

THE MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITABLE COMPANY

England & Wales · Charity number 1085116

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [04156154](#)

Registered 2001-02-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CASTLE WARD AS DEFINED BY THE WARD BOUNDARY AT THE DATE OF INCORPORATION WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION RACE OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS B) TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS C) TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED

Activities: Marsh Community Centre promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Marsh without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the members and the local authorities to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time with the object of improving the conditions of life for the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CASTLE WARD
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£233,810	£203,560	-	-
2024-03-31	£183,401	£155,053	-	-
2023-03-31	£134,461	£141,619	-	-
2022-03-31	£117,170	£119,638	-	-
2021-03-31	£130,468	£104,144	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Mills Nicholson		2021-10-07
Clare Southworth		2024-09-04
DALITSO PROCTOR		2024-09-04
Joel Phillimore		2024-09-04
KARIN OLSSON		2025-07-02
Martin Mulligan		2022-12-08
Mike Farnfield		2015-03-01
Professor Kenneth Vincent Peasnell FCA		2018-07-01

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Annual Report and Accounts
Year ending 31 March 2025

Director's Report for the purposes of the Companies Act 2011 and Trustees' Annual Report for the purposes of Part VI of the Charities Act 1993 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The trustees present their annual report on the affairs of the company, together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025, together with the Independent Examiner's Report thereon.

Registered Charity: 1085116
Company Registration Number: 04156154

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Name

The full name of the charity is The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company.

Constitution and governing legislation

The charity was established on 8 February 2001 as a company limited by guarantee, without share capital, under the Companies Act 1985. Its operation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8 February 2001 as amended on 25 February 2003 and 5 December 2022. The company number is 04156154. The company is a registered charity (no. 1085116).

Trustees and directors

The persons who served on the Board of Trustees and as such were also directors of the company during the year were:

Michael Farnfield (Trustee and Chair)

Hilary Greenwood (Trustee)

Martin Mulligan (Trustee)

Andrew Nicholson (Trustee)

Ken Peasnell (Trustee and Treasurer)

Joel Phillimore (Trustee), appointed 4 September 2024

Dalitso Proctor (Trustee), appointed 4 September 2024

Clare Southworth (Trustee), appointed 4 September 2024

Appointment of trustees

The appointment of trustees is governed by provisions contained within the company's Articles of Association. These are as follows:

- The number of trustees shall not be less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the members) shall not be subject to any maximum.
- The Board shall consist of up to eight individuals elected by the members at an Annual General Meeting and up to two individuals co-opted by the Board until the conclusion of the next AGM.
- Each appointment and reappointment shall be made at an AGM each year.

Hilary Greenwood sadly died on 2 July 2025 and therefore ceased to be a trustee from that date.

Trustees' responsibilities

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state-of-affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then consistently apply them
- 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 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 company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with all relevant legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Registered office

The registered office of the company is Marsh Community Centre, Willow Lane, Lancaster, LA1 5PP.

Bankers

The company's bankers during the year ended 31 March 2025 were The Cumberland Building Society, 26-28 Cheapside, Lancaster LA1 1LZ.

Accountants

The company's finances are managed in-house by the Chief Executive supported by the Treasurer. Our payroll and Independent Examination are conducted by Lancaster & District CVS, Sulyard St, Lancaster LA1 1PX.

Specific restrictions on the company

The restrictions specified in Memorandum and Articles of Association include the following:

- The income and property of the company shall be solely towards the promotion of its objects and no part is to be paid by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the members of the company. Additionally, no trustee appointed to any office of the company is to be paid a salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit from the company.
- Upon the winding up or dissolution of the company any assets remaining, after the satisfaction of all liabilities, shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the company, but shall be transferred to other charitable institutions having similar objects and which similarly prohibit the distribution of income or property among its members.

Full details of all the restrictions imposed on the company and the framework within which the company operates are contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Investment powers

The company is permitted by its Memorandum of Association to invest any funds not immediately required for its purposes in any investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject to such conditions and consents as may be imposed or required by law. In exercising these powers, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Management and financial oversight

The centre's manager, Deborah Hargreaves, is responsible for the centre's operations. On the financial side, she is assisted by the treasurer and the secretary. The board of trustees meet at least once a month, with the centre manager in attendance, to monitor activities and to make policy decisions.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

This has been another good year for the Marsh Community Centre, both financially and through the continued success of our activities. It is not easy running a community centre. But with the combined help of our staff, trustees, and volunteers, we keep managing to do so. Debz and her team continue to work miracles, and we thank them for their commitment and effort in challenging circumstances.

Our work would not be possible without the grants we receive from funding agencies numbering fifteen this year. We are particularly grateful to The National Lottery, not only for their support these past three years but for agreeing to renew it for a further four years, and to Lancaster City Council for their continued support since our foundation more than two decades ago.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Established in 2001 as the Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company, the central objective of our work is to address the needs of local people particularly children and young people living in this deprived ward of Lancaster. Unfortunately, the levels of deprivation have only increased since the centre was formed. We have sought better ways to support adults struggling with poverty, mental health issues and stress. With funding and partnership, we try to provide support for hard-to-reach and vulnerable children and young people. We aspire to achieve the following four objectives:

1. ACTIVITIES

To provide and facilitate activities, advice, information, advocacy and support that improve the quality of life of local people and promote the wellbeing of the community.

2. BUILDING

To run an accessible and safe building that enables us to make a difference.

3. COMMUNITY

To engage and consult the local community so that we are responsive to its needs and aspirations.

4. ORGANISATION

To ensure that we are well managed and governed and effective in all that we do.

Activities during the year

Our **Open Access** service remains at the heart of the centre. Local residents come to us for help with:

- Benefits, housing and homelessness support.
- Food bank referrals and crisis assistance.
- Mental health and wellbeing support, with onward referrals.
- Employment support, including CVs and job applications.
- Accompaniment to GP appointments, Job Centre, probation and other services.

Facilities such as our computers, washing machine, tumble dryer, shower and kitchen are well used. Demand has continued to grow, and in late 2024 we employed an additional staff member to help manage the increased workload.

We work to try to promote the **Health & Wellbeing** for residents in the following specific ways:

- NHS drop-ins continue monthly, with residents accessing blood pressure checks and general health advice.
- In early 2025 we launched our own Smokefree Hub as part of the North Lancashire Stop Smoking Service. Staff and volunteers trained as “Stop Smoking Champions” and are now supporting residents to quit, with strong early take-up.

Our **Food Club** supports between 40–60 families each week with affordable groceries for £7, including bread, milk and eggs. In 2024–25 we:

- Continued sourcing through Fairshare, Eggcup and Aldi surplus collections.
- Supplemented hampers with fresh produce from our community allotment.
- Trialled recipe packs and cooking workshops to help families make healthy meals on a budget.
- Provided Christmas hampers alongside gifts for local children and families, ensuring no one was left out during the festive season.

Youth Work Activities remain central to what we do and continues to thrive:

- Open-access youth clubs remain very popular.
- Our partnership with Lancaster Girls and Boys Club supports staff training and joint activities, helping young people mix across groups and build positive relationships.
- Our Boxing sessions every week for ages 8+ continue to improve both confidence and physical health.
A number of trips occurred during the year to Jump Rush, Splash Park, Blackpool Lights and more.
- A Rookhow residential course took place in early 2025, focused on outdoor adventure, confidence building, and team working.

Continuing **Community Engagement** activities we undertake are:

- Our **Gardening Club** which continues to flourish, with volunteers planting fruit, vegetables and herbs. The produce is shared through the Food Club and youth cooking sessions.
- The **Coffee & Cake Group** is still growing and provides invaluable support to combat social isolation, especially among older residents.
- **Marsh Music Choir** celebrated another strong year with performances at The Priory and Williamson's Park Christmas events.
- **Friends of the Marsh Group**, chaired by Katie Schad, has gone from strength to strength. Their success in securing Sycamore play park funding has been followed by new ambitions, including funding bids for outdoor gyms and environmental projects.

A major highlight of 2024–25 was working with **Volunteer It Yourself (VIY)** to begin the creation of **Holly Walk Gardens** and build much-needed outdoor storage units. Local young people worked alongside professional tradespeople to develop practical skills and even gain City & Guilds accreditations in construction and joinery. Holly Walk Gardens is already becoming a welcoming green space and will be an ongoing community asset for years to come.

Wherever possible, we try to assess the **Community Impact** of our work. This year we have seen:

- Declines in local crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Increased volunteering and community pride.
- More residents accessing help earlier, reducing crisis situations.
- Stronger cross-generational connections, from toddlers at playgroups to older adults at social sessions.

Sustainability & Income

Keeping the centre running requires substantial upkeep. While we continue to rely heavily on grants from external funders, we also:

- Generate income by hiring out the venue to outside groups, including Hope Church on Sundays.
- Benefit from volunteer-led fundraising through Friends of the Marsh.
- Promote donations and supporter engagement via our website: www.marshcommunitycentre.org.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Income and expenditure

Detailed information concerning our charitable spending during the year and the income that made this possible is provided in the financial statements which follow. The key features can be summarised as follows.

Our operating expenditures during the year totalled £189,971 an increase of 33% over the previous year. The largest element was wages and salaries (£94,083), an increase of 5% over the previous year. Our spending on what we call activity costs, i.e., on our face-to-face activities (£56,240), increased by 73% over the previous year, which itself was 36% more than in 2022-23. This is a financial indicator of the tremendous efforts our staff apply to help people in the Marsh area. Their efforts have been supported in various ways, including spending £1,668 on advice from outside experts on how best to we can improve the effectiveness of our operations, £15,116 on repairs and renewals and £5,605 on capital equipment.

New funding obtained during the year to support these activities totalled £233,810, an increase of 27% over the previous year, and came from three sources: grants from external funding agencies (£205,656, up 36%); donations and legacies from individuals and organisations (£5,299, down 60%); and other income from a variety of sources (£22,855, up 18%). We continue to be heavily reliant on support from grant-awarding bodies. The grant amounts we received during the year received from each source are detailed in note 1 to the financial statements. We are particularly indebted to the substantial grants we have received from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund (£86,160), Lancaster City Council (£39,300), Garfield Weston Foundation (£20,000) and Banks Lyon Memorial Trust (£19,90). Without the support, large and small, of all these grant-awarding bodies, we could not function.

As in previous years, the donations we received came from a variety of sources, both large and small, to help us cover general running costs and our activities. Many take the form of regular small donations and others one-off larger amounts. The big fall in donations and legacies this year was due to our receiving two unusually large amounts totalling £8,500 in the previous year. This year's donations were roughly in line with the longer run pattern. Whatever the amount or frequency they are extremely valuable because they help us build up our reserves in ways that grants do not and cannot and thus help buffer us from shocks to the funding regime.

Reserves policy

Our objective is to maintain a level of free reserves (those not tied up in fixed assets and restricted funds) at a level sufficient to fulfil the company's continuing obligations. This is always a struggle because of our heavy reliance on grants as our principal source of income. A key long-term objective of the Company is to conserve this vital reserve to ensure our continuing solvency, but we accept there will be ups and downs from one year to the next.

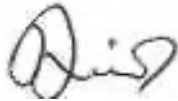
As of 31 March 2025, our unrestricted reserves amounted to £55,393 which equates to nearly five months of our current level of non-capital spending. This is, of course, a worse-case scenario in which all grant income has been consumed, and no more income of any kind is being received. In fact, we had £137,833 cash in the bank and in hand at the year-end, an amount £28,012 more than last year and is equal to nearly 9 months of current spending. Moreover, although our three-year grant from the National Lottery under their Reaching Communities programme ended in May 2025, the Lottery has extended their support with a for a further four years with an extension grant totalling £304,574. As a result, the Trustees remain confident in the continuing financial viability of the Company.

STATEMENT OF STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

The trustees' and directors' report and the attached accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2011 relating to small companies and was approved by the board of trustees on 18 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mike Farnfield

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Farnfield', is positioned to the right of the name text.

Chair of Trustees

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Assets Fund £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	5,299	-	-	5,299	13,283
Grants	1	-	205,656	-	205,656	150,817
Other Income	2	22,855	-	-	22,855	19,300
Total		28,154	205,656	-	233,810	183,401
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4,5	26,873	163,098	-	189,971	143,164
Depreciation		-	-	13,589	13,589	11,890
Total		26,873	163,098	13,589	203,560	155,054
Net income (expenditures)		1,281	42,559	(13,589)	30,251	28,348
Fixed asset purchases		(755)	(4,850)	5,605	-	-
Other transfers between funds		(179)	179	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		347	37,888	(7,984)	30,251	28,348
Total funds brought forward		55,046	53,962	235,841	344,850	316,502
Total funds carried forward		55,393	91,851	227,857	375,100	344,850

The notes that follow form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	227,858	235,842
Investments			
Loan		9,445	-
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		137,833	109,821
Debtors and prepayments		656	-
Total current assets		138,489	109,821
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses		691	813
Net Current Assets		137,798	109,008
Net Assets		375,100	344,850
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds		55,393	55,046
Restricted funds	7	91,851	53,962
Fixed Assets fund		227,857	235,841
		375,100	344,850

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

Approved by the board of trustees

Michael Farnfield



Ken Peasnell



Date:

18 June 2025

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2025

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective January 2019) and the Companies Act 2011. There are no material uncertainties that indicate the charity will not be able to continue as

Income

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are included in income in the year to which the grant is received. Where a grant is received but cannot be spent until later years(s) it is carried forward as prepaid income.

Collections, donations and legacies are included when receivable by the charity.

No income is shown net of expenditure.

Expenditures

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All material capital expenditures (defined normally as amounts exceeding £300), including those which are funded by grants, are treated as additions to fixed assets.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Property	over 50 years straight line
Fixtures and equipment	over 5 years straight line
Computer equipment	over 3 years straight line

Where the capital expenditure is funded by specific grants, the associated outlay is transferred to the fixed asset fund. In the case of capital expenditure financed out of the unrestricted fund, a similar transfer is made to the fixed asset fund. In both cases, depreciation is charged to the fixed assets fund based on the expected useful life of the relevant asset.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such is entitled to the exemption from tax to the extent that the income received falls within section 505 C.G.T.A. 1992 and is applied to charitable purposes only.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted fund - this is the fund which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Fixed asset fund - this is the fund which represents fixed assets purchased from both unrestricted and restricted funds and provide the basis for the future depreciation of those assets.

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

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Year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
1 Grants and donations received during year				
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund	-	86,160	86,160	54,131
Tudor Trust	-	-	-	30,000
Lancaster City Council	-	39,300	39,300	20,358
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	-
Banks Lyon Memorial Trust	-	19,902	19,902	13,495
B & Q	-	-	-	10,000
Francis C Scott Trust	-	9,800	9,800	9,600
Morrison's	-	8,000	8,000	-
Foyle Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Awards for All	-	-	-	3,900
Albert Hunt Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
Areti Charitable Trust	-	3,944	3,944	5,279
Pots of Possibility	-	3,550	3,550	-
Lancaster Priory Church	1,100	-	1,100	-
The Westminster Fund	-	1,000	1,000	2,000
Arnold Clark	-	1,000	1,000	-
Mobility Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Sported Foundation (Barclays)	-	1,000	1,000	-
3R Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Groundwork (Quaker Oats)	-	-	-	1,000
Neighbourly	-	-	-	555
Lancashire County Council	-	-	-	500
Other grants and donations	4,199	-	4,199	13,282
	<u>5,299</u>	<u>205,656</u>	<u>210,956</u>	<u>164,100</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
2 Other income				
Food club	13,283	-	13,283	4,133
Statutory Maternity Pay	-	-	-	1,583
Other income	9,571	-	9,571	13,584
	<u>22,855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,855</u>	<u>19,300</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
3 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Wages and salaries	-	94,083	94,083	89,715
Cleaning, printing, stationary and sundries	315	3,292	3,607	2,516
Repairs and renewals	465	14,651	15,116	6,235
Heat, light and water	-	4,738	4,738	4,030
Telephone, internet and computing	7	3,508	3,515	3,536
Insurance and legal costs	-	3,028	3,028	2,287
Activity expenses	19,027	37,213	56,240	32,474
Membership, training and travel	919	969	1,888	516
Audit, accountancy and payroll	590	602	1,192	946
Bank and financial charges	336	-	336	58
Consulting advice	654	1,014	1,668	-
Income generation expenses	4,560	-	4,560	850
	<u>26,873</u>	<u>163,098</u>	<u>189,971</u>	<u>143,164</u>

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
4 Management and administration of the charity		
Net income is stated after charging the following:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	13,589	11,890
Accountancy fees	1,192	946

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
5 Staff Costs				
Salaries	-	90,254	90,254	82,513
Employer national insurance	-	2,042	2,042	1,487
Employer pension	-	1,787	1,787	1,667
Less statutory maternity pay recovery	-	-	-	1,583
	<u>-</u>	<u>94,083</u>	<u>94,083</u>	<u>84,084</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as 5.

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

During the year, an interest-free loan of £10,000 was made to the chief executive for the purchase of a car needed for the operations of the Centre's food club and other activities . The loan is repayable over 3 years.

	Leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
6 Tangible fixed assets				
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	355,710	6,312	45,213	407,235
Additions	-	4,850	755	5,605
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	355,710	11,162	45,967	412,839
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	132,089	5,464	33,840	171,393
Charge for the year	7,114	2,090	4,384	13,589
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	139,203	7,554	38,224	184,981
Net Book value				
At 31 March 2025	216,507	3,608	7,743	227,858
at 31 March 2024	223,621	848	11,373	235,842

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Year ended 31 March 2025

7 Movements in funds	Balance 01.04.24 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoings £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.25 £
Restricted funds					
Albert Hunt Trust	-	5,000	4,094		906
Areti Charitable Trust	4,231	3,944	3,356		4,819
Arnold Clark	-	1,000	970	(30)	-
Awards for All	1,502	-	588		914
Banks Lyon Memorial Trust	8,550	19,902	14,502	(4,559)	9,391
Coop Local Community Fund	304	-	-	(304)	-
Fairshare Food Futures Fund	1,363	-	476		887
Foyle Foundation	-	5,000	5,000		-
Francis C Scott Trust	6,169	9,800	6,609		9,360
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000	-		20,000
Groundwork (Quaker Oats)	1,000	-	-		1,000
Groundwork (Tesco Community Fund)	380	-	-		380
Lancaster City Council	2,989	39,300	25,898		16,391
Mobility Trust	203	1,000	1,343	139	-
Morrisons	-	8,000	5,556		2,444
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund	16,712	86,160	88,883	782	14,771
NHS	108	-	-	(108)	-
Neighbourly	290	-	-	(290)	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	3,199	-	-		3,199
Pots of Possibility	-	3,550	3,413	- 137	-
Sported (Barclays)	2,146	1,000	1,556		1,590
The Westminster Fund	746	1,000	16		1,730
Tudor Trust	4,069	-	-		4,069
3R Foundation	-	1,000	836	(164)	-
	<u>53,962</u>	<u>205,656</u>	<u>163,098</u>	<u>(4,671)</u>	<u>91,851</u>
General funds					
Unrestricted Funds	55,046	28,154	26,873	(934)	55,393
Fixed assets fund	235,841	-	13,589	5,605	227,857
	<u>344,850</u>	<u>233,810</u>	<u>203,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375,100</u>

Purposes of the restricted funds

The restricted funds are provided by the grant providers and donors and can only be used for the purposes set out in the grants and donors made by each provider.

8 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

9 Ultimate control

The company is controlled by its members in general meeting in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. No member is entitled to more than one vote.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Marsh Community Centre

Charity No. 1085116

I report on the accounts for the year 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Shweta Pankhadiwala

C/o Lancaster District CVS, The Cornerstone Sulyard Street Lancaster LA1 1PX

29th September 2025.

THE MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITABLE COMPANY

England & Wales - Charity number 1085116

Accounts



THE MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITABLE COMPANY

Annual Report and Accounts
Year ending 31 March 2024

Director's Report for the purposes of the Companies Act 2011 and Trustees' Annual Report for the purposes of Part VI of the Charities Act 1993 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The trustees present their annual report on the affairs of the company, together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, together with the Independent Examiner's Report thereon.

Registered Charity: 1085116
Company Registration Number: 04156154

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Name

The full name of the charity is The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Trust.

Constitution and governing legislation

The charity was established on 8 February 2001 as a company limited by guarantee, without share capital, under the Companies Act 1985. Its operation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8 February 2001 as amended on 25 February 2003 and 5 December 2022. The company number is 04156154. The company is a registered charity (no. 1085116).

Trustees and directors

The persons who served on the Board of Trustees and as such were also directors of the company during the year were:

Michael Farnfield (Trustee and Chair)

Hilary Greenwood (Trustee)

Martin Mulligan (Trustee)

Andrew Nicholson (Trustee)

Ken Peasnell (Trustee and Treasurer)

Sally Pidd (Trustee and Secretary)

Jon Barry (Trustee), resigned 19 August 2023

Karen Ohlsson, resigned 19 August 2023

Appointment of trustees

The appointment of trustees is governed by provisions contained within the company's Articles of Association. These are as follows:

- The number of trustees shall not be less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the members) shall not be subject to any maximum.
- The Board shall consist of up to eight individuals elected by the members at an Annual General Meeting and up to two individuals co-opted by the Board until the conclusion of the next AGM.
- Each appointment and reappointment shall be made at an AGM each year.

At the company's Annual General Meeting on 17 July 2024, Sally Pidd resigned as a trustee, effective from that date.

Trustees' responsibilities

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state-of-affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then consistently apply them
- 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 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 company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with all relevant legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Registered office

The registered office of the company is Marsh Community Centre, Willow Lane, Lancaster, LA1 5PP.

Bankers

The company's bankers during the year ended 31 March 2024 were The Cumberland Building Society, 26-28 Cheapside, Lancaster LA1 1LZ.

Accountants

The company's finances are managed in-house by the Chief Executive supported by the Secretary and Treasurer. Our payroll and Independent Examination are conducted by Lancaster & District CVS, Sulyard St, Lancaster LA1 1PX.

Specific restrictions on the company

The restrictions specified in Memorandum and Articles of Association include the following:

- The income and property of the company shall be solely towards the promotion of its objects and no part is to be paid by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the members of the company. Additionally, no trustee appointed to any office of the company is to be paid a salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit from the company.
- Upon the winding up or dissolution of the company any assets remaining, after the satisfaction of all liabilities, shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the company, but shall be transferred to other charitable institutions having similar objects and which similarly prohibit the distribution of income or property among its members.

Full details of all the restrictions imposed on the company and the framework within which the company operates are contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Investment powers

The company is permitted by its Memorandum of Association to invest any funds not immediately required for its purposes in any investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject to such conditions and consents as may be imposed or required by law. In exercising these powers, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Management and financial oversight

The centre's manager, Deborah Hargreaves, is responsible for the centre's operations. On the financial side, she is assisted by the treasurer and the secretary. The board of trustees meet at least once a month, with the centre manager in attendance, to monitor activities and to make policy decisions.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

This has been another good year for the Marsh Community Centre, both financially and through the continued success of our activities. It is not easy running a community centre. But with the combined help of our staff, trustees, and volunteers, we keep managing to do so!

We are particularly grateful to Lancaster City Council for their continued support and to the Tudor Trust and Banks Lyon who have collectively enabled us to employ an additional member of staff to support our work.

Debz and her team continue to work miracles and have hosted several successful community events on top of their normal workloads, and we thank them for their commitment and effort in challenging circumstances.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Established in 2001 as the Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company, the central objective of our work is to address the needs of local people particularly children and young people living in this deprived ward of Lancaster. Unfortunately, the levels of deprivation have only increased since the centre was formed. We have sought better ways to support adults struggling with poverty, mental health issues and stress. With funding and partnership, we try to provide support for hard-to-reach and vulnerable children and young people. We aspire to achieve the following four objectives:

1. ACTIVITIES

To provide and facilitate activities, advice, information, advocacy and support that improve the quality of life of local people and promote the wellbeing of the community.

2. BUILDING

To run an accessible and safe building that enables us to make a difference.

3. COMMUNITY

To engage and consult the local community so that we are responsive to its needs and aspirations.

4. ORGANISATION

To ensure that we are well managed and governed and effective in all that we do.

Activities during the year

The centre has a great atmosphere. We have done lots of things to help the local community. These include the following:

- We continue to run our unique **Open Access** where we support members of the community with benefits, housing, food bank referrals, homelessness, mental health, CV'S and advice and guidance. They can access our amenities including our computers, washing machine, tumble dryer and shower and kitchen. We also accompany members to the doctors, job centre and anywhere else they need support. We work closely with probation, the police, homeless centre and the education services. Due to the increase in members, we have employed another member of staff to help with the increase in work.
- **Mental health problems** in the Marsh area increased markedly during the pandemic and, two years later, the effects are still being felt. We have helped people to cope with their problems and signposted them to the relevant services. As part of this, we have worked alongside the NHS who have run drop-in sessions at the centre each month designed to take people's blood pressure and deal with any concerns they may have. These sessions have been attended very well.
- Our **Food Club** has been meeting on Thursdays for several years and it continues to be very popular. The club has approximately 40 to 60 families a week participating in the cost of groceries. During the year, we charged £7 for food packages which include bread, eggs and milk. We source our food from Fareshare and Eggcup which is our local food distribution centre. We also collect surplus food from Aldi.
- The **Youth clubs** we run have large numbers of attendees and are thriving. We also work closely with other youth groups in the area such as LGABC who support us with staff and activities as part of our membership with them. These youth club meetings are of great benefit to them and provides them with opportunities to mix with other groups and build good relationships which has been a barrier in previous years.
- We have our own **Boxing coach** who is Qualified and registered with the England Boxing Association and he runs sessions on Tuesdays for young people aged 8 plus. It is great for their mental and physical health and continues to be very well attended.
- We have a **Gardening club** which cares for our allotment and gardens. This is run by volunteers and is running extremely well. The club is attended by local people who enjoy getting together and being active in the outdoor space we have at the centre. Lots of food has been grown there and is used in the food club we run and in the youth groups to make jam and apple crumble.
- Our **Coffee and Cake group** continues to be well attended, with more people joining during the year. These sessions are run by volunteers and are invaluable in bringing

together people in the area. They help people with social isolation and mental health problems and to make friendships in a safe place.

- We have a choir, **Marsh Music**, that has been running since 2017 and is open to all local people - men and women, old and young, and of all abilities. The choir is run by a local resident together with other volunteers and is very popular with the participants. The numbers fluctuate but generally average about 15 members. The Choir has delivered many performances including, for the second year running, one at The Priory church and one at Williamsons Park.
- The **Friends of The Marsh group**, which is chaired by Katie Schad, one of our volunteers, has been successful in attracting funding for the Sycamore play park and we are happy to say the work has finally commenced. The group is expanding, and they have so many great ideas. We are looking forward to seeing what next year brings.

We have had great trips out with young people and families including Gulliver's World, Blackpool Lights, Splash Park and Jump Rush. We also took a group of young people to attend a residential course at Brathay which they found incredible, and it opened their eyes to a whole new way of thinking. We have a great community in which people look out for each other. Crime and anti-social behaviour have dropped, which is a great source of satisfaction to those of us involved with the centre.

All these activities cost money and the centre requires a lot of upkeep. As is explained elsewhere in this annual report, we are very dependent on grants provided by external funding bodies. We do what we can to generate income from other sources, including hiring out the venue to outside organisations. These include Hope Church which runs on a Sunday. Apart from the intrinsic value of these uses of the centre, they provide us with much needed additional income. To this end, we have a website (www.marshcommunitycentre.org) that explains what we do and details how donations can be made.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Income and expenditure

Detailed information concerning our charitable spending during the year and the income that made this possible is provided in the financial statements which follow. The key features can be summarised as follows.

Our operating expenditures during the year totalled £143,163 an increase of 9.6% over the previous year. The largest element was wages and salaries (£89,715), an increase of 7.1% over the previous year. Our spending on what we call activity costs, i.e., on our face-to-face activities (£32,474), increased by 36.4% over the previous year, which itself was 39.7% more than in 2021-22. These are continuing welcome financial indicators of the work we do for people in the Marsh area. Our spending on repairs and renewals (£6,235) and capital purchases (£18,199) together represents an increase of more than 50% over the previous year, reflective of the continuing need to maintain and improve our now-ageing facilities.

Funding available to us to support these activities totalled £183,401, an increase of 36.4% over 2022-23, and came from three sources: grants from external funding agencies (£150,817, up 30.5%); donations from individuals and organisations (£13,283, up 158.6%); and other income from a variety of sources (£19,300, more than double that in 2022-23). These

figures reveal our continued dependence on support from grant-awarding bodies. The grant amounts we have received from each source are detailed in note 1 to the financial statements. We are particularly indebted to the substantial grants we have received from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund (£54,131), Tudor Trust (£30,000), and Lancaster City Council (£20,358). Without the support, large and small, of all these grant-awarding bodies, we could not function.

As in previous years, the donations we received came from a variety of sources, both large and small, some for specific purposes and others to help us cover general running costs and our activities. Many take the form of regular small donations and others one-off larger amounts. Whatever the amount or frequency they are extremely valuable because they help us build up our reserves in ways that grants do not and cannot and thus help buffer us from shocks to the funding regime.

Reserves policy

Our objective is to maintain a level of free reserves (those not tied up in fixed assets and restricted funds) at a level sufficient to fulfil the company's continuing obligations. This is always a struggle because of our heavy reliance on grants as our principal source of income. I am therefore pleased to be able to report that our unrestricted funds increased for a second year in a row by £3,827 (£5,493 in 2022-23). A key long-term objective of the Company is to conserve this vital reserve to ensure our continuing solvency, but we accept there will be ups and downs from one year to the next. Moreover, inflation continues to pose great difficulties for charities, including ourselves.

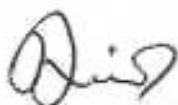
As of 31 March 2024, our unrestricted reserves amounted to £55,046 which equates to nearly five months of our current level of non-capital spending. This is, of course, an extreme worse-case scenario in which all grant income has been consumed and no more income of any kind is being received. In fact, we had £109,821 cash in the bank and in hand at the year-end, an amount £21,967 more than last year and is equal to more than 9 months of current spending. Furthermore, our three-year grant from the National Lottery under their Reaching Communities programme will be sufficient to cover a large portion of our operating costs for next year. As a result, the Trustees remain confident in the continuing financial viability of the Company.

STATEMENT OF STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

The trustees' and directors' report and the attached accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2011 relating to small companies and was approved by the board on 4 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mike Farnfield



Chair of Trustees

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

Registered Company No. 04156154

Registered Charity No. 1085116

Financial statements

Year ending 31 March 2024

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Assets Fund £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	11,783	1,500	-	13,283	5,138
Grants	1	-	150,817	-	150,817	115,556
Other Income	2	19,300	-	-	19,300	13,768
Total		31,084	152,317	-	183,401	134,462
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4,5	21,762	121,401	-	143,163	130,591
Depreciation		-	-	11,890	11,890	11,028
Total		21,762	121,401	11,890	155,053	141,619
Net income (expenditures)		9,322	30,916	-11,890	28,348	(7,157)
Fixed asset purchases		(5,439)	(12,760)	18,199	-	-
Other transfers between funds		- 56	56	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,827	18,211	6,309	28,348	(7,157)
Total funds brought forward		51,219	35,751	229,532	316,502	323,659
Total funds carried forward		55,046	53,962	235,841	344,850	316,502

The notes that follow form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	235,842	229,533
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		109,821	87,854
Debtors and prepayments		-	886
Total current assets		109,821	88,740
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses		813	1,771
Net Current Assets		109,008	86,969
Net Assets		344,850	316,502
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds		55,046	51,219
Restricted funds	7	53,962	35,751
Fixed Assets fund		235,841	229,532
		344,850	316,502

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

Approved by the board of trustees

Michael Farnfield



Ken Peasnell



Date:

19 June 2024

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 March 2024

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective January 2019) and the Companies Act 2011.

Income

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are included in income in the year to which the grant relates. Where a grant is received but cannot be spent until later years(s) it is carried forward as prepaid income.

Collections, donations and legacies are included when receivable by the charity.

No income is shown net of expenditure.

Expenditures

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All capital expenditure, including that which is funded by grants, is treated as an addition to fixed assets.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Property	2% p.a. straight line
Fixtures and equipment	20% p.a. straight line
Computer equipment	33% p.a. straight line

Where the capital expenditure is funded by specific grants, the associated grant is transferred to the fixed asset fund. In the case of capital expenditure financed out of the unrestricted fund, a similar transfer is made to the fixed asset fund. In both cases, depreciation is charged to the fixed assets fund based on the expected useful life of the relevant asset.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such is entitled to the exemption from tax to the extent that the income received falls within section 505 C.G.T.A. 1992 and is applied to charitable purposes only.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted fund - this is the fund which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Fixed asset fund - this is the fund which represents fixed assets purchased from both unrestricted and specific grants and fund the future depreciation of those assets.

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

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
1 Grants and donations received during year				
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund		54,131	54,131	34,904
Tudor Trust	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Lancaster City Council	-	20,358	20,358	14,000
B & Q	-	10,000	10,000	-
Francis C Scott Trust	-	9,600	9,600	-
Banks Lyon Memorial Trust	-	8,495	8,495	-
Areti Charitable Trust	-	5,279	5,279	-
Banks Lyon	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Awards for All	-	3,900	3,900	-
The Westminster Fund	-	2,000	2,000	-
Groundwork (Quaker Oats)	-	1,000	1,000	-
Neighbourly	-	555	555	2,000
Lancashire County Council	-	500	500	-
Other grants and donations	11,783	1,500	13,283	69,694
	<u>11,783</u>	<u>152,317</u>	<u>164,101</u>	<u>120,694</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
2 Other income				
Food club	4,133	-	4,133	4,685
Statutory Maternity Pay	1,583	-	1,583	4,311
Other income	13,585	-	13,585	4,771
	<u>19,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,300</u>	<u>13,767</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
3 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Wages and salaries	6,542	83,173	89,715	83,783
Cleaning, printing, stationary and sundries	720	1,796	2,516	1,830
Repairs and renewals	4,584	1,651	6,235	7,840
Heat, light and water	-	4,030	4,030	5,482
Telephone, internet and computing	-	3,536	3,536	815
Insurance and legal costs	-	2,287	2,287	2,669
Activity expenses	8,906	23,569	32,474	23,807
Grants	-	-	-	600
Membership, training and travel	102	414	516	1,514
Audit, accountancy and payroll	-	946	946	763
Bank and financial charges	58	-	58	307
Income generation expenses	850	-	850	1,181
	<u>21,762</u>	<u>121,401</u>	<u>143,163</u>	<u>130,591</u>

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
4 Management and administration of the charity		
Net income is stated after charging the following:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,890	11,028
Accountancy fees	946	763

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
5 Staff Costs				
Wages costs	2,494	83,173	85,667	83,783
Less statutory maternity pay recovery	(1,583)	-	(1,583)	(4,311)
	<u>911</u>	<u>83,173</u>	<u>84,084</u>	<u>79,472</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as 5.
No employee earned more than £50,000 in the year.

	Leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
6 Tangible fixed assets				
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	341,539	6,012	41,485	389,036
Additions	14,171	300	3,728	18,199
Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31 March 2024	355,710	6,312	45,213	407,235
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	124,975	4,921	29,607	159,503
Charge for the year	7,114	543	4,233	11,890
Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31 March 2024	132,089	5,464	33,840	171,393
Net Book value				
At 31 March 2024	223,621	848	11,373	235,842
at 31 March 2023	216,564	1,091	11,878	229,533

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2024

7 Movements in funds	Balance 01.04.23	Incoming resources	Outgoings	Transfers	Balance 31.03.24
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Albert Hunt Trust	180	-	162	(18)	(0)
Areti Charitable Trust	-	5,279	1,048		4,231
Awards for All	-	3,900	2,398		1,502
B&Q	-	10,000	10,002	2	(0)
Banks Lyon	2,195	5,000	3,795		3,400
Banks Lyon Memorial Trust	-	8,495	3,345		5,150
Coop Local Community Fund	304	-	0		304
CVS Lancaster Community Fund	1,245	-	1,304	59	0
Curious Minds	436	-	430	(6)	0
Fairshare Food Futures Fund	2,600	-	1,237		1,363
Francis C Scott Trust	-	9,600	3,431		6,169
Groundwork (Quaker Oats)	-	1,000	0		1,000
Groundwork (Tesco Community Fund)	1,500	-	1,120		380
Lancashire County Council	-	500	521	21	0
Lancaster City Council	4,343	20,358	21,712		2,989
Mobility Trust	750	-	547		203
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund	9,476	54,131	46,895		16,712
NHS	1,421	-	1,313		108
Neighbourly	400	555	665		290
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	3,223	-	24		3,199
Sported Foundation	2,405	0	259		2,146
The Westminster Fund	1,041	2,000	2,295		746
Tudor Trust	4,232	30,000	30,163		4,069
Other	-	1,500	1,499	(1)	0
	<u>35,751</u>	<u>152,317</u>	<u>134,161</u>	<u>55.57</u>	<u>53,963</u>
General funds					
Unrestricted Funds	51,219	31,084	27,201	(55.57)	55,046
Fixed assets fund	229,532	18,199	11,890	-	235,841
	<u>316,502</u>	<u>201,600</u>	<u>173,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>344,850</u>

Purposes of the restricted funds

The restricted funds are provided by the grant providers and donors and can only be used for the purposes set out in the grants and donators made by each provider.

8 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

9 Ultimate control

The company is controlled by its members in general meeting in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. No member is entitled to more than one vote.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Marsh Community Centre

Charity No. 1085116

I report on the accounts for the year 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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30th July 2024.

THE MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITABLE COMPANY

England & Wales - Charity number 1085116

Accounts



THE MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITABLE COMPANY

Annual Report
Year ending 31 March 2023

Director's Report for the purposes of the Companies Act 2011 and Trustees' Annual Report for the purposes of Part VI of the Charities Act 1993 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The trustees present their annual report on the affairs of the company, together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023, together with the Independent Examiner's Report thereon.

Registered Charity: 1085116
Company Registration Number: 04156154

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Name

The full name of the charity is The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Trust.

Constitution and governing legislation

The charity was established on 8 February 2001 as a company limited by guarantee, without share capital, under the Companies Act 1985. Its operation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8 February 2001 as amended on 25 February 2003 and 5 December 2022. The company number is 04156154. The company is a registered charity (no. 1085116).

Trustees and directors

The persons who served on the Board of Trustees and as such were also directors of the company during the year were:

Jon Barry (Trustee and Chair)

Michael Farnfield (Trustee)

Martin Mulligan (Trustee), appointed 8 December 2022

Andrew Nicholson (Trustee)

Karin Olsson (Trustee and Secretary)

Ken Peasnell (Trustee and Treasurer)

Sally Pidd (Trustee)

Appointment of trustees

The appointment of trustees is governed by provisions contained within the company's Articles of Association. These are as follows:

- The number of trustees shall not be less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the members) shall not be subject to any maximum.
- The Board shall consist of up to eight individuals elected by the members at an Annual General Meeting and up to two individuals co-opted by the Board until the conclusion of the next AGM.
- Each appointment and reappointment shall be made at an AGM each year.

At the company's Annual General Meeting on 19 July 2023, Jon Barry and Karin Olsson resigned as trustees, effective 19 August 2023. Michael Farnfield was appointed as Chair and Sally Pidd as Secretary in their stead.

Trustees' responsibilities

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state-of-affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then consistently apply them
- 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 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 company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with all relevant legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Registered office

The registered office of the company is Marsh Community Centre, Willow Lane, Lancaster, LA1 5PP.

Secretary

The Company Secretary is Sally Pidd

Treasurer

The Treasurer is Ken Peasnell

Bankers

The company's bankers during the year ended 31 March 2023 were the Cumberland Building Society, 26-28 Cheapside, Lancaster LA1 1LZ.

Accountants

The company's finances are managed in-house by the Chief Executive supported by the Secretary and Treasurer. Our payroll and Independent Examination are conducted by Lancaster & District CVS, Sulyard St, Lancaster LA1 1PX.

Specific restrictions on the company

The restrictions specified in Memorandum and Articles of Association include the following:

- The income and property of the company shall be solely towards the promotion of its objects and no part is to be paid by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the

members of the company. Additionally, no trustee appointed to any office of the company is to be paid a salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit from the company.

- Upon the winding up or dissolution of the company any assets remaining, after the satisfaction of all liabilities, shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the company, but shall be transferred to other charitable institutions having similar objects and which similarly prohibit the distribution of income or property among its members.

Full details of all the restrictions imposed on the company and the framework within which the company operates are contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Investment powers

The company is permitted by its Memorandum of Association to invest any funds not immediately required for its purposes in any investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject to such conditions and consents as may be imposed or required by law. In exercising these powers, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Management and financial oversight

The centre's manager, Deborah Hargreaves, is responsible for the centre's operations. On the financial side, she is assisted by the treasurer and the secretary. The board of trustees meet at least once a month, with the centre manager in attendance, to monitor activities and to make policy decisions.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

This has been another good year for the Marsh Community Centre, both financially and through the continued success of our activities. It is not easy running a community centre. But with the combined help of our staff, trustees, and volunteers, we keep managing to do so!

We are particularly grateful to Lancaster City Council for their continued support and also to the Tudor Trust and Banks Lyon who have collectively enabled us to employ an additional member of staff to support our work.

Debz and her team continue to work miracles and have hosted several successful community events on top of their normal workload, and we thank them for their commitment and effort in challenging circumstances.

Jon Barry has, at the AGM, stepped down from his role as chair and trustee after 26 years. He has been instrumental in bringing the centre to life and enabling it to grow and develop into the successful and thriving hub for the local community. We are extremely grateful for his contribution.

This year also brings the retirement of Karin Olson as a long standing trustee who has brought wisdom and insight during her time here and we thank her for her support over many years.

I have agreed to act as chair from the recent AGM for the next year whilst the trustees navigate this transition. We have also welcomed Hilary Greenwood who has agreed to be co-opted as a Trustee for the current year and value her experience and contacts in the community.

Thank you again to all the volunteers, staff and trustees as we now enter a new phase in the life of the community centre.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Established in 2001 as the Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company, the central objective of our work is to address the needs of local people particularly children and young people living in this deprived ward of Lancaster. Unfortunately, the levels of deprivation have only increased since the centre was formed. We have sought better ways to support adults struggling with poverty, mental health issues and stress. With funding and partnership, we try to provide support for hard-to-reach and vulnerable children and young people. We aspire to achieve the following four objectives:

1. ACTIVITIES

To provide and facilitate activities, advice, information, advocacy and support that improve the quality of life of local people and promote the wellbeing of the community.

2. BUILDING

To run an accessible and safe building that enables us to make a difference.

3. COMMUNITY

To engage and consult the local community so that we are responsive to its needs and aspirations.

4. ORGANISATION

To ensure that we are well managed and governed and effective in all that we do.

Activities during the year

The centre has a great atmosphere. We have done lots of things to help the local community. These include the following:

- We continue to run our unique **Open Access** where we are able to support members of the community with benefits, housing, food bank referrals, homelessness, mental health, CV'S and advice and guidance. They can access our amenities including our computers, washing machine, tumble dryer and shower and kitchen. We also accompany members to the doctors, job centre and anywhere else they need support. We work closely with probation, the police, homeless centre and the education services. Due to the increase in members we have applied for funding for another person to join the Manager and Assistant Manager to run Open Access.
- **Mental health problems** in the Marsh area increased markedly during the pandemic and the effects are still being felt. We have helped people to cope with their problems and signposted them to the relevant services. As part of this, we have worked alongside the NHS who have run drop-in sessions at the centre each month designed to take people's

blood pressure and deal with any concerns they may have. These sessions have been attended very well.

- Our **Food Club** has been meeting on Thursdays for several years and it continues to be very popular. The club has approximately 60 families a week participating, and the numbers are growing. This service is needed now more than ever due to the rise in the cost of groceries. During the year, we charged £6 for food packages which include bread, eggs and milk. We source our food from Fareshare and Eggcup which is our local food distribution centre. We also collect surplus food from Tesco, Greggs, Asda and Sainsburys, and are very grateful for the help they provide.
- The **Youth clubs** we run have large numbers of attendees and are thriving. We also work closely with other youth groups in the area as we are part of The Westminster Young People Foundation and receive funding from them. This support is immensely valuable as it helps us to serve our mission of helping young people. These youth club meetings are of great benefit to them as it provides them with opportunities to mix with other groups and build good relationships which has been a barrier in previous years. The older groups took part in The Bay Triathlon which is a fantastic achievement for them and a credit to our youth work staff.
- We have our own **Boxing coach** who is Qualified and registered with the England Boxing Association and he runs sessions on Saturdays for young people aged 8 plus. It is great for their mental and physical health and is very well attended.
- Our **Visually Impaired group** who meet up to support each other and give advice. It is a small group, but it is such an inspiration for these people to meet and enjoy each other's company.
- We have a **Gardening club** which cares for our allotment and gardens. This is run by volunteers, and is running extremely well. The club is attended by local people who enjoy getting together and being active in the outdoor space we have at the centre. Lots of food has been grown there and is used in the food club we run and in the youth groups to make jam and apple crumble.
- Our **Coffee and Cake group** continues to be well attended, with more people joining during the year. These sessions are run by volunteers and are invaluable in bringing together people in the area. They help people with social isolation and mental health problems and to make friendships in a safe place.
- We have a choir, **Marsh Music**, that has been running since 2017 and is open to all local people - men and women, old and young, and of all abilities. The choir is run by a local resident together with other volunteers and is very popular with the participants. The numbers fluctuate but generally average about 15 members. The Choir has delivered many performances including one at The Priory church and one at Williamsons Park.
- The **Friends of The Marsh group**, which is chaired by Katie Schad, one of our volunteers, has been successful in attracting funding for the development of a local playpark for younger children on the Marsh estate. This development involved the active involvement of local residents who were involved in this activity, and as such has had the additional benefit of helping to build the community.

Mention must also be made of two once-in-a-lifetime events we held for the local community:

Queen's Jubilee: a celebration attended by over 200 people where everyone came together for afternoon tea, a BBQ, music and fun. Our choir performed too!

Kings Coronation Celebration was also well attended and brought lots of the community together, something that was much needed after the awful years in lockdown.

All these activities cost money and the centre requires a lot of upkeep. As is explained elsewhere in this annual report, we are very dependent on grants provided by external funding bodies. We do what we can to generate income from other sources, including hiring out the venue to outside organisations. These include Hope Church which runs on a Sunday and a dance group which provides dance classes. Apart from the intrinsic value of these uses of the centre, they provide us with much needed additional income. To this end, we have created a brand-new website (www.marshcommunitycentre.org) that explains what we do and details how donations can be made.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Income and expenditure

Detailed information concerning our charitable spending during the year and the income that made this possible is provided in the financial statements which follow. The key features can be summarised as follows.

Our operating expenditures during the year amounted to £130,591, an increase of 19.7% over the previous year. As always, the largest element was wages and salaries (£83,783). Spending in this area was inflated by the additional costs of providing maternity cover for the deputy manager, some of which was recovered from HMRC in the form of statutory maternity pay; these receipts are included in income. When this recovery is taken into account, our wages bill increased by 16.1% over the previous year, partly because of further post-Covid increases in activity and partly by inflation. Our spending on face-to-face activities (£23,807) increased by 39.7% over the previous year, a welcome sign of the work we are able to do for people in the Marsh area.

Funding available to us to support these activities totalled £134,461, an increase of 14.8% over 2021-22, and came from three sources: grants from external funding agencies (£115,556, up 11.8%); donations from individuals and organisations (£5,138, down 32.2%, reflecting the hard times individuals are experiencing); and other income (£9,457 if we strip out the maternity pay recovery referred to above, but still an increase of 52.4%). These figures reveal our continued dependence on support from grant-awarding bodies. The grant amounts we have received from each source are detailed in note 1 to the financial statements. We are particularly indebted this year to the substantial grants we have received from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund (£34,904), Tudor Trust (£30,000), and Lancaster City Council (£14,000), as well as the grant from Postcode Neighbourhood Trust received last year and available for spending this year and next year (£20,056). Without the support, large and small, of all these grant-awarding bodies, we could not function.

As in previous years, the donations we received came from a variety of sources, both large and small, some for specific purposes and others to help us cover general running costs and our activities. Many take the form of regular small donations and others one-off larger amounts. Whatever the amount or frequency they are extremely valuable because they help

us build up our reserves in ways that grants do not and cannot and thus help buffer us from shocks to the funding regime.

Reserves policy

Our objective is to maintain a level of free reserves (those not tied up in fixed assets and designated and restricted funds) at a level sufficient to fulfil the company's continuing obligations. This is always a struggle because of our heavy reliance on grants as our principal source of income. Unlike in the previous year, where our unrestricted funds fell by £1,938, this year they increased by £5,493 during the year. A key long-term objective of the Company is to conserve this vital reserve in order to ensure our continuing solvency, but we accept there will be ups and downs from one year to the next. Moreover, inflation continues to pose great difficulties for charities, including ourselves.

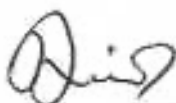
As at 31 March 2023, our unrestricted reserves amounted to £51,219, which equates to about five months of our current level of non-capital spending. This is, of course, an extreme worse-case scenario in which all grant income has been consumed and no income of any kind is being received. In fact, we had £87,854 cash in the bank and in hand at the year-end, an amount £4,275 down on last year, but still equal to 8 months of current spending. Furthermore, the three-year grant we received during the year from the National Lottery under their Reaching Communities programme will be sufficient to cover a large portion of our operating costs for the next two years, particularly as they have very helpfully increased it this year with a cost-of-living supplement. As a result, the Trustees remain confident in the continuing financial viability of the Company.

STATEMENT OF STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

The trustees' and directors' report and the attached accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2011 relating to small companies and was approved by the board on and signed on its behalf by:

Mike Farnfield



Chair of Trustees

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

Registered Company No. 04156154

Registered Charity No. 1085116

Financial statements

Year ending 31 March 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Marsh Community Centre

Charity No. 1085116

I report on the accounts for the year 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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15th Sept 2023

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Assets Fund £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	4,264	874	-	5,138	7,575
Grants	1	400	115,156	-	115,556	103,390
Other Income	2	13,768	-	-	13,768	6,206
Total		18,431	116,030	-	134,461	117,171
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4,5	9,744	120,847	-	130,591	109,104
Depreciation		-	-	11,028	11,028	10,534
Total		9,744	120,847	11,028	141,619	119,638
Net income (expenditures)		8,687	(4,817)	-11,028	(7,157)	(2,467)
Fixed asset purchases		(2,659)	(5,537)	8,196	-	-
Other transfers between funds		(536)	536	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,493	(9,818)	(2,832)	(7,157)	(2,467)
Total funds brought forward		45,726	45,569	232,364	323,659	326,127
Total funds carried forward		51,219	35,751	229,532	316,502	323,660

The notes that follow form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	229,533	232,365
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		87,854	92,129
Debtors and prepayments		886	
Total current assets		88,740	92,129
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses		1,771	835
Net Current Assets		86,968	91,294
Net Assets		316,502	323,659
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds		51,219	45,726
Restricted funds	7	35,751	45,569
Fixed Assets fund		229,532	232,364
		316,502	323,659

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

The members have not required an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Approved by the board of trustees

Michael Farnfield



Ken Peasnell



Date:

22 November 2023

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
1 Grants and donations received during year				
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund		34,904	34,904	-
Tudor Trust	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Lancaster City Council	-	14,000	14,000	29,635
The Westminster Fund	-	9,332	9,332	-
Banks Lyon	-	5,000	5,000	20,365
Foyle Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Sported Foundation	-	3,522	3,522	9,990
Fairshare Food Futures Fund	-	2,600	2,600	-
CVS Lancaster Community Fund	-	2,282	2,282	-
Neighbourly	-	2,000	2,000	3,200
Leather Seller's Company	-	2,000	2,000	2,600
NHS	-	1,666	1,666	-
Groundwork (Tesco community fund)	-	1,500	1,500	2,500
Mobility Trust	-	750	750	2,200
Eric Wright Charitable Fund	-	500	500	-
Duchy of Lancaster	-	500	500	-
Other grants and donations	4,664	474	5,138	10,475
	<u>4,664</u>	<u>116,030</u>	<u>120,694</u>	<u>110,965</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
2 Other income				
Food club	4,685	-	4,685	5,613
Statutory Maternity Pay	4,311	-	4,311	-
Other income	4,771	-	4,771	592
	<u>13,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,768</u>	<u>6,205</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
3 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Wages and salaries	4,151	79,632	83,783	68,461
Cleaning, printing, stationary and sundries	59	1,771	1,830	1,793
Repairs and renewals	2,272	5,568	7,840	4,459
Heat, light and water	-	5,482	5,482	5,941
Telephone, internet and computing	-	815	815	1,387
Insurance and legal costs	-	2,669	2,669	2,602
Activity expenses	2,461	21,346	23,807	17,041
Grants	100	500	600	400
Membership, training and travel	155	1,359	1,514	1,509
Audit, accountancy and payroll	-	763	763	986
Bank charges	209	97	307	69
Income generation expenses	337	844	1,181	4,456
	<u>9,744</u>	<u>120,847</u>	<u>130,591</u>	<u>109,104</u>

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
4 Management and administration of the charity		
Net income is stated after charging the following:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,028	10,534.00
Accountancy fees	763	986

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
5 Staff Costs				
Wages costs	4,151	79,632	83,783	68,460
Less statutory maternity pay recovery	(4,311)	-	(4,311)	-
	<u>(160)</u>	<u>79,632</u>	<u>79,472</u>	<u>68,460</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:
Chief Executive, Centre Manager, 3 Community and Youth Workers,
and 1 Cleaner.

No employee earned more than £50,000 in the year.

	Leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
6 Tangible fixed assets				
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	341,539	4,891	34,410	380,840
Additions	-	1,121	7,075	8,196
Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31 March 2023	341,539	6,012	41,485	389,036
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	118,144	4,212	26,119	148,475
Charge for the year	6,831	709	3,488	11,028
Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31 March 2023	124,975	4,921	29,607	159,503
Net Book value				
At 31 March 2023	216,564	1,091	11,878	229,533
at 31 March 2022	223,395	679	8,291	232,365

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2023

7 Movements in funds	Balance 01.04.22	Incoming resources	Outgoings	Transfers	Balance 31.03.23
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Albert Hunt Trust	599	-	418		181
Arnold Clark	320	-	337	17	-
Banks Lyon	-	5,000	2,805		2,195
Coop Local Community Fund	1,327	-	1,023		304
CVS Lancaster Community Fund	-	2,282	1,037		1,245
Curious Minds	992	-	556		436
Dulverston NEET	674	-	673	(1)	-
Duchy of Lancaster	-	500	586	86	-
Eric Wright Charitable Fund	-	500	575	75	-
Fairshare Food Futures Fund	-	2,600	-		2,600
Foyle Foundation	-	5,000	4,983	(17)	-
Groundwork (Tesco Community Fund)	-	1,500	-		1,500
Lancashire County Council	436	-	537	101	-
Lancaster City Council	3,183	14,000	12,840		4,343
Leather Sellers' Company	-	2,000	2,167	167	-
Mobility Trust	-	750	-		750
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund	-	34,904	25,428		9,476
National Lottery Community Fund	8,131	-	8,113	(18)	-
NHS	3,829	1,666	4,074		1,421
Neighbourly	400	2,000	2,000		400
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	20,056	-	16,833		3,223
Sported Foundation	-	3,522	1,117		2,405
The Westminster Fund	-	9,332	8,291		1,041
Tudor Trust	4,722	30,000	30,490		4,232
Other	900	474	1,500	126	-
	<u>45,569</u>	<u>116,030</u>	<u>126,384</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>35,751</u>
General funds					
Unrestricted Funds	45,726	18,431	12,403	(536)	51,219
Fixed assets fund	232,364	8,196	11,028	-	229,532
	<u>323,659</u>	<u>142,658</u>	<u>149,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>316,502</u>

Purposes of the restricted funds

The restricted funds are provided by the grant providers and donors and can only be used for the purposes set out in the grants and donators made by each provider.

8 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

9 Untimate control

The company is controlled by its members in general meeting in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. No member is entitled to more than one vote.

THE MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITABLE COMPANY

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

This has been an excellent year for the Marsh Community Centre, both financially and through the continued success of our activities. This has been despite an environment still very much in the shadow of the Covid pandemic.

We have been successful in some major grant bids this year – including Reaching Communities from the National Lottery, Awards for All and the Postcode Neighbourhood Trust. We are also grateful to Lancaster City Council and the Tudor Trust for their continued support – as well as all our other funders and donors.

There have been some new initiatives this year. One of these, "The Friends of the Marsh Community Centre," is a group set up to provide more of a link between trustees and centre users. The group has already successfully lobbied for a new bench in the Coronation Field play area and is currently fundraising for new play equipment on Sycamore Grove. One of our trustees, Andrew Nicholson, has been working hard to get more funding from local businesses. He has already achieved an endorsement and donation from Sir Ian McKellen. We anticipate that this project will be built on during 2022 and 2023.

Running a community centre is never easy and we never quite know what 'issues' are around the next corner. However, we are blessed with some excellent trustees and staff as well as many helpers and supporters from the local community – including both the Priory and Hope Church. Perhaps my highlight of the year was the Marsh Fun Day and the performance of the Marsh choir. In troublesome times, it is always good to have our spirits lifted.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Established in 2001 as the Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company, the central objective of our work is to address the needs of local people particularly children and young people living in this deprived ward of Lancaster. Unfortunately, the levels of deprivation have only increased since the centre was formed. We have sought better ways to support adults struggling with poverty, mental health issues and stress. With funding and partnership, we try to provide support for hard-to-reach and vulnerable children and young people. We aspire to achieve the following four objectives:

1. ACTIVITIES

To provide and facilitate activities, advice, information, advocacy and support that improve the quality of life of local people and promote the wellbeing of the community.

2. BUILDING

To run an accessible and safe building that enables us to make a difference.

3. COMMUNITY

To engage and consult the local community so that we are responsive to its needs and aspirations.

4. ORGANISATION

To ensure that we are well managed and governed and effective in all that we do.

Activities during the year

Since the pandemic we have seen numbers rise in every group we run. We have been busy with **Open Access** helping people with benefits, housing, homelessness, training and employment. Numerous people have sought our help in making claims to the local council's household fund and the utilities fund, funds which are designed to help with the cost of living of people in need.

Mental health problems in the Marsh area have increased markedly during the pandemic. We have helped people to cope with their problems and signposted them to the relevant services. As part of this, we have worked alongside the NHS who have run drop-in sessions at the centre each month designed to take people's blood pressure and deal with any concerns they may have. These sessions have been attended very well.

Our **Food Club** has been meeting for several years and it continues to be very popular. The club has approximately 50 families a week participating, and the numbers are growing. This service is needed now more than ever due to the rise in the cost of groceries. During the year, we charged £5 for food packages which include bread, eggs and milk. We source our food from Fareshare and Eggcup which is our local food distribution centre. We also collect surplus food from Tesco, Greggs, Asda and Sainsburys, and are very grateful for the help they provide.

The **Youth clubs** we run have large numbers of attendees and are thriving. We also work closely with YMCA, and they attend some sessions where they run different activities for the young people. We are also working with other organisations and are collectively running sessions with all the young people across the Lancaster and Morecambe area including The Bay Triathlon.

Our new groups involve a **Visually Impaired group** who meet up to support each other and give advice. It is a small group, but it is such an inspiration for these people to meet and enjoy each other's company. Our Relaxation group is run by The Tara centre and helps people deal with stress and daily life.

We have a **Gardening club** which cares for our allotment and gardens. This is run by volunteers, and is a fairly new development for the centre. The club is attended by local people who enjoy getting together and being active in the outdoor space.

Our **Coffee and Cake group** is well attended, and more people have joined. These sessions are run by volunteers and are invaluable in bringing together people in the area.

We have a choir, **Marsh Music**, that has been running since 2017 and is open to all local people - men and women, old and young, and of all abilities. The numbers fluctuate but generally average about 15 members. It is a very popular activity, run by volunteers. During the Covid panic we managed to keep the choir going via Zoom. When we able to do so safely, the choir met again in person, to everyone's relief. A highlight of the year was putting on a concert at Lancaster Priory Church.

We now also have a **Friends of The Marsh group**, which is chaired by Katie Schad, one of our volunteers. They have regular meetings at the centre and are working alongside the local councils in trying to purchase new play area equipment for the estate.

We hire out the venue to outside organisations which include Hope church which runs on a Sunday and a dance group which is well attended.

We held a Jubilee Party which was well attended, and the community really enjoyed their time together.

Overall, our goal continues to be to help people in the Marsh area in whatever ways we can throughout the year. Our records show that we helped around 640 people per calendar month. These numbers sometimes include the same person attending on a weekly basis, a testament to their popularity.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Income and expenditure

Detailed information concerning our charitable spending during the year and the income that made this possible is provided in the financial statements which follow. The key features can be summarised as follows.

Our operating expenditures during the year amounted to £109,104, an increase of 25.6% over the previous year. This increase was mainly driven by two factors: there was a more than threefold increase in expenses directly attributable to our activities, reflecting the fact that we were able to do much more face-to-face work with people in the Marsh area in this later phase of the covid-19 crisis; and spending on wages and salaries increased by 20%, reflecting the fact that the centre was now open for business.

Funding available to us to support these activities totalled £117,170, a decrease of 10.2% over 20120-21, and came from three sources: grants from external funding agencies (£103,390), donations from individuals and organisations (£7,575), and income we generate ourselves (£6,206). Without such grants and donations, we could not function. We are particularly indebted this year to the Tudor Trust, Lancaster City Council, Postcode Neighbourhood Trust and the National Lottery Community Fund for substantial awards, as well as to other bodies for smaller amounts listed in Note 1 of the financial statements.

As in previous years, the donations we received came from a variety of sources, both large and small, some for specific purposes and others to help us cover general running costs and our activities. Many take the form of regular small donations and others one-off larger amounts. Whatever the amount or frequency they are extremely valuable because they help us build up our reserves in ways that grants do not and cannot and thus help buffer us from shocks to the funding regime.

Reserves policy

Our objective is to maintain a level of free reserves (those not tied up in fixed assets and designated and restricted funds) at a level sufficient to fulfil the Company's continuing obligations. This is always a struggle because of our heavy reliance on grants as our principal source of income. Unlike in the previous year where our unrestricted funds increased by £9,222, this year they fell by £1,938 during the year, a fall caused by unfunded capital expenditures of £3,500. A key long-term objective of the Company is to conserve this vital reserve in order to ensure our continuing solvency, but we accept there will be ups and downs from one year to the next.

As of 31 March 2022, our unrestricted reserves amounted to £45,726, which equates to about five months of our current level of non-capital spending. This is, of course, an extreme worst-case scenario in which all grant income has been consumed and no income of any kind is being received. In fact, we had £92,129 cash in the bank and in hand at the year-end, an amount only marginally down on last year (£92,668), and equal to about 10 months of current spending. Furthermore, shortly after the financial year-end we received the very welcome news that we have been awarded a grant of £151,331 from the National Lottery under their Reaching Communities programme. This will be sufficient to cover a large portion of our operating costs for the next three years. As a result, the Trustees remain fully confident in the continuing financial viability of the Company.

STATEMENT OF STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

The trustees' and directors' report and the attached accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2011 relating to small companies and was approved by the board on and signed on its behalf by:

Jon Barry

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Barry', written in a cursive style.

Chair of Trustees

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

Registered Company No. 04156154

Registered Charity No. 1085116

Financial statements

Year ending 31 March 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Marsh Community Centre

Charity No. 1085116

I report on the accounts for the year 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Shweta Pankhadiwala

C/o Lancaster District CVS, The Cornerstone Sulyard Street Lancaster LA1 1PX

14th Sept 2022

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Assets Fund £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	6,114	1,461	-	7,575	11,644
Grants	1	-	103,390	-	103,390	107,867
Other Income	2	6,206	-	-	6,206	10,956
Total		12,319	104,851	-	117,170	130,467
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4,5	10,737	98,367	-	109,104	86,891
Depreciation		-	-	10,534	10,534	6,140
Total		10,737	98,367	10,534	119,638	93,031
Net income (expenditures)		1,582	6,484	(10,534)	(2,468)	37,436
Fixed asset purchases		(3,500)	(3,919)	7,419	-	-
Other transfers between funds		(20)	20	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,938)	2,585	(3,115)	(2,468)	37,436
Total funds brought forward		47,663	42,985	235,479	326,127	288,691
Total funds carried forward		45,725	45,570	232,364	323,659	326,127

The notes that follow form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	232,365	235,480
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		92,129	92,668
Total current assets		92,129	92,668
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses		835	2,021
Net Current Assets		91,294	90,647
Net Assets		323,659	326,127
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds		45,726	47,663
Restricted funds	7	45,569	42,985
Fixed Assets fund		232,364	235,479
		323,659	326,127

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

Approved by the board of trustees

Jon Barry



Ken Peasnell *Ken Peasnell*

Date: 14 October 2022

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 March 2022

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective January 2019) the Companies Act 2011.

Income

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are included in income in the year to which the grant is received but cannot be spent until later years(s) it is carried forward as prepaid income.

Collections, donations and legacies are included when receivable by the charity.

No income is shown net of expenditure.

Expenditures

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All capital expenditure, including that which is funded by grants, is treated as an addition to fixed assets.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Property	2% p.a. straight line
Fixtures and equipment	20% p.a. straight line
Computer equipment	33% p.a. straight line

Where the capital expenditure is funded by specific grants, the associated grant is transferred to the fixed asset fund. In the case of capital expenditure financed out of the unrestricted fund, a similar transfer is made to the fixed asset fund. In both cases, depreciation is charged to the fixed assets fund based on the expected useful life of the relevant asset.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such is entitled to the exemption from tax to the extent that the income received falls within section 505 C.G.T.A. 1992 and is applied to charitable purposes only.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted fund - this is the fund which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Fixed asset fund - this is the fund which represents fixed assets purchased from both unrestricted and specific grants and fund the future depreciation of those assets.

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

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
4 Management and administration of the charity		
Net income is stated after charging		
Depreciation of tangible fixed asset	10,534	6140
Accountancy fees	986	648

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
5 Staff Costs				
Wages costs	-	68,460	68,460	57,151
Redundancy costs	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>68,460</u>	<u>68,460</u>	<u>57,151</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:
Chief Executive, Centre Manager, 3 Community and Youth Workers,
and 1 Cleaner.

No employee earned more than £50,000 in the year.

	Leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
6 Tangible fixed assets				
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	341,539	4,682	27,200	373,421
Additions	-	209	7,210	7,419
Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31 March 2022	341,539	4,891	34,410	380,840
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	111,313	2,582	24,046	137,941
Charge for the year	6,831	1,630	2,073	10,534
Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31 March 2022	118,144	4,212	26,119	148,475
Net Book value				
At 31 March 2022	223,395	679	8,291	232,365
at 31 March 2021	230,226	2,100	3,154	235,480

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2022

7 Movements in funds	Balance 01.04.21 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoings £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.22 £
Restricted funds					
Albert Hunt Trust	-	1,000	400		600
Areti Charitable Trust	1,139	-	1,067	(72)	-
Arnold Clark	-	2,500	2,180		320
Community Foundation	678	-	678		-
Coop Local Community fund	2,145	-	819		1,327
Curious Minds	-	2,200	1,208		992
Dulverston NEET	-	2,600	1,926		674
Garfield Western Foundation	7,437	-	7,476	39	-
Grantscape	1,951	-	1,907	(44)	-
Francis C Scott Trust	30	-	-	(30)	-
Joseph A Jones	-	1,000	100		900
John Laing	-	1,000	973	(27)	-
Lancashire County Council	150	500	214		436
Lancaster City Council	14,937	29,635	41,389		3,183
Lancaster Police Fund	3,480	-	3,500	20	-
LDCVS Covid-19 relief	2,117	-	2,292	175	-
National Lottery Awards for All	3,531	-	3,501	(30)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	9,990	1,859		8,131
NHS	4,483	3,200	3,854		3,829
Neighbourly	-	400	-		400
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	-	20,365	308		20,057
Tudor Trust	907	30,000	26,184		4,723
Other	-	461	449	(12)	-
	<u>42,985</u>	<u>104,851</u>	<u>102,286</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>45,570</u>
General funds					
Unrestricted Funds	47,663	12,319	14,237	(20)	45,725
Fixed assets fund	235,479	7,419	10,534	-	232,364
	<u><u>326,127</u></u>	<u><u>124,589</u></u>	<u><u>127,057</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>323,659</u></u>

Purposes of the restricted funds

The restricted funds are provided by the grant providers and donors and can only be used for the purposes out in the grants and donators made by each provider.

8 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

9 Ultimate control

The company is controlled by its members in general meeting in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. No member is entitled to more than one vote.

THE MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITABLE COMPANY

England & Wales - Charity number 1085116

Accounts



THE MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITABLE COMPANY

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

During the Covid Pandemic we continued to help the most vulnerable people in our community. Our centre manager was furloughed only for the month of November 2020. Our assistant manager also worked much of the time, as did our youth workers and volunteers, when Covid levels allowed.

A key and distinctive function of the centre is the amount and quality of advice our managers give local people in the community on a whole range of issues – such as benefits, legal matters, food poverty and housing. Although Open Access could not be run, Deborah worked from home and was able to assist people with open access advice still during the pandemic through social media, telephone, internet.

The following quotes are from our manager. These give a flavour of the activities of the centre during this period.

“We helped them access the correct benefits, food banks, clubs and anything else they were entitled to. We kept our young people engaged as much as possible in activities online or outdoors.”

“We also ensured that our residents and members had the help they needed during the pandemic. These were things such as prescriptions, shopping, telephone conversations or whatever was needed.”

“All ages benefited from the services we provided such as families, young people, adults, disabled. The continued support we gave the community was beneficial to our service users - mentally, physically and financially. We saw the rise in benefit claims from people who have never claimed before, a rise in food bank referrals, also a rise in mental health. We wanted to help minimise these issues.”



Delivering Christmas presents 2020

“We gave out food/toiletry parcels to those in need, and activity packs to young people. We continued to run groups for our members online by introducing Zoom meetings. This was a difficult job as most did not know how to use their devices so we had to provide them with some simple training so they could access the zooms. These virtual meetings ensured that we could provide residents with some activities to keep them involved with their friends and ensure they didn't feel isolated and forgotten.”

We have fostered many new links with the local community this year. These include the Priory and Hope churches – both have given us tremendous financial support in helping our and their own activities on the Marsh and our thanks go to them. Another one worthy of mention is Marsh United who donated Christmas presents to the children.

Much work has been done (and continues to be done) on improving the quality of the physical resources we use to serve the community. For example, we used part of our reserves and money from a grant from the Galbraith Trust to replace our ageing suite of computers. We also created a new storage facility in our grounds, funding with money donated by The Priory Church.

Working with our consultant, Alan Chapman, one of our trustees was able to update and refresh our constitution. Similarly, other trustees have worked on sorting out our financial and funding arrangements and with supporting staff.

Many thanks to all our staff, volunteers, funders and trustees. It is only through your efforts that the Marsh Community Centre continues to thrive.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Established in 2001 as the Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company, the central objective of our work is to address the needs of local people particularly children and young people living in this deprived ward of Lancaster. Unfortunately, the levels of deprivation have only increased since the centre was formed. We have sought better ways to support adults struggling with poverty, mental health issues and stress. With funding and partnership, we try to provide support for hard-to-reach and vulnerable children and young people. We aspire to achieve the following four objectives:

1. ACTIVITIES

To provide and facilitate activities, advice, information, advocacy and support that improve the quality of life of local people and promote the wellbeing of the community.

2. BUILDING

To run an accessible and safe building that enables us to make a difference.

3. COMMUNITY

To engage and consult the local community so that we are responsive to its needs and aspirations.

4. ORGANISATION

To ensure that we are well managed and governed and effective in all that we do.

Activities during the year

Our goal has been to continue to help those people of The Marsh area continuously throughout the year. Our records show that we helped around 500 people per calendar month. We pursued these objectives in the following ways:

By providing **Open Access help delivered over the telephone, internet**, this was well-used, and we know that it made a big difference to many people's lives. Universal Credit), employment, training, housing and food bank referrals.

By supporting a "**Brew, cake and make**" and "**Coffee and cake group**". These were run via Zoom and were very popular activities that are mainly attended by older people. These sessions are run by volunteers and are invaluable in bringing together people in the area. We fully intend to continue with these sessions.

By organising a choir, Marsh Music, that has been running since 2017. It has been open to all local people - men and women, old and young, and of all abilities. There are currently 15 members. It is a very popular activity, run by volunteers. Nationally, choirs have suffered badly during the pandemic, but we managed to keep ours going via Zoom throughout the pandemic.

By providing a **food club** for which participants pay £4. For this they got refreshments and food they could then take away a shopping bag of food. Food club thus provides both social activity and food for local people in need. Food comes from local supermarkets that would otherwise have been thrown away. Run from outdoors during the pandemic. 45 families attend per week.

Face-to-face youth work had to cease, but we kept in touch with the young people via social media and gave out activity packs to keep them involved with their friends and staff.

At a time when the building had to be shut to safeguard public health, the challenge for us during the coronavirus lockdown has been to develop ways of fulfilling as best we can the centre's core objectives in very trying circumstances. What pleases us most is that we still managed to run core services in providing advice and guidance to Marsh residents, albeit remotely during the lockdown while the centre manager was working from home. This included setting up a buddy system to help the most vulnerable.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Income and expenditure

Detailed information concerning our charitable spending during the year and the income that made this possible is provided in the financial statements which follow. The key features can be summarised as follows.

Our total spending during the year amounted to £98,014 of which £11,113 of this spending was on much-needed improvements to the centre's physical assets, work that is ongoing. Excluding these capital items, the operating expenditures amounted to £86,901, an increase of 0.8% over the previous year. The largest item consisted of the wages and salaries of our staff without whom nothing would be possible. This amounted to £57,151, a decrease of 1% over 2019-20. However, when account is taken of the furloughing of staff for which we received £4,966 from the government, our net expenditure on salaries was £52,185, a fall of 9% over the previous year, a consequence of our having to physically shut the centre during the Covid-19 crisis, although as has been explained above, we managed to provide important services for Marsh residents in a socially-distanced manner. Activities directly in pursuit of our objectives were £5,201, a decline of 36% over 2019-20, a direct consequence of our being unable to do

many of the things we normally do, such as organise trips for young people. One thing we were able to do was organise an appeal for donations to help people badly affected by a large fire that broke out in the Marsh during the year. We made grants to affected families totalling £4,986, funded largely by £4,456, the shortfall being met out of our reserves. Apart from our expenditures on salaries, activity costs and the fire appeal grants, we spent £18,663 on overhead costs of running the charity itself, which was 9% lower than the previous year.

Funding available to us to support these activities totalled £130,468, an increase of 25% over 2019-20, and came from three sources: grants from external funding agencies (£107,867), donations from individuals and organisations (£11,644), furlough grants (£4,966), and income we generate ourselves (£5,991). Without such grants and donations, we could not function. We are particularly indebted this year to the Tudor Trust, the National Lottery's Covid-19 response fund, Lancaster City Council, Awards for All, and Francis C Scott Trust for covering the cost of different parts of our payroll bill; and to Garfield Weston, Lancaster City Council and the National Lottery for covering many of our non-wage running costs.

The donations we received came from a variety of sources, both large and small, some for specific purposes and others to help us cover general running costs and our activities. Many take the form of regular small donations and others one-off larger amounts. Whatever the amount or frequency they are extremely valuable because they help us build up our reserves in ways that grants do not and cannot and thus help buffer us from shocks to the funding regime.

Reserves policy

Our objective is to maintain a level of free reserves (those not tied up in fixed assets and designated and restricted funds) at a level sufficient to fulfil the Company's continuing obligations. This is always a struggle because of our heavy reliance on grants as our principal source of income. Our unrestricted funds increased by £9,222 during the year, which is a great relief as we have struggled in past years to conserve this vital reserve, a key objective of the Company if we are to ensure our continuing solvency.

At 31 March 2021 our unrestricted reserves stood at £47,663, which equates to about 6.6 months of our current level of non-capital spending. This is, of course, an extreme worst-case scenario in which all grant income has been consumed and no income of any kind is being received. In fact, we had cash in the bank at the year-end equal to about 11 months of current spending.

Statutory compliance

The trustees' and directors' report and the attached accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2011 relating to small companies and was approved by the board on 29 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Jon Barry



Chair of Trustees

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

Registered Company No. 04156154

Registered Charity No. 1085116

Financial statements

Year ending 31 March 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Marsh Community Centre

Charity No. 1085116

I report on the accounts for the year 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Shweta Pankhadiwala

C/o Lancaster District CVS, The Cornerstone Sulyard Street Lancaster LA1 1PX

28th September 2021

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Assets Fund £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	5,521	6,123	-	11,644	10,655
Grants	1	-	107,867	-	107,867	86,953
Other Income	2	10,956	-	-	10,956	6,359
Total		16,477	113,991	-	130,468	103,967
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3	6,886	91,118	-	98,004	86,199
Depreciation		-	-	6,140	6,140	6,140
Total		6,886	91,118	6,140	104,144	92,339
Net income before revaluation gains (losses)		9,591	22,872	(6,140)	26,324	11,628
Fixed asset purchases and revaluation gains		-	-	11,113	11,113	3,874
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	4,5	9,591	22,872	4,973	37,436	15,502
Transfers between funds		(369)	369	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,222	23,241	4,973	37,436	15,502
Total funds brought forward		38,441	19,744	230,506	288,691	273,189
Total funds carried forward		47,663	42,985	235,479	326,127	288,691

The notes that follow form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	235,479	230,506
Current Assets			
Debtors		0	2,035
Cash at bank and in hand		92,668	66,503
Total current assets		92,669	68,538
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and prepaid income		2,021	438
Grants received in advance	7	-	9,916
Net Current Assets		90,648	58,184
Net Assets		326,126	288,690
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds		47,663	38,441
Restricted funds	8	42,985	19,744
Fixed Assets fund		235,479	230,506
		326,127	288,691

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

Approved by the board of trustees

Jon Barry



Ken Peasnell



Date:

29 September 2021

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 March 2021

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective January 2019) the Companies Act 2011.

Income

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are included in income in the year to which the grant is received. Where a grant is received but cannot be spent until later years(s) it is carried forward as prepaid income.

Collections, donations and legacies are included when receivable by the charity.

No income is shown net of expenditure.

Expenditures

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All capital expenditure, including that which is funded by grants, is treated as an addition to fixed assets.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Property	2% p.a. straight line
Fixtures and equipment	
Computer equipment	33% p.a. straight line

Capital expenditure funded by specific grants

The associated grant is transferred to a restricted fund fixed asset account against which depreciation is charged over the expected useful life of the relevant assets.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such is entitled to the exemption from tax to the extent that the income received falls within section 505 C.G.T.A. 1992 and is applied to charitable purposes only.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted fund - this is the fund which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Fixed asset fund- this is the fund which represents fixed assets purchased from unrestricted and unspecific restricted grants and fund the future depreciation of those assets.

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

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
1 Grants and donations received				
Tudor Trust	-	27,000	27,000	25,000
National Lottery Covid-19 response	-	22,419	22,419	0
Lancaster City Council	-	24,803	24,803	14,000
Lancaster Police Fund	-	11,000	11,000	-
Awards for All	-	9,916	9,916	-
Francis C Scott Trust	-	-	-	13,700
Galbraith	-	-	-	2,000
Grantscape	-	1,951	1,951	5,853
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	-	22,000
Areti Charitable Trust	-	-	-	4,000
NHS	-	5,000	5,000	-
Community Foundation	-	1,083	1,083	-
Coop Local Community Fund	-	2,145	2,145	-
CVS Lancaster Covid-19 relief	-	2,550	2,550	-
Lancashire County Council	-	-	-	400
Priory Church Lancaster	1,050	1,667	2,717	-
Marsh Community Centre Fire Appeal	-	4,456	4,456	-
Other donations	4,471	-	4,471	-
	<u>5,521</u>	<u>113,991</u>	<u>119,511</u>	<u>86,953</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
2 Other income				
Covid-19 salary furlough income	4,966	-	4,966	-
Food club	2,127	-	2,127	3,354
Gift aid etc	3,864	-	3,864	3,005
	<u>10,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,956</u>	<u>6,359</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
3 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Wages and salaries (net of furlough)	5,367	51,785	57,151	57,497
Cleaning, printing, stationary and sundries	5	1,153	1,158	1,058
Repairs and renewals	28	8,861	8,889	7,855
Heat, light and water	-	3,939	3,939	3,682
Telephone, internet and computing	-	1,642	1,642	5,073
Insurance and legal costs	-	2,228	2,228	1,583
Activity expenses	1,326	3,875	5,201	8,171
Fire appeal grants to Marsh residents	-	4,986	4,986	-
Membership, training and travel	160	754	914	681
Audit, accountancy and payroll	-	648	648	600
Bank charges	-	134	134	-
Purchase of fixed assets	-	11,113	11,113	-
	<u>6,886</u>	<u>91,118</u>	<u>98,004</u>	<u>86,200</u>

	2021 £	2020 £
4 Management and administration of the charity		
Net income is stated after charging the following		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,140	6140
Accountancy fees	648	600

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
5 Staff Costs				
Wages costs	5,367	51,785	57,151	57,497
Redundancy costs	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,367</u>	<u>51,785</u>	<u>57,151</u>	<u>57,497</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:
Chief Executive, Centre Manager, 3 Community and Youth Workers,
and 1 Cleaner.

No employee earned more than £50,000 in the year.

	Leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
6 Tangible fixed assets				
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	334,387	3,874	24,046	376,573
Additions	7,151	808	3,154	11,113
Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31 March 2021	341,538	4,682	27,200	387,686
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	106,464	1,291	24,046	131,801
Charge for the year	4,849	1,291	-	6,140
Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31 March 2021	111,313	2,582	24,046	137,941
Net Book value				
At 31 March 2021	230,225	2,100	3,154	235,479
at 31 March 2020	227,923	2,583	-	230,506

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
7 Grants received in advance				
Awards for All	-	-	-	9,916.00

The Marsh Community Centre Charitable Company

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 March 2021

8 Movements in funds	Balance 01.04.20 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoings £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.21 £
Restricted funds					
Tudor Trust	(1,788)	27,000	24,305		907
Garfield Western Foundation	14,479	-	7,042		7,437
Francis C Scott Trust	3,023	-	2,993		30
Lancaster City Council	509	24,803	10,375		14,937
Areti Charitable Trust	2730	-	1,591		1,139
Lancashire County Council	791	-	641		150
National Lottery Covid-19 response	-	22,419	22,240	(179)	0
Lancaster Police Fund	-	11,000	7,520		3,480
Grantscape	-	1,951	0		1,951
NHS	-	5,000	517		4,483
Community Foundation	-	1,083	405		678
Coop Local Community fund	-	2,145	0		2,145
CVS Lancaster Covid-19 relief	-	2,550	433		2,117
Awards for All	-	9,916	6,385		3,531
	<u>19,744</u>	<u>107,867</u>	<u>84,447</u>	<u>(179)</u>	<u>42,986</u>
Marsh residents fire appeal donations	-	4,456	4,986	530	0
Priory Church donations	-	1,667	1,686	18	-
	<u>19,744</u>	<u>113,991</u>	<u>91,118</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>42,985</u>
General funds					
Unrestricted Funds	38,441	16,477	6,886	(369)	47,663
Fixed assets fund	230,506	11,113	6,140	-	235,479
	<u>288,691</u>	<u>141,580</u>	<u>104,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,127</u>

Purposes of the restricted funds

The restricted funds are provided by the grant providers and donors and can only be used for the purposes set out in the grants and donors made by each provider.

9 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

10 Ultimate control

The company is controlled by its members in general meeting in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. No member is entitled to more than one vote.