

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1083405

Details

Other names	SMETHWICK BANGLADESHI YOUTH FORUM, SBYF
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03796674
Registered	2000-11-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE WEST MIDLANDS WITH A PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE DISTRICT OF SMETHWICK AND IN PARTICULAR, BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FORGOING, DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO BANGLADESHI'S RESIDING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS, TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID COMMUNITIES.

Activities: The key activities of the organisation are: -++? Education and Training-++? Skills Development Activities-++? Health Development Activities-++? Adult Guidance-++? Employment Support-++? ICT and Internet access facility-++? Youth Engagement-++? Research & Development

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SANDWELL WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE DISTRICT OF SMETHWICK.
- Birmingham City
- Sandwell

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£309,616	£284,019	-	-
2024-03-31	£271,549	£260,312	-	-
2023-03-31	£238,343	£225,841	-	-
2022-03-31	£292,072	£181,572	-	-
2021-03-31	£150,763	£138,205	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ABDUR ROHMAN		
Afsar Hussain		2026-06-28
BASHIR AHMED MBE		
Dr Md Arafatur Rahman		2025-07-17
Dr Nazmul Hussain		2025-07-17
Mohammed Taj Uddin		2018-04-13
Moyen Uddin		2026-06-28
Muhammad KOBI MIAH		
NASIR UDDIN		
SALAH UDDIN		
Shah Mohammed Ali		2025-07-17
Shomsur Rahman Khan		2018-10-09
ZAMAL AHMED		

Accounts

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	186,608	81,530	(82,224)	(59,500)	126,414
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	189,722	73,522	(76,636)	-	186,608

18 Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that the trustees have set aside for specific purposes. These designations are made to reflect the charity's strategic priorities and future commitments. Although these funds remain unrestricted, the trustees have chosen to earmark them for the following uses:

Designated Fund Name	Purpose of Designation	2025 £
Building Refurbishment Fund	To finance planned improvements to the charity's premises	25,000
IT Upgrade Fund	To support the upgrade of IT infrastructure and systems	29,500
Sustainability Fund	To install solar panels	5,000
Total Designated Funds		59,500

The trustees review designated funds annually and may reallocate them depending on the charity's evolving needs and priorities.

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

14 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises grants received in advance of delivering the services required by the conditions of the grants.

	2024 £
Balance as at 1 April 2024	29,700
Amount released to incoming resources	(29,700)
Amount deferred in the year	70,069
Balance as at 31 March 2025	<u><u>70,069</u></u>

15 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>2,825</u>	<u>2,342</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
	<u>355,644</u>	<u>228,086</u>	<u>(201,795)</u>	<u>381,935</u>
Previous year:				
	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
	<u>341,293</u>	<u>198,027</u>	<u>(183,676)</u>	<u>355,644</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost / Fair value				
At 1 April 2024	395,000	135,338	32,577	562,915
Additions	-	-	2,952	2,952
	<u>395,000</u>	<u>135,338</u>	<u>35,529</u>	<u>565,867</u>
At 31 March 2025	395,000	135,338	35,529	565,867
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2024	52,332	135,338	25,314	212,984
Depreciation charged in the year	7,476	-	5,543	13,019
	<u>59,808</u>	<u>135,338</u>	<u>30,857</u>	<u>226,003</u>
At 31 March 2025	59,808	135,338	30,857	226,003
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2025	<u>335,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,672</u>	<u>339,864</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>342,668</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,263</u>	<u>349,931</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	<u>1,745</u>	<u>745</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	2,022	2,450
Trade creditors	298	2,813
Other creditors	80,807	32,291
	<u>83,127</u>	<u>37,554</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	8	6
Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	155,488	126,571
Social security costs	6,755	5,496
Other pension costs	2,825	2,342
	165,068	134,409

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
Bank charges	614	735
	614	735

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cleaning	4,510	-	4,510	3,559	-	3,559
Consultancy fees	1,764	-	1,764	2,400	-	2,400
Light and heat	10,408	-	10,408	11,410	-	11,410
Equipment expensed	2,001	-	2,001	232	-	232
ICT maintenance	1,195	-	1,195	1,400	-	1,400
Office expenses	821	-	821	448	-	448
Rates and insurance	4,439	-	4,439	4,649	-	4,649
Photocopier rental charge	1,138	-	1,138	787	-	787
Software	255	-	255	115	-	115
Repairs	478	-	478	7,094	-	7,094
Security	983	-	983	1,041	-	1,041
Staff training	1,668	-	1,668	1,901	-	1,901
Postage and stationery	1,319	-	1,319	1,588	-	1,588
Temps and recruitment	-	-	-	80	-	80
Telephone	3,088	-	3,088	2,548	-	2,548
Audit fees	-	2,982	2,982	-	2,821	2,821
Legal and professional	-	69	69	-	180	180
	<u>34,068</u>	<u>3,051</u>	<u>37,119</u>	<u>39,252</u>	<u>3,001</u>	<u>42,253</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>34,068</u>	<u>3,051</u>	<u>37,119</u>	<u>39,252</u>	<u>3,001</u>	<u>42,253</u>

6 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,982	2,821
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>13,019</u>	<u>12,537</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Other operating income	6,821	2,833

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2025	Charitable Expenditure 2024
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	165,068	134,409
Depreciation and impairment	13,019	12,537
Community projects	58,676	64,394
Training delivery	9,523	5,984
	246,286	217,324
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Support	34,068	39,252
Governance	3,051	3,001
	283,405	259,577
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	81,610	75,901
Restricted funds	201,795	183,676
	283,405	259,577

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Grants and fees	74,709	228,086	302,795	70,689	198,027	268,716
Grants receivable for core activities						
SCC BHP	-	15,984	15,984	-	15,292	15,292
Advice work	-	-	-	-	18,375	18,375
BBC CIN	-	30,099	30,099	-	29,062	29,062
BLF	-	72,879	72,879	-	76,609	76,609
Canal & River Trust	610	-	610	600	-	600
Fees - Stanfords Training	-	-	-	1,100	-	1,100
Miscellaneous	3,178	-	3,178	5,276	-	5,276
BBO Bridges	4,200	-	4,200	12,092	-	12,092
Good Things Foundation	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
Sandwell Council	140	29,784	29,924	5,394	-	5,394
Sandwell Language Network	-	16,475	16,475	-	6,449	6,449
SC CATS	-	1,299	1,299	-	17,491	17,491
SCVO Vision 2030	-	-	-	-	8,500	8,500
SC Skills for Sandwell	-	21,050	21,050	-	-	-
The National Express Foundation	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	700	-	700	10,500	-	10,500
The Henry Smith	32,600	-	32,600	-	-	-
SCC - COLT	16,445	-	16,445	15,465	-	15,465
SCC - Research & Reconnect	13,836	-	13,836	19,937	-	19,937
SCC - Advice work	-	17,661	17,661	-	-	-
We Are Digital Training Ltd	-	4,715	4,715	325	-	325
WDH (Wider Determinants of Health)	-	18,140	18,140	-	-	-
	74,709	228,086	302,795	70,689	198,027	268,716

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Plant and equipment	25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Community Connect Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is North Smethwick Resource Centre, Cambridge Road, Smethwick, Birmingham, West Midlands, B66 2HR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds

These are funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives. Unrestricted funds include:

- General Fund: Used for the day-to-day operations of the charity.
- Designated Funds: Unrestricted funds that the trustees have earmarked for specific purposes.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		339,864		349,931
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,745		745	
Cash at bank and in hand		309,367		229,130	
		311,112		229,875	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(83,127)		(37,554)	
Net current assets			227,985		192,321
Total assets less current liabilities			567,849		542,252
The funds of the charity					
Designated funds	18		59,500		-
Restricted funds	16		381,935		355,644
Unrestricted funds	17		126,414		186,608
			567,849		542,252

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27 October 2025



Nasir Uddin
Trustee

Company registration number 03796674 (England and Wales)

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes			
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	2	70,689	198,027	268,716
Other income	3	2,833	-	2,833
Total income		73,522	198,027	271,549
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Charitable activities	4	75,901	183,676	259,577
Other	9	735	-	735
Total expenditure		76,636	183,676	260,312
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(3,114)	14,351	11,237
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(3,114)	14,351	11,237
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		189,722	341,293	531,015
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		186,608	355,644	542,252

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	2	74,709	-	228,086	302,795	268,716
Other income	3	6,821	-	-	6,821	2,833
Total income		81,530	-	228,086	309,616	271,549
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	4	81,610	-	201,795	283,405	259,577
Bank charges	9	614	-	-	614	735
Total expenditure		82,224	-	201,795	284,019	260,312
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(694)	-	26,291	25,597	11,237
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(694)	-	26,291	25,597	11,237
Gross transfers between funds		(59,500)	59,500	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(60,194)	59,500	26,291	25,597	11,237
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		186,608	-	355,644	542,252	531,015
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		126,414	59,500	381,935	567,849	542,252

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Community Connect Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Mohammed Yaseen ACCA

Soho House
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27 October 2025

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Financial review

Overall, Community Connect Foundation has raised funds totalling £309,616 with the expenditure for the year totalling £284,019 leaving the organisation with a surplus of £25,597. This leaves £567,849 in our funds to be carried forward at 31 March 2025.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be approximately six months of the resources expended. The board has decided to increase free reserves to create sufficient funds to pay for any future redundancy settlements.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Bashir Ahmed

Shomsur Khan

Muhammad Miah

Abdur Rohman

Taz Uddin

Salah Uddin

Nasir Uddin

Zamal Ahmed

Dr Nazmul Hussain

(Appointed 17 July 2025)

Arafatur Rahman

(Appointed 17 July 2025)

Shah Ali

(Appointed 17 July 2025)

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Community Connect Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Nasir Uddin

Trustee

27 October 2025

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Youth development: This year also marked a key milestone in our youth development efforts. We launched several innovative initiatives aimed at enriching skills and fostering a strong community spirit among young people. These included engaging football sessions that promote fitness, teamwork, and discipline, water sports. Successful completion of our Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) leadership programme, offering youth valuable leadership skills and opportunities to undertake meaningful community service projects seen 13 young people achieve their accreditation certificate, and six partial completions. Our youth clubs, provides a safe and creative environment, offer weekly gatherings for socialising and recreational activities, and structured issue based delivery of outcome based services. Our holiday programmes were very popular with younger service users. Overall, over 140 young people participated in this area of our work, with high daily participation numbers, experiencing personal growth and development that will benefit them now and in the future.

The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity

We have delivered a range of activities and services that have significantly improved our communities, positively impacting individuals and families. A key initiative brought together isolated individuals, new settlers, and long-standing residents, fostering social capital crucial for a cohesive, resilient community. Our advice service helped beneficiaries tackle financial and housing issues by guiding them through welfare benefits, grants, and schemes, increasing household incomes. We provided emergency food resources, supporting well-being, and offered financial literacy training to improve money management. We prioritised developing soft skills through various training courses, enhancing literacy, numeracy, digital skills, and industry-specific knowledge, boosting confidence and employability. Participants advanced to further training or gained employability skills via volunteer placements, which proved transformative. Securing employment fosters financial independence, benefits the local economy, and improves mental and physical health. Our youth development programme offers tailored support for young people facing challenges, equipping them with skills and confidence for the future, nurturing future leaders, and fostering a vibrant, resilient community.

Degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society

Our communities were severely impacted by the pandemic and the rising cost of living crisis, which increased individual and household poverty, leaving many struggling to make ends meet as their finances shrank. In response, our services became a vital lifeline, offering reassurance and essential support during this challenging period. We diligently assisted clients in navigating welfare benefits to ensure they received the support they were entitled to. Additionally, we provided tailored budgeting workshops to help families reduce expenses and guided beneficiaries in improving their health and well-being. Our goal was not only to relieve immediate financial pressures but also to empower clients toward greater independence and personal growth.

Recognising the urgent need for employment opportunities, we developed a labour market support program to prepare individuals for work. We offered resources such as CV writing workshops, interview coaching, and job placement services, helping many secure meaningful employments. For young people, we organised engaging activities to foster civic responsibility, raise awareness of societal issues, and promote educational and career aspirations.

With the continued support of our funders, we quickly adapted our services to meet the community's changing needs. Our dedicated staff received training to develop new skills suited to these conditions, enabling us to build innovative partnerships with other organisations and stakeholders.

Through these efforts, we achieved a significant impact, reaching a diverse range of beneficiaries with different backgrounds and abilities. Our work contributed to stabilising the community by increasing household incomes and enhancing individuals' skills and capacity for independent living. We also focused on both physical and mental health, helping beneficiaries adopt healthier lifestyles and better manage health conditions.

Importantly, our inclusive initiatives fostered community cohesion, creating a sense of belonging and social capital. By promoting unity, collaboration, and aspiration, we empowered individuals and families to work together towards improving their circumstances and building a brighter future for themselves and their neighbours.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Achievements and performance

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

Throughout the year, we provided a comprehensive range of interconnected supportive services and capacity building initiatives aimed at empowering our beneficiaries. Participants benefited from engaging in multiple activities across different work areas as they progressed. Over 1,350 participants accessed our services across various initiatives this year, each attending structured programmes or courses, or accessing specific services, often requiring repeat visits to resolve.

We are delighted to share that 98% of our beneficiaries felt satisfied with our services. Of these, 7% agreed they were simply satisfied, while an impressive 91% felt strongly satisfied. They also shared that these services had a positive impact on them. This wonderful feedback truly showcases the effectiveness of our wide range of offerings and reaffirms our heartfelt commitment to continuously meeting the needs of our community beneficiaries.

Advice: In our ongoing efforts to address the challenges associated with the economic downturn and rising living costs, we have provided both generalist and specialist advice and support services aimed at assisting individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. We have supported over 805 individuals with various needs, including welfare benefits, housing, and immigration. 2,303 separate matters registered requiring over 3,700 visits. Our dedicated advocacy for welfare benefits and anti-poverty remain a key service area and, in much demand, resulting in a net income of over £477,000 for individuals and families. This financial assistance is crucial in helping households manage economic difficulties and enhance their quality of life. Additionally, some households benefited from savings on costs, such as immigration fees through immigration fee waiver applications for low-income families and provided guidance on effective budgeting practices to enable beneficiaries to manage their money more efficiently. Our team has facilitated access to grant schemes to provide additional support during challenging times. Moreover, we have connected beneficiaries with essential services including food banks, clothing banks, and housing associations, ensuring our residents receive comprehensive support to address immediate needs and foster long-term stability.

Foundation Learning programme: has shown significant success in building capacity and advancing personal development. Participants have demonstrated a proactive approach to skill enhancement through engagement in the programme, showing strong commitment to learning and professional growth. During the programme, 195 learners registered for courses, with some completing more than one, resulting in a total of 325 units delivered, and digital skills units being the highest. Courses ranged in GLH hours from 8 to 96 hours and included self-guided online learning (units). Our accredited courses included ESOL Levels 1 and 2, Food Safety and Hygiene Level 2, and First Aid training.

Employment support: This year, our organisation made significant progress in providing comprehensive employment support to over 405 beneficiaries. 17 beneficiaries secured voluntary work, gaining valuable experience and contributing to their communities. To further boost employability, we organised and conducted 46 two-hour work club sessions, where participants carried out job search or supported with job search, shared skills, and discussed job search strategies. Beyond group work, we prioritised individual support, helping beneficiaries develop vital digital skills required in today's job market, training for interview preparation.

Health and wellbeing: recognising the lasting impact of the pandemic on mental and physical health, our health and wellbeing programmes have been essential in supporting individuals to recover and build resilience. This year, 326 (unique) participants engaged in our wellbeing workshops and/or exercise sessions, and across all activities, we registered over 500 participants. Delivery includes workshops (on mental health, physical wellbeing, dietary needs, living with chronic conditions), walking, water sports, football, and therapeutic sessions, all designed to facilitate holistic recovery and enhance quality of life. Feedback from participants underlines the importance of these services in strengthening resilience and community bonds.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

To promote any charitable purpose for the community within the West Midlands with a particular reference to the district of Smethwick and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the forgoing, disadvantaged communities with particular regard to Bangladeshis residing in the area of benefit to relieve poverty and sickness, to advance education and to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life of the said communities.

Charitable activities

Main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year

We have delivered a comprehensive programme aligned with the needs of our communities and in accordance with the objectives of our charity. Our primary areas of focus include;

- 1) Advice Service: A comprehensive advice service that covers assistance with welfare benefits & council tax claims, housing matters, consumer-related concerns, immigration matters, general inquiries, and access to government grant schemes to alleviate household poverty.
- 2) Foundation Learning: We delivered a range of engagement, skills and capacity-building programmes, sector specific training, and accredited and unaccredited courses.
- 3) Employment Support: Our employment support services offer career advice, job market insights, personal development, and guidance for career progression. We provided support with job searching, completing applications, preparing for interviews, writing CVs, and a labour market preparation program.
- 4) Health and Wellbeing: We offered gentle and active indoor and outdoor exercises including Zumba, healthy walks, bike riding, and relaxing sessions like Yoga. Additionally, delivered mental health and nutrition workshops, coffee morning discussions, support for chronic conditions, digital health literacy and access health and wellbeing services.
- 5) Youth Development: We provided a comprehensive range of activities for young people, which included structured youth club sessions for both boys and girls, initiatives focused on health and wellbeing, a leadership development program, career counselling, and educational advice & support.
- 6) Volunteering opportunities: We continue to support the development of skills and competencies through volunteering opportunities provided at CCF or with partner organisations.
- 7) Events & celebrations: We organised engagement events; community trips and community events to encourage community participation and foster a sense of belonging.

Public benefit

The charity is a public benefit entity and the trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charities aims and objectives. Main activities undertaken during the year contribute to charity's purpose for the public benefit.

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Secretary	Abdur Rohman	
Charity number (England and Wales)	1083405	
Company number	03796674	
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Charitable activities

Main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year

Our work this year has proven to be highly beneficial for our communities and we are proud of the support we have provided, and the differences our work has made to the lives of our residents. As our communities endeavoured to overcome the lasting effects of COVID-19, many individuals have faced challenges related to the cost-of-living crisis caused by the economic downturn. To assist our community during these challenging times, we have revised and developed our services to provide the necessary support. In response to the identified needs within our community, we enhanced our initiatives to ensure that these requirements were adequately addressed. By collaborating closely with community stakeholders, we successfully developed and implemented services that effectively benefited our residents. Our primary areas of focus include;

- 1) Advice Service: A comprehensive advice service that covers assistance with welfare benefits & council tax claims, housing matters, consumer-related concerns, immigration matters, general inquiries, and access to government grant schemes to alleviate household poverty.
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- 4) Health and Wellbeing: We offered gentle and active indoor and outdoor exercises including Zumba, healthy walks, bike riding, and relaxing sessions like Yoga. Additionally, delivered mental health and nutrition workshops, coffee morning discussions, support for chronic conditions, and digital skills training to access health and wellbeing resources.
- 5) Youth Development: We provided a comprehensive range of activities for young people, which included structured youth club sessions for both boys and girls, initiatives focused on health and wellbeing, a leadership development program, career counselling, and educational support services.
- 6) Volunteering opportunities: We continue to support the development of skills and competencies through volunteering opportunities provided at CCF or with partner organisations.
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COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Achievements and performance

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

During the year, we provided a robust range of interlinked supportive services and capacity-building initiatives designed to empower our beneficiaries. Participants benefited by engaging and participating in more than one activity as they progressed. Over 1,545 participants accessed our services across different initiatives, each attending a structured programme, accessing specific service, or making repeat visits to resolve matters.

Feedback collected from our beneficiaries demonstrates a high level of customer satisfaction, with 98% of respondents stating that they agreed or strongly agreed (10% & 88% respectively) to being pleased with the services they received, and that the service they accessed made a positive impact. This positive response underscores the impact of our comprehensive offerings and highlights our continued commitment to meeting the needs of our beneficiaries.

Advice: In our ongoing commitment to addressing the challenges posed by the economic downturn and the rising cost of living, we have delivered generalist and specialist advice, and support services aimed at assisting individuals and families facing financial hardship. To date, we have successfully supported over 700 individuals through various initiatives, 494 were for welfare benefit support and required over 1,600 visits. Our dedicated efforts in welfare benefits advocacy and anti-poverty measures have yielded a significant impact, generating a net income of over £448,900 for individuals and families. This financial support is critical in helping households navigate their economic challenges and improve their overall quality of life. In addition to financial assistance, we have provided guidance on effective budgeting strategies to help individuals manage their resources more efficiently. Our team has also facilitated access to various grant schemes designed to offer additional support during tough times. Furthermore, we have connected beneficiaries with essential services such as food banks and accommodation resources, ensuring they receive holistic support in addressing their immediate needs and long-term stability.

The Foundation Learning: this programme has demonstrated significant efficacy in fostering capacity building and enhancing personal development. Participants have shown a proactive approach to skill enhancement through their engagement in the programme, reflecting a strong commitment to both learning and professional growth. Throughout the duration of the programme 167 learners satisfactorily completed courses and few learners completing more than one course, hence 183 units were delivered. Instructional hours ranged from 8 to 96 hours per course. Included in our accredited offerings were ESOL Levels 1 and 2, Food Safety and Hygiene Level 2, and First Aid training. Furthermore, we dedicated 78 units specifically to capacity-building and personal development training, underlining our focus on holistic skill enhancement for our beneficiaries.

Employment Support: This year, our organisation has made significant strides in providing comprehensive employment support services to over 380 beneficiaries. 9 beneficiaries were able to find voluntary work, allowing them to gain valuable experience and contribute to their communities. To further enhance employability, we organised and conducted 44 work club sessions, where participants engaged in networking, skill-sharing, and group discussions focused on job search techniques. Beyond group sessions, we also prioritised one-on-one support, tailoring our assistance to meet individual needs. This included helping beneficiaries develop essential digital skills necessary for today's job market, as well as providing guidance and coaching for interview preparation.

Health and Wellbeing Activities: Recognising the profound impact of the pandemic on mental and physical health, our health and wellbeing initiatives have been instrumental in aiding individuals within our community to recover from its lasting effects. A total of 342 participants across all age ranges have engaged with our health programmes. Participants have actively involved themselves in multiple activities, demonstrating a strong commitment to their well-being. Overall, across our diverse range of health and wellbeing activities, we have recorded a total of well over 550 beneficiaries. These activities programmes included workshops, fitness classes, mental health support groups, walking, water sports, football, and therapeutic sessions, all designed to promote holistic recovery and enhance quality of life. The feedback from participants highlights the importance of these services in fostering resilience and community connection during challenging times.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Youth Development: This year marks a significant milestone in our commitment to the development and empowerment of young people. We launched a variety of dynamic initiatives aimed at enriching their skills and fostering a keen sense of community. Among these, we have introduced engaging football sessions that not only promote physical fitness but also teamwork and discipline. Additionally, we have incorporated Martial Arts classes, which focus on self-defence and build self-confidence among participants. Our DoE (Duke of Edinburgh) leadership programme has also been a standout addition, providing youth with essential leadership skills and opportunities to undertake meaningful community service projects. Every week, our youth clubs offer a safe and creative space for young people to gather, socialize, and participate in various recreational activities designed to enhance their social skills. Overall, over 145 young people have taken part in these empowering programs and youth clubs, experiencing personal growth and development that will benefit them both now and in the future. We are proud of the positive impact these initiatives have had on our community's youth and look forward to expanding and enhancing our offerings in the coming year.

The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity

Our program has facilitated a range of impactful and sustained changes within the community, resulting in significant improvements to both individual lives and family's livelihood. One of our key initiatives focused on bringing together isolated individuals, new settlers, and long-established residents, fostering the development of social capital that is crucial for a cohesive and resilient community.

Through our focused advice service have empowered beneficiaries to confront and overcome pressing financial burdens and housing concerns. By assisting them in navigating the web of welfare benefits, accessing cost of living grants, and enrolling in various award schemes, we have successfully helped increase their household incomes. The welfare benefits supportive services has been a lifeline for our families, offering not just immediate relief but also a pathway towards stability and self-control.

In addition to financial assistance, we recognised the vital need for emergency food provisions. Our program assisted beneficiaries in accessing nutritious food resources, which directly contributed to their well-being. Moreover, we dedicated efforts to enhancing their financial literacy by providing training in money management skills. These initiatives equip individuals with the tools they need to make informed decisions about their finances, and improved budgeting skills.

We have also prioritised the development of soft skills among our beneficiaries, through both non-accredited and accredited training courses, and sector specific courses. These programs have successfully improved literacy, numeracy, digital skills, and industry specific skills, thereby boosting personal confidence and opening new doors for employment opportunities. Individuals who participated in our courses have progressed to further training or gained essential employability skills through volunteer placements, which have proven to be transformative experiences.

Securing employment is a critical milestone for our beneficiaries, leading to increased financial independence and a reduction in reliance on welfare assistance. This shift towards self-sufficiency not only impacts their individual livelihoods but also brings about widespread benefits for the local economy and community. Employment fosters greater personal confidence, enhances mental well-being, and promotes better health management practices, contributing to a healthier lifestyle overall.

Finally, our youth development program stands as a vital initiative tailored specifically for young individuals facing various challenges. This program offers targeted support to help them navigate physical, mental, and educational hurdles, enriching their experiences and equipping them with skills that will serve them well in the future. By investing in the youth of our community, we are nurturing the next generation of leaders and empowered individuals, cultivating a more vibrant and resilient community.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society

Our communities were deeply affected by the pandemic and now the cost-of-living crises that worsened individual and household poverty, leaving individuals and families struggling to make ends meet as their household finances dwindled. In response to these pressing issues, our services emerged as a crucial lifeline, providing reassurance and vital support to individuals and families during this crisis period. We worked diligently to help clients navigate the complexities of welfare benefits, ensuring they received the assistance to which they were entitled. Moreover, we offered tailored budgeting workshops, equipped families with budgeting skills to lower their expenditures, and guided beneficiaries in enhancing their health and well-being. Our services aimed not only to relieve immediate financial stress but also to empower clients to attain greater independence and make positive strides toward their personal goals.

Recognising the urgent need for employment opportunities, our labour market support program was designed to assist individuals in preparing for the workforce. We provided resources such as cv writing workshops, interview coaching, and job placement services, enabling many to secure meaningful employment. For our young people, we facilitated engaging activities aimed at fostering civic responsibility, encouraging them to gain awareness of societal issues, promoting educational achievement and career aspirations.

With the unwavering support of our funders, we quickly recognised the necessity to refocus our services to meet the evolving demands of the community. Our dedicated staff undertook required training to acquire new skills tailored to these challenging conditions, allowing us to form innovative partnerships with other organisations and stakeholders in the area.

Through our efforts, we made a significant impact, reaching one of the highest numbers of beneficiaries from diverse backgrounds and varying abilities. Our work contributed to stabilising the community by enhancing household incomes and improving individuals' skills and capacity to lead independent lives. We prioritised both physical and mental health, enabling beneficiaries to cultivate healthier lifestyles and better manage their health conditions.

Notably, our inclusive initiatives brought people together, fostering a sense of belonging and social capital within the community. By promoting unity, collaboration, and aspiration, we empowered individuals and families to work collectively toward improving their circumstances and creating a brighter future for themselves and their neighbours.

Financial review

Overall, Community Connect Foundation has raised funds totalling £271,549 with the expenditure for the year totalling £260,312 leaving the organisation with a surplus of £11,237. This leaves £542,252 in our funds to be carried forward at 31 March 2024.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be approximately six months of the resources expended. The board has decided to increase free reserves to create sufficient funds to pay for any future redundancy settlements.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Bashir Ahmed
Shomsur Khan
Muhammad Miah
Abdur Rohman
Taz Uddin
Salah Uddin
Nasir Uddin
Zamal Ahmed

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Community Connect Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Nasir Uddin
Trustee

27 November 2024

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Community Connect Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity'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 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of 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 an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Mohammed Yaseen ACCA

Soho House
362 - 364 Soho Road
Birmingham
B21 9QL

Dated: 27 November 2024

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	70,689	198,027	268,716	234,193
Other income	3	2,833	-	2,833	4,150
Total income		<u>73,522</u>	<u>198,027</u>	<u>271,549</u>	<u>238,343</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	4	-	-	-	460
Charitable activities	5	75,901	183,676	259,577	224,913
Bank charges	10	735	-	735	468
Total expenditure		<u>76,636</u>	<u>183,676</u>	<u>260,312</u>	<u>225,841</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(3,114)	14,351	11,237	12,502
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>189,722</u>	<u>341,293</u>	<u>531,015</u>	<u>518,513</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>186,608</u></u>	<u><u>355,644</u></u>	<u><u>542,252</u></u>	<u><u>531,015</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes			
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	2	62,339	171,854	234,193
Other income	3	4,150	-	4,150
Total income		<u>66,489</u>	<u>171,854</u>	<u>238,343</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Raising funds	4	128	332	460
Charitable activities	5	68,150	156,763	224,913
Other	10	468	-	468
Total expenditure		<u>68,746</u>	<u>157,095</u>	<u>225,841</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(2,257)	14,759	12,502
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>189,722</u>	<u>328,791</u>	<u>518,513</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u><u>187,465</u></u>	<u><u>343,550</u></u>	<u><u>531,015</u></u>

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		349,931		361,437
Current assets					
Debtors	13	745		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		229,130		225,485	
		<u>229,875</u>		<u>225,485</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(37,554)</u>		<u>(55,907)</u>	
Net current assets			192,321		169,578
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>542,252</u>		<u>531,015</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>542,252</u>		<u>531,015</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	17		355,644		343,550
Unrestricted funds			<u>186,608</u>		<u>187,465</u>
			<u>542,252</u>		<u>531,015</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27 November 2024



Nasir Uddin
Trustee

Company registration number 03796674 (England and Wales)

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Community Connect Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is North Smethwick Resource Centre, Cambridge Road, Smethwick, Birmingham, West Midlands, B66 2HR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Plant and equipment	25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Grants and fees	70,689	198,027	268,716	62,339	234,193
Grants receivable for core activities					
SCC BHP	-	15,292	15,292	-	14,279
Advice work	-	18,375	18,375	-	21,637
BBC CIN	-	29,062	29,062	-	24,166
BLF	-	76,609	76,609	-	110,772
Canal & River Trust	600	-	600	813	813
Fees - Stanfords Training	1,100	-	1,100	1,100	1,100
Miscellaneous	5,276	-	5,276	-	-
BBO Bridges	12,092	-	12,092	27,510	27,510
Good Things Foundation	-	-	-	6,900	6,900
Sandwell Council	5,394	22,249	27,643	19,510	19,510
Sandwell Language Network	-	6,449	6,449	6,506	6,506
SC CATS	-	17,491	17,491	-	-
SCVO Vision 2030	-	8,500	8,500	-	-
The National Express Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-	1,000
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	10,500	-	10,500	-	-
SCC - COLT	15,465	-	15,465	-	-
SCC - Research & Reconnect	19,937	-	19,937	-	-
We Are Digital Training Ltd	325	-	325	-	-
	70,689	198,027	268,716	62,339	234,193

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
Other operating income	2,833	4,150

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity						
Advertising	-	-	-	128	332	460

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	134,409	124,579
Depreciation and impairment	12,537	15,140
Community projects	64,394	30,209
Training delivery	5,984	3,759
Interest - other	-	239
	<u>217,324</u>	<u>173,926</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	39,252	48,343
Governance	3,001	2,644
	<u>259,577</u>	<u>224,913</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	75,901	68,150
Restricted funds	183,676	156,763
	<u>259,577</u>	<u>224,913</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cleaning	3,559	-	3,559	3,441	-	3,441
Consultancy fees	2,400	-	2,400	3,600	-	3,600
Light and heat	11,410	-	11,410	10,005	-	10,005
Equipment expensed	232	-	232	25	-	25
ICT maintenance	1,400	-	1,400	2,730	-	2,730
Office expenses	448	-	448	132	-	132
Rates and insurance	4,649	-	4,649	3,808	-	3,808
Photocopier rental charge	787	-	787	850	-	850
Software	115	-	115	115	-	115
Repairs	7,094	-	7,094	18,541	-	18,541
Security	1,041	-	1,041	805	-	805
Staff training	1,901	-	1,901	530	-	530
Postage and stationery	1,588	-	1,588	1,639	-	1,639
Temps and recruitment	80	-	80	240	-	240
Telephone	2,548	-	2,548	1,882	-	1,882
Audit fees	-	2,821	2,821	-	2,596	2,596
Legal and professional	-	180	180	-	48	48
	<u>39,252</u>	<u>3,001</u>	<u>42,253</u>	<u>48,343</u>	<u>2,644</u>	<u>50,987</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>39,252</u>	<u>3,001</u>	<u>42,253</u>	<u>48,343</u>	<u>2,644</u>	<u>50,987</u>

7 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,821	2,596
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>12,537</u>	<u>15,140</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024 Number	2023 Number
6	6

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	126,571	117,785
Social security costs	5,496	4,658
Other pension costs	2,342	2,136
	134,409	124,579

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Other

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023
Bank charges	735	468
	735	468

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost / Fair value				
At 1 April 2023	395,000	135,338	31,547	561,885
Additions	-	-	1,030	1,030
At 31 March 2024	395,000	135,338	32,577	562,915
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2023	44,856	135,338	20,253	200,447
Depreciation charged in the year	7,476	-	5,061	12,537
At 31 March 2024	52,332	135,338	25,314	212,984
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2024	342,668	-	7,263	349,931
At 31 March 2023	350,144	-	11,293	361,437

13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	745	-

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	2,450	2,238
Trade creditors	2,813	20,604
Other creditors	32,291	33,065
	37,554	55,907

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15 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises grants received in advance of delivering the services required by the conditions of the grants.

	2024 £
Balance as at 1 April 2023	30,394
Amount released to incoming resources	(30,394)
Amount deferred in the year	29,700
Balance as at 31 March 2024	<u>29,700</u>

16 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024 £	2023 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>2,342</u>	<u>2,136</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
	<u>341,293</u>	<u>198,027</u>	<u>(183,676)</u>	<u>355,644</u>
Previous year:				
	<u>At 1 April 2022 £</u>	<u>Incoming resources £</u>	<u>Resources expended £</u>	<u>At 31 March 2023 £</u>
	<u>328,791</u>	<u>171,854</u>	<u>(157,095)</u>	<u>343,550</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	189,722	73,522	(76,636)	186,608
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	189,722	66,489	(68,746)	187,465
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

Accounts

Charity registration number 1083405

Company registration number 03796674 (England and Wales)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Taz Uddin
Salah Uddin
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COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

To promote any charitable purpose for the community within the West Midlands with a particular reference to the district of Smethwick and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, disadvantaged communities with particular regard to Bangladeshis residing in the area of benefit to relieve poverty and sickness, to advance education and to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life of the said communities.

Charitable activities

Main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year

During this fiscal year, our focus has shifted from the task of normalising communities after the pandemic crises to supporting beneficiaries to overcome the financial hardship caused by the rising cost of living and the lasting effects of the pandemic. Our main objective has been to address the needs of our communities as they confront these challenges, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing them and assisting individuals who aspire to progress, despite the obstacles. To accomplish this goal, we have implemented a variety of activities and services aimed at overcoming barriers and supporting our beneficiaries. Our efforts in working with young people and anti-poverty initiatives have increased this year, to better serve our communities. Our activity areas include;

- 1) Advice service: Our advice, assistance with claims for council tax, accommodation, consumer issues, immigration, general advice and cost of living grants.
- 2) Foundation Learning: we delivered a range of training programs that are both accredited and unaccredited. Our courses included ESOL, digital skills, sewing, dressmaking, arts and crafts, first aid food and hygiene.
- 3) Employment Support: Our employment support services include career advice, job market advice, personal development and career progression advice, support with job search, application filling, interview preparation, CV writing, and labour market preparation programme.
- 4) Health and Wellbeing: Our health and wellbeing services include gentle and active indoor and outdoor exercise and wellbeing discussion sessions such as Zumba, healthy walks, bike riding sessions, relaxing exercise sessions including Yoga and gentle exercise, increased mental health workshops, nutrition workshops, health cooking/ balanced diet, discussion sessions through coffee mornings, coping/living with chronic conditions, and access to health provision.
- 5) Youth Development: Our youth development services include separate weekly youth club sessions for boys and girls, young people engaged in challenging group discussion, wellbeing activities, leadership training (ASDAN programme), group development, issue-based discussion, wild country experience, one-on-one support, capacity building activities, residential, reward trips and entertainment, homework support classes, and educational pathway/ career advice.
- 6) Volunteering opportunities: We continue to support the development of skills and competencies through volunteering opportunities provided at CCF or with partner organisations.
- 7) Events: We organised a number of engagement events, community trips and community events to encourage community participation and foster a sense of belonging.

Public benefit

The charity is a public benefit entity and the trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charities aims and objectives. Main activities undertaken during the year contribute to charity's purpose for the public benefit.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

The cost of living crisis that followed the pandemic had a significant impact on our communities. As a result of statutory services moving to remote delivery there were increased demand for our services. More than 1,300 people accessed our services during the fiscal year.

Advice and support work carried out essential cost of living work by supporting beneficiaries with their financial difficulties. 669 people have benefited from this areas of work, and 978 case matters raised. Our welfare benefits and anti-poverty activity have generated a net income of £402,500 for households. Also advised on budgeting, provided access to grant schemes, foodbank and accommodation.

Foundation learning programme includes capacity building training and personal development was very successful as beneficiaries aspired to improve themselves through participation and learning and development. We have delivered 625 units of courses (individuals completed a training programme) and depending on the course each training course was between 8 to 96 hours guided learning. Accredited courses included ESOL L1&2, Food and Hygiene L2 and First Aid. Additionally, we have delivered 57 units of capacity/personal development training.

This year, we provided employment support services to 343 beneficiaries. As a result of our efforts, 32 participants were able to secure jobs, while 14 others found voluntary work. Additionally, we conducted 46 work club sessions, offered one-on-one support, and helped beneficiaries develop their digital skills and prepare for interviews. We also assisted 16 people in changing careers and becoming self-employed.

Health and wellbeing activities have played a crucial role in helping individuals in our community recover from the lasting physical and mental effects of the pandemic. A total of 297 people have benefited from this service, with most of them participating in more than one activity. Across various activities, we have recorded 506 beneficiaries.

98 young people benefited from our youth development programme of activities. Young people attended our youth club activities, leadership programme, outdoor and indoor capacity and development sessions and one-on-one mentoring.

The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity

Our program has achieved several sustained differences in the community. We brought together isolated people, new settlers in the community and settled residents to build social capital, integrate and develop a stronger community. Our advice service supported beneficiaries to overcome financial difficulties or accommodation worries by increasing their household income through accessing welfare benefits, cost of living grants, or other award schemes. We also provided beneficiaries with access to emergency food provisions and helped them build their money management skills. We improved beneficiaries' soft skills and confidence through non-accredited and accredited courses, improving their literacy, numeracy, and digital skills. Many beneficiaries progressed to further training or gained valuable employability skills by volunteering. Beneficiaries who secured jobs will have financial independence as they move away from depending on welfare benefits. Employment leads to wide benefits to the local community, economy, and individual households, improving personal confidence and promoting better health or management of health, leading to a healthier and more positive lifestyle. Our youth development program is almost a standalone development program for young people. It provides them with support to overcome physical, mental, and educational challenges, broadens their experiences, and provides them with invaluable skills for the future.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society

Our communities were one of the worst affected by the pandemic both in health and financially. The post pandemic cost of living crises brought about new and worrying challenges as families fell further short of household finances.

Our services provided much needed reassurance and support as we worked with individuals and families to secure welfare benefits, increased their budgeting skills, by lowering their outgoings, supporting beneficiaries to improve on health matters and support to become independent or positively progress forward. Our labour market support assisted individuals to prepare for the labour market or enter into employment. Our young people engaged in activities that supported them to become better citizens, gain understanding of societal issues and education.

Our services with the support from funders had to refocus and adjust and staff had to gain new skills to meeting arising demand in this challenging time and form new partnerships.

We made significant impact, serving one of the highest number of beneficiaries and of diverse backgrounds and abilities. Our work has stabilised the community by improving their household income, improved their skills and capacity to lead independent lives, improved on both physical and mental health enabling beneficiaries to lead a healthier and positive life or better manage their conditions. Our inclusive work brought people together developing their social capital and moving forward in unity and aspiring to better their lives.

Financial review

Overall, Community Connect Foundation has raised funds totalling £238,343 with the expenditure for the year totalling £225,841 leaving the organisation with a surplus of £12,502. This leaves £531,015 in our funds to be carried forward at 31 March 2023.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be approximately six months of the resources expended. The board has decided to increase free reserves to create sufficient funds to pay for any future redundancy settlements.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Bashir Ahmed
Shomsur Khan
Muhammad Miah
Abdur Rohman
Taz Uddin
Salah Uddin
Nasir Uddin
Zamal Ahmed

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Community Connect Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Nasir Uddin (Dec 18, 2023 15:16 GMT)

Nasir Uddin

Trustee

15 December 2023

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Community Connect Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of 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 an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Mohammed Yaseen ACCA

125 Friary Road
Birmingham
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Dated: 15 December 2023

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	62,339	171,854	234,193	288,839
Other income	3	4,150	-	4,150	3,233
Total income		<u>66,489</u>	<u>171,854</u>	<u>238,343</u>	<u>292,072</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	4	<u>128</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>-</u>
Charitable activities	5	<u>68,150</u>	<u>156,763</u>	<u>224,913</u>	<u>181,099</u>
Bank charges	9	<u>468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>473</u>
Total expenditure		<u>68,746</u>	<u>157,095</u>	<u>225,841</u>	<u>181,572</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(2,257)	14,759	12,502	110,500
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>189,722</u>	<u>328,791</u>	<u>518,513</u>	<u>408,013</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u><u>187,465</u></u>	<u><u>343,550</u></u>	<u><u>531,015</u></u>	<u><u>518,513</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes			
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	2	66,510	222,329	288,839
Other income	3	3,233	-	3,233
Total income		69,743	222,329	292,072
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Charitable activities	5	49,872	131,227	181,099
Other	9	473	-	473
Total expenditure		50,345	131,227	181,572
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		19,398	91,102	110,500
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		170,324	237,689	408,013
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		189,722	328,791	518,513

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		361,437		368,804
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		225,485		182,058	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(55,907)		(32,349)	
Net current assets			169,578		149,709
Total assets less current liabilities			531,015		518,513
Income funds					
Restricted funds			343,550		328,791
Unrestricted funds			187,465		189,722
			531,015		518,513

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 December 2023


Nasir Uddin (Dec 18, 2023 15:16 GMT)

Nasir Uddin
Trustee

Company registration number 03796674

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Community Connect Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is North Smethwick Resource Centre, Cambridge Road, Smethwick, Birmingham, West Midlands, B66 2HR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Plant and equipment	25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £
Grants and fees	62,339	171,854	234,193	66,510	222,329	288,839
Grants receivable for core activities						
SCC BHP	-	14,279	14,279	-	12,500	12,500
Advice work	-	21,637	21,637	-	16,343	16,343
BBC CIN	-	24,166	24,166	-	39,254	39,254
BLF	-	110,772	110,772	-	133,364	133,364
CJRS	-	-	-	-	8,893	8,893
Canal & River Trust	813	-	813	-	-	-
Fees - Stanfords Training	1,100	-	1,100	-	-	-
Walsall MBC	-	-	-	-	11,975	11,975
BBO Bridges	27,510	-	27,510	15,871	-	15,871
Good Things Foundation	6,900	-	6,900	17,047	-	17,047
Sandwell Council	19,510	-	19,510	19,002	-	19,002
Sandwell Language Network	6,506	-	6,506	14,590	-	14,590
The National Express Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	50,639	-	50,639
	62,339	171,854	234,193	66,510	222,329	288,839

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Other operating income	4,150	3,233

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Advertising	128	332	460	-
	<u>128</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £
Staff costs	124,579	108,002
Depreciation and impairment	15,140	7,476
Community projects	30,209	34,636
Training delivery	3,759	6,132
Interest - other	239	269
	<u>173,926</u>	<u>156,515</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	48,343	21,597
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	2,644	2,987
	<u>224,913</u>	<u>181,099</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	68,150	49,872
Restricted funds	156,763	131,227
	<u>224,913</u>	<u>181,099</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cleaning	3,441	-	3,441	3,325	-	3,325
Consultancy fees	3,600	-	3,600	-	-	-
Light and heat	10,005	-	10,005	6,185	-	6,185
Equipment expensed	25	-	25	492	-	492
ICT maintenance	2,730	-	2,730	1,021	-	1,021
Office expenses	132	-	132	230	-	230
Rates and insurance	3,808	-	3,808	3,917	-	3,917
Photocopier rental chg	850	-	850	1,417	-	1,417
Software	115	-	115	115	-	115
Sundry	-	-	-	244	-	244
Repairs	18,541	-	18,541	24	-	24
Security	806	-	806	923	-	923
Staff training	530	-	530	943	-	943
Postage and stationery	1,639	-	1,639	879	-	879
Temps and recruitment	240	-	240	-	-	-
Telephone	1,882	-	1,882	1,882	-	1,882
Audit fees	-	2,596	2,596	-	2,596	2,596
Legal and professional	-	48	48	-	391	391
	<u>48,343</u>	<u>2,644</u>	<u>50,987</u>	<u>21,597</u>	<u>2,987</u>	<u>24,584</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>48,343</u>	<u>2,644</u>	<u>50,987</u>	<u>21,597</u>	<u>2,987</u>	<u>24,584</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

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8 Employees

(Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	117,785	103,354
Social security costs	4,658	2,942
Other pension costs	2,136	1,706
	<u>124,579</u>	<u>108,002</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Other

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022
Bank charges	468	473
	<u>468</u>	<u>473</u>

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost / Fair value				
At 1 April 2022	395,000	135,338	23,773	554,111
Additions	-	-	7,773	7,773
	<u>395,000</u>	<u>135,338</u>	<u>31,546</u>	<u>561,884</u>
At 31 March 2023	395,000	135,338	31,546	561,884
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2022	37,380	135,338	12,589	185,307
Depreciation charged in the year	7,476	-	7,664	15,140
	<u>44,856</u>	<u>135,338</u>	<u>20,253</u>	<u>200,447</u>
At 31 March 2023	44,856	135,338	20,253	200,447
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	<u>350,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,293</u>	<u>361,437</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>357,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,184</u>	<u>368,804</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	2,238	2,200
Trade creditors	20,604	13,738
Other creditors	33,065	16,411
	<u>55,907</u>	<u>32,349</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	121,330	240,107	361,437	224,816	368,804
Current assets/(liabilities)	66,135	103,443	169,578	103,975	149,709
	<u>187,465</u>	<u>343,550</u>	<u>531,015</u>	<u>328,791</u>	<u>518,513</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

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Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
Community Connect Foundation

Community Connect Foundation

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

To promote any charitable purpose for the community within the West Midlands with a particular reference to the district of Smethwick and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the forgoing, disadvantaged communities with particular regard to Bangladeshis residing in the area of benefit to relieve poverty and sickness, to advance education and to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life of the said communities.

Charitable activities

Main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year

During the reporting period, we continued to deliver wide-ranging activities mentioned below in line with the aims and objectives of the organisation:

- 1) Education & employment support activities
- 2) Informal and formal training and learning support for adults
- 3) Health & wellbeing activities
- 4) Social trips, community event and workshops
- 5) Learning and development activities for adults
- 6) Learning and development activities for young people
- 7) Homework support for children
- 8) Community advice and welfare advice services
- 9) Volunteering opportunities

Main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit

We are pleased to introduce this year's annual report and accounts. It sets out how Community Connect Foundation ('CCF') has performed during the reporting financial year. This year has been exciting, challenging and full of anticipation. During the year we had a number of setbacks to resuming normal services. However, looking back over the reporting year we feel an immense sense of pride at the way colleagues responded to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID and our delivery success.

We began the 2020/21 financial year anxiously in the middle of the national COVID lockdown. We did not have reserves and nearly all of our funding had been suspended as we were not able to deliver contracted services/training packages. We were forced to take advantage of the government furlough scheme to retain staff, and government grants supported to meet fixed cost.

We maintained information and advice, and welfare rights work with limited funding and worked remotely. We expanded our services as we received guidance from other funders and later secured new funding. Without new funding it would have been extremely difficult to sustain CCF.

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Throughout this exceptionally challenging year, building on our experiences and resources, we kept core services running and ensured that clients accessing our service received timely relevant and necessary support. To do this we had to make choices on how to balance our staffing, for example, during lockdown and restrictions we had to divert colleagues from development work to support with advice and support on welfare, and on employment matters, to proactively contact vulnerable and elderly residents, to offer advice and support on staying safe, health matters or befriending because this was the support needed in the community during the acute pandemic crisis.

We delivered broader urgent community wide priorities by working with local charities and statutory bodies to have a coordinated approach to disseminate public information on health matters, local pandemic restrictions, referrals to foodbanks and support on the immunisation campaign. We took a systematic approach to restarting suspended services by developing new ways of working, for example we developed study packs, offered distance learning support via telephone, and video calls, we reopened our centre with a phased approach, prioritising our support to those needing our service urgently.

As we closed this financial year we are still operating under national and local pandemic restrictions. We are a long way away from being fully operational, we continue to remotely deliver some services due to the public health risk, whilst offering some limited face to face services on urgent matters or matters that cannot be completed remotely such as paper form filling. Going forward, as national and local lockdown restrictions ease we will work with residents to rebuild their confidence in accessing services in person on an individual basis and in smaller groups. Additionally, we will continue to build on our recent experience of remote delivery of services and to support this line of work we will invest in ICT.

Public benefit

The charity is a public benefit entity and the trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charities aims and objectives. Main activities undertaken during the year contribute to charity's purpose for the public benefit.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

During the reporting period, some of the key achievements and performance of our charity include:

CCF has served over 700 people either remotely and or in person (this figure does not count people making general enquiries). Individuals benefited by accessing the same service one or more times or accessed multiple services during the year.

Advice work was by far the most accessed service this year. Pandemic crisis created demand for this provision due to loss of earnings and requiring support to making benefits claim or to inform relevant agencies. Over 475 people accessed this service visiting over 1,100 times. Majority of this work had been carried out remotely by telephone or video call, and face to face service was offered depending on urgent needs. We had been able to see or deal with matters at short notice as we had restructured staffing to support this work to meet demand. We had to give priority to matters including welfare rights, welfare benefits and employment issue advice.

Employment support work increased as lockdown eased and as we were able to see and support people in person. We had served over 220 people with their job search support, all requiring multiple visits and requiring one on one support. Types of work included update of CV, advice and support on job search, and access to computers. This area of work also required contacting employers directly to discuss clients issues or for job search. Lots of our client were restaurant workers or taxi drivers, both these sectors were hard hit by the pandemic. We have also worked with a small number of business owners (17) advising and supporting them to understand the impact of COVID on businesses and to advise on staffing and managing staffing through furlough schemes.

Capacity building and foundation learning area of our work was most affected this year as we had to stop all the centre based courses and as we resumed later in the year we had lost a lot of our learners as they had withdrawn. We started a new programme of activities however some of these programmes had to be suspended due to COVID restrictions and staff isolation. Despite the difficulties we are proud of our achievements, we were successful in delivering a number of training opportunities and 243 learners completing their training in either ESOL, Food and Hygiene or digital skills.

Over 155 elderly and vulnerable people directly benefited from our service. During the lockdown and subsequent restricted periods elderly and vulnerable people were contacted by telephone. We supported by providing advice on health and wellbeing matters, informing of public health warnings in different languages, and advising on staying safe. We had tried unsuccessfully to delivery online fitness classes via video link as this proved too difficult for people to join as they did not have the technical knowledge or the equipment to link up, or they did not have the private space at home. Once service resumed we engaged with people in smaller social and exercise groups. We engaged people on gentle outdoor exercise walks (26 people), mental health talks (191 repeat participants), we also ran 9 healthy cooking classes. These sessions allowed our elderly/vulnerable people to break from the routine of self-isolation through engagement in social groups as well as benefiting from the activities.

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At the time of going into lockdown we were working with around 100 young people through various youth clubs, outdoor activities sessions and homework support classes, there was also a plan to deliver a leadership programme. All our face to face activities were suspended for the duration of the reporting year as we followed national and local rules and public health advice. However, our support for young people remained strong as both girls group and boys group were supported by our staff through running virtual clubs. Young people were encouraged and engaged in discussion groups, activities and running quiz sessions. These sessions were structured so as to engage young people on different topics, including health and wellbeing, coping through isolation, family values as well as young people organising quiz nights. We had to suspend our online homework support classes as pupil numbers reduced, feedback from young people and parents was that school was delivering classes online and this was essential. Young people felt that our sessions were optional therefore given less attention, there was too much distraction at home or commitment level was low. We maintained contacts with around 60 young people throughout the year and we are confident that once services begin at our centre young people will return.

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The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity.

During the reporting period we have worked with charities and statutory agencies to coordinate efforts to reach out to people and to ensure essential services are received/provided in the community or access to services is available community wide during the COVID crisis. We communicated key public health messages on staying safe, looking after physical and mental wellbeing during the crisis. We have worked with colleges and training providers to bring service to our centre encouraging people to participate in a safe environment, engaging in confidence rebuilding, social capital, encouraging discussions on experience of lockdown and isolation.

- Noteworthy positive outcomes include proactively contacting 157 elderly vulnerable residents, assisting a total of over 700 people, our continuous efforts to improve community engagement and build confidence and skill even in these difficult times is outstandingly demonstrated by 243 people who participated and completed capacity building/training initiatives. Latter also demonstrates community spirit to learning and development.

- We have also learned from our monitoring/evaluation that overall 72% of our service users were Bangladeshis, this reflects local demographics, also these are local residents who are willing and able to travel to the centre without taking public transport, and gender split of all users is 42% men and 58% women, again reflecting the need for local services provision as lockdown eased and that within the Bangladeshi community men were socially mobile and go out to work. Throughout the year people remained anxious on public transport. Our centre is located in the middle of large neighbourhoods and easily accessible by foot.

- Our telephone support provided a contact point for the elderly vulnerable with reassuring advice and support, and befriending. Our health and wellbeing provisions such as exercise classes and healthy eating workshops made a huge impact as lockdown eased, people were encouraged to gather in small groups socially distanced and discuss matters and difficulties, bringing physical and mental health benefits, and social wellbeing.

Our innovative approach ensured people were able to contact CCF staff with ease and support was provided throughout the pandemic. Our focus remained on demand led services, such focus work also won support from funders. We continued to ensure a loss of income did not leave people in despair as we responded by providing advice, guidance and support with welfare benefit applications, advised on money issues, and contacted agencies on behalf of residents. New partnerships were developed as new services emerged as emergency measures to deal with pandemic crisis affecting residents, CCF worked closely with new partners and projects to ensure Smethwick residents were not missed out, nor missing out.

Degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society

Sandwell and, in particular, St Pauls ward had one of the highest covid infection rates in this region, our BAME clients are one of the high risk community groups and nationally one of the worse affected by the pandemic. As such, adhering to advice and guidance from national and local public health we have not held any events or social gathering events this year, we set our priority to protect the people of this community during the pandemic crisis, focused our resources and provided a safe and secure environment for them to receive essential services. We have supported individuals and families with their essential needs during the pandemic, supporting our community to stay safe, stay healthy, supported agencies to delivery essential services to the people of this community. We believe we have achieved our objective. As we go into the new financial year we will bring about changes to our services to meet the continuous needs of the local community, work with residents to regain their social confidence, increase their knowledge and awareness of the pandemic and staying safe, and rebuild their confidence to access services widely.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Overall, Community Connect Foundation has raised funds totalling £150,763 with the expenditure for the year totalling £138,205 leaving the organisation with a surplus of £12,558. This leaves £408,013 in our funds to be carried forward at 31 March 2021.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be approximately six months of the resources expended.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2021 is as follows:

Unrestricted Revenue Funds:	(£77,575)
Unrestricted Revaluation reserve:	£247,899
Restricted Revenue Funds:	£237,689
Total Funds:	£408,013

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03796674 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1083405

Registered office

North Smethwick Resource Centre
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Community Connect Foundation

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Community Connect Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Nasir Uddin - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Community Connect Foundation**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Community Connect Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of 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 an independent examination; or
4. 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.



Mohammed Yaseen ACCA
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7 December 2021

Community Connect Foundation

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	1,007	-	1,007	7,727
Charitable activities	3				
Grant		31,585	107,556	139,141	184,096
Fees		-	10,615	10,615	4,685
Total		32,592	118,171	150,763	196,508
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable activities		32,907	105,298	138,205	177,380
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(315)	12,873	12,558	19,128
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		170,639	224,816	395,455	376,327
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>170,324</u>	<u>237,689</u>	<u>408,013</u>	<u>395,455</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	141,049	224,816	365,865	372,572
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	2,373	-	2,373	1,571
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>32,982</u>	<u>41,873</u>	<u>74,855</u>	<u>34,098</u>
		35,355	41,873	77,228	35,669
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,080)	(29,000)	(35,080)	(12,786)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>29,275</u>	<u>12,873</u>	<u>42,148</u>	<u>22,883</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>170,324</u>	<u>237,689</u>	<u>408,013</u>	<u>395,455</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>170,324</u>	<u>237,689</u>	<u>408,013</u>	<u>395,455</u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				170,324	170,639
Restricted funds				<u>237,689</u>	<u>224,816</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>408,013</u>	<u>395,455</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nasir Uddin', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nasir Uddin - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other operating income	<u>1,007</u>	<u>7,727</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants	139,141	184,096
Fees	<u>10,615</u>	<u>4,685</u>
	<u>149,756</u>	<u>188,781</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
SCC BHP	10,615	12,435
Advice work	13,344	20,476
BBC CIN	29,279	19,505
BLF	28,875	119,776
Stanfords training	-	(15,000)
Time bank	2,500	7,250
BBO Bridges	8,676	20,038
Good Things Foundation	9,075	2,219
Black Country Consortium	-	2,082
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	24,441	-
Sport England	7,046	-
Walsall MBC	4,571	-
Sandwell Council	<u>11,334</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>149,756</u>	<u>188,781</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>114,415</u>	<u>23,790</u>	<u>138,205</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>444</u>	<u>20,096</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>23,790</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>7,733</u>	<u>7,476</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	96,970	118,000
Social security costs	1,431	4,952
Other pension costs	<u>1,436</u>	<u>2,647</u>
	<u>99,837</u>	<u>125,599</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Employees	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	7,727	-	7,727
Charitable activities			
Grant	22,257	161,839	184,096
Fees	(7,750)	12,435	4,685
Total	<u>22,234</u>	<u>174,274</u>	<u>196,508</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	27,526	149,854	177,380
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(5,292)</u>	<u>24,420</u>	<u>19,128</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	175,931	200,396	376,327
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>170,639</u>	<u>224,816</u>	<u>395,455</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2020	395,000	135,338	12,332	542,670
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>1,026</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>395,000</u>	<u>135,338</u>	<u>13,358</u>	<u>543,696</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2020	22,428	135,338	12,332	170,098
Charge for year	<u>7,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>7,733</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>29,904</u>	<u>135,338</u>	<u>12,589</u>	<u>177,831</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2021	<u>365,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>769</u>	<u>365,865</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>372,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>372,572</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	<u>2,373</u>	<u>1,571</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	2,446	1,300
Social security and other taxes	1,037	1,165
Other creditors	<u>31,597</u>	<u>10,321</u>
	<u>35,080</u>	<u>12,786</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	170,639	(315)	170,324
Restricted funds			
Restricted	224,816	12,873	237,689
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>395,455</u>	<u>12,558</u>	<u>408,013</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,592	(32,907)	(315)
Restricted funds			
Restricted	118,171	(105,298)	12,873
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>150,763</u>	<u>(138,205)</u>	<u>12,558</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	175,931	(5,292)	170,639
Restricted funds			
Restricted	200,396	24,420	224,816
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>376,327</u>	<u>19,128</u>	<u>395,455</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,234	(27,526)	(5,292)
Restricted funds			
Restricted	174,274	(149,854)	24,420
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>196,508</u>	<u>(177,380)</u>	<u>19,128</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	175,931	(5,607)	170,324
Restricted funds			
Restricted	200,396	37,293	237,689
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>376,327</u>	<u>31,686</u>	<u>408,013</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,826	(60,433)	(5,607)
Restricted funds			
Restricted	292,445	(255,152)	37,293
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>347,271</u>	<u>(315,585)</u>	<u>31,686</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Other operating income	1,007	7,727
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>149,756</u>	<u>188,781</u>
Total incoming resources	150,763	196,508
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	96,970	118,000
Social security	1,431	4,952
Pensions	1,436	2,647
BLF - General Running Expenses	-	900
Community Projects	4,953	15,410
Training Delivery	1,360	3,616
Interest - other	533	1,176
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>7,732</u>	<u>7,476</u>
	114,415	154,177
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	444	354
Other		
Rates and water	218	394
Insurance	3,679	3,679
Light and heat	5,017	6,096
Telephone	1,882	1,828
Postage and stationery	555	1,179
Sundries	53	1,287
Security	671	718
Software	115	195
Repairs and maintenance	1,375	592
Photocopier rental chg	1,133	1,133
ICT Maintenance	1,876	153
Cleaning	2,698	2,916
Equipment expensed	<u>824</u>	<u>-</u>
	20,096	20,170

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	2,596	2,596
Legal fees	<u>654</u>	<u>83</u>
	<u>3,250</u>	<u>2,679</u>
Total resources expended	<u>138,205</u>	<u>177,380</u>
Net income	<u><u>12,558</u></u>	<u><u>19,128</u></u>

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