

King's Community Church Project

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023

Registered Charity: 1086226

Registered Company 4036665

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Chairman's Report - Rev. Matt Nott

Emerging from the state of emergency caused by the covid pandemic and the various forms of financial crisis 2023's theme to 'make room' was our owning the reality that we could play a bigger part within serving our locality. On the back of 2022's 'pruning for adventure' theme, we felt lighter and more agile to explore new avenues and opportunities.

Making room can be a proactive endeavour but sometimes things happen which mean we have to be reactive and we have to make decisions on the fly. One of those unknown issues was extended times of sick leave required for our Centre Manager. Newly appointed in 2022 Lydia was ready to make her mark in shaping the Centre but instead we were faced with the challenge of finding ways of filling in for her.

The outworking of this led us to the realisation that the pandemic had caused an over focus on shaping what was possible around paid staff and underutilising our amazing volunteers. What emerged was the mobilising of existing (and BRAND NEW!) volunteers who were willing to take an active lead in various areas of Centre life. All meaning that when Lydia does return from her leave she will be met by an eager and passionate collective to support her.

What these past years, often painful, have taught us is that sometimes it's better to try and admit that things haven't worked than continuing with an aspect or initiative in the hope that it develops. This was the case with opening the cafe. Having recruited staff on a short-term contract to open on a Friday and Monday, by the end of the year, we realised that the expenditure was greater than the income. Rather than closing the cafe, the new hospitality team (led by Nicola Bromley), instead decided to simplify the menu to enable them to run the cafe entirely by volunteers. As we begin 2024 this is working really well and the atmosphere, and the lack of financial pressures, mean that the cafe is a lighter gentler place of belonging for many. We would like to thank our 2 paid staff members: Kat and Donna who provided a warm welcome.

Another area of development was in regards to maintenance. The building is twenty years old and as such maintenance issues have increased over recent years. A second new team has emerged (led by Lee Bromley) meaning that there is a wider spread of volunteers able to action repairs as well as a greater wisdom in making decisions about short, medium and long term ideas and plans.

As Trustees, we continued to invest in discussions of how we relate to King's Community Church with our shared site, staffing, volunteers, and collaborating in projects. Building on our relationship as two charities, we've had more regular meetings to explore a better way of the two charities serving the local community that doesn't involve cumbersome processes and procedures. By the end of the year we were able to, jointly with KCC Trustees and staff, begin to explore in greater depth a way forwards. For the church this involved consulting trustees and church members on a way forward. For us as OTC trustees we begin 2024 having given permission to instruct charity legal representation to write a paper on three valid options for future governance.

We begin 2024 with a sense of anticipation on what is possible with a greater sense of team, refined processes; all enabling us to pursue a unity focus as we begin Mission-ALL!

So on behalf of the staff team I want to thank our amazing team of volunteers and trustees. While the staff each play a vital role, I want to thank the many volunteers who make the Oak Tree Centre what it is and enable us to provide so many great services to our local community.

In togetherness, we can do more. In togetherness, we are more diverse. In togetherness, we can model something that seems truly counter-cultural in today's society: A community that lives and cares for one another.

Rev. Matt Nott

Structure, Government and Management

Governing Document

King's Community Church Project (trading name The Oak Tree Centre) is a Registered Charity No 1086226 and a Company limited by Guarantee no 4036665, established in July 2000. Its governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Organisational Structure

The Charity Trustees, who are also Directors of the company, are responsible for overseeing the running of the Centre. The Chair of the Board is the minister of King's Community Church, Rev Matt Nott. The Treasurer, also a Trustee, oversees Centre finances and the Secretary helps keep the Charity compliant to its governing document.

The Board is made up of seven Church members, five community members. The Board still meets every three months (as a minimum), assisted by the joint operational team (made up of 7 co-ordinators) who meet fortnightly. All Directors with the exception of the Chair, the Minister of King's Community Church, are volunteers and give their time freely.

Paid staff are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Centre, assisted by a team of volunteers. At the end of 2023 the Centre had 4 employees; our Centre Manager (Lydia Lamb), Seconded Administrator (Geri Knight), 2 Cleaners (Lyn Reeves & Shirley Stewart).

Recruitment of Trustees

As positions become available, vacancies among the 7 Church Company members are advertised, candidates interviewed and recommended by the Church Trustees, bearing in mind the skills needed on the Board at the time, and finally appointed by the Church meeting.

Community Company members are appointed taking into account their association with The Oak Tree Centre and their contribution to skills mix and balance of the Board, and in particular appointing persons from health, education or local business sector of the community.

We are expecting to add more Trustees in 2024.

Risk Management

The Board have put in place procedures to minimise risk to Centre users. These include health and safety risk assessment, regular fire and emergency lighting checks, and Safer Food Better Business checks. The Centre is covered by Public liability insurance, and is monitored by CCTV. All staff and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked and complete Safeguarding training. Centre finances are reviewed regularly with a reserves policy in place to minimise risks of a sudden loss in income although this has been difficult during the year.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OUR AIMS (as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association)

- *To operate The Oak Tree Centre for the benefit of the general public and in particular for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Benefit Area (within a three-mile radius of King's Community Church) with the object of improving their conditions and quality of life.*
- *To advance education and enhance employment and training opportunities*
- *To promote good health and the relief of sickness*
- *To relieve poverty, and*
- *To promote any other charitable purposes*

OUR OBJECTIVES

- *To provide a welcoming venue accessible to the whole local community*
- *To increase Centre bookings and provide a wider range of activities*
- *To continue to facilitate excellent activities for vulnerable groups –young families, older people*

AIMS + ACHIEVEMENTS for 2023

Our priorities for the year, and our performance at actioning them, are as follows:

1. Inclusion - Most of the year has been focused around the other three priority areas especially as staff, volunteers and trustees have all needed to step up to cover the sick leave of the Centre Manager. In 2024 the church have created a 'GO group' focused around issues of Justice. As part of this they will seek to inform church and centre policy and practice and help us think through inclusion moving forwards.
2. Good governance - As previously mentioned in the Chairman's report we have explored various options about future governance. This is a long-term plan and as such, it's important not to rush. As such we are applying due diligence by instructing legal representation in 2024 to aid us in looking at valid options to help us move forwards with KCC in our common mission to our locality.
3. Sustainable fundraising - Due to our Centre Manager's absence the job of exploring fundraising for our centre has been delayed until 2024.
4. Building maintenance/improvement - Many low level issues have been addressed in 2023 and we begin 2024 with a new team shaped around exploring the longer-term plans and developments for our facilities.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Our regular weekly groups are the focus of Centre life. Our charitable activities, run in partnership with King's Community Church, include groups for young families, older people, as well as us being a base for various therapeutic services.

In 2023 we aimed to maintain the provision from 2022 but also add others into our weekly/monthly schedule. Due to the absence of the Centre Manager some of this developmental work was limited so will roll into 2024 as a priority area. Focusing on how we can welcome and engage with a wider community demographic. Diversifying our provision further.

Below is a summary of these regular groups that continued from 2022:

- **Brandhall Community Choir** – Bring joy to our building, they use our building once a week to rehearse. We often partnership with Brandhall choir with our events, this year they sang at our King's Coronation Event.
- **Slimming World** (2 groups on a Thursday evening and a Saturday morning group) – Both of these groups are extremely popular every week, we also greet them in the building 52 weeks a year.
- **Toddler Plus*** for preschool children and carers on a Friday. This group has gone from strength to strength and during the pandemic period we limited the numbers. During 2023 we extending those numbers more and more. We still encourage a safe capacity, the group is growing.
- **Zumba** exercise class – Zumba continues on a Monday night. They have a great following weekly it is a thriving group, during 2023 the Zumba extended into more time in the centre. Offering a different style class called **Zumba Strong** on a Tuesday night followed by a cool down/relaxation session this has also had a great attendance and we continue to welcome Julie and her group every week.
- **Funky Freestyle Dance** 6-9 and 10-14yrs – this group has grown from strength to strength. We also ask this group to perform in some of our events, they did a mixture of performances for our community during the King's Coronation event. Funky Freestyle also does workshops during the half terms offering all children (even those who don't attend the weekly classes) to come together and have some fun around dancing.

- **Oak Tree Counselling Service** a professional service run by trained volunteers – Our trained volunteers see clients weekly offering a service that the community can obtain. A much needed service with the area of Brandhall.
- **CAP Debt Centre** - onsite debt consultancy – CAP will go to people's houses helping them through the journey of debt however they also use the building to invite clients to, they signpost activities that happen in the building to help issues such as personal isolation and mental health issues... This continues to be a strong partnership that the community benefit from.
- **Jigsaw** – a session booked by Jigsaw the charity to do crafts and activities with adults with disabilities. They use the café space and this is a great welcoming group making it a very sociable group.
- **Worship in Dance** – this is a great new partnership with a group of people who explore worship through the creativity of dance. This works great alongside our church congregations as well as other members of the community.
- **Houndsmith Dog/ Puppy training** – this group books the centre for a two hours per week to do a six week training course. They joined us late 2022 but has booked back to back courses throughout 2023. We hope to welcome them back in 2024, it has been lovely to welcome our furry friends to the building.
- **Crossroads** – Crossroads book three sessions a month, two sessions hosting a free coffee morning for unpaid carers giving them a drop in space to come and share their experiences. One Thursday every month Crossroads pay for us to cater a lunch for the unpaid carers giving the rest that they need. These groups have continued over 2023 and has seen an increase of people attending.
- **Deaf Awareness** – We started to introduce BSL (British Sign Language) to our community. One of our congregation members wanted to teach the ability to hold a simple conversation with the deaf community. This has then extended to regular practice sessions as it was a growing concern that once you had learnt sign language if not used regularly it could be forgotten. This allowed us to explore Sign Café, we opened the café once a week on a Tuesday evening to invite people to purely use BSL to communicate.
- **Welcome Wednesday** - We created Welcome Wednesday during the end of 2021, during 2022 it went from strength to strength. Free hot drinks, and usually cake or biscuits, are served and all people are welcomed whether they have come by themselves, with friends or as a group. This has become an all inclusive place where everyone is welcome... it continues to get busier every week seeing new and old faces. We joined with Renew wellbeing during 2023 to offer an extended session in which it would naturally turn into a more reflective period at the end offering activities, pastoral care and prayer. This was a great partnership and we intend to look at how we can grow this further.
- **NHS Healthy Minds counselling service offered through the NHS** – This partnership continues to strive. At this time and currently mental health being a major issue within our society so to be able to cater for the NHS healthy mind service really felt right and continued our aims and objectives. Welcoming three counsellors a day five days a week.

Below is a summary of the new provision for 2023:

- **We are able SEND Workshop** We welcomed this group in the centre for a six week course. This group was set up to inform.
- **LBGTQ+ Group** During 2023 the coordinator of Crossroads who already hired out the café space wanted to expand into the LBGTQ+ community we host a weekly session for this in our café space offering free tea, coffee and biscuits to those who attend.
- **Elite Fostering** We have had previous bookings from Elite fostering over the years however during 2023 we saw an increase of bookings from this group. Elite is a fostering organisation and often book our larger rooms for specialised training sessions, fostering courses and meet and greets.
- **Bath Babies** Sandwell council had introduced free classes for parents, careers and children. During 2023 we established a strong partnership with the council enabling us to welcome some of these selected groups in the centre. We are so overjoyed to be a part of offering the community free sessions that they attend weekly for a term.
- **Baby College** Sandwell council also gave us the opportunity to welcome a second group in which we could offer free session to the community. This was a session based on the progression stages of an infant and how you can encourage physical and mental stimulation. We had a good attendance to this class and it was lovely to witness. We hope to keep this partnership strong in the future to be able to offer such a great opportunity for our community.
- **Let's Eat** Originally "Time out" in which we offered a discounted meal for the older generation we wanted this to grow into something that was more inclusively and to make it more sustainable by being able to invite everyone and growing the attendee numbers. With our partnership with the Brandhall Community Hub we were able to obtain some ingredients to feed our community. Let's Eat had replaced Time Out and so was twice a month on a Thursday. From what was a declining group came a growing community seeing a mixture of people. We will be looking into how we can extend this further in the future.
- **Mindful Mondays** Buttons Community Café had been recognised of losing its community feel. We experimented during 2023 to offer a safe, warm and welcoming space for the community whilst trying to ensure it was financially sustainable. Mindful Mondays were introduced having allotted slots for different sessions. "Children Chat" which has been a partnership with Barnardos charity offering a drop in session for any parents or carers. Followed by "knit and knatter" and finagling ending with an "Espresso yourself" group which was bring your own crafts. We reintroduced a welcoming team, renamed as the chaplaincy team in which they would welcome, chat to and offer prayer to those who wanted. Instantly we saw a café community grow, the groups weren't as regimented as they intended to be but we saw a natural development of people playing games, building lego, reading books and generally building a community feel within our café.



During 2023 we sadly also said goodbye to some groups, most of these groups finished due to low attendance. That being said we don't view this as a failure. It's helped us get a growing understanding of our community needs in which we can concentrate on in the future.

The groups that ended were:

- **Solo private dance class** – A young girl who is homeschooled needed a space for her solo dance class because it only required herself, her mother and her dance teacher to be in such a large room we were able to book this in as soon as we were able to. Towards the end of the year the need for the room was not there so unfortunately we stopped hosting for her.
- **Messy Mice** – We were pleased to extend our child provisions by welcoming a messy play group which encourage children to be children and explore learning and development through messy play. The numbers of attendees were healthy however the coordinator of this group could do less and less sessions. Due to the lack of continuity the attendance levels fell and the group became financially unstable.
- **Yoga, exercise and relaxation class** – The previous instructor who joined us in 2022 had left due to other commitments. We were happy to welcome a new instructor who hosted similar sessions but exploring the opportunity of **Chair yoga** as a second weekly session. The regular hatha yoga was not attended enough so the instructor concentrated on the chair yoga. At the end 2023 the instructor finished her classes at the centre due to new opportunities for growth in different areas.
- **Time Out** Activities and Lunch for older people – This group had returned after the pandemic but unfortunately the attendance wasn't as high however we still understood the need for this group to meet to ensure they were not isolated. At the start of 2023 we stopped this group but from it came a much more inclusive, diverse group in which we would later grow into eventually Let's Eat which including everyone and anyone... encouraging a more "pay as you feel" ethos.
- **Extend** gentle exercise for over 50s – In 2022 we saw a change in leadership with this group. Unfortunately after covid it became harder and harder to attract that particular age group back into the building. Coming to the end of 2023 the funding for this group was unavailable and so the group had to end. During 2024 we will be seeking new avenues of funding to try and reintroduce this group but to the centre.

Community Celebrations and Events

It was so important to us to concentrate on bringing the community back together, to offer more for our community that was affordable and much more accessible. We aim to be as inclusive as possible and try and offer something for most.

The following events took place in the year:

- **Flipping Marvellous Pancake Party** – Historically this CAP fundraising event was extremely popular... this event did not disappoint. We were very unsure about the numbers of attendance but the crowds flocked. We used the café space, the room was full of familiar and new faces. The sense of community was amazing.
- **The King's Coronation Event** - We were honoured to receive a community gathering grant from SCVO allowing us to host an inclusive, affordable event for the people of our community. We used the entire building holding a craft fair in one room where Brandhall choir also performed. We had a family fun room with entertaining games, candy floss, face-painters etc. Buttons Community Café was open serving affordable food and drink. We had floods of people come to the event, the atmosphere was amazing. The sense of community was strong throughout the whole day. We are so grateful for the opportunity to be able to host such an event.



- **CAP Debt Centre Fund raiser** - An important aspect of our CAP Debt Centre has been organising client events, holding fortnightly coffee mornings, and promotional fund raising events as well as visiting clients at home. The annual gala was able to be hosted in the centre with a “black tie” theme enticing a large amount of people to join in the festivities to fundraise for the Oldbury CAP Centre. This was a momentous occasion as not only did they raise awareness and funds for CAP charity but it was a great opportunity for The Oak Tree Centre to really showcase their rooms to the outside and show a different potential. The evening was well attended and everyone celebrated the amazing work that CAP achieve yearly.
- **CAP wine tasting and bistro nights** – CAP had started doing smaller events throughout the year within the café space. These included a Wine tasting session and an Indian themed bistro night. Both were well attended and created an opportunity for a more diverse audience to attend and support CAP. It broadens the audience in which CAP can be known to and increase the poverty awareness.
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – With so many of our community effected by cancer it only seemed fitting to host a Macmillan coffee morning. We asked members of our church and community to bake for the event and we opened the doors on a Sunday to the café and took donations for baked goods. This was extremely well attended and we raised a lot of money for a charity that is very close to our hearts.



Summer Holidays

During the Summer holidays we wanted to offer more within the centre for families. Affordable and accessible activities to encourage children to socialise and be physically and mentally active. Seeking to be inclusive we offered places to families who might not have the resources available to entertain their children during the school holidays. Making sure all were treated equally.

These groups were:

- **Lego Club** – We created a space for the older children to socialise and to enjoy some creativity. This was taking the place of the “youth café” that we had previously done pre Covid. This was a relaxed group that was enjoyed by children leaving primary school entering high school and was a good platform for them to meet potential new friends that they would be going to school with.
- **Funtastic Fridays** – Aimed at children four and over we created a playgroup for older children. This was themed each week ranging from junk building, music sessions, cookery session and SEND sessions. This is something that we will explore further in the future.

AGM and Volunteer celebration day

Typically during an AGM members of the church are invited to be informed of the previous year’s growth, finances etc. During 2023 we wanted to invite the volunteers to this and celebrate their help and support as without them we would not exist. The trustees of both the Oak Tree Centre and King’s Community Church came together and financed an outside caterer serving Jamaican style food to all who attended and we gave thanks to those who have helped on our journey. This was a really special moment during the year as we were honoured to show how grateful we are to our community volunteers.



December



In the build up to Christmas we decided to host a “Christmas Family Bazaar”, we had a Santa’s grotto, a makers market which showcased local craft businesses and a family room with games, free arts and crafts, raffles, local information and bouncy castle. Buttons Café was open serving festive treats and once again we welcomed our community to celebrate Christmas with us. We made everything affordable including low cost Santa visits, food and activities. We also offered funded spaces to see Santa for families who have financial difficulties. We believe that no one should miss out on Christmas so we welcomed everyone. This was once again a very well attended event and it was wonderful to see new faces and introduce them to the building.

Options 4 life hired out our building to perform a Christmas concert in which adults with learning difficulties performed for the community. We would love to invite them back in the future and possibly combine our celebrations with them as it was a warm, welcoming and moving event.

We finished the year holding the “**Countdown to Christmas**” event where we explored the true meaning of Christmas through interactive fun. This game show style performance informed people of the joy of the Christmas Story. Audience members were asked to dress up in outfits to represent people (and animals) within the story. Christmas is such a momentous time for us in the building and it is always wonderful to see people coming together and celebrating. We enjoyed festive treats afterwards in the centre and gathered to wish everyone a Happy Christmas.

Party Bookings

The Centre is a popular venue for parties and groups of all ages. We have maintained the services offered to our customers, buffets, room hire, use of equipment, and bouncy castle.

Private bookings for parties have been booming again over 2023. Most weekends the centre has been booked to celebrate personal occasions. It has been wonderful to be able to consistently greet parties and to be a part of their celebrations. With affordable booking rates the centre has been a popular, local venue in which we will continue booking parties in the future.



2023 has been a year of growth and a year to gain a clearer picture of the community’s needs that we can address. In the future we hope to expand on community led groups to make the building a more accessible place.

The other highlight of the year has been the quantity of volunteers that have risen up due to the absence of the Centre Manager. As 2024 rolls round the Centre Manager will return to a wider more supportive team meaning we can move forwards in new and positive ways. Lydia would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in making 2023 shine.

Together we are stronger...

TREASURERS REPORT

After a very challenging year in 2022, in 2023 we kept costs to a minimum by cutting down on expenditure apart from essentials. Non essentials such as decorating and floor maintenance were delayed.

Total Income: **£71,054** (2022 £74206)

Total expenditure: **£70,653** (2022 £84491)

KCC:	£4667
Community groups:	£21,853
Counselling:	£20,801 (NHS £17,160)
Parties:	£5,180
Donations:	£1,586
Cafe:	£8771
Grants:	£884 towards Coronation event (Sandwell MBC)
	£783.50 for Warm spaces (Sandwell MBC)

Notes on Income

Our income followed a similar pattern to 2022, the majority of our income is from room hire to various groups: Community bookings (including Slimming World, Zumba, Crossroads Care, Choir and others) £21,853. The NHS booking of 3 rooms for Counselling was the largest single hirer at £17,061.

We received grants in 2023 towards Welcoming Spaces and community event celebrating the King's coronation.

With the gradual reopening of the cafe on 2 days per week Cafe income increased to £8771 (£5,162 2022).

2023 Expenditure

Many of our costs increased including wage costs, utilities and food and drink. But overall expenditure was down because of legal costs incurred in 2022.

Note that in 2023 our legal costs were £300 for advice on the lease, as opposed to £18459 in 2022.

Wages:	£39,153	(2022 £31279)
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Utilities:	£7247	(2022 £5896)
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Challenges in 2023

1. **Cash flow:** was a continued challenge during the year. On 2 occasions we needed interest free loans to cover the cost of wages. The reason for this is many late / intermittent payers. For example, the NHS Healthy Minds booking paid £4290 in January, February, September and November. This has meant that staff have spent a lot of their valuable time chasing late payers.

2. **Stripe:** Stripe is our main means of receiving payments and is set up on church suite. Any money received goes into the Centre account, so that any Church receipts received through Stripe then need to be transferred to KCC account. This is not straight forward, as Stripe bulk all payments together, I then have to separate them out again.

3. **Banking:** We bank with the Charity Aid foundation bank, CAF Bank. Until recently, the only way to pay in cash was through HSBC which became increasingly difficult as HSBC closed branches. But CAF Bank have now set up paying in cash through the post office counters which is working well and efficiently.

Our thanks are due to Luke silver who prepares our Accounts and looks after payroll very efficiently.

Julia Button

KING'S COMMUNITY CHURCH PROJECT

t/a THE OAK TREE CENTRE

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of King's Community Church Project

Registered Charity Number 1086225

On the accounts for the 12 Months ended 31st December 2023

Set out on the following pages

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;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
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 Commissioners. 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 to 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.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 14 May 2024

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 14 May 2024

KING'S COMMUNITY CHURCH PROJECT

Report of the Trustees / Directors for the 12 Months Ended 31st December 2023

The trustees and directors during the year were as follows:

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Statement

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

Please print name: ~~IS/BOSS~~ Date 15/05/24

MATTHEW NOTT

King's Community Church Project
Registered Charity Number 1086226
Company Number 4036665
Accounting Statement: Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME				
Incoming Resources from Donors (Note 1)	238	0	238	300
Charity Activity Receipts (Note 2)	70,772	0	70,772	74,206
Other Incoming Resources	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	44	0	44	8
Total	71,054	0	71,054	74,514
EXPENDITURE				
Costs of Generating Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Objects Activities (Note 3)	50,516	15,393	65,909	53,804
Support Costs (Note 4)	19,219	0	19,219	21,074
Management & Administration (Note 5)	918	0	918	19,185
Total	70,653	15,393	86,046	94,063
Capital Costs (Note 6)	1,871	0	1,871	0
Loan Repayments Capital Repaid	0	0	0	0
Total	1,871	0	1,871	0

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME				
Incoming Resources from Donors (Note 1)				
Donation towards repayment of Interest Free Loan	0	0	0	0
HMRC Gift Aid Refund	238	0	238	300
Total	238	0	238	300
Charity Activity Receipts (Note 2)				
Room Hire; KCC groups & other activities	31,702	0	31,702	22,816
Bookings by other groups & individuals	4,614	0	4,614	8,497
Café Donations / Income	8,771	0	8,771	5,162
Counselling	20,801	0	20,801	23,262
Grants	884	0	884	9,458
Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
Other Income	4,000	0	4,000	5,011
Total	70,772	0	70,772	74,206
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable Objects Activities (Note 3)				
Catering / Traidcraft	0	0	0	0
Wage Costs	39,153	0	39,153	31,279
Community Events	40	0	40	715
Café Food & Drink	2,667	0	2,667	2,036
Licences	420	0	420	471
Charitable Donations	0	0	0	0
Refunds	5,108	0	5,108	0
Depreciation	3,128	15,393	18,521	19,303
Total	50,516	15,393	65,909	53,804
Support Costs (Note 4)				
Building Running Costs	7,247	0	7,247	7,072
General Costs	11,972	0	11,972	14,002
Total	19,219	0	19,219	21,074
Management & Administration (Note 5)				
Audit & Companies House	438	0	438	453
Legal Fees	300	0	300	18,459
Bank Charges	180	0	180	273
Total	918	0	918	19,185
Capital Costs (Note 6)				
Building	0	0	0	0
Computers	0	0	0	0
Equipment	1,871	0	1,871	0
Total	1,871	0	1,871	0

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Balance Sheet for 12 Months Ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets				
Leasehold Property	0	212,100	212,100	227,493
Depreciation	0	(15,393)	(15,393)	(15,393)
Additions	0	0	0	0
Furniture & Equipment	15,641	0	15,641	19,551
Depreciation	(3,128)	0	(3,128)	(3,910)
Additions	0	0	0	0
Total Tangible Assets	12,513	196,707	209,220	227,741
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank				
The Coventry A/C 061037251	3,523	0	3,523	3,479
CAF Bank A/C 00024597	1,905	0	1,905	526
CAF Bank A/C 00025286	454	0	454	169
CAF Bank A/C 00029905	164	0	164	214
Petty Cash	0	0	0	0
Total Current Assets	6,046	0	6,046	4,388
Creditors due within 1 year	0	0	0	0
Creditors falling due after 1 year	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0
NET ASSETS	18,559	196,707	215,266	232,129
Accumulated Fund				
Balance brought forward	(59,889)	292,018	232,129	251,678
Funds Generated by Operations	(1,470)	(15,393)	(16,863)	(19,549)
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Total	(61,359)	276,625	215,266	232,129

Balance Sheet continued

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Accountants Report

For the year ended 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.


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

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the 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.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Print Name



MATTHEW NOTT
15/05/24

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Grants

During the year, the following grants from Trusts were received:

Grant in March from SCVO (Sandwell Council for Voluntary Organisations) £783.50 towards Warm Spaces

Grant in June from Sandwell MBC of £884 for King Charles Coronation event.