8 stamps collected. Highly successful.

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Carers Federation Clinic (3 months):

- Sessions fully booked; unfortunately, staffing issues led to their pause, though they plan to return.

Key Core Fundraisers

- November 14th - Brian Clough Night:
Raised £412.

Christmas Party:

Supported by Allan Carlton (local businessman), all proceeds went directly to Core (£780).

Carols by Candlelight:

- 5th October - Newstead Abbey Singers & Sherwood Clarinets: raised £55

Carols by Candlelight - Newstead Abbey Singers:

- Newstead Abbey Singers, raised £110.70 from refreshments at a beautiful concert held at Woodborough Village Hall. All proceeds were donated to Core.

21st May - SOS Fashion Show:

Over 100 tickets sold, raised £980.

- 3rd October - Paul Karensa Comedy Night: Raised £1500.

23rd October - Core's Quiz Night:

Raised £360 from tickets, and £144 from the raffle.

- 27th February – Magic/Comedy Night John Archer 156 attended
- Raised £2082.72

Springwater Golf Club Ladies' Team-Core chosen as charity of the year raising £3520.25

Training & Professional Development

- January:
 - o Safeguarding and Mental Health Training (Sam, Beck, and Jane).
- July:
 - o First Aid Training (Sam and Beck).
- September:
 - o Fire Marshall Training (Sam, Beck, and Jane).

Events Attended

- 13th October – Sam and Beck Challenge Poverty Event:
Civic Centre attendance.
- September:
 - o Sam and Beck attended a fundraiser at Springwater Golf Club, promoting Core.

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Various 'Pop-Up Core' Events:

Held to promote Core's work and sell tickets for upcoming events.

- 19th May - Village Get Together Disney Theme:

Raffle raised £197.

- January:

- o Presentation to DWP team to promote Core.
- o Sam attended Tackling Loneliness Collaborative.

- 27th February - CRT 25-Year Celebration:

Sam and Beck attended the event with the opportunity to win £1,000 and strengthen our partnership.

12th March - Presentation to U3A:

- o Raising awareness of Core's activities.

21st March - UKSPF Meeting:

Sam and Beck to attend, crucial for future funding opportunities.

One-Off Initiatives This Year

Covid Clinics:

Two clinics held, with over 200 people attended (first clinic: 70, second clinic: 140).

Already Established Ongoing Activities

Citizens Advice:

Continues to be fully subscribed.

Foodbank Referral Point:

Helping people access free food; expanded to include Calverton Food Bank.

Bereavement Support:

Intermittent courses with immediate support for the bereaved.

Falls Prevention Clinic:

Ongoing and well attended, with requests for a second group due to high demand.

Gedling Borough Council Outreach Clinic:

Weekly one-on-one sessions remain popular.

Form Filling Help Service:

Offering free help with Blue Badge, Carer's Allowance, and more.

Relaxation Sessions:

One-on-one sessions provided by a local therapist.

Blood Pressure Checks:

Provided by retired healthcare practitioners, in partnership with the local GP surgery.

Walking Group:

Weekly local walks, highly popular among attendees.

Chair-based Exercise & Yoga:

Twice-weekly sessions, extremely well attended.

Green Energy Doctor:

Referrals for free energy efficiency advice in the home.

Financial Guidance:

Free initial consultations with a trusted IFA.

Hearing Clinic & Ear Wax Removal:

Free NHS hearing aid support and affordable ear wax removal services.

Job Club:

One-on-one sessions with retired employment specialists.

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Mobile Phone & IT Help Clinics:

Free one-on-one support to help people with mobile phones and IT.

Craft & Creative Classes:

Various creative sessions, including card making, knitting, bobbin lace, art, and more.

Food Pantry:

Increased to 50 boxes, offering higher-quality food from Fareshare.

Ongoing Services

Neutral Meeting Point:

For agencies like Framework, Age UK, and Social Prescribers.

Local Information & Advice:

Signposting services to community members.

Office Services:

Photocopying, IT support, printing, scanning, and free Wi-Fi.

Volunteering Opportunities:

Continuing to offer various volunteer roles.

Community Events:

Regular litter-picking meet-ups and other community-driven activities.

- Hearing Aid Battery Collection Point

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A Note from the Project Managers

As we look back on 2024-2025, it's with a great sense of pride and gratitude that we reflect on what has truly been an incredible year for Core. Our mission to serve the community has flourished, and we've seen our charity grow stronger, more resilient, and more deeply embedded in the hearts of those who benefit from our services.

This year, Core has continued to grow as a vital community hub for Calverton and the surrounding areas. With approximately 15,000 interactions throughout the year, we've worked hard to provide a place of support, welfare, and above all, kindness in these challenging times. The ongoing impact of the cost of living crisis has made it clear that the work we do is needed more than ever.

We've expanded our range of services, reaching approximately 1,800 individuals through recreational, wellbeing, and social activities. From those seeking a place of peace and companionship to those in need of practical support, we continue to provide a warm and welcoming space for all.

We are incredibly proud of the culture we've cultivated here at Core - a community where people can always find a helping hand and feel that they belong. This year, we've sustained opportunities for nearly 40 volunteers, and we are constantly amazed by the dedication of everyone involved in making Core a place of hope and positivity. From our tireless staff to the wonderful volunteers, trustees, and local partners who support us, the power of community has truly shone through.

One of the most rewarding achievements has been the launch of our new lunch club. By providing a hot, two-course meal for 60 people each month, we've made significant strides in helping to combat loneliness and isolation in our community.

We've also seen the growth of our new dominoes group, which has created a vibrant space for socialising and building friendships.

Looking ahead, we're excited about the new ideas and projects we have planned, from social eating initiatives to the launch of our new Memory Cafe, not to mention fundraisers to entertain and bring people out in the evenings. But none of this would be possible without the dedication and generosity of all who give their time and energy to Core.

Thank you for another wonderful year. We truly believe that people need people, and together, we're creating a stronger, more supportive community for everyone. Here's to an even brighter year ahead!

Sam and Becky

Financial review

This year we have nearly completed the second year of our Healthy Happy Hub Project (May to May). The Lottery have funded approximately half of our overall costs this year and we have successfully funded the remaining amount through smaller grants and fundraising.

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Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy has two main objectives:

- To ensure we have sufficient reserves to draw on should we have gaps in the funding we need to maintain our day-to-day operations.
- To ensure that, should we need to close the operation due to long-term lack of funding, we can meet all liabilities, eg redundancy costs, lease obligations.

Our annual revenue costs are approximately £100k. We aim to maintain a level of reserves which would meet costs for at least 6 months and ideally up to 12 months. This requires us to hold reserves within a range of £50-100k.

Financial Risks

Core have begun to successfully diversify our income. The Lottery now provides less than 50% of our funding, a level we aim to maintain for sustainable long-term support. To continue delivering our services effectively, we need to raise around £100–110k annually. Income is now drawn from a well-balanced mix of sources:

National Lottery: Approx. 40%, Grants: Around 35%, with support from funders such as Sport England, Coalfields Regeneration Trust, local councils, Jigsaw Homes, Co-Op Community Fund, Sport England, and others. We forecast needing an additional £25k in 2025/26 and £37k in 2026/27 through new grant bids.

Sales 15%: We ask clients to contribute £3-£4 for most services and we always make sure no one is excluded due to cost.

Fundraising and Donations. Around 8%, thanks to growing local support and events. Finally, around 2%, from partner contributions/earned interest.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____
Norman Lord, Trustee

Date 16/6/25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

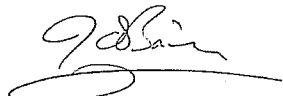
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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  Date 16/06/2025
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

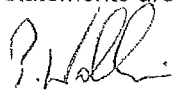
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total
	Note	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants & donations	2	4000	87511	91511
Sales & fees		20025	-	20025
Fundraising		12109	-	12109
Bank interest		1013	-	1013
Food Pantry		8173	-	8173
Partnership fees		1050	-	1050
Total receipts		46370	87511	133881
Payments				
Bank charges		17	-	17
Consultancy		1300	900	2200
Equipment, repairs & renewals		3101	2027	5128
Food pantry		14204	2000	16204
Freelance tutors		0	5995	5995
Insurance		-	444	444
Marketing & advertising		-	1656	1656
Premises maintenance		-	-	-
Printing & stationery		964	2070	3034
Professional fees		-	1000	1000
Project Expenses		-	-	-
Refreshments		-	1599	1599
Rent & room hire		-	7920	7920
Sundry expenditure		737	2396	3133
Training & conference		-	801	801
Travel & subsistence		-	21	21
Utilities		-	662	662
Volunteers expenses		485	351	836
Wages, NI & pension		31497	40709	72206
Lunch club		3930	1500	5430
Memory café		265	-	265
Total payments		56500	72051	128551
Net receipts/(payments)		(10130)	15460	5330
Cash funds at start of this period		95675	4000	99675
Cash funds at end of this period		85545	19460	105005

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2025

2024		Note	2025
£			£
	Cash assets		
99365	Bank accounts		104900
<u>310</u>	Cash in hand		<u>105</u>
<u>99675</u>			<u>105005</u>
	Other monetary assets		
<u>892</u>	Debtors	4	<u>4081</u>
<u>892</u>			<u>4081</u>
	Liabilities		
<u>(885)</u>	Creditors	5	<u>(876)</u>
<u>(885)</u>			<u>(876)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 16-6-2025
Peter Wallis, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Big Lottery	-	58915	58915
Newark and Sherwood CVS	-	9000	9000
Gedling Borough Council	-	1000	1000
Notts County Council	-	5910	5910
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	2000	2000
Masons	4000	-	4000
Jigsaw Homes	-	826	826
Sport England	-	9860	9860
	<u>4000</u>	<u>87511</u>	<u>91511</u>

3. Funds analysis

	(As restated)			
	Opening balance	Receipts	(Payments)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
The Healthier Happier Hub Project	-	39649	(39649)	-
Coalboard Regeneration	-	2000	(2000)	-
Food Redistribution	-	5910	(5833)	77
Futures	-	9000	(9000)	-
Jigsaw Homes	-	826	(826)	-
Lunch Club community fund Lottery	-	19266	(4897)	14369
Sports England extra portions	-	9860	(5846)	4014
GBC Shared Prosperity (SPF)	4000	-	(4000)	-
GBC Digital fund	-	1000	-	1000
	<u>4000</u>	<u>87511</u>	<u>(72051)</u>	<u>19460</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>95675</u>	<u>46370</u>	<u>(56500)</u>	<u>85545</u>
	<u>95675</u>	<u>46370</u>	<u>(56500)</u>	<u>85545</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Healthier Happier Hub Project:
 To run The Core Centre

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Coalboard Regeneration:

To buy laptops and journals

Food Redistribution:

To fund ongoing food/resources/staffing for The Food Pantry Project at Core

Futures:

To run a job club

Jigsaw Homes:

Used for refreshments for soup and roll club

Lunch Club community fund Lottery:

To run our monthly lunch club providing 60 meals

Sport England Extra Portions:

To pay tutor fees for 6 exercise classes to run alongside a loyalty scheme

GBC Shared prosperity (UKSPF):

To contribute towards wages and rent

GBC Digital fund:

To buy and set up a Lenovo laptop

4. Debtors

	£
Prepayment - Insurance	144
HMRC	<u>3937</u>
	<u>4081</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	<u>876</u>
	<u>876</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

Give details if any

There were no related party transactions in this period.

8. Glossary of terms.

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9.

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

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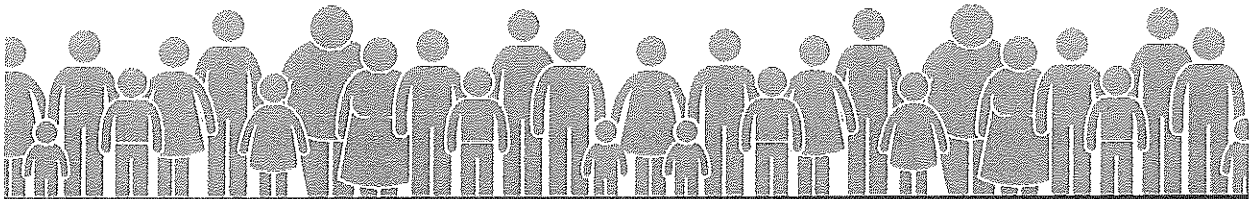
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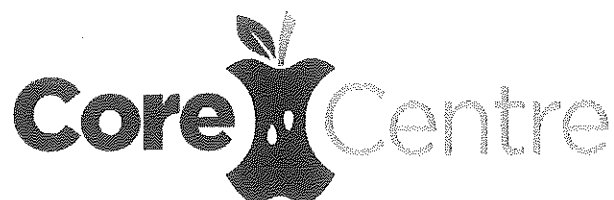


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Wednesday 14th August 2024

Annual General Meeting

- Chairman's welcome and opening remarks
- Apologies for absence
- Approval of minutes from the last AGM
- Matter arising from those minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda
- Trustee's Annual Report
- End of year financial report
- Election of executive committee 2024/2025
- Questions and comments from the floor
- AOB
- Dates of next meeting



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2nd August 2023 3pm

DRAFT MINUTES of Annual General Meeting

The CORE Centre, Calverton Working Men’s Club, Collyer Road, Calverton, Notts, NG14 6JX

	Present: Norman Lord (Chairman), Eva Atkin, Pat Bosworth, Chris Peck, Sam Round (Project Manager), Becky Lord (Assistant project manager and Minute Secretary) Maggie Burrows , Lorraine Newlove, , Sue Baker, Jane Middleton	
		Action
1	Welcome: Norman greeted everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.	
2	Apologies: Linda Watson. Norman thanked Linda Watson for her time as a trustee and volunteer and we wish her well in the future now that she has resigned her position.	
3	Declaration of Interest: None	
4	Minutes of the last meeting: No questions. Pat proposed that they are a true record.	
5	Matters arising: None	
6	Trustees Annual Report: Norman read the report. Pat commented that it is a fantastic detailed report. Norman talked through the figures and commented how impressed he is that Core have raised £1.14k in one year. Chris commented that we will have to do this all over again. Sue asked if funders put time limits on their funding and Becky explained that mostly this is the case.	
7	Financial Report: No questions	
8	Election of Executive Committee: Linda Watson resigned 31.07.23 Sue Baker introduced herself and explained that she had retired from teaching and wanted to help the community. Sue already knew of Core and met with Sam and Becky, loved our ethos and wanted to be involved. Sue really enjoys the soup and bowls and being part of Core. Welcome Sue ☺ Chris mentioned he would like to move away from being the treasurer and remain as a trustee. The managers’ expressed that they would endeavour to find a new treasurer during this financial year. Norm explained that it would be good practice to have a vice chair and Maggie agreed that she would take on this role. Everyone agreed that Norman should continue as chairman. Everyone was voted back on and Sue welcomed as a new trustee.	

Chairman Report 2023-2024

This has been another highly successful year for Core. Thanks to securing a new 4 year tapered lottery grant, we have made good progress in becoming a more sustainable organisation. However, there are still many challenges with respect to fundraising but for this year at least, we are well on track.

This year in particular we have been blessed by many local businesses/community members recognising how important Core are and I would like to say a special thanks to them:

LandSmith's Solicitors who made us their charity of the year, organised an amazing corporate night at the BierKeller in Nottingham where much fun and merriment was had by all as well as a sizeable chunk of money raised, £4K! Most importantly it gave Core an opportunity to network and spread the good word about the work we do and we are hoping to build further on some of these relationships this coming year.

I would also like to mention the kind fundraising by Ash Medley and his associates £1500, where all proceeds from well-known singers/comedian acts were donated to Core.

Other notable residents/community members such as Allan Carlton have also donated towards specific projects like the Christmas Party, making a massive difference to the quality of the event held, £2K.

Of course it's not always been about receiving big donations (as lovely as they are) but I also want to recognise those who give their time and expertise including; Andy Turton who assembled our shed free of charge, Rachel Briggs who drafted our lease pro bono and Doreen who is over 90 and still knits us a full mouse choir to raffle off every year.

Core continues to rely on all of its wonderful volunteers, without their free time and dedication, we simply could not exist.

Thank you to everyone for your generous community spirit.

Norman Lord
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Lord', written over a horizontal line.

9	Question and comments: Maggie asked about how we had been involved with the Stacey Dooly show –we explained that we had been filmed receiving donated blankets.	
10	AOB: None	
11	Dates of next Meeting: TBC	



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(Registered charity, number 1079864)
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for the year ended 31 March 2024

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**CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Full name CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education

Other names by which the charity is known The Core Centre

Registered charity number 1079864

Principal address

Calverton Core Centre, Calverton Working Men's Club, Collyer Road, Calverton,
Nottinghamshire, NG14 6JX

Trustees

Norman Lord, Chairman,	Patricia Bosworth,
Peter Wallis, Treasurer from 01/11/2023,	Margaret Burrows,
Lorraine Newlove,	Eva Atkin,
Christopher Peck, resigned 01/11/2023,	Susan Baker, from 02/08/2023,
Linda Watson, resigned 02/08/2023.	

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41
Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL.

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 23rd April 1998 and
most recently amended 20th May 2003.

Potential candidates are nominated to become trustees, this is seconded and then
the person nominated is asked for their consent to be considered for election at the
next AGM or Special Executive Committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to promote well-being, relieve mental health problems
and isolation and loneliness, relieve poverty, advance education, training and
employment opportunities and assist in the provision of any services and facilities
deemed in law to be exclusively charitable amongst person's resident in Calverton,
Woodborough, Oxtun, Epperstone, Gonalston, Lowdham, and other nearby
communities.

Most recently, the charity has sought to help the community combat the effects of the
"Cost of Living Crisis"

Furthermore, the aim of the charity has moved toward becoming a "first point of
contact" an embedded service delivered for the most part "by the people, for the
people" within the community, easily accessible and delivered by those who
understand the community best. Core aims to provide all services either free or at a

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very low cost and additionally source partnerships and facilitators who are free or very low cost.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

This year Core has continued to go from strength to strength. However, we have increased our offer to over 40 services and activities. We are still seeing record levels of attendees and Core's reputation is reaching far and wide e.g. appearing on national news programs and radio shows.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Brand New Ongoing Activities

- **Standguide:** Personalised support providing quality training, dedicated employment support and education.
- **Tea and Toast:** Low cost breakfast opportunity at Core for all.
- **Tables tennis:** Core now own a table tennis table and we hold a weekly group on how to play table tennis with a local expert.
- **Mini show Mondays:** HandMade Theatre Company deliver a free monthly show at Core for all to enjoy.
- **Mini Market:** Core hold a weekly bric a brac stall to help fundraise.
- **PA Housing Outreach Clinic:** a monthly representative from PA Housing is available at Core for tenants to consult.
- **Christmas Craft Inspire Course:** A course delivered to help people with basic maths using the media of craft.
- **Family History 1:1 Help:** Help delivered by one of Core's volunteers and expert on genealogy.
- **Line dancing intermediate group:** The ever popular line dancing group now includes separate beginners, intermediate and advanced classes.

One Off Initiatives This Year

- **LandSmiths Bier Keller Fundraising:** LandSmith's Solicitors held a fantastic corporate event raising £4000 for Core.

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- **Winter Warmers:** Core were successful again in securing funding from National Grid receiving £10,000 for warm packs, providing a warm hub, refreshments and energy advice.
- **MacMillan Coffee Morning:** Core once again raised £370 for Macmillan's by holding a coffee morning bringing local people together.
- **Food Pantry:** We increased our capacity for approx. 6 months to 50+ boxes and now continue with around 35.
- **Core Christmas Party:** Over 120 people attended the Core Christmas Party and feedback was excellent once again.
- **Fashion Show:** Core held a fashion show in conjunction with Calverton Theatre Group. Over 80 people attended and we made £311 towards Core funds.
- **Bags of Blessings:** We successfully collected many items for disadvantaged children on their behalf which they distribute to local food banks and sheltered housing.
- **Basic IT Inspire Course:** A course delivered by Inspire to help people access IT more confidently.
- **Calverton Village Get Together:** We attended to promote Core dressed as King Charles and Queen Camilla.
- **Litter Picking Campaign:** A well-attended event with locals collecting over 12 bags of rubbish.
- **Gedling Play Forum Chinese New Year:** Attended by over 20 families with free lunch provided for adults and children.
- **Plastic Tub Recycling:** We collected over 200 Christmas chocolate boxes with all proceeds going toward Macmillan's organised by our recycling champion and trustee.
- **Torvill and Dean:** Sarah Julian from BBC East Midlands interviewed Core attendees about their memories of the famous Bolero ice dance, 40 years ago. The section appeared on local and national TV.
- **DWP visit:** We visited Gedling Borough Council Department for work and pensions to promote the work that Core does to help people get back to work.
- **Podcast:** Core staff and attendees were interviewed by Sport England as part of a series of podcasts about community and activity, to go out later this year.

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- **Public Health Survey:** Core were interviewed and took part in a survey by Public Health England to understand barriers to food insecurity to research and survey our thoughts.

Already Established Ongoing Activities Progress This Year

- **Citizen's Advice:** This service is consistently oversubscribed. We were the first organisation in the country to trial the "Attend Anywhere" scheme giving remote appointment access to help for the community.
- **Foodbank Referral Point:** We continue to help people with accessing free food and use Arnold Foodbank. We now refer to Calverton food bank, which started this year at St Wilfrid's Church. Sometimes we ask volunteers to pick up food from Arnold and deliver to Calverton too.
- **Bereavement Group:** This course continues intermittently and we are always on hand to offer immediate support to people who have recently been bereaved.
- **Falls Prevention Clinic:** Facilitated by a local Occupational Therapist, this ongoing course has been fully attended and attendees have expressed a wish to continue indefinitely with the sessions. We are currently looking into running a second group as we have many on the waiting list to join.
- **Gedling Borough Council Outreach Clinic:** These weekly one to one sessions have continued to stay popular.
- **Form Filling Help Service:** Blue badge application, attendance allowance, Carers allowance, Discretionary Housing Payments Fund, Council Tax Rebate, Housing Benefit -Core have the facility to offer free help with completing these types of forms. Certain trustees and volunteers alike have experience in these fields and offer their time for free at Core to help.
- **Relaxation sessions:** This year a local therapist has provided one to one sessions for those who may benefit from a little TLC.
- **Blood Pressure check:** In conjunction with the local GP surgery, local retired health care practitioners volunteer to take people's blood pressure.
- **Walking Group:** Run by a trustee and volunteer, weekly local walks continue to be popular.
- **Chair based exercise and yoga sessions:** Delivered by a local tutor and extremely well attended twice weekly.

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- **Green Energy Doctor:** In conjunction with Groundwork Nottingham, Core refers for free appointments to discuss and receive advice on energy efficiency in their home.
- **Financial Guidance:** In line with Core's aims, we work closely with a local trusted IFA who can provide free initial guidance regarding financial issues.
- **Family Legal Advice:** We continue to use a specialist from Nelson's Solicitor who offers a free half an hour advice phone call.
- **Hearing Clinic:** In partnership with the charity Hear Together, Core continue to offer free help for those with NHS hearing aids. This clinic is always fully booked.
- **Ear Wax Removal:** In conjunction with Clear Ear Wax Solutions, Core provides access to lower cost appointments with fully qualified NHS audiologists.
- **Job Club:** This year Core have been lucky to receive free one to one session appointments from local retired employment specialists.
- **One to one computer help:** We have various volunteers who deliver personalised sessions around help with IT.
- **Mobile Phone Clinic:** Delivered for free by a local mobile phone tech, Core can offer 30 min session for people to receive advice on how to use their mobile phone more effectively.
- **Card Class for beginners:** Delivered for free by a local volunteer weekly.
- **Card Class Intermediate:** Delivered free by local volunteer.
- **Knit and Natter:** Local people meet at Core and run their own supportive group. This group has now increased to twice weekly.
- **Drop in Art:** Local ladies meet at Core and run their own supportive group.
- **Patchwork:** Local ladies meet at Core and run their own supportive group.
- **Bobbin Lace Class:** Delivered free by a Core trustee and very well attended.
- **Art Class:** Delivered by a professional local artist.
- **Sign Language:** Delivered free by a local volunteer.

In addition, we have ongoing services including

- Neutral meeting point for agencies e.g. Framework, Age UK; Social Prescribers.
- Local information and advice sign posting.
- Office Services/photocopying/IT Support/printing/scanning/emailing.

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- Free access to computers and free Wi-Fi.
- Hearing aid battery collection point.
- Coffee Mornings.
- Volunteering opportunities.
- Litter Picking Meet Up Point.
- General community point for craft sales, eggs, newspapers, recipes cards, bric a brac etc.

Other Major Core Achievements This Year

Pride of Gedling Awards: Core were nominated and were awarded runners up for the second time at the Pride of Gedling Awards.

Safeguarding and Mental Health Training: All staff and some volunteers have successfully undertaken mental health and safeguarding training.

Power of Attorney Talk: This free talk by John from HQN was very successful and well attended. People had plenty of opportunities to ask questions and we raised around £30 in donations for Core.

Ticket Office: Core sold tickets for Calverton Preservation Society talk on Calverton history, bringing new visitors to Core. We also sold tickets for the Calverton Panto which was a great success.

Lease Agreement: Core signed a 4-year lease with the Working Men's Club which was kindly prepared and administered pro bono by Rachel Briggs from LandSmiths Solicitors.

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Health and Wellbeing Event: Our links with the Patient Participation Group are strong and Core were heavily involved with organising a Health and Wellbeing event in October where over 300 people attended.

Covid Vaccination Pop Up Clinic: We vaccinated over 200 local people at Core's pop up clinics in partnership with NHS. We are told that this was the most successful pop up clinic in Nottinghamshire and we are hoping we can do this again in the future.

Fundraising/community events: We held a Coronation Coffee Morning in May. We dressed up as the Royal couple and we had over 50 visitors raising around £200 from the raffle. Staff and volunteers attended the Calverton Village Get Together. We were able to speak with many in the community and made £121 on the raffle for Core funds. Three willing volunteers manned a Core station at Woodborough Fair and raised approx. £80 from the raffle and donations as well as help promote Core's services.

New Price Increase: All charged service at Core increased from £2 to £3 this year. This is in line with our aims and objectives to keep our service either very low cost or free.

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Database: A local volunteer programmed Core a brand new database for free this year. The database would otherwise have cost us thousands and is an extremely professional and useful tool for Core as it will help us collate and analyse data more successfully.

Arnold and Calverton Community Group: Core hosted the first face to face meeting for this group. These meetings are always useful to meet new people and develop new ideas.

The Core Experience: All staff, volunteers and trustees enjoyed a successful morning of training looking at working with people, listening skills etc. Core treated everyone to a meal and drink at The Nag's Head to say thank you for all the loyal and hardworking support that everyone shows to the community.

LandSmith Charity of the year: Core have been made charity of the year for this local solicitor practice and receive support and donations in kind.

Registered Warm Bank: We are proud to have been registered across Gedling and Nottinghamshire as a warm space again this year offering people the opportunity to visit somewhere warm for free.

Co-op Community Fund: We are Co-op's charity this year.

Springwater Golf Club: Core are delighted to have been chosen to be the Women's team's charity of the year.

Funding: This year we have nearly completed the first year of our Healthy Happy Hub Project (May to May) funded by the Big Lottery Community Fund. This is a four-year grant issued on a tapered basis where we have to fund the widening gap each year. Currently we are successfully doing this through other smaller grants and bids as outlined below, as well as our own fundraising efforts. This will become increasingly challenging as the years pass but we remain confident the more we meet new partners and access more funding opportunities.

- We were delighted to secure our second lottery bid – The Healthier Happier Hub Project was awarded £194,402 over 4 years 2023-2027.
- We were awarded £6,830 from Nottinghamshire County Council Local Communities Food Redistribution Fund.
- Gedling Borough Council funded £500 through the "Reconnecting through food" application used for our Food Pantry.
- We were successful with the Cost-of-Living Fund £1000 from NCC towards food costs.
- We also received £229.17 from our local Parish councillors.
- We were awarded £5000 from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.
- We were successfully awarded £3700 Notts CC Revenue fund.
- We secured £12,000 from The Masonic Charitable Trust over 3 years.

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- We secured £4,000 from Gedling Borough Shared Prosperity Fund.
- We secured £10,000 from National Grid.

Many thanks to all who fund us, without these grants we would not be able to continue.

Volunteers	<p>Core have over 30 volunteers. We continue to run small teams of volunteers within Core who are well trained and provide an invaluable service with over 140 hours of free help each week. Thanks to...</p> <p>Aimee, Jenny, Prim, Mary, Sally, Joy, Jayne, Anne, Victoria, Lauren, Jean, Helen, Christine, Anna, Amelia, Peter, Lorraine, Denise, Eileen, Marilyn, Kendra, Sue, Maggie, Gill, Stacey, Anthony, Mark, Margaret, Jutta, Michaela, Sandy, Andrea</p>
Trustees	<p>Our trustees meet regularly and have the best interests of the charity at heart. This year the committee appointed a new Treasurer with good accounting experience and a new Vice chairwomen, both of whom volunteer weekly at Core.</p>
Partnerships	<p>The Big Lottery, Gedling Borough Council, Nottingham City Council, Citizens Advice Bureau, The Co-op, Calverton Surgery, Calverton Parish Council, Hear Together, Inspire, Newark and Sherwood CVS, Age UK Social Prescribing Team, Age Concern Carlton, Col Frank Seely School, Woodborough Web, Doverbeck Magazine, NG14 Magazine, Calverton Working Men's Club, Clear Ear Wax Solutions, South Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) St John Ambulance, Arnold Food Bank, Your Health Your Way, Help to Claim, Gedling Borough Council Outreach Team, Gedling Community Hubs and Partners, Arnold and Carlton Community Engagement Group, East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, Nelson's Solicitors, Gedling Play Forum, Sara Davies (Occupational Therapist), Hand Made Theatre Company, Stand Guide, PA Housing, HQN Financial Service, Bereavement Journey Programme, Calverton Allotment Association, Green Energy Doctor, Framework, Kath Boullen MBE, Nottingham Carers Association, Community Development Forum.</p>

A Note from the Project Managers

This year has been another amazing year for Core. We continue to run over 40 services and activities and we are continually prepared to try new things with a view to supporting the community. We are particularly happy with our success in fundraising this year, as we have not only ensured that we have filled our Lottery Gap for this year but have made good headway towards next year too. This said, we never sit on our laurels as we have to find half our budget for year 3 and three quarters in year 4. Every penny counts!

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Our relationship with the working men's club remains strong and mutually supportive. This year we signed a long term four-year lease with the club and would like to thank them again for their ongoing support and flexibility.

We're really looking forward to the year ahead with new ideas around social eating, a sponsored walk and a big open day for Core in September.

Once again, none of this would be made possible without all our wonderful volunteers, trustees and associates within the community. We continue to believe that people need people and feeling part of a community empowers people in their everyday lives.

Sam and Becky

Financial review

We are part funded by The National Lottery Community Fund which is on a reducing tapered basis over 4 years (2023-2027). This year we have nearly completed the first year of our Healthy Happy Hub Project (May to May). The Lottery have funded approximately two thirds of our overall costs this year and we have successfully funded the remaining amount through smaller grants and fundraising.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy has two main objectives:

- To ensure we have sufficient reserves to draw on should we have gaps in the funding we need to maintain our day-to-day operations.
- To ensure that, should we need to close the operation due to long-term lack of funding, we can meet all liabilities, eg redundancy costs, lease obligations.

Our annual revenue costs are approximately £100k. We aim to maintain a level of reserves which would meet costs for at least 6 months and ideally up to 12 months. This requires us to hold reserves within a range of £50-100k.

Financial Risks

Next year (2024-2025) The Lottery will fund 60% of our overall costs and we will need to find 40% ourselves, 2025-2026 will be 50%/50% and 2026-2027 will be 75%/25%. Previous funders towards our funding gap have included Severn Trent Water, National Grid, Nottingham County Council, Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Gedling Borough Council and The Co-op. We have secured £4k yearly for 3 years (2023/24-2025/26) from Masonic Charitable Trust. We have also recently secured £4k from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund via Gedling Borough Council.

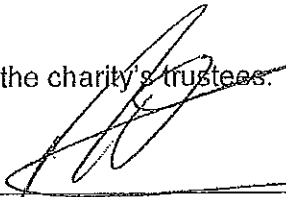
We hold our own fundraising events e.g. fashion show, Christmas Party, Corporate event/charity of the year with LandSmith Solicitors etc. and we seek sponsorship and donations from businesses.

We achieve some of our income from making small charges to our clients, but only where they can afford them. Lack of ability to pay does not exclude anyone from our services and activities.

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Whilst we remain confident that we can continue to secure grants and donations, we recognise that the challenge each year increases and the risk is that we may not be able to find sufficient funding to fill the increasing gaps. However, the charity is currently in a strong and healthy position and we will continue to closely monitor our income and expenditure to ensure we keep on track.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signed 
Norman Lord, Trustee

Date 04/06/2024

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

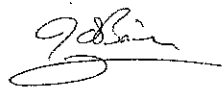
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

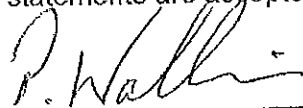
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 05.06.2024
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2024

2023		Note	2024
£			£
	Cash assets		
82760	Bank accounts		99365
769	Cash in hand		310
83529			99675
	 Other monetary assets		
664	Debtors	4	892
664			892
	 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	Photocopier, purchased May 2018 cost £1,554.		
	 Liabilities		
(2304)	Creditors	5	(885)
(2304)			(885)

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 04.06.2024
Peter Wallis, Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Allan Carlton	2000	-	2000
Big Lottery	-	59442	59442
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	5000	5000
Gedling Borough Council	250	4000	4250
Magic Grant Falls	-	500	500
Masonic Charitable trust	-	4000	4000
National Grid	-	10000	10000
Notts County Council	-	10530	10530
	<u>2250</u>	<u>93472</u>	<u>95722</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance	Receipts (Payments)		Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
The Healthier Happier Hub Project	13500	76642	(81065)	9077
Food Club	1000	-	(1000)	-
Food Redistribution	-	6830	(6830)	-
Winter Warmers	-	10000	(10000)	-
	<u>14500</u>	<u>93472</u>	<u>(98895)</u>	<u>9077</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	69029	35392	(13823)	90598
	<u>69029</u>	<u>35392</u>	<u>(13823)</u>	<u>90598</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- The Healthier Happier Hub Project was mainly funded by the Big Lottery, £194,402.00 over 4 years 2023-2027 which will fund: salaries/utilities/insurance/professional fees/accountancy/consultancy/tutor fees/printing and stationary/ training/volunteer expenses/travel/premises, repairs and maintenance/equipment/marketing and Sundries. This project also received funding from other organisations which contributed towards staff wages, rent and other project costs;

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- Food Club - We were successful with the Cost-of-Living Fund, £1000 from Nottinghamshire County Council which contributed towards coordinator salary/recipe cards and ingredients;
- Food Redistribution – We were awarded £6,830 from Nottinghamshire County Council Local Communities Food Redistribution Fund, to increase our food pantry boxes/racking/rent/electricity/food stocks/training/volunteer costs/marketing/laptops;
- Winter Warmers – Funding £10,000 from National Grid supported this project with Warm packs, salary contribution and refreshments.

4. Debtors

	£
Prepayment - Insurance	892
	<u>892</u>

5. Creditors

	£
HMRC	628
Pension	257
	<u>885</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

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**CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

Full name CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education

Other names by which the charity is known The Core Centre

Registered charity number 1079864

Principal address

Calverton Core Centre, Calverton Working Men's Club, Collyer Road, Calverton,
Nottinghamshire, NG14 6JX

Trustees

Norman Lord - Chairman
Christopher Peck
Eva Atkin
Patricia Bosworth

Linda Watson
Lorraine Newlove, from 20/07/2022
Margaret Burrows, from 20 July 2022

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41
Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 23rd April 1998 and
most recently amended 20th May 2003.

Potential candidates are nominated to become trustees, this is seconded and then
the person nominated is asked for their consent to be considered for election at the
next AGM or Special Executive Committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to promote well-being, relieve mental health problems
and isolation and loneliness, relieve poverty, advance education, training and
employment opportunities and assist in the provision of any services and facilities
deemed in law to be exclusively charitable amongst person's resident in Calverton,
Woodborough, Oxtou, Epperstone, Gonalston, Lowdham, and other nearby
communities.

Most recently, the charity has sought to help the community throughout the duration
of, and from the immediate aftermath of the Covid 19 Pandemic as well as help
combat the effects of the "Cost of Living Crisis".

Furthermore, the aim of the charity has moved toward becoming a "first point of
contact" an embedded service delivered for the most part "by the people, for the
people" within the community, easily accessible and delivered by those who
understand the community best. Core aims to provide all services either free or at a
very low cost and additionally source partnerships and facilitators who are free or
very low cost.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

This year Core has had a clear pathway to rebuild and establish new and exciting services. Unlike recent years, we have been unhampered by lockdown restrictions but still notice the effect that the pandemic has had on our community and the world at large. However, we have increased our interactions to 14,000 a year and many new and exciting services have started. We are seeing record levels of attendees and Core's reputation is reaching far and wide.

Brand New Ongoing Activities This Year

- **Soup and Bowls (15 attendees weekly)** Core received funding from Nottingham County Council to purchase a carpet bowls set and social eating food and resources. Everyone enjoys a game followed by a bowl of soup and bingo. This is run by 2 volunteers who have been trained in food hygiene.
- **Line Dancing (20 weekly).** We have received funding from Versus Arthritis Sport England to run this very popular activity.
- **Rag Rugging (5 weekly).** This new group is run by a local lady. This is a great way to upcycle and reuse fabrics.
- **Walking Group (8 weekly)** This group has been enormously successful and funded by The One Step at Time Active Notts. Core were chosen to complete a video case study which is used as an example of good practice on their website.
- **Food Pantry (35-40 weekly).** This new project has been a huge success and we now provide boxes of food worth £15 or more for only £3.50 to local people. We have over 100 people on our waiting list so there is much work to do and we have just received funding from Nottingham County Council to pay for more storage etc. to increase capacity.

One Off Initiatives This Year

- **Winter Warmers –** Core bid for funding from National Grid and were successful in receiving £9098 which paid for 140 free warm packs given to local people. We also helped 30 people with energy advice and were able to be a local registered "Warm Space" where people could come to keep warm. This bid also paid toward 5 months' salary towards a coordinator to manage the scheme.
- **MacMillan Coffee Morning –**Core raised £328.48 for Macmillan's by holding a coffee morning bringing local people together.
- **Core Christmas Party.** This year we decided to put our own party on at Core. Over 100 people attended and much fun was had by all. We enjoyed a buffet, quiz game and a good dance at the end. It was particularly lovely to see many of our regular chair based exercise attendees up and dancing! We also managed to raise valuable funding for Core.
- **Bags of Blessings** We successfully collected many items for disadvantaged children on their behalf which they distribute to local food banks and sheltered housing.
- **Internet Safety for Beginners (10 attendees)** We facilitated this course in conjunction with Inspire.
- **Craft Fair** We raised just under £700 from a craft fair which was well attended.
- **Calverton Village Get Together** We raised £40 on teddy sales and promoted Core widely.

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- Cost of Living Event Core were proud to host a cost of living event in conjunction with Gedling Borough Council also attended by various groups such as Shareware, Severn Trent Water and the Gedling Mayor no less.
- Christmas Tree Display We displayed a Core themed Christmas Tree at the local church exhibition.
- Core were invited to attend the "Food for Life" Syrian Community Meal held at the Richard Herrod Centre. In Syria food is a symbol of bonding and a way to say thank you. We met some lovely friends who have resettled in the UK from Syria and Ukraine.

Already Established Ongoing Activities Progress This Year

- Citizen's Advice (3 attendees weekly)—This service is consistently oversubscribed and we have asked for increased appointment slots. We were the first organisation in the country to trial the "Attend Anywhere" scheme giving appointment access to help for the community.
- Foodbank Referral Point (3 referrals weekly) We continue to help people with accessing free food and use Arnold Foodbank. Sometimes we ask volunteers to pick up food from Arnold and deliver to Calverton too.
- Bereavement Group – (6 attendees weekly) we ran one 6-week bereavement course.
- Falls Prevention Clinic (12 attendees weekly) - facilitated by a local Occupational Therapist, this ongoing course has been fully attended and attendees have expressed a wish to continue indefinitely with the sessions. We are currently looking for funding to support this ongoing group.
- Gedling Borough Council Outreach Clinic (6 attendees weekly) –These sessions have steadily become more popular and have now moved from monthly to weekly drop in face to face session provided by GBC advisor at Core.
- Form Filling Help Service (2 attendees weekly); blue badge application, attendance allowance, Carers allowance, Discretionary Housing Payments Fund, Council Tax Rebate, Housing Benefit -Core have the facility to offer free help with completing these types of forms. Certain trustees and volunteers alike have experience in these fields and offer their time for free at Core to help.
- You're Important Too (YIT) course (4 attendees weekly) – delivered for free by a local volunteer, this course is very well attended and looking to repeat.
- Blood Pressure check (3 attendees weekly) – In conjunction with the local GP surgery, local retired health care practitioners volunteer to take people's blood pressure.
- Chair based exercise and yoga sessions (20-24 weekly)- delivered by local tutors and extremely well attended twice weekly.
- Green Energy Doctor – (1 weekly) In conjunction with Groundwork Great Nottingham, Core refers for free appointments with Mike to discuss and receive advice on energy efficiency in their home.
- Financial Guidance – (1 monthly) In line with Core's aims, we work closely with a local trusted IFA who can provide free initial guidance regarding financial issues.

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- Family Legal Advice – (1 monthly) We continue to use Lauren from Nelson’s Solicitor who offers a free half an hour advice phone call.
- Hearing Clinic (7 monthly) - In partnership with the charity Hear Together, Core continue to offer free help for those with NHS hearing aids. This clinic is always fully booked.
- Ear Wax Removal (8 bi weekly) – In conjunction with Clear Ear Wax Solutions, Core provides access to lower cost appointments with fully qualified NHS audiologists.
- Job Club – Core increased access to local employment support for 96 people each year through a variety of methods: “Futures” referrals, advertising local vacancies, volunteer opportunities at Core, working on CVs one to one with Core volunteers and signposting to various courses and relevant opportunities. Our free partnership with Futures, a government backed scheme, ended autumn 22. In January we secured two local volunteers. They have experience in working in personnel management, including recruitment and now deliver weekly sessions. We fully expect the uptake to increase once reputation and word spreads.
- One to one computer help- (2 weekly) we have various volunteers who deliver personalised sessions around help with IT.
- Mobile Phone Clinic – (3 weekly) Delivered for free by a local mobile phone tech Mark, Core can offer 30 min session for people to receive advice on how to use their mobile phone more effectively.
- Computers for beginners – the above sessions have improved digital access through IT training for over 120 people each year.
- Card Class for beginners – (6 weekly) delivered for free by a local volunteer weekly.
- Card Class Intermediate (6 weekly) -delivered free by local volunteer.
- Knit and Natter – (8 weekly) local volunteers meet at Core and run their own supportive group. This group has now increased to twice weekly.
- Drop in Art (3 weekly) – local ladies meet at Core and run their own supportive group.
- Patchwork (5 weekly) - local ladies meet at Core and run their own supportive group.
- Bobbin Lace Class (7 weekly)-delivered free by a Core trustee and very well attended.
- Paper Flower Making (10 one off sessions) - delivered for free by a local volunteer.
- Art Class – (7 weekly) delivered by a professional local artist.
- Sign Language (9 weekly) - delivered free by a local volunteer.

All of the above have reduced social isolation through befriending activities for over 250 people each year and increased access to educational classes and training courses for well over 80 people this year.

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In addition, we have ongoing services including...

- Neutral meeting point for agencies e.g. Framework, Age UK, etc.
- Local information and advice sign posting.
- Office Services/photocopying/IT Support/printing/scanning/emailing.
- Free access to computers and free Wi-Fi.
- Hearing aid battery collection point.
- Coffee Mornings.
- Volunteering opportunities.
- General community point for craft sales, eggs, newspapers, recipes cards, bric a brac etc.
- Core have signposted 960 (5 a day unique problem solving/enquiries) this year.

What didn't go so well?

There have been some activities which we have tried but for various reasons have not worked out. These include Pool, Darts, Core Allotment, Your health Your Way and a book club. Sometimes, activities turn out to be less popular than originally thought and we now actively make sure that we usually have ready to go numbers of attendees before starting groups. However, we learn from all that we do, even when things don't turn out as expected.

Other Major Core Achievements This Year

- Carers Quality Mark - Both staff and volunteers received training from Notts Carers Association and were awarded with a 'Carer friendly' quality mark, which we are very proud of.
- Core are food registered and we received 5 stars in our inspection.
- Food Hygiene - Training Staff and several volunteers have been trained in Level 2 Food Hygiene.
- Landsmith Charity of the year - Core have been made charity of the year for this local solicitor practice and receive support and donations in kind.
- Registered Warm Bank - We are proud to have been registered across Gedling and Nottinghamshire as a warm space offering people the opportunity to visit somewhere warm for free.
- Coop Community Fund - We were delighted to receive funding from our local Coop supported by local people for £1806.48.
- Severn Trent Water - We were delighted to be awarded funding for £13,500.
- National Grid - We were delighted to receive funding for £9098.
- Social Media Hype - Core have been filmed for Stacey Solomon "Sort Your Life Out" TV Programme. We also spoke on Radio 5 live about Core and how charities are helping during the cost of living crisis. We have been featured several times on Radio Nottingham to speak about various aspects of Core.
- Lord Lieutenant's Party - Core managers were invited to attend an illustrious party to thank the voluntary and charity sector. We had our photo taken with the Lord himself.

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

This year Core has gone from strength to strength! We have sought to build on the security of a new home at The Working Men's Club and successfully completed our one-year Big Lottery "Reach Out" Project. We have not only met all targets set by the Lottery for the funding but exceeded them too! For example, our yearly interactions (how many times we have any regular contact or enquiry from someone) have increased to around 14,000. Core have become a more developed and sustained anchor community hub for Calverton and the surrounding area. The charity has also moved more closely towards its redefined aims, directly helping local people through the cost of living crisis and ongoing fall out from the pandemic. We continue to provide a place of support and welfare for the community and to be a unique haven of kindness and good will. Core have given increased access to recreational, wellbeing and social activities for approx. 1,800 people this year. Whilst we don't claim to solve everyone's problems, the staff and volunteers at Core continue to create a supportive culture and environment. We encourage a willingness to go the extra mile to make visitors feel welcome so that they know there are people in their community who genuinely care. We have increased and sustained volunteering opportunities for over 30 people each year.

A major part of helping the charity become more sustainable has been the ability to employ a full time receptionist/befriender which has enabled the managers to have more time to plan, apply for bids and network successfully. It is now our experience that "those in the sector" come to us and not the other way round as we have networked and built relationships over the last year. For example, we have hosted visitors from the Newark and Sherwood CVS, senior members of the NHS Integrated Care Board and met with the requests of Gedling Borough Council as the leading community facility in Calverton and surrounding area. The receptionist/befriender role has worked very well and this working model is factored into the next 4-year plan.

Volunteers

Our volunteer bank has gone from strength to strength and we fully acknowledge that Core could not work without them. This year we have increased our volunteer numbers and invested more time into specific training and job allocation. We have also rewarded volunteers with "relaxation" sessions and refreshment mornings. We now have over 30 dedicated volunteers, some who carry out specific tasks such as; food preparer, food pantry operative, specialist form filling, taking blood pressures, delivering bereavement clinics, helping with IT problems, teaching craft skills etc., befriending or making drinks and washing up. We highly value the contributions made by our volunteers which amount to over 120 hours unpaid a week and are invaluable to the overall project we offer. Furthermore, the personal impact

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that volunteering can bring to individuals cannot be underestimated and many of our volunteers regularly tell us how much they enjoy what they do at Core.

Trustees

Again, our trustees are vital to what we do at the charity and we value them all highly. This year we have increased our trustees from 5 to 7. Both new trustees are extremely active members in the charity. One leads our walking group as well as covers admin and reception duties and the other helps with the hearing clinic, admin and reception and often dresses up to amuse customers at coffee mornings and celebrations! Our regular meetings are very well attended and everyone has had the space and time to discuss, challenge and feedback on all that we are doing.

Working Men's Club

We would like to thank The Calverton Working Men's Club (Geordie Club) as without their generous offer to rent their space, we would be without a home. We believe that the collaboration with the club has been very positive for the community. Many of our regular users express to us how much they prefer this new home and we continually work with the club to find ways to improve our partnership. For example, we now use the Lounge area on a Tues morning for the Food Pantry and the double garage has been converted into a Food Pantry storage space.

Conclusions

This has been an extremely successful year for Core. We have completed the one year "Reach Out" Project which has led us to gaining the knowledge and experience to successfully apply and be awarded another 4 year "Healthier Happier Hub" Lottery funded Project. We would like to thank The Lottery for supporting us in this journey and for believing that we could breathe new life into Core. This year we have begun inroads into starting our longer term vision which is to focus on wellbeing and health related activities and services as we know this is what is important to local people currently.

We would like to thank all our trustees, volunteers, tutors, staff, partners and visitors to Core for helping us create a community resource that local people can be proud of and we are looking forward to building on all this good work in the years to come.

Chairman Report

Wow! What a great year Core have had! I'm very proud to share that we have now built around 40 services and activities and our reputation is proceeding us throughout Gedling as the leading community hub in our area.

We have settled into our new home at the Working Men's Club and I hear nothing but praise and positive feedback about our location. Again I thank the Working Men's Club as they have embraced having us and together we are all here for the community. It never ceases to amaze me what a wonderful community we do have. When I look at many of our activities, they are run by local people who give up their time and share talents so that others can gain a new skill or feel part of something.

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When we say Core is for the people by the people, we really mean it! It goes without saying that all our volunteers are amazing people and we thank them all individually for helping run Core. It doesn't matter if you clear tables, wash cups or help someone with a difficult form, we could not do it without you!

I personally have been involved with setting up and helping to run the Food Pantry this year. This is alongside 6 brand new volunteers who have patiently taken food hygiene courses, helped create systems and evolved the Food Pantry to work really well. We currently help out 35 families each week. During a cost of living crisis, it feels rewarding to know that we might be somewhat helping. We still have a lot of people on our waiting list and it's our intention to make sure that we can increase our boxes so that everyone can benefit –however, things are always tight but Core usually finds a way around. Where there's a will, there's a way! I'm overjoyed to announce that Core has secured another Lottery grant with a tapered budget for the next four years. Whilst this is wonderful, we still have to keep in mind that we have funding gaps each year which need filling so the challenge continues. However, we do now have some long term stability and that puts us in a very good position moving forward. I've no doubt that the passion, drive and determination from the staff, trustees and volunteers will keep us moving onwards and upwards.

I'm proud of all that has been achieved since becoming chairman for the past two and half years and I'm looking forward to the next four. I'm writing this as King Charles III is being crowned and it is at the forefront of my mind that he fully appreciates community and volunteering. Well Core certainly ticks both of these boxes incredibly well!!!

Norman Lord
Chairman

Financial review

This year, Core has successfully delivered a one year lottery project with a grant of £62,266 as well as a subsidiary amount of £15,000 specifically aimed at the two managers to acquire professional development around how to make the charity more sustainable. We have been working with consultant Kath Boullen MBE on developing a long term financial plan for Core. We learned in March 2023 that Core had been successful in winning a 4 year Lottery bid based on a tapered funding cocktail approach. We are delighted that we will now have some long term stability, so that we can plan ahead accordingly. We know that we still have funding gaps and challenges to overcome but with the support of all our partners, volunteers and committee, we believe that the charity is in a healthy and strong position.

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Reserves Policy

This Reserves Policy has two main objectives:

- To ensure we have sufficient reserves to draw on should we have gaps in the funding we need to maintain our day-to-day operations.
- To ensure that, should we need to close the operation due to long-term lack of funding, we can meet all liabilities, eg redundancy costs, lease obligations.

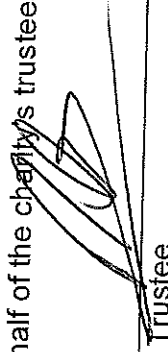
Our annual revenue costs are approximately £100k. We aim to maintain a level of reserves which would meet costs for at least 6 months and ideally up to 12 months. This requires us to hold reserves within a range of £50-100k.

Financial Risks

The Core Centre's main funder is currently the National Lottery using a tapered funding model until 30th April 2027. The National Lottery has funded £194,402 and Core will raise match funding of £207,352 over the next four years. The risk is that we can not find sufficient funding to fill this gap.

We would like to thank all our funders on behalf of our community and The Core Centre charity. We simply could not do what we do without them.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed
Norman Lord, Trustee

Date 18/9/20

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report


As the trustees of the charity 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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  Date 19.09.2023
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus


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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

2022 Total Funds £	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Receipts				
4334		10710	-	10710
521		493	-	493
-		1483	-	1483
24202	2	8800	105824	114624
623		1348	-	1348
<u>29680</u>		<u>22834</u>	<u>105824</u>	<u>128658</u>
Payments				
1116		30	596	626
-		-	7444	7444
4369		881	2000	2881
1989		-	1974	1974
17185		590	1000	1590
1052		459	1425	1884
3683		306	5019	5325
6273		3072	9961	13033
9163		240	7280	7520
1241		312	-	312
673		-	1500	1500
359		-	119	119
1054		77	600	677
42617		6056	54653	60709
<u>90774</u>		<u>12023</u>	<u>93571</u>	<u>105594</u>
(61094)		10811	12253	23064
121559		58761	1704	60465
-		(543)	543	-
<u>60465</u>		<u>69029</u>	<u>14500</u>	<u>83529</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2023

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	Note
Cash assets				
Bank accounts	60045	82760		
Cash in hand	<u>420</u>	<u>769</u>		
	60465	<u>83529</u>		
Other monetary assets				
Prepayments	<u>706</u>	664		4
	706	<u>664</u>		
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
General equipment.				
Photocopier, purchased May 2018 cost £1,554.				
Liabilities				
Creditors	<u>(1565)</u>	(2304)		5
	(1565)	<u>(2304)</u>		

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  _____ Dated 11/9/23
 Christopher Peck, Trustee

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for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Active Partners Trust	-	750	750
Big Lottery	-	79346	79346
COOP Community Fund	1527	-	1527
Gedling Borough Council	729	250	979
Gedling Lotto	303	-	303
Land Smiths	503	-	503
National Grid Winter Warmers	-	9098	9098
Newark & Sherwood CVS	-	100	100
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	1000	1000
Severn Trent	-	13500	13500
Sundry grants & donations	5738	-	5738
Versus Arthritis Get Moving	-	1780	1780
	8800	105824	114624

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Arthritis	1560	-	-	-
Big Lottery	-	(1560)	-	-
Bowl of Soup	-	(79305)	(41)	-
Food Club	-	(584)	584	-
Games Club	-	1000	-	1000
Scooter Socials	-	250	-	-
Severn Trent	-	100	-	-
Training	-	13500	-	13500
Versus Arthritis Get Moving	144	-	-	-
Walking Group	-	(144)	-	-
Winter Warmers	-	(1780)	-	-
	750	(750)	-	-
	-	9098	-	-
	1704	105824	543	14500
	58761	22834	(543)	69029
Unrestricted funds				
General	58761	22834	(543)	69029
	58761	22834	(543)	69029

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The transfer from the Bowl of Soup fund to the general funds relates to cost allocations.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- Arthritis – To provide seated exercise and seated yoga classes and headset.
- Big Lottery – Overall project.
- Bowl of Soup – To provide a low cost lunch and buy a carpet bowls set, soup kettle, food, as well as advertisement and promotions.
- Food Club – Contribution towards the food pantry project.
- Games Club – To buy games and refreshments.
- Scooter Socials – To buy refreshments, newspapers, games and prizes.
- Severn Trent – Salary & rent contribution.
- Training – Staff training costs.
- Versus Arthritis Get moving - To provide seated exercise and seated yoga classes.
- Walking group – To provide refreshments and DBS checks and incentive prizes.
- Winter Warmers – Warm packs, salary contribution and refreshments.

4. Prepayments

Insurance	£
	664
	<u>664</u>

5. Creditors

Independent examination fee	£
Wages, NI & pension, HMRC	(756)
	(1548)
	<u>(2304)</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

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Wed 20th July 2022

Annual General Meeting

- Chair's Welcome and opening remarks
- Apologies for absence
- Approval of minutes from last AGM
- Matters arising from those minutes not appearing elsewhere on Agenda
- Chairman's Report
- Trustees' Annual Report
- End of year Financial Report
- Election of Executive Committee 2022/23
- Questions and comments from the floor
- AOB
- Dates of Next Meeting



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07th July 2021 3pm

DRAFT MINUTES of Annual General Meeting

The CORE Centre, 17 St Wilfrid's Square, Calverton, NG14 6FP

	Present: Norman Lord (Chairman), Eva Atkin, Pat Bosworth, Chris Peck, Sam Round (Project Manager), Becky Lord (Assistant project manager and Minute Secretary)	
		Action
1	Welcome: Norman greeted everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. He explained that we have been waiting for the end of financial year accounts to be returned.	
2	Apologies: Val Robinson, Stuart Draycott, Linda Watson,	
3	Declaration of Interest:	
4	Minutes of the last meeting: Chris voted for approval, Eva seconded.	
5	Matters arising: None	
6	Chair report: Norman read his report to the trustees. Trustees thanked Norm for his detailed report. No questions.	
7	Trustees Annual Report: Norman read the report with the trustees. Norman asked about the success of the laptops to which Sam explained that we had several re configured free of charge and that CORE will be finding them a good home. Pat asked about the family solicitor which Becky explained had restarted recently. Pat asked Eva about the patchwork group and Eva explained it had only temporarily run for three weeks and would restart again very soon. Chris suggested that the report is so comprehensive, would there be a chance to advertise in the local news letter/editorials etc.	SR
	Financial Report: Chris commented that a deficit of £3000 given the current circumstances is actually very good. Also, CORE are down in income simply due to the lottery. Expenditure payment is also down by £8000. He puts this down to less computer/machine maintenance expenditure. He said thank you to the committee and Sam and Becky for managing this well. Norman said the wages this year will be less. Chris presented the accounts for approval. All trustees approved.	
	Election of Executive Committee: Stuart Draycott has resigned from his position of trustee. Val Robinson wanted to resign from position of Vice.Chair but remain a trustee. All other trustees stayed the same.	
	Question and comments: None	
	AOB: None	
	Dates of next Meeting	TBC



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The Core Centre Chairman's Report 2021/2022

I must begin my yearly Chairman's report with a big thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers, trustees and staff for their total commitment to The Core Centre. Through them, Core is an extremely kind and positive place and whenever anyone comes in, they are instantly made to feel welcomed and cared about.

Since April 2021 we have had to find a new home for Core which proved very difficult but thanks to the Calverton Working Men's Club, that worry has now ceased. I cannot thank the committee enough, especially Geoff the chairman, for all they have done for us in making the move into their premises so easy.

In November 2021 our lease expired with LCP and after a lot of legal discussions, a dilapidation amount was agreed and reduced to £15,000 after their initial demand of £58,000. It was a big ordeal to overcome and to move premises after 20 years plus but we managed it.

By the end of 2021, Sam and Becky were extremely successful in securing a one-year lottery bid – something we have been told to be very difficult to come by. We commend them for this as it has enabled the charity to survive for another year and also give us time to find more ways to become sustainable beyond April 23. They have also been successful with other bids which in themselves have amounted to approx. £24,000. The funding challenge is always ongoing and along with the need for completing another bid to the Big Lottery next year, we have now formed closer ties with Gedling Borough Council and the Calverton Parish Council which may lead to further funding and support.

The future outlook for Core is in my opinion looking a lot brighter than twelve months ago. There have been many more activities and the weekly footfall has increased. We contribute greatly to reducing isolation and loneliness in the area and can talk of many case studies where Core has directly impacted on people's lives in a positive way. The aftermath of covid has shown increased anxiety and low-level mental health problems and we know that the community access Core for wellbeing activities or clinics, advise and support. Information about all our activities is fully available on our new revamped web site and ongoing Facebook pages.

With all this extra activity and aided by an extra Lottery professional development grant, we decided to employ a full-time receptionist and we welcomed Jane to perform front of house and administrative duties. This role has been vital in freeing up time for the managers Sam and Becky to focus heavily on networking and chasing funding opportunities. Indeed, Sam and Becky came runners up in the Pride of Gedling Awards and were recently invited to the Lord Lieutenant's party to recognize and thanks them for the contribution Core is making.

I invite people to read our customer comments book to understand how much value the Core Centre brings to the community and I hope that we can build on this as we adapt and meet the challenges that the impending cost of living crisis will inevitably present going forward. I'm sure that with all the

support of our volunteers, trustees, partners and friends of Core, we will continue to go from strength to strength.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Lord', written in a cursive style.

Norman Lord

Chairman



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Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Provision of services and activities in the community were severely hampered at the beginning of the financial year. However, since the lifting of restrictions in May 21, Core has gradually rebuilt its services and re-emerged stronger and more optimistic than pre-pandemic. Many new and exciting services have started and are seeing record levels of attendees.

- **Citizen's Advice** – we are the first organisation in the country to trial the "Attend Anywhere" scheme giving appointment access to help for the community. These regular remote online sessions are permanently fully booked and we have requested an increase in slots.
- **Universal Credit Support** – we offer "Help to Claim" remote appointments for expert advice around any issues to do with UC.
- **Bereavement Group** – in conjunction with the national program "The Bereavement Journey" Core offers a free repeating 6-week courses. The first course was fully attended and the feedback was excellent.
- **Falls Prevention Clinic** – facilitated by a local Occupational Therapist, this ongoing course has been fully attended and attendees have expressed a wish to continue indefinitely with the sessions. We have bid for a grant to cover this.
- **Gedling Borough Council Outreach Clinic** – monthly drop in, face to face session provided by GBC advisor at Core.
- **Form Filling Help Service; blue badge application, attendance allowance, Carers allowance, Discretionary Housing Payments Fund, Council Tax Rebate, Housing Benefit** – Core have the facility to offer free help with completing these types of forms. Certain trustees and volunteers alike have experience in these fields and offer their time for free at Core to help.
- **You're Important Too (YIT) course** – delivered for free by a local volunteer, this course is very well attended and looking to repeat.
- **Your Health, Your Way** – held in conjunction with Gedling Borough Council (GBC) – this scheme is growing in popularity.
- **Blood Pressure check** – in conjunction with the local GP surgery, local retired health care practitioners volunteer to take people's blood pressure.
- **Chair based exercise and yoga sessions** – delivered by local tutors and extremely well attended twice weekly.
- **Green Energy Doctor** – in conjunction with Groundwork Great Nottingham, Core offers free appointments with Mike to discuss and receive advice on energy efficiency in the home.
- **Financial Guidance** – in line with Core's aims, we work closely with a local trusted IFA who can provide free initial guidance regarding financial issues.
- **Family Legal Advice** – we continue to use Lauren from Nelson's Solicitor who offers a free half an hour advice phone call.
- **Hearing Clinic** – in partnership with the charity Hear Together, Core continued to offer free help for those with NHS hearing aids. This clinic is always fully booked.

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- **Ear Wax Removal** – in conjunction with Clear Ear Wax Solutions, Core provides access to lower cost appointments with fully qualified NHS audiologists.
- **Job Club** – in partnership with Futures, a government backed scheme, Core offer free job seeking advice, support with CVs, interview techniques etc. This service is free to Core.
- **One to one computer help** – delivered for free by a local lady, we offer 30 min one to one sessions for people to gain help on their own devices.
- **Mobile Phone Clinic** – delivered for free by a local mobile phone tech Mark, Core can offer 30 min session for people to receive advice on how to use their mobile phone more effectively.
- **Computers for beginners** – delivered by Inspire and oversubscribed.
- **Card Class for beginners** – delivered for free by a local volunteer weekly.
- **Card Class Intermediate** – delivered free by a local volunteer.
- **Knit and Natter** – local volunteers meet at Core and run their own supportive group.
- **Drop in Art** – local ladies meet at Core and run their own supportive group.
- **Patchwork** – local ladies meet at Core and run their own supportive group.
- **Bobbin Lace Class** – delivered free by a Core trustee and is very well attended.
- **Paper Flower Making** – delivered for free by a local volunteer.
- **Flower Arranging** – one off sessions delivered by the local florist.
- **Art Class** – delivered by a professional local artist.
- **Sign Language** – delivered free by a local volunteer.
- **Pool and Darts** – local people meet at Core and run their own sessions.
- **Core Allotment** – we now hold two spaces to be led by a local gardener for anyone interested.

In addition, we have ongoing services including...

- Foodbank referral point;
- Neutral meeting point for agencies e.g. Framework, Age UK;
- Local information and advice sign posting;
- Office Services/photocopying/IT Support/printing/scanning/emailing;
- Free access to computers and free Wi-Fi;
- Hearing aid battery collection point;
- Coffee Mornings;
- Volunteering opportunities;
- General community point for craft sales, eggs, newspapers, recipes cards etc.

Volunteers

We have worked hard to build a new group of volunteers this year, having lost so many who felt that they could not continue after the pandemic.

We now have over 30 dedicated volunteers, some who carry out specific tasks such as; specialist form filling, taking blood pressures, delivering bereavement clinics, helping with IT problems, teaching craft skills etc, befriending or making drinks and washing up. We highly value the contributions made by our volunteers which amount to over 60 hours unpaid a week and are invaluable to the overall project we offer.

Furthermore, the personal impact that volunteering can bring to individuals cannot be

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underestimated and a volunteer recently told us that she "Loves coming to Core to help" and that it has "Changed my life".

Moving Home

In November 2021 Core's current lease ended. Given that the landlord had set to significantly increase our rent and that the charity did not have the funds to support another 5-year term, the trustees decided not to renew the lease. Further to this and on notice of intention to leave, we were issued with a gigantic dilapidation order from LCP, a legacy inherited due to the lease type originally undertaken by the charity in 2016. We recently settled with them after taking professional advice at £15,000, much reduced from the initial amount.

However, Core now found itself in a situation where from the coming November 2021, it would not have a home. We as managers, started to investigate different options for Core to find an appropriate space to work from. The aftermath of the pandemic had made people more aware about being in smaller, confined spaces and the hunt was on for somewhere that could house Core's activities, with plenty of space for social distancing.

Finally, we agreed a short-term rental agreement with the Working Men's Club to use their large function room as a base. This really was great news for Core as the building is central, well known and loved by the community and has plenty of parking. The public reaction to the new move has been overwhelmingly positive and we have recently signed a new one-year rental agreement which will take us to March 2023. We cannot express our thanks and appreciation to the committee at the WMC enough.

Trustees

Sadly, we lost a much loved and respected trustee Val Robinson this year. Over the last 20 years Val, had played a massive role in supporting Core; teaching card making skills, general volunteering, trustee and was even Chairperson at one point. We want to acknowledge and pay respect to all she did.

We are now down to five trustees at Core and we recognise that one of the major priorities for the coming year will be to appoint additional trustees. We are particularly looking for people with specific skills who can bring something new and relevant to the charity.

Partnerships

This year, Core's managers have prioritised focusing on building new partnerships and relationships with people across the community. One of the most significant relationships has been with the local GP surgery who now regularly refer patients as part of the social prescribing agenda. Core has a unique role to play and can offer many activities and resource to help with mental and general health problems. Core regularly features in practice newsletters and are highly thought of. We also regularly attend network meetings with Gedling Borough Council community forums and these links are widening our net of associates.

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Summary

This has been a very successful year for Core despite ongoing Covid restrictions. The two new managers are now well established in their roles and the charity is going from strength to strength in terms of numbers of visitors, activities, services and impact.

Core has overcome the problems with increased rent and the aftermath of leaving a difficult lease and consequent dilapidation order. Furthermore, we have moved to a new home, albeit temporary, and the community has embraced our new agenda. We have managed to secure funding up to April 2023 and have options for future sustainability which will be explored.

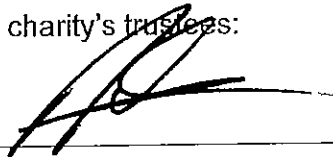
We would like to thank all our trustees, volunteers, tutors, staff, partners and visitors to Core for helping us regrow the charity and continue to make it a supportive place for the whole of the local community.

Financial review

General reserves have taken a significant hit this year as we lost our core funding and had the dilapidations to pay. We were fortunate to have reserves built up from previous periods to support the charity for the year. Going forward we have secured funding from Big Lottery to cover core costs again and we'll aim to rebuild our reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____
Norman Lord, Trustee



Date

18/7/22

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

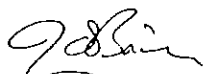
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.


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  Date 19/07/2022
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2022

2021			2022
£	Cash assets	Note	£
121349	Bank accounts		60045
<u>210</u>	Cash in hand		<u>420</u>
<u>121559</u>			<u>60465</u>
Other monetary assets			
5043	Prepayments	4	<u>706</u>
<u>5043</u>			<u>706</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
General equipment.			
Photocopier, purchased May 2018 cost £1,554.			
Liabilities			
<u>(1171)</u>	Creditors	5	<u>(1565)</u>
<u>(1171)</u>			<u>(1565)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 
 Christopher Peck, Trustee

Dated 18/7/22

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Versus Arthritis	-	5000	5000
Gedling Borough Council	8250	-	8250
Nottinghamshire County Council	3100	-	3100
Charles Hayward Foundation	3000	-	3000
Sundry grants & donations	1852	-	1852
Catch 22	1500	-	1500
Jessie Spencer Trust	1000	-	1000
Friends of British Legion	500	-	500
	<u>19202</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>24202</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Job Club	2688	-	(2685)	(3)	-
Community activities	3569	-	(1252)	(2317)	-
Hearing Together	400	-	(400)	-	-
Covid 19 Return to Play	1560	-	(1560)	-	-
Training	432	-	(288)	-	144
Tackling Inequalities	-	5000	(3440)	-	1560
	<u>8649</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>(9625)</u>	<u>(2320)</u>	<u>1704</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General	112910	24680	(81149)	2320	58761
	<u>112910</u>	<u>24680</u>	<u>(81149)</u>	<u>2320</u>	<u>58761</u>

The transfer from the Job Club fund to the General fund relates to activities which have ceased, and the release of any restrictions on the use of these funds. The transfer from the Community activities fund to the General fund relates to activities which have ceased and costs from previous years not being allocated to this fund.

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Job Club – grants from Futures and The Coalfields Regeneration Trust for the provision of a Job Club, encouraging and assisting people into employment, volunteering, training and apprenticeships.

Community activities – grant from Co-op Local Community Fund for costs associated with running activities / courses at the CORE centre.

Hearing Together – funding from Gedling Borough Council towards the provision of the Hearing Service at the centre.

Covid19 Return to Play – funding from Sport England to enable us to hire large rooms and cover sessional staff costs to encourage sessions to resume following Covid restrictions easing.

Training – funding from Gedling Borough Council for staff training costs.

Tackling Inequalities – funding from Versus Arthritis to provide seated exercise and seated yoga classes.

4. Prepayments

	£
Advertising & promotions	90
Insurance	616
	<u>706</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	720
Payroll service	94
Wages, NI & pension - HMRC	751
	<u>1565</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

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Wed 7th July 2021

Annual General Meeting 3pm

- Chair's welcome and opening remarks
- Apologies for absence
- Approval of minutes of last AGM
- Matters arising from those minutes not appearing elsewhere on Agenda
- Chair's Report
- Trustees' Annual Report
- End of Year Financial Report
- Election of Executive Committee 2021/22
- Questions and comments from the floor
- AOB
- Dates of Next Meeting



DRAFT MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting
Held at The CORE Centre, 17 St Wilfrid's Square, Calverton, NG14 6FP and
online through zoom on Wednesday, 14 October 2020 at 6.00 pm.

Present: Becky Lord, Acting Chair, Chris Peck, Treasurer, Eva Atkin, Roy Walker, Pat Bosworth, Amelia Caulton, Norman Lord, Richard Smith, Tim Cusworth, Jack Horton, Sharon Spooner, Stuart Draycott, Lisa Campbell, and Jerry Hague. Terri Pinegar attended as Project Manager and Sue Matthews as Assistant to the Project Manager and Minute Secretary.

NOTE: In accordance with the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020, the AGM of The CORE Centre was held on line through a zoom meeting. We also advertised locally that people may attend the AGM in person at CORE's premises. It proved unnecessary to count votes as the trustee official posts were not contested and the number of nominations for positions of trustee members did not exceed the number allowed by the constitution so meant a vote was not required.

		Action
1	WELCOME. In the absence of the Chairperson, Val Robinson, Sue proposed that the meeting delegated Becky Lord to chair the meeting. This was agreed and Becky welcomed all to the meeting and checked that everyone had received by email the Agenda, draft minutes of the last AGM and the financial statements. Becky then read out the draft minutes of the last AGM.	
2	APOLOGIES. Victoria Powell, Linda Watson, Linda Stevenson	
3	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. The minutes of the last annual general meeting were approved.	
4	MATTERS ARISING. There were no matters arising.	
5	PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020. Chris Peck the Treasurer referred to Page 8 of the Financial Statements and reminded the meeting that up to 31 March 2020 it was a normal year. We had approximately a 5% increase in grants (about £6000) compared with last year and expenditure was up by 2% mainly due to equipment/renewals. Terri confirmed that this was a grant and expenditure for equipment renewals. Chris stated that the surplus for the last year Income v Outgoings was £5000 and said this was very good as the estimates for this year had been	

	<p>done 5 years ago. Well done to Terri and Sue for being on target. As at 31 March 2020 we had £85,000 in our reserves account and about £40,000 in the current account – a total of £125,000. To bring us up to date since the year end, it has not been a normal time. The Lottery funding ended on 30 June but a supplementary grant from the Lottery of over £35,000 was obtained to take us to 31 December 2020. Furthermore, a grant of nearly £2000 was awarded by Active Nottingham to help us keep our classes open through hiring larger venues, buying PPE and equipment. Currently the money in the banks remains at £85000 (plus interest) and £60,000 in the current account. Therefore, the financial position is encouraging. We will need to make a further application to funders (Lottery) in November when it is hoped bidding will resume. However, we have reserves to keep us afloat for a year if Lottery funding is not accepted. The meeting approved the accounts as presented.</p>																			
6	<p>NOMINATIONS FOR CORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2020/21. Terri introduced Norman Lord who has agreed to be nominated as Chairman. Norman said he had spoken to Val who wishes to retire as chairperson. Norman has a sound business background, has participated in CORE activities and is supportive of its aims. The Trustees – officials and members were all elected unopposed as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Norman Lord</td> <td>Chairperson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Val Robinson</td> <td>Vice-chairperson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Peck</td> <td>Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amelia Caulton</td> <td>Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stuart Draycott</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roy Walker</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eva Atkin</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Linda Watson</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pat Bosworth</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> </table> <p>Sharon Spooner had been nominated and seconded as a Trustee but had not confirmed at the time of the meeting whether she is willing to stand. We are waiting confirmation.</p>	Norman Lord	Chairperson	Val Robinson	Vice-chairperson	Chris Peck	Treasurer	Amelia Caulton	Secretary	Stuart Draycott	Trustee	Roy Walker	Trustee	Eva Atkin	Trustee	Linda Watson	Trustee	Pat Bosworth	Trustee	All
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7	<p>QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR. Tim commented that CRT had allowed extra funding (another £4700 on top of the current £10000) for the Job Club to extend hours and continue up to 31 March 2021. We had been selected by CRT as a model</p>																			

	<p>grant recipient and Tim had sent some publicity material about the work of the Job Club for CRT's own publicity. Sue said CRT had also invited CORE to bid for some capital funding to help with COVID work. Tim suggested that the Job Club could do with a new printer /scanner to use upstairs to avoid more trips downstairs in the current circumstances. Sue will include it in the bid and asked Stuart/Tim to provide her with a quote for a suitable item. Norman requested an early meeting with the new committee, face to face if possible. The meeting closed at 7.00pm.</p>	
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Chairman's Report 2020/2021

When I was appointed as Chairman in Oct 2020, it was clearly a very difficult time for the whole country, let alone CORE. As you know, we had already been through two lockdowns due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, with another one on its way in Dec and as a result many of CORE's services (not all) had been temporarily suspended or limited in some way.

To add to this, the main Lottery funding had ended in June 20 although a six-month extension was in place to take us to December 20. This in itself was already a major hurdle for CORE, the challenge to the charity had existed as far back as June 2020 and is still the major challenge that we face today.

Furthermore, the charity has been aware of the problems surrounding the increase in rent for a few years. After further investigation into local market value and with the lease renewal imminent in November 21, we could not in sound knowledge sign a repeated 5-year lease as we simply do not have the funds to substantiate this. So we had to give notice so that provision for dilapidation amounts and moving costs etc. are accounted for. We are now in the position of having to find new premises, be it temporary or somewhere more long term.

In a nutshell we have a combination of challenges: no repeat funding, covid restrictions and currently no building from November to run the charity from.

However, despite all of these major issues we have soldiered on and looked towards the future which we still believe can be very bright given a chance to rebuild and evolve.

As you know we said goodbye and thank you to the previous two managers Terri and Sue and Sam and Becky took up the mantle in Feb 21, right at the point of what is possibly the charity's most vulnerable moment since inception.

Many of the services that CORE is widely respected for and are quite frankly invaluable to our community, have recommenced. Chiropody, ear wax removal, hearing clinic, exercise and craft classes, remote job club to name a few. Throughout the pandemic, we were the only source for hearing aid batteries for many. This in itself, plus the phone service signposting, vaccination booking help, befriending service etc is something that we can be proud of at CORE as we genuinely made a difference to people's lives at a difficult time. In fact, we recently won an award from The Office for National Statistics for helping with the 2021 national census. Also lately, the managers have reported a rise in footfall and a widening of the demographic of visitors, this is all good news.

We are pleased that many of our wonderful volunteers have stayed with us although some have inevitably dropped off with some yet to return, but this is widely reported across the charity sector since the pandemic. We have welcomed three new volunteers recently which is very positive.

I must also thank all of our trustees, again standing by the charity, attending emergency meetings and having to master Zoom, basically supporting us. Without the volunteers, trustees and friends of CORE, we could not survive.

So, while there is still much work to do, and I know that Sam and Becky have high ambitions for CORE, we still have some major hurdles to overcome which hopefully can be resolved before November 2021.

Since February, Sam and Becky have secured some smaller amounts of funding and also visited numerous buildings including the St Johns Ambulance to try to secure a place for CORE to relocate. We are in serious talks with St John's Ambulance with regard to a potential partnership, which if successful, will allow us to fly. We are also still awaiting a reply from the Big Lottery as regards to our recent funding application.

I am however in no doubt that if we are successful in our funding application and secure a new building by November, the charity will go from strength to strength.



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for the year ended 31 March 2021**

Full name CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education

Other names by which the charity is known The Core Centre

Registered charity number 1079864

Principal address

Calverton Core Centre, 17 St. Wilfred's Square, Calverton, Nottingham, NG14 6FP

Trustees

Christopher Peck

Eva Atkin

Stuart Draycott

Valerie Robinson

Patricia Bosworth

Norman Lord, from 14/10/20

Linda Watson, from 14/10/20

Marie Knowles, until 31/07/19

Samantha Round, until 01/12/19

Rebecca Lord, until 14/10/20

Amelia Caulton, until 06/04/21

Roy Walker, until 06/04/21

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 23rd April 1998 and most recently amended 20th May 2003.

Potential candidates are nominated to become trustees, this is seconded and then the person nominated is asked for their consent to be considered for election at the next AGM or Special Executive Committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to relieve poverty, advance education, training and employment opportunities and assist in the provision of any services and facilities deemed in law to be exclusively charitable amongst persons resident in Calverton, Woodborough, Oxtun, Epperstone, Gonalston, Lowdham and other nearby communities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

People benefit through improving mental health and physical wellbeing through activities and services which help to relieve isolation and loneliness from Coronavirus lockdowns. People have also benefited from improving skills and job prospects through the job club.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

This has been a challenging and difficult year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, the charity is proud to have helped the community throughout the duration of the pandemic and help people recover from the aftermath of the lockdown restrictions.

Although we have been operating in a reduced capacity due to restrictions, we are pleased to say that we have maintained an invaluable level of service to the community at all times and remained open in some form throughout. This has either been through zoom classes, window services or behind the counter service but with the full intention to help the community cope with the emergency.

During the initial first lockdown, we helped organise and sign post people to food and shopping delivery services as well as deliver hearing aid batteries and medical prescriptions etc. We also provided a means of contact, be it for friendship or support, we were there.

Many users have been referred to us by the local GP as part of the social prescribing agenda. For example, we helped book online vaccinations for many people who were unable to do it for themselves as well as help complete difficult forms etc.

Where restrictions have allowed, we have been able to restart our exercise and crafting classes. These have had an extremely positive impact on many users who have benefited not only from the activities but from being around others and returning to community life after shielding/living alone or semi isolated.

We have begun to resume our complimentary health and well-being activities, such as chiropody. These services are not available through the GP and many users have found them an invaluable service locally. These services are cheaper and close by too, which for many people, who have been reluctant to travel during the pandemic, has been invaluable.

We have managed to run a remote service Job Club, offering immediate advice and support for those unemployed, furloughed or affected by the economic fallout of the pandemic.

We have continued to be a contact point for Victim Care and in June CAB will restart with a remote FaceTime appointment service. Where possible we focus on helping with debt, housing benefit and mental health advice which has been requested more and more since the pandemic.

Where possible we have provided public access to computers for those without internet and access to printing and photocopying. We have offered a hot desking/work station facility for those now working from home and feeling isolated or anyone needing these facilities.

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Despite being restricted in the services we can provide; we have still managed to deliver the following invaluable provision:

- Friendship phone calls;
- Signposting to shopping/prescription delivery services;
- Delivery of hearing aid batteries and medicines;
- Vaccination booking service;
- Online census support service;
- Foodbank referral point;
- Local information and advice;
- Chair based exercise and yoga online sessions;
- Remote Job Club;
- Chiropody;
- Card making class sessions;
- Flower arranging class;
- Computer Laptop collection point for refurbishment for schools;
- IT support;
- Hearing aid battery service;
- Office services, photocopying, printing, scanning;
- Volunteering opportunities;
- General community point for collecting locally laid eggs, newspapers, recipes cards etc.

In October 2021, Norman Lord was appointed as the new chairman and has driven forward the organisation of the charity. Norman is a local business owner who is passionate about helping the community. In January 2021, the two long standing managers retired and were replaced by two new managers.

Examples of quotes from clients

Jan 21 Peg C - brought flowers for Sam and biscuits for the team for our help getting her booked in for the Covid jab. She said it was a tremendous service and CORE does a great job. She is staying in the village because no other village has such a good support.

She had been on the phone for ages at number 50 in the queue. She got down to number 10 and then they cut her off. She was in despair and very angry and complained to the surgery who put her in touch with us.

Jan 21 John U email - yoga user "Hello CORE Centre, You're looking after us extremely well and I thank you for your professional approach. Today's yoga with Millie has been as good as ever and it's a pleasure to wake up on Yoga day. It's the shortest hour of the week. My very grateful thanks."

Feb 21 Jacqui G - befriending volunteer "They are all very grateful to have the calls and they're all very grateful that CORE hasn't forgotten them."

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Feb 21 Bill P - booked his Covid vaccine (vulnerable category) "You're wonderful people, thank you so much, I couldn't have done it otherwise."
Bill bought us all doughnuts and wrote an acrostic poem about CORE to say thank you.

Feb 21 Sue W - "Invaluable service providing hearing aid batteries. I have an 80-year-old mother and I would have to go out to Arnold which I don't want to have to do in a pandemic."

Feb 21 – Bob T - "Wish everyone was so helpful; we really appreciate all you've done for us." Bob kindly donated £10 to CORE.

March 21 – Mr H - Came to pick up hearing aid batteries for father in law – lives in Manchester – so pleased with the service and advice we offered, said he will definitely contact us in the future and "Thanks so much for being so helpful and friendly in these difficult times – much appreciated."

March 21 - Mr B S - Rang us with an update on his appeal to have his driving licence reinstated – we helped him with the application a few weeks ago and he has his licence back! He was so grateful and in his words, "I have my life back and couldn't have done it without you – thanks again for all your help and support."

March 21 – Mrs S - Came for hearing aid domes and batteries – was able to fix hearing aid and Brenda was so thankful, "Don't know what I'd have done without you today – would have been lost without my hearing aids."

This is just a small sample of the most recent feedback we've received on the services we provide.

We are overhauling our social media accounts including Facebook and the website. Facebook alone has brought many new users to us and there has already been a significant increase in likes, shares and followers of our page.

Financial review

We currently have no funding provider. The Big Lottery 6-month extension finished at the end of Dec 2020. We have sent a new project application for £400,000 to the Big Lottery and are awaiting an outcome.

We have received smaller grants as well as Covid relief grants, which have helped and we are hopeful that through smaller grants and fund raising we can sustain CORE until we secure a larger funder.

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Financial risks

Along with small grants and The CORE Centre reserve amount, we believe we can sustain the charity until we secure a main funder.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Norman Lord, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of CORE - Calverton, Oasis, Resources, Education (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 _____ Date _____
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2021**

2020		Note	2021
£	Cash assets		£
124529	Bank accounts		121349
219	Cash in hand		<u>210</u>
<u>124748</u>			<u>121559</u>
	Other monetary assets		
4991	Prepayments	4	<u>5043</u>
<u>4991</u>			<u>5043</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	Computer equipment, purchased April 2019 cost £9,992.		
	Photocopier, purchased May 2018 cost £1,554.		
	Liabilities		
(1685)	Creditors	5	<u>(1171)</u>
<u>(1685)</u>			<u>(1171)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Dated _____
Christopher Peck, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	57700	57700
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	4760	4760
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	2146	2146
Sport England	-	1560	1560
Active Partners Trust	-	1770	1770
Gedling Borough Council	13844	576	14420
Notts Community Foundation - The Wheatcroft Fund	5000	-	5000
Persimmon Homes	1000	-	1000
Sundry grants & donations	120	-	120
	<u>19964</u>	<u>68512</u>	<u>88476</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £	£	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Running costs	28466	57700	(63689)	(22477)	-
Job Club	9213	4760	(11285)	-	2688
Community activities	1802	2146	(379)	-	3569
Hearing Together	500	-	(100)	-	400
Covid 19 Return to Play	-	1560	-	-	1560
Training	-	576	(144)	-	432
Tackling Inequalities	-	1770	(2485)	715	-
	<u>39981</u>	<u>68512</u>	<u>(78082)</u>	<u>(21762)</u>	<u>8649</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General	84767	22193	(15812)	21762	112910
	<u>84767</u>	<u>22193</u>	<u>(15812)</u>	<u>21762</u>	<u>112910</u>

The transfer from the Running costs funds to the General fund represents costs that were incurred in previous periods but not allocated to this fund. The Running costs restricted fund has now ended.

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The transfer from the General fund to the Tackling Inequalities is to cover the deficit on this activity.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Running costs – grant from Big Lottery to cover running costs of the CORE centre including wages, running expenses, training and consultancy.

Job Club – grants from Futures and The Coalfields Regeneration Trust for the provision of a Job Club, encouraging and assisting people into employment, volunteering, training and apprenticeships.

Community activities – grant from Co-op Local Community Fund for costs associated with running activities / courses at the CORE centre.

Hearing Together – funding from Gedling Borough Council towards the provision of the Hearing Service at the centre.

Covid19 Return to Play – funding from Sport England to enable us to hire large rooms and cover sessional staff costs to encourage sessions to resume following Covid restrictions easing.

Training – funding from Gedling Borough Council for staff training costs.

Tackling Inequalities – funding from Active Partners Trust to enable us to recommence Seated Yoga and Chair-based Exercise classes in larger venues following Covid restrictions easing.

4. Prepayments

	£
Advertising & promotions	69
Insurance	585
Premises maintenance	1209
Rent	3180
	<u>5043</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	900
Payroll service	113
Wages, NI & pension - HMRC	158
	<u>1171</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

During this period, a total of £69 was reimbursed to 1 trustee for travel expenses incurred.

7. Related party transactions

Stuart Draycott is a trustee of CORE and also the owner of Whirlweb IT. CORE have been using the services of Whirlweb IT for many years. During this financial year payments totalling £2,243 were made to Whirlweb for IT support.

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8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.