

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1081691

Details

Other names	COMMUNITY AT HEART, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04023294
Registered	2000-07-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: Serving the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill, particularly the neighbourhoods of Easton, Lawrence Hill, Old Market, St Judes, Newtown, Whitehall, Greenbank, Redfield, The Dings and Barton Hill, the Objects for which the charity is established are: 1) Advancement of citizenship and community development through the promotion of civic participation, volunteering, and community capacity building. 2) Provision of community services and facilities with the objective of inspiring agency, connecting people, creating opportunities and improving the condition of life for residents. 3) Specifically provide services and facilities, including an adventure playground, for children and young people: a) of which such children and young people have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances; and b) which will improve the conditions of childhood for such children and young people by promoting their health and well-being.

Activities: Working with residents and service providers to deliver neighbourhood management in Easton and Lawrence Hill in Bristol to improve the lives of local people.

Classification

- **How:** 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 Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRISTOL , IN PARTICULAR IN EASTON, BARTON HILL, OLD MARKET, ST JUDES, NEWTOWN, WHITEHALL, GREENBANK, REDFIELD, LAWRENCE HILL AND THE DINGS.
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£987,651	£1,075,942	£1,277,155	35
2024-03-31	£1,019,964	£919,643	£1,248,183	30
2023-03-31	£964,720	£822,951	£1,147,862	29
2022-03-31	£751,014	£699,825	£1,006,092	11
2021-03-31	£1,115,115	£625,724	£954,902	9

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adebimpe Janet Ayeni		2024-10-25
Alan Russell		2025-10-23
Azmina Mitha Faisal Ms		2023-02-02
Jon Edward Fox		2023-09-07
Katherine Elizabeth Monkhouse		2025-10-23
Lakhraj Minhas		2025-10-23
Maria Camila Gomez Gutierrez		2025-10-23
Megan Belcher		2025-10-23
Mx Henry Alexander Owen		2025-10-23
Paul Hassan		2025-10-23
Rosanna Clare Dearbergh Wakefield		2022-06-23

Accounts



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Report and Audited Financial Statements

31 March 2025

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Company number	04023294																				
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Registered office and operational address	Easton Community Centre Kilburn Street Bristol BS5 6AW																				
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Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ Flagstone Group Ltd 1st Floor, Clareville House 26-27 Oxendon Street London, SW1Y 4EL Essex, CM13 3BE																				
Auditors	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol, BS1 4QD																				

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2019).

Foreword from our interim chair, Rosanna Wakefield

“The end of 2024/25 marked the 5-year anniversary of Eastside Community Trust* and I am extremely proud that over that time, and in particular in the last year, not only has Eastside Community Trust maintained the high quality of activities we deliver for and with the community but we have also increased the provision and strengthened the organisation. In the last year, the financial sustainability of the organisation has continued to improve, with traded income from space rental increasing, and fundraising remaining strong such that we have been able to increase the opening hours of Easton Community Centre and provide a programme of wellbeing activities.

Being an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive community focused organisation in Easton and Lawrence Hill is more important than ever with day-to-day life continuing to be a challenge for many residents. 2024/25 saw a year of local and general elections, the cost of living continuing to rise, and events around the world affecting many people in the neighbourhood. Eastside Community Trust has continued to play a vital role in encouraging community cohesion through events such as the Women’s Night Socials and the Roma Cultural Day; in empowering local people to build a happy and healthy neighbourhood through activities such as the community climate action; and supporting people’s wellbeing through sessions such as breathwork and youth nights. Providing healthy food to the community has remained a core part of our work with 13,000 meals provided at Felix Road Adventure Playground and the launch of the new cafe, Ababo’s Cuisine at Easton Community Centre.

At this important milestone we felt it was important to look back on what’s gone well and what could have gone better so we commissioned two reports – an evaluation of our work, and a governance review. From these we were delighted to hear that local people and partners really value the work of Eastside Community Trust and that our governance is good, reflected also in the quotes and case studies in this report. There’s always room for improvement however, so we’ll be considering our geographical priority areas and building meaningful partnerships across Easton and Lawrence Hill. We’ll be reviewing the role of community development and exploring how our residents can participate, belong and help bring about positive change for everyone, and we’ll be continuing to focus on equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives. We’ll also be seeking to better measure the performance of our board of trustees.

Thank you to all the residents, partners, staff, and supporters for getting involved in the last year. We’ll be launching our new strategy in early 2025/26 and we look forward to working with you to bring it to life.”

*Following the merger of Easton Community Centre, Felix Road Adventure Playground and Up Our Street.

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Vision and objectives

Our vision is a place where communities thrive

Eastside Community Trust is a community focused organisation which provides people of all ages with places and ways to connect. We are passionate about our community and helping local people build a healthy and happy neighbourhood. We are a charity and a limited company with paid staff and a voluntary board of trustees.

Our neighbourhood

As a charity we cover the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill. In practice our work is centred on our community venues and the neighbourhood residential streets and high-rise blocks that surround them.

Our values

- We collaborate;
- We listen;
- We are kind;
- We celebrate;
- We experiment;
- We are fun and playful;
- We are honest; and
- We make decisions with equality, diversity and inclusion and environmental sustainability at the heart of what we do.

Objectives

- Children have the freedom to play, be healthy and be part of the local community;
- Communities will be informed, connected and feel a sense of belonging where they live;
- Provide inclusive, accessible, sustainable projects and places which improve people's wellbeing; and
- A well run, resilient community anchor organisation which is respected and trusted by the local community.

How we will achieve our objectives

Children will have the freedom to play, be healthy and be part of the local community.

- By providing an open access playground we will increase physical activity in childhood;
- By providing trusted playworkers and digital free play spaces we will improve mental health in childhood;
- We will offer opportunities to take part in quality play experiences; and
- By providing meals we will reduce childhood food poverty.

Communities will be informed, connected and feel a sense of belonging and where they live.

- We publish regular content which keeps residents informed about local life;
- We provide opportunities for residents to connect to city decision making; and
- We host events which give residents a sense of belonging to where they live.

Provide inclusive, accessible and sustainable projects and places which improve people's wellbeing.

- We run events which increase social cohesion and community connections among neighbours;
- We model best practice in climate change resilience;
- We provide signposting and support residents to know where they can access the help they need; and
- We reduce social isolation in the community by running an open access community centre.

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A well run, resilient community anchor organisation which is respected and trusted by the local community:

- We will be seen as an excellent employer;
- We are well governed by our trustees;
- We are an excellent steward of community assets;
- We are involved in relevant citywide networks;
- We are financially resilient with a robust business plan;
- We can demonstrate our impact with qualitative and quantitative data;
- We have a focus on equity, diversity and inclusion with an action plan;
- We are successful at partnership working; and
- We have a well-managed, engaged and active resident membership.

What we do

Easton Community Centre

An open access community centre with a café, private hires, a programme of events and tenant organisations. It has been a community centre since 1989 as a Community Asset Transfer from Bristol City Council – the council own the centre but we have a 30 year lease (2017-2047) to manage it.

Felix Road Adventure Playground

An open access adventure playground with additional partner activities and private hires outside opening hours and universal and targeted sessions.

Food at Felix

A kitchen at the playground serving food for children.

Up Our Street

A multi-channel community communication programme.

Eastside People and Places

Community development and social action focused on connection, climate change and active citizenship.

Connected Cohesive Communities

An annual programme of events to foster community cohesion and increase social connections.

Community Anchor

Strategic role as a change maker and community anchor hosting and enabling social action of other organisations and citizens.

Our achievements in 2024/2025

Easton Community Centre

We run **Easton Community Centre**, a busy centre open to the public six days week and available for private hire seven days a week. In the year 2024/25, the four permanent tenants of the community centre were Houria CIC (replaced later by Ababo Cuisine), BCfm, Raised in Bristol and St Paul's Advice Centre. The centre hosted a rich and vibrant programme of regular and ad-hoc community activities.

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In 2024/25 we developed two new offers for local people. We opened to the public on Saturdays with a rotating programme of family friendly activities. We also established an ongoing programme of free or low cost activities focused on mental and physical wellbeing (supported by Quartet and Bristol City Council to improve access to services for residents struggling with their mental health).

Examples of these two initiatives include a repair café, lego club, family arts and crafts, chair yoga, tai chi, colouring club, two weekly stay and play groups, book club, sewing group, nutrition drop-in, menopause support group, circuits class, breathing class, peer-led coffee mornings and a bereavement group. We also developed a partnership with Come the Revolution to screen feature films at the centre.

We have also increased our efforts to respond more effectively to the rise in the number of homeless and vulnerable people accessing Easton Community Centre. This includes signposting, other forms of support, or just providing a warm and welcoming place to spend time. Our front-of-house team has received enhanced training on the available support services as well as developing partnerships to offer drop-in advice sessions from the centre. These include Citizens Advice Bristol, St Paul's Advice Centre and Housing Matters.

Tenants

We have been working closely with our tenants at the community centre to ensure an inclusive and supportive environment for staff and visitors.

Raised in Easton Nursery reached full capacity, and we were thrilled to receive our first £20,000 in profit share donation from the parent CIC, Raised In.

BCfm radio continued delivering high quality, volunteer-led, inclusive programming. BCfm also partnered with Decadance, another community station, to increase access to the studio spaces at the centre.

Somali Kitchen CIC returned to the community centre once a new space became available and grew the capacity of their female empowerment organisation, and Bristol Somali Youth Voice took on a permanent office space within the building.

St Paul's Advice Centre moved out after just 12 months due to changing circumstances but we are excited to welcome new tenants, Bristol Disability Equality Forum, who moved in May 2025.

After hosting Houria CIC as our cafe until July 2024, the small CIC decided to take a break and closed the café. While we waited to find a suitable new partner we continued to provide free hot drinks. In November 2024 we welcomed Ababo Cuisine to the centre. Ababo Cuisine was a small family-run catering business looking for a base and with support from Nisbet Trust we were able to fit out the space and support them with core start-up costs. Since November they have been going from strength to strength and provide a warm and tasty heart to the centre.

Felix Road Adventure Playground

We run **Felix Road Adventure Playground** six days a week with private sessions out of those opening hours. The playground has been at the heart of the community since 1972 giving children freedom to play and be themselves. The playground has a **community kitchen** which serves daily homecooked meals and hosts a Raised in Bristol nursery on site. We run the playground on a 30-year asset transfer lease (2019-2049) from the council.

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In 2024/25 we used core play funding from Bristol City Council to contribute towards delivering four specific sessions as part of the council's commitment to play in Lawrence Hill and Easton:

- Open access play at Felix Road after school from Mondays to Thursdays;
- A group for girls from the Roma community in partnership with City Academy focused on food and play on Tuesdays;
- A group for boys from the Roma community in partnership with City Academy on Tuesdays; and
- A girl's-only play session on Fridays.

The playground also benefitted from a number of partnership initiatives, including:

- LifeCycle, who run a weekly bike maintenance session, group rides and use of bikes during open access play sessions; and
- DigiLocal, who run a weekly girl's coding club.

We continue to run trips off site during school holidays, including a family coach trip to the beach.

Youth sessions (Wavey Nights)

Since 2022 we have been running a weekly evening session for young people age 13-16 at the playground to help fill a gap in local youth provision. With funding from the National Lottery Million Hours programme we were able to increase this offer to two nights a week. Sessions began at The Pickle Factory and were delivered in partnership with Freestyle CIC and have since been moved to the playground. We recruited a local person, Shaniem Biggs as a Senior Youth Worker. Shaniem grew up in Easton and played at the playground when she was a child herself so brings lots of great local knowledge. She has built a strong team that is representative of the local community, taking the sessions from strength to strength.

Food at Felix

During 2024/25 we continued our offer of a meal for all children at the playground. Our Kitchen Coordinator, Nirmal Singh, served over 13,000 meals in the year. Nirmal is a food champion having completed training with Feeding Bristol. We took part in a local Shaping Places Shaping Healthier Lives programme looking at increasing awareness of cooking skills and nutrition among young people accessing the playground.

We continued our partnership with the local organisation Family Food Action who provide weekly donations of fresh ingredients. We have also remained an important provider of the Department of Education's Holiday Activity Fund with our high quality food offer during school holidays.

Eastside People and Places

We support **community action** through projects run by and with local people. These include family and wellbeing activities in our spaces, a community climate action programme, a place making project, food and cooking projects and an annual programme of community meetings and events.

Our Community Climate Action programme focused on delivering:

- Warm home champions workshops skilling up local people on how to reduce energy consumption at home;
- Climate leadership programme engaging a diverse cohort of community leaders in climate issues;
- Climate communications and raising awareness of climate issues through films and printed materials;
- Trips and events to increase local people's awareness and skills around climate issues; and
- Participation in citywide strategic bodies leading on climate issues.

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This work has been delivered in partnership with Bristol Energy Network and Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership.

Additionally in 2024/25, we were one of three community organisations in partnership with Bristol City Council and Centre for Sustainable Energy delivering the Transforming Energy Together programme. This is a £100,000 investment into supporting local communities' work towards a future net zero neighbourhood. Our engagement worker has been consulting local people and working with experts to develop investable projects that will form part of a regional portfolio for how neighbourhoods can become carbon neutral over the next decade. As part of the programme we have delivered a series of talks on key issues like retrofitting, energy and wildlife.

We maintained our support to local Councillors in engaging residents in issues impacting on the neighbourhood by hosting community meetings including a focus on housing issues.

Our Community Connector is a local parent, Abiir Shirdoon. Abiir spent the year out and about networking with residents and groups, linking them to our work, to each other and to useful resources to help them achieve their goals. In particular this year Abiir worked alongside:

- Friends of Rawnsley House residents to establish a group and campaign for better play equipment;
- Litter picks in the local area;
- Pop up stalls;
- Owen Square Parky Pals;
- Members social events;
- Christmas carols; and
- Lansdown Court fun day.

Up Our Street

We deliver a wide ranging communications programme to share information, inspire and celebrate our community. This includes a fortnightly ebuletin, a website, social media, a quarterly printed magazine delivered to 14,000 households and 30 community notice boards.

We continued our fortnightly bulletin to over 2,000 subscribers and we developed our Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn accounts to reach even more people.

We produced a fantastic Freedom Kids Podcast with our podcast producer on what children eat after school to raise awareness of food poverty in childhood.

This year we worked with local creatives to support with the editing of our quarterly magazine Up Our Street which was delivered locally and available online. The magazine aims to celebrate the neighbourhood and its people.

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Connected cohesive communities

We continue to run a programme of social action and cultural events throughout the year. In the 2024/25 year some highlights have included:

- Seed swap to promote sharing and climate change awareness;
- Women's night socials at Easton Community Centre (buraanbur Somali dance, Bollywood, Arabic Night);
- International Women's Day;
- Roma Cultural Day at Felix Road;
- Parties for Eid, Diwali and Christmas;
- Vibes and Ventures event during Black History Month to celebrate the African-Caribbean community's connection to Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- Fun Palaces community family fun day; and
- School uniform and winter coat giveaways.

Stapleton Road High Streets project

We finished our creative project aimed at promoting Stapleton Road as a shopping destination. We delivered a range of co-produced arts projects which culminated in a street event. There is a new mural and some lamppost banners celebrating local women who have made a difference on the street.

Community food

We were grateful to receive funding from the Household Support Fund via Feeding Bristol which contributed to our food offer at the adventure playground but also allowed us to deliver:

- Three community meals for 150 people in partnership with Carib-Asian Cookery, Ababo Cuisine and Evergreen Academy; and
- Supermarket vouchers for 42 extremely vulnerable families living in poverty.

Small grant fund

This year we ran our annual small grant programme for residents wanting to organise an event in their community. The fund comes from our Endowment Fund held with Quartet Community Foundation and we set aside approximately £10,000 to give out in grants of £500. In 2024/25 we gave out £8,000 to 17 residents/groups.

Thank You Awards

We delivered our flagship annual event to celebrate over 50 local heroes who go above and beyond to improve the local community. Over 200 people attended the annual celebration, run in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting, and enjoyed this unique event in the city's social calendar.

Community anchor

We are **landlord** to four retail units in Barton Hill, all small businesses run by families from different ethnic communities. These facilitate the generation of traded income that fund the charity's activities.

Roots of Resilience

Together with partners we have been leading a campaign to highlight the value of community spaces and advocate for a review of the Community Asset Transfer process. This has included reaching out to elected members and PR work to raise awareness.

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Food Equality Strategy

We have been a founding member of Feeding Bristol's alliance of organisations working to end food poverty and champion equality in food.

Community hub

We remain an active and engaged member of Bristol City Council's community hub network leading community-led solutions and responding to emerging issues.

Business network

We joined Bristol 247 Better Business Network to promote our social enterprise services and increase our network of organisations outside of the local neighbourhood.

One City Homes and Communities Board

Our CEO, Stacy Yelland, was a member of this citywide strategic body that seeks to address key challenges in a cross-sector approach.

East Central Youth and Play Alliance

We remained an active member in the local and citywide play networks.

Partnerships

This year we have worked closely with a number of organisations to deliver our aims. We acted as a fund holder for smaller organisations or the lead applicant in partnership bids for funding, in particular:

- Somali Kitchen - £30,000 per annum over four years from Bristol Impact Fund;
- Trinity Community Arts - £15,000 per annum over four years from Bristol Impact Fund;
- Bristol Somali Resource Centre - £25,000 per annum (plus uplift) from UK Shared Prosperity
- Bloy Street residents - £17,000 from CIL funds;
- Owen Square residents - £20,000 from CIL funds;
- Freestyle CIC - £4,000 from Lottery Million Hours youth sessions;
- Houria CIC - £5,000 from Nisbet Trust for café development; and
- Ababo Cuisine - £18,000 from Nisbet Trust for café development.

Staff changes

In 2024/25 we said goodbye to a core member of staff as our Communications Manager, Becky Whitmore left after serving five years with the organisation. Following this we recruited some new staff ready for the 2025/26 year including a new Communications Manager, a Caretaker and Playworkers. The chair of Eastside since 2020 stood down in March 2025 and the board is in the process of recruiting some new board members in 2025/26.

Our treasurer, Jess Slack, stood down from the board in March 2025 and Janet Adebimpe Ayeni was recruited to replace her. Janet is a management accountant who had been connected to the organisation as a frequent visitor to the community centre. Jess oversaw an induction process with Janet and Janet became the Treasurer of the charity at its AGM in October 2024.

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Impact and achievements – 2024/25 year in numbers

1,820 hours of youth and playwork	728 activities, events or sessions
200 resident members recruited	13,000 free hot meals served
42,000 Up Our Street magazines delivered	2,400 children visited playground
300+ adults engaged in an activity	52,000 visits to our buildings

In focus – summer holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Number of sessions: 33
Number of open access sessions: 26
Number of different children: 1,098
Number of total attendances: 2,510
Average attendance per open access session: 89
Number of children who attended 5 times or more: 125
Number of children who attended 10 times or more: 42
Number of children who are confirmed FSM eligible: 115
Number of attendances by children who are confirmed FSM eligible: 737

Ethnic breakdown of 100 most regular attenders: 28% East African, 15% British Caribbean, 14% Mixed British, 13% Kurdish, 8% West African, 7% Roma, 7% South Asian, 7% White British, 1% Other.

Gender breakdown of 100 most regular attenders: 55% male, 45% female.

Independent evaluation 2024

In 2024 we commissioned an external evaluation of the organisation and its activities since 2020. The findings were a ringing endorsement of our work, the organisation and its staff. The merger was unanimously seen as a huge success by participants, and crucial for ensuring the survival of the three original charities. Eastside is now seen to be thriving with high satisfaction ratings, strong governance, and stable finances. We are in a healthy position to develop and enhance our long-term impact in Easton and Lawrence Hill.

What we learned from the people who participated in the evaluation:

- Eastside's two buildings, Felix Road and Easton Community Centre, had been transformed by the merger and were always safe and welcoming;
- Good leadership meant the organisation was trusted and responsive to local issues and was now more resilient and efficient than it had been before the merger;
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion were at the core of what Eastside does well;
- Eastside was providing or facilitating a wide range of activities, for all needs and ages, and that these were having a real impact on people's health, wellbeing, sense of belonging and connection;
- Distributing digital and non-digital community information to residents through the Up Our Street magazine, ebulletins, community notice boards and displays at the community centre were highly valued; and
- Our work during the Covid pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis received particular praise, and the organisation was recognised for the many impactful partnerships around advice, guidance and referrals it supported.

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How do we measure success?

In 2025 we commissioned an independent governance review of the organisation that identified measures the board can take to self-evaluate and to ensure that the charity is delivering to its objectives. The report concluded overall that the organisation had a huge amount to celebrate and commend it especially in times that are tough for charities everywhere. The chair of the board will be using the recommendations to continue our development as an organisation. To measure success of our delivery we use the following tools:

- Annual feedback surveys from staff, members, partners and trustees;
- Monthly team meetings with reflective practice embedded in our approach;
- Data tally (counting activities and attendances);
- Individual participant log (number of unique children and adults who engage with us);
- Evaluation survey (asked after every event and activity to measure impact);
- Member events;
- Case studies; and
- Periodic independent evaluation (at least once every three years).

Investing in our assets

We currently are responsible for a number of community and commercial assets:

- Easton Community Centre on a 30-year Community Asset Transfer lease from the council;
- Landlord to Raised in Easton nursery within Easton Community Centre;
- Landlord to Raised in Felix Road in our bespoke nursery building on the grounds of Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- Felix Road Adventure Playground on a 30-year Community Assets Transfer lease from the council; and
- Four retail units (180-186 Avonvale Road) on a 999-year lease from Sovereign Housing Association.

Work completed in 2024/25 includes:

- Thanks to £70,000 in Community Infrastructure Levy funding from Bristol City Council we were able to replace our broken lift at Easton Community Centre. The original lift was installed in 1989 and was non-compliant with current regulations. We had a completely new lift installed which meets current DDA regulations;
- We invested over £5,000 in creating a new entrance for Raised in Easton nursery to support our energy efficiency strategy within the community centre;
- We spent £8,000 on new double glazed windows in the community centre main hall;
- We invested approx. £10,000 in audio visual equipment and professional lighting in the main hall at the community centre to increase the quality of the space and attraction to potential hirers;
- We have spent approx. £30,000 in works to repair the ground source heat pumps at Easton Community Centre to produce reliable heat and prevent frequent breakdowns; and
- Thanks to funding Bristol City Council Asset Management Grant we commissioned gcp Architects to develop an investment and management plan for the community centre including designs for upgrading toilet facilities. We plan to fundraise for this in the 2025/26 year.

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Making our assets available

As well as using our assets to generate income we also recognise they can support others to increase their impact. We offer free or discounted hire to a number of various organisations and individuals with similar objectives. We received funding in partnership with Bristol Somali Resource Centre from UK Shared Prosperity Fund to offer this support. Some of these partnerships remain into the 2025/26 year:

- Bristol Autism Project receives discounted venue hire of Felix Road Adventure Playground for a weekly youth club and a school holiday family club;
- KHAAS receives discounted venue hire of Felix Road Adventure Playground for a monthly play session for disabled children of Asian heritage;
- Project Mama received free and discounted hire for their weekly Mama Hub group providing a meal and social space for refugee mothers with babies; and
- Threefold Theatre received discounted venue hire of Easton Community Centre for their youth theatre group.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

We are incredibly proud that our commitment to EDI work was recognised throughout our external evaluation. Over the past five years we have embedded a culture of inclusive practice throughout the organisation in our attitudes and behaviours using the following statement of intent:

We are engaged with our community and people. To be engaged everyone must feel included and valued. Therefore, we will strive to build and nurture a culture where inclusiveness is a reflex not an initiative. There will be a deep sense of pride, passion and belonging that is our basic culture. We are unified in our shared commitment to excellence, innovation and social responsibility. We know through experience that different ideas, perspectives and backgrounds create stronger and more creative environments that deliver better results.

As part of our 2025-2028 strategy, we have selected four key objectives as a focus for our EDI work with each objective having a corresponding set of actions that will be regularly reviewed at board level:

- We will work towards our staff and board reflecting the diverse ethnic communities we represent at all levels of the organisation;
- We will combat the rise in racism and Islamophobia by championing the diversity of our neighbourhood and bringing different people together to promote community cohesion;
- We will invest in our community venues to increase their accessibility for disabled children and adults; and
- We will prioritise safe and engaging spaces for women and girls to socialise.

Case studies

This case study explores the deep impact that a welcome space offering community connection can have on the lives of those who use it.

A Phoenix comes to Easton Community Centre everyday Monday to Saturday as for her it is a community health solution. "I really like the community centre. It's a safe space for me to come during the day. It's very friendly and sociable. People can come here and talk about their problems and personal issues. If something can be done then the staff are really helpful."

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"I had a very difficult childhood. I was an orphan in Spain and I was adopted but it didn't go well." A who is 58 has been living in the UK for 33 years. "In my 20's I hitch-hiked out of Spain and I lived in France and Belgium before squatting in London. I tried living in Brighton, Bath and Glastonbury before ending up in a women's refuge in Bristol. I was working in a fish and chip shop in Brighton, but I had to stop because of my health."

A has really complex physical and mental health problems. She has twice been sectioned and placed in a psychiatric hospital and has to take daily medication and have an injection every 3 months which really helps. "I like living on my own, I don't want to live with other people, I tried living in a shared house but it was really bad." A talks about day to day urban survival, how being homeless and on the street during the day it is easy to slip into Class A drugs and a negative mindset. She lives in a one-bedroom flat managed by a housing association but currently has no electricity as financially it was a choice between food and electricity. "I really like coming to Easton Community Centre, it keeps me safe from the street. I can chat with Eastside staff, meet my support worker, use the computers to check the news or my Facebook page and food is much cheaper in this area than where I live."

"My health issues have stopped me doing so many things, taking medication every day stops my social life. The community centre gives me a chance to just be myself.....with no expectation on me from anyone. I have decided to do a breathing and meditation course at the community centre. I'm really interested in Buddhism, it helps me deal with other people and improve myself as a person."

Easton Community Centre managed by Eastside Community Trust continues to be a sanctuary for people dealing with serious trauma and adverse childhood experiences. It is an inclusive space where people can connect, find support and rebuild their lives. This community space promotes and provides the social mixing that A and other socially isolated people appreciate. "Every town or neighbourhood should have a community centre like this one, where people can connect and find the support they need. I couldn't find the help I needed in Brighton but I found it in Bristol."

Azmina Mitha is a trustee of Eastside Community Trust and the Family Support Coordinator at City Academy.

"I really enjoy being a trustee of Eastside. I think it is so important that women are in decision making positions in their communities. When Stacy asked me to be a trustee I was like why me? To begin with, it felt like the other trustees were talking a different language, but slowly I tuned into the issues that they were discussing, and I realised I did have something to say. I know Stacy really values my contributions now and I have so much admiration for her. You have to be a brave person to stand up and make difficult decisions in communities, there is always drama and backlash, but I really enjoy being part of the Eastside trustee team and the challenges and problem solving that brings."

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Azmina was born in Easton and has lived here all her life. "My parents are Asians from East Africa. My father came to the UK escaping from Idi Amin in Uganda and my mother came to study at university. I had a very dynamic upbringing, my parents had a successful video shop renting out Bollywood movies, hence my interest in Bollywood music and teaching Bollywood dance at the Community Centre now. We were a very modern Asian family in Easton, we were very business minded, my uncle started Sweet Mart on St Marks Road. I had an amazing childhood, we were reasonably well off, I went to private school and I could speak 7 languages."

"When I left school I went to university in Gloucestershire to study business management and combined studies that included youth work. The totally amazing Simi Choudhry at the Asian women's charity Awaz Utaoh 'raise your voice' took me under her wing. Simi was a friend of the family and she saw me as her protégé and was determined to push me. Simi was a hugely dedicated and influential figure in Bristol's voluntary sector, devoting her life to improving services for Bristol's South Asian community, including a multi-faith youth service, the first Asian youth festival – the Mela in Eastville Park, an Asian radio show and a day centre for elderly Asian people."

The next chapter in Azmina's life involved setting up Bristol's first Saturday supplementary schools at City of Bristol College and City Academy to raise attainment for BAME students. Azmina became head teacher of a supplementary school for 100 students and did that groundbreaking role for 10 years. "I realised to raise attainment I had to recruit teachers from the same backgrounds as the students and that parents also had to turn up for meetings. These two things were non-negotiable. The focus was very much on students heritage and identity as well as English and Maths."

"I love being part of a charity that is so connected to my family and my neighborhood. I remember when the Community Centre was built, there was a lot of Asian focused activity then, including sewing, cards and carrom. My uncle had a big wedding at the Community Centre, it was so packed you couldn't breathe! Good times!"

Resident and partner quotes

"Eastside Community Trust is a fantastic anchor organisation for Easton. I often hold it up as an exemplar when talking to partners across Bristol about what local organisations can achieve for and with their communities. It manages two community assets extremely well. I've seen the Trust transform Easton Community Centre over recent years to respond to successive challenges - first as a vital space for promoting public health and helping people access vital support during the Covid pandemic, and latterly as a buzzy, welcoming place of safety, warmth and trust for a community buffeted by economic crisis and austerity."

"A feeling of trust in the neighbourhood, fostering greater respect for other members of the community. We bring different communities together who might not otherwise meet and we let people know of other ways they can connect. People in the community are mentally and physically stronger and more resilient. They are aware that other people "have their backs" and that we can all come together as a community of humans, supporting each other."

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“Treating all members of the local community equally and meeting them on their own terms. Communicating information to the public about things that will enhance their life locally, from signposting for vital help, to telling them about local entertainment and employment opportunities. We give everyone the opportunity to get involved in the community without shaming those who might not have the capacity to give more time and energy than they can. We provide this by gently enforcing an ecology of mutual respect between everyone. And if people want the opportunity to get more involved, those opportunities are there.”

“Lots of positive outreach with the local community and creates a very welcoming and open access space. There is a wide range of diverse individuals and groups who access both the community centre and the playground, and a great range of activities and initiatives to reach all corners of the local community.”

“When we want to know what's going on in the neighbourhood we ask Eastside. If we want to reach out into the community - Eastside. We know that Eastside will give us honest feedback about our own organisation and will help us shape our future plans in ways which respect and involve local people.”

“Eastside Community Trust has a real presence in the local communities in Bristol, through its physical spaces as well as through its reach. Serving as both a community resource hub, funding provider and community connector is essential in local communities, especially during the past several years through the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 and the cost-of-living crisis on certain communities.”

“[The charity] responds sensitively and practically to the presenting needs of ECC users. Is compassionate towards staff and service users. Involves the local community in local issues. Acts according to its values.”

“I think Eastside is really good at engaging with a very diverse group of residents, from babies to 80+ years, all sorts of races, religions and backgrounds. It manages to get really good attendance at it's groups, events and sessions, which other community centres struggle with. They are also an excellent employer with thorough training and wellbeing plans for staff in place.”

“I think Eastside Community Trust offers a hub to the community, provides opportunities for local residents to connect, do new things and meets their needs. It provides breathing space, space to play, explore and reduce social isolation. It also offers very useful and practical services (such as low cost meeting spaces) which we have regularly used. I have seen how it uses knowledge and insight developed through this connection to community to advocate within wider civic initiatives on behalf and in favour of the many communities operating in the area's needs.”

“Eastside is great in connecting residents to citywide opportunities and provide them with strong voices to influence strategic decision. They also provide a welcoming community centre and a very vibrant youth playground.”

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Structure, governance and management

Charitable objectives

The Company serves the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill, particularly the neighbourhoods of Easton, Lawrence Hill, Old Market, St Judes, Newtown, Whitehall, Greenbank, Redfield, The Dings and Barton Hill. The objects for which the Charity is established are:

- Advancement of citizenship and community development through the promotion of civic participation, volunteering, and community capacity building;
- Provision of community services and facilities with the objective of inspiring agency, connecting people, creating opportunities and improving the condition of life for residents; and
- Specifically provide services and facilities, including an adventure playground, for children and young people:
 - of which such children and young people have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances; and which will improve the conditions of childhood for such children and young people by promoting their health and wellbeing.

Role of trustees

The board of trustees are elected by the members to oversee the delivery of the charity's aims and objectives in accordance with the constitution. Day to day responsibility and accountability for managing the charity is delegated to the CEO and Senior Management Team with governance and oversight from the trustee board. The trustees must make sure that everything the charity does helps to achieve the purposes for which it is set up, and no other purpose. This means trustees should:

- ensure they understand the charity's purposes as set out in its governing document;
- plan what the charity will do, and what they want it to achieve;
- be able to explain how all of the charity's activities are intended to further or support its purposes; and
- understand how the charity benefits the public by carrying out its purpose.

The board has a scheme of delegation which passes some decision making responsibilities on to sub-committees illustrated below:

Eastside Community Trust Governance Structure		
Strategic Board		
Meeting at least four times a year		
Finance Sub Committee		People Sub Committee
Meets four times a year		Meets four times a year

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any trustee not re-elected will be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the CEO and, in accordance with the charity's conflict of interest policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

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Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the charity commission guidance on public benefit, content of the memorandum and articles of association, the committee and decision-making processes and the strategic plan. During the induction they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Remuneration of key management personnel

Remuneration is determined by the board with incremental rises and inflationary rises reviewed annually.

- 2023-2024 – a 10% pay rise was awarded to all staff in recognition of high inflation;
- 2024-2025 - the charity implemented a new banding structure to increase the management team from three to five and ensure the lowest pay scale was above Real Living Wage (freeze on inflationary and incremental rises); and
- 2025-2026 – a 3% cost of living rise was awarded.

Risk management

The organisation has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and this is monitored by the CEO and the board of trustees. A risk register has been established and is reviewed at each quarterly Strategic Board meeting. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Health and safety

The organisation has outsourced Health and Safety advice to Aversure and has conducted independent fire and health and safety risk assessments and reports to ensure compliance with regulations and ensuring the health and safety of employees and visitors.

Fraud update

In 2021 during our audit it was uncovered that our Finance Manager, Tracy Parsons, had been defrauding the charity for a number of years. This was disclosed in our accounts and immediately reported to the police and to the Charity Commission as a serious incident. On 10 October 2023, Tracy Parsons received a custodial sentence of two years and eight months.

Since discovery of the fraud, Eastside Community Trust has undergone a period of review of its finance processes and made a number of significant improvements. The bookkeeping has been outsourced to an independent management accountancy firm and the Finance Sub Committee of the board has increased scrutiny and oversight of the day to day finances as well as the longer term strategic management of the organisation's finances.

On 17 October 2023 we received confirmation from the Charity Commission that the case was closed. In March 2024 we received notice from the Crown Prosecution Service that they had approved our claim for compensation and the sum of £117,262.65 was repaid to us in full in November 2024.

Governing document

Eastside Community Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The charity officially changed its name on 12 September 2020 following a charity merger. It is registered under charity number 1081691 and company number 04023294.

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Financial review

This has been a positive year financially for Eastside Community Trust as we reach the fifth year since our merger in 2020. We continued to focus on diversification of our income both from grant fundraising but also increasing our traded income from space rental. We continued to raise funds and use self-generated income to invest in the physical assets run by the charity as a core part of our charitable activity. The increase in income enabled the charity to deliver more of its activities including increased opening hours of our spaces.

Principal funding source

Our principal funding source in 2024/25 was from grants and trusts with the remaining being made up from self-generated income from our leases and short term hires, communications and advertising, food sales and consultancy.

Fundraising

The charity predominantly fundraises from trust, foundations and statutory sources. The charity contracts a freelance fundraiser to raise money specifically from small trusts and foundations. Fundraising is carried out by the CEO and Deputy CEO. Neither the charity nor anyone working for the charity has subscribed to any fundraising standards. No complaints have been received regarding the charity's fundraising activities. Aside from a donation page on the charity website, the charity does not overtly fundraise from members of the public.

Asset policy

Individual assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful life of that asset. Electrical items are deemed to have a useful life of four years and depreciated at 20% each year.

Investment policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investments that the trustees see fit. Having considered the options available, the trustees decided to invest reserves in fixed term bonds. The trustees consider the overall return on investments and deposits together.

Public benefit statement

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Reserves policy

Reserves are categorised into two main headings: restricted and unrestricted.

1. Restricted funds – funds received under a restriction applied by the donor to spend on a particular activity as defined in contractual terms and agreements; and
2. Unrestricted funds – in order to ensure the continuing health of Eastside Community Trust, invest in new assets, provide a working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows, avoid unnecessary borrowing and meet our contractual obligations in the event of termination of contracts.

The board is responsible for ensuring the adequacy of unrestricted reserves when it sets the budget for the next financial year. The reserves policy is reviewed at least annually and at any other time the board considers appropriate.

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Eastside Community Trust has adopted a tiered approach to set a minimum level of unrestricted reserves:

1. The Finance Sub Committee identifying cash flow risks for service delivery and repayment of loans;
2. Identifying specific liabilities that might require readily available cash in worst case scenarios in our risk register; and
3. Allowing for investment in major projects if applicable.

The charity holds reserves for the following reasons and has set the following targets:

Staff contingency reserve - £200,000

To cover costs arising from sick leave or other enforced staff absence and the costs of closure of the organisation and its activities and repayment of outstanding debt liabilities. This is based on three months' running down time, including redundancies, any contract obligations and skeleton staffing.

Designated reserve - £150,000

A designated reserve was increased to £150,000 in 2024/25 to ensure sufficient resources were available for major capital repairs and maintenance required for the heating system at Easton Community Centre which was not completed at time of writing the accounts.

Cash flow reserve - £120,000

To cover funding shortfalls or interruption to normal operating activities. These funds will provide Eastside Community Trust with a level of stability whilst the longer-term impact of the pandemic is still to be assessed and the development of the business model post merger.

The total target for unrestricted funds is therefore £470,000. At 31 March 2025 the charity held unrestricted general funds of £574,865, The additional £100,000 will be utilised towards the 25/26 budget if the charity does not secure the budgeted £100,000 grants.

Plans for the future

A number of long term funds end in 2025/26 and staff delivering these projects are on permanent contracts. As yet no follow on funding for these projects has been secured as the organisation was waiting on the results of an independent evaluation to develop its strategic delivery plan for 2025-28. Fundraising efforts will follow our strategic ambitions and local need but there may need to be a period where salaries are covered by reserves to honour our contractual obligations to employees.

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Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditors

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as auditors to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 29 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by

R Wakefield

R Wakefield - Chair of Trustees

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eastside Community Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 9 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out in the trustees' report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The procedures we carried out and the extent to which they are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

(1) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, and assessed the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Throughout the audit, we remained alert to possible indications of non-compliance.

(2) We reviewed the charity's policies and procedures in relation to:

- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations, and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risk of fraud, and whether they were aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Designing and implementing internal controls to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.

(3) We inspected the minutes of trustee meetings.

(4) We enquired about any non-routine communication with regulators and reviewed any reports made to them.

(5) We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and assessed their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(6) We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected transactions or balances that may indicate a risk of material fraud or error.

(7) We assessed the risk of fraud through management override of controls and carried out procedures to address this risk. Our procedures included:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- Assessing judgements and accounting estimates for potential bias;
- Reviewing related party transactions; and
- Testing transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. Irregularities that arise due to fraud can be even harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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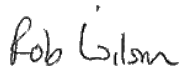
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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Date: 29 August 2025

Robert Wilson FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of:

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Chartered accountants and statutory auditors
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Eastside Community Trust

Statement of financial activities *(incorporating an income and expenditure account)*

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	6,000	67,832	73,832	57,771
Charitable activities	4	555,518	323,795	879,313	939,163
Other trading activities	5	-	13,735	13,735	9,146
Investments		-	20,771	20,771	13,884
Total income		<u>561,518</u>	<u>426,133</u>	<u>987,651</u>	<u>1,019,964</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	35,999	35,999	34,493
Charitable activities		<u>590,249</u>	<u>449,694</u>	<u>1,039,943</u>	<u>885,150</u>
Total expenditure	7	<u>590,249</u>	<u>485,693</u>	<u>1,075,942</u>	<u>919,643</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		(28,731)	(59,560)	(88,291)	100,321
Extraordinary item	18	-	117,263	117,263	-
Transfers between funds		<u>(50,189)</u>	<u>50,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	9	(78,920)	107,892	28,972	100,321
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>191,739</u>	<u>1,056,444</u>	<u>1,248,183</u>	<u>1,147,862</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>112,819</u></u>	<u><u>1,164,336</u></u>	<u><u>1,277,155</u></u>	<u><u>1,248,183</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 16 to the accounts.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	12		583,274	589,575
Current assets				
Debtors	13	43,493		43,047
Current asset investments		497,999		389,767
Cash at bank and in hand		208,039		281,873
			749,531	714,687
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	14	(55,650)		(56,079)
Net current assets			693,881	658,608
Net assets	15		1,277,155	1,248,183
Funds	16			
Restricted funds			112,819	191,739
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds			589,471	594,986
General funds			574,865	461,458
Total charity funds			1,277,155	1,248,183

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 29 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by

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Rosanna Wakefield

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	28,972	100,321
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	56,489	52,960
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(19,081)	(13,884)
Increase in debtors	(446)	(4,885)
Decrease in creditors < 1 year	(429)	(9,578)
Decrease in creditors > 1 year	-	(40,935)
	<u>65,505</u>	<u>83,999</u>
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	19,081	13,884
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(50,188)	(57,045)
	<u>(31,107)</u>	<u>(43,161)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	34,398	40,838
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>671,640</u>	<u>630,802</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>706,038</u></u>	<u><u>671,640</u></u>
 Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Current asset investments	497,999	389,767
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>208,039</u>	<u>281,873</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>706,038</u></u>	<u><u>671,640</u></u>

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation and general information

Eastside Community Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Easton Community Centre, Kilburn Street, Bristol, BS5 6AW.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Eastside Community Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of provision of a specified service is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Grants payable

Grants which have been authorised and paid are included as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants which have been authorised but not yet paid are accrued in the balance sheet and are included within creditors falling due within one year or after one year (as appropriate).

i) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2025	2024
Raising funds	3.3%	3.8%
Charitable activities	96.7%	96.2%

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

j) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Leasehold	40 years straight line
Nursery	20 years straight line
Playground	5 years straight line
Community Centre	20 years straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,500.

k) Current asset investments

Current asset investments consist of cash held on deposit in interest bearing accounts. Such investments are measured at their fair value.

l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

n) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

o) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

p) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

q) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key source of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is depreciation as described in note 1j above.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	-	57,771	57,771
Charitable activities	686,962	252,201	939,163
Other trading activities	-	9,146	9,146
Investments	-	13,884	13,884
Total income	686,962	333,002	1,019,964
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	34,493	34,493
Charitable activities	608,412	276,738	885,150
Total expenditure	608,412	311,231	919,643
Net income	78,550	21,771	100,321
Transfers between funds	(57,045)	57,045	-
Net movement in funds	21,505	78,816	100,321

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
General donations	-	27,132	27,132	8,636
Grants	6,000	30,700	36,700	49,135
Gift in kind	-	10,000	10,000	-
Total income from donations and legacies	6,000	67,832	73,832	57,771

In the prior year, all income from donations and legacies was unrestricted.

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Café and food sales	-	8,420	8,420
Printing and other admin	-	3,083	3,083
Rental and lease income	-	178,733	178,733
Service charge income	-	8,326	8,326
Short term hire income	-	84,583	84,583
Grant / project income	555,518	40,650	596,168
Total income from charitable activities	555,518	323,795	879,313

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Café and food sales	-	11,332	11,332
Printing and other admin	-	2,488	2,488
Rental and lease income	-	165,750	165,750
Service charge income	-	4,497	4,497
Short term hire income	-	68,134	68,134
Grant / project income	686,962	-	686,962
Total income from charitable activities	686,962	252,201	939,163

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5. Income from other trading activities

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Advertising	2,310	2,395
Advertising subscriptions	1,100	380
Consulting income	10,325	6,371
Total income from other trading activities	13,735	9,146

In the current and prior year, income from other trading activities was unrestricted.

6. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, Department for Media and Culture, National Lottery Community Fund and Sport England to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2025 was £452,032 (2024: £491,864). There are no unfulfilled conditions of contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

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7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2025 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	21,358	447,942	19,908	489,208
Other employment costs	-	-	10,227	10,227
Accountancy	-	-	19,424	19,424
Bank charges	-	-	2,720	2,720
Rent	-	-	2,228	2,228
Repairs and maintenance	-	48,677	46,252	94,929
Insurance	-	-	14,874	14,874
Computer expenses	-	-	5,196	5,196
Subscriptions	-	-	6,713	6,713
Telephone and internet	-	-	5,697	5,697
Utilities	-	-	28,097	28,097
Magazine	-	10,413	-	10,413
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	6,493	6,493
Professional and legal	-	-	950	950
Consultants and contract staff	8,400	48,028	6,320	62,748
Café and food expenditure	-	17,097	-	17,097
Playground expenditure	-	6,703	-	6,703
Project expenses	-	158,690	-	158,690
Grants (note 8)	-	77,046	-	77,046
Depreciation	-	45,051	11,438	56,489
Sub-total	29,758	859,647	186,537	1,075,942
Allocation of support and governance costs	6,241	180,296	(186,537)	-
Total expenditure	35,999	1,039,943	-	1,075,942

Total governance costs were £8,400 (2024: £8,000).

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7. Total expenditure (continued)

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	20,669	399,123	11,273	431,065
Other employment costs	-	-	8,614	8,614
Accountancy	-	-	15,850	15,850
Bank charges	-	-	2,939	2,939
Rates	-	-	2,286	2,286
Repairs and maintenance	-	35,722	35,966	71,688
Insurance	-	-	12,693	12,693
Computer expenses	-	-	4,471	4,471
Subscriptions	-	-	4,992	4,992
Telephone and internet	-	-	6,469	6,469
Utilities	-	-	28,068	28,068
Magazine	-	12,437	-	12,437
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	3,247	3,247
Professional and legal	-	-	673	673
Consultants and contract staff	7,550	11,846	10,535	29,931
Café and food expenditure	-	11,699	-	11,699
Playground expenditure	-	6,711	-	6,711
Project expenses	-	122,759	-	122,759
Grants (note 8)	-	77,892	-	77,892
Interest paid	-	-	2,800	2,800
Depreciation	-	45,964	6,996	52,960
Bad debts	-	-	9,399	9,399
Sub-total	28,219	724,153	167,271	919,643
Allocation of support and governance costs	6,274	160,997	(167,271)	-
Total expenditure	34,493	885,150	-	919,643

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8. Grants payable

During the year, 19 (2024: 19) grants were awarded to 3 (2024: 4) institutions and 16 (2024: 17) individuals or un-constituted groups with no employees for payments to project partners and small grants towards community events:

	2025 £	2024 £
Project partners		
Somali Kitchen	37,500	37,500
Trinity Community Arts Ltd	13,000	17,075
Bristol Somali Resource Centre	18,546	12,500
Chaplin Community Garden	-	2,717
	<u>69,046</u>	<u>69,792</u>
Community events		
16 (2024: 17) Grants < £1,000	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,100</u>
	<u><u>77,046</u></u>	<u><u>77,892</u></u>

9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	56,489	52,960
Trustees' remuneration	1,200	1,890
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	53	Nil
Auditors' remuneration:		
▪ Statutory audit (excluding VAT)	8,400	8,000
▪ Other services (excluding VAT)	<u>2,496</u>	<u>2,166</u>

Trustees remuneration comprised £1,200 (2024: £1,890) in payments to Azmina Mitha for services provided during the year (see note 19).

One trustee was reimbursed for travel and subsistence during the year.

In common with other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements. Our auditors have also provided payroll services to the charity during the year.

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10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	442,076	389,638
Social security costs	26,194	23,354
Pension costs	20,938	18,073
	<u>489,208</u>	<u>431,065</u>

Included within salaries and wages were statutory redundancy payments of £1,786 (2024: £nil).

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees, Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Communications Manager, Centre Manager and Adventure Play Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £184,308 (2024: £82,674).

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average head count	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold £	Nursery £	Playground £	Community Centre £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	279,057	306,789	113,681	131,315	830,842
Additions in year	-	-	-	50,188	50,188
At 31 March 2025	<u>279,057</u>	<u>306,789</u>	<u>113,681</u>	<u>181,503</u>	881,030
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	111,688	40,312	49,443	39,824	241,267
Charge for the year	<u>6,976</u>	<u>15,339</u>	<u>22,736</u>	<u>11,438</u>	56,489
At 31 March 2025	<u>118,664</u>	<u>55,651</u>	<u>72,179</u>	<u>51,262</u>	297,756
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	<u>160,393</u>	<u>251,138</u>	<u>41,502</u>	<u>130,241</u>	583,274
At 31 March 2024	<u>167,369</u>	<u>266,477</u>	<u>64,238</u>	<u>91,491</u>	<u>589,575</u>

13. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	23,433	14,970
Other debtors	<u>20,060</u>	<u>28,077</u>
	<u>43,493</u>	<u>43,047</u>

14. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	26,050	10,137
Accruals	19,345	8,000
Other creditors	1,689	974
Pension control account	2,366	459
VAT control account	3,000	2,892
Rent deposits	3,200	3,200
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	-	20,000
Co-op Foundation Loan	<u>-</u>	<u>10,417</u>
	<u>55,650</u>	<u>56,079</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	583,274	-	583,274
Current assets	112,819	6,197	630,515	749,531
Current liabilities	-	-	(55,650)	(55,650)
Net assets at 31 March 2025	<u>112,819</u>	<u>589,471</u>	<u>574,865</u>	<u>1,277,155</u>
Prior period comparative				
	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	589,575	-	589,575
Current assets	198,379	5,993	510,315	714,687
Current liabilities	(6,640)	(582)	(48,857)	(56,079)
Net assets at 31 March 2024	<u>191,739</u>	<u>594,986</u>	<u>461,458</u>	<u>1,248,183</u>

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16. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income* £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Abri	643	-	(643)	-	-
BCC Council Asset Management	-	21,290	(14,079)	-	7,211
BCC Stapleton Road	23,028	1,720	(17,848)	-	6,900
Bloy Street CIL	6,129	-	(6,129)	-	-
BrisDoc 2024	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund 2	24,591	105,000	(124,479)	-	5,112
Bristol City Leap	-	3,000	(10,000)	-	(7,000)
Climate Action Fund 2	73,307	64,886	(103,709)	-	34,484
Colcannon donations	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Community Matters	529	-	(529)	-	-
Community Spaces	1,469	600	(1,469)	-	600
ECC CIL 2024	(17,064)	72,000	(3,279)	(50,189)	1,468
Everyday Integration 2023	868	-	(868)	-	-
Everyday Integration 2024	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Feeding Bristol - Household Support Fund	-	31,058	(31,058)	-	-
Feeding Bristol 2025 Lottery Community Fund	19,011	-	(19,011)	-	-
Lottery Cost of Living Grant	2,449	-	(2,449)	-	-
Lottery Million Hours	-	22,500	(17,134)	-	5,366
Megawatt 2024	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Nisbets	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Nisbets 2	-	17,250	(10,697)	-	6,553
Owen Square Community Safety Project	7,639	-	(6,465)	-	1,174
Quartet Endowment Fund	4,568	12,376	(14,464)	-	2,480
Quartet Mental Health & Wellbeing	8,748	-	(8,748)	-	-
Carried forward	<u>158,415</u>	<u>369,980</u>	<u>(412,836)</u>	<u>(50,189)</u>	<u>65,370</u>

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Restricted funds (continued)

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income* £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
Brought forward	158,415	369,980	(412,836)	(50,189)	65,370
Quartet Resilience Fund	1,915	-	(1,915)	-	-
Rufus Pomeroy	-	5,100	(2,078)	-	3,022
Shaping Places	5,270	-	(5,270)	-	-
Sport England 2023	1,494	-	(1,494)	-	-
Sport England 2025	-	12,100	-	-	12,100
St Stephen & St James Trust	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Thresholds 2025	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Transforming Energy Together	-	30,000	(21,314)	-	8,686
Tudor Trust 2022	3,734	-	(3,734)	-	-
UK SPF Community Hub	-	37,092	(37,092)	-	-
Wing Chun	3,262	3,449	(4,480)	-	2,231
YHH Capital Grant	-	650	(650)	-	-
YHH Spring 2024	9,107	3,216	(12,323)	-	-
YHH Spring 2025	-	10,962	(753)	-	10,209
YHH Summer 2024	-	32,395	(32,395)	-	-
Youth And Play Services	6,354	42,900	(48,053)	-	1,201
Youth Investment Fund	2,188	3,674	(5,862)	-	-
Restricted funds	191,739	561,518	(590,249)	(50,189)	112,819
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	589,575	-	(56,490)	50,189	583,274
Avonvale Road	5,411	4,500	(3,714)	-	6,197
<i>Total designated funds</i>	594,986	4,500	(60,204)	50,189	589,471
General funds	461,458	538,896	(425,489)	-	574,865
Total unrestricted	1,056,444	543,396	(485,693)	50,189	1,164,336
Total funds	1,248,183	1,104,914	(1,075,942)		1,277,155

*Income in the year include extraordinary items as per the statement of financial activities.

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds

Abri - Donation towards a winter coat swap.

BCC Council Asset Management – Support for consultancy and expert advice for developing our capital assets.

BCC Stapleton Road - Project to bring arts and culture to regenerate the high street with mural artists and events.

Bloy Street CIL - Funds for resident led project to improve Bloy Street.

BrisDoc 2024 - Funds for resident led trips for vulnerable young people.

Bristol City Council Impact Fund 2 - Four year partnership project focused on place making, events and civic participation.

Bristol City Leap – Consultancy support for fixing the heating system at the community centre.

Climate Action Fund 2 - A community climate action project focused on resident led actions on climate.

Colcannon donations - for use towards running Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Community Matters - Energy efficiency measures at Easton Community Centre.

Community Spaces - Councillor led meetings bringing local people together.

ECC CIL 2024 - Capital fund for new lift installation at Easton Community Centre.

Everyday Integration 2023 - Participation in research project looking at practical application of Everyday Integration Framework.

Everyday Integration 2024 - Participation in research project looking at practical application of Everyday Integration Framework.

Feeding Bristol - Household Support Fund - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Feeding Bristol 2025 - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Lottery Community Fund – Playworkers and play activity at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Lottery Cost of Living Grant – Crisis support for local people facing challenges with cost of living.

Lottery Million Hours – Youth sessions.

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Megawatt 2024 - Energy efficiency measures at Easton Community Centre.

Nisbets - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Nisbets 2 – Support for development of a café at Easton Community Centre.

Owen Square Community Safety Project - Physical improvements around Easton Community Centre in partnership with local parks group.

Quartet Endowment Fund - Small grants for local people to run community events.

Quartet Mental Health & Wellbeing - Support for referrals to mental health and wellbeing services from Easton Community Centre.

Quartet Resilience Fund - Support for training and development for staff team.

Rufus Pomeroy – Donation towards a new play structure at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Shaping Places – Healthy eating and cooking project at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Sport England 2023 - Sports coaching and sports play at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Sport England 2025 – Physical play at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

St Stephen & St James Trust - for use towards running Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Thresholds 2025 - Donation towards a new play structure at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Transforming Energy Together – Community energy investment project.

Tudor Trust 2022 - Core salary support for CEO.

UK Shared Prosperity Community Hub (UKSPF Community Fund) - Partnership with Somali Resource Centre to increase connections, providing free hire voucher scheme at Easton Community Centre.

Wing Chun - Funds held on behalf of community group.

YHH Capital Grant – Equipment at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

YHH Spring 2024 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

YHH Spring 2025 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

YHH Summer 2024 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

Youth And Play Services – Bristol City Council funding for play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Youth Investment Fund – Capital equipment and upgrades to building at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Purposes of designated funds

Capital fund

Capital funds represents (i) the leasehold property and improvements which are designated on the basis that the underlying assets could not be sold by the charity; (ii) the nursery which may have a mortgage value but is built on our leasehold land. They have a value in use for the charity but no re-sale value.

Avonvale Road

This money represents rent deposits paid by tenants and annual service charge contributions by tenants to a sinking fund ring fenced for maintenance and repairs for the retail units service yard and costs associated with landlord regulatory compliance checks.

Transfers between funds

Transfer between funds for restricted funds relate to capital additions in which the restriction ceases on purchase of the asset.

Fund in deficit

The Bristol City Leap funding was fully spent in the year, with the remaining income claimed in arrears in 2025/26.

Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Abri	-	3,500	(2,857)	-	643
BCC Parks	2,217	500	(2,717)	-	-
BCC Stapleton Road	20,184	52,000	(49,156)	-	23,028
Bloy Street CIL	-	17,000	(10,871)	-	6,129
BrisDoc 2024	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund 2	13,969	126,000	(115,378)	-	24,591
BYCA 2023	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Celebrating Age	-	300	(300)	-	-
Carried forward	36,370	204,800	(184,279)	-	56,891

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative (continued)

Restricted funds (continued)

Brought forward	36,370	204,800	(184,279)	-	56,891
Climate Action Fund 2	36,476	95,837	(59,006)	-	73,307
Community Matters	-	8,000	-	(7,471)	529
Community Spaces	1,469	-	-	-	1,469
ECC CIL 2024	-	-	-	(17,064)	(17,064)
Enovert 2	(20,188)	38,941	(953)	(17,800)	-
Everyday Integration 2023	-	6,000	(5,132)	-	868
Feeding Bristol (Local Food Fund)	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Feeding Bristol 2	9,250	-	(9,250)	-	-
Feeding Bristol 2023	-	21,190	(21,190)	-	-
Funding The Future 2	900	-	(900)	-	-
Garfield Weston 2	10,089	-	(10,089)	-	-
Groundworks	638	-	(638)	-	-
John James	2,188	-	(2,188)	-	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	19,981	(970)	-	19,011
Lottery Cost of Living Grant	-	28,007	(25,558)	-	2,449
Megawatt Community Energy Grant	-	3,960	-	(3,960)	-
Nisbets 2023	-	10,500	(10,500)	-	-
Owen Square	18,800	-	(11,161)	-	7,639
Pantheon	1,799	-	(1,799)	-	-
PCC	2,239	-	(2,239)	-	-
Power To Change Powering Up	585	-	(585)	-	-
Quartet Endowment Fund	6,695	11,765	(13,892)	-	4,568
Quartet High Sheriff	-	300	(300)	-	-
Quartet Mental Health & Wellbeing	-	10,000	(1,252)	-	8,748
Quartet One City	2,754	-	(2,754)	-	-
Quartet Resilience Fund	-	9,100	(7,185)	-	1,915
Quartet Warm Hubs	2,596	-	(2,596)	-	-
Quartet Warm Hubs	700	-	(700)	-	-
Quartet Youth Sector Support 2	2,000	4,800	(6,800)	-	-
Schroders	3,900	-	(3,900)	-	-
Shaping Places	-	5,270	-	-	5,270
Society of Merchant	3,620	-	(3,620)	-	-
Sport England 2023	-	4,650	(3,156)	-	1,494
Carried forward	125,380	483,101	(395,092)	(46,295)	167,094

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative (continued)

Restricted funds (continued)

Brought forward	125,380	483,101	(395,092)	(46,295)	167,094
St Monica Trust	(852)	19,916	(19,064)	-	-
St Monica Trust - Coronation Fund	-	380	(380)	-	-
Thresholds 2023	15,922	-	(15,922)	-	-
Tom Allport at UoB	-	4,985	(4,985)	-	-
TravelWest	6,192	-	(6,192)	-	-
Tudor Trust 2022	5,584	33,000	(34,850)	-	3,734
UK Shared Prosperity	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Voscur	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
Welcome Places (PPE Grant)	4,008	-	(4,008)	-	-
Wesport Together 2023	-	836	(836)	-	-
Wing Chun	1,827	2,555	(1,120)	-	3,262
Winter Fuel Fund	650	2,570	(3,220)	-	-
YHH Easter	7,523	2,280	(9,803)	-	-
YHH Spring 2024	-	10,365	(1,258)	-	9,107
YHH Summer 2023	-	58,800	(58,800)	-	-
YHH Winter 2023	-	1,875	(1,875)	-	-
Youth And Play Services	-	21,450	(15,096)	-	6,354
Youth Investment Fund	-	19,849	(6,911)	(10,750)	2,188
Total restricted funds	<u>170,234</u>	<u>686,962</u>	<u>(608,412)</u>	<u>(57,045)</u>	<u>191,739</u>

Unrestricted funds

Designated funds:

Capital fund	572,112	-	(52,960)	70,423	589,575
Avonvale Road Maintenance	<u>6,609</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>(5,048)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,411</u>
Total designated funds	<u>578,721</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>(58,008)</u>	<u>70,423</u>	<u>594,986</u>

General funds	<u>398,907</u>	<u>329,152</u>	<u>(253,223)</u>	<u>(13,378)</u>	<u>461,458</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>977,628</u>	<u>333,002</u>	<u>(311,231)</u>	<u>57,045</u>	<u>1,056,444</u>

Total funds	<u><u>1,147,862</u></u>	<u><u>1,019,964</u></u>	<u><u>(919,643)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,248,183</u></u>
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16. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases as lessor at the year end with total future minimum lease

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	276,323	168,049
Within 1 - 5 years	653,772	656,047
In more than 5 years	858,664	973,723
	<u>1,788,759</u>	<u>1,797,819</u>

17. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases as lessee at the year end with total future minimum lease

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	3,446	625
Within 1 - 5 years	8,665	729
	<u>12,111</u>	<u>1,354</u>

18. Extraordinary item

During the year, following completion of court proceedings, the charity received a material sum of extraordinary income relating to the return of funds previously taken from the charity fraudulently.

	2025 £	2024 £
Extraordinary income	<u>117,263</u>	<u>-</u>

19. Related party transactions

Zoe Sherriff, trustee and director provided a loan of £40,000 to fund the development of the nursery at Felix Road. Zoe will receive interest of 2% on the loan in accordance with our constitution. During the year, £20,000 (2024: £16,000) was repaid. As at the 31 March 2025, £nil (2024: £20,000) was outstanding.

Azmina Mitha, a trustee, was paid £1,200 (2024: £1,890) for Bollywood Workshops at Easton Community Centre. As at the 31 March 2025, £nil (2024: £330) was outstanding and included within trade creditors. These payments were unconnected to their role as a trustee and were permitted under the charity's constitution. The transactions were conducted at arms length.

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19. Related party transactions (continued)

The charity received funds from BrisDoc for resident led trips for vulnerable young people. Azmina Mitha, a trustee, was paid £1,085 (2024: £1,000) to run the trips. These payments were unconnected to their role as a trustee and were permitted under the charity's constitution. The transactions were conducted at arms length.

Emmanuel Maunganidze, a trustee, is also a director of Threefold Theatre CIC. During the year the charity made sales of £3,492 (2024: £nil) to Threefold Theatre CIC for room hire. At the year end Threefold Theatre CIC owed the charity £184 (2024: £nil), which is included in trade

Emmanuel Maunganidze, a trustee, is also a director of Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership CIC. During the year the charity made payments of £2,100 (2024: £nil) to Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership CIC as a part of the community climate action lottery project for which both organisations are partners. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

Emmanuel Maunganidze, a trustee, is also a landlord of The Pickle Factory. During the year the charity made purchases of £8,112 (2024: £nil) and were refunded £2,185 from The Pickle Factory for room hire. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

Noelle Rumball is sole Director of Rumball Associates Limited. During the year, the charity received £50 (2024: £50) from Rumball Associates Limited for an annual postal service at Easton Community Centre. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

Jessica Slack, a trustee, is also a trustee of Bristol Cabot Choir. During the year, Bristol Cabot Choir paid the charity £50 (2024: £50) for an annual postal service at Easton Community Centre. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

Rebecca Whitmore, communications manager, is also a director of Bristol Community FM Ltd. During the year, Bristol Community FM Ltd paid the charity £6,740 (2024: £nil) for room hire at Easton Community Centre. There was £1,130 outstanding at year end (2024: £nil) which is included in trade debtors.

Accounts



Company no. 04023294
Charity no. 1081691

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

Eastside Community Trust

Report and Audited Financial Statements

31 March 2024

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Company number	04023294	
Charity number	1081691	
Registered office and operational address	Easton Community Centre Kilburn Street Bristol BS5 6AW	
Trustees	Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: Emmanuel Maunganidze Chair Ted Fowler Jon Fox appointed 7 September 2023 Margaret Hickman resigned 20 October 2023 Azmina Mitha Muna Mohamed Noelle Rumball Zoe Sheriff Jess Slack Rosanna Wakefield Amanda Watson resigned 20 October 2023	
Senior Management Team	Stacy Yelland Tom Williams Becky Whitmore	Chief Executive Officer - 2021 Deputy CEO (formerly Business and Services Development Manager) Communications Manager
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ Flagstone Group Ltd 1st Floor, Clareville House 26-27 Oxendon Street London, SW1Y 4EL Essex, CM13 3BE	Redwood Bank The Nexus Building Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire, SG6 3TT
Auditors	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol, BS1 4QD	

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2019).

Foreword from our chair

At its heart Eastside Community Trust exists to serve the residents of Easton and Lawrence Hill. That statement brings up a lot of questions. Which residents? Who gets to say what it means to “serve”? Should all residents be served equally? How do we know we are doing a good enough job? And so on. It is neither easy to answer those questions nor to satisfy everyone who might ask them. This is made harder by knowing we have limited financial and human resources to achieve all our aims. It is with great pride that I can safely say Eastside Community Trust has over the past year taken those questions as its guiding light, using them as a challenge to improve what we do, how we do it, and who is served by the work we do. Finding the money we need to deliver everything from play and event spaces for thousands of families to fixing the lift in the community centre is increasingly difficult in the face of continued austerity and an ever competitive charitable sector. Inequality is rising, not falling. Most of the residents of Easton and Lawrence Hill have been affected by rising prices for even the most basic goods. Whilst it may seem like these are issues for government to solve, nothing beats having a team that is willing to listen to what people in our neighbourhood really want to live fulfilled lives.

The successes and challenges throughout this report are a great testament to the immense work of the staff, board and volunteers at Eastside Community Trust, day in day out. And to the partnerships with other organisations that allow for us to be at the frontline of everything from environmental issues to youth engagement. They are a reflection of the thousands of hours these people have dedicated to challenging the inequalities in our community and providing the things people really want and need. This work is neither perfect nor done. We welcome further challenge and input from the people who live in this area, old, young, from whatever background and faith. We are reviewing our strategy this coming year as well as acknowledging that, as always in an election year, so much can change. We are measuring our impact to see what we are doing well and what can improve even further.

We would like to thank the residents of Easton and Lawrence Hill who make use of our spaces, be it sharing a meal at Felix Road or hosting a meeting at the community centre or reading the magazine and attending events. Their actions and voices are really what this charity is about. This report is just a small reflection of that community spirit.

Manu Maunganidze
Chair

Eastside Community Trust

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For the year ended 31 March 2024

Objectives and activities

What do we do?

- We run **Easton Community Centre**, a busy centre open to the public six days a week and available for private hire seven days a week. In the year 23/24, the four permanent tenants of the community centre were Houria CIC, BCfm, Raised in Bristol and Brigstowe Project. The centre hosted a programme of regular and ad-hoc community activities. It has been a community centre since 1989 as a Community Asset Transfer from Bristol City Council – the council own the centre but we have a 30 year lease (2017-2047) to manage it;
- We run **Felix Road Adventure Playground** six days a week with private sessions out of those opening hours. The playground has been at the heart of the community since 1972 giving children freedom to play and be themselves. The playground has a community kitchen which serves daily homecooked meals and hosts a Raised in Bristol nursery on site. We run the playground on a 30 year asset transfer lease (2019-2049) from the council;
- We deliver a wide ranging **communications** programme to share information, inspire and celebrate our community. This includes a fortnightly ebulletin, a website, social media, a quarterly printed magazine delivered to 14,000 households and 30 community notice boards;
- We support **community action** through projects run by and with local people. These include family and wellbeing activities in our spaces, a community climate action programme, a place making project, food and cooking projects and an annual programme of community meetings and events; and
- We are **landlord** to four retail units in Barton Hill, all small business run by families from different ethnic communities. These support the traded income generation for the charitable work.

Achievements and performance

Measuring our impact - key statistics:

Target	Actual result 23/24
1,000 children will have freedom to play	822 children visited Felix Road Adventure Playground (down from 1,019 in 22/23 due to where Easter holiday dates fell in 23/24) 800 hours of free play open access adventure 200 hours of pre-school stay and play sessions
1,000 free meals will be served at Felix Road	17,713 free meals** (up from 10,181 in 22/23)
50% increase in membership	189 members (down from 273 in 22/23)
20% increase in social media following	8,000 followers (down from 14,887 due to rationalisation of platforms)
200 attendees at Eastside events	12,418 attendances (up from 6,340 in 22/23)
15% increase in communications subscribers	1,962 subscribers (down from 2,229 in 22/23)
200 residents will participate in local action	611 residents involved in community activity (up from 559 in 22/23)
75 people will attend community conversations	216 residents attended (up from 164 in 22/23)
60% capacity of our spaces will be used	38% of maximum occupancy (up from 30% in 22/23)

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Target (continued)	Actual result 23/24 (continued)
Visitors to our spaces	9,364 visits from children at Felix Road (up from 8,481 in 22/23) 1,447 visits from adults at Felix Road (down from 2,289 in 22/23) Easton Community Centre open access to the public for 2,550 hours
250 children attending who are free school meal eligibility	Summer 2023 – 353 children on Free School Meals attended sessions at Felix
50% children feel part of the community	No data for 23/24* 80% in 22/23
50% children will feel healthier after playing at Eastside	No data 23/24* 69% in 22/23
75% children will feel happier after time at Eastside	No data in 23/24* 98% in 22/23
75% people report improved wellbeing	80% in 23/24 79% in 22/23
75% of residents will feel informed about their neighbourhood	75% in 23/24 75% in 22/23
75% of residents will feel belonging in their neighbourhood	67% in 23/24 70% in 22/23
50 people a year will make new connections	37 out of 51 respondents in 23/24 155 in 22/23
80% of people will feel welcome in our spaces	96% in 23/24 94% in 22/23
Income generation from trading – we aim to move to a more sustainable financial model by increasing our self generated income. Target - £10,000 from communications, £10,000 from room hire at Felix Road and £30,000 from room hire at Easton Community Centre	£2,275 from communications £12,992 from Felix Road hire £59,018 from Easton Community Centre hire This is a 27% increase from 22/23
*Note – in 23/24 we did not carry out the annual survey with children at Felix Road Adventure Playground as we did not have capacity to do it this year and plan to review the process in 2024. **Note – when we set the 1,000 target we had no data about number of meals being sold at Felix Road so this was a complete guess. Since capturing data we realise the target was too low and will revise in the next strategic plan.	

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Our strategy

Our vision - a place of possibility

A place

- where connections between people lead to a shared sense of belonging and local pride;
- where children play in the street and public space is shared and respected;
- that promotes wellbeing through quality urban design and protection of the natural world;
- that makes people feel they have an active role in shaping the future of where they live;
- that is welcoming, inclusive and proudly diverse; and
- where neighbours know each other by name.

Our values

- We collaborate;
- We listen;
- We are kind;
- We celebrate;
- We experiment;
- We are fun and playful;
- We are honest; and
- We make decisions with equality, diversity and inclusion and environmental sustainability at the heart of what we do.

Our outcomes

- 1 Children will have the freedom to play, experiment and learn; to be healthy, happy and feel part of their community;
- 2 The community will have healthy, sustainable, welcoming places to connect, socialise, learn and share cultural knowledge; and
- 3 Residents will be informed, have the agency to participate in their neighbourhood and city, feel a sense of belonging and take pride in where they live.

Eastside Community Trust is....

A place to play and have fun

Felix Road Adventure Playground

Our flagship play space in the heart of Easton and Lawrence Hill

We run an open access 2.5 acre adventure playground with multiple opportunities for children to run, swing, climb, slide, cycle, build and garden. This is high energy outdoor adventure play with children burning lots of calories playing outdoors and away from any screens. Playing on their own, in small or large groups. The site also has a stage, a wild natural area, lots of covered outdoor space, a tool shed for building and a bicycle repair container.

- In 2023-2024 we provided approximately 800 hours of open access free play staffed by qualified playworkers.

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Targeted sessions

The majority of our opening hours are open access but we host five sessions for targeted groups which were identified in the council Youth and Play Strategy as a priority group.

- Felix Nights – working in partnership with a local Black-led youth arts CIC, we run a late night adventure play session for 12-16 year olds;
- Felix Girls – on Fridays the playground is a girl's only space;
- Roma Girls Group – on Tuesdays afternoons in partnership with City Academy secondary school we host a group for girls from the Roma community. This has focused on food, play and music;
- Roma Boys Group – on Tuesday evenings we work with a Roma Family Support Worker to host a boys session at the playground. They play games and enjoy socialising together in a safe space; and
- Quiet Hour – on Sundays and before large events the first hour is dedicated to families with children with Special Education Needs.

Providing new opportunities

As well as providing a high quality play space, Felix Road hosts partner organisations who offer new experiences and activities for children. This year we worked with:

- Bristol Tree Craft – running woodwork skills workshops making furniture and decorations out of wood using hand tools;
- Bristol Old Vic – running theatre workshops with the children and taking them to perform at the Old Vic;
- Flying Seagulls – energetic performances for children;
- Co-exist Community Kitchen – outdoor cookery workshops with children; and
- Mossy Carpet – an art workshop with an environmental focus on art with moss.

Trips and outings

With nearly 60% of local children living in poverty, families find trips and holidays can be beyond their financial means. During term time and school holidays we run a programme of free trips and outings for regular playground children. For example:

- Lockleaze Vench and Stoke Park trip;
- Oldbury Court trip – playing in river;
- River boat and Brandon Tower trip;
- Blaise Castle nature trail trip;
- Weston beach and arcades trip;
- Clifton Downs nature activities;
- Girls group at The Wave;
- Taking part in St Pauls Carnival; and
- Bump roller disco trip.

Stay and Play

One of our qualified play work team runs a twice weekly stay and play session – one at each of our venues. These are relaxed and informal play sessions with toys, games and age appropriate activities for parents and carers with pre-school age children. Our staff member has 12 years of experience working in early years and runs hugely popular sessions reaching isolated parents from across the neighbourhood.

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Freedom Kids Podcast

Working with our playworker and creative podcast producer, we supported children at Felix Road to create a monthly award-winning podcast. The podcast covered a wide range of topics that the children felt were important, giving voice to their hopes, dreams and ideas. The children learnt the key skills of podcasting to record and produce a finished podcast, edited by the producer. The podcast won a number of awards.

Eastside Community Trust is....

A place to get involved

Small Grant Fund

Each year we receive a grant of approx. £12,000 to use to improve the neighbourhoods of Easton and Lawrence Hill. In 23/24 we used this to give out to local people in grants of up to £500 for community-led events. The remaining funds were used to reopen the community centre to the public on Saturdays.

- Small grants fund – we distributed £8,100 to 19 different local groups to run a wide range of community events including:
 - Bangladesh Association badminton tournament;
 - Camelford Road street party;
 - Dings Community Association fun day;
 - Newtown Network jubilee party;
 - Harwood House garden party;
 - Afghan family party;
 - Heron Road street party; and
 - Hannah More School bonfire event.
- Saturday openings – we reopened Easton Community Centre to the public on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm with a regular programme of free and low cost activities, including:
 - Lego Club;
 - Come the Revolution film nights;
 - Repair Café;
 - Family Film Club; and
 - Everyone Makes It (family art club).

Thank You Awards

As part of our Annual General Meeting, we celebrated over 50 local people who were nominated for a Thank You Award for their voluntary work in our local community. Over 200 people attended the awards evening and AGM in a celebratory event that is unique in its diversity.

Friends of Rawnsley Park

Our engagement team supported residents to form a community group to care for the park connected to a social housing high rise. Local parents were keen to see the park improved and organise activities for children. They secured funding from the council for improvements to the park and we have supported them in the process of engaging with the council to deliver this.

Roots of Resilience

We have been a leading voice in a citywide strategic advocacy project to review and improve the council's approach to community assets and Community Asset Transfer. Working alongside Community Anchor Organisations from across the city, we developed a manifesto with a list of clear demands for how the council's approach to community assets could be improved. This aligns with national campaigns such as We're Right Here and Locality Power of Community Manifesto.

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Eastside Community Trust is....

A place to belong

Easton Community Centre

Our welcoming community living room

The community centre is a public open space hosting a wide range of activities and events.

- 2,550 hours open access for the public; and
- Approximately 335 private hire bookings alongside our regular programme of weekly activities.

BCfm

This volunteer-run community radio station is based at the community centre. This is an award-winning radio station that broadcasts a diverse range of programmes all run by local volunteers.

Brigstowe Project

This HIV support charity has been a tenant at the community centre since 2015. They support hundreds of vulnerable clients every year with bespoke support and peer mentoring.

Houria CIC

Since February 2023, we have been working with this Black women-led food enterprise to open a café at the centre. This has given this fast growing CIC a home base, enabling them to provide more migrant women with regular paid quality work opportunities. We have also delivered a number of community projects together including fully booked feasts for refugees and a free food scheme. The café has created a vibrant, inclusive heart to the centre.

Somali Kitchen

We are in a long-term partnership with this small CIC which empowers Somali women to become active in their community. We have provided free and low cost office space as well as capacity building support. With Eastside support, the leadership of this organisation has gone from strength to strength.

Stapleton Road – a world of creativity

This was a year long project funded by WECA and Bristol City Council to look at how arts and culture can regenerate high streets. We worked with Studio Meraki and local creatives to host a series of artist-led workshops to create new murals for Stapleton Road. These were accompanied by a series of street events to raise awareness.

Come the Revolution film nights

We have teamed up with community-led film group, Come the Revolution to screen a monthly film which aims to show films to new audiences. The first two sold out events included an exclusive screening of Barrel Children with a director Q&A about the story of children living in the Caribbean whose parents came to work in the UK and send barrels home full of things, and a film about Calypso music, One Hand Can't Clap.

Winners November 2024 – Locality Bringing Communities Together Award

We were very proud to be the national winners of this prestigious award which recognised our work in a diverse neighbourhood and our success in bringing many different communities together.

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Eastside Community Trust is.... A place to make connections

Free Hire Voucher Scheme

In 23/24 we launched a new scheme offering two free hours of hire for local people who were eligible based on certain equalities criteria. We have distributed 48 vouchers and 19 vouchers have been redeemed seeing approx. 500 new people using the centre as a result who would previously have not used it due to financial barriers of hiring the space.

Women's nights at Easton Community Centre

Easton Community Centre welcomed 60 women to celebrate Eid with a wonderful feast from Houria and Somali Kitchen. This was followed by Buraanbur, dancing and singing with everyone turning up in their best dress. The event was a huge success as many women said they do not have anywhere to go to dance and socialise in the evenings. This first event was followed by a Bollywood night and an Arabian night.

Somali Breakfast

Every Wednesday we welcome 30-50 Somali women to the community centre for a social group that focuses on sharing skills and reducing isolation.

Diwali and bonfire night

At Felix Road Adventure Playground we hosted a party to celebrate the bonfire and Diwali occasions and over 200 people attended this celebration.

Eastside Connect

2023-2024 marked the final year of our St Monica's funded Eastside Connect programme. This focused on a range of events and activities for residents over the age of 55. The aim of the programme was to support peer to peer connections and relationships that helped reduce isolation by skills sharing. Activities in this programme included:

- Coronation Tea Party;
- Fabulous Music Nights;
- Sewing Social;
- Tai Chi for women;
- Bereavement group;
- Cuppa Connect;
- Craft to Connect;
- Come dine with us; and
- Shared reading.

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Get Cycling – Feel Amazing

Our engagement worker, Abiir Shirdoon, is also a trained cycle instructor and ride leader. During the year she supported women who had never cycled before to give cycling a go and get active in their community.

Coat and food giveaway

Thanks to Abri Housing, we hosted two school uniform, winter coat and food hamper giveaways.

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Summer drop in sessions

During the school holidays we set up daily family friendly activity in the centre to provide low-cost activity. This included games, Lego and colouring.

Mindful colouring group

This is a weekly peer-led colouring session that has proved popular for adults with learning disabilities coming together in a supportive and relaxed space.

Bollywood aerobics

We work with our trustee and local resident, Azmina Mitha, to host a weekly Bollywood aerobic class.

Eastside Community Trust is....

A place to learn and get informed

IT support drop-in and public access computers

We have worked with local volunteers to provide an informal drop-in support on IT skills for local people. This has been very popular in our foyer space accompanied by our computers available for free use by the public.

Eastside Repair Café

We support volunteers to run Eastside Repair Café where they repair much-loved household items on a monthly basis.

Noticeboards

Thanks to a team of local volunteers, we keep 30 notice boards updated in the neighbourhood once a month.

Play training

We delivered two free workshops on play work delivered by our in-house adventure play expert, Tom Williams. Tom has 30 years' experience in adventure play and also runs a very successful play CIC, Woodland Tribe. We offered these workshops to anyone who was interested in increasing their skills in play work.

Up Our Street

Eastside sends out fortnightly news bulletins and a quarterly community magazine. The magazine celebrates our community and all the amazing community action as well as informing people about important city issues. We print 14,000 copies and these are hand delivered through everyone's letterbox.

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Eastside Community Trust is....

A place to take action on climate change

Eastside People Power - Warm Home Champions

The Eastside Warm Home Champions programme officially launched! Ten local champions learnt first steps to reducing energy bills with support from Bristol Energy Network and Energy Tracers. Our Warm Home Champions are community members who learnt more about the home energy retrofit process in their own homes (changes we can make to our homes to make them more energy efficient and comfortable) and to share what they learn with the wider community.

Sharing skills

Working with Bristol Energy Network we hosted a programme of workshops for local people to learn basic retrofit skills such as draught proofing.

Easton Climate Action Day

We hosted a family event to engage local people in the work around community-led climate action.

Seed and plant swap

In spring we bring together local enthusiasts to share their seeds and skills for gardening at a popular event at Felix Road.

Investing in our assets

We currently are responsible for a number of community and commercial assets:

- 1 Easton Community Centre on a 30-year Community Asset Transfer lease from the council;
- 2 Landlord to Raised in Easton nursery within Easton Community Centre;
- 3 Landlord to Raised in Felix Road in our bespoke nursery building on the grounds of Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- 4 Felix Road Adventure Playground on a 30-year Community Assets Transfer lease from the council; and
- 5 Four retail units (180-186 Avonvale Road) on a 999-year lease from Sovereign Housing Association.

These assets require significant upkeep and investment and through the year we raised funds to maintain and improve them. Major investments in the year include:

- Brand new tarmac cycle track which helps children improve their cycling and scooting skills in a safe environment;
- Installing a new lift at Easton Community Centre (initial phase of works);
- Repairs to zip line at Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- New secure bin storage at Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- Repairs and renovation to the performance stage at Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- Replacement LED lighting throughout Easton Community Centre;
- Brand new mural outside Easton Community Centre;
- Brand new flooring at Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- A new extractor fan for the kitchen at Easton Community Centre;
- Restoration of the main gates at Felix Road Adventure Playground; and
- Major works on drains to prevent sewage leaks at Easton Community Centre.

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Case studies

C is 14 years old and moved to the UK from Senegal three years ago with his two older brothers and started attending Felix Road Adventure Playground regularly with his friends after school. At first, him and his friends spoke very little English and mostly kept to themselves, but C's incredibly vibrant and cheerful personality was evident from the start. Over time, we and the other children have got to know him very well and it's clear that he is very happy at Felix Road. He loves the food, enjoys listening to music, playing football, hanging out with his friends in a safe space and talking with the playworkers. Despite being 14 years old, he still loves playing, and there have been many times where I have seen him lost in the thrill and excitement of a game.

C does however often struggle with his temper and can get angry very quickly if someone does something to upset him. He has been involved in fights at school that have led to police involvement and dangerous situations where he was required to get a taxi home. A friend of his was even stabbed (but luckily survived) in relation to an issue from school. There have also been times where he has got into fights at the Adventure Playground, including one occasion where he and his friends went outside to gather glass bottles from recycling bins with the intent of finding a group they had been fighting with in the playground earlier.

With all of this going on, it has been clear that C and his friends value the safety of the Adventure Playground. C has even told us that he likes coming to the playground because it is safe. We are well aware that safe spaces like this are vital for teenagers that find themselves in dangerous situations out in the community and we're also well aware of the stigma that many young people of colour face when being loud and playful in spaces where this is deemed inappropriate.

There have been many times where C's attendance at Felix Road has come under question, sometimes justifiably, and other times due to a lack of understanding that older children also need spaces to play. We have worked incredibly hard to ensure he has been able to keep coming to the Adventure Playground, even at a time when it looked like a permanent exclusion might be necessary. Since having a meeting with him at his school and implementing a phased return, alongside close support from the playground team, he is now back at the playground almost every day and we have had a long run free from incident. He seems in a much happier place and to have developed a much greater level of respect towards the playground and its staff.

Mouna Mohammed is 39 and was born in Hargeisa the capital and largest city in Somaliland. Mouna came to the UK when she was 24 to escape the civil war. She stayed with her uncle in St Paul's initially before moving to Easton where she lives with her four children aged 13, 10, 9 and 5. Mouna doesn't live with the children's father and is bringing up the children as a single parent in a small two bedroom flat without a garden.

'I really miss my family back in Somaliland. My 6 sisters, my 2 brothers, my mother and my father. I pray for them every day. I didn't go to school or university back home and with my daughter being a type 1 diabetic I thought it would be hard to find work. My mother is such a hard worker I want to be like her!'

Mouna discovered Felix Road Adventure Playground 8 years ago. 'It's difficult coping on your own. Felix Road has changed my life. I was in a bad place at the time with my daughter being diagnosed. I could leave my eldest there to play with her friends and my three boys have lots of energy. Felix is now our first home. Felix is the best garden and play space any community could wish for. Everyone feels like family here, both children and adults.'

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Mouna started volunteering in the kitchen at Felix, alongside Nirmal and Hero. *'It was nice to work with other women and felt good to work voluntarily, working at Felix is my dream job for me and my children. I'm a very friendly person and everyone is very friendly here. Lockdown was hard for us as a family but my friend Abiir who also works for Eastside and has 4 children had a garden.'*

When Eastside Community Trust advertised a cleaner Mouna plucked up the courage to apply. *'They wanted someone who could work early morning and late evenings at Felix Road and Easton Community Centre. I took a risk and got the job because I really wanted to get off benefits for my mum. I will never forget when Stacy the CEO said, "I don't want you working early or late as you are a mum". I love cleaning, it makes me happy. I clean the community centre in the morning when my children are at school. Then I clean Felix after lunch and my children meet me there and we spend time as a family, eating, playing and talking to other parents.'*

Mouna would like to be a playworker and enjoys staff training, learning about play and children's needs. *'I really love Eastside as an organisation and I will never let you down.'*

Suad Yusuf is the founder of Somali Kitchen, a women's empowerment project working in partnership with Eastside Community Trust. *'When I was a small girl in Somalia I wanted to be a helicopter pilot. I lived in a small and quiet village. My parents were illiterate but they were very ambitious for their three daughters and made sure we went to school. Their hard work and commitment has paid off. I am running Somali Kitchen here in Bristol and my sisters are in biomedics and psychology.'*

'We started Somali Kitchen in 2016 with a Pop Up kitchen at Junction 3 in Easton. We wanted to showcase Somali food and provide an alternative to the cheap and unhealthy takeaway food culture in this area. We worked with Single Parent Action Network and University of Bristol on a food based social prescribing project that was ahead of its time.'

Suad explained that Somali kitchen is not just about food. It is also about creating safe places for Somali women to come together. *'The kitchen is the heart of our homes, where women can come together, talk, share stories, learn new skills, from girls to mothers to grandmothers. The kitchen is the safest space for women and girls. Somali Kitchen is about replicating that safe space for women out in the community. It is a chance to hear our voices together and invite others to listen to us.'*

With the support of Eastside Community Trust's community development worker Patricia Pinkowska, Somali Kitchen became a CIC in 2018 with a clear mission to promote Somali women's empowerment, develop Somali women in leadership positions, learn business skills and raise collective voices.

'It was such a steep learning curve becoming a CIC and we couldn't have done that without the support of Eastside Community Trust who invited us to be a partner on their Council funded community development programme – the Bristol Impact Fund. Four year funding made us stable as an organisation and allowed us to grow. We are now delivering a wide range of activities and creating safe spaces for Somali women across Bristol. We have regular morning meet ups, signposting and advice to other agencies, nights out for women with music and dance, regular community meals and activities for families. We have new funding for the next four years and we are partners with Eastside, Wellspring Settlement, Bristol Women's Voice, Black South West Network, GPs in Bristol and a farm in Gloucestershire that helps us provide fresh food for families on prescription.'

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'I never thought I would be a leader, or a director of a CIC making important decisions, or employing eight people who get paid regularly. But the need and the demand for what we do is there. Somali women tell us that they want financial security, full-time jobs, and most importantly increased confidence to achieve these things.'

'We can't thank Eastside enough for the support they have given us to grow in the last six years, for making us a partner and giving us an office, for believing in us when it all felt difficult. Over the next five years we are looking to develop our business plan. We want to establish a skills centre specifically for Somali and migrant women across Bristol. We want this model to be funded by government and rolled out nationally.'

Testimonials – we collaborate

Core to the success of our work is working with others to have the best possible impact for local people. Here is a selection of feedback from our partners in 2023-2024.

Eastside Community Trust is well trusted, and highly used by local residents, and demonstrates how a respectful approach to working alongside individuals and community groups results in improved outcomes for health and wellbeing. The team focus on what matters to local people and identify activities that are meaningful to them which will enable people to develop their own resilience and autonomy and take control of their health. This impacts future health and prevents crises and avoidable long term health problems. The organisation's vision and ethos fits well with Sirona's commitment to maximising access to health, our prevention agenda and our focus on helping communities gain the resources they need in order to develop their own strengths and assets.

Sirona

Eastside Community Trust help us to thrive in an increasingly difficult landscape for independent community media.

Marcus Smith, BCfm

Working with Eastside Community Trust this academic year has not only supported our community to make links with others but also enriched our curriculum. We have been able to work on a variety of different projects to raise awareness of local funding and local support. Our citizens speak highly of the people working with Eastside Community Trust and have added them to our trusted adult's board. We know that the continued work that we do with Eastside Community Trust will support the whole child and their community.

Toni Dorse, Vice Principal, Evergreen Primary Academy

Eastside Community Trust has been a significant partner for us, as a Local Infrastructure Organisation, in the last 18 months. As an organisation, they operate on both strategic and community levels: they can help to facilitate changes and improvements in the wider ecosystem for the community and they deploy their total embeddedness in their community to create huge impact for people on the ground. They work collaboratively with us in multiple ways and we have really benefited from this generous approach.

Rebecca Mear, CEO, Voscur

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We very much value our relationship with Eastside Community Trust. Through our two nurseries (at Felix Road and Easton Community Centre) we have supported over 200 local families into work after the birth of their children in the last year alone, with the vast majority living walking distance from either the Adventure Playground or the Community Centre. Without our partnership with Eastside Community Trust, and our tenancy, these families would have no suitable local nursery provision. Our children and families thoroughly enjoy and value the community events and initiatives, such as the Mossy Carpet. We look forward to continuing to work with Eastside Community Trust, providing vitally needed early years education to local families of Easton while supporting our essential community spaces and organisations.

Annabel MacGregor, CEO, Raised in Bristol

Wellspring Settlement and Eastside Community Trust are physically close as organisations and our communities and service users often interconnect. In our experience Eastside Community Trust are always willing to share knowledge and intelligence and work in partnership in a way which benefits the community. In my experience, they are open to collaboration and innovation, keeping their community and the benefit to them at their heart. We value their expertise and willingness to work with us.

Beth Wilson, CEO, Wellspring Settlement

I can honestly say that since partnering with Eastside Community Trust, our organisation has developed in unexpected and positive ways. I can attribute our massive success in growing our community and capacity to express ourselves as Black women in food to the inclusion work that the Eastside Community Trust team has done. It has also helped us gain access to other communities through our collaborations, such as free community feast work, free food scheme and the café business, all of this to the sincere efforts of the Eastside team. The Eastside team are exemplary allies of ours.

Kim Prado, founder, Director, Houria CIC

Over the last year, Trinity has collaborated with Eastside Community Trust to forge new community connections; from the launch of our FABulous Disco for the over 50s to the 'Barrel Children' film-screening celebrating Windrush at Easton Community Centre. Together, we've also advocated for our shared spaces in the area and wider city. We look forward to continuing to work together to empower communities through arts.

Emma Harvey, CEO, Trinity Community Arts

We have been working with Eastside Community Trust over the last couple of years, and our collaboration has been multifaceted and impactful. We have accomplished a lot together and delivered projects together. Our partnership contributed to enriching the lives of the local community and made a tangible difference in people's lives.

Abdullahi Farah, Director, Somali Resource Centre

Eastside Community Trust are a key long term partner for us. Being able to run weekly activities at Felix Road Adventure Playground gives us a stable base where we can invest in engaging as many local families as possible in cycling, through our free outreach activities. Working in close partnership with Eastside means that we know that experienced staff are on hand to ensure the environment for kids is safe, secure, positive and welcoming - meaning we can focus all our efforts on activity delivery.

Ed Norton, CEO, LifeCycle

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Eastside community trust are a fantastic organisation, whose dedication to the grassroots of Easton is evident in all their actions. They have approached me with innovative ideas that we hope to turn into council policy, facilitate many community connections, and are stalwart proponents of local organisations as a whole.

Easton Councillor Jenny Bartle

Structure, governance and management

Charitable objectives

The Company serves the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill, particularly the neighbourhoods of Easton, Lawrence Hill, Old Market, St Judes, Newtown, Whitehall, Greenbank, Redfield, The Dings and Barton Hill. The objects for which the Charity is established are:

- Advancement of citizenship and community development through the promotion of civic participation, volunteering, and community capacity building;
- Provision of community services and facilities with the objective of inspiring agency, connecting people, creating opportunities and improving the condition of life for residents;
- Specifically provide services and facilities, including an adventure playground, for children and young people:
 - of which such children and young people have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances; and
 - which will improve the conditions of childhood for such children and young people by promoting their health and well-being.

Role of trustees

The board of trustees are elected by the members to oversee the delivery of the charity's aims and objectives in accordance with the constitution. Day to day responsibility and accountability for managing the charity is delegated to the CEO and Senior Management Team with governance and oversight from the trustee board. The trustees must make sure that everything the charity does helps to achieve the purposes for which it is set up, and no other purpose. This means trustees should:

- ensure they understand the charity's purposes as set out in its governing document;
- plan what the charity will do, and what they want it to achieve;
- be able to explain how all of the charity's activities are intended to further or support its purposes; and
- understand how the charity benefits the public by carrying out its purpose.

The board has a scheme of delegation which passes some decision making responsibilities on to sub-committees illustrated below.

Eastside Community Trust Governance Structure			
Strategic Board Meeting four times a year			
Finance Sub Committee Meets four times a year	People Sub Committee Meets twice a year	Risk Sub Committee Meets twice a year	Resources and Operations Sub Committee Meets twice a year

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any trustee not re-elected will be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

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All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 8 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the CEO and, in accordance with the charity's conflict of interest policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the charity commission guidance on public benefit, content of the memorandum and articles of association, the committee and decision-making processes and the strategic plan. During the induction they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

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Remuneration of key management personnel

Remuneration is determined by the board with incremental rises and inflationary rises reviewed annually. In 2023-2024 the charity had a review of its pay scales overseen by the People Sub Committee to introduce a new banding structure in April 2024. This was conducted using benchmarking with similar organisations and the Real Living Wage as the baseline minimum.

Risk management

The organisation has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and this is monitored by the CEO and Risk Sub-Committee. A risk register has been established and is reviewed at each quarterly Strategic Board meeting. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Health and safety

The organisation has outsourced Health and Safety advice to Avenure and has conducted independent fire and health and safety risk assessments and reports to ensure compliance with regulations and ensuring the health and safety of employees and visitors.

Fraud update

In 2021 during our audit it was uncovered that our Finance Manager, Tracy Parsons, had been defrauding the charity for a number of years. This was disclosed in our accounts and immediately reported to the police and to the Charity Commission as a serious incident. On 10 October 2023, Tracy Parsons received a custodial sentence of two years and eight months.

On 17 October 2023 we received confirmation from the Charity Commission that the case was closed. In April 2024 we received notice from the Crown Prosecution Service that they had approved our claim for compensation and that the sum of £117,262.65 would be repaid to us in full.

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Since discovery of the fraud, Eastside Community Trust has undergone a period of review of its finance processes and made a number of significant improvements. The bookkeeping has been outsourced to an independent management accountancy firm and the Finance Sub Committee of the board has increased scrutiny and oversight of the day to day finances as well as the longer term strategic management of the organisation's finances.

Governing document

Eastside Community Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The charity officially changed its name on 12 September 2020 following a charity merger. It is registered under charity number 1081691 and company number 04023294.

Financial review

This has been a positive year financially for Eastside Community Trust as we reach the fourth year since our merger in 2020. Our income passed £1m seeing a slight increase from the previous year. We continued to focus on diversification of our income both from grant fundraising but also increasing our traded income from space rental. We continued to raise funds and use self generated income to invest in the physical assets run by the charity as a core part of our charitable activity. The increase in income enabled the charity to deliver more of its activities including increased opening hours of our spaces.

Principle funding source

Our principle funding source in 23/24 was from grants and trusts with the remaining being made up from self-generated income from our leases and short term hires, communications and advertising, food sales and consultancy.

Fundraising

The charity predominantly fundraises from trust, foundations and statutory sources. The charity contracts a freelance fundraiser to raise money specifically from small trusts and foundations. Fundraising is carried out by the CEO and Business and Service Development Manager. Neither the charity nor anyone working for the charity has subscribed to any fundraising standards. No complaints have been received regarding the charity's fundraising activities. Aside from a donation page on the charity website, the charity does not overtly fundraise from members of the public.

Asset policy

Individual assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful life of that asset. Electrical items are deemed to have a useful life of four years and depreciated at 20% each year.

Investment policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investments that the trustees see fit. Having considered the options available, the trustees decided to invest reserves in fixed term bonds. The trustees consider the overall return on investments and deposits together.

Public benefit statement

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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Reserves policy

Reserves are categorised into two main headings: restricted and unrestricted.

- 1 Restricted funds – funds received under a restriction applied by the donor to spend on a particular activity as defined in contractual terms and agreements; and
- 2 Unrestricted funds – in order to ensure the continuing health of Eastside Community Trust, invest in new assets, provide a working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows, avoid unnecessary borrowing and meet our contractual obligations in the event of termination of contracts.

The board is responsible for ensuring the adequacy of unrestricted reserves when it sets the budget for the next financial year. The reserves policy is reviewed at least annually and at any other time the board considers appropriate.

Eastside Community Trust has adopted a tiered approach to set a minimum level of unrestricted reserves:

- 1 The Risk Sub Committee and Finance Sub Committee identifying cash flow risks for service delivery and repayment of loans;
- 2 Identifying specific liabilities that might require readily available cash in worst case scenarios; and
- 3 Allowing for investment in major projects if applicable.

The charity holds reserves for the following reasons and has set the following targets:

Staff contingency reserve - £200,000

To cover costs arising from sick leave or other enforced staff absence and the costs of closure of the organisation and its activities and repayment of outstanding debt liabilities. This is based on three months' running down time, including redundancies, any contract obligations and skeleton staffing.

Designated reserve - £150,000

A designated reserve was increased to £150,000 in 23-24 to ensure sufficient resources were available for major capital repairs and maintenance required for a new heating system at Easton Community Centre in 2024-2025.

Cash flow reserve - £120,000

To cover funding shortfalls or interruption to normal operating activities. These funds will provide Eastside Community Trust with a level of stability whilst the longer-term impact of the pandemic is still to be assessed and the development of the business model post merger.

The total unrestricted reserves held at year end is £461,458.

Plans for the future

In 23-24 the charity learnt that the heating system for the community centre had long term faults which it was uncertain could be fixed. The centre currently has a complex solar, ground source and air source heat pump system. The company managing this facility confirmed that they would no longer provide this service from 1 October 2024. The charity contracted an energy consultant to assess the situation and make recommendations for costed options for the charity moving forward. The initial costs for replacing the heating system were in the region of £100,000 so the charity has been attempting to secure additional reserves to cover this cost.

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Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditors

Godfrey Wilson Limited were appointed as auditors to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 5 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Emmanuel Maunganidze - Chair of Trustees

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eastside Community Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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To the members of

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Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out in the trustees' report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

Eastside Community Trust

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The procedures we carried out and the extent to which they are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

(1) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, and assessed the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Throughout the audit, we remained alert to possible indications of non-compliance.

(2) We reviewed the charity's policies and procedures in relation to:

- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations, and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risk of fraud, and whether they were aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Designing and implementing internal controls to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.

(3) We inspected the minutes of trustee meetings.

(4) We enquired about any non-routine communication with regulators and reviewed any reports made to them.

(5) We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and assessed their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(6) We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected transactions or balances that may indicate a risk of material fraud or error.

(7) We assessed the risk of fraud through management override of controls and carried out procedures to address this risk. Our procedures included:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- Assessing judgements and accounting estimates for potential bias;
- Reviewing related party transactions; and
- Testing transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. Irregularities that arise due to fraud can be even harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

Independent auditors' report

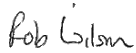
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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Date: 5 September 2024

Robert Wilson FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of:

GODFREY WILSON LIMITED

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors
5th Floor Mariner House
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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	Restated 2023 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	-	57,771	57,771	72,834
Charitable activities	4	686,962	252,201	939,163	876,071
Other trading activities	5	-	9,146	9,146	13,433
Investments		-	13,884	13,884	2,382
Total income		<u>686,962</u>	<u>333,002</u>	<u>1,019,964</u>	<u>964,720</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	34,493	34,493	31,235
Charitable activities		<u>608,412</u>	<u>276,738</u>	<u>885,150</u>	<u>791,716</u>
Total expenditure	7	<u>608,412</u>	<u>311,231</u>	<u>919,643</u>	<u>822,951</u>
Net income		78,550	21,771	100,321	141,769
Transfers between funds		<u>(57,045)</u>	<u>57,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	9	21,505	78,816	100,321	141,769
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>170,234</u>	<u>977,628</u>	<u>1,147,862</u>	<u>1,006,093</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>191,739</u></u>	<u><u>1,056,444</u></u>	<u><u>1,248,183</u></u>	<u><u>1,147,862</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 17 to the accounts.

Prior year expenditure has also been restated as per note 2. These are reclassifications only and have no impact on net movement in funds.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	12		589,575	585,490
Current assets				
Debtors	13	43,047		38,162
Current asset investments		389,767		-
Cash at bank and in hand		281,873		630,802
			714,687	668,964
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	14	(56,079)		(65,657)
Net current assets			658,608	603,307
Total assets less current liabilities			1,248,183	1,188,797
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year	15		-	(40,935)
Net assets	16		1,248,183	1,147,862
Funds	17			
Restricted funds			191,739	170,234
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds			594,986	578,721
General funds			461,458	398,907
Total charity funds			1,248,183	1,147,862

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 5 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Emmanuel Maunganidze

Eastside Community Trust

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	100,321	141,769
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	52,960	38,325
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(13,884)	(2,382)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(4,885)	2,957
Increase / (decrease) in creditors < 1 year	(9,578)	8,032
Decrease in creditors > 1 year	(40,935)	(24,900)
Net cash provided by operating activities	83,999	163,801
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	13,884	2,382
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(57,045)	(35,438)
Net cash used in investing activities	(43,161)	(33,056)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	40,838	130,745
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	630,802	500,057
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	671,640	630,802
 Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Current asset investments	389,767	-
Cash at bank and in hand	281,873	630,802
Total cash and cash equivalents	671,640	630,802

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Eastside Community Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of provision of a specified service is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Grants payable

Grants which have been authorised and paid are included as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants which have been authorised but not yet paid are accrued in the balance sheet and are included within creditors falling due within one year or after one year (as appropriate).

i) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2024	2023
Raising funds	3.8%	3.8%
Charitable activities	96.2%	96.2%

j) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Leasehold	40 years straight line
Nursery	20 years straight line
Playground	5 years straight line
Community Centre	20 years straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,500.

k) Current asset investments

Current asset investments consist of cash held on deposit in interest bearing accounts. Such investments are measured at their fair value.

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1. Accounting policies

l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

n) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

o) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

p) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

q) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

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2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated 2023 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	-	72,834	72,834
Charitable activities	633,376	242,695	876,071
Other trading activities	-	13,433	13,433
Investments	-	2,382	2,382
Total income	633,376	331,344	964,720
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	31,235	31,235
Charitable activities	573,267	218,449	791,716
Total expenditure	573,267	249,684	822,951
Net income	60,109	81,660	141,769
Transfers between funds	(18,002)	18,002	-
Net movement in funds	42,107	99,662	141,769

Prior year expenditure has been reclassified to reflect the activities of the charity, and reapportion costs between the expenditure headings of raising funds, charitable activities and support and governance costs.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
General donations	8,636	35,784
Grants	49,135	37,050
Total income from donations and legacies	57,771	72,834

In the current and prior year, income from donations and legacies was unrestricted.

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Café and food sales	-	11,332	11,332
Printing and other admin	-	2,488	2,488
Rental and lease income	-	165,750	165,750
Service charge income	-	4,497	4,497
Short term hire income	-	68,134	68,134
Grant / project income	686,962	-	686,962
Total income from charitable activities	686,962	252,201	939,163

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Café and food sales	-	11,311	11,311
Printing and other admin	-	859	859
Rental and lease income	-	154,222	154,222
Service charge income	-	5,748	5,748
Short term hire income	-	54,995	54,995
Grant / project income	633,376	15,560	648,936
Total income from charitable activities	633,376	242,695	876,071

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5. Income from other trading activities

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Advertising	2,395	6,310
Advertising subscriptions	380	1,309
Consulting income	6,371	5,814
Total income from other trading activities	9,146	13,433

In the current and prior year, income from other trading activities was unrestricted.

6. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, Department for Media and Culture, National Lottery Community Fund and Sport England (2023: and the Police and Crime Commissioner) to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2024 was £491,864 (2023: £269,740). There are no unfulfilled conditions of contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

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7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	20,669	399,123	11,273	431,065
Other employment costs	-	-	8,614	8,614
Accountancy	-	-	15,850	15,850
Bank charges	-	-	2,939	2,939
Rent	-	-	2,286	2,286
Repairs and maintenance	-	35,722	35,966	71,688
Insurance	-	-	12,693	12,693
Computer expenses	-	-	4,471	4,471
Subscriptions	-	-	4,992	4,992
Telephone and internet	-	-	6,469	6,469
Utilities	-	-	28,068	28,068
Magazine	-	12,437	-	12,437
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	3,247	3,247
Professional and legal	-	-	673	673
Consultants and contract staff	7,550	11,846	10,535	29,931
Café and food expenditure	-	11,699	-	11,699
Playground expenditure	-	6,711	-	6,711
Project expenses	-	122,759	-	122,759
Grants (note 8)	-	77,892	-	77,892
Interest paid	-	-	2,800	2,800
Depreciation	-	45,964	6,996	52,960
Bad debts	-	-	9,399	9,399
Sub-total	28,219	724,153	167,271	919,643
Allocation of support and governance costs	6,274	160,997	(167,271)	-
Total expenditure	34,493	885,150	-	919,643

Total governance costs were £8,000 (2023: £800)

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7. Total expenditure

Prior period comparative (restated)

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2023 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	18,899	374,293	9,795	402,987
Other employment costs	-	-	1,094	1,094
Accountancy	-	-	11,771	11,771
Bank charges	-	-	393	393
Rates	-	-	2,852	2,852
Repairs and maintenance	-	47,510	28,209	75,719
Insurance	-	-	12,375	12,375
Computer expenses	-	-	6,830	6,830
Subscriptions	-	-	3,537	3,537
Telephone and internet	-	-	6,456	6,456
Utilities	-	-	31,877	31,877
Advertising	-	14,628	-	14,628
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	4,284	4,284
Professional and legal	-	-	358	358
Consultants and contract staff	7,200	12,235	10,197	29,632
Café and food expenditure	-	7,260	-	7,260
Playground expenditure	-	3,049	-	3,049
Project expenses	-	122,619	-	122,619
Grants (note 8)	-	46,679	-	46,679
Interest paid	-	-	368	368
Depreciation	-	33,258	5,067	38,325
Bad debts	-	-	(142)	(142)
Sub-total	26,099	661,531	135,321	822,951
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>5,136</u>	<u>130,185</u>	<u>(135,321)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>31,235</u>	<u>791,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>822,951</u>

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8. Grants payable

During the year, 19 (2023: 21) new grants were awarded to 21 (2023: 21) institutions for payments to project partners and small grant towards community events:

	2024 £	2023 £
Project partners		
Somali Kitchen	37,500	22,500
Trinity Community Arts Ltd	17,075	12,125
Bristol Somali Resource Centre	12,500	-
Chaplin Community Garden	2,717	-
Open Collective	-	3,000
	<u>69,792</u>	<u>37,625</u>
Community events		
17 (2023: 18) Grants < £1,000	<u>8,100</u>	<u>9,054</u>
	<u><u>77,892</u></u>	<u><u>46,679</u></u>

9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation	52,960	38,325
Trustees' remuneration	1,890	201
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
Auditors' remuneration:		
▪ Statutory audit (excluding VAT)	8,000	-
▪ Other services (excluding VAT)	2,166	2,074
Independent examination (excluding VAT)	-	800

Trustees remuneration comprised £1,890 (2023: £201) in payments to Azmina Mitha for services provided during the year (see note 18).

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10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries and wages	389,638	359,121
Social security costs	23,354	26,495
Pension costs	18,073	15,715
Freelance staff	-	1,656
	431,065	402,987

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees, Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer (formerly the Business Development Manager). The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £82,674 (2023: £76,329).

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Average head count	30	29

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold £	Nursery £	Playground £	Community Centre £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	279,057	306,789	85,131	102,820	773,797
Additions in year	-	-	28,550	28,495	57,045
At 31 March 2024	279,057	306,789	113,681	131,315	830,842
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2023	104,712	24,973	25,794	32,828	188,307
Charge for the year	6,976	15,339	23,649	6,996	52,960
At 31 March 2024	111,688	40,312	49,443	39,824	241,267
Net book value					
At 31 March 2024	167,369	266,477	64,238	91,491	589,575
At 31 March 2023	174,345	281,816	59,337	69,992	585,490

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13. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	14,970	17,360
Other debtors	28,077	20,802
	43,047	38,162

14. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	10,137	23,491
Accruals	8,000	2,979
Other creditors	974	7,104
Pension control account	459	347
VAT control account	2,892	3,003
Rent deposits	3,200	3,033
Loan - Andy Street	-	4,400
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	20,000	8,800
Co-op Foundation Loan	10,417	12,500
	56,079	65,657

15. Creditors : amounts due after 1 year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loan - Andy Street	-	4,360
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	-	27,200
Co-op Foundation Loan	-	9,375
	-	40,935

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	589,575	-	589,575
Current assets	198,379	5,993	510,315	714,687
Current liabilities	(6,640)	(582)	(48,857)	(56,079)
Net assets at 31 March 2024	<u>191,739</u>	<u>594,986</u>	<u>461,458</u>	<u>1,248,183</u>

Prior period comparative	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	572,112	13,378	585,490
Current assets	170,234	6,609	492,121	668,964
Current liabilities	-	-	(65,657)	(65,657)
Liabilities after one year	-	-	(40,935)	(40,935)
Net assets at 31 March 2023	<u>170,234</u>	<u>578,721</u>	<u>398,907</u>	<u>1,147,862</u>

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17. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Abri	-	3,500	(2,857)	-	643
BCC Parks	2,217	500	(2,717)	-	-
BCC Stapleton Road	20,184	52,000	(49,156)	-	23,028
Bloy Street CIL	-	17,000	(10,871)	-	6,129
BrisDoc 2024	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund 2	13,969	126,000	(115,378)	-	24,591
BYCA 2023	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Celebrating Age	-	300	(300)	-	-
Climate Action Fund 2	36,476	95,837	(59,006)	-	73,307
Community Matters	-	8,000	-	(7,471)	529
Community Spaces	1,469	-	-	-	1,469
ECC CIL 2024	-	-	-	(17,064)	(17,064)
Enovert 2	(20,188)	38,941	(953)	(17,800)	-
Everyday Integration 2023	-	6,000	(5,132)	-	868
Feeding Bristol (Local Food Fund)	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Feeding Bristol 2	9,250	-	(9,250)	-	-
Feeding Bristol 2023	-	21,190	(21,190)	-	-
Funding The Future 2	900	-	(900)	-	-
Garfield Weston 2	10,089	-	(10,089)	-	-
Groundworks	638	-	(638)	-	-
John James	2,188	-	(2,188)	-	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	19,981	(970)	-	19,011
Lottery Cost of Living Grant	-	28,007	(25,558)	-	2,449
Megawatt Community Energy Grant	-	3,960	-	(3,960)	-
Nisbets 2023	-	10,500	(10,500)	-	-
Owen Square Community Safety Project	18,800	-	(11,161)	-	7,639
Pantheon	1,799	-	(1,799)	-	-
PCC	2,239	-	(2,239)	-	-
Power To Change Powering Up	585	-	(585)	-	-
Quartet Endowment Fund	6,695	11,765	(13,892)	-	4,568
Quartet High Sheriff	-	300	(300)	-	-
Quartet Mental Health & Wellbeing	-	10,000	(1,252)	-	8,748
Quartet One City	2,754	-	(2,754)	-	-
Quartet Resilience Fund	-	9,100	(7,185)	-	1,915
Quartet Warm Hubs (Community Meal)	2,596	-	(2,596)	-	-
Quartet Warm Hubs (Super Supper Club)	700	-	(700)	-	-
Quartet Youth Sector Support 2	2,000	4,800	(6,800)	-	-
Schroders	3,900	-	(3,900)	-	-
Shaping Places	-	5,270	-	-	5,270
Carried forward	<u>121,760</u>	<u>478,451</u>	<u>(388,316)</u>	<u>(46,295)</u>	<u>165,600</u>

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17. Movements in funds (continued)

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Brought forward	121,760	478,451	(388,316)	(46,295)	165,600
Society of Merchant Venturers	3,620	-	(3,620)	-	-
Sport England 2023	-	4,650	(3,156)	-	1,494
St Monica Trust	(852)	19,916	(19,064)	-	-
St Monica Trust - Coronation Fund	-	380	(380)	-	-
Thresholds 2023	15,922	-	(15,922)	-	-
Tom Allport at UoB	-	4,985	(4,985)	-	-
TravelWest	6,192	-	(6,192)	-	-
Tudor Trust 2022	5,584	33,000	(34,850)	-	3,734
UK Shared Prosperity Community Hub	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Voscur	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
Welcome Places (PPE Grant)	4,008	-	(4,008)	-	-
Wesport Together 2023	-	836	(836)	-	-
Wing Chun	1,827	2,555	(1,120)	-	3,262
Winter Fuel Fund	650	2,570	(3,220)	-	-
YHH Easter	7,523	2,280	(9,803)	-	-
YHH Spring 2024	-	10,365	(1,258)	-	9,107
YHH Summer 2023	-	58,800	(58,800)	-	-
YHH Winter 2023	-	1,875	(1,875)	-	-
Youth And Play Services	-	21,450	(15,096)	-	6,354
Youth Investment Fund	-	19,849	(6,911)	(10,750)	2,188
Restricted funds	170,234	686,962	(608,412)	(57,045)	191,739
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	572,112	-	(52,960)	70,423	589,575
Avonvale Road Maintenance	6,609	3,850	(5,048)	-	5,411
<i>Total designated funds</i>	578,721	3,850	(58,008)	70,423	594,986
General funds	398,907	329,152	(253,223)	(13,378)	461,458
Total unrestricted funds	977,628	333,002	(311,231)	57,045	1,056,444
Total funds	1,147,862	1,019,964	(919,643)	-	1,248,183

Purposes of restricted funds

Abri - Winter coats, school uniforms and food parcels for vulnerable families over the winter.

BCC Parks - Funds for resident led project to improve Chaplin Community Garden.

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17. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

BCC Stapleton Road - Project to bring arts and culture to regenerate the high street with mural artists and events.

Bloy Street CIL - Funds for resident led project to improve Bloy Street.

BrisDoc 2024 - Funds for resident led trips for vulnerable young people.

Bristol City Council Impact Fund 2 - Four year partnership project focused on place making, events and civic participation.

BYCA 2023 - Play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground during half term holidays.

Celebrating Age - A one off event for over 55s as part of the Celebrating Age Festival.

Climate Action Fund 2 - A community climate action project focused on resident led actions on climate.

Community Matters - Energy efficiency measures at Easton Community Centre.

Community Spaces - Councillor led meetings bringing local people together.

ECC CIL 2024 - Capital fund for new lift installation at Easton Community Centre.

Enovert 2 - Capital improvements at Felix Road Adventure Playground including cyce track and stage.

Everyday Integration 2023 - Participation in research project looking at practical application of Everyday Integration Framework.

Feeding Bristol (Local Food Fund) - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Feeding Bristol 2 - Equipment for Felix Road kitchen and food for events and funded meals provision at Felix Road.

Feeding Bristol 2023 - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Funding The Future 2 - Mentoring support for CEO.

Garfield Weston 2 - Funding for salaries of core staff.

Groundworks - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

John James - Play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Lottery Community Fund - Play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Lottery Cost of Living Grant - Support for people experiencing cost of living crisis and core opening of Easton Community Centre as a community hub.

Megawatt Community Energy Grant - Energy efficiency measures at Easton Community Centre.

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17. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Nisbets 2023 - Staff costs for our Kitchen Coordinator at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Owen Square Community Safety Project - Physical improvements around Easton Community Centre in partnership with local parks group.

Pantheon - Play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

PCC - Felix Nights youth session at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Power To Change Powering Up - Support for a digital project of setting up a new contacts database.

Quartet Endowment Fund - Small grants for local people to run community events.

Quartet High Sheriff - Play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Quartet Mental Health & Wellbeing - Support for referrals to mental health and wellbeing services from Easton Community Centre.

Quartet One City - Project to increase physical activity and reduce obesity in children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Quartet Resilience Fund - Support for training and development for staff team.

Quartet Warm Hubs (Community Meal) - Community meals hosted at Easton Community Centre for people struggling with cost of living.

Quartet Warm Hubs (Super Supper Club) - Fund held for Super Supper Club to run low cost community meals.

Quartet Youth Sector Support 2 - Felix Nights youth session at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Shaping Places - Cooking and play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground to promote healthy eating.

Society of Merchant Venturers - Felix Nights youth session at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Sport England 2023 - Sports coaching and sports play at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

St Monica Trust - Peer support project for over 55s with programme of events and activities.

St Monica Trust - Coronation Fund - Tea party at Easton Community Centre for residents age 55 and over.

Thresholds 2023 - Core salary support at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Tom Allport at UoB - Participation in development of a research funding bid.

TravelWest - Bikes and bike storage at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

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17 Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Tudor Trust 2022 - Core salary support for CEO.

UK Shared Prosperity Community Hub - Partnership with Somali Resource Centre to increase connections, providing free hire voucher scheme at Easton Community Centre.

Voscur - Participation in infrastructure support programme.

Welcome Places (PPE Grant) - Purchase of PPE equipment to support community hub safe opening.

Wesport Together 2023 - Play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Wing Chun - Funds held on behalf of community group.

Winter Fuel Fund - Donations raised to distribute to residents struggling with cost of energy bills.

YHH Easter - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

YHH Spring 2024 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

YHH Summer 2023 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

YHH Winter 2023 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

Youth And Play Services - Core funding for sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Youth Investment Fund - Capital works at Felix Road Adventure Playground to upgrade gates, doors, flooring and toilets.

Purposes of designated funds

Capital fund

Capital funds represents (i) the leasehold property and improvements which are designated on the basis that the underlying assets could not be sold by the charity; (ii) the nursery which may have a mortgage value but is built on our leasehold land. They have a value in use for the charity but no re-sale value.

Avonvale Road

This money represents rent deposits paid by tenants and annual service charge contributions by tenants to a sinking fund ring fenced for maintenance and repairs for the retail units service yard and costs associated with landlord regulatory compliance checks.

Transfers between funds

Transfer between funds for restricted funds relate to capital additions in which the restriction ceases on purchase of the asset.

Fund in deficit

The ECC CIL 2024 fund is capital expenditure on the lift was expended prior to entitlement of the grant.

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17. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Active Travel Grant	142	-	(142)	-	-
Awards For All 2022	-	9,990	(9,990)	-	-
BCC Libraries Fund	1,162	-	(1,162)	-	-
BCC Parks	2,717	-	(500)	-	2,217
BCC Stapleton Road	-	21,436	(1,252)	-	20,184
BCC Warm Up	-	7,552	(7,552)	-	-
Betty Messenger Charitable Fund	-	25,000	(23,200)	(1,800)	-
BrisDoc	-	6,338	(389)	(5,949)	-
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	17,082	95,000	(98,113)	-	13,969
Bristol City Council - Self Isolation	8,759	-	(8,759)	-	-
Bristol Social Action Festival	902	-	(900)	(2)	-
Capital Grants	5,300	-	(4,247)	(1,053)	-
Children In Need	222	-	(222)	-	-
Climate Action Fund	-	66,770	(30,294)	-	36,476
Community Resilience Fund	-	8,100	(8,100)	-	-
Community Spaces	469	1,000	-	-	1,469
Co-op Expand	4,854	-	(4,854)	-	-
Co-op Foundation	9,407	-	(9,408)	1	-
Denman Charitable Trust	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Enovert	-	-	(16,688)	(3,500)	(20,188)
Ernest Cook Trust	-	360	(360)	-	-
Everyday Integration	1,008	2,000	(3,008)	-	-
Feeding Bristol	-	13,756	(4,506)	-	9,250
Feeding Bristol (Local Food Fund)	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Funding The Future	-	900	-	-	900
Garfield Weston	-	25,000	(14,911)	-	10,089
Great Western Power	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Groundworks	-	1,000	(362)	-	638
Heritage Fund	-	9,000	(9,000)	-	-
John James	1,159	5,000	(3,971)	-	2,188
Nisbets	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Owen Square Community Safety Project	-	20,000	(1,200)	-	18,800
Pantheon	-	5,000	(3,201)	-	1,799
Paradigm Norton	1,920	-	(1,920)	-	-
PCC	-	5,000	(2,761)	-	2,239
Power To Change Powering Up	4,000	4,000	(5,369)	(2,046)	585
Quartet Endowment Fund	3,400	12,840	(9,545)	-	6,695
Quartet One City Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	20,202	(17,448)	-	2,754
Quartet Warm Hubs	-	23,134	(23,134)	-	-
Carried forward	67,503	398,378	(338,968)	(14,349)	112,564

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17. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative (continued)

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
Brought forward	67,503	398,378	(338,968)	(14,349)	112,564
Quarter Warm Hubs (Super Supper Club)	-	5,000	(4,204)	(96)	700
Cuartet Warm Hubs (Community Meal)	-	4,124	(1,528)	-	2,596
Quartet Warm Hubs (Peace of Art)	-	2,505	(2,505)	-	-
Quartet Youth Sector Support	1,682	2,000	(1,682)	-	2,000
School For Social Entrepreneurs	24,750	-	(24,953)	203	-
Schroders	-	5,000	(1,100)	-	3,900
Society of Merchant Ventures	-	5,000	(1,380)	-	3,620
Sport England	5,339	-	(5,362)	23	-
St Monica Trust Community Impact	-	19,973	(20,825)	-	(852)
Thresholds - FairBnB	450	-	(450)	-	-
Thresholds - Kitchen	22,112	-	(21,258)	(854)	-
Thresholds	-	20,000	(1,631)	(2,447)	15,922
Thrive	-	3,573	(3,374)	(199)	-
TravelWest	2,300	3,892	-	-	6,192
Triodos	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tudor Trust	567	35,000	(29,983)	-	5,584
Van Neste	-	5,000	(5,132)	132	-
Voscur	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
WECA	-	15,262	(15,295)	33	-
Welcome Places (PPE)	-	4,296	(288)	-	4,008
Wesport Together NHS CCG	-	8,760	(8,760)	-	-
Wesport Together	-	7,600	(7,600)	-	-
Wing Chun	1,617	3,770	(3,560)	-	1,827
Wing Chun Sport England Jubilee Fund	-	7,620	(7,120)	(500)	-
Winter Fuel Fund	-	4,000	(3,350)	-	650
YHH Spring Holidays	(1,036)	18,720	(10,161)	-	7,523
YHH Summer Funding	-	32,400	(32,452)	52	-
YHH Winter Funding	1,361	9,600	(10,961)	-	-
Youth Music	(1,303)	1,303	-	-	-
Youth Project (BYCA/United Communities)	2,784	3,600	(6,384)	-	-
Carried forward	128,126	633,376	(573,267)	(18,002)	170,234

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17. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative (continued)	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
Total restricted funds	<u>128,126</u>	<u>633,376</u>	<u>(573,267)</u>	<u>(18,002)</u>	<u>170,234</u>
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	588,376	-	(37,883)	21,619	572,112
Avonvale Road Maintenance	<u>11,536</u>	<u>931</u>	<u>(5,858)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,609</u>
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<u>599,912</u>	<u>931</u>	<u>(43,741)</u>	<u>21,619</u>	<u>578,721</u>
General funds	<u>278,056</u>	<u>330,413</u>	<u>(205,943)</u>	<u>(3,617)</u>	<u>398,907</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>877,967</u>	<u>331,344</u>	<u>(249,684)</u>	<u>18,002</u>	<u>977,628</u>
Total funds	<u><u>1,006,093</u></u>	<u><u>964,720</u></u>	<u><u>(822,951)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,147,862</u></u>

18. Related party transactions

Zoe Sherriff, trustee and director provided a loan of £40,000 to fund the development of the nursery at Felix Road. Zoe will receive interest of 2% on the loan in accordance with our constitution. During the year, £16,000 (2023: £8,000) was repaid. As at the 31 March 2024, £20,000 (2023: £36,000) was outstanding.

Azmina Mitha, a trustee, was paid £1,890 (2023: £201) for Bollywood Workshops at Easton Community Centre. As at the 31 March 2024, £330 (2023: £Nil) was outstanding and included within trade creditors. These payments were unconnected to their role as a trustee and were permitted under the charity's constitution. The transactions were conducted at arms length.

The charity received £3,500 from BrisDoc for resident led trips for vulnerable young people. Azmina Mitha, a trustee, was paid £1,000 (2023: £Nil) to run the trip. These payments were unconnected to their role as a trustee and were permitted under the charity's constitution. The transactions were conducted at arms length.

Accounts



EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

**Eastside Community Trust
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023**

**Charity Number 1081691
Company Number 04023294
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EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Reference and administrative information

Charity name: Eastside Community Trust

Charity registration number: 1081691

Company registration number: 04023294

Registered office and
operational address: Easton Community Centre
Kilburn Street
Bristol
BS5 6AW

Trustees

Alice Ballantine Dykes	Stood down October 2022
Amanda Watson	Vice chair from October 2022
Andy Burkitt	Stood down October 2022
Emmanuel Maunganidze	Chair
Margaret Hickman	
Noelle Rumball	
Zoe Sheriff	
Jess Slack	Treasurer
Muna Mohamad	Appointed 31 March 2023
Ted Fowler	Appointed 10 February 2023
Rosanna Wakefield	Appointed 23 June 2022
Azmina Mitha	Appointed 2 February 2023

Senior Management Team

Stacy Yelland	Chief Executive Officer
Tom Williams	Business and Services Development Manager
Becky Whitmore	Communications Manager

Accountants

Linden Accountants, Scrapstore House, Sevier Street, St Werburghs

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Redwood Bank
The Nexus Building, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TT

Flagstone Group Ltd
1st Floor, Clareville House, 26-27 Oxendon Street, London, SW1Y 4EL

Chair's report

It has been almost 3 years since the merger of 3 local organisations gave rise to Eastside Community Trust. By many measures, it is fair to say that the merger has proved a success. As this report shows, the individual strands of this charity, children, places, and community building are thriving and, in many ways, going beyond their targets.

Felix Road Adventure Playground continues to be a positive place of possibility for thousands of children from the local area, many of whom depend on it for a safe outdoor space where they can be themselves, through play, creativity, and healthy connection. The dedication and energy of the playworker team there is the backbone for the success of the playground. The variety of activities now on offer, outside of free play, is testament to the partnerships with funders and service providers that the team and leadership have fostered over the past few years. And to top it off, that almost 10000 free, healthy, cooked meals, have been given out to those young people in the past year is an incredible achievement.

Easton Community Centre has returned to being a busy community space welcoming hundreds of people for everything from music events to drama classes to learning how to use IT. The revamp of the food offer, through a partnership with Houria CIC, has proven the power of working alongside other community organisations who share our principles. There is always a friendly, familiar face to greet you at the door, not least during the winter when the centre became a warm hub for the community, offering free teas and coffees and a comfortable space for families and individuals who needed it. The overwhelming positive feedback of people's experiences of the centre is testament again to the staff who are the face and backbone of all our work. It is these same staff who continue to provide a much-needed community service in the form of Up Our Street magazine, which delivers a unique broadcasting service to all homes in our area.

All the achievements mentioned here are down to the tireless efforts of our staff team, leadership team and strategic board. I would like to thank them all for continuing to deliver in sometimes challenging economic and social conditions. The wellbeing of all our staff and volunteers should continue to take priority if we are to continue to deliver wellbeing to our communities. I would like to thank and say goodbye (but never farewell!) to those staff and volunteers who have moved to new places, jobs, and challenges. And a warm welcome to those who have joined us in the past year.

We are all aware that the job is never done. Our community is changing by the week, the children are growing into young adults, and the area we serve is facing increased inequalities. Many members of the community we serve have struggled with higher bills, rising food prices, less disposable income, and the social issues that come with all this. We want to thank them for continuing to support us, and for making full use of the services we provide. There is increased pressure on funding pots to address the needs of our community. We would like to thank those funders and partners who have made the work possible in the past year. All charities are feeling the pinch and we are no different. We will have to innovate, explore different ways of generating value and income to be even more resilient in the face of increasing external economic pressures. As we move into 2024 we will continue to listen to the needs of the people of Easton and Lawrence Hill and, from this foundation, strengthen the relationships and partnerships that will allow us to be an even more financially sustainable, environmentally conscious, socially useful community asset. To create places of joy, connection, and health.

Manu Maunganidze
Chair

Charitable objectives

The Company serves the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill, particularly the neighbourhoods of Easton, Lawrence Hill, Old Market, St Judes, Newtown, Whitehall, Greenbank, Redfield, The Dings and Barton Hill. The objects for which the Charity is established are:

- Advancement of citizenship and community development through the promotion of civic participation, volunteering, and community capacity building.
- Provision of community services and facilities with the objective of inspiring agency, connecting people, creating opportunities and improving the condition of life for residents.
- Specifically provide services and facilities, including an adventure playground, for children and young people:
 - of which such children and young people have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances; and which will improve the conditions of childhood for such children and young people by promoting their health and wellbeing.

Public benefit statement

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Membership

We have a free membership scheme to support community leadership and voice and influence in the delivery of our work. We currently have 276 members from the local neighbourhood – this is a 50% increase on the previous year.

Our vision

We provide people of all ages with places and ways to connect. We are passionate about our community and putting local people in control so together we can build healthy and happy neighbourhoods. We inform and inspire action in Easton and Lawrence Hill making East Central Bristol a place of possibility for everyone.

A place

- where connections between people lead to a shared sense of belonging and local pride
- that promotes wellbeing through quality urban design and protection of the natural world
- where children play in the street and public space is shared and respected

Our vision is to make Easton and Lawrence Hill a place of possibility

- A place that promotes wellbeing through quality urban design and protection of the natural world
- A place that makes people feel they have an active role in shaping the future of where they live
- A place that is welcoming, inclusive and proudly diverse. A place where neighbours know each other by name

1. Children will have the freedom to play, experiment and learn; to be healthy, happy and feel part of their community.
2. The community will have healthy, sustainable, welcoming places to connect, socialise, learn and share cultural knowledge.
3. Residents will be informed, have the agency to participate in their neighbourhood and city, feel a sense of belonging and take pride in where they live



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Felix Road Adventure Playground

Our flagship play space in the heart of Lawrence Hill

Children have the freedom to play, be healthy and feel part of the local community

During the year, Felix Road Adventure Playground has been open for free play six days a week all year round. This unique and special play space is a vital part of the local community making memories for years to come. Many of the children accessing the playground are living in cramped conditions with no outside space and homes where money is tight. The safe, inclusive, fun and engaging space, staffed by trained and skills playworkers is essential for their wellbeing during childhood.

Number of children on register	1,019 (504 in 21/22)
Number of attendances from children	8,481 (10,412 in 21/22)
Number of attendances from adults	2,289 (2,869 in 21/22)

As well as open access play we offer a number of other complementary projects in partnership with others including:

Bike hire scheme, bike repairs and maintenance, cycling lessons

- Together with LifeCycle we run weekly bike repair and maintenance workshops for young people who are struggling in school. The sessions take place before the open play session and are run by experienced bike mechanics.

Felix girls

This weekly session on Fridays dedicated to girls has gone from strength to strength. We partnered with The Wave to give the girls an opportunity to try out surfing, an experience they all loved. It also includes a partnership with DigiLocal to run a girl's coding club after the open play session.

Felix nights

We have continued our weekly session for children aged 11 to 16 years in the early evenings delivered by skilled youth workers. We work with Freestyle CIC to deliver this project.

Wing Chun

We host a weekly martial arts session for young people in partnership with a local expert.

Disabled children's sessions

We have been supporting Bristol City Council disabled children's services to provide one to one supported play sessions for children referred to the playground.

Summer at Felix Road

In the school holidays we put extra effort into ensuring all children have a positive play experience with longer opening hours and additional activity. In summer 2022 this included:

- Mondays – Play and Build – adding to the self-built structures
- Tuesdays – Lifecycle running various bikeability courses as well as some activities on session such as the smoothie bike
- Tuesdays – Green Influencers – various green activities across the summer
- Tuesdays – Flag Tie Dying

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- Wednesdays – Whittling workshops (Bristol Tree Craft)
- Thursdays – Outdoor cooking
- Bike trips – Lifecycle will be leading bike trips across the holiday
- Leigh Woods trip – Spike Island Gallery will be taking a group of children on a trip to the woods.

We delivered:

- Four play and build sessions in which children built a raised tunnel using corrugated iron, a bridge connecting two parts of the play and build area, and several ladders to make more interesting routes up onto the structures.
 - A group of children built a model city using junk they found around the playground.
 - Six whittling workshops in which around 100 children learned to whittle using knives. They made wooden butter knives to spread jam and chocolate spread onto crackers, and wooden toys for various games.
 - A group of children performed an impromptu show called Felix Road Past Present and Future in which they performed what life is like at various ages at the playground.
 - Lifecycle provided six workshops for children of different ability levels to learn to ride or feel more confident riding their bikes on the road.
 - Children made bug hotels using recycled materials.
 - Children experimented with solar powered fans and lights to decorate the playground.
 - Sprinkler moved around the site, hanging from structures and spraying children on the zipline, providing great experiences for children to play with water in the hot weather.
 - Water slides, sprinklers and paddling pools during hot weather.
 - Children helped harvest some of the vegetables including onions and garlic.
 - Trip to SS Great Britain with ice cream at the harbourside and paddling in the fountains.
 - Trip to Stoke Park and the Vench. Children really enjoyed exploring the woods, picking blackberries and looking at the view of east Bristol from the top of Purdown. Playing on the drop slide at the Vench was also very popular.
 - Trip to Leigh Woods with the Body Forest Project and visit to Spike Island Gallery.
 - Four bike rides around the city.
 - Trip to Coexist Community Kitchen where a group of children learned to cook a tasty noodle dish
 - Children took part in a clay workshop where they created all manner of objects and toys as well as just enjoying the tactile sensation of the clay.
 - Inclusive dodgeball match in which teams scored points rather than being eliminated.
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- Total number of children registered: 824
 - Total number of all children: 1309
 - Total number of attendances by registered children: 2200
 - Total number of attendances by all children: 2886
 - Number of children who attended 10 or more times: 46
 - Number of children who attended 5 or more times: 97
 - Ethnicity of the children who attended 5 or more times:
33% Somali, 13% British Caribbean, 10% Roma, 9% South Asian British, 9% Mixed Ethnicity, 7% White British, 7% Middle Eastern, 6% Eastern European, 3% East Asian British, 3% West African

Capital works

In 22/23 we invested a further £40,000 in the capital asset, continuing our programme of upgrading this unique facility. Thanks to funding from Enovert and TravelWest we managed to:

- Build an attractive bin and recycling store to remove the unsightly waste area
- Refurbish the stage to enable performance and play
- Create a tarmac bike track

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Freedom Kids Podcast AWARD WINNING

We continued our podcast series made by the children of Felix Road and were shortlisted for Best Podcast Award in the Young Audio Awards. This year the children won two awards for this wonderful podcast – a Global Goals Groundbreakers award and a BBC Bitesize Regenerator Hall of Fame award. Listen here: <https://eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk/project/freedom-kids-podcast> Includes a special 11 minute feature length episode about Felix Road Adventure Playground at 50 years.

Felix at 50

In 2022 we celebrate 50 years since Felix Road Adventure Playground opened in 1972. Thanks to a Heritage Lottery grant we carried out a year of celebrations which included:

- Creating a mural commemorating 50 years
- A pictorial and oral exhibition to mark the year
- Work with children on producing a podcast of interviews
- A celebration event created with the diverse communities in the area

Felix Road was established in 1972 to address the profound lack of opportunities for safe and stimulating play space in a part of Bristol that was dilapidated and lacked investment. It has gone on to become firmly established as a Bristol icon and a playground of international renown. Over 50 years Felix Road has become a beacon for children's adventure play, cultural equity, diversity and community solidarity. It retains these qualities to this day. Having reached its 50th birthday, Eastside Community Trust were determined to celebrate what Felix Road has brought to Bristol through the eyes of children, to bring the past, present and future together with the community, to create two installations that would permanently mark its 50th year, and to amplify the characteristics and benefits of the playground to a wider public.

"I'm so happy to see this place rising! To see so many familiar and happy faces.....to have a place like this in Easton, it actually saved my life! When I was a mum with three cheeky kids we came here a lot! Good times and good memories! Big Love XXX"

Food at Felix

Every day Eastside provide a fully subsidised hot meal for all children. In 2021/22 we gave out 8,940 free hot meals and in 2022/23 we increased that to 10,181. We receive funding from a broad range of sources including; self-generated income from the hire of our facilities, rent from tenants, applications to trusts and charities, private donations from individuals and small charities. It is a constant struggle to raise the funds to maintain these services so funding from your organisation was vital.

Food equality and food justice was an issue for children at Felix before the pandemic and the cost of living crises has only highlighted the need of community focused food interventions. Eastside have been on the steering group for Bristol's Food Equality Strategy representing the views of children and young people and the diversity of this area of Bristol. We have all the ingredients at Felix to grow, cook and educate and we believe food is the fuel for children's play.

We are a key delivery partner for Bristol City Council as part of the Your Holiday Hub – Holiday Activity Food programme. This is to ensure children eligible for free school meals get a hot nutritious meal during school holidays. We have been delivering this programme in each school holiday.

In Easter 22 and Easter 23 we reached 366 children eligible for free school meals.

Eastside works in an area of Bristol that is highly diverse (60% Black and Minoritised Ethnic population in Lawrence Hill). This is reflected at Felix every day with internal statistics recording 28 different ethnic identities over 2022. The playground is busy every day with numbers during the summer holidays reaching 300 a day. At our children's Eid party (April 2023) we catered for 400 children and adults.

Easton Community Centre

Our welcoming community living room

Eastside runs inclusive, accessible and sustainable projects and places which play a part in people's lives and improve their wellbeing

During 22/23 we spend time consulting local people about what they would like to see at the local community centre. Following the change of management, the pandemic and then entering a cost of living crisis, we wanted to hear from local people about what they needed at their local centre. We held a number of drop in events and an online survey. This information helped us put together a programme of activity of the following 6-12 months and develop a new café partnership.

A winter warm hub

From November 2022 to February 2023, we opened Easton Community Centre as a winter warm hub – the community living room of Easton. The idea was to curate a space that was free to use, welcoming and offering a range of useful activities. We received a grant of £7,552 from the Gyf Trust through Bristol City Council which we used to:

- Pay for our electricity costs for one month (bills rose by 125% - we are carbon neutral with no gas so only electric heating)
- Games and toys for our children's area
- Design of a programme and publicity
- Staff time for extended opening hours
- Plants, furniture and lighting to create a welcoming space
- Lego club, film night
- Hot drinks

"I just wanted to say thank you. I think everyone at the community centre has been amazing with AJ. I think she has grown in confidence and knows everyone. It feels like it's been a lifeline for her (a home from home). It's hard to imagine her life without you in it now. Not just with AJ, but other people we work with too. It feels like the centre is an inclusive safe place where individuals can engage with whatever is happening." Support worker

What did we do

Extended opening hours

Our standard opening hours are 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. With the funding, we opened until 9pm three nights a week and on Saturdays 10am to 4pm.

Free resources

While we are open, people can come into a space that feels welcoming and non-judgmental. While here they can:

- Use our computers and free wi fi
- Use our toilets
- Sit in a warm, pleasant environment
- Play with the toys, read the books
- Get information and support through specialist sessions or sign posting by our staff

Activity programme

As well as being open, we also curated a programme of activity based on feedback from the community. Most activities were free to the public or for a small donation>

Our café closed in July 2022 and we did not reopen until March 2023. Over the winter, funded by the warm hub funding, we provided self service tea, herbal teas, coffee, de-caf coffee and tea, non-dairy milks, biscuits and homemade cake all the time we were open.

This was hugely popular and our staff spent a lot of time washing cups and refilling urns! Information on the latest programme can be found here: <https://eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk/project/welcoming-space-easton-community-centre/>

See us featured on ITV here:

<https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2023-01-19/warm-banks-essential-for-thousands-in-sub-zero-temperatures>

[After this aired, we received a letter in the post for Mel from someone who also had mental health issues. They had drawn her a picture and sent a message of support and hope. This really made Mel's day. Read our winter 2023 magazine here <https://eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk/get-involved/communications/up-our-street-magazine/>

We participated in Bristol City Council's weekly Community Exchange network to provide citywide networking and peer support.

We presented our work at the One City gathering in November to share what local neighbourhoods were doing to support the citywide response to the cost of living crisis.

Additional support

We were also successful in securing additional funding from Quartet Community Foundation to enhance and extend the work funded by Gfy Trust, in particular:

- £22,420 towards improving the physical space and overhead costs.
- £5,000 for Super Supper Club to provide two community meals a week using surplus foods.
- £4,124 for Eastside Community Trust to provide a weekly hot meal.
- £2,505 for Peace of Art Muslim women's street art collective to host a series of weekend art workshops.
- £4,000 from Bristol Energy Network winter fuel fund which we have given out as grants for people struggling with their energy bills.
- £4,125 from Feeding Bristol food support fund which we used to buy supermarket vouchers and create 50 food hampers over Christmas.
- Bricks project have been running drop in art workshops as part of Welcome Space offer.

Room hires and tenants

This year we saw the community centre coming back to life with over 200 bookings taken in the 12 months and 49,290 visits to the centre. We had a target occupancy of short-term hires of 60% but we reached 30% so this is an area of ongoing development.

We offer low cost or free room hire to a number of groups supporting our aims including:

- Mummeration community therapy – a parent led therapeutic group for parents with Disabled children.
- Evergreens – an elders group led by African-Caribbean elders.
- SEND family group – a group run by Somali mothers for families with children with autism
- KHAAS – a South Asian family support group for families with Disabled children
- Project Mama – a group supporting mothers from migrant communities with newborns
- Bristol Autism Project – a holiday club for families
- Scribble and sketch – a monthly family group with arts and crafts

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- Threefold Theatre – a weekly theatre group for children
- Somali Kitchen – a women-led CIC supporting Somali women has free office space at the community centre
- Bristol Somali Youth Voice – this youth organisation uses the community centre as an office base two days a week
- Super Supper Club – the volunteer-led club was forced to leave their venue due to an issue with their landlord. We gave them a temporary home so they could continue providing a weekly meal to those on low income

We have a number of long-term tenants who are supporting the local community in different ways.

- Café des Amis – our café partner left in July 2022 and we did not replace them until March 2023.
- BCfm – a volunteer-led community radio station hosting a hugely diverse programme of shows.
- Brigstowe – an HIV support charity offering mentoring and therapeutic supports.
- Raised in Easton and Raised in Felix Road – a CIC offering high quality early years childcare for local parents.
- Café Conscious – a community café and restaurant in Barton Hill with a Jamaican flavour.
- 182-186 Avonvale Road – leased retail units trading and run by Polish, Somali and Indian business owners

Out in the community

Supporting residents through asset-based community development

Residents will be informed, have agency to participate, feel a sense of belonging and take pride in where they live

Communications

Communication is a big part of what we do – we want to share information so residents are informed but also to build pride, promote civic action and create sense of belonging.

We have a number of different communication channels that we use:

- A quarterly printed magazine hand delivered to residents through their door
- A monthly community takeover radio programme on BCfm and a weekly slot on One Love Breakfast
- Social media activity across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- A fortnightly email newsletter to subscribers
- 30community noticeboards displaying posters and updated by volunteers on a monthly basis

Quarterly magazine	14,000 households
Fortnightly ebulletin	2,229 subscribers (a 16% increase from 21/22)
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)	Reach of 14,887 (a 17% increase from 21/22)

We won the Future Leap Sustainable Business Award

The Communicating the Climate and Ecological Emergency Award

A unanimous decision from the judging panel saw this Eastgate Community Trust project secure the Communications award. With a highly replicable model that could be tailored to communities across the UK, Up Our Street stood out in their highly innovative methods to communicate the climate and

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ecological emergency. A fun and inclusive project that shares many different perspectives, Up Our Street encourages involvement within the immediate community while also facilitating discussions surrounding the most pressing matters of our time through their podcast and community magazine.

Community Climate Action Plan

Eastside Community Trust recognises that climate change is one of the biggest issues facing society and is a partner in a citywide lottery funded initiative to look at how we can respond as communities. We have been part of an 18-month citywide programme funded by the lottery and led by Bristol Green Capital Partnership.

People and places project

We secured funding from Bristol City Council to focus on community events and civic participation with our partners Somali Kitchen and Trinity Centre. During the winter we focused on the warm hub programme delivery and supporting residents to access this offer. We were involved in events and community conversations including:

- Barrow Road development meeting
- The Bristol Commons conference on community power
- What's The Big Idea – four talks with UWE on interesting subjects
- Lego club at the community centre
- Community food justice week talk and meal with Feeding Bristol
- Stich and switch clothes swapping event
- Energy in our community workshop
- Green influencers project at Felix Road
- Nature the healer workshop planning
- Community tidy ups
- Felix Road gardening group
- Temple Quarter Campus listening session
- School uniform giveaway event
- Car free Easton workshops
- Seed swap events
- Energy helpdesk at the community centre
- Peace of Art free art workshops for Muslim women
- Mandala painting with Brick Project
- Christmas carols in the underpass
- Christmas Day meal provided by Super Supper Club at the community centre
- Winter coat giveaway
- Sewing social and weekly sewing drop-in
- Girl's sewing group in partnership with City Academy
- Temple Quarter development drop in

Love Barton Hill pop up

Following a series of racist incidents, we popped up in Barton Hill to spread a little bit of love.

Film screenings

We showed two films for adults – Devdas and The Gravediggers Wife and a Saturday morning children's cinema event. The Gravediggers Wife was hugely popular with a full house of 100 mostly Somali women.

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Women's cycling

Our engagement worker, Abiir Shirdoon, has been supporting women to learn to cycle with a weekly cycling lesson.

Community enterprise training

We worked with Searchlighter to deliver a programme of community enterprise training to local leaders. The cohort got a lot from the course and a short film summarised their learning journey here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tA8J6cG0ThE>

Repair café

We supported two local DIY enthusiasts to start a monthly volunteer-led repair café from the community centre. This has proved really successful and has gone from strength to strength.

Community Infrastructure Levy

We have supported local Councillors to promote this opportunity for groups to access funds to improve the local area. We have held workshops and communicated about the fund. We have also helped groups who have been awarded funding to delivery their projects.

Eid party

We held an Eid party for over 400 people at our adventure playground. There was food and play with a large majority of families attending from the Somali community.

Somali Women's Night

The event was aimed at women from 14 years up but specifically those women who supported their women elders and to encourage them to bring their elders to this event. Songs were sung by a local woman and food was prepared by Somali Kitchen. The night was amazing, energetic and vibrant with over 100 Somali women attending. Some women did bring their women elders.

Community Resilience Fund

We participated in an 18-month long project with Bristol City Council to co-design a participatory grant making programme. The project aims to distribute over £1m of funding to voluntary organisations to invest in capital assets. The process was designed to encourage resident-led decision making with equity at its core. Our CEO was part of the design panel and a facilitator at the resident panels.

Winter hampers and gift vouchers

Thanks to some funding from Feeding Bristol we delivered 50 hampers and supermarket vouchers to local families struggling with the cost of living during the Christmas holidays.

Somali breakfast club

In partnership with Somali Kitchen we run a weekly drop-in breakfast and social club for Somali women. This has been very popular and helped reduce isolation for these women.

Owen Square Park

Together with Sustrans we held a consultation event and online survey to get views on how to improve the park and land around the community centre. In 2021 there was a murder outside following gang activity and we wanted to focus on increased safety and sociability of the space. The report can be found here <https://eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk/news/owen-square-park-next-steps/> and delivery has started in 23/24.

Volunteer project

We received some WECA funding for a small pilot to explore development of volunteering opportunities

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within the organisation. We employed a Volunteer and Membership Coordinator for 12 months to improve our internal processes and recruit volunteers into suitable roles within the organisation.

Build for wellbeing

With funding from Wesport we delivered a programme of adventure play building with female carpenters and children at Felix Road. This was a partnership with Woodland Tribe and was extremely popular.

Winter fuel fund

Local community energy organisation, Bristol Energy Network, organised a winter crowd funder to raise funds to distribute as one-off payments to people struggling with energy bills. We supported 35 households with these grants.

Stay and play

We run two weekly stay and play sessions for families with pre-school children. These are very popular and our playworker often includes additional activities like a teddy bears picnic or sensory session. This really helps reduce isolation for new parents.

Playwork training

As part of the WECA programme we also delivered some foundational playwork training to increase skills in the sector. We have a very experienced team and we wanted to share those skills to younger people joining the profession.

Thank you awards

Each year we organise a community celebration to thank those in our community who volunteer their time and love to make it a better place. At a 200-capacity party held in Trinity Centre and catered for by Houria we said thanks and enjoyed being together. Watch the film here <https://eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk/project/thank-you-awards/>

Eastside Connect

Over the past year, our engagement worker Tracy Edwards-Brown, has delivered a huge programme of activity for older residents, touching the lives of so many people with a warmth and compassion that makes a massive difference. Tracy is thoughtful, caring and dedicated to improving the wellbeing of the residents she works with. It is a joy hearing her make her weekly phone calls and remembering each person's dietary requirements, aches, pains and pleasures!

Here is a summary of the work carried out over the past 12 months:

Eastside Connect is a peer-to-peer support project delivered by Eastside Community Trust. The aim of the project is:

- To grow the next generation older people who will lead resources into the future.
- To utilise and harness the assets; the wealth of experience, knowledge, lived experience and skills, that people between the age of 55–85 have.
- To prioritise what older people want.
- To ensure there is no segregation of age groups, that those 55+ are not treated as a homogenous group, while recognising there are 'the young old' and the 'older old'.
- To create bonds and trust, connections and support between older people aged 55-85.
- To strive to develop confidence in older people to use assets available in the community they live in.
- To engage and work closely with the BAME communities within the project boundaries.

Working with others

In January 2023 we embarked on an exciting new venture with women-led, anti-slavery catering CIC, Houria CIC, to reopen the café at Easton Community Centre. This is early days but looks set to be a hugely successful initiative supporting women into meaningful employment and creating a programme of tasty and inclusive community events.

To deliver our outcomes we support and work alongside a number of other organisations in particular:

- **Bristol Green Capital Partnership** - delivering the citywide Climate Action Fund programme together
- **Owen Square Community Energy** - we are a member of the co-op delivering clean energy to Easton Community Centre
- **Bristol Energy Network** - we are partners on our community climate action plan and implementation of the plan to support residents with energy crisis
- **Centre for Sustainable Energy** - providing data analysis for our Climate Action Plan work
- **Easton Jamia Mosque** – partners on our Community Climate Action Plan
- **Trinity Centre** – partners on our People and Places placemaking and events projects
- **Café des Amis** – our café tenants at Easton Community Centre until July 2022
- **City Academy** – working together to support local children
- **Houria CIC** – developing a new café for 23/24
- **Brigstowe** – the HIV charity that is a tenant of Easton Community Centre
- **BCfm** – community radio station with its home at Easton Community Centre
- **Raised in Bristol** – our partner operating nurseries from our two sites (Raised in Easton and Raised in Felix Road)
- **Somali Kitchen** – our partner on our People and Places project and a tenant at Easton Community Centre
- **Bristol City Council** – a funder and supporter of our work and a partner on the COVID response Community Hubs
- **Councillors** – we support our local Councillors to engage with community members on local issues
- **BSWN** – we work alongside this racial justice charity on the Local Access Programme and as part of their Power to Change sector capacity building support programme
- **Easton Community Children's Centre** – our partners on our One City Health and Wellbeing project delivering weaning workshops
- **Three Fold Theatre** – our partners running low cost theatre workshops for children at Easton Community Centre
- **Bristol Autism Project** – running sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground during school holidays
- **Project Mama** – using Felix Road Adventure Playground for weekly sessions to support refugee mothers and babies
- **Barton Hill Activity Club** – supporting them to engage with the council on a parks improvement project
- **Horn Youth Concern** – working together to support young people in the neighbourhood
- **Feeding Bristol** – working together on the food equality strategy group
- **LifeCycle** – hosting free bike workshops at Felix Road Adventure Playground
- **Freestyle Bristol** – delivering youth nights at Felix Road Adventure Playground

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- **NYCE** – supporting us with activities such as nature and building projects
- **Wing Chun** – offering low cost martial arts at Felix Road Adventure Playground
- **KHASS** – holding monthly play sessions for families at Felix Road Adventure Playground
- **Woodland Tribe** – running a build project at the playground and the development of the Swing Theory project
- **North Bristol Food Bank** – supporting us with free food collections for our kitchen
- **Family Food Action** – a community-led project providing regular food support for the playground

Strategic projects

Our Senior Management Team attend as members of a number of local and citywide groups working towards achieving our long-term outcomes in particular:

- Gypsy Roma Traveller Strategy Group – a multi-agency network supporting GRT communities in the city
- Families in focus – a council-led network for organisations supporting families in the city
- Playful Bristol – we are a key members of the city strategic advocacy group for play and playwork
- Food equality strategic group – helping to write and implement a Food Equality Strategy and action plan
- Inner City Youth Collective – supporting youth-led organisations
- Locality – a member of the national advocacy group for Community Anchor Organisations
- Voscur – we are a locality partner for their Enabling the Sector infrastructure support grant
- One City Plan – attend City Gatherings as part of this Mayoral initiative to tackle citywide issues
- One City Homes and Communities Board – strategic leadership group for the city
- Bristol City Council Community Exchange – weekly network for hubs supporting communities through COVID and now cost of living crisis
- Local Access Programme Management Board – ten year funded programme growing social enterprises in the city
- VCSE Strategy Group – a cross- organisation working group to deliver the Designing a New Social Reality Action Plan

Case studies

When Muna Hussain's second child was diagnosed with autism at the age of two, she didn't know where to turn for support. This case study explores how an inclusive community facility can play a part in people's lives providing a wellbeing solution.

Muna who was born in Somalia, spent her childhood in Dubai and now lives in Lawrence Hill and describes the 'journey' she and her son have been on. Although he was diagnosed very young by health professionals Muna quickly realised that she wanted to learn more about her son's condition by spending time with other families with autistic and neurodivergent children and other complex needs. Muna and two other mums set up a peer support group for families dealing with autism, to exchange experiences and give peer to peer advice. The group, in the middle of the pandemic, started online but quickly realised that what their children really needed was a safe outdoor space where families could come together. Felix Road Adventure Playground, managed by Eastside Community Trust, was the ideal inclusive space. A gated 2.5 acre community green space full of opportunities to play and a purpose build play building for indoor play, food and other essential services.

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Muna explained how important the space has been, 'although a short distance from home we feel very safe at Felix Road. When we go to another park we feel judged by other families who maybe don't realise my son has autism. We love being outside in a secure space, we don't have to worry about children running off, or public reaction, or children having to apologise for their siblings behaviour, at Felix Road families can really relax.'

The group has grown from its small beginnings and now has 15-20 families – 30 to 40 children and adults - meeting up at Felix Road each month. All the families are from Easton and Lawrence Hill (BS5) and welcome the opportunity to 'play and connect and relax in a secure space'

Maurice (not real name) regularly says there is nowhere to go and nothing to do at home. This case study explores his lived experience and the impact that Felix Road Adventure Playground is making in Maurice's young life.

Maurice is 10 years old and a regular attendee at Felix Road. He comes every day the playground is open after school, at weekends and during school holidays. Maurice comes on his own or with friends as Felix Road implements the three frees; free of charge, freedom for children to come and go, free play self-directed by children.

Maurice has a difficult time at school and home. Felix Road staff identified that he is particularly at risk from negative influences online. This is one of the reasons Felix Road is a *place of possibility* for children like Maurice. With no computers or screens the playground puts an emphasis on highly energetic outdoor adventure play that burns multiple calories. Felix Road curates unique childhood experiences often denied children like Maurice living in inner cities, for example cooking on a fire, swinging high in the air, growing vegetables or dancing with friends on the stage.

Felix Road has been an adventure playground for over 50 years. Generations in this community have played at this much loved community play space. Freedom to play is an important childhood right at Felix Road. That is why the children called their brilliant podcast the Freedom Kids Podcast and a mural outside the playground celebrates children's freedom.

Maurice lives in an area with the worst access to green space nationally, chronic overcrowding in poor social and high-rise housing and the worst traffic pollution levels in Bristol. When Maurice first started attending Felix Road, he struggled to form relationships, but over time he has developed a trusting relationship with the playworkers as well as friendships with a wide diversity of children and Maurice says he feels part of the Felix Road community.

Six days a week and 50 weeks of the year Maurice and the other 1300 children on register at Felix Road can also get a free hot freshly cooked meal. It is this combination of high energy adventure play and healthy food options that make Felix Road a community health solution in this area with 42% child obesity rates.

Maurice's trust in the staff has provided him with opportunities to talk through any issues he is having outside of the playground and online. His continued attendance, engagement with staff and activities and improved relationships with other children all demonstrate the significant impact the playground is having on his young life.

Katja describes Easton Community Centre 'as a real lifeline to me.' In this case study we explore what that really means to her. Katja is an Easton resident and lives on her own. Although well-travelled Katja says she loves living in Easton because of 'the people, the multi-culturism and the creativity.' Katja suffers from multiple Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from living in the Middle East. It is particularly hard for Katja during the winter months when it is cold and dark.

Katja says 'I remember the day when the magazine Up Our Street came through my letter box. I used to go to the community centre many years ago but it used to be a bit run down. The magazine said that the community centre was now run by Eastside Community Trust. When I went it was totally transformed, it

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was warm and the lights were so pretty, the furniture was clean and comfortable, there were plants everywhere, you could get a free cup of tea, and the staff were so friendly.'

Katja is over 55 and likes to keep fit. She signed up for the women's Bollywood Dancing at the community centre. 'I was surprised at how energetic it was, the women were predominantly Muslim, I loved that closed group feeling.' Next up Katja went to see 'The Gravediggers Wife' a Somali film at the community centre. 'It was an amazing film, full of amazing cinematography and biblical scenes. For me it was a real insight into the Somali community in this area. It made me really want to go to Somalia. Instead I went to a Somali women's night at the community centre and danced my socks off with over 100 women from Somalia – for a woman who has been all over the world it was amazing!'

Katja joined the 'Sewing Social' class at the community centre as a volunteer and now runs the class herself. 'I love the fact the class attracts women from Nigeria, Somalia, India and then me Israeli. It's all here, why not sit together, learn together and practice our sewing together.'

'For someone who suffers from clinical depression Eastside Community Trust is helping me tremendously, its so good for my well-being, especially when I am alone, I love coming here. Gary who works on reception just has the most amazing laugh he fills the whole building with his laughter and that makes me very happy.'

M and J are in their 30s and have been living in a tent near the centre. They found out about the warm hub and started to come in for a hot drink in the morning. They got to know the staff team and were accepted without judgement. They now spend a lot of time in the centre, using the computer to contact family or watch films. They have accessed the phone to contact support services and J has enrolled in an online counselling course. They have both reported feeling that the space has been a lifeline for them.

A and M are both adults with Learning Disabilities who live within walking distance of the centre. They came in to see what was happening here and received a warm welcome. They both now participate in many of the activities and have made friends with others in the centre. They can regularly be found in the café space having a drink and chatting.

S is a single parent who runs her own business. She works from home but was finding it hard to work in the cold and could not afford to put the heating on all day. S used the centre to work on her laptop and help her save money.

A had recently arrived in the country from Hungary and is living in supported housing. She came into the centre looking for things to do and help with her English. She now attends weekly ESOL classes and takes part in all the free activities. She says how much the centre has helped her feel like she belongs and reduced her feelings of isolation.

K is a transgender woman who was sleeping rough and heard about the warm hubs. She came to the centre every day for a wash and a hot drink. She often used the phone to contact family. She told us how she felt welcome here and was treated with kindness and warmth when she is often treated badly. She has now moved on to a supported housing and phoned us to say thank you for helping her when she was at a low point.

D is a mum of 8 from the Roma community. Her children often use the centre after school as a place to hang out, use the computer, have a drink and eat fruit. D often comes in when she needs help and has accessed food bank vouchers, donated school uniform, warm winter coats for children and winter fuel fund. She knows this is somewhere she can come to ask for help and her children will be safe and welcomed here.

Testimonials

I just wanted to say a huge thank you from everyone at We The Curious. Thank you for being so accommodating and I heard people saying how welcoming and warm the space felt. We will absolutely keep you in mind for any upcoming events like this. Our experience at Easton Community Centre far exceeded our expectations. You went above and beyond to make us feel welcome. I was very sad to return to our temporary offices today as the community centre felt like a home away from home whilst we are not in our venue. Our CEO came up to me yesterday after the event and reiterated that there is

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much we can learn from you all in creating a welcoming space where people feel they belong.

We the curious, two-day team conference

Working with Eastside Community Trust over the past 12 months has been a real pleasure. I'm so impressed by the resilience and activity that I witness when at Felix Rd Adventure Playground; seeing how the playground has benefitted from the formation of ECT and how, despite many challenges, the playground continues to provide hot meals, safety, adventure and so much fun to so many children and young people gives me hope and is a real example for me of how resilient community organisations can be built even during tough times.

Youth project coordinator, LifeCycle

Eastside Community Trust is a joy to work with – as a partner on our Community Climate Action project, which pioneers community-led climate action, ECT's professional and people-first approach is delivering climate action that meets the needs of local people.

Lizzi Testini, CEO, Bristol Green Capital Partnership

It is essential to my role as a local councillor that I can connect with people in my ward, and over the last 12 months Eastside Community Trust has made it easy and pleasant for me to do just that, through regular surgeries at the community centre, meetings and workshops with voluntary organisations, and columns in Up Our Street magazine. The staff are always ready with advice and support, and through their deep knowledge of the local community they help to make Easton a place where everyone is included.

Easton Councillor Barry Parsons

FACE has used the Felix Road Adventure Playground site for a number of years to deliver holiday activity sessions for the Bristol Autism Project, for autistic 4-18 year olds.

BAP families love the adventure playground – the freedom the site offers to try new things, to explore new environments, smells and textures, to jump, swing, and climb up high, to create some new artwork using natural resources, and just have the chance to interact with their peers in an outside play space. Having sole access to the site for our children makes it a controlled group that families like so their children can be free to be themselves, to not have to explain their autistic traits to other children and parents. It really is a safe haven for them to feel included and valued and play in that great space – thanks Felix Road Adventure Playground for opening your doors to us!

Bristol Autism Project

It has been an absolute joy running a workshop yoga class in the community centre - I love the space, the relaxed atmosphere and the endlessly helpful and friendly staff!

Marianne Swift Yoga

'Eastside Community Trust is our oldest partnership, and a much valued one. We have been delighted to be a part of the considerable breadth of opportunities they offer families in the local area, and have found their friendly, collaborative approach very supportive in carrying out our work with young people.'

Bristol Treecraft

Murmuration Community Therapy has really appreciated the support from Eastside Community Trust to run our mental health groups for parents carers. They have clearly got a strong commitment to improving the lives of families of disabled children, and parents who have attended our groups are now bringing their children along to other activities supported by ECT, such as the wonderful SEND play sessions at Felix Road.

Poppy Villierez

Eastside took a leading role in helping us co-design a new method of community led decision making, bringing their focus on inclusion and equity. Their approach to every stage of the project, from community conversations to group facilitation, has been pragmatic, and positive and they've been so generous with good ideas. They are tremendous advocates for, and very knowledgeable about, their

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own community and the sector as a whole, which has brought such value to this work.

Ellie Stevens, Bristol City, Council

We started Threefold 16 months ago running performance and drama sessions from the Easton Community Centre Hall and can't thank everyone enough for their support during that time. As a new organisation we have been incredibly grateful for the support we have received. Eastside Community Trust offered in kind rental of the hall space for the first year which made starting the company possible. We have worked with Up Our Street share to publicise our group through flyers in community notice boards and in the magazine. And our groups have grown from an initial 16 children and young people to now working with 50 aged of 7-13 living in and around Easton. Sam and Garry and all the staff in reception offer continual ongoing support, signposting us with queries, help with equipment and all the small things that make the day feel infinitely easier. They are excellent listeners and always ready to help us. I can't thank them enough. They continue to create a welcoming space for us, all our families that make us feel part of the community here in Easton.

Alice Wrench, Threefold

Evergreen Club is an elderly persons club! The Club have used the site of Easton Community Centre for many years. The members, find the staff friendly, caring and efficient in dealing with the club use of the centre!

Joanna Allison, Chair, Evergreens Club

Whenever working with Eastside Community Trust as a creative practitioner I always feel respected, safe in the knowledge that the staff see me as a professional. They are also ready and happy to give guidance should I need it, meaning there is always a collaborative sense of supportive, organised work that puts people first.

Bricks Project CIC

We feel extremely happy to have a space at the Easton Community Centre every Monday 10-11 for our drop in ESOL Conversation Club. The Community Centre is the most welcoming and inclusive place. We are always greeted with a smile, the café is great, our learners feel welcomed and looked after, they can find other learning opportunities from the notice board, meet people from their community and attend great events which celebrate different cultures.

ESOL Community learning team

Our partnership with Eastside has begun with a very warm welcome from extremely helpful staff and leadership team. We have all had the feeling that we are welcome to be ourselves in the building and that what we bring is valuable. Everyone is kind and seems happy to be there! It's an organization we have been very proud to partner with and we will do our very best to keep it going harmoniously for a long time.

Kim Prado, Director, Houria CIC

It's great to be based in such a vibrant and diverse community centre. Eastside Community Trust's passion and commitment to serve their community is so clear.

Rami Ghali, CEO, Brigstowe

Eastside Community Trust have been incredible with helping Super Supper Club. Firstly they gave us a kitchen to use for 5 months when we were without a home and have helped us gain a grant to enable us to open another day. Thank you so much.

Rachel Hodgson, founder, Super Supper Club

WECIL [has heard from a client] what a hugely positive impact your organisation has had on her and her disabled children.

Alex Johnston, WECIL

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Eastside Community Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The charity officially changed its name on 12 September 2020 following a charity merger. It is registered under charity number 1081691 and company number 04023294.

The board has a scheme of delegation which passes some decision making responsibilities on to sub-committees illustrated below.

Eastside Community Trust Governance Structure			
Strategic Board Meeting four times a year			
Finance Sub Committee Meets four times a year	People Sub Committee Meets twice a year	Risk Sub Committee Meets twice a year	Resources and Operations Sub Committee Meets twice a year

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any trustee not re-elected will be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the CEO and, in accordance with the charity’s conflict of interest policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the charity commission guidance on public benefit, content of the memorandum and articles of association, the committee and decision-making processes and the strategic plan. During the induction they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Risk management

The organisation has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and this is monitored by the CEO and Risk Sub-Committee. A risk register has been established and is reviewed at each quarterly Strategic Board meeting. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Health and safety

The organisation has outsourced Health and Safety advice to Avensure and has conducted independent fire and health and safety risk assessments and reports to ensure compliance with regulations and ensuring the health and safety of employees and visitors.

Financial review

Principle funding source

Our principle funding source in 22/23 was from grants and trusts with the remaining being made up from self-generated income from our leases and short term hires, communications and advertising, food sales and consultancy.

Asset policy

Individual assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful life of that asset. Electrical items are deemed to have a useful life of four years and depreciated at 20% each year.

Investment policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investments that the trustees see fit. Having considered the options available, the trustees decided to invest reserves in fixed term bonds. The trustees consider the overall return on investments and deposits together.

Future plans

This year we have been successful with more grant fundraising which increased our income and enabled us to do more (therefore increasing expenditure). Overall we have greater financial resilience due to the rise in general funds which are now in line with our reserves policy. We will now seek to develop a medium and long term investment plan for the assets as well as review our strategy and delivery plan to launch a new three year plan in April 2024.

Reserves policy

Reserves are categorised into two main headings: restricted and unrestricted.

1. Restricted funds – funds received under a restriction applied by the donor to spend on a particular activity as defined in contractual terms and agreements.
2. Unrestricted funds – in order to ensure the continuing health of Eastside Community Trust, invest in new assets, provide a working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows, avoid unnecessary borrowing and meet our contractual obligations in the event of termination of contracts.

The board is responsible for ensuring the adequacy of unrestricted reserves when it sets the budget for the next financial year. The reserves policy is reviewed at least annually and at any other time the board considers appropriate.

Eastside Community Trust has adopted a tiered approach to set a minimum level of unrestricted reserves:

1. The Risk Sub Committee and Finance Sub Committee identifying cash flow risks for service delivery and repayment of loans
2. Identifying specific liabilities that might require readily available cash in worst case scenarios
3. Allowing for investment in major projects if applicable.

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The charity holds reserves for the following reasons and has set the following targets:

Staff contingency/Armageddon reserve - £200,000

To cover costs arising from sick leave or other enforced staff absence and the costs of closure of the organisation and its activities and repayment of outstanding debt liabilities. This is based on three months’ running down time, including redundancies, any contract obligations and skeleton staffing.

Designated reserve - £50,000

A designated reserve of £50,000 was created in 21-22 and is maintained in 22-23 to ensure sufficient resources were available to for major capital repairs and maintenance as a result of vulnerabilities in the sewage system at Easton Community Centre and the unknown elements to running to major capital facilities as well as obligations as a landlord to two nurseries and four retail units.

Cash flow reserve - £120,000

To cover funding shortfalls or interruption to normal operating activities. These funds will provide Eastside Community Trust with a level of stability whilst the longer-term impact of the pandemic is still to be assessed and the development of the business model post merger.

At 31/03/23 the free cash reserves of the organisation stood at **£398,907**.

Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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E Maunganidze, Chair of Trustees

Date 2023

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Eastside Community Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibility and basis of report

As the charity's trustees are also its directors for the purposes of company law, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Eastside Community Trust are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Certified Public Accountants Association, which is a listed body.

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:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required under section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
- The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of my independent examination: or
- The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).
- 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.

Michael Grant ACPA
Linden Accountants Limited, Scrapstore House, 21 Sevier Street, St Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9LB
Date: 2023

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Note				
Income (and endowments) from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	72,834	72,834	96,428
Charitable activities	4	633,376	242,695	876,071	643,370
Other trading activities	5	-	13,433	13,433	10,179
Investments	7	-	2,381	2,381	1,037
Total income (and endowments)		633,376	331,343	964,720	751,015
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		80,982	61,949	142,931	144,997
Charitable activities		492,285	187,735	680,020	554,828
Total expenditure	8	573,267	249,684	822,951	699,824
Net income/(expenditure)		60,110	81,659	141,769	51,191
Transfers between funds		(18,002)	18,002	-	-
Net movement in funds	9	42,108	99,661	141,769	51,191
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		128,126	877,967	1,006,093	954,902
Total funds carried forward		170,234	977,628	1,147,862	1,006,093

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.
All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The comparative Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 2.

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		585,490		588,377
Current assets					
Debtors	13	38,162		41,120	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>630,802</u>		<u>500,058</u>	
			668,964		541,177
Liabilities					
Creditors: falling due within one year	14		(65,657)		(57,626)
Net current assets / (liabilities)			<u>603,308</u>		<u>483,552</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			1,188,797		1,071,928
Creditors: falling due after one year			(40,935)		(65,835)
Net assets / (liabilities)	16		<u>1,147,862</u>		<u>1,006,093</u>
Funds	17				
Restricted funds			170,234		128,126
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds			578,721		599,912
General funds			398,907		278,056
			<u>1,147,862</u>		<u>1,006,093</u>

For the year ending 31st March 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

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The notes on pages 27 to 44 form part of these financial statements

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash used in operating activities			
Net movement in funds		141,769	51,191
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	12	38,325	28,870
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	7	(2,381)	(1,037)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	15	2,957	(32,241)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors < 1 year	14	8,031	(10,556)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors > 1 year	15	(24,900)	(37,804)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		163,801	(1,578)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	7	2,381	1,037
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	12	(35,438)	(27,873)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		(33,056)	(26,836)
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		130,745	(28,414)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		500,057	528,471
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		630,802	500,057

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Eastside Community Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants and have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware the probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executors to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of provision of a specified service is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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e) **Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) **Funds accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) **Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) **Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2023	2022
Raising funds	19.2%	24.0%
Charitable activities	80.8%	76.0%

i) **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Leasehold	40 years straight line
Nursery	20 years straight line
Playground	5 years straight line
Community Centre	20 years straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,500.

j) **Stock**

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

k) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

p) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

q) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are described below.

Depreciation

As described in note 1i to the financial statements, depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

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2 Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	-	96,428	96,428
Charitable activities	436,725	206,645	643,370
Other trading activities	-	10,179	10,179
Investments	-	1,037	1,037
Total income	436,725	314,290	751,015
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	117,161	27,836	144,997
Charitable activities	487,661	67,167	554,828
Total expenditure	604,822	95,003	699,824
Net income / (expenditure)	(168,097)	219,287	699,824
Extraordinary item	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	286	(286)	-
Net movement in funds	(170,633)	221,823	51,191

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
General Donations	-	35,784	35,784
Colcannon Donations (Trusts and Foundations)	-	37,050	37,050
Bristol City Council Business Rates Relief Grant	-	-	-
Total income from donations and legacies	-	72,834	72,834

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Prior period comparative:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
General Donations	-	37,928	37,928
Colcannon Donations (trusts and foundations)	-	38,500	38,500
Bristol City Council Business Rates Relief Grant	-	20,000	20,000
Total income from donations and legacies	-	96,428	96,428

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Café and Food sales	-	11,311	11,311
Printing and other admin	-	859	859
Nursery Profit Share	-	-	-
Rental and lease income	-	154,222	154,222
Service Charge income	-	5,748	5,748
Short term hire income	-	54,995	54,995
Grant / project income	633,376	15,560	648,936
Total income from charitable activities	633,376	242,695	876,071

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Café and Food sales	-	4,257	4,257
Printing and other admin	-	894	894
Nursery Profit Share	-	3,344	3,344
Rental and lease income	-	143,990	143,990
Service Charge income	-	8,343	8,343
Short term hire income	-	42,818	42,818
Grant / project income	436,725	3,000	439,725
Total income from charitable activities	436,725	206,645	643,370

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Advertising	-	6,310	6,310
Advertising subscriptions	-	1,309	1,309
Consulting income	-	5,814	5,814
Total income from other trading activities	-	13,433	13,433

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Advertising	-	5,771	5,771
Advertising subscriptions	-	1,080	1,080
Consulting income	-	3,328	3,328
Total income from other trading activities	-	10,179	10,179

6 Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, HMRC, Department for Media and Culture (Power to Change, Sport England) and WECA to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2023 was £168,906 (2022: £213,740). There are no unfulfilled conditions of contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

7 Investment income

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income:			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	2,381	2,381

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income:			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	1,037	1,037

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8 Total expenditure

	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	Support and Governance Costs	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs (note 10)	77,234	325,752	-	402,986
Other employment costs	-	-	1,094	1,094
Accountancy	-	-	11,771	11,771
Bank charges	-	-	393	393
Rent	-	-	-	-
Rates	-	-	2,852	2,852
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	75,720	75,720
Insurance	-	-	12,375	12,375
Computer expenses	-	-	6,830	6,830
Subscriptions	-	-	3,537	3,537
Telephone and internet	-	-	6,456	6,456
Utilities	-	-	31,877	31,877
Advertising	14,628	-	-	14,628
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	4,284	4,284
Professional and legal	-	-	358	358
Consultants and contract staff	7,200	-	22,432	29,632
Playground expenditure	-	-	3,049	3,049
Café and food expenditure	-	-	7,260	7,260
Project expenses	-	169,297	-	169,297
Interest paid	-	-	368	368
Depreciation	-	-	38,325	38,325
Bad debts	-	-	(142)	(142)
Sub-total	99,062	495,050	228,839	822,951
Allocation of support and governance costs	43,868	184,970	(228,839)	-
Total expenditure	142,931	680,020	-	822,951

Total governance costs were £800 (2022: £800)

Support and governance costs include expenditure incurred on the running of the Community Centre and Playground, which are available to the community for hire and use. This includes repairs and maintenance, utilities and depreciation on the building and facilities. Total costs included in support and governance are £145,921 (2022: £174,423) which makes up 64% (2022: 72%) of support and governance expenditure.

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Total expenditure

Prior period comparative	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	Support and Governance Costs	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs (note 10)	84,016	262,299	-	346,315
Other employment costs	-	-	3,043	3,043
Accountancy	-	-	14,708	14,708
Bank charges	-	-	776	776
Rent	-	-	-	-
Rates	-	-	728	728
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	129,454	129,454
Insurance	-	-	10,955	10,955
Computer expenses	-	-	13,700	13,700
Subscriptions	-	-	1,478	1,478
Telephone and internet	-	-	6,768	6,768
Utilities	-	-	16,100	16,100
Advertising	2,727	-	-	2,727
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	6,077	6,077
Professional and legal	-	5,043	7,617	12,660
Project expenses	-	103,017	-	103,017
Interest paid	-	-	1,232	1,232
Depreciation	-	-	28,870	28,870
Bad debts	-	-	1,217	1,217
Sub-total	86,743	370,359	242,722	699,824
Allocation of support and governance costs	58,253	184,469	(242,722)	-
Total expenditure	144,997	554,828	-	699,824

9 Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation	28,870	28,870
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	-	-
Auditors' remuneration		
• Statutory audit	-	-
• Independent examination	800	800

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10 Staff and costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	359,121	299,660
Social security costs	26,495	17,956
Pensions	15,715	14,183
Freelance staff	<u>1,656</u>	<u>14,516</u>
	<u>402,986</u>	<u>346,315</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees, Chief Executive Officer and Business Development Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £76,329 (2022: £85,537).

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Average head count	<u>29.33</u>	<u>20.75</u>

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold £	Nursery £	Playground £	Community Centre £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2022	279,057	288,670	78,131	92,501	738,359
Additions in year	-	18,119	7,000	10,319	35,438
At 31 March 2023	<u>279,057</u>	<u>306,789</u>	<u>85,131</u>	<u>102,820</u>	<u>773,797</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2022	97,736	14,434	10,052	27,761	149,982
Charge for the year	<u>6,976</u>	<u>10,539</u>	<u>15,743</u>	<u>5,067</u>	<u>38,325</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>104,712</u>	<u>24,973</u>	<u>25,794</u>	<u>32,828</u>	<u>188,307</u>
Net book value					
At 31 March 2023	<u>174,345</u>	<u>281,816</u>	<u>59,337</u>	<u>69,992</u>	<u>585,490</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>181,321</u>	<u>274,236</u>	<u>68,079</u>	<u>64,740</u>	<u>588,377</u>

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	17,360	20,679
Other debtors	<u>20,802</u>	<u>20,441</u>
	<u>38,162</u>	<u>41,120</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	23,491	6,256
Accruals	2,979	1,020
Other creditors	7,104	-
Pension control account	347	577
VAT control account	3,003	3,776
Rent deposits	3,033	3,033
Loan - Andy Robb	-	8,632
Loan - Andy Street	-	8,632
Loan - Andy Street	4,400	4,400
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	8,800	8,800
Co-op Foundation Loan	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>
	<u>65,657</u>	<u>57,626</u>

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan - Andy Street	4,360	8,760
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	27,200	35,200
Co-op Foundation Loan	9,375	21,875
	<u>40,935</u>	<u>65,835</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	585,490	585,490
Current assets	170,234	498,730	668,964
Current liabilities	-	(65,657)	(65,657)
Liabilities after one year	-	(40,935)	(40,935)
Net assets at 31 March 2023	<u>170,234</u>	<u>977,628</u>	<u>1,147,862</u>

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Prior period comparative			
Tangible fixed assets	-	588,376	588,376
Current assets	128,126	413,052	541,177
Current liabilities	-	(57,626)	(57,626)
Liabilities after one year	-	(65,835)	(65,835)
Net assets at 31 March 2022	<u>128,126</u>	<u>877,967</u>	<u>1,006,093</u>

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17 Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Active Travel Grant	142	-	(142)	-	-
Awards For All 2022	-	9,990	(9,990)	-	-
BCC Libraries Fund	1,162	-	(1,162)	-	-
BCC Parks	2,717	-	(500)	-	2,217
BCC Stapleton Road	-	21,436	(1,252)	-	20,184
BCC Warm Hub	-	7,552	(7,552)	-	-
Betty Messenger Charitable Fund	-	25,000	(23,200)	(1,800)	-
BrisDoc	-	6,338	(388)	(5,949)	-
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	17,082	95,000	(98,113)	-	13,969
Bristol City Council - Self Isolation	8,759	-	(8,759)	-	-
Bristol Social Action Festival	902	-	(900)	(1)	-
Capital Grants	5,300	-	(4,247)	(1,053)	-
Children In Need	222	-	(222)	-	-
Climate Action Fund	-	66,770	(30,293)	-	36,476
Community Resilience Fund	-	8,100	(8,100)	-	-
Community Spaces	469	1,000	-	-	1,469
Co-op Expand	4,854	-	(4,854)	-	-
Co-op Foundation	9,407	-	(9,408)	2	-
Denman Charitable Trust	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Enovert	-	-	(16,688)	(3,500)	(20,188)
Ernest Cook Trust	-	360	(360)	-	-
Everyday Integration	1,008	2,000	(3,008)	-	-
Feeding Bristol	-	13,756	(4,506)	-	9,250
Feeding Bristol (Local Food Fund)	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Funding The Future	-	900	-	-	900
Garfield Weston	-	25,000	(14,911)	-	10,089
Great Western Power	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Groundworks	-	1,000	(362)	-	638
Heritage Fund	-	9,000	(9,000)	-	-
John James	1,159	5,000	(3,971)	-	2,188
Nisbets	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Owen Square Community Safety Project	-	20,000	(1,200)	-	18,800
Pantheon	-	5,000	(3,201)	-	1,799
Paradigm Norton	1,920	-	(1,920)	-	-
PCC	-	5,000	(2,761)	-	2,239
Power To Change Powering Up	4,000	4,000	(5,369)	(2,046)	585
Quartet Endowment Fund	3,401	12,841	(9,546)	-	6,696
Quartet One City Health and Wellbeing F	-	20,202	(17,448)	-	2,754
Quartet Warm Hubs	-	23,134	(23,134)	-	-
Quartet Warm Hubs (Super Supper Club	-	5,000	(4,204)	(96)	700
Quartet Warm Hubs (Community Meal)	-	4,124	(1,528)	-	2,596
Quartet Warm Hubs (Peace Of Art)	-	2,505	(2,505)	-	-

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17 Movement in funds (continued)

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Quartet Youth Sector Support	1,682	2,000	(1,682)	-	2,000
School For Social Entrepreneurs	24,750	-	(24,953)	203	-
Schroders	-	5,000	(1,100)	-	3,900
Society of Merchant Venturers	-	5,000	(1,380)	-	3,620
Sport England	5,339	-	(5,362)	23	-
St Monica Trust Community Impact	-	19,973	(20,825)	-	(852)
Thresholds - FairBnB	450	-	(450)	-	-
Thresholds - Kitchen	22,113	-	(21,258)	(854)	-
Thresholds	-	20,000	(1,631)	(2,447)	15,922
Thrive	-	3,573	(3,374)	(199)	-
TravelWest	2,300	3,892	-	-	6,192
Triodos	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tudor Trust	567	35,000	(29,983)	-	5,584
Van Neste	-	5,000	(5,132)	132	-
Voscur	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
WECA	-	15,262	(15,295)	33	-
Welcome Places (PPE)	-	4,296	(288)	-	4,008
Wesport Together NHS CCG	-	8,760	(8,760)	-	-
Wesport Together	-	7,600	(7,600)	-	-
Wing Chun	1,617	3,770	(3,560)	-	1,827
Wing Chun Sport England Jubilee Fund	-	7,620	(7,120)	(500)	-
Winter Fuel Fund	-	4,000	(3,350)	-	650
YHH Spring Holidays	(1,036)	18,720	(10,161)	-	7,523
YHH Summer Funding	-	32,400	(32,452)	52	-
YHH Winter Funding	1,361	9,600	(10,961)	-	-
Youth Music	(1,303)	1,303	-	-	-
Youth Project (BYCA/United Communitie	2,784	3,600	(6,384)	-	-
Restricted funds	128,126	633,376	(573,266)	(18,002)	170,234
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	588,376	-	(37,883)	21,619	572,112
Avonvale Road Maintenance	11,536	931	(5,857)	-	6,609
Redundancy Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<i>599,912</i>	<i>931</i>	<i>(43,740)</i>	<i>21,619</i>	<i>578,721</i>
General funds	278,056	330,412	(205,944)	(3,617)	398,907
Total unrestricted funds	877,967	331,343	(249,684)	18,002	977,628
Total funds	1,006,093	964,720	(822,950)	-	1,147,862

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17 Purposes of restricted funds

Active Travel Grant - to provide a free family bike loan scheme

Awards For All 2022 - to run the community kitchen at Felix Road

BCC Libraries Fund - to run a music project for older people

BCC Parks - to provide community engagement support for Bristol Future Parks

BCC Stapleton Road - an arts and cultural project to support high street regeneration

BCC Warm Hub - extended opening hours and activities over winter to support people struggling with the cost of living

Betty Messenger Charitable Fund - core funding

BrisDoc - supporting equipment for new café at Easton Community Centre

Bristol City Council Impact Fund - community conversations and community development work

Bristol City Council Self Isolation - to provide support to local residents who were struggling as a result of self-isolation

Bristol Social Action Festival - supporting council Can Do volunteer programme

Capital Grants - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Children In Need - capital investment to improve youth facility of Felix Road

Climate Action Fund - a community produced climate action plan

Community Resilience Fund - consultancy support for development of participatory grant process

Community Spaces - to support Councillors with engaging residents about CIL decision making

Co-op Expand - to support isolated parents with small children to connect

Co-op Foundation - to support children to produce a podcast

Denman Charitable Trust - to build a play structure at Felix Road specifically for disabled children

Enovert - capital investment and upgrades at Easton Community Centre

Ernest Cook Trust - children's climate change art workshop

Everyday Integration - research project with University of Bristol on integration in the city

Feeding Bristol - food provision from Felix Road Adventure Playground over Christmas

Feeding Bristol (Local Food Fund) - events and equipment to promote food justice

Funding The Future - staff time to complete merger and organisational development

Garfield Weston - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

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17 Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Great Western Power - community kitchen at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Groundworks - community kitchen at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Heritage Fund - exhibition and event to celebrate 50th anniversary of Felix Road Adventure Playground

John James - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Merchant Venturers - support for youth sessions at Felix Road

Nisbets - community kitchen at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Owen Square Community Safety Project - capital improvements around Easton Community Centre and Owen Square Park

Pantheon - youth and play work at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Paradigm Norton - to support outreach play in local areas of high rise flats with Swing Theory

PCC - Felix Nights youth sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Power To Change Powering Up - capital improvements at Easton Community Centre and COVID adaptations

Quartet Endowment Fund - small grants scheme for local people

Quartet One City Health And Wellbeing Fund - to support health play and food for children at Felix Road and weaning workshops

Quartet Warm Hubs - extended opening hours and activities over winter to support people struggling with the cost of living

Quartet Warm Hubs (Super Supper Club) - funding held for community voluntary project running a supper club

Quartet Warm Hubs (Community Meal) - community meals for people struggling with cost of living

Quartet Warm Hubs (Peace Of Art) - women-led art workshops at Easton Community Centre

Quartet Youth Sector Support - Felix Nights youth sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground

School For Social Entrepreneurs - to support the community business of Easton Community Centre with post Covid recovery

Schroders - youth and play work at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Sport England - to provide sports activities for children at Felix Road

St Monica Trust Community Impact - community project to reduce isolation and loneliness among older residents

Thresholds - FairBnB - to support families to access free holidays in rural Wales

Thresholds - Kitchen - to provide free meals for children after school

Thresholds - core funding support and support for Felix Road Adventure Playground 50th celebrations

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17 Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Thrive - capital improvements for energy efficiency at Felix Road Adventure Playground

TravelWest -to support cycling trips for children in school holidays

Triodos - support for girls group at Felix Road

Tudor Trust - funding Service and Business Development staff capacity

Van Neste - youth and play work at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Voscur - consultancy support

WECA - volunteering and training programme

Welcome Places (PPE) - equipment for warm hub

Wesport Together NHC CCG - green social prescribing project using adventure play (build for wellbeing)

Wesport Together - sport youth and play work at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Wing Chun - providing affordable martial arts from Felix Road

Wing Chun Sport England Jubilee Fund - martial arts project at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Winter Fuel Fund - support for individuals struggling with energy bills

YHH Spring Holidays - to provide meals and activities for children on free school meals during school holidays

YHH Summer Funding - to provide meals and activities for children on free school meals during school holidays

YHH Winter Funding - to provide meals and activities for children on free school meals during school holidays

Youth Music - supporting playworker staff to engage children in music at Felix Road

Youth Project (BYCA/United Communities) - supporting playworkers at Felix Road

Transfers between funds

The transfers are in respect of restricted fund balances and/or assets purchased, where the fund activity has concluded and/or purchase of the assets has been completed and the Trustees consider the balance and/or asset to now be used as they see fit and is therefore moved to unrestricted funds.

17 Purposes of designated funds

Capital fund

Capital funds represents (i) the leasehold property and improvements which are designated on the basis that the underlying assets could not be sold by the charity; (ii) the nursery which may have a mortgage value but is built on our leasehold land. They have a value in use for the charity but no re-sale value.

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17 Purposes of designated funds (continued)

Avonvale Road Maintenance

This money represents rent deposits paid by tenants and annual contributions by tenants to a sinking fund ring fenced for maintenance and repairs for the retail units service yard. This sum is recorded in the leases on the properties.

Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Active Travel Grant	3,952	-	(3,810)	-	142
Awards For All 2021	-	9,800	(9,800)	-	-
BCC Libraries Fund	-	1,267	(105)	-	1,162
BCC Parks	2,217	1,000	(500)	-	2,717
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	11,256	61,625	(55,856)	57	17,082
Bristol City Council - Self Isolation	-	23,600	(14,841)	-	8,759
Bristol Social Action Festival	7,267	-	(6,365)	-	902
Capital Grants	5,300	-	-	-	5,300
Children In Need	-	42,300	(42,078)	-	222
Climate Action Fund	5,098	15,044	(20,142)	-	-
Climate Action Fund Coproduction	25,200	-	(25,200)	-	-
CLORS	17,962	4,509	(22,471)	(0)	-
Community Spaces	-	800	(331)	-	469
Co-op Expand	9,970	1,045	(6,161)	-	4,854
Co-op Foundation	-	10,000	(593)	-	9,407
Denman Charitable Trust	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Easton Community Centre - CIL	42,335	-	(42,355)	20	-
Enovert	-	29,900	(29,938)	38	-
Everyday Integration	10,713	5,250	(14,955)	-	1,008
Feeding Bristol	1,909	-	(1,909)	-	-
Felix Road Adventure Playground - CIL	16,509	-	(16,509)	-	-
Funding The Future	-	30,211	(30,211)	-	-
Garfield Weston	18,816	-	(18,803)	(13)	-
John James	4,079	-	(2,920)	-	1,159
Merchant Vent	4,997	-	(4,997)	-	-
Paradigm Norton	-	1,920	-	-	1,920
Pavement Works	(2,600)	-	(3,736)	6,336	-
Playground Food Support	6,000	-	-	(6,000)	-
Power To Change Powering Up	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Quartet Endowment Fund	12,982	-	(9,581)	-	3,401
Quartet One City Health and Wellbeing F	-	18,772	(18,726)	(46)	-
Quartet Youth Sector Support	-	7,000	(5,318)	-	1,682
Rausling	-	27,636	(27,636)	-	-
Reaching Communities	29,161	10,522	(39,618)	(65)	-
School For Social Entrepreneurs	-	24,750	-	-	24,750
Sport England	-	9,400	(4,061)	-	5,339
St Monica Trust Community Impact	19,037	-	(19,037)	-	-
Thresholds - FairBnB	-	3,500	(3,050)	-	450
Thresholds - Kitchen	-	30,000	(7,887)	-	22,113
TravelWest	-	2,300	-	-	2,300
Triodos	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-

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17 Prior period comparative (continued)

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Tudor Trust	30,014	-	(29,447)	-	567
Wessex Water	-	400	(359)	(41)	-
Wing Chun	2,022	2,475	(2,880)	-	1,617
YHH Spring Holidays	-	-	(1,036)	-	(1,036)
YHH Summer Funding	-	32,918	(32,918)	-	-
YHH Winter Funding	-	10,580	(9,219)	-	1,361
YTKO	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Youth Music	4,113	-	(5,416)	-	(1,303)
Youth Project (BYCA/United Communities)	4,628	4,200	(6,044)	-	2,784
Restricted funds	295,936	436,725	(604,822)	286	128,126
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	589,373	-	-	(997)	588,376
Avonvale Road Maintenance	10,724	-	-	812	11,536
Redundancy Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<i>600,097</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(185)</i>	<i>599,912</i>
General funds	58,869	314,290	(95,003)	(101)	278,056
Total unrestricted funds	658,966	314,290	(95,003)	(286)	877,967
Total funds	954,902	751,015	(699,824)	-	1,006,093

18 Related party transactions

Zoe Sheriff, trustee and director, provided a loan of £40,000 to fund the development of the nursery at Felix Road. Zoe receives interest of 2% on the loan in accordance with our constitution.

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EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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Charity name: Eastside Community Trust

Charity registration number: 1081691

Company registration number: 04023294

Registered office and
operational address: Easton Community Centre
Kilburn Street
Bristol
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Trustees

Amy Harrison	Stood down March 2022
Alice Ballantine Dykes	
Amanda Watson	
Andy Burkitt	Vice chair
Damon Rand	Stood down March 2022
Emmanuel Maunganidze	Chair
Joyce Clarke	Stood down March 2022
Margaret Hickman	
Noelle Rumball	
Ricardo Sharry	Stood down March 2022
Saed Ali	Stood down November 2021
Sally Casely	Stood down March 2022
Zoe Sheriff	
Jess Slack	Treasurer – appointed March 2022

Senior Management Team

Stacy Yelland	Chief Executive Officer
Tom Williams	Business and Services Development Manager

Independent Examiner

Michael Grant ACPA, Linden Accountants Limited, Scrapstore House, 21 Sevier Street, Bristol, BS2 9LB

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Chair's report

During this year the organisation has successfully embedded the identity of our newly merged organisation and the increased sustainability and impact we have been able to achieve.

Since our merger in May 2020 we have experienced a number of significant challenges: the global pandemic, a large capital build project and discovery of a financial fraud in previous years. All of these have made us stronger both in our policies and procedures and in our resolve to achieve the best for the communities of Easton and Lawrence Hill.

We have reviewed our leadership as a board, ensuring we have the right structure and skills needed for the ambitions of the organisation.

The staff team have been focusing on ensuring the quality of the delivery of our projects as well as developing new areas of work in response to local need, which would not have been possible without the merger.

Manu Maunganidze
Chair

Charitable objectives

The Company serves the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill, particularly the neighbourhoods of Easton, Lawrence Hill, Old Market, St Judes, Newtown, Whitehall, Greenbank, Redfield, The Dings and Barton Hill. The objects for which the Charity is established are:

- Advancement of citizenship and community development through the promotion of civic participation, volunteering, and community capacity building.
- Provision of community services and facilities with the objective of inspiring agency, connecting people, creating opportunities and improving the condition of life for residents.
- Specifically provide services and facilities, including an adventure playground, for children and young people:
 - of which such children and young people have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances; and which will improve the conditions of childhood for such children and young people by promoting their health and wellbeing.

Public benefit statement

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Membership

In 20/21 we launched a membership scheme to grow community leadership and support for the delivery of our work. We currently have 191 members and have been developing four advisory groups for members to participate and share their ideas and feedback:

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| 1. Children and play | 3. Inclusion |
| 2. People and places | 4. Climate and sustainability |

Our vision

Our vision is to create a place of possibility for everyone. A place

- which is welcoming, inclusive and proudly diverse.
- where neighbours know each other by name, children play in the street and public space is shared and respected.
- where people take an active interest in the world around them and feel they have a role to play in shaping the future of where they live.
- which promotes the wellbeing of people through quality urban design and protection of the natural world.
- where connections between people lead to a shared sense of belonging and local pride.

OUR AIMS

- Community hub for all
To build on Easton Community Centre's strong foundations and be a thriving public space at the centre of community activity.
- Participation and action in the neighbourhood
To promote active involvement in civic and cultural life where local voices are strengthened through access to good quality information, empowering events and community knowledge.
- Inclusion and belonging where we live
To cultivate and nurture a sense of belonging, where people can understand, respect and celebrate difference.
- Children and play at the heart of the community
To create a playful and child-friendly neighbourhood which is home to an inspiring and free adventure playground.
- Caring for the environment around us
To improve and act as stewards of our urban environment and respond to local challenges created by climate change, austerity, rapid physical developments and economic inequality.
- Champion for the area and its people
To be a catalyst for equality by promoting social justice, challenging systemic disadvantage and developing just solutions with policymakers.
- Fit for the future
To create a financially robust, resilient organisation which uses community wisdom and an evidence-based approach to decision making.

Our impact – what difference do we make?

As an organisation we are driven by our shared values and a desire to achieve three fundamental long-term outcomes.

1. Children will have the freedom to play, experiment and learn; to be healthy, happy and feel part of their community.
2. The community will have healthy, sustainable, welcoming places to connect, socialise, learn and share cultural knowledge.

3. Residents will be informed, have the agency to participate in their neighbourhood and city, feel a sense of belonging and take pride in where they live

Impact of COVID

During 21/22 year our work was still impacted by the pandemic and our delivery was adapted to comply with restrictions in particular:

- Limited opening of indoor spaces at the playground
- Restricted numbers in Easton Community Centre
- Acting as community hub for Easton and supporting residents with self-isolation
- Community communications about the pandemic
- Promotion of vaccination programme

Felix Road Adventure Playground

During the year, Felix Road Adventure Playground has been open for free play for six days a week all year round. This unique and special play space is a vital part of the local community making memories for years to come. Many of the children accessing the playground are living in cramped conditions with no outside space and homes where money is tight. The safe, inclusive, fun and engaging space, staffed by trained and skills playworkers is essential for their wellbeing during childhood.

Number of sessions	272
Number of hours of play	Approx 400 hours
Number of children on register	504
Number of attendances from children	10,412
Number of attendances from adults	2,869

Bike hire scheme, bike repairs and maintenance, cycling lessons

- Together with LifeCycle we run weekly bike repair and maintenance workshops for young people who are struggling in school. The sessions take place before the open play session and are run by experienced bike mechanics.
- We received funding from TravelWest to buy a selection of children and adults bikes to trial a bike hire scheme for families with no access to bikes.
- We have been supporting LifeCycle to deliver cycling lessons for Somali women who have not ridden bikes before.

Youth Investment Fund capital improvements

- Invested in solar panels and air source heat pump to be installed in 22/23
- Improved IT facilities for playworkers
- Podcasting equipment and improving the music room
- Rendering works for a new celebration mural in 22/23

Pavement

With support from ETM and MottMcdonald we progressed improved road safety measures outside the nursery and playground with a widening scheme.

Felix girls

This weekly session on Fridays dedicated to girls has gone from strength to strength.

Felix nights

We have continued our weekly session for children aged 11 to 16 years in the early evenings delivered by skilled youth workers.

Health and wellbeing – One City

We received funding to support reducing obesity and improving health of children and young people in particular delivering:

- **Swing theory:** weekly pop up swings in space outside high rise flats attended by around 20 children regularly
- **Walking bus:** playworkers visiting high rise flats, Twinnell House and Rawnsley House, to collect children who want to walk to the playground to assist them in crossing the busy dual carriageway
- **Weaning workshops:** working with Easton Community Children's Centre to run a series of workshops supporting mothers with newborns with weaning

Fairbnb

Together with our chair of trustees, we worked with a local philanthropist to support families to access a free holiday in rural Wales.

Trips

This year the children at the playground went on a number of external trips including a Felix Girl's trip to The Wave to learn surfing and trips to Weston-Super-Mare beach.

Christmas

For the second year in a row we opened for a special 10 days during the Christmas holidays offering a daily free hot meal for children, play and a Christmas party with Santa and presents.

Build for wellbeing

In a partnership with Woodland Tribe we ran a series of after school adventure play build sessions. An all-female build team helped children create the structures in the new space in the playground, learn skills and increase confidence.

Democratic film making – Socially Engaged Films from the city's margins

Working with University of Bristol, young people took part in a filmmaking project during Felix Nights sessions. They made a series of short films about issues important to them which were then screened at The Cube cinema in March.

Disabled children's sessions

We have been supporting Bristol City Council disabled children's services to provide one to one supported play sessions for children referred to the playground.

Freedom Kids Podcast

We continued our podcast series made by the children of Felix Road and were shortlisted for Best Podcast Award in the Young Audio Awards. The children made programmes linked to climate change

covering topics like energy, waste and food. Listen here:

<https://eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk/project/freedom-kids-podcast>

Food at Felix

The kitchen at Felix Road Adventure Playground is open five days a week offering a free hot meal for children and a hot meal for donation for adults.

We have continued developing the menu to remove excessive salt and sugar content and change the children's expectations around provision of sweets and fizzy drinks. We no longer sell or give away these items but limit it to ice creams during the summer and chips and chocolate on Sundays only.

Communications

Communication is a big part of what we do – we want to share information so residents are informed but also to build pride, promote civic action and create sense of belonging.

This year we focused on increasing the skills of the team around communicating about the climate crisis to link with the development of our Community Climate Action Plan. Our team took part in an intensive course delivered by The Media Trust focused on increasing our competency in this area.

During the pandemic it has been increasingly important to provide locally relevant, trusted and accessible information.

Quarterly magazine	14,000 households
Fortnightly ebuletin	2000 subscribers
Social media	3,000 followers

I really like Up Our Street and your positive stories and content. I've been an east Bristol resident for a while and always look forward to receiving the magazine – it is by far the best community publication in Bristol!

Senior External Communications Officer, Bristol City Council

Easton Community Centre

This year we completed a number of capital improvements to the building thanks to funding from Bristol City Council (CIL) and Enover. We also approved an expansion of the nursery into an underused part of the building which improved their provision. We had a number of challenges to deal with that come with managing an old building, in particular around electricity and drainage.

- **Bike store:** we finished construction on a new 20 bike secure storage area with living roof
- **Bins store:** we finished construction of a new secure waste and recycling area which has removed the previous issues of fly tipping and littering
- **Doors:** we installed new accessible and safe automatic doors in the main hall and main entrance to improve access for tenants and also disabled people

- **Signage:** following recommendations in a WECIL accessibility report, we improved signage throughout the centre
- **Lighting:** we improved lighting both internally and externally for safety and security

Disability murals

We worked in partnership with Disability Murals (<http://www.disabilitymurals.org.uk/>) to support artists from disabled, deaf and refugee communities to take part in a series of workshops which led to the creation of a mural that is displayed on the side of the building.

Room hires and services

This year we saw the community centre coming back to life with 184 bookings taken in the 12 months. While some of these had to cancel due to COVID it shows the popularity of the venue and we estimate in the region of 50 to 100 people use the centre every day. A flavour of the type of events booked this year includes:

University training course	TALO fundraiser	ESOL conversation club
Community Health Practitioners	Extinction Rebellion meeting	Roma community church
Singing classes	Forest of Avon team meeting	House of Restoration church
Children’s birthday parties	Self-injury support group	Evergreens elders group
Bristol Queerants	University pregnancy research study	Aromatherapy
Sustrans team meetings	Weddings	Yoga
Easton Cowgirls AGM	Wakes	Sewing group
Bristol Tigrayan Community meeting	Christening	Sweaty Mamas
		Acupuncture

We of course also have our tenants, Café des Amis, BCfm, Brigstowe and Raised in Easton, who support local people. We also offer free and low cost desk space to Somali Kitchen and Bristol Somali Youth Voice.

Community Climate Action Plan

Eastside Community Trust recognises that climate change is one of the biggest issues facing society and is a partner in a citywide lottery funded initiative to look at how we can respond as communities. We have been part of an 18 month citywide programme funded by the lottery and led by Bristol Green Capital Partnership.

This project is a good example of working across our three predecessor charities to have a wider and deeper impact.

In 21/22 we carried out an engagement and research project to identify local concerns and ideas for actions which formed an in-depth climate action plan. This document was launched following a range of engagement activities including:

Bristol Disability Equality Forum listening session	Clean Air Day pop up
Big Green Week stalls and events on St Mark’s Road	Craftivism workshops at Felix Road
	Energy champion training
	Felix family feast

Climate toolkit for Muslims with Easton Jamia Mosque
Somali Youth Voice focus groups

Sustainable fashion week sewing group
Uniform swap
Online survey

Community development

During the course of the year we held 106 events with a total of 2,930 attendances. We run a number of programmes that help us meet our outcomes.

People and places project

We secured funding from Bristol City Council to focus on community events and civic participation with our partners Somali Kitchen and Trinity Centre. The team has begun a range of events including Councillor meet and greets, Mayoral question times and engagement in Community Infrastructure Levy conversations.

Art therapy

Funded by Co-op Foundation we have been running a weekly art therapy group for young mothers. This has grown into an inclusive, supportive space for women to share their experiences and feel welcomed and included.

Self-isolation support

Following on from our COVID Community Hub work, we supported Bristol City Council to reach residents needing support with self-isolation. This included sharing information and making weekly phone calls and home visits to vulnerable groups.

Everyday integration

We were a partner on this University of Bristol research project into integration in the city. We led one of the themes supporting residents to engage in interviews and focus groups as well as feeding into workshops to review the findings and the preparation of the final report.

Endowment Fund

We funded 14 groups to hold community events to bring the community back together again after the pandemic. We gave away £6,650 in small grants of up to £500 for the following groups/events:

Dings Community Association - Ali Hender
City Academy Bristol Community Allotment - Jenny Farmer
Cooperage Road residents - R Smith
Chaplin Community Garden - Ben von Bertele
Barton Hill Activity club - Hodan Shirwa
Battersea Road residents group - Rachael Bee
BCfm - Marcus Smith
Clare Street residents - Brendan Tate Wiestrich
Easton Community Garden - Cathy Mulholland
Friends of Hannah More - c/o Ruth Cochrane
It takes a village CIC - Deniece Dixon

Dings Fun day
Children from children's centre and city academy planting event
Party on the Netham for families
Planting party
Partnership delivered events in Barton Hill
Street party
Community open day
Street party
Relaunch of the garden
Trips and event at the school for reception children
Community event with bingo and BBQ

Daisy Rajput

Somali Kitchen - Suad Yusuf

Friends of Rawnsley park - Hamdi Abdullahi

Food and health event at Baggator

Mums event at Felix Road

Family event in park

Enterprise support – YTKO

We supported YTKO to reach local entrepreneurs and small businesses to access free training and mentoring. We hosted an event for local people from diverse communities and provided information on how people can access free support.

Eastside Connect

This is a three year project funded by St Monica's Foundation focused on reducing isolation and forming connections for people over 55 which includes:

- Call to connect – weekly group phone calls
- Craft to connect – weekly social craft sessions
- Cuppa connect – weekly meet ups in Café des Amis
- Vinyl connect – monthly radio phone in with BCfm to play old records
- Sew social – monthly drop in sewing club
- Exercise over the phone – monthly group phone exercise class
- History over the phone – monthly group phone classes
- Come dine with me – monthly sit down social meal hosted at Felix Road Adventure Playground

“[I was} able to get help, felt was listened to, comfortable about everything that was said to me, appreciated the support. Gave me more confidence to deal with the issue, uplifted me.”

Attendee of Come Dine with Us

Number of sessions	99
Number of attendances	472
Number of regular volunteers	3

Placemakers

This lottery funded programme focused on reducing isolation and loneliness ended in November. We had carried out a number of projects in Newtown, The Dings and St Judes with the aim of building connections between neighbours. We had to adapt this project in light of COVID restrictions and shifted our focus on to parents who had been isolated during the lockdown by starting stay and play groups.

Avonvale Road retail units

We own a long lease on four shop units on Avonvale Road as part of the long-term business model for the organisation. All four shops are rented to small businesses.

Working with others

To deliver our outcomes we support and work alongside a number of other organisations in particular:

- **Bristol Green Capital Partnership** - delivering the citywide Climate Action Fund programme together
- **Owen Square Community Energy** - we are a member of the co-op delivering clean energy to Easton Community Centre

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- **Bristol Energy Network** - we are partners on our community climate action plan and implementation of the plan to support residents with energy crisis
 - **Centre for Sustainable Energy** - providing data analysis for our Climate Action Plan work
 - **Easton Jamia Mosque** – partners on our Community Climate Action Plan
 - **Trinity Centre** – partners on our People and Places placemaking and events projects
 - **Café des Amis** – our café tenants at Easton Community Centre
 - **Brigstowe** – the HIV charity that is a tenant of Easton Community Centre
 - **BCfm** – community radio station with its home at Easton Community Centre
 - **Raised in Bristol** – our partner operating nurseries from our two sites (Raised in Easton and Raised in Felix Road)
 - **Somali Kitchen** – our partner on our People and Places project and a tenant at Easton Community Centre
 - **Bristol City Council** – a funder and supporter of our work and a partner on the COVID response Community Hubs
 - **Councillors** – we support our local Councillors to engage with community members on local issues
 - **BSWN** – we work alongside this racial justice charity on the Local Access Programme and as part of their Power to Change sector capacity building support programme
 - **Easton Community Children's Centre** – our partners on our One City Health and Wellbeing project delivering weaning workshops
 - **Three Fold Theatre** – our partners running low cost theatre workshops for children at Easton Community Centre
 - **Bristol Autism Project** – running sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground during school holidays
 - **Project Mama** – using Felix Road Adventure Playground for weekly sessions to support refugee mothers and babies
 - **Barton Hill Activity Club** – supporting them to engage with the council on a parks improvement project
 - **Horn Youth Concern** – working together to support young people in the neighbourhood
 - **Feeding Bristol** – working together on the food equality strategy group
 - **LifeCycle** – hosting free bike workshops at Felix Road Adventure Playground
 - **Freestyle Bristol** – delivering youth nights at Felix Road Adventure Playground
 - **NYCE** – supporting us with activities such as nature and building projects
 - **Wing Chun** – offering low cost martial arts at Felix Road Adventure Playground
 - **KHASS** – holding monthly play sessions for families at Felix Road Adventure Playground
 - **Woodland Tribe** – running a build project at the playground and the development of the Swing Theory project
 - **North Bristol Food Bank** – supporting us with free food collections for our kitchen
 - **Family Food Action** – a community-led project providing regular food support for the playground

Strategic projects

Our Senior Management Team attend as members of a number of local and citywide groups working towards achieving our long term outcomes in particular:

- Gypsy Roma Traveller Strategy Group – a multi-agency network supporting GRT communities in the city
- Families in focus – a council-led network for organisations supporting families in the city
- Playful Bristol – we are a key members of the city strategic advocacy group for play and playwork
- Food equality strategic group – helping to write and implement a Food Equality Strategy and action plan
- Inner City Youth Collective – supporting youth-led organisations
- Locality – a member of the national advocacy group for Community Anchor Organisations
- Voscur – we are a locality partner for their Enabling the Sector infrastructure support grant
- One City Plan – attend City Gatherings as part of this Mayoral initiative to tackle citywide issues
- One City Homes and Communities Board – strategic leadership group for the city
- Bristol City Council Community Exchange – weekly network for hubs supporting communities through COVID and now cost of living crisis
- Local Access Programme Management Board – ten year funded programme growing social enterprises in the city

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Eastside Community Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The charity officially changed its name on 12 September 2020 following a charity merger. It is registered under charity number 1081691 and company number 04023294.

The board has a scheme of delegation which passes some decision making responsibilities on to sub-committees illustrated below.

Eastside Community Trust Governance Structure			
Strategic Board Chair – Manu Vice chair – Andy Treasurer - Jess Mandy, Marg, Noelle, Alice, Zoe Meeting four times a year			
Finance Sub Committee Meetings four times a year Must include three Directors (Stacy, Andy, Noelle, David, Mike, Jess) Chair – Jess (Treasurer)	People Sub Committee Twice a year Must include three Directors (Stacy, Mandy, Marg, Zoe) Chair - Mandy	Risk Sub Committee Twice a year Must include three Directors (Stacy, Noelle, Andy) Chair - Noelle	Resources and Operations Sub Committee Twice a year Must include three Directors (Stacy, Alice, Damon, Manu) Chair - Alice
Advisory Group	Advisory Group	Advisory Group	Advisory Group

Children and Play Open to all (Tom, Marg, Andy)	Inclusion Open to all (Stacy, Manu, Alice)	Eastside People and Places Open to all (Abiir/Tracy, Tom, Amy)	Climate and Sustainability Open to all (Emily, Damon)
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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any trustee not re-elected will be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the CEO and, in accordance with the charity's conflict of interest policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the charity commission guidance on public benefit, content of the memorandum and articles of association, the committee and decision-making processes and the strategic plan. During the induction they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Risk management

The organisation has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and this is monitored by the CEO and Risk Sub-Committee. A risk register has been established and is reviewed at each quarterly Strategic Board meeting. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Health and safety

The organisation has outsourced Health and Safety advice to Aversure and has conducted independent fire and health and safety risk assessments and reports to ensure compliance with regulations and ensuring the health and safety of employees and visitors.

Financial review

Principle funding source

Our principle funding source in 21/22 was from grants and trusts with the remaining being made up from self-generated income from our leases and short term hires, communications and advertising, food sales and consultancy.

Variance on previous year

In 20/21 the organisation had a high level of income from donations (£372,511). This is substantially less in 21/22 (£96,428). The reason for this variance is twofold:

- 1) The asset transfer donations received in 20/21 as a result of the merger
- 2) The emergency COVID support grants given out in 20/21

Asset policy

Individual assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful life of that asset. Electrical items are deemed to have a useful life of four years and depreciated at 20% each year.

Investment policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investments that the trustees see fit. Having considered the options available, the trustees decided to invest reserves in fixed term bonds. The trustees consider the overall return on investments and deposits together.

Reserves policy

Reserves are categorised into two main headings: restricted and unrestricted.

1. Restricted funds – funds received under a restriction applied by the donor to spend on a particular activity as defined in contractual terms and agreements.
2. Unrestricted funds – in order to ensure the continuing health of Eastside Community Trust, invest in new assets, provide a working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows, avoid unnecessary borrowing and meet our contractual obligations in the event of termination of contracts.

The board is responsible for ensuring the adequacy of unrestricted reserves when it sets the budget for the next financial year. The reserves policy is reviewed at least annually and at any other time the board considers appropriate.

Eastside Community Trust has adopted a tiered approach to set a minimum level of unrestricted reserves:

1. The Risk Sub Committee and Finance Sub Committee identifying cash flow risks for service delivery and repayment of loans
2. Identifying specific liabilities that might require readily available cash in worst case scenarios
3. Allowing for investment in major projects if applicable.

The charity holds reserves for the following reasons and has set the following targets:

Staff contingency/Armageddon reserve - £200,000

To cover costs arising from sick leave or other enforced staff absence and the costs of closure of the organisation and its activities and repayment of outstanding debt liabilities. This is based on three months' running down time, including redundancies, any contract obligations and skeleton staffing.

Designated reserve - £50,000

A designated reserve of £50,000 was created in 2021-2022 to ensure sufficient resources were available to for major capital repairs and maintenance as a result of vulnerabilities in the sewage system

at Easton Community Centre and the unknown elements to running to major capital facilities as well as obligations as a landlord to two nurseries and four retail units.

Cash flow reserve - £120,000

To cover funding shortfalls or interruption to normal operating activities. These funds will provide Eastside Community Trust with a level of stability whilst the longer-term impact of the pandemic is still to be assessed and the development of the business model post merger.

At 31/3/22 the free cash reserves of the organisation stood at **£293,110** so slightly below the target level of **£370,000**.

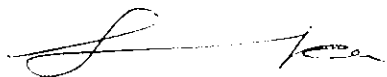
Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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E Maunganidze, Chair of Trustees

Date 22 September 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Eastside Community Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibility and basis of report

As the charity's trustees are also its directors for the purposes of company law, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Eastside Community Trust are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

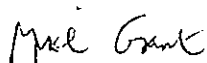
Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Certified Public Accountants Association, which is a listed body.

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:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required under section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of my independent examination; or
- The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.



Michael Grant ACPA
Linden Accountants Limited, Scrapstore House, 21 Sevier Street, St Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9LB
Date: ...05... April... 2022

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income (and endowments) from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	96,428	96,428	372,511
Charitable activities	4	436,725	206,645	643,370	729,959
Other trading activities	5	-	10,179	10,179	8,832
Investments		-	1,037	1,037	3,813
Total income (and endowments)		<u>436,725</u>	<u>314,290</u>	<u>751,015</u>	<u>1,115,115</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		117,161	27,836	144,997	132,455
Charitable activities		<u>487,661</u>	<u>67,167</u>	<u>554,828</u>	<u>493,269</u>
Total expenditure	7	<u>604,822</u>	<u>95,003</u>	<u>699,824</u>	<u>625,724</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(168,097)	219,287	51,191	489,391
Extraordinary item	18	-	-	-	(5,767)
Transfers between funds		286	(286)	-	-
Net movement in funds	8	<u>(167,811)</u>	<u>219,001</u>	<u>51,191</u>	<u>483,624</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		295,936	658,966	954,902	471,278
Total funds carried forward		<u>128,126</u>	<u>877,967</u>	<u>1,006,093</u>	<u>954,902</u>

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.
All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The comparative Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 2.

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BALANCE SHEET

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	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		588,376		589,373
Current assets					
Debtors	12	41,120		8,879	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>500,058</u>		<u>528,471</u>	
			541,177		537,350
Liabilities					
Creditors: falling due within one year	13		(57,626)		(68,182)
Net current assets / (liabilities)			<u>483,552</u>		<u>469,168</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			1,071,928		1,058,541
Creditors: falling due after one year			(65,835)		(103,639)
Net assets / (liabilities)	15		<u>1,006,093</u>		<u>954,902</u>
Funds	16				
Restricted funds			128,126		295,936
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds			599,912		600,097
General funds			278,056		58,869
			<u>1,006,093</u>		<u>954,902</u>

For the year ending 31st March 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

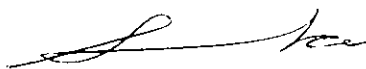
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

22/09/22

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:



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The notes on pages 18 to 35 form part of these financial statements

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Eastside Community Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants and have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware the probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executors to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of provision of a specified service is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services of facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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e) **Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) **Funds accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) **Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) **Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2022	2021
Raising funds	24.0%	26.0%
Charitable activities	76.0%	74.0%

i) **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Leasehold	40 years straight line
Nursery	20 years straight line
Playground	5 years straight line
Community Centre	20 years straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,500.

j) **Stock**

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

k) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

p) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

q) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are described below.

Depreciation

As described in note 1h to the financial statements, depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life

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2 Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	147,618	224,893	372,511
Charitable activities	566,590	163,369	729,959
Other trading activities	-	8,832	8,832
Investments	-	3,813	3,813
Total income	714,208	400,907	1,115,115
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	-	132,455	132,455
Raising funds	506,278	(13,009)	493,269
Total expenditure	506,278	119,446	625,724
Net income / (expenditure)	207,930	281,461	625,724
Extraordinary item	-	(5,767)	(5,767)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	205,108	284,283	489,391

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
General Donations	-	37,928	37,928
Colcannon Donations (trusts and foundations)	-	38,500	38,500
Bristol City Council Business Rates Relief Grant	-	20,000	20,000
Total income from donations and legacies	-	96,428	96,428

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Prior period comparative:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
General Donations	-	12,451	12,451
Colcannon Donations (trusts and foundations)	-	16,750	16,750
Bristol City Council (COVID)	-	22,000	22,000
Bristol City Council Business Rates Relief Grant	-	25,094	25,094
HMRC CJRS	-	48,587	48,587
Felix Road Adventure Playground (merger donation)	100,224	75,162	175,386
Easton Community Centre (merger donation)	47,394	24,849	72,243
Total income from donations and legacies	147,618	224,893	372,511

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Café and Food sales	-	4,257	4,257
Printing and other admin	-	894	894
Nursery Profit Share	-	3,344	3,344
Rental and lease income	-	143,990	143,990
Service Charge income	-	8,343	8,343
Short term hire income	-	42,818	42,818
Grant / project income	436,725	3,000	439,725
Total Income from charitable activities	436,725	206,645	643,370

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Café and Food sales	-	46	46
Printing and other admin	-	172	172
Nursery Profit Share	-	169	169
Rental and lease income	-	114,288	114,288
Service Charge income	-	8,958	8,958
Short term hire income	-	4,390	4,390
Grant / project income	566,590	35,346	601,936
Total income from charitable activities	566,590	163,369	729,959

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Advertising	-	5,771	5,771
Advertising subscriptions	-	1,080	1,080
Consulting income	-	3,328	3,328
Total income from other trading activities	-	10,179	10,179

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Advertising	-	4,726	4,726
Advertising subscriptions	-	2,580	2,580
Consulting income	-	1,526	1,526
Total income from other trading activities	-	8,832	8,832

6 Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, HMRC, Department for Media and Culture (Power to Change, Social Enterprise Support, Community-Led Organisation Recovery), Children In Need and the National Lottery to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2022 was £213,740 (2021: £361,697). There are no unfulfilled conditions of contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

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7 Total expenditure

	Raising Funds £	Charitable Activities £	Support and Governance Costs £	Total Funds 2022 £
Staff costs (note 9)	84,016	262,299	-	346,315
Other employment costs	-	-	3,043	3,043
Accountancy	-	-	14,708	14,708
Bank charges	-	-	776	776
Rent	-	-	-	-
Rates	-	-	728	728
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	129,454	129,454
Insurance	-	-	10,955	10,955
Computer expenses	-	-	13,700	13,700
Subscriptions	-	-	1,478	1,478
Telephone and internet	-	-	6,768	6,768
Utilities	-	-	16,100	16,100
Advertising	2,727	-	-	2,727
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	6,077	6,077
Professional and legal	-	5,043	7,617	12,660
Project expenses	-	103,017	-	103,017
Interest paid	-	-	1,232	1,232
Depreciation	-	-	28,870	28,870
Bad debts	-	-	1,217	1,217
Sub-total	86,743	370,359	242,722	699,824
Allocation of support and governance costs	58,253	184,469	(242,722)	-
Total expenditure	<u>144,997</u>	<u>554,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>699,824</u>

Total governance costs were £800 (2021: £3,950)

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Total expenditure

Prior period comparative	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	Support and Governance Costs	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs (note 9)	102,040	259,349	-	361,389
Other employment costs	-	-	1,567	1,567
Accountancy	-	-	3,773	3,773
Bank charges	-	-	345	345
Rent	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	22,069	22,069
Insurance	-	-	8,561	8,561
Computer expenses	-	-	16,531	16,531
Subscriptions	-	-	3,356	3,356
Telephone and internet	-	-	2,836	2,836
Utilities	-	-	15,614	15,614
Advertising	3,300	-	-	3,300
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	2,057	2,057
Professional and legal	-	2,969	3,950	6,919
Project expenses	-	153,776	-	153,776
Interest paid	-	-	1,453	1,453
Depreciation	-	-	18,818	18,818
Bad debts	-	-	3,360	3,360
Sub-total	105,340	416,094	104,290	625,724
Allocation of support and governance costs	27,115	77,175	(104,290)	-
Total expenditure	132,455	493,269	-	625,724

8 Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation	28,870	18,818
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	-	-
Auditors' remuneration		
• Statutory audit	-	3,950
• Independent examination	800	-

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9 Staff and costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	299,660	313,910
Social security costs	17,956	15,327
Pensions	14,183	16,112
Freelance staff	14,516	16,040
	<u>346,315</u>	<u>361,389</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees, Chief Executive Officer, Finance and HR Manager and Business Development Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £85,537 (2021: £106,386).

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Average head count	<u>11.00</u>	<u>9.30</u>

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold £	Nursery £	Playground £	Community Centre £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2021	279,057	288,670	50,258	92,501	710,486
Additions in year	-	-	27,873	-	27,873
At 31 March 2022	<u>279,057</u>	<u>288,670</u>	<u>78,131</u>	<u>92,501</u>	<u>738,359</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2021	90,760	7,217	-	23,136	121,113
Charge for the year	<u>6,976</u>	<u>7,217</u>	<u>10,052</u>	<u>4,625</u>	<u>28,870</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>97,736</u>	<u>14,434</u>	<u>10,052</u>	<u>27,761</u>	<u>149,983</u>
Net book value					
At 31 March 2022	<u>181,321</u>	<u>274,236</u>	<u>68,079</u>	<u>64,740</u>	<u>588,376</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>188,297</u>	<u>281,453</u>	<u>50,258</u>	<u>69,365</u>	<u>589,373</u>

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	20,679	8,779
Other debtors	<u>20,441</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>41,120</u>	<u>8,879</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	6,256	21,405
Accruals	1,020	4,170
Other taxation and social security	-	(319)
Pension control account	577	847
VAT control account	3,776	2,946
Rent deposits	3,033	3,033
Loan - Andy Robb	8,632	7,800
Loan - Andy Street	8,632	7,800
Loan - Andy Street	4,400	8,000
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	8,800	-
Co-op Foundation Loan	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>
	<u>57,626</u>	<u>68,182</u>

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Loan - Andy Robb	-	8,632
Loan - Andy Street	-	8,632
Loan - Andy Street	8,760	12,000
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	35,200	40,000
Co-op Foundation Loan	21,875	34,375
	<u>65,835</u>	<u>103,639</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	588,376	588,376
Current assets	128,126	413,052	541,177
Current liabilities	-	(57,626)	(57,626)
Liabilities after one year	-	(65,835)	(65,835)
Net assets at 31 March 2022	<u>128,126</u>	<u>877,967</u>	<u>1,006,093</u>

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Prior period comparative			
Tangible fixed assets	-	589,373	589,373
Current assets	295,936	241,414	537,350
Current liabilities	-	(68,182)	(68,182)
Liabilities after one year	-	(103,639)	(103,639)
Net assets at 31 March 2021	<u>295,936</u>	<u>658,966</u>	<u>954,902</u>

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16 Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Active Travel Grant	3,952	-	(3,810)	-	142
Awards For All 2021	-	9,800	(9,800)	-	-
BCC Libraries Fund	-	1,267	(105)	-	1,162
BCC Parks	2,217	1,000	(500)	-	2,717
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	11,256	61,625	(55,856)	57	17,082
Bristol City Council - Self Isolation	-	23,600	(14,841)	-	8,759
Bristol Social Action Festival	7,267	-	(6,365)	-	902
Capital Grants	5,300	-	-	-	5,300
Children In Need	-	42,300	(42,078)	-	222
Climate Action Fund	5,098	15,044	(20,142)	-	-
Climate Action Fund Coproduction	25,200	-	(25,200)	-	-
CLORS	17,962	4,509	(22,471)	(0)	-
Community Spaces	-	800	(331)	-	469
Co-op Expand	9,970	1,045	(6,161)	-	4,854
Co-op Foundation	-	10,000	(593)	-	9,407
Denman Charitable Trust	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Easton Community Centre - CIL	42,335	-	(42,355)	20	-
Enovert	-	29,900	(29,938)	38	-
Everyday Integration	10,713	5,250	(14,955)	-	1,008
Feeding Bristol	1,909	-	(1,909)	-	-
Felix Road Adventure Playground - CIL	16,509	-	(16,509)	-	-
Funding The Future	-	30,211	(30,211)	-	-
Garfield Weston	18,816	-	(18,803)	(13)	-
John James	4,079	-	(2,920)	-	1,159
Merchant Vent	4,997	-	(4,997)	-	-
Paradigm Norton	-	1,920	-	-	1,920
Pavement Works	(2,600)	-	(3,736)	6,336	-
Playground Food Support	6,000	-	-	(6,000)	-
Power To Change Powering Up	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Quartet Endowment Fund	12,982	-	(9,581)	-	3,401
Quartet One City Health and Wellbeing F	-	18,772	(18,726)	(46)	-
Quartet Youth Sector Support	-	7,000	(5,318)	-	1,682
Rausling	-	27,636	(27,636)	-	-
Reaching Communities	29,161	10,522	(39,618)	(65)	-
School For Social Entrepreneurs	-	24,750	-	-	24,750
Sport England	-	9,400	(4,061)	-	5,339
St Monica Trust Community Impact	19,037	-	(19,037)	-	-
Thresholds - FairBnB	-	3,500	(3,050)	-	450
Thresholds - Kitchen	-	30,000	(7,887)	-	22,113

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16 Movement in funds (continued)

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
TravelWest	-	2,300	-	-	2,300
Triodos	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
Tudor Trust	30,014	-	(29,447)	-	567
Wessex Water	-	400	(359)	(41)	-
Wing Chun	2,022	2,475	(2,880)	-	1,617
YHH Spring Holidays	-	-	(1,036)	-	(1,036)
YHH Summer Funding	-	32,918	(32,918)	-	-
YHH Winter Funding	-	10,580	(9,219)	-	1,361
YTKO	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Youth Music	4,113	-	(5,416)	-	(1,303)
Youth Project (BYCA/United Communities)	4,628	4,200	(6,044)	-	2,784
Restricted funds	295,936	436,725	(604,822)	286	128,126
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	589,373	-	-	(997)	588,376
Avonvale Road Maintenance	10,724	-	-	812	11,536
Redundancy Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<i>600,097</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(185)</i>	<i>599,912</i>
General funds	58,869	314,290	(95,003)	(101)	278,056
Total unrestricted funds	658,966	314,290	(95,003)	(286)	877,967
Total funds	954,902	751,015	(699,824)	-	1,006,093

Purposes of restricted funds

Active Travel Grant - to provide a free family bike loan scheme

Awards For All 2021 - to run the community kitchen at Felix Road

BCC Libraries Fund - to run a music project for older people

BCC Parks - to provide community engagement support for Bristol Future Parks

Bristol City Council Impact Fund - community conversations and community development work

Bristol City Council Self Isolation - to provide support to local residents who were struggling as a result of self-isolation

Bristol Social Action Festival - supporting council Can Do volunteer programme

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16 Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Capital Grants - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Children In Need - capital investment to improve youth facility of Felix Road

Climate Action Fund - a community produced climate action plan

Climate Action Fund Coproduction - engagement work to produce a community climate action plan

CLORS - reopening Food at Felix, membership and evaluation development work

Community Spaces - to support Councillors with engaging residents about CIL decision making

Co-op Expand - to support isolated parents with small children to connect

Co-op Foundation - to support children to produce a podcast

Denman Charitable Trust - to build a play structure at Felix Road specifically for disabled children

Easton Community Centre - Community Infrastructure Levy for capital improvements, bin store, lighting and bike store

Enovert - capital investment and upgrades at Easton Community Centre

Everyday Integration - research project with University of Bristol on integration in the city

Feeding Bristol - food provision from Felix Road Adventure Playground over Christmas

Felix Road Adventure Playground - Community Infrastructure Levy - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Funding The Future - staff time to complete merger and organisational development

Garfield Weston - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

John James - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Merchant Venturers - support for youth sessions at Felix Road

Paradigm Norton - to support outreach play in local areas of high rise flats with Swing Theory

Pavement Works - widening pavement outside Felix Road

Playground Food Support - providing free hot, nutritious meals to children at Felix Road

Power To Change Powering Up - capital improvements at Easton Community Centre and COVID adaptations

Quartet Endowment Fund - small grants scheme for local people

Quartet One City Health And Wellbeing Fund - to support health play and food for children at Felix Road and weaning workshops

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16 Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Rausling - investment in the youth space at Felix Road

Reaching Communities - Placemakers project focused on reducing isolation and loneliness

School For Social Entrepreneurs - to support the community business of Easton Community Centre with post Covid recovery

Sport England - to provide sports activities for children at Felix Road

St Monica Trust Community Impact - community project to reduce isolation and loneliness among older residents

Thresholds - FairBnB - to support families to access free holidays in rural Wales

Thresholds - Kitchen - to provide free meals for children after school

TravelWest -to support cycling trips for children in school holidays

Triodos - support for girls group at Felix Road

Tudor Trust - funding Service and Business Development staff capacity

Wessex Water - for drinking fountains and solar powered irrigation for a pond and outdoor classroom at Felix Road

Wing Chun - providing affordable martial arts from Felix Road

YHH Spring Holidays - to provide meals and activities for children on free school meals during school holidays

YHH Summer Funding - to provide meals and activities for children on free school meals during school holidays

YHH Winter Funding - to provide meals and activities for children on free school meals during school holidays

YTKO - to provide communications and promotion support for enterprise support scheme

Youth Music - supporting playworker staff to engage children in music at Felix Road

Youth Project (BYCA/United Communities) - supporting playworkers at Felix Road

Purposes of designated funds

Capital fund

Capital funds represents (i) the leasehold property and improvements which are designated on the basis that the underlying assets could not be sold by the charity; (ii) the nursery which may have a mortgage value but is built on our leasehold land. They have a value in use for the charity but no re-sale value.

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16 Purposes of designated funds (continued)

Avonvale Road Maintenance

This money represents rent deposits paid by tenants and annual contributions by tenants to a sinking fund ring fenced for maintenance and repairs for the retail units service yard. This sum is recorded in the leases on the properties.

Prior period comparative	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Active Travel Grant	-	3,952	-	-	3,952
BCC Parks	-	5,000	(2,783)	-	2,217
Capital Grants	-	5,300	-	-	5,300
Clothworkers	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Easton Community Centre CIL	-	49,894	(7,559)	-	42,335
Felix Road Adventure Playground CIL	-	35,000	(18,491)	-	16,509
Garfield Weston	-	24,112	(24,112)	-	-
Climate Action Fund	-	7,522	(2,424)	-	5,098
Climate Action Fund Coproduction	-	25,500	(300)	-	25,200
CLORS	-	49,200	(31,238)	-	17,962
Co-op Expand	-	9,970	-	-	9,970
Quartet Endowment Fund	5,505	10,422	(2,945)	-	12,982
Everyday Integration	-	13,125	(2,412)	-	10,713
Feeding Bristol	-	5,046	(3,137)	-	1,909
Garfield Weston	-	30,000	(11,184)	-	18,816
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	15,752	38,813	(43,308)	-	11,256
John James	-	4,637	(558)	-	4,079
Merchant Vent	-	5,000	(3)	-	4,997
Pavement Works	-	5,000	(7,600)	-	(2,600)
Reaching Communities	20,004	42,092	(32,935)	-	29,161
Bristol Social Action Festival	11,695	-	(4,428)	-	7,267
CAF Corona Fund - spent	-	7,800	(7,800)	-	-
Catalyst Fund (inclusion worker)	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Co-op Foundation	2,770	-	(2,770)	-	-
Co-op FRAP	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Community Space	-	800	(800)	-	-
Covid 19 funds	-	9,601	(9,601)	-	-
Emergency Grants	-	33,000	(33,000)	-	-
Quartet Funding the Future	20,179	-	(20,179)	-	-
BCC - Imagination Fund	6,800	1,700	(8,500)	-	-
Lottery (Covid)	-	77,994	(77,994)	-	-
Megawatt Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Nisbets	-	4,820	(4,820)	-	-
Playground food support	-	10,000	(4,000)	-	6,000
Power to Change	-	19,606	(19,606)	-	-
SESF	-	33,311	(33,311)	-	-
Wham	-	2,050	(2,050)	-	-
WRAP project	5,301	(5,072)	(229)	-	-
St Monica Trust Community Impact	-	19,037	-	-	19,037

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16 Prior period comparative (continued)

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Triodos	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Tudor Trust	-	62,000	(31,986)	-	30,014
Wing Chun	-	3,222	(1,200)	-	2,022
Youth Music	-	11,654	(7,541)	-	4,113
Youth Project (BYCA/United Communities)	-	10,100	(5,472)	-	4,628
Restricted funds	88,006	714,208	(506,278)	-	295,936
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	195,273	-	-	394,100	589,373
Avonvale Road Maintenance	10,724	-	-	-	10,724
Redundancy Reserve	14,718	-	-	(14,718)	-
<i>Total designated funds</i>	220,715	-	-	379,382	600,097
General funds	162,557	400,907	(125,213)	(379,382)	58,869
Total unrestricted funds	383,272	400,907	(125,213)	-	658,966
Total funds	471,278	1,115,115	(631,491)	-	954,902

17 Related party transactions

Zoe Sheriff, trustee and director, provided a loan of £40,000 to fund the development of the nursery at Felix Road. Zoe will receive interest of 2% on the loan in accordance with our constitution.

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18 Extraordinary Item

During the previous year, a fraud was discovered that was carried out between 2016 and 2021. This is disclosed as an extraordinary item in 2021.

Between July and August 2021 during the course of the previous year audit, it was discovered that a sum of £6,001 could not be accounted for. On further investigation it came to light that the charity had been the victim of a fraud between July 2016 and December 2020.

A governance review took place during the year with a new scheme of delegation and a Finance Sub Committee, along with the introduction of a treasurer who has implemented new Financial Policies; and external support from a management consultant to review financial reporting.

A criminal case is ongoing with court proceedings likely in late 2022 and the charity is actively pursuing a conviction and recovery of funds. There is also an ongoing case with the Financial Ombudsman in regards to duty of care negligence with the bank.

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Fraud disclosed as exceptional item in 2021	<u>5,767</u>
	<u><u>5,767</u></u>

Accounts

Company no. 04023294
Charity no. 1081691

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Company number	04023294	
Charity number	1081691	
Registered office and operational address	Easton Community Centre Kilburn Street Bristol BS5 6AW	
Trustees	Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:	
	Amy Harrison	Vice chair
	Alice Ballantine Dykes	
	Amanda Watson	
	Andy Burkitt	Vice chair
	Damon Rand	
	Emmanuel Maunganidze	Elected as chair September 2020
	Joyce Clarke	
	Margaret Hickman	
	Noelle Rumball	
	Ricardo Sharry	Chair to August 2020
	Saed Ali	
	Sally Caseley	
	Zoe Sheriff	
Key staff	Stacy Yelland	Chief Executive Officer - 2021
	Tom Williams	Business and Services Development Manager - 2021
	Brendan Wistreich	Up Our Street Director - 2020
	Tracy Parsons	Finance and HR Manager - 2021
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ	Unity Trust 4 Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2JB
	Hampshire Trust (closed as of 3 February 2021) 131 Finsbury Pavement London EC2A 1NT	
	Redwood Bank The Nexus Building Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire, SG6 3TT	Shawbrook Bank Limited Lutea House, Warley Hill Business Park Great Warley Brentwood Essex, CM13 3BE

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For the year ended 31 March 2021

Auditors	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol, BS1 4QD
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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The charity is serving the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill, particularly the neighbourhoods of Easton, Lawrence Hill, Old Market, St Judes, Newtown, Whitehall, Greenbank, Redfield, The Dings and Barton Hill. The objects for which the Charity is established are:

- Advancement of citizenship and community development through the promotion of civic participation, volunteering, and community capacity building;
- Provision of community services and facilities with the objective of inspiring agency, connecting people, creating opportunities and improving the condition of life for residents;
- Specifically provide services and facilities, including an adventure playground, for children and young people;
 - of which such children and young people have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances; and
 - which will improve the conditions of childhood for such children and young people by promoting their health and well-being.

Public benefit statement

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Related parties

Eastside Community Trust has developed relationships and formal partnerships to deliver joint projects with other voluntary and community sector parties, public sector bodies, social enterprises including but not limited to the following:

ACH, BCfm, Black South West Network, Brigstowe, Bristol Green Capital Partnership, Bristol Bath Regional Capital, Bristol City Council, Bristol Somali Youth Voice, Bristol Waste, Horn Youth Concern, LifeCycle UK, Locality, InBetween Times, Raised in Bristol, Somali Kitchen, Trinity Centre, University of Bristol, Voscur and Wellspring Settlement.

Our vision

Our vision is to create a place of possibility for everyone.

A place

- which is welcoming, inclusive and proudly diverse;
- where neighbours know each other by name, children play in the street and public space is shared and respected;
- where people take an active interest in the world around them and feel they have a role to play in shaping the future of where they live;
- which promotes the wellbeing of people through quality urban design and protection of the natural world; and
- where connections between people lead to a shared sense of belonging and local pride.

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As an organisation we are driven by our shared values and a desire to achieve three fundamental long-term impacts:

- 1 Children will have the freedom to play, experiment and learn; to be healthy, happy and feel part of their community;
- 2 The community will have healthy, sustainable, welcoming places to connect, socialise, learn and share cultural knowledge; and
- 3 Residents will be informed, have the agency to participate in their neighbourhood and city, feel a sense of belonging and take pride in where they live.

Achievements and performance

Our aims

- Community hub for all
To build on Easton Community Centre's strong foundations and be a thriving public space at the centre of community activity.
- Participation and action in the neighbourhood
To promote active involvement in civic and cultural life where local voices are strengthened through access to good quality information, empowering events and community knowledge.
- Inclusion and belonging where we live
To cultivate and nurture a sense of belonging, where people can understand, respect and celebrate difference.
- Children and play at the heart of the community
To create a playful and child-friendly neighbourhood which is home to an inspiring and free adventure playground.
- Caring for the environment around us
To improve and act as stewards of our urban environment and respond to local challenges created by climate change, austerity, rapid physical developments and economic inequality.
- Champion for the area and its people
To be a catalyst for equality by promoting social justice, challenging systemic disadvantage and developing just solutions with policymakers.
- Fit for the future
To create a financially robust, resilient organisation which uses community wisdom and an evidence-based approach to decision making.

Activities - April 2020-March 2021

This year has been dominated by three key issues for Eastside Community Trust:

- 1 Charity merger and organisational integration;
- 2 Capital building of nursery; and
- 3 COVID-19.

Charity merger

On 6 May 2020 we completed a three charity merger. The legal mechanism for this work was that Easton Community Centre and Felix Road Adventure Playground transferred assets and liabilities to Eastside Community Trust which retains the same charity and company number. Staff from the two organisations were TUPE'd across as of 7 May 2020. During 20/21 we have been focused on the organisational integration, aligning our systems processes and culture in particular our IT, financial management, budget, policies and governance.

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The Strategic Board for the new organisation is made up of members from the previous three charities who wished to remain involved, 12 people decided to continue in the new organisation. Those who decided to step down volunteered to remain engaged through a number of sub committees looking at thematic areas for development which ran for the first half of the year before launching our membership. During 20/21 we began the process for winding down the charities and companies of Easton Community Centre and Felix Road Adventure Playground. We also recruited a new chair to lead the organisation as we felt bringing a new neutral person would aid the integration process.

Capital build – Raised in Felix Road

We completed the building of our 60-place nursery in October 2020, following delays as a result of the lockdown. We are in a long term partnership with Raised in Bristol CIC to run an early year's provision from the building on a ten year lease. The nursery opened in a temporary space in August 2020 to accommodate demand before being able to open in the new site in November. The nursery is due to be at full capacity by 2023 and is contributing to both the financial sustainability of the organisation through rent and profit share, as well as the social impact through providing high quality childcare to local working parents.

COVID-19

This has been the dominating feature of the year, with our normal services suspended, our sites closed and staff on furlough. The impact has been felt in a number of ways:

- Loss of rental income to the value of approximately £60,000;
- 16 staff on furlough for periods throughout the year;
- Easton Community Centre closed to the public for most of the year;
- Felix Road Adventure Playground experiencing periods of closure and reopening for limited offer;
- Introducing new measures to enable home working and safe office working;
- Suspension of some community projects;
- Redundancy of reception staff at the community centre; and
- Challenges to team morale, wellbeing and progressing the organisational post-merger integration due to home working.

However we have seen an amazing community response and have been able to support families with direct interventions including:

- Weekly doorstep home visits from April to August 2020;
 - 12 people helped with the weekly food deliver;
 - 27 people were matched with a local person for one to one support;
 - 3 people helped pack the hub parcels;
 - 49 families received a food parcel;
 - 19 of these were Roma families;
 - 69 adults;
 - 127 children;
 - 112 people received support through the phone and volunteer match making;
 - 22 weeks of food delivery; and
 - 1078 parcels sent out.
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- Community hub for Easton supporting Bristol City Council taking referrals from We Are Bristol helpline matchmaking volunteers with residents needing help with shopping, prescription collection and dog walking. We are a regular member and active partner in the councils Community Exchange network.

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- Summer opening at Felix Road – approximately 500 children attended.
- Christmas hampers
98 winter hampers alongside 98 vegetable boxes were delivered in Easton and Lawrence Hill to families and individuals;
5 food parcels were delivered to people living in tents on Lawrence Hill roundabout and homeless people in The Dings;
46 of the winter hampers were delivered to families - 23 of those received nappies and baby milk formula;
4 older people were referred to Eastside Community Trust via Brunel Care;
6 families were referred to Eastside Community Trust via the Somali Kitchen project;
12 trays of vegetable and winter hampers were delivered to older people in the Dings;
16 families in the Dings received food, of those 9 received tinned food and 5 received vegetable boxes; and
14 volunteers supported the packing and delivery of the winter hampers including Thangam Debbonaire, MP for the area and 2 members of her administration team.
- Christmas opening at Felix Road with over 500 meals served.
- Vaccination clinic
Supporting NHS colleagues with a flu clinic and first dose of Covid-19 vaccine from Easton Community Centre, focused on increased uptake from Black and Asian communities locally with 180 people vaccinated.
- Home visits January-March 2021 with focus on families with babies under the age of 1. Provision of nappies and baby milk for Roma families;
36 households visited weekly;
Baby milk, nappies and personal food shopping order and delivered by engagement team; and
Households with at least four children per household with two households with 11 children each (estimated number of children visited 250).
- COVID 19 support directory published and distributed and specific support page on website.

Membership development

An aspiration of the merger was to grow community ownership and leadership in the organisation and in October 2020 we launched our new membership with our first member's event before Christmas. We currently have 153 members and intend on developing this further in 21/22 introducing member events and decision making opportunities for members.

Other projects

Adventure Playground – the playground opened in summer trialling limited numbers on site and has been managing the risk of Covid-19 whilst ensuring children have the opportunity to play. This year we also launched the Fun Kids Podcast, helping children share how they think, feel, see and dream their world. The playground has around 900 children on the register.

Site redevelopment – thanks to grant funding we were able to tender for £70,000 of improvement works for play structures on the playground. We carried out a competitive tendering process and Woodland Tribe were the successful company with works taking place during the Jan-Mar lockdown ready for reopening at Easter. This included an outdoor classroom, hanging garden, allotments and sensory garden.

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Kitchen – While our kitchen had to remain closed for the majority of 20/21 year due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were pleased that Food at Felix reopened at Christmas, providing much needed hot food for families during the school holidays. We have been serving on average 40 hot meals a day, six days a week since we reopened in April 2021. Over the period of the pandemic the food insecurity of children in the area has become clear. We have been spending time revamping our food offer and thinking about nutrition, pricing and our role in supporting families to access affordable, healthy food.

Communications – we continue with our annual programme of Up Our Street communications including:

- Quarterly magazine to 14,000 households;
- Fortnightly ebuletin to 2000 subscribers;
- Social media to 3,000 followers;
- 34 community notice boards; and
- Weekly and monthly radio shows on BCfm.

This year also saw us launch a new name and brand identify following the merger with a host of new brand icons and logos and a new website www.eastsidecommunitytrust.co.uk

Community centre – the centre has been closed to the public but our tenants have been accessing the building so we have been open. This has also been the community hub for Easton supporting Bristol City Council. Raised in Easton has been providing childcare for parents, Café des Amis has been providing the catering for the nursery and BCfm has been broadcasting throughout. We have taken the opportunity to make improvements to the building while it has been closed including ensuring a Covid-19 safe working environment. We gave the site a major spring clean and clear out, painted the main hall and replaced the old broken flooring. We carried out electrical works required following a fire in 2019, upgraded the external lighting and fixed ongoing drainage and plumbing issues.

Sustainability – our community centre is now fossil fuel free following upgrades made this year. We get our heat and electric from our Microgrid in partnership with Owen Square Community Energy. We had two remaining gas sources in the building – the café and the nursery. The nursery boiler was very old and needed replacing and broke down. Thanks to a grant from Megawatt we replaced the gas boiler with a new electric boiler and changed the café cooker from gas to electric, achieving our target of being a zero carbon building. We also put together a Sustainability Policy setting out our aspirations around the impact of our organisation.

Community development

Alongside supporting the community during the pandemic, we maintained some of our core projects albeit:

Lottery Placemakers

This project was running with three Placemakers in post covering The Dings, Newtown and St Judes in the previous financial year, two staff members left the organisation and we were unable to recruit during the pandemic.

Our Placemaker in The Dings continued throughout the year doing excellent work supporting residents during the lockdown. We paused the remaining elements of the project and are agreeing a variation to this project with the Lottery for 21/22.

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Bristol Impact Fund

We carried out a number of conversations online and supported residents with projects around Owen Square Park but the bulk of this project was spent project managing our Covid-19 response support.

Climate Action Fund

The focus for this has been preparation with other partners on our delivery and establishing shared systems for evaluation and development of the climate action plan. On the ground delivery of this work will begin in 21/22.

CLORS – food and future

Thanks to this funding we have been able to develop some internal systems and processes for capturing data about our activity and turning this into the story of our impact. It also enabled the development time to review reopening our kitchen in a Covid-19 safe manner but also revamping our approach to nutrition.

This year we suspended some of our regular activity due to the pandemic, in particular:

- Endowment Fund community grants scheme;
- Face to face events and meeting;
- Thank You Awards; and
- Everyday Integration research project.

Our premises

Avonvale Road retail units - we own a long lease on four shop units on Avonvale Road as part of the long-term business plan for the organisation. All four shops are rented to small businesses.

Easton Community Centre - we hold a 30-year lease for the community centre, a busy hub offering affordable meeting and office spaces with a café, nursery and community radio station.

Felix Road Adventure Playground – we hold a 30-year lease for the land, providing children in East Bristol with the space to connect with nature and freedom for outside physical play.

Raised in Felix Road – we built a 60-capacity nursery building on the site of the adventure playground. This was leased to Raised in Bristol on a ten year lease from November 2020 to run an early years provision.

Impact of Covid-19

Project delivery – meeting our charitable objects

We were able to repurpose our projects and staff team to meet the immediate needs in our community. Our funders were understanding and generous in their support of this. We have been following government guidance around the restrictions on our activity and changing our delivery accordingly. During our weekly Senior Management Team we consider Covid-19 risks, impacts and mitigations.

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Staff

Most of our staff remained working throughout with a mixture of home working and in office working. We have had weekly check-ins with staff around health and wellbeing and have had no reported cases of Covid-19. The team have reported feeling well supported and have the systems in place to do their work. As of 1 April 2021 all staff returned to working with a combination of home and community working. We have produced Covid-19 specific risk assessments for our sites and activity and communicate weekly with the team around any changes or concerns.

Governance

The board has been meeting monthly throughout the year to keep oversight on the main risks posed by Covid-19.

Structure, governance and management

Eastside Community Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. It is the successor organisation of Community at Heart which was incorporated on 28 June 2000, and merged with charities Easton Community Centre and Felix Road Adventure Playground on 6 May 2020. The charity officially changed its name on 12 September 2020. It is registered under charity number 1081691 and company number 04023294.

Following our merger we have been systematically reviewing our policies and procedures to ensure they are best practice and fit for purpose for the new organisation. We are in the process of replacing our handbooks with a set of standalone policies which can be accessed by all staff. Policies are written by the Chief Executive Officer and Finance & HR Manager, and approved and adopted at trustee meetings.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any trustee not re-elected will be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 8 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the CEO and, in accordance with the charity's policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

In September 2020 we advertised externally and recruited a new chair, Emmanuel Maunganidze, to oversee the newly merged organisation. He was appointed by trustees and ratified by members at the AGM in October 2020.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the charity commission guidance on public benefit, content of the Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes and the business plan. During the induction they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

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Risk management

The organisation has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is reviewed at each trustee meeting. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Financial

The 20/21 financial year was unusual for a number of reasons for us and we have been having weekly finance meetings to plot the short, medium and long term financial health of the organisation and actions to address this. In February 2020 we began working with a financial consultant to help us with the longer term planning and budget setting. Our Senior Management Team hold meetings weekly to review this. Throughout the pandemic we maximised the available support including grants from DMCS, government grants, furlough and redundancy / reducing staff hours.

Financial review

We have communicated with funders who have supported our use of their funds during this period. Our board is regularly reviewing the financial forecast and senior management reviews this weekly. We are confident we are a going concern for the coming 12 months, during which time we can review expenditure and continue fundraising.

Asset policy

Individual assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful life of that asset.

Investment policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investments that the trustees see fit. Having considered the options available, the trustees decided to invest reserves in fixed term savings accounts. The trustees consider the overall return on investments and deposits together.

Reserves policy

Eastside Community Trust is the merger of three organisations whose financial health needed improving. The vision of the merger was that the combination of the three brought new skills, opportunities and potential for greater resilience, financial sustainability, charitable impact and growth.

The trustees and Senior Management Team have been developing a three to five year strategy to reach this goal of financial sustainability. We have made investments in the long term future with this in mind and recognised that this upfront investment would mean a few years of more challenging budgets. The pandemic increased that challenge but we managed to have a successful year in grant fundraising to cover the shortfall caused by Covid-19. We were, however, unable to implement plans around business development and growth which are delayed now but remain the focus for 21/22.

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The balance held as funds of the charity less liabilities at 31 March 2021 was £954,902. The funds available to the charity are £954,902 less restricted of £295,936 and less fixed assets values of £589,373 which leaves £69,593. The 2021-2022 budget includes £280,400 of unrestricted expenditure and therefore the trustees have set a free reserves target range of £200,00-250,000. The current reserves level is therefore lower than is needed and this will be addressed by a focus on reducing expenditure and increasing self generated traded income. The trustees will focus on producing a budget with a surplus in unrestricted funds year on year. They are working with an external consultant and the CEO to develop a five year plan which includes income as a result of profit share from two Raised in Bristol nurseries. The profit share will increase as our loan debt decreases, resulting in an increases in unrestricted income and free reserves.

Fraud

During the process of this audit, a missing sum was uncovered in the balance of funds from Easton Community Centre to Eastside Community Trust. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the organisation had been the victim of a complex fraud and a much greater sum was in fact missing than originally identified. The funds were taken by exploitation of a loop hole in the charity bank account which held reserves. At the time of writing these accounts the matter is being investigated by the police. The period of the fraud was between 2016 and 2020 and was not uncovered earlier due to the nature of the fraud and production of faked bank statements.

There has been a number of actions taken as a result of the fraud. The accounts for 2020-2021 year have been restated to show the true funds available once the stolen sum has been accounted for. The crime is under investigation by the complex fraud team of the police and steps are being taken to see if any of the funds can be recovered by either the bank, the police or through insurance. The finances of the charity have been impacted in a reduction of free reserves. Restricted income is unaffected and no grant funding has been impacted. There has been no impact on operational delivery because the funds taken represented reserves. The trustees are undertaking a governance review and restructure as well as an overhaul of finance policy and procedures with an external consultant. We have outsourced payroll and bookkeeping to increase checks and balances and updated all bank mandates and authorisations. While this has had a significant impact on the team and board and a great deal of remedial work is being undertaken.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditors / Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were appointed as auditors to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 14 October 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Emmanuel Maunganidze

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

Eastside Community Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eastside Community Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Report by exception

We draw attention to note 18 in the financial statements, which discloses a fraud identified during the course of the audit. The fraud covers the period 2016 to 2021 and had been disclosed as an extraordinary item in 2021 and as an extraordinary item and adjustment to general funds in 2020. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Emphasis of matter

The prior year financial statements, not audited, but previously independently examined have been restated as per note 19 in the financial statements to record the extraordinary item as per note 18 in the financial statements. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

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Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out in the trustees' report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent auditors' report

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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The procedures we carried out and the extent to which they are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

(1) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, and assessed the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Throughout the audit, we remained alert to possible indications of non-compliance.

(2) We reviewed the charity's policies and procedures in relation to:

- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations, and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risk of fraud, and whether they were aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Designing and implementing internal controls to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.

(3) We inspected the minutes of trustee meetings.

(4) We enquired about any non-routine communication with regulators and reviewed any reports made to them.

(5) We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and assessed their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(6) We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected transactions or balances that may indicate a risk of material fraud or error.

(7) We assessed the risk of fraud through management override of controls and carried out procedures to address this risk. Our procedures included:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- Assessing judgements and accounting estimates for potential bias;
- Reviewing related party transactions; and
- Testing transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. Irregularities that arise due to fraud can be even harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

Eastside Community Trust

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Date: 14 October 2021

Rob Wilson FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of:
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Chartered accountants and statutory auditors
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Eastside Community Trust

Statement of financial activities *(incorporating an income and expenditure account)*

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £	Restated 2020 Total £
Income (and endowments) from:					
Donations and legacies	3	147,618	224,893	372,511	3,235
Charitable activities	4	566,590	163,369	729,959	255,977
Other trading activities	5	-	8,832	8,832	16,419
Investments		-	3,813	3,813	13,896
Total income (and endowments)		<u>714,208</u>	<u>400,907</u>	<u>1,115,115</u>	<u>289,527</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	132,455	132,455	69,800
Charitable activities		<u>506,278</u>	<u>(13,009)</u>	<u>493,269</u>	<u>220,903</u>
Total expenditure	7	<u>506,278</u>	<u>119,446</u>	<u>625,724</u>	<u>290,703</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		207,930	281,461	489,391	(1,176)
Extraordinary item	18	-	(5,767)	(5,767)	(15,070)
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	8	207,930	275,694	483,624	(16,246)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>88,006</u>	<u>383,272</u>	<u>471,278</u>	<u>487,524</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>295,936</u></u>	<u><u>658,966</u></u>	<u><u>954,902</u></u>	<u><u>471,278</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 16 to the accounts.

The 2020 comparatives have been restated as detailed in note 19 to the accounts.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	Restated 2020 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	11		589,373	195,273
Current assets				
Debtors	12	8,879		8,173
Cash at bank and in hand		528,471		276,971
		537,350		285,144
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	13	(68,182)		(9,139)
Net current assets / (liabilities)			469,168	276,005
Total assets less current liabilities			1,058,541	471,278
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year			(103,639)	-
Net assets / (liabilities)	15		954,902	471,278
Funds	16			
Restricted funds			295,936	88,006
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds			600,097	220,715
General funds			58,869	162,557
Total charity funds			954,902	471,278

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 14 October 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Emmanuel Maunganidze

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	483,624	(16,246)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	18,818	6,976
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(3,813)	(13,896)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(706)	(533)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors < 1 year	59,043	(2,726)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors > 1 year	103,639	-
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	660,605	(26,425)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	3,813	13,896
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(412,918)	-
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	(409,105)	13,896
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	251,500	(12,529)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	276,971	289,500
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	528,471	276,971

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Eastside Community Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. In spite of the fraud that has been uncovered, there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. While the current level of unrestricted reserves is below the charity's target range, it is taking measures to increase free reserves and is meeting regularly as a board and Senior Management Team alongside a business development consultant to monitor progress.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executors to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of provision of a specified service is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

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On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2021	2020
Raising funds	26.0%	37.0%
Charitable activities	74.0%	63.0%

i) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Leasehold	40 years straight line
Nursery	20 years straight line
Playground	5 years straight line
Community Centre	20 years straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,500.

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j) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

p) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

q) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are described below.

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Depreciation

As described in note 1h to the financial statements, depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2020 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	-	3,235	3,235
Charitable activities	199,127	56,850	255,977
Other trading activities	-	16,419	16,419
Investments	-	13,896	13,896
Total income	199,127	90,400	289,527
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	69,800	69,800
Charitable activities	143,886	77,017	220,903
Total expenditure	143,886	146,817	290,703
Net income / (expenditure)	55,241	(56,417)	(1,176)
Extraordinary item	-	(15,070)	(15,070)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	55,241	(71,487)	(16,246)

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
General Donations	-	12,451	12,451
Colcannon Donations (trusts and foundations)	-	16,750	16,750
Bristol City Council (COVID)	-	22,000	22,000
Bristol City Council Business Rates Relief Grant	-	25,094	25,094
HMRC CJRS	-	48,587	48,587
Felix Road Adventure Playground (merger donation)	100,224	75,162	175,386
Easton Community Centre (merger donation)	47,394	24,849	72,243
Total income from donations and legacies	147,618	224,893	372,511

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2020 Total £
Prior period comparative:			
General Donations	-	3,235	3,235
Total income from donations and legacies	-	3,235	3,235

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Café and Food sales	-	46	46
Printing and other admin	-	172	172
Nursery Profit Share	-	169	169
Rental and lease income	-	114,288	114,288
Service Charge income	-	8,958	8,958
Short term hire income	-	4,390	4,390
Grant / project income	566,590	35,346	601,936
Total income from charitable activities	566,590	163,369	729,959

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Prior period comparative:	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2020 Total £
Service Charge income	-	3,740	3,740
Rental and lease income	-	48,154	48,154
Grant / project income	<u>199,127</u>	<u>4,956</u>	<u>204,083</u>
Total income from charitable activities	<u><u>199,127</u></u>	<u><u>56,850</u></u>	<u><u>255,977</u></u>

5. Income from other trading activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Advertising	-	4,726	4,726
Advertising subscriptions	-	2,580	2,580
Consulting income	<u>-</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>1,526</u>
Total income from other trading activities	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>8,832</u></u>	<u><u>8,832</u></u>

Prior period comparative:	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2020 Total £
Advertising	-	7,195	7,195
Advertising subscriptions	-	3,040	3,040
Fundraising	-	2,626	2,626
Consulting income	<u>-</u>	<u>3,558</u>	<u>3,558</u>
Total income from other trading activities	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>16,419</u></u>	<u><u>16,419</u></u>

6. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, HMRC, Department for Media and Culture (Power to Change, Social Enterprise Support, Community-Led Organisation Recovery) the National Lottery to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2021 was £361,697 (2020: £117,017). There are no unfulfilled conditions of contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

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7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2021 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	102,040	259,349	-	361,389
Other employment costs	-	-	1,567	1,567
Accountancy	-	-	3,773	3,773
Bank charges	-	-	345	345
Rent	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	22,069	22,069
Insurance	-	-	8,561	8,561
Computer expenses	-	-	16,531	16,531
Subscriptions	-	-	3,356	3,356
Telephone and internet	-	-	2,836	2,836
Utilities	-	-	15,614	15,614
Advertising	3,300	-	-	3,300
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	2,057	2,057
Professional and legal	-	2,969	3,950	6,919
Project expenses	-	153,776	-	153,776
Interest paid	-	-	1,453	1,453
Depreciation	-	-	18,818	18,818
Bad debts	-	-	3,360	3,360
Sub-total	105,340	416,094	104,290	625,724
Allocation of support and governance costs	27,115	77,175	(104,290)	-
Total expenditure	132,455	493,269	-	625,724

Total governance costs were £3,950 (2020: £869)

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For the year ended 31 March 2021

7. Total expenditure

Prior period comparative	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2020 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	59,252	100,889	-	160,141
Other employment costs	-	-	289	289
Accountancy	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	257	257
Rent	-	-	6,383	6,383
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	2,136	2,136
Insurance	-	-	2,815	2,815
Computer expenses	-	-	4,818	4,818
Subscriptions	-	-	525	525
Telephone and internet	-	-	2,344	2,344
Utilities	-	-	-	-
Advertising	160	-	-	160
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	665	665
Professional and legal	-	1,442	869	2,311
Project expenses	-	100,883	-	100,883
Interest paid	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	6,976	6,976
Bad debts	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	59,412	203,214	28,077	290,703
Allocation of support and governance costs	10,388	17,689	(28,077)	-
Total expenditure	69,800	220,903	-	290,703

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8. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation	18,818	6,976
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	-	-
Auditors' remuneration:		
▪ Statutory audit	3,950	-
▪ Independent examination	-	869
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	313,910	142,363
Social security costs	15,327	8,242
Pension costs	16,112	9,659
Freelance staff	16,040	(123)
	<u>361,389</u>	<u>160,141</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees, Chief Executive Officer, Finance and HR Manager and Business Development Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £106,386 (2020: £34,972).

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Average head count	<u>9.30</u>	<u>6.90</u>

10. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold £	Nursery £	Playground £	Community Centre £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2020	279,057	-	-	-	279,057
Merger donated assets		116,293	-	92,501	208,794
Additions in year	-	172,377	50,258	-	222,635
At 31 March 2021	279,057	288,670	50,258	92,501	710,486
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2020	83,784	-	-	-	83,784
Merger donated assets	-	-	-	18,511	18,511
Charge for the year	6,976	7,217	-	4,625	18,818
At 31 March 2021	90,760	7,217	-	23,136	121,113
Net book value					
At 31 March 2021	188,297	281,453	50,258	69,365	589,373
At 31 March 2020	195,273	-	-	-	195,273

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12. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,779	7,689
Other debtors	100	484
	8,879	8,173

13. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	21,405	1,756
Accruals	4,170	869
Other taxation and social security	(319)	-537
Pension control account	847	570
VAT control account	2,946	3,448
Rent deposits	3,033	3,033
Loan - Andy Robb	7,800	-
Loan - Andy Street	7,800	-
Loan - Andy Street	8,000	-
Co-op Foundation Loan	12,500	-
	68,182	9,139

14. Creditors : amounts due after 1 year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Loan - Andy Robb	8,632	-
Loan - Andy Street	8,632	-
Loan - Andy Street	12,000	-
Co-op Foundation Loan	34,375	-
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	40,000	-
	103,639	-

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	589,373	589,373
Current assets	295,936	241,414	537,350
Current liabilities	-	(68,182)	(68,182)
Liabilities after one year	-	(103,639)	(103,639)
Net assets at 31 March 2021	<u>295,936</u>	<u>658,966</u>	<u>954,902</u>
Prior period comparative			
	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	195,273	195,273
Current assets	88,006	197,138	285,144
Current liabilities	-	(9,139)	(9,139)
Net assets at 31 March 2020	<u>88,006</u>	<u>383,272</u>	<u>471,278</u>

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16. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Tfr btwn funds	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Active Travel Grant	-	3,952	-	-	3,952
BCC Parks	-	5,000	(2,783)	-	2,217
Capital Grants	-	5,300	-	-	5,300
Clothworkers	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Easton Community Centre CIL	-	49,894	(7,559)	-	42,335
Felix Road Adventure Playground CIL	-	35,000	(18,491)	-	16,509
Garfield Weston	-	24,112	(24,112)	-	-
Climate Action Fund	-	7,522	(2,424)	-	5,098
Climate Action Fund Coproduction	-	25,500	(300)	-	25,200
CLORS	-	49,200	(31,238)	-	17,962
Co-op Expand	-	9,970	-	-	9,970
Quartet Endowment Fund	5,505	10,422	(2,945)	-	12,982
Everyday Integration	-	13,125	(2,412)	-	10,713
Feeding Bristol	-	5,046	(3,137)	-	1,909
Garfield Weston	-	30,000	(11,184)	-	18,816
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	15,752	38,813	(43,308)	-	11,256
John James	-	4,637	(558)	-	4,079
Merchant Vent	-	5,000	(3)	-	4,997
Pavement works	-	5,000	(7,600)	-	(2,600)
Reaching Communities	20,004	42,092	(32,935)	-	29,161
Bristol Social Action Festival	11,695	-	(4,428)	-	7,267
CAF Corona Fund - spent	-	7,800	(7,800)	-	-
Catalyst Fund (inclusion worker)	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Co-op Foundation	2,770	-	(2,770)	-	-
Co-op FRAP	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Community Space	-	800	(800)	-	-
Covid 19 funds	-	9,601	(9,601)	-	-
Emergency Grants	-	33,000	(33,000)	-	-
Quartet Funding the Future	20,179	-	(20,179)	-	-
BCC - Imagination Fund	6,800	1,700	(8,500)	-	-
Lottery (Covid)	-	77,994	(77,994)	-	-
Megawatt Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Nisbets	-	4,820	(4,820)	-	-
Playground food support	-	10,000	(4,000)	-	6,000
Power to Change	-	19,606	(19,606)	-	-
SESF	-	33,311	(33,311)	-	-
Wham	-	2,050	(2,050)	-	-
WRAP project	5,301	(5,072)	(229)	-	-
St Monica Trust Community Impact	-	19,037	-	-	19,037
Triodos	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Tudor Trust	-	62,000	(31,986)	-	30,014
Wing Chun	-	3,222	(1,200)	-	2,022
Youth Music	-	11,654	(7,541)	-	4,113
Youth Project	-	10,100	(5,472)	-	4,628
Total restricted funds	88,006	714,208	(506,278)	-	295,936

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Restricted funds	88,006	714,208	(506,278)	-	295,936
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	195,273	-	-	394,100	589,373
Avonvale Road Maintenance	10,724	-	-	-	10,724
Redundancy Reserve	14,718	-	-	(14,718)	-
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<u>220,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>379,382</u>	<u>600,097</u>
General funds	<u>162,557</u>	<u>400,907</u>	<u>(125,213)</u>	<u>(379,382)</u>	<u>58,869</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>383,272</u>	<u>400,907</u>	<u>(125,213)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>658,966</u>
Total funds	<u><u>471,278</u></u>	<u><u>1,115,115</u></u>	<u><u>(631,491)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>954,902</u></u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Active Travel Grant – to provide a free family bike loan scheme

BCC parks – to provide community engagement support for Bristol Future Parks

Capital grants – upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Clothworkers - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Easton Community Centre – Community Infrastructure Levy for capital improvements, bin store, lighting and bike store

Felix Road Adventure Playground – Community Infrastructure Levy - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Garfield Weston – support for admin staff for Felix Road Adventure Playground

Climate Action Fund – a community produced climate action plan

Climate Action Fund co-production – engagement work to produce a community climate action plan

CLORS – reopening Food at Felix, membership and evaluation development work

Co-op Expand – supporting parents at Kilburn Court

Quartet Endowment Fund – small grants scheme for local people

Everyday Integration – research project with University of Bristol on integration in the city

Feeding Bristol – food provision from Felix Road Adventure Playground over Christmas

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16. Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Garfield Weston - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Bristol City Council Impact Fund – community conversations and community development work

John James - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Merchant Venturers – support for youth sessions at Felix Road

Pavement works – widening pavement outside Felix Road

Reaching Communities – Placemakers project focused on reducing isolation and loneliness

Bristol Social Action – supporting council Can Do volunteer programme

CAF corona – supporting food hub

Catalyst – supporting specialist playworker at Felix Road with St Pauls Adventure Playground

Co-Op Foundation – support with community research

Co-Op FRAP – support with development of nursery

Community space – supporting Councillors with community conversations

COVID 19 funds – adaptations to building and emergency doorstep delivery service

Emergency grants – distributing small grants to resident in crisis

Quartet Funding the Future – staff time to complete merger and organisational development

Bristol City Council Imagination Fund – working with In Between Times on creative project bringing arts to the neighbourhood

Lottery COVID – emergency doorstep delivery service

Megawatt – new electric boiler for Raised in Easton

Nisbetts - upgrading Felix Road Adventure Playground structures and site

Playground food – providing free hot, nutritious meals to children at Felix Road

Power to Change – capital improvements at Easton Community Centre and COVID adaptations

SESF – core staff time to keep playground and community centre open

WHAM - supporting residents with energy home improvement advice

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Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

WRAP – project reducing litter in the neighbourhood

St Monica – community project to reduce isolation and loneliness among older residents

Triodos – support for girls group at Felix Road

Tudor Trust – funding Service and Business Development staff capacity

Wing Chun – providing affordable martial arts from Felix Road

Youth Music – supporting playworker staff to engage children in music at Felix Road

Youth project/BYCA – supporting playworkers at Felix Road

Purposes of designated funds

Capital fund

Capital funds represents (i) the leasehold property and improvements which are designated on the basis that the underlying assets could not be sold by the charity; (ii) the nursery which may have a mortgage value but is built on our leasehold land. They have a value in use for the charity but no re-sale value.

Avonvale Road

This money represents rent deposits paid by tenants and annual contributions by tenants to a sinking fund ring fenced for maintenance and repairs for the retail units service yard. This sum is recorded in the leases on the properties.

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16. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative	At 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2020 £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Fund	1,901	-	(1,901)	-	-
Co-op Foundation	-	9,989	(7,219)	-	2,770
WRAP project	5,399	10,000	(10,098)	-	5,301
Quartet Funding the Future	6,864	50,000	(36,685)	-	20,179
Quartet Endowment Fund	1,289	11,521	(7,305)	-	5,505
Controlling Migration Fund	6,450	10,000	(16,450)	-	-
BCC - Impact Fund	2,862	41,625	(28,735)	-	15,752
BCC - Imagination Fund	-	15,300	(8,500)	-	6,800
Community Space	-	600	(600)	-	-
Bristol Social Action Festival	8,000	8,000	(4,305)	-	11,695
Reaching Communities	-	42,092	(22,088)	-	20,004
Total restricted funds	32,765	199,127	(143,886)	-	88,006
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	202,249	-	-	(6,976)	195,273
Avonvale Road Maintenance	10,724	-	-	-	10,724
Redundancy Reserve	14,718	-	-	-	14,718
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<i>227,691</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(6,976)</i>	<i>220,715</i>
General funds	227,068	90,400	(161,887)	6,976	162,557
Total unrestricted funds	454,759	90,400	(161,887)	-	383,272
Total funds	487,524	289,527	(305,773)	-	471,278

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17. Related party transactions

Zoe Sherriff, trustee and director provided a loan of £40,000 to fund the development of the nursery at Felix Road. Zoe will receive interest of 2% on the loan in accordance with our constitution.

Woodland Tribe CIC was contracted through an open tender process to provide £68,000 of capital improvement works at Felix Road Adventure Playground. Tom Williams, an employee of Eastside Community Trust is also a Director of Woodland Tribe. Tom was not involved in the tender or recruitment process and did not carry out any paid work as part of this contract.

Alice Ballentine-Dykes, a trustee and director, was paid £690 to provide free bursary placements for women as part of her MAMA coaching programme.

Marg Hickman was a local Councillor during the period 2020-2021 and Eastside Community Trust was in receipt of council funding to the value of £68,313.

18. Extraordinary item

During the year a fraud was discovered that was carried out between 2016 and 2021. This is disclosed as an extraordinary item in 2021 and 2020 (by restating the comparative extraordinary item cost) and prior to 2020 (by restating the general funds b/fwd) as laid out in the table below.

Between July and August 2021 during the course of this audit, it was discovered that a sum of £6,001 could not be accounted for. On further investigation it came to light that the charity had been the victim of a fraud between July 2016 and December 2020. A police investigation and governance review are underway.

	£
Fraud disclosed as exceptional item in 2021	5,767
Fraud disclosed as exceptional item in 2020 by restating comparatives	15,070
Fraud disclosed as reduction in general funds by restating comparatives	<u>79,636</u>
	<u><u>100,473</u></u>

19. Prior year adjustment

The prior year comparatives have been restated to account for the extraordinary item above and to introduce a designated capital fund. The capital fund has been introduced due to the significant capital spend during the year to enable readers of the accounts to clearly identify free reserves.

	General funds £	Total funds £
Funds b/fwd prior to adjustment	508,953	567,160
Introduction of capital reserve	(202,249)	-
Extraordinary item	<u>(79,636)</u>	<u>(79,636)</u>
Funds b/fwd after prior year adjustment	<u><u>227,068</u></u>	<u><u>487,524</u></u>