

Report and Financial Statements

NORTHERN STAR --- COMMUNITY ARTS



Year Ended 31 March 2021

Registered Company in England No. 04403293
Registered Charity No. 1097090

Chelmsley Wood Baptist Church
Hedingham Grove
Chelmsley Wood B37 7TP



Chairs Report

2020-2021 saw many of the usual challenges for Northern Star Community Arts where we have encountered periods of financial uncertainty, further restrictions due to the ongoing pandemic and shift in the purposes of the charity as a result of these factors.

Restricted funding is always spent according to funders' specifications but with a continual drive to get the balance between not being all about finance, and the focus on our community and the people we support and work with, the work carried out during this period demonstrates our ability to respond to community and social needs, and to be able to provide support for members of the community – and a high portion of the 2020-2021 financial year has involved some diverting of funds (where possible), working on pandemic related projects (with pandemic ringfenced grants) and working continually with our partners (in particular Three Trees) to respond to the daily, weekly and monthly needs of the community whilst working within the restrictions and specifications of funders.

Northern Star's reputation and good work has already secured some funding for a significant shift in the financial stability and coupled with the pandemic fallout has forced a re-evaluation of some continuing groups and projects, and how we can move forward with those in the short and long term future with some brand new projects and opportunities for further development.

We have taken the opportunity to use the changing patterns forced upon us in the way we work for reassessment, consider the role of our charity in our ever changing community and to really stop and look forward to greater things to come.

I and the board of Trustees would like to convey my thanks to Northern Star staff who continually and without questions go above and beyond the call of duty and show real commitment to our community. I am confident that we will continue to work successfully in our community as we have since 2002 and look forward to exciting times ahead for a community that needs us.



Kris Chase-Byrne
Chairperson

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Directors and Trustees:-

Emma Chidler

Kelvin McArdle

Catherine McNicholl

Robert Nicholas Parker

Maxine Williams

Treasurer:-

Ashleigh Houghton

Chairperson:-

Kris Chase-Byrne

Registered Office & operational address :-

The Baptist Church Centre

Hedingham Grove

Chelmsley Wood

Solihull

B37 7TP

Principal Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC

Castle Bromwich

Birmingham

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The Directors and Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

The Northern Star Community Arts Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The Directors of the charitable company ('the charity') are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and within this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Potential new trustees are identified in accordance with the developing service and business needs of the Charity, usually on the recommendation of the working groups that advise the Board from time to time. Final appointment follows a period of probationary/observing attendance at board meetings.

Statement of Directors Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the surplus or deficit for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

On behalf of the Board



Chairperson Kris Chase-Byrne

Date: 26.11.2021

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Northern Star Community Arts

I report on the Accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Signed:



Trevor Prickett

Address: Hallcroft Way, Knowle, Solihull

Date: 22-11-2021

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		-	-
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		39,924	14,285
Debtors			
		39,924	14,285
Creditors: amounts falling due Within one year			
Net Current Assets			
Net Assets		39,924	14,285
Represented By			
Unrestricted funds	1	11,302	3,422
Restricted funds	1	28,622	10,863
Total funds		39,924	14,285

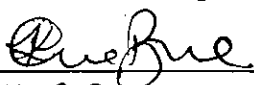
The Directors are satisfied that the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i) Ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective from April 2008).

Approved by the Board and signed on their behalf

Chairperson 
Date 26.11.2021

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Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Accounts) for the period ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Income					
Donations & Grants (incl. Debtors)	1	26,787	58,656	85,443	65,726
Total incoming resources		26,787	58,656	85,443	65,726
Resources expended					
Staff Costs	2	17,318	30,512	47,830	44,855
Management Costs		361	83	444	240
Premises		252	1,156	1,408	1,756
Staff /Volunteers Expenses			78	78	1,240
Professional fees					
Materials/Artists		92		92	531
General Costs		173	3,481	3,654	404
Sessional and Freelance Staff			4,101	4,101	4,420
Events		350	176	526	
Publicity/Information			64	64	66
Insurance		361	200	561	561
Equipment			1,046	1,046	1,008
Misc.					
Total Resources expended		18,907	40,897	59,804	55,081
Net movement in funds		7,881	17,978	25,640	10,645
Total Funds at 1 April 2020		3,422	10,863	14,285	<u>14,285</u>
Total Funds at 31 March 2021		<u>11,302</u>	<u>28,622</u>	<u>39,924</u>	

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2007), the Companies Act 2006 and follow the recommendations in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* issued in March 2005.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Depreciation is to be applied to major Capital Expenditure, such as Property purchased & not to items funded for Specific Projects.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support cost.

A Pension Scheme is operated for staff.

The charity is exempt from Corporation tax.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Movement in Funds:-

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2021
General Fund	£3,422	£26,787	£18,907	£11,302
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2021
Awakening Project Awards For All	£6151	Nil	£3,215	£2936
Busy Hands – Cars Area Together	£244	Nil	£244	Nil
Children & Young People Clubs	£172	Nil	Nil	£172
Cameron Grant Trust		£1,000		£1,000
Community Well Project (Three Trees)		£27,000	£14,182	£12,818
Cook-it Gateway Services	£451	Nil	Nil	£451
Dramaniacs Children In Need	£ 56	£9821	£4,429	£5,448
Mini-Dramanics Digby Trust	£105	£2250	Nil	£2,355
PopInDropIn Grimett Trust		£1,000	£87	£913
PopInDropIn Event Heart of England		£321	£321	Nil
Mental Health Support Donations	£48			£48

Music-oligy/Story-oligy	£14		£14	Nil
Steps to the Real Me	£3,000	£15,264	£15,837	£2,427
Reaching Communities <i>(The Big Lottery)</i>				
Severn Trent		£2,000	£2,000	Nil
Stitch & Knit Group	£54	Nil	Nil	£54
Whitestuff	£568	Nil	£568	Nil
Totals	£10,863	£58,656	£40,897	£28,622

2. Staff costs

£47,830

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

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There are no employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000 throughout the year.

None of the Directors received any emoluments during the year.