



Report and Financial Statements

Northern Star Community Arts

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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

Chelmsley Wood Baptist Church
Heddingham Grove
Chelmsley Wood B37 7TP



Chairs Report

Securing funding is never easy, and this year brought its share of challenges. Yet, it has also been a year of growth and purpose, as we shifted our focus to stand alongside some of the most marginalised groups in our community.

This work is not always simple, but it is deeply meaningful—and it reflects our commitment to equity, dignity, and inclusion. We are profoundly grateful for the vision and support of our Board of Trustees, whose leadership has been instrumental in guiding this transition. With their encouragement, and the steadfast generosity of our wider community, we look to the future with hope.

Together, we are building pathways for change and ensuring that those who are often overlooked have the opportunities, support, and voice they deserve. Looking ahead, we're excited to explore even more new opportunities, strengthen our relationships, and serve even more people in the coming year.

Our commitment to the 3 Beans Kitchen, which has had our full support is already bearing fruit. More than just a café, it has become a place where people gain meaningful employment, build new skills, and find a sense of belonging. Its success shows the power of investing in people and creating opportunities that can transform lives, as well as being a friendly, hub that cooks good honest affordable food for the local community.

The continued societal changes and challenges we all face are a continuous guiding light for the direction of our work, funding and support we give the community. We are proud of our ability to adapt our ways to follow this light and will continue to do so beyond our hugely successful 23 years.



Kris Chase-Byrne
Chairperson

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Directors and Trustees:-

Emma Chidler

Amy Firkin (appointed November 2024)

Kelvin McArdle

Catherine McNicholl

Robert Nicholas Parker

Maxine Williams (resigned November 2024)

Treasurer:-

Ashleigh Houghton

Chairperson:-

Kris Chase-Byrne

Registered Office & operational address :-

The Baptist Church Centre

Hedingham Grove

Chelmsley Wood

Solihull

B37 7TP

Principal Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC

Victoria

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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 2025

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

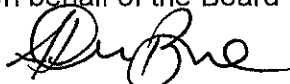
Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the surplus or deficit for that period.

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



Kris Chase-Byrne
Chairperson

Date: 17.11.25

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 2025

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.

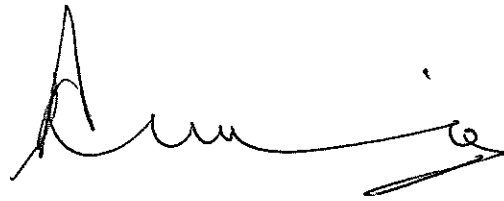
Independent examiner's statement

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Prickett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trevor Prickett

Address: Hallcroft Way, Knowle. Solihull

Date: 17.11.25

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2025	2024
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		-	-
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		5,034	86
Debtors		13,500	
		18,534	86
Creditors: amounts falling due			
Within one year			
Net Current Assets			
Net Assets		18,534	86
Represented By			
Unrestricted funds	1	14,214	(1,904)
Restricted funds	1	4,320	1,990
Total funds		18,534	86

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 Kris Chase-Byrne

Date _____

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Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Accounts) for the period ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Income					
Donations & Grants	1	39,445	46,613	86,058	57,112
(incl Debtors)					
Total incoming resources		39,445	46,613	86,058	57,112

Resources expended

Staff Costs	2	23,145	29,008	52,153	47,784
Management			70	70	
Premises			2,517	2,517	2,212
Staff /Volunteers Expenses		110	301	411	168
Professional fees		34	428	462	412
Materials/Artists			5,277	5,277	
General Costs		26	548	574	453
Hospitality-		12	1,003	1,015	
Sessional and Freelance Staff					4,407
Events			588	588	135
Publicity/Information			424	424	557

Insurance		662	662	615
Equipment		457	457	1,172
Misc.		3,000	3,000	
3 Beans Cafe.				<u>10,090</u>
Total Resources expended	23,327	44,283	67,610	68,005
Net movement in funds	16,118	2,330	18,534	(10,893)
Total Funds at 1 April 2024	(1,904)	1,990		<u>86</u>
Tfr from Restricted				
Total Funds at 31 March 2025	<u>14,214</u>	<u>4320</u>	<u>18,534</u>	

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

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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1. Movement in Funds:-

<u>Unrestricted Fun</u>	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2025
General Fun	(£143)	£12,445	£7,085	£5,217
Community Well	(£1,761)	£27,000	£16,242	£8,997
TOTAL	(£1,904)	£39,445	£23,327	£14,214

<u>Restricted Funds</u>	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2025
Joseph Henry Collins Charity		£750	£597	£153
Grimett Trust		£1,200	£980	£220
Joseph Hopkins Trust	£430		£430	Nil
Heart of England Winter Support		£4,035	£4,035	Nil
Heart of Englanf Inclusive Communities Fund		£30,340	£30,340	Nil
The Big Lottery, Reaching Communities Steps to the Real Me	£1560	£6288	£7,901	(£53)
Grantham Yorke Trust		£4,000		£4,000
Totals	£1,990	£46,613	£44,283	£4,320

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2. Staff costs	£52,153
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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.
