

THE LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1099801

Details

Other names	LANCASTER PARTNERSHIP LIMITED, LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03879963
Registered	2003-10-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF LANCHESTER AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM BY: (1) PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS; (2) PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH SAID INHABITANTS AS ARE IN NEED OF SUCH SERVICES BECAUSE OF AGE, SICKNESS, OR DISABILITY (MENTAL OR PHYSICAL), OR POVERTY, OR BECAUSE OF LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE AND SAFE PUBLIC SERVICES; (3) (A) PROMOTING HIGH STANDARDS OF PLANNING, ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN IN OR AFFECTING THE PARISH; (B) ADVANCING EDUCATION BY RAISING THEIR AWARENESS OF THE GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE PARISH; (C) SECURING THE PRESERVATION PROTECTION CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE PARISH. (4) ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF THE COMMUNITY CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE

Activities: For the benefit of the inhabitants of Lanchester Parish and its neighbourhood in County Durham, with the aims of contributing to the well-being of the community and enhancing the lives of the inhabitants of the area, particularly those in need of assistance by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social or economic circumstances.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF LANCHESTER AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£13,309	£19,266	-	-
2024-03-31	£7,838	£17,098	-	-
2023-03-31	£35,436	£25,863	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,041	£19,284	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,059	£27,140	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Henry Edwards	Chair	2016-06-12
Dr David Smith		2012-11-23
Helen McCree		2023-07-01
Katharine Edwards		2016-06-11
Katherine Elizabeth Marshall-Ivens		2019-06-08
Paul Jackson		2022-07-16

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- Environment Group
- Community Orchard Group
- Monitoring Development Group
- Friends of Longovicium
- Welcoming Lanchester Group (currently inactive)
- Village vita (Social Activities Group)

Organisation of Funding

There are restricted funds for:

- Lanchester Village Bus Link
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- Community Orchard Group
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- Small Projects
- Covid 19

There is also an unrestricted Core Fund.

During 2023-4, and at the point of the scheduled change of banking arrangements, we will review the structure of working groups and organisation of funding to ensure that they fully reflect the current organisation of the charity's activities.

Trustees and Governance

Trustees are responsible for the management of the charity and are as named in the previous section. Annually, an independent examiner inspects the accounts. At each Annual General Meeting ('AGM') up to one third of the trustees resign by rotation. New trustees (who may have been nominated by members or by trustees) are elected at the AGM, at which all members present have a vote. Before the AGM each year the trustees review the overall balance

of experience and skills represented on the Trustee Board, and if it is thought desirable make nominations aimed at improving some aspect of these.

Most recent appointments have followed such review and nominations by trustees. We continue to seek individuals with appropriate skills, knowledge and commitment to the charity.

This year we intend to renominate both existing Trustees (Laura Bell and Paul Jackson) who will resign by rotation (these remain very active in the operation of the charity) and, following the resignation of three trustees (Michell Atkinson, Sarah Grady and Lesley Anderson) we aim to appoint or co-opt at least one new trustee with suitable skills (see AGM agenda).

Banking Arrangement

At the 2022 AGM, the Environment Group requested that trustees and members consider reviewing banking arrangements to secure the services of a bank which operates within the highest possible standards of environmental and ethical investment practice. A new account has now been opened with the Co-operative bank. *Following the 2023 AGM, all our funding will be transferred into the new account and the old account with Barclays Bank will be closed.*

Insurance

The partnership holds an appropriate level of public liability insurance and other cover to insure all the risks resulting from activities undertaken by its trustees, projects and groups. The level of cover is reviewed annually and in the light of any additional risks posed by new or large activities which need to be drawn to the attention of the insurer.

Reserves Policy

We aim to have reserves:

1. In our **unrestricted/core fund** approximately equal to one year's expenditure on core funding.
2. In the **Village Link Bus restricted fund** equal to one year's expenditure on the bus.

Other Policies

The partnership holds and updates policies necessary for its operation. Trustees and working groups undertake familiarisation and training as required. Policies include: - Risk Management, GDPR, Health & Safety and Safeguarding. *Trustees are consolidating these into a Partnership "Aide Memoire" and this work will be complete by the AGM in 2024.*

Activities, Awards and Achievements

Covid restrictions were lifted in England on 31st March 2022. Since then, the partnership has continued to open up and extend its activities.

Notable achievements during the year have included:

1. A public health award was achieved by Luke Stone of Stanley Travel (our driver), for his extraordinary efforts maintaining and personalising the Village Link Bus service during Covid, to undertake errands on behalf of regular users.
2. We were a key partner in helping to fund, organise and deliver the Big Jubilee Picnic held in the EP school June 2022 attended by over 500 residents. This was an excellent example of partnership working across the village.
3. In response to a challenging financial environment (resulting from rising fuel and other costs) associated with the Village Link Bus contract, we

organised a significant funding effort to facilitate the continuation of service which included:

- i. Coffee mornings
 - ii. Donations from the churches
 - iii. Donations from local businesses
 - iv. Contributions from generous individuals
 - v. A successful race night held at Crinnions
4. A progressive opening up of activities was characterised by regular face to face meetings of working groups (Orchard and Friends of Longovicium) and the trustees. There was a successful resumption of social activities including the Paradiso Club and the Family Fun Run.
 5. On behalf of Lanchester and Burnhope, we coordinated a successful funding application to mid Durham AAP and CDCF for Warm Spaces and jointly delivered five warm spaces to help isolated residents through the cold winter. Our partnership of Warm Spaces was recently commended in the AAP annual report.

Finances for the Year Past

Overall Financial Position (Bank Balances)

	Apr 2021 – Mar 2022	Apr 2022 – Mar
	2023	
	(previous year)	
Opening balance	£20,436	£12,192
Closing balance	£12,191	£21,766*
Total receipts	£11,041	£34,893
Total expenditure	£19,284	£25,320
Receipts minus expenditure	-£8,244	+£9,574

Note on Bank Balances:

1. There has been significantly greater financial activity in this first full post-Covid year
2. Receipts substantially outweighed expenditure.
3. * The carry forward of £21,766* includes £2,925 of unallocated Warm Spaces Funding.

Core Funding / Unrestricted Funds

	Apr 2021 – Mar 2022	Apr 2022 – Mar
	2023	
	(previous year)	
Opening balance	£1,089	£760
Closing balance	£760	£3,893*
Total receipts	£1,418	£8,252
Total expenditure	£1,748	£5,120
Receipts minus expenditure	-£329	+£3,132

Note: * includes £2925 unallocated Warm Spaces funding - £600 of which will be retained in core for admin and £2,235 to be allocated to partners by Sept 2023. With this adjustment the core balance would be £1,658 which represents around one year of administrative costs.

Village Link Bus Funding

	Apr 2021 – Mar 2022	Apr 2022 – Mar
	2023	
	(previous year)	
Opening balance	£10,855	£6,765
Closing balance	£6,765	£14,630

Total receipts	£7,731	£20,611
Total expenditure	£11,821	£12,748
Income minus expenditure	-£4,090	+£7,863

Note: the actions taken by Trustees have secured a year's reserve within the restricted fund for the bus – although at a diminished level of service.

Fixed assets

The partnership also has several fixed assets including orchard trees (Orchard Group), and equipment for running public events such as the Fun Run (Village Vita). These assets depreciate and a replacement/replenishment policy is operated by groups through their own restricted funds. In addition, these assets are named within the insurance policy operated by the partnership.

Finance and Activity Reports for Working Groups (Restricted Funds)

Working with Young People

(opening balance £417.84, closing balance £270.66, expenditure £147.18)

There were no recorded activities for this group - although some funds were allocated to partnership insurance costs.

Village Bus

(opening balance £6,765.18, closing balance £14,627.96, expenditure £12,750)

A significant AAP grant of £11,000 was received at the very start of the financial year. Following the dramatic escalation in fuel and energy costs from summer 2022, the bus contractor (Stanley Travel) indicated the need to increase its price which, assuming the continuation of the same level of service, would soon deplete the bus reserve. It became clear that, in the absence of additional further fund raising, the reserve policy was inoperable.

Action was taken in two areas:

1. When the price rise became operable (in January 2023) the service was reduced to from five days to three days. The cost of the revised service was reviewed with the support of Durham County Council and established to be good value for money.
2. A successful local funding campaign was initiated. At the time of writing the reserves in the bus account equal 14 months of the operation costs. During the coming year Trustees will:
 - i. Review the effect of the service reduction and bring forward any changes to the service model which improve quality and responsiveness within a responsible financial framework
 - ii. Redouble efforts to gain external grant funding in order that the service is sustainable.

Paradiso Club (Village Vita)

(opening balance £481.05, closing balance £325.81, expenditure £639.24)

The club has successfully reopened and continues to be supported by the subscriptions of members. Numbers are increasing with the support of additional volunteers who assist with the operation. There is a need going

forward, to ensure that the model remains economically viable, and a review of fees and fixed costs has been initiated.

Friends of Longovicium

(opening balance £597.92, closing balance £651.74, expenditure £355.18)

The group is funded through membership fees and donations from members (some of which have been significant in the past and have funded significant academic studies and investigations). The group is thriving with an increased membership and diverse programme of activities.

***Small Projects**

(opening balance £636.81, closing balance £489.63, expenditure £147.18)

There was no activity in this fund, although some funds were allocated to partnership insurance costs. The fund remains accessible for small projects suggested by members and approved by trustees.

Village Vita

(opening balance £1,039.30, closing balance £285.32, expenditure £1,185.48)

The Fun Run resumed in September 2021, making use of the funds which had been retained through the lockdown period. A further event was held in September 2022, although numbers attending were fewer than in previous years. The organisers feel the need to increase the length of the planning period in order to raise further funds and to enlarge the event. Therefore, there will be no event in summer 2023 and the ambition is to host a larger event in summer 2024. This has the potential to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the partnership.

Environment

(opening balance £177.12, closing balance £103.53, expenditure £73.59)

Funding for this group is on an ad hoc basis according to the events which are organised.

***Welcoming Lanchester (closing balance £258.40)**

(opening balance £258.40, closing balance £258.40, expenditure £0.00)

There was no activity in this fund and the first stage of the project is now deemed to be complete. However, there will be a further need to embed and sustain the good practice identified in the wider community. We will retain the fund to support potential activities which support this work.

***Covid 19**

(opening balance £112.74, closing balance £112.74, expenditure £0.00)

In the current year there have been no receipts or grants and remaining funding was run down through the provision of Christmas Hampers at Christmas 2021. There are no current plans to resume operations.

Orchard Group

(opening balance £945.86, closing balance £747.84, expenditure £1,209.87)

The group is funded by the contributions of members and normally operates with a healthy balance of around £800. Membership is very stable, and meetings are well attended. During the year, the group adopted a five-year plan in order to secure the medium/long term vision for the orchard space.

***Warm Spaces**

This group was initiated in response to a late call in September 2022 for partnership-based applications to AAP/CDCF for funding to support this national initiative. The Lanchester Partnership successfully coordinated and managed applications for £6,000 (£5000 AAP and £1000 CDCF) funding for the implementation of five Warm Spaces in Lanchester and Burnhope to be spent by March 31st, 2023. This funding was administered through the Core Fund. At the end of the accounting period a total of £3,075 had been allocated. An extension period has been negotiated with the funders. The balance (£2,925) will be allocated to partners before Sept 2023 minus a management/administration fee which will be retained within the core / un-restricted fund.

*Note

Welcoming Lanchester, Covid 19 and Warm Spaces

These three restricted funds have in common, the partnership objective to support residents at times when they experience particular challenges. As part of a review in 2022-4, trustees will consider consolidating these activities into a single fund and working group renamed "Community Support"

Coordination and Partnership Working

As our charitable name implies, The Lanchester Partnership often works in partnership with the Parish and County Councils and other authorities and organisations. We talk with our local MP and county councilors. Members have attended formal meetings of partner organisations. In the past this has included Lanchester Parish Council, Mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP), Lanchester Community Association, PACT (Police and Community Together) NHS Healthwatch and the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester and the Lanchester Medical Centre Patients' Participation Group. There are no formal links, but informal links are carefully maintained. Informally, our individual members are also members of many other organisations.

Review of Major Risks

The Charity is a small organisation, carrying out small projects and handling relatively small amounts of money. The trustees consider that it is not exposed to any risks that are significant in magnitude or likelihood.

Moreover:

- it has public liability insurance
- before carrying out any activity with foreseeable risk it does what it can to minimize that risk, carrying out suitable risk assessments, writing health and safety plans and carefully considering safeguarding issues
- every three months accounts are reviewed by the Trustees
- every year the annual accounts are approved by the Trustees and are independently examined.

Declaration

I declare in my capacity as Chairman of the Trustees that:

- the Trustees have approved the report above, and
- they have authorised me to sign on their behalf

H. Edwards
June 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Edwards', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right below the name.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NOTES

Financial Year 2022-23

Ending 31 March 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Previous year's figures italicised for comparison.

Current year's figures in bold

Negative numbers shown as brackets ()

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022 - 2023	Total 2021- 2022
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources		6,200	18,012	24,212	<i>7,054</i>
Income from activities in furtherance of charitable objectives	1	1,510	9,172	10,682	<i>3,987</i>
Internal transfer - Jubilee to Core		542		542	
Investment Income				0	<i>0</i>
Total Incoming Resources		8,252	27,184	35,436	<i>11,041</i>
Charitable Expenditure					
Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objects				0	<i>0</i>
Expenditure on activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects	2	3,075	19,097	22,172	<i>17,537</i>
Internal transfer - Jubilee to Core			542	542	
Management and administration expenditure	3	2,045	1,104	3,149	<i>1,747</i>
		5,120	20,743	25,863	<i>19,284</i>
Funds carried forward					
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources	4	3,132	6,441	9,573	<i>(8,243)</i>
Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year 2022-23	4	3,132	6,441	9,573	<i>(8,243)</i>
Total funds brought forward into this financial year		760	11,432	12,192	<i>20,435</i>
Total funds carried forward into next financial year		3,892	17,873	21,765	<i>12,192</i>

Balance Sheet

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 - 2023 £	Total 2021- 2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	80	4,800	4,880	<i>5,550</i>
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		3,893	17,874	21,767	<i>12,191</i>
Prepayments and accrued income					
		3,973	22,674	26,647	<i>17,741</i>
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	-	11,625	11,625	<i>13,356</i>
NET ASSETS		3,973	11,049	15,022	<i>4,385</i>
INCOME FUNDS		3,973	11,049	15,022	<i>4,385</i>

Notes to the Financial Statements and Balance Sheet

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1 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022 - 2023	Total 2021 - 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	6,200	18,012	24,212	22,274
Activities Incomes	1,510	9,172	10,682	6,474
Total Incoming Resources	7,710	27,184	34,894	28,748

2 Major Grants Awarded / Donations Received

Source	Date	Fund	Amount £
DCC Grant, XXXX755	29/04/2022	Restricted	11,000
M. Loy, Village bus	02/05/2022	Restricted	250
H. Heron, Jubilee	06/05/2022	Restricted	200
Comp. Gen. Ltd., Jubilee	26/05/2022	Restricted	450
Lanchester Parish Council	26/05/2022	Restricted	500
DCC Jubilee grant, XXXX054	10/06/2022	Restricted	999
DCC Community Funding	21/11/2022	Restricted	1,000
DCC Community Funding	21/11/2022	Restricted	2,500
DCC Grant XXXX688	09/01/2023	Unrestricted	5,000
DCC Grant Warm Spaces	10/01/2023	Unrestricted	1,000
Steam Ahead	20/03/2023	Unrestricted	200
S. Ingham, Village bus donation	27/03/2023	Restricted	340
Lanchester Community Donation, Orchard	29/03/2023	Restricted	200
Total			23,639

3 Analysis of Resources Expended

Expenditure on activities in furtherance of the Charity's objectives	Total 2022-	<i>Total 2021-</i>
	23	22
	£	£
Working with young people	147	1,025
Lanchester Link Bus - see also note 6	12748	11,821
Paradiso Social Club	639	139
Friends of Longovicium	355	292
Small Projects	147	139
Jubilee Event	4237	0
Village Vita	1185	2,623
Environment	74	84
Welcoming	0	0
Covid-19	0	723
Community Orchard	1210	691
	20741	17,537

4 Management and Administration

	Total 2022-	<i>Total 2021-</i>
	23	22
Expenses	£	£
Printing	564	988
General Expenses	446	128
Community Centre	227	84
Zoom meetings	0	166
Website renewal and Domain name	345	360
British Legion Wreath		
Insurance	368	1098
Independent Examiner's fee	75	
Lottery Licence	20	20
Total	2045	317

5 Insurance

Insurance cost is divided as shown below:

	£
Core	367.96
Working with Young People	147.18
Paradiso Club	73.59
Friends of Longovicium	147.18
Small Projects	147.18
Village Vita	220.78
Environment	73.59
Orchard	294.37
Total	1471.83

6 Movement on restricted funds

	Working with young people	Lanchester Link Bus	Paradiso Club	Friends of Longoviciu m	Small Projects	Jubilee	Village Vita	Environment	Welcoming	Covid-19	Orchard	Total restricted funds
Incoming Resources	0	20,611	484	409	0	4,237	432	0	0	0	1,012	27,185
Expenditure	147	12,748	639	355	147	4,237	1,185	74	0	0	1,210	20,742
Net Movement	(147)	7,863	(155)	54	(147)	0	(753)	(74)	0	0	(198)	6,443
Opening Balance	418	6,765	481	598	637	0	1,039	177	258	113	946	11,432
Closing Balance	271	14,628	326	652	490	0	286	103	258	113	748	17,875
Amounts falling due within 1 year		11,625										
Available Balance	271	3,003	326	652	490	0	286	103	258	113	748	6,250

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

Trees, Original value £6000, depreciation 10% annually	4,800
Gazebo, Original value £280, depreciation 25% annually	80
Total	

8 Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	£
Village Bus, new contract agreed	11,625.00

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During 2023-4, and at the point of the scheduled change of banking arrangements, we will review the structure of working groups and organisation of funding to ensure that they fully reflect the current organisation of the charity's activities.

Trustees and Governance

Trustees are responsible for the management of the charity and are as named in the previous section. Annually, an independent examiner inspects the accounts. At each Annual General Meeting ('AGM') up to one third of the trustees resign by rotation. New trustees (who may have been nominated by members or by trustees) are elected at the AGM, at which all members present have a vote. Before the AGM each year the trustees review the overall balance

of experience and skills represented on the Trustee Board, and if it is thought desirable make nominations aimed at improving some aspect of these.

Most recent appointments have followed such review and nominations by trustees. We continue to seek individuals with appropriate skills, knowledge and commitment to the charity.

This year we intend to renominate both existing Trustees (Laura Bell and Paul Jackson) who will resign by rotation (these remain very active in the operation of the charity) and, following the resignation of three trustees (Michell Atkinson, Sarah Grady and Lesley Anderson) we aim to appoint or co-opt at least one new trustee with suitable skills (see AGM agenda).

Banking Arrangement

At the 2022 AGM, the Environment Group requested that trustees and members consider reviewing banking arrangements to secure the services of a bank which operates within the highest possible standards of environmental and ethical investment practice. A new account has now been opened with the Co-operative bank. *Following the 2023 AGM, all our funding will be transferred into the new account and the old account with Barclays Bank will be closed.*

Insurance

The partnership holds an appropriate level of public liability insurance and other cover to insure all the risks resulting from activities undertaken by its trustees, projects and groups. The level of cover is reviewed annually and in the light of any additional risks posed by new or large activities which need to be drawn to the attention of the insurer.

Reserves Policy

We aim to have reserves:

1. In our **unrestricted/core fund** approximately equal to one year's expenditure on core funding.
2. In the **Village Link Bus restricted fund** equal to one year's expenditure on the bus.

Other Policies

The partnership holds and updates policies necessary for its operation. Trustees and working groups undertake familiarisation and training as required. Policies include: - Risk Management, GDPR, Health& Safety and Safeguarding. *Trustees are consolidating these into a Partnership "Aide Memoire" and this work will be complete by the AGM in 2024.*

Activities, Awards and Achievements

Covid restrictions were lifted in England on 31st March 2022. Since then, the partnership has continued to open up and extend its activities.

Notable achievements during the year have included:

1. A public health award was achieved by Luke Stone of Stanley Travel (our driver), for his extraordinary efforts maintaining and personalising the Village Link Bus service during Covid, to undertake errands on behalf of regular users.
2. We were a key partner in helping to fund, organise and deliver the Big Jubilee Picnic held in the EP school June 2022 attended by over 500 residents. This was an excellent example of partnership working across the village.
3. In response to a challenging financial environment (resulting from rising fuel and other costs) associated with the Village Link Bus contract, we

organised a significant funding effort to facilitate the continuation of service which included:

- i. Coffee mornings
 - ii. Donations from the churches
 - iii. Donations from local businesses
 - iv. Contributions from generous individuals
 - v. A successful race night held at Crinnions
4. A progressive opening up of activities was characterised by regular face to face meetings of working groups (Orchard and Friends of Longovicium) and the trustees. There was a successful resumption of social activities including the Paradiso Club and the Family Fun Run.
 5. On behalf of Lanchester and Burnhope, we coordinated a successful funding application to mid Durham AAP and CDCF for Warm Spaces and jointly delivered five warm spaces to help isolated residents through the cold winter. Our partnership of Warm Spaces was recently commended in the AAP annual report.

Finances for the Year Past

Overall Financial Position (Bank Balances)

	Apr 2021 – Mar 2022	Apr 2022 – Mar
	2023	
	(previous year)	
Opening balance	£20,436	£12,192
Closing balance	£12,191	£21,766*
Total receipts	£11,041	£34,893
Total expenditure	£19,284	£25,320
Receipts minus expenditure	-£8,244	+£9,574

Note on Bank Balances:

1. There has been significantly greater financial activity in this first full post-Covid year
2. Receipts substantially outweighed expenditure.
3. * The carry forward of £21,766* includes £2,925 of unallocated Warm Spaces Funding.

Core Funding / Unrestricted Funds

	Apr 2021 – Mar 2022	Apr 2022 – Mar
	2023	
	(previous year)	
Opening balance	£1,089	£760
Closing balance	£760	£3,893*
Total receipts	£1,418	£8,252
Total expenditure	£1,748	£5,120
Receipts minus expenditure	-£329	+£3,132

Note: * includes £2925 unallocated Warm Spaces funding - £600 of which will be retained in core for admin and £2,235 to be allocated to partners by Sept 2023. With this adjustment the core balance would be £1,658 which represents around one year of administrative costs.

Village Link Bus Funding

	Apr 2021 – Mar 2022	Apr 2022 – Mar
	2023	
	(previous year)	
Opening balance	£10,855	£6,765
Closing balance	£6,765	£14,630

Total receipts	£7,731	£20,611
Total expenditure	£11,821	£12,748
Income minus expenditure	-£4,090	+£7,863

Note: the actions taken by Trustees have secured a year's reserve within the restricted fund for the bus – although at a diminished level of service.

Fixed assets

The partnership also has several fixed assets including orchard trees (Orchard Group), and equipment for running public events such as the Fun Run (Village Vita). These assets depreciate and a replacement/replenishment policy is operated by groups through their own restricted funds. In addition, these assets are named within the insurance policy operated by the partnership.

Finance and Activity Reports for Working Groups (Restricted Funds)

Working with Young People

(opening balance £417.84, closing balance £270.66, expenditure £147.18)

There were no recorded activities for this group - although some funds were allocated to partnership insurance costs.

Village Bus

(opening balance £6,765.18, closing balance £14,627.96, expenditure £12,750)

A significant AAP grant of £11,000 was received at the very start of the financial year. Following the dramatic escalation in fuel and energy costs from summer 2022, the bus contractor (Stanley Travel) indicated the need to increase its price which, assuming the continuation of the same level of service, would soon deplete the bus reserve. It became clear that, in the absence of additional further fund raising, the reserve policy was inoperable. Action was taken in two areas:

1. When the price rise became operable (in January 2023) the service was reduced to from five days to three days. The cost of the revised service was reviewed with the support of Durham County Council and established to be good value for money.
2. A successful local funding campaign was initiated. At the time of writing the reserves in the bus account equal 14 months of the operation costs. During the coming year Trustees will:
 - i. Review the effect of the service reduction and bring forward any changes to the service model which improve quality and responsiveness within a responsible financial framework
 - ii. Redouble efforts to gain external grant funding in order that the service is sustainable.

Paradiso Club (Village Vita)

(opening balance £481.05, closing balance £325.81, expenditure £639.24)

The club has successfully reopened and continues to be supported by the subscriptions of members. Numbers are increasing with the support of additional volunteers who assist with the operation. There is a need going

forward, to ensure that the model remains economically viable, and a review of fees and fixed costs has been initiated.

Friends of Longovicium

(opening balance £597.92, closing balance £651.74, expenditure £355.18)

The group is funded through membership fees and donations from members (some of which have been significant in the past and have funded significant academic studies and investigations). The group is thriving with an increased membership and diverse programme of activities.

***Small Projects**

(opening balance £636.81, closing balance £489.63, expenditure £147.18)

There was no activity in this fund, although some funds were allocated to partnership insurance costs. The fund remains accessible for small projects suggested by members and approved by trustees.

Village Vita

(opening balance £1,039.30, closing balance £285.32, expenditure £1,185.48)

The Fun Run resumed in September 2021, making use of the funds which had been retained through the lockdown period. A further event was held in September 2022, although numbers attending were fewer than in previous years. The organisers feel the need to increase the length of the planning period in order to raise further funds and to enlarge the event. Therefore, there will be no event in summer 2023 and the ambition is to host a larger event in summer 2024. This has the potential to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the partnership.

Environment

(opening balance £177.12, closing balance £103.53, expenditure £73.59)

Funding for this group is on an ad hoc basis according to the events which are organised.

***Welcoming Lanchester (closing balance £258.40)**

(opening balance £258.40, closing balance £258.40, expenditure £0.00)

There was no activity in this fund and the first stage of the project is now deemed to be complete. However, there will be a further need to embed and sustain the good practice identified in the wider community. We will retain the fund to support potential activities which support this work.

***Covid 19**

(opening balance £112.74, closing balance £112.74, expenditure £0.00)

In the current year there have been no receipts or grants and remaining funding was run down through the provision of Christmas Hampers at Christmas 2021. There are no current plans to resume operations.

Orchard Group

(opening balance £945.86, closing balance £747.84, expenditure £1,209.87)

The group is funded by the contributions of members and normally operates with a healthy balance of around £800. Membership is very stable, and meetings are well attended. During the year, the group adopted a five-year plan in order to secure the medium/long term vision for the orchard space.

***Warm Spaces**

This group was initiated in response to a late call in September 2022 for partnership-based applications to AAP/CDCF for funding to support this national initiative. The Lanchester Partnership successfully coordinated and managed applications for £6,000 (£5000 AAP and £1000 CDCF) funding for the implementation of five Warm Spaces in Lanchester and Burnhope to be spent by March 31st, 2023. This funding was administered through the Core Fund. At the end of the accounting period a total of £3,075 had been allocated. An extension period has been negotiated with the funders. The balance (£2,925) will be allocated to partners before Sept 2023 minus a management/administration fee which will be retained within the core / un-restricted fund.

*Note

Welcoming Lanchester, Covid 19 and Warm Spaces

These three restricted funds have in common, the partnership objective to support residents at times when they experience particular challenges. As part of a review in 2022-4, trustees will consider consolidating these activities into a single fund and working group renamed "Community Support"

Coordination and Partnership Working

As our charitable name implies, The Lanchester Partnership often works in partnership with the Parish and County Councils and other authorities and organisations. We talk with our local MP and county councilors. Members have attended formal meetings of partner organisations. In the past this has included Lanchester Parish Council, Mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP), Lanchester Community Association, PACT (Police and Community Together) NHS Healthwatch and the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester and the Lanchester Medical Centre Patients' Participation Group. There are no formal links, but informal links are carefully maintained. Informally, our individual members are also members of many other organisations.

Review of Major Risks

The Charity is a small organisation, carrying out small projects and handling relatively small amounts of money. The trustees consider that it is not exposed to any risks that are significant in magnitude or likelihood.

Moreover:

- it has public liability insurance
- before carrying out any activity with foreseeable risk it does what it can to minimize that risk, carrying out suitable risk assessments, writing health and safety plans and carefully considering safeguarding issues
- every three months accounts are reviewed by the Trustees
- every year the annual accounts are approved by the Trustees and are independently examined.

Declaration

I declare in my capacity as Chairman of the Trustees that:

- the Trustees have approved the report above, and
- they have authorised me to sign on their behalf

H. Edwards
June 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Edwards', followed by a long, straight horizontal line extending to the right.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NOTES

Financial Year 2022-23

Ending 31 March 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Previous year's figures italicised for comparison.

Current year's figures in bold

Negative numbers shown as brackets ()

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022 - 2023	Total 2021-2022
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources		6,200	18,012	24,212	<i>7,054</i>
Income from activities in furtherance of charitable objectives	1	1,510	9,172	10,682	<i>3,987</i>
Internal transfer - Jubilee to Core		542		542	
Investment Income				0	<i>0</i>
Total Incoming Resources		8,252	27,184	35,436	<i>11,041</i>
Charitable Expenditure					
Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objects				0	<i>0</i>
Expenditure on activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects	2	3,075	19,097	22,172	<i>17,537</i>
Internal transfer - Jubilee to Core			542	542	
Management and administration expenditure	3	2,045	1,104	3,149	<i>1,747</i>
		5,120	20,743	25,863	<i>19,284</i>
Funds carried forward					
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources	4	3,132	6,441	9,573	<i>(8,243)</i>
Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year 2022-23	4	3,132	6,441	9,573	<i>(8,243)</i>
Total funds brought forward into this financial year		760	11,432	12,192	<i>20,435</i>
Total funds carried forward into next financial year		3,892	17,873	21,765	<i>12,192</i>

Balance Sheet

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Previous year's figures italicised for comparison.

Current year's figures in bold

Negative numbers shown as brackets ()

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 - 2023 £	Total 2021- 2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	80	4,800	4,880	<i>5,550</i>
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		3,893	17,874	21,767	<i>12,191</i>
Prepayments and accrued income					
		3,973	22,674	26,647	<i>17,741</i>
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	-	11,625	11,625	<i>13,356</i>
NET ASSETS		3,973	11,049	15,022	<i>4,385</i>
INCOME FUNDS		3,973	11,049	15,022	<i>4,385</i>

Notes to the Financial Statements and Balance Sheet

Previous year's figures italicised for comparison.

Current year's figures in bold

Negative numbers shown as brackets ()

1 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022 - 2023	Total 2021 - 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	6,200	18,012	24,212	22,274
Activities Incomes	1,510	9,172	10,682	6,474
Total Incoming Resources	7,710	27,184	34,894	28,748

2 Major Grants Awarded / Donations Received

Source	Date	Fund	Amount £
DCC Grant, XXXX755	29/04/2022	Restricted	11,000
M. Loy, Village bus	02/05/2022	Restricted	250
H. Heron, Jubilee	06/05/2022	Restricted	200
Comp. Gen. Ltd., Jubilee	26/05/2022	Restricted	450
Lanchester Parish Council	26/05/2022	Restricted	500
DCC Jubilee grant, XXXX054	10/06/2022	Restricted	999
DCC Community Funding	21/11/2022	Restricted	1,000
DCC Community Funding	21/11/2022	Restricted	2,500
DCC Grant XXXX688	09/01/2023	Unrestricted	5,000
DCC Grant Warm Spaces	10/01/2023	Unrestricted	1,000
Steam Ahead	20/03/2023	Unrestricted	200
S. Ingham, Village bus donation	27/03/2023	Restricted	340
Lanchester Community Donation, Orchard	29/03/2023	Restricted	200
Total			23,639

3 Analysis of Resources Expended

Expenditure on activities in furtherance of the Charity's objectives	Total 2022-	<i>Total 2021-</i>
	23	22
	£	£
Working with young people	147	1,025
Lanchester Link Bus - see also note 6	12748	11,821
Paradiso Social Club	639	139
Friends of Longovicium	355	292
Small Projects	147	139
Jubilee Event	4237	0
Village Vita	1185	2,623
Environment	74	84
Welcoming	0	0
Covid-19	0	723
Community Orchard	1210	691
	20741	17,537

4 Management and Administration

	Total 2022-	<i>Total 2021-</i>
	23	22
Expenses	£	£
Printing	564	988
General Expenses	446	128
Community Centre	227	84
Zoom meetings	0	166
Website renewal and Domain name	345	360
British Legion Wreath		
Insurance	368	1098
Independent Examiner's fee	75	
Lottery Licence	20	20
Total	2045	317

5 Insurance

Insurance cost is divided as shown below:

	£
Core	367.96
Working with Young People	147.18
Paradiso Club	73.59
Friends of Longovicium	147.18
Small Projects	147.18
Village Vita	220.78
Environment	73.59
Orchard	294.37
Total	1471.83

6 Movement on restricted funds

	Working with young people	Lanchester Link Bus	Paradiso Club	Friends of Longoviciu m	Small Projects	Jubilee	Village Vita	Environment	Welcoming	Covid-19	Orchard	Total restricted funds
Incoming Resources	0	20,611	484	409	0	4,237	432	0	0	0	1,012	27,185
Expenditure	147	12,748	639	355	147	4,237	1,185	74	0	0	1,210	20,742
Net Movement	(147)	7,863	(155)	54	(147)	0	(753)	(74)	0	0	(198)	6,443
Opening Balance	418	6,765	481	598	637	0	1,039	177	258	113	946	11,432
Closing Balance	271	14,628	326	652	490	0	286	103	258	113	748	17,875
Amounts falling due within 1 year		11,625										
Available Balance	271	3,003	326	652	490	0	286	103	258	113	748	6,250

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

Trees, Original value £6000, depreciation 10% annually	4,800
Gazebo, Original value £280, depreciation 25% annually	80
Total	

8 Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	£
Village Bus, new contract agreed	11,625.00



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Lanchester Partnership

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no (if any)

1099801

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 any 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 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

James Arthur McArdle

Date:

16th June 2023

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THE LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP

England & Wales - Charity number 1099801

Accounts

The Lanchester Partnership
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

August 2021

The Lanchester Partnership

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The Lanchester Partnership

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The Lanchester Partnership

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Description of the charity's trusts

The Lanchester Partnership ("the Charity") is a registered charity, number 1099801.

The objects of the Charity are defined in Clause 3 of the memorandum of association. These were amended at the AGM in 2020 to take account of the Covid support activities being undertaken at that time.

The charity has about 200 members.

At present it works with 8 'working groups'

- Working with Young People Group
- Transport Group
- Environment Group
- Community Orchard Group
- Monitoring Development Group
- Friends of Longovicium
- "Welcoming Lanchester" Group (Loneliness Group)
- Social Activities (Village Vita) Group

There are restricted funds for:

- Working with Young People Group
- Lanchester Village Bus Link
- Environment Group
- Community Orchard Group
- Monitoring Development Group
- Friends of Longovicium
- "Welcoming Lanchester" Group (Loneliness Group)
- Social Activities (Village Vita) Group
- Small Group
- Covid 19

There is also an unrestricted Core Fund.

Trustees and governance

Trustees are responsible for the management of the Charity and are as named in the previous section Charity Information, as are the Charity's bankers. Annually, an independent examiner inspects the accounts. This year, as every other year they have been approved without comment.

At each Annual General Meeting ('AGM') one third of the Trustees resign, some by rotation. New Trustees (who may have been nominated by members or by Trustees are elected at the AGM, at which all members present have a vote.

Before the AGM each year the Trustees review the overall balance of experience and skills represented on the Trustee Board, and if it is thought desirable make nominations aimed at improving some aspect of these. Most recent appointments have followed such review and nominations by Trustees.

Reserves Policy

We aim to have reserves in our Core fund approximately equal to one year's expenditure on core funding, and reserves in the Village Link Bus account equal to one year's expenditure on the bus. They are currently a little below that level.

Activities and achievements

We have been pleased to welcome one new Trustee, Lesley Anderson and continue to seek individuals with appropriate skills, knowledge and commitment to the charity. During the course of the year the Covid Group did outstanding work responding to the needs of isolated, shielding and vulnerable residents during lockdown periods. The Social Activities/Village Vita group was innovative in making socially distanced and virtual events available to residents. The Village Bus continued to operate, and with diminished numbers of passengers, was able to deliver social support by undertaking shopping trips and errands on behalf of regular users who were shielding at home.

Overall Financial Position

This remains healthy. We started the financial year with £21,518 in current cash assets and finished the year with current cash assets of £20,436. The Partnership also has fixed assets of £6,000 in orchard trees, and £209 gazebos used at events such as the Fun Run.

Receipts for the year stood at: £26,059

Expenditure for the year stood at: £27,140

Core funding stands at: £1,090 - slightly above the level at the end of last year

Expenditure from Core stood at: £1,767

There is now a need to increase the level of Core reserves in order to meet the target of holding one year of core expenditure in core reserves. This can be achieved by increasing the number of donations from members.

Working with Young People

There were no recorded activities for this group. £150 of the existing balance was used as a contribution to the Partnership Insurance Policy

Village Bus

Expenditure exceeded income by £1,999 primarily in consequence of the reduction in passenger numbers and donations. Fundraising events could not take place to plug the gap in income. The end of year balance has now dipped below one year's worth of expenditure and this needs to be addressed.

Paradiso Club

There were not recorded activities for this group. £1,500 was generously used as a donation to the Community Centre to replace lost income during the pandemic.

Friends of Longovicium

A generous donation from a private individual was used to part fund extended Geophysical-surveying activity. At end of year the balance was 50% lower standing at £488.

Small Projects

There was no activity in this fund.

Parish Plan

This fund now stands at zero. There was no activity but the small balance at the start of the year was used to contribute to the insurance payment.

Environment

There was no activity in this fund, which retains a small reserve at its previous level.

Loneliness

There was no activity in this fund. The £258 remaining will be used for work in schools and with the Young Persons Patient Group when it is safe to proceed in £2021-22.

Covid 19

Following the end of Covid restrictions this group ceased operation after a year of work. The fund saw the greatest activity within the Partnership this year with £10,027 receipts and £9,267 expenditure. There is a small residual balance of £761 and the group will consider how this should be used or if it should be retained as a contingency for future Covid related activity should an emergency need arise.

Coordination

As the name implies we often work in partnership with the Parish and County Councils and other authorities and organisations. We talk with our local MP. Members have attended formal meetings of organisations including Lanchester Parish council, mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP), Lanchester Community Association, PACT (Police and Community Together) NHS Healthwatch and the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester and the Lanchester Medical Centre Patients' Participation Group. There are no formal links but informal links are carefully maintained.

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Review of Major Risks

The Charity is a small organisation, carrying out small projects and handling fairly small amounts of money. The Trustees consider that it is not exposed to any risks that are significant in magnitude or likelihood. Moreover:

- a) it has public liability insurance;
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- c) every three months accounts are reviewed by the Trustees; and
- d) every year the annual accounts are approved by the Trustees and are independently examined/

I declare in my capacity as Chairman of the Trustees that:

- the Trustees have approved the report above, and
- they have authorised me to sign on their behalf

H. Edwards
30th August 2021

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestrict ed Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	1	911	18,803	19,714	16,104
Income from activities in furtherance of charitable objectives	1	1,107	5,328	6,345	6,632
Investment income				0	0
Total Incoming Resources		1,928	24,131	26,059	22,736
Charitable Expenditure					
Grants Payable in furtherance of the Charity's objects		0	0		0
Expenditure in furtherance of the Charity's objects	2				22,326
Management and administration expenditure	3				1,771
Total Charitable Expenditure		1,767	25,373	27,140	24,097
Funds Carried Forward					
Net incoming /(outgoing resources)		161	(1,242)	(1,081)	(1,361)
Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year		161	(1,242)	(1,081)	(1,361)
Total funds brought forward		928	20,588	25,516	22,877
Total funds carried forward	4	1,089	19,346	20,435	21,516

Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	209	6,000	6,209	6,958
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		1,089	19,346	20,435	21,517
..... National Lottery Grant Card	6		750	750	
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Independent Examiner's fee	75	75
Website Renewal	95	
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Total	2,217	2,181

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Incoming Resources	974	9,915	0	1,435	0	0	1,419	0	0	10,028	670	24,441
Expenditure	150	11,914	1,500	1,920	0	311	375	0	0	9,267	247	25,684
Net Movement	824	(1,999)	(1,500)	(485)	0	(311)	1,044	0	0	761	423	(1,243)
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Closing Balance	1,443	10,855	620	488	775	0	2,572	146	258	1,336	851	19,344
Amounts falling due within 1 year (see Note 7)		13,356										13,356
Available Balance	1,443	(2,501)	620	488	775	0	2,572	146	258	1,336	851	5,988

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The Lanchester Partnership
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

August 2021

The Lanchester Partnership

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees

**L. Anderson
M. Atkinson
H. Edwards (Chair)
K. Edwards
S. Grady
K. Marshall Ivens
B.K. Masterman
Prof. D. Smith**

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K. Edwards

Treasurer

D. Smith

Co. Number

03879963

Charity Commission's registered number

11099801

Registered Office

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Bankers

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The Lanchester Partnership

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Description of the charity's trusts

The Lanchester Partnership ("the Charity") is a registered charity, number 1099801.

The objects of the Charity are defined in Clause 3 of the memorandum of association. These were amended at the AGM in 2020 to take account of the Covid support activities being undertaken at that time.

The charity has about 200 members.

At present it works with 8 'working groups'

- Working with Young People Group
- Transport Group
- Environment Group
- Community Orchard Group
- Monitoring Development Group
- Friends of Longovicium
- "Welcoming Lanchester" Group (Loneliness Group)
- Social Activities (Village Vita) Group

There are restricted funds for:

- Working with Young People Group
- Lanchester Village Bus Link
- Environment Group
- Community Orchard Group
- Monitoring Development Group
- Friends of Longovicium
- "Welcoming Lanchester" Group (Loneliness Group)
- Social Activities (Village Vita) Group
- Small Group
- Covid 19

There is also an unrestricted Core Fund.

Trustees and governance

Trustees are responsible for the management of the Charity and are as named in the previous section Charity Information, as are the Charity's bankers. Annually, an independent examiner inspects the accounts. This year, as every other year they have been approved without comment.

At each Annual General Meeting ('AGM') one third of the Trustees resign, some by rotation. New Trustees (who may have been nominated by members or by Trustees are elected at the AGM, at which all members present have a vote.

Before the AGM each year the Trustees review the overall balance of experience and skills represented on the Trustee Board, and if it is thought desirable make nominations aimed at improving some aspect of these. Most recent appointments have followed such review and nominations by Trustees.

Reserves Policy

We aim to have reserves in our Core fund approximately equal to one year's expenditure on core funding, and reserves in the Village Link Bus account equal to one year's expenditure on the bus. They are currently a little below that level.

Activities and achievements

We have been pleased to welcome one new Trustee, Lesley Anderson and continue to seek individuals with appropriate skills, knowledge and commitment to the charity. During the course of the year the Covid Group did outstanding work responding to the needs of isolated, shielding and vulnerable residents during lockdown periods. The Social Activities/Village Vita group was innovative in making socially distanced and virtual events available to residents. The Village Bus continued to operate, and with diminished numbers of passengers, was able to deliver social support by undertaking shopping trips and errands on behalf of regular users who were shielding at home.

Overall Financial Position

This remains healthy. We started the financial year with £21,518 in current cash assets and finished the year with current cash assets of £20,436. The Partnership also has fixed assets of £6,000 in orchard trees, and £209 gazebos used at events such as the Fun Run.

Receipts for the year stood at: £26,059

Expenditure for the year stood at: £27,140

Core funding stands at: £1,090 - slightly above the level at the end of last year

Expenditure from Core stood at: £1,767

There is now a need to increase the level of Core reserves in order to meet the target of holding one year of core expenditure in core reserves. This can be achieved by increasing the number of donations from members.

Working with Young People

There were no recorded activities for this group. £150 of the existing balance was used as a contribution to the Partnership Insurance Policy

Village Bus

Expenditure exceeded income by £1,999 primarily in consequence of the reduction in passenger numbers and donations. Fundraising events could not take place to plug the gap in income. The end of year balance has now dipped below one year's worth of expenditure and this needs to be addressed.

Paradiso Club

There were not recorded activities for this group. £1,500 was generously used as a donation to the Community Centre to replace lost income during the pandemic.

Friends of Longovicium

A generous donation from a private individual was used to part fund extended Geophysical-surveying activity. At end of year the balance was 50% lower standing at £488.

Small Projects

There was no activity in this fund.

Parish Plan

This fund now stands at zero. There was no activity but the small balance at the start of the year was used to contribute to the insurance payment.

Environment

There was no activity in this fund, which retains a small reserve at its previous level.

Loneliness

There was no activity in this fund. The £258 remaining will be used for work in schools and with the Young Persons Patient Group when it is safe to proceed in £2021-22.

Covid 19

Following the end of Covid restrictions this group ceased operation after a year of work. The fund saw the greatest activity within the Partnership this year with £10,027 receipts and £9,267 expenditure. There is a small residual balance of £761 and the group will consider how this should be used or if it should be retained as a contingency for future Covid related activity should an emergency need arise.

Coordination

As the name implies we often work in partnership with the Parish and County Councils and other authorities and organisations. We talk with our local MP. Members have attended formal meetings of organisations including Lanchester Parish council, mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP), Lanchester Community Association, PACT (Police and Community Together) NHS Healthwatch and the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester and the Lanchester Medical Centre Patients' Participation Group. There are no formal links but informal links are carefully maintained.

Informally, our individual members are also members of many other organisations.

Review of Major Risks

The Charity is a small organisation, carrying out small projects and handling fairly small amounts of money. The Trustees consider that it is not exposed to any risks that are significant in magnitude or likelihood. Moreover:

- a) it has public liability insurance;
- b) before carrying out any activity with foreseeable risk it does what it can to minimize that risk, carrying out a risk assessment;
- c) every three months accounts are reviewed by the Trustees; and
- d) every year the annual accounts are approved by the Trustees and are independently examined/

I declare in my capacity as Chairman of the Trustees that:

- the Trustees have approved the report above, and
- they have authorised me to sign on their behalf

H. Edwards
30th August 2021

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	1	911	18,803	19,714	16,104
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Charitable Expenditure					
Grants Payable in furtherance of the Charity's objects		0	0		0
Expenditure in furtherance of the Charity's objects	2				22,326
Management and administration expenditure	3				1,771
Total Charitable Expenditure		1,767	25,373	27,140	24,097
Funds Carried Forward					
Net incoming /(outgoing resources)		161	(1,242)	(1,081)	(1,361)
Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year		161	(1,242)	(1,081)	(1,361)
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Balance Sheet
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: The Lanchester Partnership

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2021 Charity no (if any): 1099801

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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 any 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 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 13/8/21

Name: J A McArdle

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body