



# **EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST**

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

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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## Reference and administrative information

Charity name: Eastside Community Trust

Charity registration number: 1081691

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Registered office and  
operational address: Easton Community Centre  
Kilburn Street  
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### Trustees

Alice Ballantine Dykes	Stood down October 2022
Amanda Watson	Vice chair from October 2022
Andy Burkitt	Stood down October 2022
Emmanuel Maunganidze	Chair
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Noelle Rumball	
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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

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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



Actual - 94% of 192 survey respondents agreed

Target - 50 people a year will make new connections

Actual - 155 people reported making a new connection

Target - 75 People will attend community conversations

Actual - 164 people attended

Target - 75% of people report improved wellbeing

Actual - 79% of 161 respondents



## 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 Enovort 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 ebuletin	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**

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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**

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Income (and endowments) from:</b>					
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
<b>Total income (and endowments)</b>		<b>633,376</b>	<b>331,343</b>	<b>964,720</b>	<b>751,015</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds		80,982	61,949	142,931	144,997
Charitable activities		492,285	187,735	680,020	554,828
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>573,267</b>	<b>249,684</b>	<b>822,951</b>	<b>699,824</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>60,110</b>	<b>81,659</b>	<b>141,769</b>	<b>51,191</b>
Transfers between funds		(18,002)	18,002	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42,108</b>	<b>99,661</b>	<b>141,769</b>	<b>51,191</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		128,126	877,967	1,006,093	954,902
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>170,234</b>	<b>977,628</b>	<b>1,147,862</b>	<b>1,006,093</b>

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 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		585,490		588,377
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	38,162		41,120	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>630,802</u>		<u>500,058</u>	
			668,964		541,177
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: falling due within one year	14		(65,657)		(57,626)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u>603,308</u>		<u>483,552</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			1,188,797		1,071,928
Creditors: falling due after one year			(40,935)		(65,835)
<b>Net assets / (liabilities)</b>	16		<u>1,147,862</u>		<u>1,006,093</u>
<b>Funds</b>	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 £
<b>Cash used in operating activities</b>			
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)
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>163,801</b>	<b>(1,578)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	7	2,381	1,037
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	12	(35,438)	(27,873)
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities</b>		<b>(33,056)</b>	<b>(26,836)</b>
<b>Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>130,745</b>	<b>(28,414)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		500,057	528,471
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>630,802</b>	<b>500,057</b>

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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#### 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 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	-	96,428	<b>96,428</b>
Charitable activities	436,725	206,645	<b>643,370</b>
Other trading activities	-	10,179	<b>10,179</b>
Investments	-	1,037	<b>1,037</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>436,725</b>	<b>314,290</b>	<b>751,015</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	117,161	27,836	<b>144,997</b>
Charitable activities	487,661	67,167	<b>554,828</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>604,822</b>	<b>95,003</b>	<b>699,824</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>	<b>(168,097)</b>	<b>219,287</b>	<b>699,824</b>
Extraordinary item	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	286	(286)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(170,633)</b>	<b>221,823</b>	<b>51,191</b>

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
General Donations	-	35,784	<b>35,784</b>
Colcannon Donations (Trusts and Foundations)	-	37,050	<b>37,050</b>
Bristol City Council Business Rates Relief Grant	-	-	-
<b>Total income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,834</b>	<b>72,834</b>



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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
<b>Total income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,428</b>	<b>96,428</b>

**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
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>633,376</b>	<b>242,695</b>	<b>876,071</b>

**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
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>436,725</b>	<b>206,645</b>	<b>643,370</b>

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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
<b>Total income from other trading activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,433</b>	<b>13,433</b>

**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
<b>Total income from other trading activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,179</b>	<b>10,179</b>

**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	<b>142,931</b>	<b>680,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>822,951</b>

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**

<b>Prior period comparative</b>	<b>Raising Funds</b>	<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>Support and Governance Costs</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs (note 10)	84,016	262,299	-	<b>346,315</b>
Other employment costs	-	-	3,043	<b>3,043</b>
Accountancy	-	-	14,708	<b>14,708</b>
Bank charges	-	-	776	<b>776</b>
Rent	-	-	-	<b>-</b>
Rates	-	-	728	<b>728</b>
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	129,454	<b>129,454</b>
Insurance	-	-	10,955	<b>10,955</b>
Computer expenses	-	-	13,700	<b>13,700</b>
Subscriptions	-	-	1,478	<b>1,478</b>
Telephone and internet	-	-	6,768	<b>6,768</b>
Utilities	-	-	16,100	<b>16,100</b>
Advertising	2,727	-	-	<b>2,727</b>
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	6,077	<b>6,077</b>
Professional and legal	-	5,043	7,617	<b>12,660</b>
Project expenses	-	103,017	-	<b>103,017</b>
Interest paid	-	-	1,232	<b>1,232</b>
Depreciation	-	-	28,870	<b>28,870</b>
Bad debts	-	-	1,217	<b>1,217</b>
Sub-total	86,743	370,359	242,722	<b>699,824</b>
Allocation of support and governance costs	58,253	184,469	(242,722)	<b>-</b>
Total expenditure	<b>144,997</b>	<b>554,828</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>699,824</b>

**9 Net movement in funds**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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><b>402,986</b></u>	<u><b>346,315</b></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).

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
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 £
<b>Cost</b>					
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>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
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>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<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**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan - Andy Street	<b>4,360</b>	8,760
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	<b>27,200</b>	35,200
Co-op Foundation Loan	<b>9,375</b>	21,875
	<b><u>40,935</u></b>	<b><u>65,835</u></b>

**16 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	585,490	<b>585,490</b>
Current assets	170,234	498,730	<b>668,964</b>
Current liabilities	-	(65,657)	<b>(65,657)</b>
Liabilities after one year	-	(40,935)	<b>(40,935)</b>
<b>Net assets at 31 March 2023</b>	<b><u>170,234</u></b>	<b><u>977,628</u></b>	<b><u>1,147,862</u></b>

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>Prior period comparative</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	-	588,376	<b>588,376</b>
Current assets	128,126	413,052	<b>541,177</b>
Current liabilities	-	(57,626)	<b>(57,626)</b>
Liabilities after one year	-	(65,835)	<b>(65,835)</b>
<b>Net assets at 31 March 2022</b>	<b><u>128,126</u></b>	<b><u>877,967</u></b>	<b><u>1,006,093</u></b>



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**17 Movements in funds**

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
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)	-	<b>2,000</b>
School For Social Entrepreneurs	24,750	-	(24,953)	203	-
Schroders	-	5,000	(1,100)	-	<b>3,900</b>
Society of Merchant Venturers	-	5,000	(1,380)	-	<b>3,620</b>
Sport England	5,339	-	(5,362)	23	-
St Monica Trust Community Impact	-	19,973	(20,825)	-	<b>(852)</b>
Thresholds - FairBnB	450	-	(450)	-	-
Thresholds - Kitchen	22,113	-	(21,258)	(854)	-
Thresholds	-	20,000	(1,631)	(2,447)	<b>15,922</b>
Thrive	-	3,573	(3,374)	(199)	-
TravelWest	2,300	3,892	-	-	<b>6,192</b>
Triodos	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tudor Trust	567	35,000	(29,983)	-	<b>5,584</b>
Van Neste	-	5,000	(5,132)	132	-
Voscur	-	4,000	-	-	<b>4,000</b>
WECA	-	15,262	(15,295)	33	-
Welcome Places (PPE)	-	4,296	(288)	-	<b>4,008</b>
Wesport Together NHS CCG	-	8,760	(8,760)	-	-
Wesport Together	-	7,600	(7,600)	-	-
Wing Chun	1,617	3,770	(3,560)	-	<b>1,827</b>
Wing Chun Sport England Jubilee Fund	-	7,620	(7,120)	(500)	-
Winter Fuel Fund	-	4,000	(3,350)	-	<b>650</b>
YHH Spring Holidays	(1,036)	18,720	(10,161)	-	<b>7,523</b>
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)	-	-
<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>128,126</b>	<b>633,376</b>	<b>(573,266)</b>	<b>(18,002)</b>	<b>170,234</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<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
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,006,093</b>	<b>964,720</b>	<b>(822,950)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,147,862</b>

# **EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST**

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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 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
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
<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>295,936</b>	<b>436,725</b>	<b>(604,822)</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>128,126</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<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
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>658,966</b>	<b>314,290</b>	<b>(95,003)</b>	<b>(286)</b>	<b>877,967</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>954,902</b>	<b>751,015</b>	<b>(699,824)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,006,093</b>

**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.