



**Eastwood
People's
Initiative**

Annual Report

2022



EASTWOOD PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year 2022

Charity's principal address

36 Scargill Walk, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3AY

Governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution dated 1981, amended 1995, 2001, 2002, and January 2022

Objectives of Eastwood People's Initiative

The charity's objectives are for the relief of poverty, sickness and distress amongst the unemployed, those with low incomes, homeless and with a drugs dependency in Eastwood and surrounding area. To advance the education and promote the benefit of local people.

Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Name of Trustee	Position held
Jaki Bailey	Committee member
Sophia Barlow	Committee member
John Booth	Treasurer
Christine Cheetham	Secretary
Cllr Tony Harper	Committee member
Graham Johnson	Committee member
Ellie Leatherland	Chairperson
Anne Marriott	Committee member
Cllr Milan Radulovic MBE	Committee member - Broxtowe BC
Bryan Schofield	Committee member
David Stephens	Committee member
Adrian Walker	Committee member

Review of developments, activities and achievements

Although open to all members of our community the project is now focusing on support for those seeking work and training, personal support and advice for those on a low income and the development of creative community projects.

Responsibilities of trustees

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not needed for this year under section 432(2) of the Charities Act 1993, but an independent examination will be required.

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Registered Charity No 1092555

Our aims

Provide a place of refuge
Assist and enable people with job searches
Signpost to appropriate agencies
Support and advocacy for benefit claimants
Encourage participation in community and projects

Our activities

Multifunctional drop-in centre
Self-help philosophy
Help, support and signposting
Supervision with IT and job searches
Free internet, phone and coffee bar
Quiet room and a listening ear
Arts and crafts
Provide a place of refuge
Courses

How we do it

Proactive Equal Opportunities policy to make us accessible to more people
A 'one stop shop' makes people want to stay and use the facilities
Safeguarding confidentiality and providing a listening environment
User-run and free from bureaucracy
A professional attitude fosters trust and cooperation
Sharing and openness are fundamental to our philosophy

Chair's report

It's difficult to know where to start with this year's report. For a relatively small charity we have certainly raised our profile in the community! With the recruitment of volunteers and potential trustees, support from local businesses, individuals and organisations, and new initiatives and fundraising, we have been extremely busy.

Kerrin's advice, outreach and volunteering report describes this in more detail. I am so proud of the teamwork we have in place as it provides the framework for our future development.

The community pantry has been a big success as has the Winter warmers initiative, all down to our amazing volunteers.

I am immensely grateful to all of you for the support you have given me this year during my health issues which have meant I have not been as active as I would have liked. You have all been wonderful.

Ellie

Advice, Outreach and Volunteering

Demand for our services has increased every year. Over the past 12 months, possibly as a response to the current financial climate.

Volunteers

Increased demand for our services has contributed to us increasing our volunteer intake. We now have an extra volunteer to assist the advice team (Jules) and a volunteer in charge of the pantry (Sarah), along with the volunteers providing our usual services.

Outreach

Our two Outreach volunteers (Jaki and Bryan) are making far more runs to collect donations from various locations.

We have also increased our Outreach services to include classes from Inspire learning and a community allotment (many thanks to Andrew L for this)

Once a week, on Wednesdays, we have free hot food for any member of the community in need (thanks again to Andrew).

Advice

We now have a three person advice team to deal with the increased demand:

Kerrin (team leader): forms, debts, letters, benefit and grant claims

Dylan (advice worker): online claims, accessing online forms, debt

Jules (volunteer): accessing online information and claims.

Kerrin

Financial Report

As you can see, we have managed to remain solvent again this year! The attached income and expenditure statement is what is required for the Charity Commission and does not tell you the whole story.

We are currently searching for grants so we can develop our work in line with current demand. The community has been consulted and lots of ideas have been put forward but new funding is essential.

However, thanks to Kerrin, we have been able to successfully apply for appropriate sources of grant aid etc so that we can now expand our services. For example we are able to pay for sessional workers for the advice team and purchase equipment through £8820 Lottery Community Fund.

Some of the grants were obtained were actually for Durban House Volunteers hub. We acted as an umbrella organisation while they were awaiting Charity status and could open their own bank account - we plan to be involved when it opens 🙌 so will still benefit. These have now been transferred eg NCC Social Recovery Fund £5755 for projects such as Men in Sheds.

We continue to be supported financially by Broxtowe Borough Council (£2,500 for rent and insurance), local businesses and people.

A big thank you to Georgina and Harvey at Pells Accountants who have prepared the statement free of charge and who will help us with some training in the future. Thanks also to Dylan who was indispensable during the preparation of the books.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR TO 5 APRIL 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	£
Grants	28,075	12,500
Donations	2,043	220
Room Hire		99
Interest		1,284
	<u>30,118</u>	<u>14,103</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Rent	1,750	1,750
Electricity	505	345
Water	129	164
Telephone and Internet	839	597
Insurance	490	432
Equipment and Furnishing	420	442
Office Equipment	1,720	2,371
Professional Fees	-	60
Job Club/Support	10,980	5,720
Kitchen/Housekeeping	106	402
Donations	-	600
Other	146	564
Training	800	-
Bank Charges	22	-
Activities	493	-
	<u>18,399</u>	<u>13,447</u>
<u>CASH AT BANK</u>		
Balances at 6 April 2021	782	
Income	31,318	
Expenditure	<u>(20,012)</u>	
Balances at 5 April 2022	<u>12,088</u>	

Report of the Independent Examiner

We have checked the receipts and payments for the year to 5 April 2022. Supporting documents are available for all material income and expenses or supported by verbal confirmation from the Trustees.

Pellis Chartered Accountants