

ASHFIELD VOLUNTARY ACTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1089635

Details

Other names	ASHFIELD LINKS FORUM
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04244661
Registered	2001-12-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF ASHFIELD (THE AREA OF BENEFIT) AND , IN PARTICULAR, THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH, AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, DISTRESS AND SICKNESS;B) TO PROMOTE AND ORGANISE CO-OPERATION IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES AND TO THAT END TO BRING TOGETHER IN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES WITHIN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community and, in particular, the advancement of education, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness. To engage, involve and empower individuals and groups within the community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF ASHFIELD
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£178,468	£208,990	-	-
2024-03-31	£154,052	£197,704	-	-
2023-03-31	£247,415	£258,514	-	-
2022-03-31	£220,995	£211,380	-	-
2021-03-31	£220,183	£152,961	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Jenkins		2026-01-14
Ann Hilton		2024-10-30
John Richard Aylward		2023-12-20
Kenneth Bradshaw		2020-05-27
PHILIP MARSHALL		
Teresa Jackson		2024-01-05

Accounts

Company registration number: 04244661

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(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	John Aylward, Chair from AGM 30/10/24 Philip Marshall Ken Bradshaw Peter Robinson Teresa Jackson Ann Hilton Serita Walker
Senior Management Team	Una Key, Chief Executive
Charity Registration Number	1089635
Company Registration Number	04244661
Registered Office	Ashfield Health And Well Being Centre Portland Street Kirkby-In-Ashfield Nottingham NG17 7AE
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	John Aylward, Chair from AGM 30/10/24
	Philip Marshall
	Ken Bradshaw
	Peter Robinson
	Teresa Jackson
	Ann Hilton (appointed 30 October 2024)
	Serita Walker (appointed 1 March 2025)
	Jac Lemmen (resigned 30 October 2024)
	Patrizia Canova (resigned 30 October 2024)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 2 July 2001. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Potential trustees complete an application form and are invited for an interview with fellow trustees. Two references are required and an agreement to have a DBS check. If acceptable the new trustee is then invited to a Trustee meeting as an observer so they can see the procedures. Following this a vote is taken and if accepted they are placed on the Trustee register on the Charity Commission website. As they are also Directors of the Company Ltd by Guarantee this is also uploaded on Companies House.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

1. To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the local district of Ashfield (the area of benefit) and, in particular, the advancement of education and training, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.
2. To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes, and to that end to bring together in council, representatives of the voluntary organisations and statutory authorities, within the area of benefit.

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Objectives, strategies and activities

Ashfield Voluntary Action provides projects and services for the benefit of people living in the Ashfield District of Nottinghamshire.

We continue to develop new working relationships with organisations across Nottinghamshire to enhance the projects and services we provide which are below:

- Infrastructure support providing governance and funding support to the local voluntary sector.
- Volunteer support programme: the recruitment and training of people interested in volunteering their time to provide support to the community across the Ashfield Area Supported by Nottinghamshire County Council Local Community Fund.
- Support for the NHS Transformation programme to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to include local communities.

The programmes involve the areas of Coxmoor in Kirkby and Butlers Hill / Broom Hill in Hucknall in developing, a community led health engagement programme which will help to reduce the health inequalities of the people living on these estates.

The NHS Public Patient Engagement contract is continuing and there is also an enhanced Public and Patient Engagement.

The Health Inequalities Fund funded 7.5 hours per week in South Nottinghamshire in Hucknall and 9.25 hours per week in Mid Nottinghamshire in Kirkby in Ashfield.

Public Health, Investing in Communities, funded 7.5 hours per week in South Nottinghamshire in Hucknall and 9.25 hours per week in Mid Nottinghamshire in Kirkby in Ashfield.

Notts ICB - Integrated Neighbourhood Teams - January 25 to March 25 to deliver support via a Volunteer Digital Skills Coordinator in Coxmoor.

Ashfield District Council Support Grant assisted in providing advice for people looking to establish 17 charities, CICs and social enterprises via AVA.

AVA bid successfully on behalf of other organisations including the following:

Green Activity Grant - AVA on behalf of Coxmoor Resident Action Group (CRAG) £1,000 - promoting growing their own fruit and vegetables.

Green Activity Grant - £1,000 AVA used this to take Willets Court attendees to a garden centre to buy plants as well as providing two accessible minibuses from Our Centre Community Transport.

UKSPF - AVA bid on behalf of CRAG £2.5k for their IT equipment.

Violence Reduction Unit OPCC Grant - £24k - Ashfield Spartans Boxing Club.

Severn Trent - £28k - St. John's Food Bank, Kirkby Woodhouse.

AVA has continued to deliver a variety of groups including LGBTQ+, Talking Tuesdays, Grief and Loss, Chatty Crafters, Women's Wellbeing Group, Men Chatting Together, Garden, Game and Chat Group without specific funding attached. In addition, we provide and outreach Willets Court Tuesday's Together supporting community engagement.

AVA has purchased FLICK training for training of volunteers, and external groups and the CRAG.

Work has continued to locate Ukrainian Refugees who may still require local support.

AVA is actively involved in all Partnerships in Ashfield.

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Ashfield Community Enterprise, registered as a Community Interest Company.

It is AVA's trading arm, a social enterprise supporting people to learn new skills, reduce isolation and build confidence. The kiosk, located in the Health & Wellbeing Centre, generates an income and the profits are donated to AVA after the CIC's accounts are signed off. This was the third year of trading and profits continue to grow. The woodworking has resumed, and a volunteer has been found and successfully undertaken wood working skills with volunteers and has laid the path for a new working relationship with Crossroads Recovery Programme.

Initial discussions have taken place with Under One Roof to investigate the feasibility of AVA's CIC re-establishing the cafe in that location. The CIC has also managed to maintain its confidential waste collection service which has helped to contribute towards the costs of the Unit in Stanton Hill. The CIC has also welcomed a new Master's Graduate Internship for two months to work alongside the CIC on business planning.

A special thanks to our funders during 2024-2025:

Ashfield District Council Community Support, Green Activities Grants;
Notts and Nottingham ICB; Public Patient Engagement Funds and Health Inequalities Fund;
Nottinghamshire County Council - Public Health and Local Community Fund;
One Step at a Time (OSSAT);
Severn Trent;
NTU - Masters Internship funding;
Heroux Devtek.

Public benefit

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to offer a range of services to the people of Ashfield, linked to social engagement; health and wellbeing improvement; digital inclusion. Through partnership working we continue to support families who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, those with mental and physical disability, frailty and isolation. AVA runs the only LGBTQ+ group in Ashfield. It also has a well-attended Grief and Loss Group. We are providing new skills via volunteering and helping people find secure job roles, we are training people in job-relevant skills including food hygiene, safeguarding and health and safety; we provide DBS checks and we have driven community-led action, helping communities to help their own.

Our activities all contribute to improving individual wellbeing, developing community cohesion, and will lead to a more healthy and vibrant community where people love to live and contribute actively to the future of their area.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support the delivery of our projects and services during 2024-2025. Everyone involved in AVA is also a volunteer, the Trustees, volunteers and all paid staff, voluntarily giving of their free time, with no recompense.

AVA is an exemplar model, last year it was 70%. now over 80% of its employees, volunteers and Trustees themselves have a protected characteristic, bringing a wealth of lived experience to how and what AVA delivers and a unique blend of first-hand knowledge of multiple issues faced by individuals, families and communities and how best to support them to support themselves. Mental Health is not regarded as a separate issue, but is a cross-cutting factor in everything AVA undertakes, building the appropriate support to be inclusive to all. The groups and other services AVA provides are predominantly for people who may not feel other groups are appropriate for them and additional support and encouragement is available every day for people to feel welcomed, understood and to gain positively from their new experiences.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Achievements and performance

The Trustees have formed a united stable platform to enable our staff to deliver our existing and new work programmes and have recruited two new trustees to strengthen the Board and to replace those departing. They are fully supportive of the work AVA does. The CEO would like to record her thanks for the support from the Chair and Trustees in allowing the development of new programmes and delivering existing services.

The appointment of the new Chief Executive, Una Key, in December 2023, has helped AVA to stabilise, evolve and raise its profile. The staff base remained stable, with no losses, and has been very willing to take on new skills, develop and contribute as a team. The volunteer base has continued to expand both for AVA, its CIC and referrals to other voluntary sector services. AVA welcomed two new trustees during the year 24/25, refreshing the skills and diversity of the Board. AVA also appointed a new chair at the AGM in October 2024 with the outgoing Chair being recognised for having seen AVA through a very challenging period. Trustee recruitment will now be an annual event.

In 24/25 AVA focussed very much on its communities seeking to find a solution to the long-standing issue of decades of funding into certain communities, with short term outcomes. Through the ICB/Public Health part time Community Development Worker post on Coxmoor, AVA's Chief Executive sought support for a totally different approach to be taken, where residents determined what they could do for themselves to improve their own lives. Community Power was born in Coxmoor, delivering outstanding and long-term results. This led to AVA putting forward and National Lottery bid based on this to roll it out across 6 wards in Ashfield. The Trustees would like to record their thanks to the CEO and the team for the work involved in building the bid, which saw AVA awarded £302,518 over 3 years from June 2025, creating 5 part time posts. The level of innovation has engendered a great deal of interest from the widest variety of organisations. We would also like to thank the ICB, ADC, UKSPF for supporting our bids on behalf of the CRAG.

We have maintained all our Groups, for which AVA receives no funding, and the level of attendances has continued to rise with service users requesting other additional groups including an art group. In 24/25 AVA had no money to consider any further groups. In December 2024 AVA had an impromptu visit from the General Manager from Heroux Devtek, who came to say AVA had been nominated as the recipient of several hundreds of pounds from their charitable giving. This money was put towards the Volunteer Week Garden Party in June 2025, which he and over 60 people attended. He made another donation, and we are now looking to start up our art group. Over 24/25, volunteers have been supported to run some of our groups, but none are able to run them without staff support at hand. Ken Gregorys have continued to attend the Grief and Loss Group and we thank them for this and also their support to the CRAG in providing a marquee for CRAG's first community event on 17.08.2024, which over 250 members of the community attended.

AVA only has one full time member of staff, the Chief Executive. There is no operational support role to this post. AVA requires a critical mass to deliver what it delivers and is only minimally funded. Though 24/25 has seen AVA recognised for all it achieved, it has lost a further £50k in covering its costs and these losses, if continued, will set AVA on a very uncertain path. AVA is valued by partners and attends so many meetings, most of which are within the Chief Executive's role, but not funded. This role is funded from core and though considerably lower than other CVS CEO roles in Nottinghamshire, the expense is not covered. AVA has bid for money, and AVA was very grateful to Severn Trent who contributed to core expenses to 31.12.24, but not salaries. We continue to represent the voluntary and community sector and AVA is a member of a variety of strategic partnerships. AVA is actively involved in all Partnerships in Ashfield, attending the following regularly:

The Mid Notts PBP Executive
The South Notts PBP Executive
The Health and Wellbeing Board
The Mid Notts Health Inequalities Oversight Group
PPE and PPE Communications meetings

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South Notts Social Prescribing
Community of Practice
Be Happy Be Healthy Management Group
Ashfield Local Design Team
IIC Logic Model Meetings
Ashfield Place Leadership meeting, event and training (Sport England)
Kirkby Towns Fund Board and Chair of subgroup and attendance at all three sub groups (Now Kirkby Neighbourhood Fund and its subgroups)
Frailty Task and Finish Group
Coxmoor Partnership Group
Broomhill and Butler's Hill Partnership Group
Leamington Partnership Group
Discover Ashfield
Notts Together
VCSE Alliance
Ashfield Community Hub Meetings
Notts Police and Crime Stakeholder Partnership Meetings
Violence Reduction Unit Quarterly Meetings
Social Prescriber Meetings
Community Development Districts Network
VCS Emergencies Partnership Network
Ashfield Collaboration Meetings (Futures)
Mansfield and Ashfield Nottingham Trent University Board
Arts Council Partnership and Ashfield Creates
Tackling Loneliness Collaborative
Sport England Leadership Meetings
Maker Space

We have continued to be a key partner in the Notts Together Alliance with all Nottinghamshire CVSs, plus Nottingham City CVS, RCAN and Community Accounting Plus, actively engaging to secure contracts and funds to support the Community within Nottinghamshire. Ashfield Voluntary Action also supports community and voluntary sector groups across Ashfield including the developments across the Mid Notts Place Based Partnership and the South Notts Place Based Partnership (PBP) areas. AVA has provided direct support and advice to groups, other charities and Voluntary Sector organisations in terms of establishing themselves, on-going support and notifying when and how funding pots are available, support with applications, making effective use of its website.

AVA's volunteer base continues to grow through the Nottinghamshire County Council Funded Volunteer Coordinator post; 54 volunteers were active during the year. 27 new volunteers were recruited, trained and DBS checked, delivering 6,133 hours of service. Through fortnightly attendance sustainable links have been developed with the Job Centre, offering volunteer opportunities with DBS and training at AVA. 60 individuals have availed themselves of learning with AVA regarding the benefits of volunteering. Two volunteers have gone into full time work, one within the NHS and the other joined the Civil Service after having volunteered with our CIC. Support was provided by AVA in what proved to be lengthy application processes. These jobs have provided the individuals with a decent wage, pension and stability. All volunteers are offered development opportunities, and all undergo externally verified safeguarding training and DBS checks via AVA.

Our groups cover a wide range of topics and are attended by many who would find it challenging to attend other groups, which do not offer the broad range of support AVA does. The groups are very well attended, often referred into by social prescribers. AVA does not receive funding for running these groups. The groups are free at the point of delivery and volunteers are encouraged to learn how to assist in running the groups. Support is always at hand. In additions to the volunteers recruited and unpaid Trustees, uniquely all staff at AVA currently also volunteer their time to benefit the community: this alone contributed more than an additional 200 hours volunteer time during 24/25.

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We have recruited and worked with 54 volunteers this year. We have also sourced volunteers for other organisations and made referrals. The value of volunteering hours, excluding those by paid staff, equates to £79,104.

The Community Development work funded for 18.5 hours via the ICB and Public Health/NCC has generated much interest in Coxmoor. A new style of community empowerment has resulted in high levels of community interest, engagement and the development of a Residents' Action Group, Community Champions, Health Champion, funding raising, 24-hour resident led helpline, peer support for digital inclusion, events, Facebook, recycling, support for older residents and more. It was this that has been the catalyst for the successful National Lottery Reaching Communities bid with AVA being commissioned to roll this out across 6 wards in Ashfield in 25/26.

The Community Development Worker also designed and brought in "Spotlight on Health", a very well received weekly changing health topic, highlighting support and information, which is displayed at all groups and events AVA attends. This identifies those for whom the information may be relevant, prompting informal discussion with MECC. "Spotlight on Health" promotes any events held by Health Partners to help increase awareness and attendances at those, as an example, the Diabetes Bus and Healthy Hearts.

AVA supported the startup of "Tuesdays Together" in Leamington from reserves. Then "One Step at a Time" has funded "Tuesdays Together" at Willets Court from July 2024 for year. An AVA Events Coordinator took the initiative through from a 4-hour drop-in session to a vibrant weekly meeting of 4 hours duration each week with games, information, health information, all receiving brilliant feedback reviews, delivering 2,100 hours of support to individuals.

The part-time Community Development Worker for the ICB/PH South Notts has helped deliver health events, including providing BSL interpreting and worked directly with existing groups and organisations to support them and provided very valuable insight of the existing challenges in the area.

The Patient Participation and Engagement has continued to identify and record significant case studies for the Ashfield District. During the year, it became apparent that there were some worrying cases coming forwards where patients contacted AVA after contacting NHS 111. They were experiencing severe dental health problems, but could not access an NHS dentist and some had no recourse to private funds. These case studies were put together and have proved a significant source of information for the ICB to take forward at a higher level.

AVA has continued to work with the other VCSE organisations across Nottinghamshire with Notts Together and the VCSE Alliance and local groups. It has assisted 17 new CICs and groups with start-up advice across the area and raised over £60k for external organisations.

AVA has redeveloped its website so that it now has an information Hub accessible to all, professionals and residents, written in plain English, it is not a simple directory of services, but how they work, how they link and how they are accessed. It provides a translation service and will shortly be bringing in a "text-to-speak" facility, for those with sight loss. In addition, AVA's website regularly updates with news, information and vacancies across the Ashfield area.

AVA produces monthly newsletters reaching organisations and individuals across Ashfield. It not only features a snapshot of AVA's groups but also relevant news, a light-hearted activity, for example a wordsearch, contact details for other organisations in the area and their vacancies. AVA provides support for the organisations' social media content, development of logos, design of banners and other promotional material. AVA also writes its own press releases, radio content and is able to help other organisations with similar.

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ACE has continued to develop the kiosk, its woodworking provision at Stanton Hill and its confidential waste and has continued to expand and diversify within Ashfield. AVA's trading arm CIC has continued to grow its contribution to AVA and in 24/25 will have generated £16,142 for AVA after its accounts are completed. The CIC is volunteer led, managed and delivered and Trustees would like to thank everyone for their outstanding achievements in delivering growth for the third year since start-up.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

Even though the financial year has been challenging, AVA has maintained its reserves, exceeding its required three months' running costs.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial risk

AVA's current contracts are set to cease in March 2025. The backdrop amongst partners' uncertainty around their own futures is challenging and AVA will need to maintain its attendance within all arenas, to actively promote opportunities for AVA's future development and for its services.

Ashfield District Council has agreed to 3 years' of funding for AVA to 27/28 and Trustees are very grateful as this, along with the National Lottery Programme, is the only certainty beyond the end of the 25/26 financial year.

Historic issues have continued. Funders have continued to pay invoices very late. They have financially supported another CVS to deliver services within Ashfield. Ashfield receives less out of funding pots than other districts.

AVA and its learning and innovation is in demand and AVA will continue to forge ahead with groundbreaking new ways of working, its high-quality groups and ACE. Partners need to recognise the large volume of time AVA contributes, which is unfunded, and help AVA address the imbalances.

Our biggest financial risk is the level of funds required to maintain the above. Our future with the ICB still remains uncertain as funding opportunities are unknown. The ICB has its own financial challenges which means decisions may be delayed more than usual. The likelihood of District Funding with policy emphasising Regional mayoral funding is another uncertainty. Whilst identifying funding is a risk, cash flow with continued delayed payments into AVA must be a focus for the CEO and Trustees undertaking close scrutiny of the finances in ensuring it has sufficient funds at their disposal, when required.

We need to continue to seek new funding contracts to be able to maintain programmes and find new funds to deliver new programmes when there is a lot of competition for funding and funding is becoming scarcer and smaller. The ability to reapply for previous pots has significantly reduced. We spend a large proportion of development time chasing smaller pots of grant funding for AVA and other groups.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashfield Voluntary Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

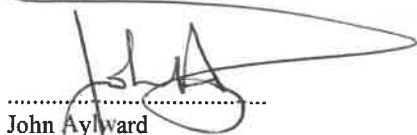
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

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

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 24/9/25 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
John Aylward
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	2,041	-	2,041	394
Charitable activities	3	188	155,906	156,094	138,230
Investment income	5	4,191	-	4,191	3,278
Other income	6	16,142	-	16,142	12,150
Total Income		<u>22,562</u>	<u>155,906</u>	<u>178,468</u>	<u>154,052</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>(27,320)</u>	<u>(181,670)</u>	<u>(208,990)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(27,320)</u>	<u>(181,670)</u>	<u>(208,990)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(4,758)</u>	<u>(25,764)</u>	<u>(30,522)</u>	<u>(43,652)</u>
Net movement in funds		(4,758)	(25,764)	(30,522)	(43,652)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>114,071</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>147,808</u>	<u>191,460</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>109,313</u>	<u>7,973</u>	<u>117,286</u>	<u>147,808</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	394	-	394
Charitable activities	3	51	138,179	138,230
Investment income	5	3,278	-	3,278
Other income	6	12,150	-	12,150
Total income		<u>15,873</u>	<u>138,179</u>	<u>154,052</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>1,835</u>	<u>(45,487)</u>	<u>(43,652)</u>
Net movement in funds		1,835	(45,487)	(43,652)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>112,236</u>	<u>79,224</u>	<u>191,460</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>114,071</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>147,808</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 04244661)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	17,582	52,611
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>116,379</u>	<u>110,518</u>
		133,961	163,129
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(16,675)</u>	<u>(15,321)</u>
Net assets		<u>117,286</u>	<u>147,808</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	17	7,973	33,737
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>109,313</u>	<u>114,071</u>
Total funds	17	<u>117,286</u>	<u>147,808</u>

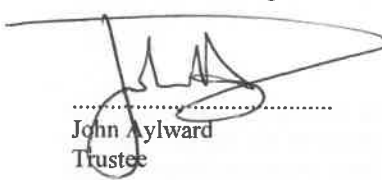
For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 23 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 24/9/25 and signed on their behalf by:


.....
John Aylward
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

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

Basis of preparation

Ashfield Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture & equipment	20% straight line
IT equipment	33% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	2,041	2,041	394
	2,041	2,041	394

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants & donations	-	155,906	155,906	138,179
Sundry income	188	-	188	51
	188	155,906	156,094	138,230

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4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Active Partners Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Boots Charitable Trust	-	9,709	9,709
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner	-	23,675	23,675
Ashfield District Council	-	8,500	8,500
Sundry grants & donations	2,041	-	2,041
Rushcliffe CVS - ICP Community Development	-	8,400	8,400
Rushcliffe CVS - PH Investing in Communities	-	6,300	6,300
Nottinghamshire County Council LCF	-	31,333	31,333
Newark and Sherwood CVS - Investing in Communities PPE/HIIF	-	30,623	30,623
NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB	-	27,366	27,366
	<u>2,041</u>	<u>155,906</u>	<u>157,947</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>4,191</u>	<u>4,191</u>	<u>3,278</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from trading subsidiary	<u>16,142</u>	<u>16,142</u>	<u>12,150</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Wages, NI & pensions	8,833	145,394	154,227	151,060
Payroll service	1,310	868	2,178	2,166
Repairs & maintenance	320	-	320	1,258
Training & conference	-	-	-	1,405
Volunteer expenses	5	229	234	432
Rent	54	7,930	7,984	10,678
Insurance	1,530	-	1,530	1,014
Telephone & internet	2,688	-	2,688	2,493
Postage, printing & stationery	311	3,611	3,922	3,681
Registrations & subscriptions	34	84	118	55
Equipment, repairs & renewals	55	121	176	1,942
Staff expenses	169	339	508	145
Donations paid	10	-	10	-
Legal & professional	1,752	5,402	7,154	6,485
Sundry payments	22	-	22	243
Bank charges	60	-	60	60
Publicity and promotion	73	-	73	1,863
IT	5,295	1,000	6,295	5,091
Recruitment/HR	-	-	-	357
Utilities	-	-	-	11
Internal management charges	4,437	(4,437)	-	-
Trustees' expenses	-	-	-	121
Service delivery	-	19,675	19,675	6,189
Refreshments	362	57	419	396
Activities & events	-	1,397	1,397	559
	<u>27,320</u>	<u>181,670</u>	<u>208,990</u>	<u>197,704</u>

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8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	146,758	144,448
Social security costs	5,063	4,490
Pension costs	2,406	2,122
	<u>154,227</u>	<u>151,060</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of employees	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

5 (2024 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,406 (2024 - £2,122).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £36,000 (2024 - £12,907).

9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	40,175
Prepayments	1,440	286
Other debtors	16,142	12,150
	<u>17,582</u>	<u>52,611</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	642	353
Cash at bank	115,737	110,165
	<u>116,379</u>	<u>110,518</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	15,259	13,959
Other creditors	1,416	1,362
	<u>16,675</u>	<u>15,321</u>

12 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination	1,180	1,135
Other financial services	3,358	2,560
	<u>4,538</u>	<u>3,695</u>

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	104,071	22,562	(27,320)	99,313
<i>Designated</i>				
Redundancy Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>114,071</u>	<u>22,562</u>	<u>(27,320)</u>	<u>109,313</u>
Restricted funds				
Ashfield Community Support	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Volunteering	-	27,333	(27,333)	-
Health Inequalities	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Boxing Club	-	23,675	(23,675)	-
Health & Wellbeing	-	23,366	(23,366)	-
Community Newsletter	4,097	-	(4,097)	-
Help for Ukraine	4,640	-	-	4,640
Futures	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Severn Trent	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Boots	-	9,709	(9,709)	-
CRAG	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Green activities & events	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Investing in Communities	-	45,323	(45,323)	-
Together Fund (OSSAT)	-	10,000	(6,667)	3,333
Total restricted funds	<u>33,737</u>	<u>155,906</u>	<u>(181,670)</u>	<u>7,973</u>
Total funds	<u>147,808</u>	<u>178,468</u>	<u>(208,990)</u>	<u>117,286</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Ashfield Community Support- Support to voluntary and community groups and enterprise in the Ashfield area to ensure they have the correct governance and help to secure funds.

Volunteering- recruitment, administration and coordination of volunteers. Ensuring volunteers are DBS checked and trained. We also act as a broker for volunteers to other organisations, such as the vaccination programme.

Health Inequalities - this is a Place Based Partnership project with the Integrated Care System and ADC to reduce the health inequalities experienced by some of our communities. Our approach is to deliver community led programmes, which look to improve the wider influences on health, than medical factors alone. Our focus is on the Coxmoor estate in Kirkby and the Butlers Hill /Broomhill/estate in Hucknall.

Boxing Club - to support vulnerable people to gain self respect and learn how to look after themselves.

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Health & Wellbeing - to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to change the NHSE delivery into community led services.

Community Newsletter - to inform other organisations and the public of events, updates and general information of interest.

Help for Ukraine - to help individuals and families.

Investing in Communities - to engage with particular communities to improve their health outcomes.

Futures - to design, promote and deliver Transform Your Future across Ashfield, working directly to assist community and voluntary groups work together to bid to help people target groups of into work, training and volunteering.

Severn Trent - towards rent, IT, accounts and other organisational costs.

Green activities & events - to take Willets Court attendees to a garden centre to buy plants as well as providing two accessible minibuses from Our Centre Community Transport.

Boots -

CRAG -

Together Fund (OSSAT) - 'Tuesday Together' meetings at Willets Court from July 2024.

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	102,236	15,873	(14,038)	104,071
<i>Designated</i>				
Redundancy Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>112,236</u>	<u>15,873</u>	<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>114,071</u>
Restricted				
Ashfield Well Hub	7,408	-	(7,408)	-
Ashfield Community Support	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Inspiring Ashfield	15,292	30	(15,322)	-
Volunteering	-	27,333	(27,333)	-
Pathways	-	5,305	(5,305)	-
Health Inequalities	32,007	-	(32,007)	-
Boxing Club	4,545	-	(4,545)	-
Health & Wellbeing	19,972	22,866	(42,838)	-
Community Newsletter	-	9,990	(5,893)	4,097
Help for Ukraine	-	4,980	(340)	4,640
Investing in Communities	-	20,175	(20,175)	-
Futures	-	20,000	(10,000)	10,000
Severn Trent	-	20,000	(5,000)	15,000
Total restricted funds	<u>79,224</u>	<u>138,179</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>33,737</u>
Total funds	<u><u>191,460</u></u>	<u><u>154,052</u></u>	<u><u>(197,704)</u></u>	<u><u>147,808</u></u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			2025
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	115,988	10,000	7,973	133,961
Current liabilities	(16,675)	-	-	(16,675)
Total net assets	<u>99,313</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>7,973</u>	<u>117,286</u>

	Unrestricted			2024
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	119,392	10,000	33,737	163,129
Current liabilities	(15,321)	-	-	(15,321)
Total net assets	<u>104,071</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>147,808</u>

19 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Total £
Dementia	134	-	(122)	12
CRAG Ashfield Digital Infrastructure	-	2,727	(2,744)	(17)
Various	188	-	(188)	-
Food Bank	1,683	-	-	1,683
GRAG Green activity grant	-	1,000	(1,012)	(12)
Make a Space Ashfield	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
MCVS	-	34,587	(30,120)	4,467
NCVS	-	45,352	(45,352)	-
RCVS	-	26,112	(26,112)	-
N&S CVS	-	35,735	(28,176)	7,559
	<u>4,005</u>	<u>145,513</u>	<u>(135,826)</u>	<u>13,692</u>

Accounts

Company registration number: 04244661

Charity registration number: 1089635

Ashfield Voluntary Action

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Community Accounting Plus
Units 1 & 2 North West
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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Peter Robinson, Acting Chair from July - October 2023, Chair from October 2023 Philip Marshall Ken Bradshaw Jac Lemmen Patrizia Canova John Aylward Teresa Jackson
Senior Management Team	Deborah Hill, Chief Executive until 09/08/23 Teresa Jackson, Interim 0.5FTE Chief Executive 26/07/2023 to 04/01/2024 Una Key, Chief Executive 04/12/2023 onwards
Charity Registration Number	1089635
Company Registration Number	04244661
Registered Office	Ashfield Health And Well Being Centre Portland Street Kirkby-In-Ashfield Nottingham NG17 7AE
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Dr Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair, until July 2023 (resigned 6 July 2023)
	Peter Robinson, Acting Chair from July - October 2023, Chair from October 2023
	Philip Marshall
	Ken Bradshaw
	Jac Lemmen
	Patrizia Canova (appointed 25 October 2023)
	John Aylward (appointed 20 December 2023)
	Teresa Jackson (appointed 31 January 2024)
	Serita Walker (resigned 28 September 2023)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 2 July 2001. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Potential trustees complete an application form and are invited for an interview with fellow trustees. Two references are required and an agreement to have a DBS check. If acceptable the new trustee is then invited to a Trustee meeting as an observer so they can see the procedures. Following this a vote is taken and if accepted they are placed on the Trustee register on the Charity Commission website. As they are also Directors of the Company Ltd by Guarantee this is also uploaded on Company's House.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

1. To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the local district of Ashfield (the area of benefit) and, in particular, the advancement of education and training, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.
2. To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes, and to that end to bring together in council, representatives of the voluntary organisations and statutory authorities, within the area of benefit.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives, strategies and activities

Ashfield Voluntary Action provides projects and services for the benefit of people living in the Ashfield District of Nottinghamshire.

We continue to develop new working relationships with organisations across Nottinghamshire to enhance the projects and services we provide which are below:

- Infrastructure support providing governance and funding support to the local voluntary sector.
- Volunteer support programme: the recruitment and training of people interested in volunteering their time to provide support to the community across the Ashfield Area Supported by Nottinghamshire County Council LIS Fund.

- Support for the NHSEI Transformation programme to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to change the NHSEI delivery into community led services.

The Local Community Fund, Investing in Communities, programmes involve the areas of Coxmoor in Kirkby and Butlers Hill / Broom Hill in Hucknall in developing a community led health engagement programme which will help to reduce the health inequalities of the people living on these estates.

The NHS PPE contract is continuing and delivering enhanced Public and Patient Engagement.

The Serious Mental Illness (SMI) was a new one year contract across Mid Nottinghamshire.

The HIF funded 1 day a week in South Nottinghamshire promotion Hucknall and 3 days per week in Kirkby in Ashfield.

NHS Digital funded the promotion and teaching of how to download and use the NHS app across Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

We were Funded by Futures, Ashfield District Council and the Department of Levelling Up to design, promote and deliver Transform Your Future across Ashfield, working directly to assist community and voluntary groups work together to bid to help people target groups of into work, training and volunteering.

AVA has continued to deliver a variety of groups including LGBTQ+, Talking Tuesday, Grief and Loss, Chatty Crafters, Womens' Wellbeing Group, Men Chatting Together, Garden, Game and Chat Group without specific funding attached. In addition, we provide an outreach Willetts Court Tuesday's Together supported community engagement.

A member of staff was seconded to Enable to deliver training to September 2023 and then came back to deliver FLICK training in-house.

A large amount of work has been undertaken to locate Ukrainian Refugees who may require local support

- Ashfield Community Enterprise, registered as a Community Interest Company. It is now AVA's trading arm, a social enterprise supporting people to learn new skills. The kiosk located in the health and Wellbeing Centre generates an income and the profits are donated to AVA after the CIC's accounts are signed off. This was the second year of trading, and profits continue to grow. The woodworking has not as yet resumed since the previous lead passed away and an on-going recruitment drive to find a replacement continues, which alternative uses for the unit are being explored.

A special thanks to our funders during 2023-2024:

Ashfield District Council Community Support

NHSEI - Community Champions; Inequalities Funds; Public Patient Engagement Fund

Notts and Nottinghamshire (ICB);

Nottinghamshire Community Foundation

Notts County Council - Local Community Fund

Severn Trent

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Public benefit

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to offer a range of services to the people of Ashfield, linked to social engagement; health and well-being improvement; digital inclusion. Through partnership working we continue to support families who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis to provide humanitarian support and through the Ashfield and Mansfield Emergency Foodbank.

Our activities all contribute to improving individual well-being, developing community cohesion, and will lead to a more healthy and vibrant community where people love to live.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support the delivery of our projects and services during 2023-2024.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

During 23/24 there were three changes in senior management and also a change of Chair. There were also staff changes. By the end of 23/24 things were once again stable and Trustees continued to support the Charity during this time of significant change and Ava also welcomed a new Trustee, strengthening the diversity of skills on the Board. The income to the charity was less than in previous years, but through garnering support of Partner organisations and previous funders, the year-end provides a platform on which the Charity can now once again grow its income and we are grateful to all who have supported us during 23/24. We continue to represent the voluntary and community sector and AVA is a member of a variety of strategic partnerships including Mid Notts Place Based Partnership, South Notts Place Based Partnership, Discover Ashfield, Health and Wellbeing Partnership, Local Design Team, Make Notts Safe, Kirkby Towns Fund, Nottingham Trent University (Mansfield and Ashfield), Futures, Investing in Communities, Serious Mental Illness. We continue to adapt and change our work strategically to the evolving key priorities within the Local and County Authorities and NHS plans; and continue to support the NHS through their transformation plans to develop a people-centred service through an Integrated Care System with the voluntary sector as a joint partner. We have recruited and worked with 41 volunteers this year.

A key strand of work is AVA's commitment to develop skills and confidence of local people. The attendees of most of our Groups are not always the most confident when they arrive, and we thank the Social Prescribers in continuing to help identify those who would benefit most from appropriate activities. Along side this during 23/24 AVA is justly proud of supporting people from Coxmoor and other similar areas to volunteer then become employed with AVA, convert from apprenticeships to employees within AVA and also that it has given a part time employment role to a person from Coxmoor to complete their Masters with Nottingham Trent University. Not all roles are funded, and a commitment was made by Trustees to ensure that money was made available to support these posts and fully support its aim of education and the relief of poverty.

We have continued to be a key partner in the Notts Together Alliance with all five Nottinghamshire CVSs, plus Nottingham City CVS, RCAN and Community Accounting Plus, actively engaging to secure contracts and funds to support the Community within Nottinghamshire. Ashfield Voluntary Action also supports community and voluntary sector groups within the developments across the Mid Notts Place Based Partnership and the South Notts Place Based Partnership (PBP) areas. AVA has provided direct support and advice to groups, other charities and Voluntary Sector organisations in terms of establishing themselves, on-going support and also notifying when and how funding pots are available, making effective use of its website.

ACE developed the shop and refreshment kiosk in the Ashfield Health & Wellbeing Centre, Kirkby further over 23/24 and its clientele is growing, availing itself now of many regular customers. It undertook its first external event providing a selection of food and refreshments and this was well received. The CEO has been successful in garnering support for ACE and the soon to be opened new community venue adjacent to the kiosk, that ACE will supply refreshments to those using this facility.

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Financial review

Policy on reserves

Even though the financial year has been challenging, AVA has maintained its reserves including three months' running costs.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial risk

Our biggest financial risk is the level of funds required to maintain the above. Our future with the ICB still remains uncertain as funding opportunities are still only for 1 year, but much work has been undertaken to ensure that the ICB views AVA as a valued partner. The ICB has its own financial challenges which means decisions are delayed more than usual. Other funding pots have been bid into but the outcome was not known at the end of the year and monies due in were not paid in full until after the Year end. Whilst identifying funding is a risk, cash flow with continued delayed payments into AVA has been a focus for the CEO and Trustees undertaking close scrutiny of the finances in ensuring it has sufficient funds actually at their disposal when required. This has been very successfully achieved.

We need to continue to seek new funding contracts to be able to maintain programmes and find new funds to deliver new programmes when there is a lot of competition for funding. We spend a large proportion of development time chasing smaller pots of grant funding. Staff churn during the year has been an issue and recruitment has been challenging, but we are pleased to report we finished 23/24 with a growing, effective and positive team.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashfield Voluntary Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

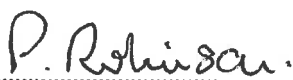
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

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

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25/09/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Peter Robinson
Trustee

Ashfield Voluntary Action

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

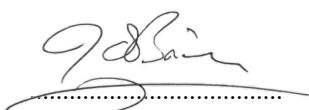
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 02/10/24

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	394	-	394	8,696
Charitable activities	3	51	138,179	138,230	232,370
Investment income	5	3,278	-	3,278	1,315
Other income	6	12,150	-	12,150	5,034
Total Income		<u>15,873</u>	<u>138,179</u>	<u>154,052</u>	<u>247,415</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>(197,704)</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>1,835</u>	<u>(45,487)</u>	<u>(43,652)</u>	<u>(11,099)</u>
Net movement in funds		1,835	(45,487)	(43,652)	(11,099)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>112,236</u>	<u>79,224</u>	<u>191,460</u>	<u>202,559</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>114,071</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>147,808</u>	<u>191,460</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	8,696	-	8,696
Charitable activities	3	54,818	177,552	232,370
Investment income	5	1,315	-	1,315
Other income	6	5,034	-	5,034
Total income		<u>69,863</u>	<u>177,552</u>	<u>247,415</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		24,127	(35,226)	(11,099)
Transfers between funds		<u>(4,534)</u>	<u>4,534</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		19,593	(30,692)	(11,099)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>92,643</u>	<u>109,916</u>	<u>202,559</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>112,236</u></u>	<u><u>79,224</u></u>	<u><u>191,460</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 04244661)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	52,611	22,711
Cash at bank and in hand	10	110,518	177,353
		163,129	200,064
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(15,321)	(8,604)
Net assets		147,808	191,460
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	17	33,737	79,224
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		114,071	112,236
Total funds	17	147,808	191,460

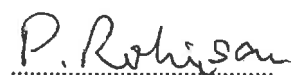
For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25/09/24 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter Robinson
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

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

Basis of preparation

Ashfield Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture & equipment	20% straight line
IT equipment	33% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	394	394	565
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	-	396
Grants from other charities	-	-	7,735
	<u>394</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>8,696</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants & donations	-	138,179	138,179	176,012
Sundry income	51	-	51	1,684
Contracts	-	-	-	54,600
Fundraising	-	-	-	74
	<u>51</u>	<u>138,179</u>	<u>138,230</u>	<u>232,370</u>

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Awards for All	-	9,990	9,990
Futures Advice	-	20,000	20,000
Sherwood Forest Hospitals	-	5,000	5,000
Ashfield District Council	-	7,500	7,500
Sundry grants & donations	394	30	424
Enable - Pathways Training & Kickstart	-	5,305	5,305
Rushcliffe CVS - Investing in Communities CDW	-	2,103	2,103
Severn Trent Water	-	20,000	20,000
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	4,980	4,980
Newark and Sherwood CVS - Investing in Communities PPE/HIIF	-	18,072	18,072
NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB	-	17,866	17,866
NCC Local Communities Fund	-	27,333	27,333
	<u>394</u>	<u>138,179</u>	<u>138,573</u>

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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>3,278</u>	<u>3,278</u>	<u>1,315</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from trading subsidiary	<u>12,150</u>	<u>12,150</u>	<u>5,034</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Wages, NI & pensions	16,608	134,452	151,060	182,557
Payroll service	1,716	450	2,166	2,125
Repairs & maintenance	1,251	7	1,258	430
Training & conference	1,405	-	1,405	2,319
Volunteer expenses	-	432	432	1,222
Rent & services	7,950	8,917	16,867	17,304
Insurance	1,014	-	1,014	616
Telephone & internet	2,493	-	2,493	1,841
Postage, printing & stationery	2,895	786	3,681	5,392
Registrations & subscriptions	55	-	55	360
Equipment, repairs & renewals	1,828	114	1,942	2,269
Staff expenses	67	78	145	534
Donations paid	-	-	-	17,400
Legal & professional	5,119	1,366	6,485	5,206
Sundry payments	243	-	243	-
Bank charges	60	-	60	74
Publicity and promotion	73	1,790	1,863	174
IT	4,066	1,025	5,091	15,040
Recruitment/HR	357	-	357	995
Utilities	11	-	11	8
Freelance	-	-	-	1,007
Internal management charges	(34,231)	34,231	-	-
Trustees' expenses	121	-	121	424
Grant repayment	-	-	-	773
Refreshments	378	18	396	444
Activities & events	559	-	559	-
	<u>14,038</u>	<u>183,666</u>	<u>197,704</u>	<u>258,514</u>

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8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	144,448	175,942
Social security costs	4,490	3,994
Pension costs	2,122	2,621
	<u>151,060</u>	<u>182,557</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Average number of employees	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

5 (2023 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,122 (2023 - £2,621).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £40,420 (2023 - £31,228).

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	40,175	13,241
Due from group undertakings	-	4,282
Prepayments	286	154
Other debtors	12,150	5,034
	<u>52,611</u>	<u>22,711</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	353	232
Cash at bank	110,165	177,121
	<u>110,518</u>	<u>177,353</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	13,959	7,374
Other creditors	1,362	1,230
	<u>15,321</u>	<u>8,604</u>

12 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination	1,135	1,025
Other financial services	2,560	1,928
	<u>3,695</u>	<u>2,953</u>

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	102,236	15,873	(14,038)	104,071
<i>Designated</i>				
Redundancy Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>112,236</u>	<u>15,873</u>	<u>(14,038)</u>	<u>114,071</u>
Restricted funds				
Ashfield Well Hub	7,408	-	(7,408)	-
Ashfield Community Support	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Inspiring Ashfield	15,292	30	(15,322)	-
Volunteering	-	27,333	(27,333)	-
Pathways	-	5,305	(5,305)	-
Health Inequalities	32,007	-	(32,007)	-
Boxing Club	4,545	-	(4,545)	-
Health & Wellbeing	19,972	22,866	(42,838)	-
Community Newsletter	-	9,990	(5,893)	4,097
Help for Ukraine	-	4,980	(340)	4,640
Investing in Communities	-	20,175	(20,175)	-
Futures	-	20,000	(10,000)	10,000
Severn Trent	-	20,000	(5,000)	15,000
Total restricted funds	<u>79,224</u>	<u>138,179</u>	<u>(183,666)</u>	<u>33,737</u>
Total funds	<u><u>191,460</u></u>	<u><u>154,052</u></u>	<u><u>(197,704)</u></u>	<u><u>147,808</u></u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Ashfield Living Well Hub – The Living Well Hub provides friendly and tailored support for people who are lonely or isolated. The service helps to build people's confidence and reduce feelings of isolation by providing support for everyone.

Inspiring Ashfield - establishment of a programme of social prescribing support activities to encourage people to re-engage with their community.

Ashfield Community Support- Support to voluntary and community groups and enterprise in the Ashfield area to ensure they have the correct governance and help to secure funds.

Volunteering- recruitment, administration and coordination of volunteers. Ensuring volunteers are DBS checked and trained. We also act as a broker for volunteers to other organisations, such as the vaccination programme.

Pathways - a programme to support volunteers and community members to upskill and progress towards employment. This is a partnership programme with Notts City Council and Enable. We deliver a series of training programmes either digitally through our Flick learning online programme; or face to face such as 'dementia friends'.

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Health Inequalities - this is a Place Based Partnership project with the Integrated Care System and ADC to reduce the health inequalities experienced by some of our communities. Our approach is to deliver community led programmes, which look to improve the wider influences on health, than medical factors alone. Our focus is on the Coxmoor estate in Kirkby and the Butlers Hill /Broomhill/estate in Hucknall.

Boxing Club - to support vulnerable people to gain self respect and learn how to look after themselves.

Health & Wellbeing - to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to change the NHSE delivery into community led services.

Community Newsletter - to inform other organisations and the public of events, updates and general information of interest.

Help for Ukraine - to help individuals and families.

Investing in Communities - to engage with particular communities to improve their health outcomes.

Futures - to design, promote and deliver Transform Your Future across Ashfield, working directly to assist community and voluntary groups work together to bid to help people target groups of into work, training and volunteering.

Severn Trent - towards rent, IT, accounts and other organisational costs.

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	85,643	69,863	(45,736)	(7,534)	102,236
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	7,000	-	-	3,000	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>92,643</u>	<u>69,863</u>	<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(4,534)</u>	<u>112,236</u>
Restricted					
Ashfield Well Hub	37,922	-	(30,514)	-	7,408
Step by Step	38,496	-	(38,496)	-	-
Mid Notts PPE contract	-	17,400	(17,400)	-	-
Inspiring Ashfield	14,261	6,059	(5,028)	-	15,292
Ashfield Community Support	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
Volunteering	4,172	28,873	(35,079)	2,034	-
Pathways	65	20,197	(20,262)	-	-
Health Inequalities	15,000	73,376	(56,369)	-	32,007
Boxing Club	-	6,675	(2,130)	-	4,545
Health & Wellbeing	-	17,472	-	2,500	19,972
Total restricted funds	<u>109,916</u>	<u>177,552</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>4,534</u>	<u>79,224</u>
Total funds	<u><u>202,559</u></u>	<u><u>247,415</u></u>	<u><u>(258,514)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>191,460</u></u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			2024
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	119,392	10,000	33,737	163,129
Current liabilities	(15,321)	-	-	(15,321)
Total net assets	<u>104,071</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>33,737</u>	<u>147,808</u>

	Unrestricted			2023
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	110,840	10,000	79,224	200,064
Current liabilities	(8,604)	-	-	(8,604)
Total net assets	<u>102,236</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>79,224</u>	<u>191,460</u>

19 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Total £
Dementia	-	754	(620)	134
Military Community Network Group	4,443	-	(4,443)	-
Various	188	148,977	(148,977)	188
Food Bank	1,683	-	-	1,683
Meristems	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Make a Space Ashfield	-	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>6,314</u>	<u>153,731</u>	<u>(156,040)</u>	<u>4,005</u>

Accounts

Company registration number: 04244661

Charity registration number: 1089635

Ashfield Voluntary Action

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Community Accounting Plus
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Ashfield Voluntary Action

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Dr Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair, until August 2023 Peter Robinson, Acting Chair, from August 2023 Philip Marshall Ken Bradshaw Jac Lemmen Serita Walker
Senior Management Team	Teresa Jackson, Chief Executive
Charity Registration Number	1089635
Company Registration Number	04244661
Registered Office	Ashfield Health And Well Being Centre Portland Street Kirkby-In-Ashfield Nottingham NG17 7AE
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

Ashfield Voluntary Action

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Dr Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair, until August 2023
	Peter Robinson, Acting Chair, from August 2023
	Philip Marshall
	Ken Bradshaw
	Jac Lemmen
	Serita Walker (appointed 28 September 2022)
	Patrizia Canova (resigned 30 November 2022)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 2 July 2001. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Potential trustees complete an application form and are invited for an interview with fellow trustees. Two references are required and an agreement to have a DBS check. If acceptable the new trustee is then invited to a Trustee meeting as an observer so they can see the procedures. Following this a vote is taken and if accepted they are placed on the Trustee register on the Charity Commission website.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

1. To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the local government district of Ashfield (the area of benefit) and, in particular, the advancement of education, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.
2. To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together in council representatives of the voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives, strategies and activities

Ashfield Voluntary Action provides projects and services for the benefit of people living in the Ashfield District of Nottinghamshire.

We continue to develop new working relationships with organisations across Nottinghamshire to enhance the projects and services we provide which are below:

- Infrastructure support providing governance and funding support to the local voluntary sector.
- Volunteer support programme: the recruitment and training of people interested in volunteering their time to provide support to the community across the Ashfield Area.
- A public and patient engagement programme on behalf of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group/ ICP.
- Support for the NHSE Transformation programme to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to change the NHSE delivery into community led services. The programmes involve the areas of Coxmoor in Kirkby and one on Butlers Hill / Broom Hill in Hucknall) in developing a local plan for community led health engagement programmes which will help to reduce the health inequalities of the people living on these estates.
- Living Well Hub - support for people over 60years- to reduce loneliness and improve their mental health & wellbeing and social inclusion through a variety of group activities.
- The Social Prescribing programme evolved into an Upscaling programme; working with Nottingham Trent University a massive review of the programme was undertaken with the intention of scaling up the programme across Mansfield and Newark & Sherwood.

This was a good example of Partnership working. We undertook community interviews to find out how people had engaged with the programme, and looked at what worked and what did not work. The aim being to secure funding for social prescribing activity across the Mid Notts area.

- In Touch, support for people to learn and improve digital skills, especially health related digital devices.
- Ashfield Community Enterprise, registered as a Community Interest Company. It is now AVA's trading arm, a social enterprise supporting people to learn new skills and produce items, from recycled wood; creative designs from textiles and the FAVA tea kiosk which generates an income to cover the costs of social prescribing that are not funded by grants.

A special thanks to our funders during 2022-2023:

Active Notts Partnership Trust

Age UK IAPT promotion funds

Arts and Heritage Research Grants Social Prescribing Funds

Ashfield District Council Community Support

Big Lottery Fund

Kick Start Funds

Margaret Gregory

NHSEI - Community Champions; Inequalities Funds; Public Patient Engagement Fund

Notts and Nottinghamshire (ICB);

Nottinghamshire Community Foundation

Notts County Council - Dementia Funds; Local Community Fund; Local Resilience Funds

Pathways -European Funds through Enable

Romo

Severn Trent Funds

The Jones Trust

The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund

Thomas Farr Trust

Western Power Generation

Wheatcroft Fund

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Trustees' Report

Public benefit

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to offer a range of services to the people of Ashfield, linked to social engagement; health and well-being improvement; digital inclusion. Through partnership working we continue to support families who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis to provide humanitarian support and through the Ashfield and Mansfield Emergency Foodbank.

Our activities all contribute to improving individual well-being, developing community cohesion, and will lead to a more healthy and vibrant community where people love to live.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support the delivery of our projects and services during 2022-2023.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees fully support a stable platform to enable our staff to deliver our existing and new work programmes. We have developed our support for the NHSE transformation plans by strategically aligning our work to key priorities within the Local and County Authorities and NHS plans; and continue to support the NHS through their transformation plans to develop a people-centred service through an Integrated Care System with the voluntary sector as a joint partner.

We have recruited and worked with 47 volunteers this year. We still deliver some aspects of humanitarian aid to our community supporting those adversely affected by Covid.

We have continued to strengthen the Notts Together Alliance with all five Nottinghamshire CVSs, plus Nottingham City CVS, RCAN and Community Accounting Plus, actively engaging to secure contracts and funds to support the Community within Nottinghamshire. The Alliance has developed a Compact with the County Council to provide core services and volunteer bureau services. Ashfield Voluntary Action also support community and voluntary sector groups within the developments across the Mid Notts Place Based Partnership and the South Notts Place Based Partnership (PBP) areas. A larger Alliance to work with other charities and Voluntary Sector organisations has also been developing over the year. The aim being to co-produce effective strategies to combat health inequalities impacting on our communities.

In April 2022 we established the Ashfield Centre for Enterprise (ACE) to create opportunities for people to acquire basic workshop skills and to provide community services. It was managed and developed by Len Allchorne who sadly passed away in May 2023 after a long illness. Initially centred at Stanton Hill, ACE has developed into a shop and refreshment kiosk in the Ashfield Health & Wellbeing Centre, Kirkby. Many thanks to Teresa Jackson our Chief Officer who retired at the end of the year in March, and Margaret Gregory our Chair, for their work in establishing ACE.

Deborah Hill became our new Chief Executive in November 2022.

Financial review

We continue to work with Community Accounting Plus who provide a monthly book-keeping service. They are also helping us to develop a finance reporting system which links to the performance of our projects. Our accounts are on Quick Books which provide transparent accountability.

We paid the staff a 10% pay rise at the beginning of the year, this was because there had not been a pay-rise for over 7 years and our pay rates were very low. Our finances still remain strong.

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Policy on reserves

Following a review last year, we now have a reserve of £10,000 to cover costs of possible future redundancies. We built up reserves to ensure we have three months operational costs, as a cushion against funding loss, giving time to secure further funds. The expected pay rise was not paid until July but was backdated to 1st April 2022. The staff were very appreciative of the efforts to improve our pay. Sadly, the cost-of-living crisis we have experienced this year has virtually wiped out the impact of the pay rise.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial risk

Our biggest financial risk is to maintain the level of funds we secured last year. Our future with the ICP still remains uncertain as funding opportunities are still only for 1 year and nothing has yet been agreed for next year. Local Authority funding is also drying up.

We need to continue to seek new funding contracts to be able to maintain programmes and find new funds to deliver new programmes when there is a lot of competition for funding. We spend a large proportion of development time chasing smaller pots of grant funding. Staff turnover and the difficulty in recruiting staff also proves an ongoing problem.

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Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashfield Voluntary Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Peter Robinson
Trustee

Ashfield Voluntary Action

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

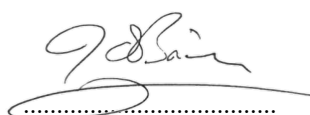
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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21 October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	8,696	-	8,696	22,768
Charitable activities	3	54,818	177,552	232,370	198,190
Investment income	5	1,315	-	1,315	37
Other income	6	5,034	-	5,034	-
Total Income		<u>69,863</u>	<u>177,552</u>	<u>247,415</u>	<u>220,995</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		24,127	(35,226)	(11,099)	9,615
Transfers between funds		<u>(4,534)</u>	<u>4,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		19,593	(30,692)	(11,099)	9,615
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>92,643</u>	<u>109,916</u>	<u>202,559</u>	<u>192,944</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>112,236</u></u>	<u><u>79,224</u></u>	<u><u>191,460</u></u>	<u><u>202,559</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	22,768	-	22,768
Charitable activities	3	5,679	192,511	198,190
Investment income	5	37	-	37
Total income		<u>28,484</u>	<u>192,511</u>	<u>220,995</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>(21,225)</u>	<u>(190,155)</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(21,225)</u>	<u>(190,155)</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>
Net income		7,259	2,356	9,615
Transfers between funds		<u>(2,177)</u>	<u>2,177</u>	-
Net movement in funds		5,082	4,533	9,615
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>87,561</u>	<u>105,383</u>	<u>192,944</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>92,643</u></u>	<u><u>109,916</u></u>	<u><u>202,559</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Ashfield Voluntary Action
(Registration number: 04244661)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	22,711	6,229
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>177,353</u>	<u>227,165</u>
		200,064	233,394
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(8,604)</u>	<u>(30,835)</u>
Net assets		<u>191,460</u>	<u>202,559</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	17	79,224	109,916
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>112,236</u>	<u>92,643</u>
Total funds	17	<u>191,460</u>	<u>202,559</u>

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

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Peter Robinson
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

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

Basis of preparation

Ashfield Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture & equipment	20% straight line
IT equipment	33% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	565	565	1,496
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	396	396	3,380
Grants from other charities	7,735	7,735	17,892
	<u>8,696</u>	<u>8,696</u>	<u>22,768</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants & donations	-	176,012	176,012	180,433
Fees	-	-	-	2,758
Sundry income	144	1,540	1,684	2,802
Contracts	54,600	-	54,600	7,840
Fundraising	74	-	74	4,357
	<u>54,818</u>	<u>177,552</u>	<u>232,370</u>	<u>198,190</u>

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Acorn Fund - NCF	-	3,180	3,180
Nottingham CVS - Mental Health Transformation	-	14,908	14,908
Nottingham City Council- Hospital release social care	396	-	396
Nottinghamshire County Council - Covid support events	-	1,400	1,400
Ashfield District Council - Community Support	-	7,500	7,500
Sundry grants & donations	565	59	624
Enable - Pathways Training & Kickstart	7,735	20,197	27,932
Romo Funds Nottinghamshire	-	5,296	5,296
Rushcliffe CVS - SN HWB Partnership Training	-	4,000	4,000
Severn Trent Water	-	1,000	1,000
The Thomas Farr Charity	-	5,000	5,000
Mansfield CVS - MN HWB Partnership Programme	-	48,564	48,564
Western Power Distribution - Winter Warmers	-	8,500	8,500
NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB - PPE contract	-	17,400	17,400
Wheatcroft	-	5,000	5,000
Notts Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	-	6,675	6,675
NCC Local Communities Fund	-	27,333	27,333
	<u>8,696</u>	<u>176,012</u>	<u>184,708</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,315	1,315	37

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from trading subsidiary	5,034	5,034	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Wages, NI & pensions	39,009	143,548	182,557	95,681
Payroll service	2,125	-	2,125	1,872
Repairs & maintenance	130	300	430	-
Training & conference	1,224	1,095	2,319	995
Volunteer expenses	13	1,209	1,222	2,205
Rent & services	11,308	5,996	17,304	29,642
Insurance	616	-	616	909
Telephone & internet	1,688	153	1,841	2,314
Postage, printing & stationery	2,392	3,000	5,392	3,135
Registrations & subscriptions	360	-	360	133
Equipment, repairs & renewals	378	1,891	2,269	4,250
Staff expenses	291	243	534	740
Donations paid	12,000	5,400	17,400	-
Legal & professional	4,464	742	5,206	10,013
Bank charges	74	-	74	97
Publicity and promotion	129	45	174	-
IT	7,040	8,000	15,040	11,089
Recruitment/HR	995	-	995	799
Utilities	8	-	8	889
Freelance	-	1,007	1,007	606
Secondment charge	-	-	-	43,260
Internal management charges	(39,314)	39,314	-	-
Trustees' expenses	424	-	424	366
Grant repayment	-	773	773	2,385
Refreshments	382	62	444	-
	<u>45,736</u>	<u>212,778</u>	<u>258,514</u>	<u>211,380</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	175,942	92,417
Social security costs	3,994	1,241
Pension costs	2,621	2,023
	<u>182,557</u>	<u>95,681</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Average number of employees	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>

5 (2022 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,621 (2022 - £2,023).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £31,228 (2022 - £19,108).

9 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	13,241	5,996
Due from group undertakings	4,282	-
Prepayments	154	233
Other debtors	5,034	-
	<u>22,711</u>	<u>6,229</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	232	1,529
Cash at bank	177,121	225,636
	<u>177,353</u>	<u>227,165</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	7,374	22,374
Other creditors	1,230	3,555
Accruals	-	556
Deferred income	-	4,350
	<u>8,604</u>	<u>30,835</u>

12 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination	1,025	975
Other financial services	1,928	2,555
	<u>2,953</u>	<u>3,530</u>

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Dr Margaret Frances Gregory

£336 (2022: £269) of travel expenses were reimbursed to Dr Margaret Frances Gregory during the year.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	85,643	69,863	(45,736)	(7,534)	102,236
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	7,000	-	-	3,000	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>92,643</u>	<u>69,863</u>	<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(4,534)</u>	<u>112,236</u>
Restricted funds					
Ashfield Well Hub	37,922	-	(30,514)	-	7,408
Step by Step	38,496	-	(38,496)	-	-
Mid Notts PPE contract	-	17,400	(17,400)	-	-
Inspiring Ashfield	14,261	6,059	(5,028)	-	15,292
Ashfield Community Support	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
Volunteering	4,172	28,873	(35,079)	2,034	-
Pathways	65	20,197	(20,262)	-	-
Health Inequalities	15,000	73,376	(56,369)	-	32,007
Boxing Club	-	6,675	(2,130)	-	4,545
Mental Health Transformation	-	17,472	-	2,500	19,972
Total restricted funds	<u>109,916</u>	<u>177,552</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>4,534</u>	<u>79,224</u>
Total funds	<u>202,559</u>	<u>247,415</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,460</u>

The transfer from the General fund to the Volunteering fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

The transfer from the General fund to the Mental Health Transformation fund represents an amount which should have been restricted in prior period.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Ashfield Living Well Hub – The Living Well Hub provides friendly and tailored support for people who are lonely or isolated. The service helps to build people's confidence and reduce feelings of isolation by providing support for everyone.

Step by Step - a 5-year project funded through the Big Lottery, Reaching Communities fund. The project provides peer support and a channel into a wide-range of activities for adults who would like to improve their mental health and wellbeing. The goal of the project is to reduce the isolation and exclusion of adults in Ashfield by providing activities in supportive and positive environments.

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Inspiring Ashfield - establishment of a programme of social prescribing support activities to encourage people to re-engage with their community.

Mid Notts PPE contract - Public and Patient Engagement programme to encourage feedback to the CCG on their medical interaction experience.

Ashfield Community Support- Support to voluntary and community groups and enterprise in the Ashfield area to ensure they have the correct governance and help to secure funds.

Volunteering- recruitment, administration and coordination of volunteers. Ensuring volunteers are DBS checked and trained. We also act as a broker for volunteers to other organisations, such as the vaccination programme.

Pathways - a programme to support volunteers and community members to upskill and progress towards employment. This is a partnership programme with Notts City Council and Enable. We deliver a series of training programmes either digitally through our Flick learning online programme; or face to face such as 'dementia friends'.

Health Inequalities - this is a Place Based Partnership project with the Integrated Care System and ADC to reduce the health inequalities experienced by some of our communities. Our approach is to deliver community led programmes, which look to improve the wider influences on health, than medical factors alone. Our focus is on the Coxmoor estate in Kirkby and the Butlers Hill /Broomhill/estate in Hucknall.

Boxing Club - to support vulnerable people to gain self respect and learn how to look after themselves.

Mental Health Transformation - to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to change the NHSE delivery into community led services.

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These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	80,561	28,484	(21,225)	(2,177)	85,643
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>87,561</u>	<u>28,484</u>	<u>(21,225)</u>	<u>(2,177)</u>	<u>92,643</u>
Restricted					
Ashfield Well Hub	18,123	42,891	(23,092)	-	37,922
Ashfield Community Enterprise	10,697	5,142	(18,016)	2,177	-
Step by Step	53,100	18,600	(33,204)	-	38,496
Ashfield Community Support	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Mid Notts PPE contract	-	20,400	(20,400)	-	-
Inspiring Ashfield	9,760	43,920	(39,419)	-	14,261
Covid 19 Response	3,199	540	(3,739)	-	-
Volunteering	10,504	11,812	(18,144)	-	4,172
Pathways	-	20,206	(20,141)	-	65
Health Inequalities	-	25,000	(10,000)	-	15,000
Total restricted funds	<u>105,383</u>	<u>192,511</u>	<u>(190,155)</u>	<u>2,177</u>	<u>109,916</u>
Total funds	<u>192,944</u>	<u>220,995</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,559</u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			2023
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	110,840	10,000	79,224	200,064
Current liabilities	(8,604)	-	-	(8,604)
Total net assets	<u>102,236</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>79,224</u>	<u>191,460</u>

	Unrestricted			2022
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	97,774	7,000	128,620	233,394
Current liabilities	(12,131)	-	(18,704)	(30,835)
Total net assets	<u>85,643</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>109,916</u>	<u>202,559</u>

19 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Total £
Military Community Network Group	4,443	-	(4,443)	-
Various	1	187	-	188
Food Bank	1,683	-	-	1,683
Meristems	-	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>6,127</u>	<u>2,187</u>	<u>(4,443)</u>	<u>3,871</u>

Accounts

Company registration number: 04244661

Charity registration number: 1089635

Ashfield Voluntary Action

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair Philip Marshall Ken Bradshaw Patrizia Canova Jac Lemmen Peter Robinson
Senior Management Team	Teresa Jackson, Manager
Charity Registration Number	1089635
Company Registration Number	04244661
Registered Office	Ashfield Health And Well Being Centre Portland Street Kirkby-In-Ashfield Nottingham NG17 7AE
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

Ashfield Voluntary Action

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair
	Philip Marshall
	Ken Bradshaw
	Patrizia Canova
	Jac Lemmen
	Peter Robinson

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 2 July 2001. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Potential Trustees complete an application form and are invited for an interview with fellow trustees. Two references are required and an agreement to have a DBS check. If acceptable the new Trustee is then invited to a Trustee meeting as an observer so they can see the procedures. Following this a vote is taken, if accepted they are placed on the Trustee register on the Charity Commission website.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the local government district of Ashfield (the area of benefit) and, in particular, the advancement of education, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together in council representatives of the voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives, strategies and activities

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to provide projects and services for the benefit of people living in the Ashfield District of Nottinghamshire.

We continue to develop new working relationships with organisations across Nottinghamshire to enhance the projects and services we provide, which are:

- Infrastructure support providing governance support to the local voluntary sector;
- Volunteer support programme: the recruitment and training of people interested in providing support to the community across the Ashfield Area;
- A public and patient engagement programme on behalf of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group/ ICP;
- Support for the NHSE Transformation programme into an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary change the NHSE delivery into community led services. This has involved a huge amount of work and a massive amount of planning meetings, including two NHSE-I programmes one on Coxmoor in Kirkby and one on Butlers Hill / Broom Hill in Hucknall, where we are attempting to develop community led engagement programmes which will help to reduce the health inequalities of the people living on these estates;
- Living Well Hub - support for people over 60 years- to improve their mental health & wellbeing and social inclusion through group activities;
- Step By Step match funded the Thriving Communities Inspiring Ashfield Social Prescribing programme organising a series of social inclusion activities for people with mental health difficulties and loneliness following the covid lockdowns, to improve their well-being and social inclusion. This included craft groups, various talking groups, garden group, arts, meditation and boxing;
- In Touch, support for people to learn and improve digital skills;
- Ashfield Community Enterprise, a fledgling social enterprise supporting people to learn new skills and produce articles from recycled wood; creative designs from textiles and the FAVA tea kiosk which generates an income to cover the costs of social prescribing that are not funded by grants.

A special thanks to our funders during 2021-2022:

Active Notts Partnership Trust;
Arts and Heritage Research Grants Social Prescribing Funds;
Ashfield District Council Community Support;
The National Lottery Community Fund;
Good Things Foundation- Census support;
Kick Start Funds DWP through Enable;
Margaret Gregory;
Notts and Nottinghamshire (ICB);
Notts County Council Dementia Funds;
Nottinghamshire County Council Local Resilience Funds;
Pathways - European Funds through Enable;
Sir George Earle Benevolent Fund;
The VCSE-EP;
The Jones Trust;
The Thomas Farr Charity.

Public benefit

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to offer a range of services to the people of Ashfield, linked to social engagement, health and well-being improvement, digital inclusion. Through partnership working we continue to support families who are struggling with humanitarian support and through the Ashfield and Mansfield Emergency Foodbank.

Our activities all contribute to improving individual well-being and also lead to a more healthy and vibrant community.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support the delivery of our projects and services.

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The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees have formed a united stable platform to enable our staff to deliver our existing and new work programmes. They are fully supportive of the work we do. We are making progress in supporting the NHSE transformation plans by strategically aligning our work to key priorities within the Local and County Authorities and NHS plans; and continue to support the NHS through their transformation plans to develop a people-centred service through an Integrated Care System with the voluntary sector as a joint partner.

We have recruited and worked with 38 new volunteers this year. Still delivering some aspects of Humanitarian aid to our community, even though lockdown is now officially over people are still reticent to fully engage in community life, especially those who had to shield for two years.

This year we have built on the Mid Notts Alliance we now have all five Notts CVSs since Bassetlaw CVS has joined the Alliance plus Nottingham City CVS, all working together to secure contracts and funds. The Notts Together Alliance has developed into a Compact with the County Council to provide core services and volunteer bureau services in order to support our progress towards the Integrated Care Programme. We are now tasked with supporting community and voluntary sector groups to provide support to the ICP.

Financial review

We continue to work with Community Accounting Plus to provide a monthly bookkeeping service. This is proving to be very successful and is saving money by not employing a staff member. Our accounts are on QuickBooks, they provide transparent accountability.

The money held over from Step by Step programme was used to provide a match to the social prescribing pilot 'Inspiring Ashfield'.

Policy on reserves

Our intention is to reserve £10,000 to cover costs of possible future redundancies. We built up reserves to ensure we have three months operational costs, as a cushion to funding loss, giving time to secure further funds. We have managed to hit our target and increase reserves to over £55,000 last year. Given the massive hike in the cost of living Trustees agreed to pay staff a 10% pay increase, as many were just above the minimum wage, and there had not been an increase in pay levels for at least 5 years. This took effect from 1st April 2022.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial risk

Our biggest financial risk is to maintain the level of funds we secured last year. Our future with the ICP still remains uncertain as funding opportunities are still only for 1 year and nothing has yet been agreed for next year. Local Authority funding is also drying up.

We need to continue to seek new funding contracts to be able to maintain programmes and find new funds to deliver new programmes. It is harder to secure funds with everyone chasing ever decreasing funding opportunities.

We spend a large proportion of development time chasing smaller pots of grant funding. Staff turnover and the difficulty in recruiting staff also proves an ongoing problem.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashfield Voluntary Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations. The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 28/09/22 and signed on its behalf by:


Margaret Frances Gregory
Trustee

Ashfield Voluntary Action

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


.....
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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14/10/22

Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	22,768	-	22,768	40,361
Charitable activities	3	5,679	192,511	198,190	179,740
Investment income	5	37	-	37	82
Total Income		28,484	192,511	220,995	220,183
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	(21,225)	(190,155)	(211,380)	(152,961)
Total Expenditure		(21,225)	(190,155)	(211,380)	(152,961)
Net income		7,259	2,356	9,615	67,222
Transfers between funds		(2,177)	2,177	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,082	4,533	9,615	67,222
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		87,561	105,383	192,944	125,722
Total funds carried forward	17	92,643	109,916	202,559	192,944

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 17.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	40,361	-	40,361
Charitable activities	3	6,053	173,687	179,740
Investment income	5	82	-	82
Total income		46,496	173,687	220,183
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	(4,328)	(148,633)	(152,961)
Total expenditure		(4,328)	(148,633)	(152,961)
Net income		42,168	25,054	67,222
Transfers between funds		(16,327)	16,327	-
Net movement in funds		25,841	41,381	67,222
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		61,720	64,002	125,722
Total funds carried forward	17	87,561	105,383	192,944

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 04244661)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	6,229	1,004
Cash at bank and in hand	10	227,165	211,872
		233,394	212,876
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(30,835)	(19,932)
Net assets		202,559	192,944
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	17	109,916	105,383
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		92,643	87,561
Total funds	17	202,559	192,944

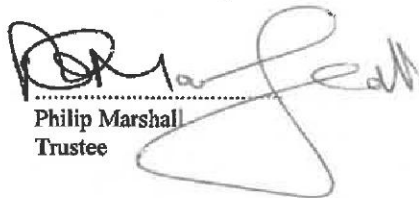
For the financial year ending 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 28.9.22 and signed on their behalf by:


Philip Marshall
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

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

Basis of preparation

Ashfield Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture & equipment	20% straight line
IT equipment	33% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	1,496	1,496	29,436
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	3,380	3,380	4,557
Grants from other charities	17,892	17,892	6,368
	<u>22,768</u>	<u>22,768</u>	<u>40,361</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants & donations	-	180,433	180,433	173,071
Fees	2,758	-	2,758	1,442
Sundry income	2,802	-	2,802	2,725
Contracts	-	7,840	7,840	1,857
Fundraising	119	4,238	4,357	645
	<u>5,679</u>	<u>192,511</u>	<u>198,190</u>	<u>179,740</u>

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	17,423	17,423
Active Partners Trust	-	540	540
Arts Council	-	43,920	43,920
Nottinghamshire County Council	1,250	22,513	23,763
Ashfield District Council	-	6,495	6,495
Sundry grants & donations	1,496	5,264	6,760
Enable	16,391	21,766	38,157
Nottinghamshire Together	2,038	10,312	12,350
Sir George Earl Benevolent Fund	-	2,800	2,800
HMRC JRS	93	-	93
Newark and Sherwood CVS	-	3,000	3,000
Mansfield CVS	-	2,500	2,500
NAVCA	1,500	-	1,500
NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCG	-	43,900	43,900
	<u>22,768</u>	<u>180,433</u>	<u>203,201</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>82</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Wages, NI & pensions	1,076	94,605	95,681	98,272
Payroll service	1,047	825	1,872	1,979
Training & conference	95	900	995	768
Volunteer expenses	29	2,176	2,205	1,030
Rent & services	10,745	18,897	29,642	16,929
Insurance	634	275	909	532
Telephone & internet	1,933	381	2,314	2,438
Postage, printing & stationery	3,116	19	3,135	2,790
Publications & subscriptions	133	-	133	263
Equipment, repairs & renewals	2,202	2,048	4,250	5,857
Staff expenses	358	382	740	1,172
Legal & professional	5,360	4,653	10,013	4,159
Depreciation	-	-	-	922
Bank charges	97	-	97	70
Publicity and promotion	-	-	-	100
IT	5,101	5,988	11,089	5,095
Recruitment/HR	799	-	799	-
Utilities	16	873	889	847
Freelance	-	606	606	2,500
Secondment charge	-	43,260	43,260	7,238
Internal management charges	(11,882)	11,882	-	-
Trustees' expenses	366	-	366	-
Grant repayment	-	2,385	2,385	-
	<u>21,225</u>	<u>190,155</u>	<u>211,380</u>	<u>152,961</u>

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>922</u>

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8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	92,417	92,903
Social security costs	1,241	1,691
Pension costs	2,023	2,818
Compensation payments	-	860
	<u>95,681</u>	<u>98,272</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Average number of employees	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

5 (2021 - 3) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,023 (2021 - £2,818).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £19,108 (2021 - £18,476).

9 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	5,996	833
Prepayments	233	171
	<u>6,229</u>	<u>1,004</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash on hand	1,529	959
Cash at bank	225,636	210,913
	<u>227,165</u>	<u>211,872</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	22,374	6,631
Other creditors	3,555	13,301
Accruals	556	-
Deferred income	4,350	-
	<u>30,835</u>	<u>19,932</u>

12 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination	975	950
Other financial services	2,555	1,430
	<u>3,530</u>	<u>2,380</u>

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Margaret Frances Gregory

£269 (2021: £242) of travel expenses were reimbursed to Margaret Frances Gregory during the year.

Peter Robinson

£Nil (2021: £20) of travel expenses were reimbursed to Peter Robinson during the year.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	80,561	28,484	(21,225)	(2,177)	85,643
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Total unrestricted funds	87,561	28,484	(21,225)	(2,177)	92,643
Restricted funds					
Ashfield Well Hub	18,123	42,891	(23,092)	-	37,922
Ashfield Community Enterprise	10,697	5,142	(18,016)	2,177	-
Step by Step	53,100	18,600	(33,204)	-	38,496
Ashfield Community Support	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Mid Notts PPE contract	-	20,400	(20,400)	-	-
Inspiring Ashfield	9,760	43,920	(39,419)	-	14,261
Covid 19 Response	3,199	540	(3,739)	-	-
Volunteering	10,504	11,812	(18,144)	-	4,172
Pathways	-	20,206	(20,141)	-	65
Health Inequalities	-	25,000	(10,000)	-	15,000
Total restricted funds	105,383	192,511	(190,155)	2,177	109,916
Total funds	192,944	220,995	(211,380)	-	202,559

The transfer from the General fund to the Ashfield Community Enterprise fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Ashfield Living Well Hub – The Living Well Hub provides friendly and tailored support for people who are lonely or isolated. The service helps to build people's confidence and reduce feelings of isolation by providing support for everyone.

Step by Step - a 5-year project funded through the Big Lottery, Reaching Communities fund. The project provides peer support and a channel into a wide-range of activities for adults who would like to improve their mental health and wellbeing. The goal of the project is to reduce the isolation and exclusion of adults in Ashfield by providing activities in supportive and positive environments.

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Covid 19 response - Funds secured from various grants and donations for the purpose of providing humanitarian aid to the people of Ashfield. Shopping, collection of pharmaceuticals, meals for those who couldn't cook, food bank access, check and chat phone calls, information dissemination, digital access, help response, book and jigsaw library.

Inspiring Ashfield - establishment of a programme of social prescribing support activities to encourage people to re-engage with their community.

Mid Notts PPE contract - Public and Patient Engagement programme to encourage feedback to the CCG on their medical interaction experience.

Ashfield Community Enterprise- volunteer-led social enterprise that makes items from refurbished wood and is sold in the community. The project also teaches woodwork skills.

Ashfield Community Support- Support to voluntary and community groups and enterprise in the Ashfield area to ensure they have the correct governance and help to secure funds.

Volunteering- recruitment, administration and coordination of volunteers. Ensuring volunteers are DBS checked and trained. We also act as a broker for volunteers to other organisations, such as the vaccination programme.

Pathways - a programme to support volunteers and community members to upskill and progress towards employment. This is a partnership programme with Notts City Council and Enable. We deliver a series of training programmes either digitally through our Flick learning online programme; or face to face such as 'dementia friends'.

Health Inequalities - this is a Place Based Partnership project with the Integrated Care System and ADC to reduce the health inequalities experienced by some of our communities. Our approach is to deliver community led programmes, which look to improve the wider influences on health, than medical factors alone. Our focus is on the Coxmoor estate in Kirkby and the Butlers Hill /Broomhill/estate in Hucknall.

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These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	54,720	46,496	(4,328)	(16,327)	80,561
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Total unrestricted funds	61,720	46,496	(4,328)	(16,327)	87,561
Restricted					
Ashfield Well Hub	21,250	23,616	(26,743)	-	18,123
CVS Alliance	4,232	-	(4,232)	-	-
Social Prescribing	7,778	-	(7,778)	-	-
Ashfield Community Enterprise	-	16,124	(5,427)	-	10,697
Step by Step	30,742	67,777	(45,419)	-	53,100
Mid Notts PPE contract	-	30,577	(30,577)	-	-
Inspiring Ashfield	-	-	-	9,760	9,760
Covid 19 Response	-	27,656	(24,457)	-	3,199
Ashfield Community Support	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Volunteering	-	3,937	-	6,567	10,504
Total restricted funds	64,002	173,687	(148,633)	16,327	105,383
Total funds	125,722	220,183	(152,961)	-	192,944

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2022
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	104,774	128,620	233,394
Current liabilities	<u>(12,131)</u>	<u>(18,704)</u>	<u>(30,835)</u>
Total net assets	<u>92,643</u>	<u>109,916</u>	<u>202,559</u>

	Unrestricted		2021
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	100,853	112,023	212,876
Current liabilities	<u>(13,292)</u>	<u>(6,640)</u>	<u>(19,932)</u>
Total net assets	<u>87,561</u>	<u>105,383</u>	<u>192,944</u>

19 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Total £
Ashfield Community Enterprise	(156)	156	-	-
Military Community Network Group	4,399	5,481	(5,437)	4,443
Bumps Babies and Beyond	100	-	(100)	-
Food Bank	1,250	433	-	1,683
NHS CCG	<u>-</u>	<u>152,600</u>	<u>(152,599)</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>5,593</u>	<u>158,670</u>	<u>(158,136)</u>	<u>6,127</u>

Accounts

Company registration number: 04244661

Charity registration number: 1089635

Ashfield Voluntary Action

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Community Accounting Plus
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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair Philip Marshall Ken Bradshaw Patrizia Canova Jac Lemmen Peter Robinson
Senior Management Team	Teresa Jackson, Manager
Principal Office	Ashfield Health And Well Being Centre Portland Street Kirkby-In-Ashfield Nottingham NG17 7AE
Company Registration Number	04244661
Charity Registration Number	1089635
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

Ashfield Voluntary Action

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees

Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair

Philip Marshall

Ken Bradshaw (appointed 24 May 2020)

Patrizia Canova

Jac Lemmen

Peter Robinson

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 2 July 2001. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Potential trustees complete an application form and an interview. Two references are required and an agreement to have a DBS check. If acceptable, the new Trustee is then invited to a Trustee meeting as an observer so they can see the procedure. Following this a vote is taken and if accepted, they are placed on the Trustee register on the Charity Commission website.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the local government district of Ashfield (the area of benefit) and, in particular, the advancement of education, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together in council representatives of the voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives, strategies and activities

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to provide projects and services for the benefit of people living in the Ashfield District of Nottinghamshire.

We continue to develop new working relationships with organisations across Nottinghamshire to enhance the projects and services we provide, which are:

- Infrastructure support providing governance support to the local voluntary sector.
- Volunteer support programme: the recruitment and training of people interested in providing support to the community across the Ashfield Area.
- A public and patient engagement programme on behalf of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group/ ICP.
- Living Well Hub - support for people over 60years- to improve their mental health & well-being and social inclusion through group activities.
- Step By Step support for people with mental health difficulties, to improve their well-being and social inclusion. This included craft groups, various talking groups, garden group.
- In Touch, support for people to learn and improve digital skills.
- Ashfield Community Enterprise, a fledgling social enterprise supporting people with learning difficulties and mental health difficulties, to learn new skills and produce articles from refurbished wood which provides an income to cover the groups costs.

We are now focussing on restructuring the organisation in line with transformation programmes which will impact on our work programmes, so applying our attention to fundraising.

A special thanks to our current funders:

The Big Lottery Fund;
Mid Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (ICP);
Nottinghamshire County Council Local Resilience Funds;
NET Funds;
CAF Bank Foundation;
Ashfield District Council Community Support;
Ashfield District Council Business Award;
Margaret Gregory;
The Jones Trust;
Thomas Farr Trust;
Bright Idea Fund;
Notts Get Connected Trust;
Active Partnership Trust;
People's Postcode Lottery.

Public benefit

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to offer a range of services to the people of Ashfield, linked to social engagement; health and well being improvement; digital inclusion. Through partnership working we contribute to the delivery of family support through the Ashfield and Mansfield Emergency Foodbank. These activities all contribute to improving individual well-being and also lead to a more healthy and vibrant community.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support the delivery of our projects and services.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Achievements and performance

The Trustees have formed a united stable platform of support to the staff during the delivery of humanitarian aid throughout the Covid pandemic and lockdown. All our Trustees are fully engaged in the work we do. We are now able to make progress in re-establishing Ashfield Voluntary Action as an Infrastructure Support Organisation, providing vital support to the community and voluntary groups across Ashfield.

We have strategically aligned our work to key priorities within the Local and County Authorities and NHS strategic plans; and continue to support the NHS through their transformation plans to develop a people-centred service through an Integrated Care Programme with the voluntary sector as a joint partner in the development, which will go live in April 2022.

We have recruited and worked with 40 new volunteers this year. Helping AVA to deliver Humanitarian aid to our community.

Building on the Mid Notts Alliance with the Clinical Commissioning Group we now have five Notts CVSs included in the Alliance, to help secure contracts and funds. The NottsTogether Programme has developed into a Compact with the County Council as we progress towards the Integrated Care Programme. We are now tasked with supporting community groups to be able to provide support to the ICP.

Financial review

We continue to work with Community Accounting Plus to provide a monthly book keeping service. This is proving to be very successful and is saving money by not employing a staff member. Our accounts are on QuickBooks, they provide transparent accountability.

As we were unable to deliver many of the project activities, we have held this money over until the next financial year, when we will be able to deliver programmes activity. We are able to run the Step by Step programme for an additional year as we could not deliver it in 2020-2021.

Policy on reserves

Our intention is to keep £7,000 to cover costs of possible redundancies. We built up reserves to ensure we have three months operational costs, as a cushion to funding loss, giving time to secure further funds. We have managed to produce reserves of £25,000 this year. The reserves are now above the target of £50,000. This proved vital as at the beginning of this year we had lost contract funding, but our reserves meant we could bid for other available funding opportunities to secure our financial position and maintain staffing levels.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial risk

Our biggest financial risk is to maintain the level of funds we secured last year. Our future with the ICP still remains uncertain as we rapidly progress towards the Integrated Care Service in April 2022.

We need to continue to seek new funding contracts to be able to maintain programmes and find new funds to deliver new programmes. It is harder to secure funds with everyone chasing ever decreasing funding opportunities.

Continued reductions in statutory funds have reduced our ability to deliver community programmes. We spend a large proportion of development time chasing smaller pots of grant funding. Staff turnover and the difficulty in recruiting staff proves an ongoing problem.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashfield Voluntary Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Margaret Frances Gregory
Trustee

Ashfield Voluntary Action

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	40,361	-	40,361	9,422
Charitable activities	3	6,053	173,687	179,740	168,419
Investment income	5	82	-	82	180
Total Income		<u>46,496</u>	<u>173,687</u>	<u>220,183</u>	<u>178,021</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	<u>(4,328)</u>	<u>(148,633)</u>	<u>(152,961)</u>	<u>(141,522)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(4,328)</u>	<u>(148,633)</u>	<u>(152,961)</u>	<u>(141,522)</u>
Net income		42,168	25,054	67,222	36,499
Transfers between funds		<u>(16,327)</u>	<u>16,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		25,841	41,381	67,222	36,499
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>61,720</u>	<u>64,002</u>	<u>125,722</u>	<u>89,223</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>87,561</u>	<u>105,383</u>	<u>192,944</u>	<u>125,722</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 17.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	9,422	-	9,422
Charitable activities	3	840	167,579	168,419
Investment income	5	180	-	180
Total income		<u>10,442</u>	<u>167,579</u>	<u>178,021</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	<u>(41,232)</u>	<u>(100,290)</u>	<u>(141,522)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(41,232)</u>	<u>(100,290)</u>	<u>(141,522)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(30,790)	67,289	36,499
Transfers between funds		<u>34,900</u>	<u>(34,900)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		4,110	32,389	36,499
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>57,610</u>	<u>31,613</u>	<u>89,223</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>61,720</u></u>	<u><u>64,002</u></u>	<u><u>125,722</u></u>

Ashfield Voluntary Action
(Registration number: 04244661)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	-	922
Current assets			
Debtors	13	1,004	-
Cash at bank and in hand	14	211,872	145,254
		212,876	145,254
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(19,932)	(20,454)
Net current assets		192,944	124,800
Net assets		192,944	125,722
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	17	105,383	64,002
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		87,561	61,720
Total funds	17	192,944	125,722

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

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 7 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

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Philip Marshall
Trustee

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1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Ashfield Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture & equipment	20% straight line
IT equipment	33% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2021	2020
		£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	29,436	29,436	5,542
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	4,557	4,557	3,880
Grants from other charities	6,368	6,368	-
	<u>40,361</u>	<u>40,361</u>	<u>9,422</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General £	£	£	£
Grants & donations	-	173,071	173,071	167,579
Fees	1,442	-	1,442	702
Sundry income	2,725	-	2,725	138
Contracts	1,857	-	1,857	-
Fundraising	29	616	645	-
	<u>6,053</u>	<u>173,687</u>	<u>179,740</u>	<u>168,419</u>

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	-	67,777	67,777
Active Partners Trust	-	5,656	5,656
Charities Aid Foundation	28,345	-	28,345
Nottinghamshire County Council	-	15,104	15,104
Ashfield District Council	3,500	4,000	7,500
Sundry donations	1,091	4,136	5,227
Enable	3,368	-	3,368
Get Nottinghamshire Connected	-	5,000	5,000
Groundwork UK	-	14,988	14,988
HMRC JRS	1,057	-	1,057
Nottinghamshire Community Foundation - NET	-	10,000	10,000
Mansfield CVS	-	833	833
NAVCA	3,000	-	3,000
NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCG	-	30,577	30,577
People's Postcode Trust	-	15,000	15,000
	<u>40,361</u>	<u>173,071</u>	<u>213,432</u>

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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General £	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	82	82	180

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General £	£	£	£
Wages NI & pensions	14,792	83,480	98,272	102,955
Payroll service	271	1,708	1,979	2,101
Travel & subsistence	431	741	1,172	2,002
Training & conference	-	768	768	50
Volunteer expenses	-	1,030	1,030	3,250
Rent & services	8,618	8,311	16,929	16,034
Insurance	532	-	532	533
Telephone & internet	1,885	553	2,438	1,715
Postage, printing & stationery	1,260	1,530	2,790	4,548
Publications & subscriptions	120	143	263	155
Equipment, repairs & renewals	3,724	2,133	5,857	285
Legal & professional	3,833	326	4,159	2,640
Depreciation	922	-	922	922
Bank charges	70	-	70	60
Publicity and promotion	-	100	100	405
IT	816	4,279	5,095	3,860
Utilities	8	839	847	7
Freelance	-	2,500	2,500	-
Secondment charge	3,368	3,870	7,238	-
Internal management charges	(36,322)	36,322	-	-
	4,328	148,633	152,961	141,522

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	922	922

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8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Margaret Frances Gregory

£242 (2020: £261) of travel expenses were reimbursed to Margaret Frances Gregory during the year.

Peter Robinson

£20 (2020: £Nil) of travel expenses were reimbursed to Peter Robinson during the year.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination	950	950
Other financial services	1,430	1,115
	<u>2,380</u>	<u>2,065</u>

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	92,903	97,842
Social security costs	1,691	3,324
Pension costs	2,818	1,789
Compensation payments	860	-
	<u>98,272</u>	<u>102,955</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Average number of employees	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

3 (2020 - 3) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,818 (2020 - £1,789).

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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £18,476 (2020 - £18,671).

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	5,389	6,322	11,711
At 31 March 2021	5,389	6,322	11,711
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	4,467	6,322	10,789
Charge for the year	922	-	922
At 31 March 2021	5,389	6,322	11,711
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	-	-	-
At 31 March 2020	922	-	922

13 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	833	-
Prepayments	171	-
	<u>1,004</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash on hand	959	621
Cash at bank	210,913	144,633
	<u>211,872</u>	<u>145,254</u>

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	6,631	19,314
Other creditors	13,301	1,140
	<u>19,932</u>	<u>20,454</u>

16 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	54,720	46,496	(4,328)	(16,327)	80,561
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>61,720</u>	<u>46,496</u>	<u>(4,328)</u>	<u>(16,327)</u>	<u>87,561</u>
Restricted funds					
Ashfield Well Hub	21,250	23,616	(26,743)	-	18,123
CVS Alliance	4,232	-	(4,232)	-	-
Social Prescribing	7,778	-	(7,778)	-	-
Step by Step	30,742	67,777	(45,419)	-	53,100
Ashfield Community Enterprise	-	16,124	(5,427)	-	10,697
Mid Notts PPE contract	-	30,577	(30,577)	-	-
Inspiring Ashfield	-	-	-	9,760	9,760
Covid 19 Response	-	27,656	(24,457)	-	3,199
Ashfield Community Support	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Volunteering	-	3,937	-	6,567	10,504
Total restricted funds	<u>64,002</u>	<u>173,687</u>	<u>(148,633)</u>	<u>16,327</u>	<u>105,383</u>
Total funds	<u>125,722</u>	<u>220,183</u>	<u>(152,961)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>192,944</u>

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The transfer from the General fund to the Volunteering fund represents funds which should have been allocated in prior period.

The transfer from the General fund to the Inspiring Ashfield fund represents requirement for 20% match fund. Grant is awarded in the next financial period.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Ashfield Living Well Hub – The Living Well Hub provides friendly and tailored support for people who are lonely or isolated. The service helps to build people's confidence and reduce feelings of isolation by providing support for everyone.

CVS Alliance – Ashfield Voluntary Action and the Mid Nottinghamshire CVS's work together closely to deliver services across the Districts. This allows a consistency of approach, whilst taking into consideration the unique characteristics of each area. The alliance is growing in strength and this has enabled us to access funding in a highly competitive and funding environment.

Social Prescribing – Funded by the CCG, AVA supported the new Social Prescribing Link Workers to find groups and support the groups to prepare for the referral of people who were in need of socially inclusive activities.

Step by Step - a 5-year project funded through the Big Lottery, Reaching Communities fund. The project provides peer support and a channel into a wide-range of activities for adults who would like to improve their mental health and wellbeing. The goal of the project is to reduce the isolation and exclusion of adults in Ashfield by providing activities in supportive and positive environments.

Covid 19 response - Funds secured from various grants and donations for the purpose of providing humanitarian aid to the people of Ashfield. Shopping, collection of pharmaceuticals, meals for those who couldn't cook, food bank access, check and chat phone calls, information dissemination, digital access, help response, book and jigsaw library.

Inspiring Ashfield - establishment of a programme of social prescribing support activities to encourage people to re-engage with their community.

Mid Notts PPE contract - Public and Patient Engagement programme to encourage feedback to the CCG on their medical interaction experience.

Ashfield Community Enterprise- volunteer-led social enterprise that makes items from refurbished wood and is sold in the community. The project also teaches woodwork skills.

Ashfield Community Support- Support to voluntary and community groups and enterprise in the Ashfield area to ensure they have the correct governance and help to secure funds.

Volunteering- recruitment, administration and coordination of volunteers. Ensuring volunteers are DBS checked and trained. We also act as a broker for volunteers to other organisations, such as the vaccination programme.

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These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	50,610	10,442	(41,232)	34,900	54,720
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>57,610</u>	<u>10,442</u>	<u>(41,232)</u>	<u>34,900</u>	<u>61,720</u>
Restricted funds					
Ashfield Well Hub	-	4,977	-	16,273	21,250
Health & Wellbeing Officer	-	41,633	(27,009)	(14,624)	-
CVS Alliance	-	5,672	(1,440)	-	4,232
Social Prescribing	-	11,667	(3,889)	-	7,778
Step by Step	23,129	61,630	(44,601)	(9,416)	30,742
Life Styles	-	38,000	(11,727)	(26,273)	-
Ashfield Community Support	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Radiotherapy car scheme	4,627	-	(2,148)	(2,479)	-
Access & Beyond	3,857	-	(5,476)	1,619	-
Total restricted funds	<u>31,613</u>	<u>167,579</u>	<u>(100,290)</u>	<u>(34,900)</u>	<u>64,002</u>
Total funds	<u>89,223</u>	<u>178,021</u>	<u>(141,522)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,722</u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds
	General £	£	£
Current assets	100,853	112,023	212,876
Current liabilities	(13,292)	(6,640)	(19,932)
Total net assets	<u>87,561</u>	<u>105,383</u>	<u>192,944</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total funds
	General £	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	922	-	922
Current assets	81,252	64,002	145,254
Current liabilities	(20,454)	-	(20,454)
Total net assets	<u>61,720</u>	<u>64,002</u>	<u>125,722</u>

19 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

20 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Total £
Ashfield Community Enterprise	802	-	(958)	(156)
Military Community Network Group	-	7,164	(2,765)	4,399
Bumps Babies and Beyond	-	100	-	100
Food Bank	-	1,250	-	1,250
	<u>802</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>(3,723)</u>	<u>5,593</u>