

Lewisham Local

England & Wales · Charity number 1101616

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Status	Registered
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Legal form	Charitable company
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Company number	04681564
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Activities

Objects: To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the public and particularly, but not limited to, the public who live and work in the London Borough of Lewisham and surrounding boroughs, including: a) to promote volunteering, time banking, the giving of time and skills to engage and support local residents including those considered to be suffering from the disadvantage of social exclusion; b) to promote philanthropy to relieve poverty distress and sickness in the interests of social welfare with the aim of improving the conditions of life of the public; c) to promote and broker partnership working, and training within the voluntary and charitable sector, statutory and private sectors, in the interests of the furtherance of and achievements of the above purposes.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM AND ADJACENT BOROUGHES
- Lewisham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,113,484	£1,084,884	£757,554	17
2024-03-31	£1,218,803	£1,049,190	£728,954	18
2023-03-31	£917,344	£800,299	£559,341	13
2022-03-31	£762,356	£600,925	£442,296	10
2021-03-31	£757,730	£613,631	£280,865	8

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROY WITTER	Chair	2013-01-11
Allison Streetly OBE		2019-05-23
Gemma Juma		2021-01-27
Jonathan Prince MBE		2019-05-23
Mary Pickles		2023-05-15

Accounts

Company registration number: 04681564

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Lewisham Local Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025



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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Ayesha Gareeboo

Joyce Jones (resigned 28 September 2025)

Gemma Juma

Tina Price-Johnson (resigned 6 February 2025)

Mary Pickles

Jonathan Prince

Allison Streetly

Peter Webb (resigned 25 September 2024)

Roy Witter (Chair)

Secretary

Gülen Petty (appointed 1 May 2024)

Samuel Hawksley (resigned 1 May 2024)

Charity Registration Number

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The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

Registered Office

Parkside Community Centre

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From the Chair

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we look back on 2024–2025, I am incredibly proud of how Lewisham Local has continued to strengthen its role as a trusted partner at the heart of our borough. This has been a year of renewed focus and steady growth under the leadership of our new Chief Executive, Gülen Petty, whose energy and community-first vision have guided us confidently into the next chapter of our work.

Together, our Board of Trustees and dedicated staff team have navigated a complex funding landscape while continuing to deliver meaningful support for Lewisham's communities. We have deepened partnerships, secured vital new investment, and celebrated the success of flagship programmes such as Food Justice, Lewisham Giving, and the Black Infrastructure Support Project.

Each initiative reflects our shared belief that when people and organisations come together, Lewisham becomes stronger, fairer, and more connected. Every thread adds strength and colour to Lewisham's fabric.

Our achievements this year are a direct result of the commitment and collaboration of everyone involved - our treasured staff, volunteers, community partners, funders, and, of course, the residents who inspire all that we do. On behalf of the Board, I extend heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support, generosity, and belief in our mission.

The year has also reminded us of the importance of sustainability and adaptability. The cost-of-living crisis continues to test local services and residents alike, but it has also shown the resilience of our community.

As Trustees, we remain focused on ensuring Lewisham Local's long-term stability through diversified funding, strong governance, and ongoing investment in our people and systems.

Looking ahead, we will continue to champion partnership, inclusion, and innovation. With a capable and passionate team in place, and the trust of our community behind us, I am confident that Lewisham Local will keep growing its impact and helping Lewisham thrive.

Thank you for your support - your commitment is what makes our shared success possible.

Sincerely,
Roy Witter

From the Chief Executive

Dear friends and partners,

As I reflect on my first full year as Chief Executive of Lewisham Local, I am immensely proud of what our charity has achieved, hand in hand with our community.

The past year has been one of growth, collaboration, and renewed purpose. Despite ongoing challenges for many Lewisham residents, our collective energy and collaborative spirit has continued to shine through.

Every project highlighted in this report stands as a testament to what is possible when people and organisations come together to contribute, give, and share – whether it be their time, skills, or resources. Through our Food Justice work, volunteering programmes, local giving initiatives, and community networks, we've seen first-hand the power of connection to create lasting change.

Lewisham Local is more than a charity - it's a partnership of people who care deeply about this borough and its future. From our staff team and volunteers to our funders, trustees, and community partners, everyone plays a vital role in building a fairer, greener, and more connected Lewisham.

Looking ahead, our focus is on deepening that collaboration: strengthening the voluntary sector, expanding our reach to underrepresented communities, and ensuring our internal systems and digital tools help us work even more effectively.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and championed our work this year. Together, we are showing what it means to be in Lewisham - generous, inclusive, and resilient.

Warm regards,

Dr Gülen Petty, CEO

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Charity aims to have a diverse Board of Trustees, made up of residents, professionals and individuals with lived experience of the organisation's projects and issues it is trying to address. The Trustees are a diverse group of people with varied experiences and knowledge in the local area, business, and voluntary sectors. Trustees may be appointed at any time and reappointments are on rotation every year at the AGM. A Trustee eligibility audit is carried out on a yearly basis as well as an audit of the current skills on the Board so that any gaps can be filled through new Trustee recruitment.

The Charity ensures that the Board of Trustees represents the diversity of our Borough and the users of the organisation. Due to the charity's growth and increasing breadth of work, Trustees agreed to increase the number of Trustees on the Board in order to provide increased oversight of our work as well as gain new skills and lived experience of our projects and the issues we address through our work, including poverty and isolation. Trustees also aimed to recruit younger Trustees to further enhance the diversity of the Board.

Meetings

The Board of Trustees meets six times a year and determines strategic direction and policy. The Board met in October 2024 for our annual Strategic Away Day to review performance, analyse the context around the organisation and identify opportunities to enhance the organisation's work and sustainability.

Organisational structure

The Chief Executive is accountable to the Board of Trustees and oversees the operations of the organisation and manages staff and freelance workers. We have continued to grow our staff and financial income and therefore our structure of Programme Managers has provided good oversight of our work and brought projects together into key themes. According to funding and project needs, other staff or freelance workers support on project delivery. In 2024-25 there were 20 staff (18 full time equivalent).

Chief Executive (1.0)

Food Justice Programme Manager	Voluntary Sector Programme Manager	Volunteering Programme Manager	Local Giving Programme Manager	
Food Partnerships Coordinator	Community Directory Coordinator	Time Bank Coordinator	Fundraising and Comms Coordinator	Finance & Office Coordinator
FoodCycle Coordinator	Fundraising Development Manager – Equalities	Volunteering & Work Placement Coordinator	Grants Coordinator Business Engagement Coordinator	
Community Development Worker (Businesses)	Digital Access Project Coordinator	Bank of Things Coordinator		
	Community Development Worker	Wild Cat Wilderness Coordinator		

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Related parties

There were no related parties during the financial year.

Wider network

The charity currently does not operate within a wider network.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed to and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity maintains a risk register and has a risk management strategy to identify and mitigate risks. The high risks are brought to the attention of the Board to minimise any potential impact on the charity. The charity carries out monitoring and evaluation and provides reports to its funders. The charity ensures it has financial procedures, health and safety policy and safeguarding procedures in place. They are reviewed annually to reflect changing legislation and to refresh knowledge and practice.

OBJECTIVES

Objectives

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Aim and activities

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Our Vision - A connected Lewisham community that gives, shares and works together to build happier and healthier communities.

Our Mission - Connect and collaborate with individuals and organisations, encouraging all to give and share what they can to respond to needs in the community and strengthen Lewisham's voluntary and community groups.

Our Values

- Everyone in the community is an asset and able to contribute, give and share
- We are inclusive, welcoming and open to all
- We are collaborative and committed to working together with a positive attitude
- We are dynamic and responsive to Lewisham's communities' needs and willing to innovate
- We value the diversity of Lewisham's communities and are committed to proactively representing Lewisham's diversity in our Staff, Trustees and projects

Living Wage Employer

The organisation is committed to the Living Wage movement and is an accredited Living Wage Employer by the Living Wage Foundation.

Modern Slavery

As Lewisham Local is well below the threshold of £36m set by the Modern Slavery Act 2015, the Company is not legally required to have a policy on modern slavery. However, the Act is a positive piece of legislation aiming to safeguard workers from exploitation and we support the aims of this legislation. Lewisham Local has a zero-

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tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking and is committed to continually improving our policies and procedures to help identify and combat modern slavery and human trafficking.

Public benefit statement

Lewisham Local's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects and the Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

This charity welcomes all sections of society and is for public benefit. The charity has a strong and consistent track record of service to the public, working with individuals in the community, especially the elderly and vulnerable but also across all generations and ethnicity. The activities of the charity are rooted in valuing, welcoming, including and empowering people. This is evidenced by evaluations, feedback, reports, case studies and photographs that demonstrate the charity's public benefit.

Equality

Across our Staff and Trustee team we are committed to being reflective of the diverse community we serve.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Highlights from the Year

- Distributed £236,647 number of grants to projects
- 5,799 Community Meals served
- 3,652 Volunteer hours provided at Food Cycle
- Supported more than 700 organisations via the Lewisham Community Directory
- Supported 2,000 residents through Digital Access for All
- We welcomed 2,000+ visits to community events at Wild Cat Wilderness
- Over 500 businesses engaged with Lewisham Local discount card scheme
- 385 young people received essentials as part of Bank of Things project
- 93 people placed into volunteering
- 300+ individuals received fundraising development support
- Time Bank members performed at the Old Vic as part of the 12 Choirs of Christmas project, celebrating intergenerational creativity

Promoting Access to Good Healthy Food

i) Food Justice Programme

Lewisham Local's Food Justice Programme continues to play a vital role in creating a fairer, healthier, and more sustainable local food system. Over the past year, we have worked closely with community partners, the Council, and local residents to tackle food inequality, strengthen collaboration, and celebrate Lewisham's growing reputation as a leader in food justice.

Key Achievements

- 5,308 guests served through FoodCycle Lewisham
- 9,888 kg of surplus food rescued
- 5,799 community meals provided
- 3,652 volunteering hours contributed

- £135,009 invested in 19 community food projects, supporting over 20,000 people
- Awarded the Silver Sustainable Food Places Award in July 2024

These achievements demonstrate the strength of Lewisham's community response and our collective commitment to ensuring that every resident has access to nutritious, culturally appropriate food.

ii) **Good Food Lewisham**

Now in its third year, Good Food Lewisham – the borough's food partnership – brings together passionate residents, local organisations, and businesses working to improve Lewisham's food landscape. Funded by Lewisham Council, with a two-year extension confirmed, the partnership continues to champion better access to good food, sustainable local supply chains, and community-led solutions.

Highlights from 2024/25

- 82 good food businesses supported
- 13 Good Food Business Charters signed
- 72 Good Food Pledges made
- 18 community groups supported to reduce food waste
- 142 gardeners connected through the Food Growing Network
- 62 food giving groups listed in the Lewisham Community Directory
- 15 food hubs supported across the borough

This year we launched a three-year action plan co-designed with residents and members of the network, setting clear priorities for sustainable food development. The partnership also coordinated the successful application for the Silver Sustainable Food Places Award, recognising Lewisham's leadership on issues such as food poverty, diet-related health inequalities, and local economic resilience.

Network Development

Throughout the year, our focus has been on:

- Expanding food growing opportunities across the borough
- Strengthening the Good Food Business Network
- Encouraging uptake of the Healthy Start scheme to support families on low incomes
- Coordinating collective action on food waste and redistribution

The partnership hosted a celebration event at The Albany in September 2024, honouring the dedication of community groups and partners improving Lewisham's food system.

"It is great to be part of such a proactive, enthusiastic team and Borough. People are always looking at new opportunities and ways to work better."

– *Good Food Lewisham Network Member*

iii) **Lewisham Food Justice Alliance**

Funded by Lewisham Council, Lewisham Local hosts a Food Justice Programme Manager to coordinate delivery of the borough's Food Justice Action Plan (launched April 2023). The programme, extended until April 2027, drives collaboration across sectors to reduce food insecurity and ensure access to healthy, affordable food for all.

Achievements

- Established the Lewisham Food Justice Alliance and five task-and-finish groups, engaging 51 representatives from community and statutory partners
- Most actions now rated green (22 green, 18 amber, 17 ongoing, 1 red as of March 2025)
- Distributed £110,026 in Food Justice Community Grants, supporting 19 projects and more than 20,000 residents
- Achieved measurable improvements in:
 - Partnership connections and collaboration
 - Awareness of food insecurity and available support
 - Access to local food data
- Contributed significantly to Lewisham's Silver Sustainable Food Places Award

"We all have limited resources and time, but this group and wider alliance has allowed us to combine resources and share information to make the best of what we have."

– *Task & Finish Group Participant*

Partnership and Community Impact

The programme has supported a strong alliance of organisations, including Action Against Hunger, AFRIL, Citizens Advice Lewisham, Coco Collective, Clarion Housing, the Legendary Community Club, Lewisham Foodbank, and many others.

Together, we are creating long-term solutions to food injustice through shared learning and collective action.

iv) Food Roots 2

The Food Roots 2 programme, led by the Greater London Authority, has been instrumental in supporting local food partnerships to develop sustainable and resilient solutions to food insecurity. In October 2023, Lewisham Local was awarded a Level 2 grant, enabling us to strengthen coordination within our Good Food Lewisham partnership and expand collaboration across the borough.

This funding allowed us to increase team capacity by employing a Community Development Worker and a part-time Volunteering Coordinator, helping us to almost double the reach of our Food Justice work.

The Food Roots 2 programme deepened collaboration across Lewisham's food networks and helped equip community organisations with new tools to address the root causes of food poverty. Our targeted campaigns significantly raised awareness of the Healthy Start scheme in the most disadvantaged areas of the borough, contributing to higher uptake.

Key Achievements

- Produced and distributed a "Free and Low-Cost Food in Lewisham" leaflet to reach residents offline
- Partnered with Advice Lewisham to train 20 representatives from food aid organisations in "advice first aid" skills
- Delivered monthly peer-led workshops promoting "money-first" approaches and local financial wellbeing support

- Developed and shared a Healthy Start training presentation, used in borough-wide sessions and at Hexagon Housing's Training Day
- Ran a borough-wide campaign featuring Healthy Start posters on billboards near markets
- Established a new Early Years Network to connect midwives, family hubs, and practitioners promoting Healthy Start
- Supported food projects to recruit and manage volunteers, promoting 27 roles and filling 10 new volunteer placements

v) **FoodCycle Lewisham**

FoodCycle Lewisham remains one of Lewisham Local's most visible and loved frontline projects. Delivered in partnership with the national charity FoodCycle and hosted weekly at the Lewisham Irish Community Centre, it offers free, nutritious, three-course vegetarian meals made entirely from surplus food that would otherwise go to waste.

The project not only tackles food insecurity but also provides a safe, welcoming space where residents can share meals, make connections, and feel part of the community.

2024/25 Highlights

- 5,308 guests served, including 310 takeaways
- 9,888 kg of surplus food rescued
- 5,799 community meals provided - a 30% increase on last year
- 3,652 volunteer hours contributed - a 40% increase year-on-year

"FoodCycle is a place where as a single person living alone I can meet and socialise in a safe environment. The volunteers manage conflict/aggression and calm the situation. I feel safe."

– Guest feedback

Key Achievements

- Embedded the successful Wednesday meal in partnership with the Lewisham Irish Community Centre, complementing the long-running Saturday session.
- Attracted new volunteers, including employee groups from large local businesses, boosting visibility and fundraising opportunities.
- Strengthened social impact:
 - 75% of guests reported feeling more connected to their local community
 - 64% felt less lonely
 - 75% said attending gave them something to look forward to each week
 - 77% made new friends through the project
- 100% of volunteers said they would recommend FoodCycle Lewisham to others.

Promoting Local Giving

Through our 'Lewisham Giving' programme, we aim to support people access to places and spaces to increase a sense of belonging, connection and community ownership over decisions across the borough. We do that by mobilising residents, businesses and other sectors to harness their time, skills, expertise or resources for the benefit of the wider community.

Supported by the City Bridge Foundation and the London Funders network, Lewisham Giving continues to grow as a model of place-based collaborative philanthropy.

Key Achievements

- £236,647 in grants distributed to local groups and projects
- Over 500 businesses engaged in giving activity
- Five-year partnership launched with Peabody Community Foundation and Parkside Estate
- 92 organisations fundraising through the Lewisham Community Lottery, raising £19,968 in one year

i) Building a Culture of Local Giving

Lewisham Local's knowledge of community needs and our unique connections with community groups have enabled us to further develop this work and channel resources towards community needs in a responsive way.

We distributed £236,647 in grants to local community groups and projects, in partnership with Lewisham Council. These include the Warm Welcomes, Essentials and Food Justice grant programmes. Key themes included food insecurity, fuel poverty, social isolation and cost of living support to residents.

Our ability to support groups at a local level who are often excluded from accessing funds from large traditional grantmakers acts as critical infrastructure within the borough, helping to strengthen the overall ecosystem.

Our deep community knowledge enables us to channel funds effectively to local groups addressing food insecurity, fuel poverty, and social isolation. Across our grantmaking this year:

- 73% of supported groups reported increased access to funding
- 79% strengthened their resources and resilience

Quotes from our partners capture the impact of this support:

"Warm Welcomes makes our space accessible to unwaged people or those experiencing homelessness. It allows more people to connect with the Albany and our values."

– *The Albany*

"Our boiler had completely broken down, and the grant enabled us to afford to stay open during winter – this grant has literally kept this warm space operational."

– *V22 Sydenham Library*

"Our strong relationships help us to identify those in most need and also that families will approach us for support. They are so grateful to receive vital funding."

– *Friends of St Mary, Lewisham*

ii) Participatory and Inclusive Giving

We are particularly proud of our Participatory Grant-Making Fund with the Peabody Community Foundation, worth £425,000 over five years. Residents on the Parkside Estate lead decision-making, ensuring funding is rooted in lived experience and genuine community need.

“Being a panellist has empowered me to co-design fair funding criteria, and embrace new digital tools like CRM systems to assess applications more efficiently and collaboratively.”

– *Sylvester, Parkside Fund Steering Group Member*

iii) Community Outreach

Community outreach events such as the Iftar celebration and a series of business-engagement events have solidified relationships with businesses and the community and built awareness of giving across the borough.

iv) Lewisham Local Card

A key success for the Lewisham Local card this year has been the sale of £12,000 worth of cards to Lewisham Council, purchased for their staff. Subsequently, five other local companies and charities followed with similar bulk-purchases of the card.

Partnering with the council and other large employers has injected scale into the Lewisham Local Card, which, together with the income from wider card sales and donations from local business and individuals, puts us in position to launch the Community Fund for the first time in late 2025.

v) Lewisham Warm Welcomes

The Warm Welcomes programme continued to provide much-needed spaces for connection and comfort during the cost-of-living crisis. Working with 50 community organisations - including libraries, churches, community centres, and even The Den (Millwall Football Stadium) - we helped ensure that residents could find warmth, food, and community.

- Distributed £125,000 in grants to 43 organisations
- Recorded 31,000+ visits across the network, up from 18,000 the previous year
- Offered activities from sewing to singing to exercise and dementia-friendly sessions
- Reached particularly high participation among residents aged 55–74
- Found that “talking to other people” remained the most common reason for visiting

The programme shows how small grants and co-ordinated support can transform local wellbeing, proving that community connection is as vital as warmth itself. Social connection remained the primary reason for visits to the centres, highlighting the value of this programme to the community in the face of economic and social challenges in Lewisham.

vi) Lewisham Community Lottery

92 community organisations are now actively fundraising using the platform. 207 local people bought tickets to fundraise for the groups and this has raised over £19,968 for Lewisham’s good causes in one year. We look forward to building on this progress over the next year.

Strengthening Lewisham’s Voluntary Sector

Lewisham Local continues to play a central role in strengthening the borough’s voluntary and community sector. Through capacity-building, mentoring, digital inclusion, and grant support, we help local organisations become more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable.

Key Achievements

- Fundraising development support for 300+ individuals
- Mentoring and training for 80 individuals and 35 Black Community-Based Organisations (BCBOs)
- 2,000 residents supported through Digital Access for All
- 700+ organisations listed in the Lewisham Community Directory
- £125,000 in Warm Welcomes grants distributed to 43 organisations

i) The Black Infrastructure Support Project (BISP)

The BISP has been pivotal in empowering Black-led and Black-serving community organisations in Lewisham. This year, the project:

- Helped establish the Lewisham Black Voluntary Sector Network, a powerful collective voice for BCBOs.
- Provided mentoring to 35 groups and training to 80 individuals.
- Delivered rapid advice to over 200 people through a 24/7 WhatsApp helpdesk.
- Supported 75% of participating BCBOs to secure more funding than ever before.
- Connected 25 community champions with professional legal and financial advice.
- Delivered the Black VCS Expo '23, attended by over 100 BCBO leaders, raising the sector's visibility and influence.

Through collaboration with the FDM Equalities Project and local partners, BISP continues to nurture a thriving ecosystem of support for Black-led organisations, improving access to mentoring, digital skills, and fundraising tools.

ii) Fundraising Development: Empowering Lewisham's Communities

Our Fundraising Development (Equalities) project strengthens groups led by and serving people with protected characteristics. In 2024/25, it:

- Trained 291 individuals, leading to a 15% increase in funding applications and a 10% rise in successful awards.
- Helped groups secure over £150,000 in new funding.
- Facilitated connections between groups and funders, resulting in five new partnerships and three joint funding applications.
- Hosted 12 Friday Fundraising Club sessions and supported 15 groups through the in-depth Fundraising Plus Programme, with 70% securing new grants and 90% increasing confidence
- Organised a borough-wide Fundraising Conference with 50 groups and funders.

These initiatives have boosted confidence, skills, and long-term sustainability across Lewisham's diverse voluntary sector.

iii) Digital Access for All

The Digital Access for All (DAFA) project continues to close the digital divide by equipping residents with the skills and tools needed to access online services. Over 2,000 people have been supported through drop-in centres, training, and device provision, focusing on older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income households.

Key achievements include:

- Launching new digital drop-in centres in Orchard Gardens, Newstead, and Downham
- Delivering tailored programmes, such as Microsoft Office and Excel training for Lewisham Parent Carers
- Providing laptops and home support for residents with accessibility needs
- Promoting digital inclusion through partnerships with Catbytes, Lewisham Council, and the Good Things Foundation

Digital Access For All has empowered individuals and community organisations to improve their digital skills, access online services and participate more fully in the digital world. The project has enhanced confidence and independence among participants and strengthened digital capacity within community organisations.

iv) Lewisham Community Directory

Our Community Directory continues to serve as a vital information hub, connecting residents to services, community groups, and public sector organisations. By December 2024, it included 613 community groups and 99 public sector services. Hundreds of people use the directory each month to connect and access information.

User feedback highlights its clarity and accessibility, with engagement time increasing steadily across the year. The directory remains a cornerstone of collaboration, allowing individuals and organisations to find help, connect, and share resources.

Volunteering, Health & Wellbeing

Volunteering is at the heart of Lewisham Local's mission to build a connected, compassionate community. Our volunteering projects support residents to find meaningful opportunities, strengthen wellbeing, and enhance local organisations' capacity to deliver services.

Headline Figures

- 121 volunteer roles advertised
- 93 individuals placed into volunteering
- 805 new subscribers to the volunteering newsletter

i) Support into Volunteering (Volunteering Brokerage)

This project connects individuals with volunteering opportunities and supports organisations to recruit, manage, and retain volunteers effectively. Personalised support is given to help Lewisham residents to find suitable roles, as well as support to community groups to help promote their roles, and advice and guidance on how to manage volunteers. The project also facilitates quarterly volunteer coordinators networking meeting where community groups are offered workshops and training.

In 2024/25, we focused on supporting people ready to volunteer with targeted community groups - particularly those led by Black communities, mental health and wellbeing organisations, youth initiatives, and food groups.

We also worked with Lewisham Council to co-develop an employee volunteering programme, enabling staff to use up to 14 hours of paid volunteering leave each year. The initiative launches in April 2025 and will provide invaluable support to community groups across the borough.

Originally funded for three years through the Council's Main Grants, this project has now received additional funding and been extended to March 2026, ensuring continued delivery and growth.

We also continue to provide training on topics such as How to Write a Volunteer Handbook, Corporate Volunteering, and Volunteer Recruitment and Retention.

ii) Time Bank

The Time Bank project allows residents - particularly older people - to share skills, connect, and support one another through group activities and one-to-one exchanges.

Our membership counts around 100 people. This year, the project is in its second year of a three-year funding cycle from the National Lottery.

Highlights this year include:

- Relocating sessions into the community during office refurbishments, which broadened participation.
- Hosting three Bring & Fix events with partners, where volunteers repaired items from jeans to lampshades.
- Performing at the Old Vic as part of the *12 Choirs of Christmas* project, celebrating intergenerational creativity.
- Marking Windrush and Black History Month with community-led events.

The Time Bank's groups - such as *Tea & Chat*, *Coffee Club*, *Choir*, and *Friday Art* - continue to provide friendship, purpose, and joy for members.

"Coming to the Time Bank makes me feel free and relaxed. It gives me something to look forward to each week. I recently joined the Tea & Chat sessions and greatly enjoy the yearly seaside outings"

– *Time Bank Member*

"I joined four months ago, to socialise and make new friends. I feel happier after each session. I attend the Coffee Club, water all the indoor plants, and it feels good to have this responsibility and to be helpful while at the same time making connections with new people."

– *Time Bank Member*

iii) Wild Cat Wilderness

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Wild Cat Wilderness continues to thrive as a community green space, connecting people with nature and one another. The site offers volunteering, outdoor learning, and wellbeing activities that promote environmental stewardship and social connection.

2024/25 Highlights

- Hosted 10 Wild Workshops for adults and a 10th Birthday Festival, with over 500 attendees
- Welcomed 2,000+ visits to community events throughout the year
- Delivered twice-weekly volunteering sessions, plus corporate and community days

- Installed a new fence and gate at the Bellingham entrance, enabling woodland restoration work
- Built a new compost toilet in the orchard area to support volunteers and visitors
- Partnered with organisations including Rose Tree, Signal, and Portage Group, supporting women recovering from abuse, children with autism, and families with SEND children
- Continued strong partnerships with local schools, offering weekly forest school sessions for over 300 children per week

Impact

A survey of visitors showed:

- 96% reported improved mental health
- 86% felt better physical health
- 89% learned new or improved skills

“It’s a refreshing space where children come to life and it positively nurtures their social, emotional and mental health.”

– *Forest School Teacher*

“Forest School is a space where I feel one with nature, enjoying the smell, sight, sounds of the beauty of nature around me.”

– *Forest School attendee*

Sustainability and Community Engagement

We had a full programme of free activities and events for families during the school holidays and a summer programme called Wild Explorers with 15 events. Our spring/Easter time events were fully booked with about 100 people attending each and the two Halloween related events attracted over 120 people.

Income generation through plant sales, workshops, site hire, and handmade goods supports the site’s maintenance. Seasonal events such as *Wassail*, *Wild Pancakes*, and *Pumpkin Fun* continue to bring local families together and celebrate nature in Lewisham.

Adult workshops included fruit tree pruning plus the ten we put on as part of our anniversary celebrations. Across the year we had more than 2000 visits at our community events alone, engaging local people in nature.

iv) Bank of Things

Now in its third year, Bank of Things provides essential items such as toiletries and school supplies to young people aged 11–25. Operating from Lewisham Shopping Centre, the project ensures that no young person has to go without the basics needed for education, confidence, and wellbeing.

Highlights from 2024/25

- Supported 385 young people with essential items
- Expanded outreach through new pop-up sessions at Orchard Gardens Community Centre and Family Fun Days
- Partnered with Fresh Kits for Kids to deliver a uniform giveaway for over 100 families (worth £5,000 in items)

- Placed collection bins at Better Leisure Centres and other local sites, increasing donations borough-wide
- Organised an overnight fundraising bike ride with 50 riders, raising over £2,300
- Distributed 303 Christmas gift bags (worth £50 each) in partnership with Youth First, Young Women's Hub, and the Salvation Army's *Giving Tree* appeal

Partnerships and Growth

We continue to receive generous support from Lewisham Hygiene Bank, The Beauty Banks, local schools, churches, and businesses. Special thanks go to Amro and Mullally, local construction firms that contributed gifts and volunteer support, and to St Andrew's Catford, which has backed the project for three consecutive years.

We recognised that we were only serving a small portion of the borough through operating in a fixed location and started to look into expanding our reach. We received funding from The Elizabeth Legacy Fund and Clarion Futures to do so.

In the first quarter we focused on delivering this new outreach program, notably recruiting our Youth Outreach worker and delivering weekly pop-ups at Orchard Garden's Community Centre and hosting the first Family Fun Day. The Fun Day was open to all, completely free of charge, and included crafts, food, music, games, a bouncy castle and a pop-up Bank of things.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding sources

The charity is grateful for the financial support funders have kindly provided. The principal funders were The London Borough of Lewisham, The City Bridge Trust, National Lottery and Merchant Taylors Foundation.

Additional funding came from The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe, London Plus, NAVCA, Sustainable Food places, The Beatrice Laing Trust, Elizabeth Fund, Greater London Authority, Tesco Groundwork, Lendlease Foundation, Clarion and Hubbub Foundation.

Lewisham Local would like to thank members of the community who gave so generously to the organisation and its projects through community fundraising appeals.

Lewisham Local undertakes fundraising activities through its supporters via fundraising events, individual giving. We do not have face to face (or door to door) fundraising activities. We also raise funds from trusts and foundations and corporate partnerships. Lewisham Local is a member of the Fundraising Regulator and adheres to its Code of Fundraising Practice and its associated rulebooks for fundraising activities.

Lewisham Local is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation and only contacts prospective and existing supporters in line with its Privacy Policy and Data Protection Statement. Lewisham Local recognises the importance of protecting vulnerable supporters and follows the guidance issued by the Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraising Regulator on treating donors fairly.

Lewisham Local supports its staff and fundraisers who come into contact with supporters in providing high-quality customer care, ensuring anyone donating to the charity is in a position to make a free and informed decision. Lewisham Local welcomes feedback on its fundraising activities and has a complaint policy which outlines how the charity will react should a complaint be received regarding its fundraising methods. Lewisham Local has received no complaints during the year.

Lewisham Local Limited

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Financial Risks

The ongoing cuts from central government to local government continue to have a deep impact on the local voluntary sector as we continue to see cuts to their grant funding. Medium and long-term planning is difficult with few core funds available increasing reliance on short-term project funding. Economic challenges look set to stay the many challenges created by inflation. We are increasingly seeing valuable local voluntary organisations closedown due to funding pressures. New opportunities are emerging with the public sector thinking differently about how it delivers for communities.

Key risks:

- Loss of core funding through local government cuts and changing focus
- Inflation increasing costs and reducing the value of existing charity reserves
- Increasing competition from other voluntary sector organisations bidding for reduced funding
- Building reserves during an ongoing economic uncertainty.

The charity is currently stable, having been able to increase its unrestricted reserves. However, the loss of core funding from Lewisham Council and a shift to project funding presents a challenge for us to cover our overheads. Trustees are financially prudent but are aware that there may be a need at times to use some unrestricted funds to manage this gap. Nevertheless, the charity remains able and willing to trial innovative new ideas for the community and respond quickly to emerging needs through fundraising campaigns and new projects. The charity must continue to attract core funding where possible and will continue to develop income generation activities to raise unrestricted funds and maintain reserves as well as developing new projects that contribute to a share of overhead costs.

Financial review

The significant source of funding has been from the London Borough of Lewisham Council. Other financial assistance was given by charitable trusts, corporate supporters and private donors. The results of the year are shown on Page 22.

There was a surplus in the year of £28,600. When the surplus is added to the funds brought forward of £728,954, this leaves a figure of £757,554 for total funds carried forward at 1 April 2025.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain up to six months of annual expenditure but no less than three months in unrestricted reserves for essential staffing and running costs. This will enable the continuation of its core activity in the case of funding crises or other needs. The Trustees review this policy annually in line with the budget and the adopted projects for the financial year.

On 31st March 2025, Lewisham Local's reserves were £356,897 restricted, £53,751 designated, and £346,906 unrestricted (free) reserves.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The core value of 'Repair, Reuse, and Recycle' is important to the workings of the charity. The charity aims to avoid waste where possible and is mindful of creating excessive materials and printing. Where possible, items are re-purposed at various projects and people are also asked to donate surplus items like tools and cooking equipment. We have several projects that particularly promote reducing environmental impact such as:

- Foodcycle Lewisham - using supermarket surplus food waste to cook a weekly vegetarian community meal
- Refill Lewisham - free water refill scheme to reduce single-use plastic waste
- Lewisham Warmer Together - Campaign to raise awareness and funds of fuel poverty and to train energy champions to educate others in the community how to reduce their bills
- Bring & Fix - community repair events to fix household items for free

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The charity has grown in size and impact, demonstrating its agility and flexibility to respond to the changing funding landscape and to new opportunities to make a difference for local people and community groups. The next year presents challenges for the charity after losing a core grant from Lewisham Council and the restructuring of our work has been important to enable a shift to a project focus. Finding new funders for our longstanding grassroots projects will be key as funding for Timebank and Wild Cat Wilderness come to an end.

The charity will continue to be collaborative, strategic and responsive to existing and emerging needs that only seem to be increasing for Lewisham's communities. Launching new funding campaigns and projects to address these needs and support community groups will be a key area of growth.

Statement of Responsibilities

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

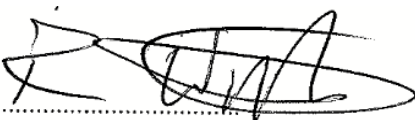
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources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

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

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

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

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 24 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Roy Witter
Chairman and trustee

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Lewisham Local Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lewisham Local Limited (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including [Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland](#) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material

misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Lewisham Local Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2025

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Lewisham Local Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2025

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities]. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with [Chapter 3 of Part 16](#) of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Goldwins Limited

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

75 Maygrove Road

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25 November 2025

Lewisham Local Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 March 2025

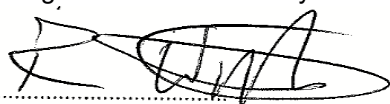
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	32,354	14,052	46,406	33,170
Charitable activities	4	116,034	898,168	1,014,202	1,135,969
Other Trading Activities	5	2,196	-	2,196	2,642
Other Income	6	47,144	3,536	50,680	47,022
Total income		197,728	915,756	1,113,484	1,218,803
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		136,331	948,553	1,084,884	1,049,190
Total expenditure	7	136,331	948,553	1,084,884	1,049,190
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		61,397	(32,797)	28,600	169,613
Transfers between funds		7,323	(7,323)	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		68,720	(40,120)	28,600	169,613
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	16	331,937	397,017	728,954	559,341
Total funds carried forward		400,657	356,897	757,554	728,954

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Lewisham Local Limited
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets:					
Investments	11		<u>171,000</u>		-
			<u>171,000</u>		
Current assets:					
Debtors	12	110,568		201,644	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	<u>514,486</u>		<u>532,710</u>	
		<u>625,054</u>		<u>734,354</u>	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(38,500)</u>		<u>(5,400)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>586,554</u>		<u>728,954</u>
Total net assets			<u>757,554</u>		<u>728,954</u>
Funds	16				
Restricted funds			356,897		397,017
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		53,751		37,093	
General funds		<u>346,906</u>		<u>294,844</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u>400,657</u>		<u>331,937</u>
Total funds			<u>757,554</u>		<u>728,954</u>

Approved by the trustees on 24 November 2025
and signed on their behalf by:



Roy Witter (Chair)

Company registration number: 04681564

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Lewisham Local Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2025	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	16		152,776		12,710
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Sale/ (purchase) of Investments		(171,000)		-	
Cash provided by / (used in) investing activities			(171,000)		-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year			(18,224)		12,710
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			532,710		520,000
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	17		514,486		532,710

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

i) Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	25%
Computer equipment	33%

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pensions

The Charity operates a Defined Contributions pension scheme.

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	22,500	268,060	290,560
Charitable activities	39,190	839,389	878,579
Other Trading Activities	2,642	-	2,642
Other Income	28,092	18,930	47,022
Total income	92,424	1,126,379	1,218,803
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:	36,072	1,013,118	1,049,190
Total expenditure	36,072	1,013,118	1,049,190
Net income / expenditure before transfers	56,352	113,261	169,613
Transfers between funds	(22,926)	22,926	-
Net income / expenditure	33,426	136,187	169,613
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	298,511	260,830	559,341
Total funds carried forward	331,937	397,017	728,954

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Designated £	General £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Appeals and Donations	28,646	3,708	14,052	46,406	33,170
	28,646	3,708	14,052	46,406	33,170

Lewisham Local Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025

4 Income From Charitable Activities

	Designated	General	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Contract Income	-	50,000	233	50,233	478,369
Grants - Local Authority	-	29,977	503,308	533,285	352,251
Grants - Regional /	-	-	30,656	30,656	44,976
Grants - Trusts & Foundations	32,996		363,971	396,967	257,390
Fees and Supplies	-	217	-	217	-
Fundraising	2,844	-	-	2,844	2,983
Total	35,840	80,194	898,168	1,014,202	1,135,969

5 Income From Other Trading Activities

	Designated	General	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Local Card Sales	2,196	-	-	2,196	2,642
Total	2,196	-	-	2,196	2,642

6 Other income

	Designated	General	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Income	12,763	15,911	3,086	31,760	25,821
Rental Income	12,487	5,983	450	18,920	21,201
Total	25,250	21,894	3,536	50,680	47,022

7 Analysis of expenditure

	Charitable activities	Support & Governance costs	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Project costs	92,723	-	92,723	118,502
Computer software and maintenance	53,456	-	53,456	33,576
Events and Hospitality	16,689	-	16,689	22,018
Cost of trustee meetings	62	-	62	291
Marketing and publicity	5,014	-	5,014	9,295
Legal and professional	6,510	-	6,510	6,178
Volunteer expenses	1,223	-	1,223	3,018
Grant funding of activities	236,647	-	236,647	295,590
Staff costs	-	615,199	615,199	519,778
Rent and rates	-	22,598	22,598	11,043
Light, heat and power	-	10,976	10,976	12,853
Insurance	-	2,675	2,675	2,079
Printing, postage and stationery	-	1,861	1,861	712
Trade subscriptions	-	3,092	3,092	1,747
Cleaning	-	4,262	4,262	4,475
Travel and subsistence	-	3,159	3,159	1,608
Accountancy and bookkeeping	-	2,400	2,400	-
Audit Fee	-	5,500	5,500	5,400
Bank charges	-	41	41	73
Private health insurance	-	797	797	954
	412,324	672,560	1,084,884	1,049,190
Support costs	672,560	(672,560)		
Total expenditure 2025	1,084,884	-	1,084,884	
Total expenditure 2024	1,049,190	-	1,049,190	

Of the total expenditure, £136,331 (2024: £36,072) was unrestricted and £948,553 (2024: £1,013,118) was restricted.

Support and governance costs refer to the costs involved in operational activity which support the delivery of the charitable aims. They are allocated on the basis of full-time equivalent staff working on each activity.

8 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):	2025	2024
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration:		
Net Audit fees	4,583	4,500

9 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	533,773	451,469
Social security costs	50,321	41,352
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	31,105	26,957
Other staff costs	-	-
	615,199	519,778

No employee received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) exceeding £60,000 during the year (2024: No employee).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £52,808 (2024: £56,606).

None of the trustees received any remuneration and reimbursement for any expenses during the year (2024: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Charitable activities	17	18
	17	18

10 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Investment

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value at start of year	-	-
Additions at cost	171,000	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Realised gains / (losses)	-	-
Unrealised gains / (losses)	-	-
Market value at year end	171,000	-

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	110,568	201,644
Prepayments	-	-
	110,568	201,644

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	1,098	-
Accruals	5,500	5,400
Taxation and social security	9,152	-
Deferred income	22,750	-
	38,500	5,400

14 Pension scheme

The Charity operates a defined Contributions pension scheme.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current Assets	385,406	53,751	356,897	796,054
Current Liabilities	(38,500)	-	-	(38,500)
Net assets at the end of the year	346,906	53,751	356,897	757,554

Analysis of net assets between funds 2024

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current Assets	300,244	37,093	397,017	734,354
Current Liabilities	(5,400)	-	-	(5,400)
Net assets at the end of the year	294,844	37,093	397,017	728,954

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16 Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Bank of Things - Christmas Appeal	474		(474)	-	-
Bank of Things - Elizabeth Fund	6,961		(6,961)	-	-
Bank of Things – Clarion Futures	4,870		(4,870)	-	-
Bank of Things -- Town Centre Small Grants	1,000		(1,000)	-	-
Bank of Things – Sainsbury's/Neighbourly	-	500	(500)	-	-
BoT - Clarion Futures 25	-	1,963	-	-	1,963
BoT-OG&Hubbub Nov 24	-	9,000	(7,382)	-	1,618
Local Giving: WcW Bees Appeal	1,840		-	-	1,840
Unit 19	7,323			(7,323)	-
Wild Cat Wilderness - National Lottery Community	9,052	64,270	(63,725)	-	9,597
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Time Bank	-			-	-
Time Bank - National Lottery Community Fund	2,781	54,166	(57,741)	-	(794)
Time Bank Waldron Center	-			-	-
Time Bank Windrush	-	500	(500)	-	-
London Plus - Community Emergency Resilience	4,893	-	(4,893)	-	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Building People	7,229	(7,243)	14	-	-
LBL Volunteer Brokerage	13,826	30,000	(31,064)	-	12,762
TimeBank - Co-Op funding Oct 24 - Sept 25	-	1,055	695	-	1,750
London Borough of Lewisham: Inclusion Growth	7,763		(248)	-	7,515
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	12,517	-	-	-	12,517
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	16,759	64,745	(39,808)	-	41,696
London Borough of Lewisham - Warm Welcomes	73,579	125,000	(179,793)	-	18,786
Local Giving - Essentials Grants 2 - LBL & Merchant	-	46,000	(46,000)	-	-
Lewisham Local Giving Fund	3,348	4,183	7,699	-	15,230
Local Giving - Peabody-24-29	-	85,000	(106)	-	84,894
LBL - Household Support Fund 4 (Essentials & Food	60,630	-	(60,630)	-	-
City Bridge Foundation - Place Based Funding	30,997	93,872	(89,663)	-	35,206
Lewisham Foodbank	-			-	-
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Cost of Living	-			-	-
The Beatrice Laing Trust - Food Cycle Lewisham	5,143		(5,143)	-	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Catford Food Projects	-			-	-
FoodCycle Haberdashers	1,560		(1,560)	-	-
Children England - Food Growing	500			-	500
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Justice	57,969	40,450	(76,125)	-	22,294
Greater London Authority - Food Roots	-			-	-
Sustainable Food Places - Good Food Lewisham	5,860		(5,860)	-	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Growing	4,578	44,136	(40,107)	-	8,607
Good Food - GLA Food Roots 2	25,883	31,106	(32,735)	-	24,254
London Borough of Lewisham - Every Rushey Green	1,146	5,147	(6,293)	-	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Community Directory	15,702	40,000	(22,383)	-	33,319
London Borough of Lewisham - Fundraising	3,433	61,906	(65,339)	-	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Black Infrastructure	1,280	60,000	(55,660)	-	5,620
London Borough of Lewisham - Digital Inclusion	8,121	60,000	(50,398)	-	17,723
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Total restricted funds	397,017	915,756	(948,553)	(7,323)	356,897
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds:					
BoT-(Unrestricted)	4,356	5,268	(7,007)	-	2,617
Bank of Things Unrestricted		114	-	-	114
Foodcycle Lewisham	25,951	20,771	(22,042)	-	24,680
Time Bank	-	1,148	(435)	-	713
Lewisham Local Card sales	803	15,336	(8,441)	-	7,698
Wild Cat Wilderness	5,983	15,251	(4,352)	-	16,882
Unrestricted - Designated Funds - PARENT	-	1,047	-	-	1,047
Total Designated Funds	37,093	58,935	(42,277)	-	53,751

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General funds

Unrestricted (General)	-	66,052	61,262	-	127,314
Overhead	-	4,974	(100,676)	-	(95,702)
LBL - Toilets	-	49,125	(40,957)	-	8,168
Unit 19	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Unit 19 Unrestricted-Jan25	-	-	1,317	7,323	8,640
LBL - Borough of Culture	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Unrestricted - General Funds - PARENT	289,844	3,642	-	-	293,486
Total General Funds	294,844	138,793	(94,054)	7,323	346,906

Total unrestricted funds

331,937	197,728	(136,331)	7,323	400,657
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Total funds

728,954	1,113,484	(1,084,884)	-	757,554
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Movements in funds 2024

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Restricted funds:					
Tesco Groundwork - Bank of Things	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Bank of Things	3,729	-	(3,729)	-	-
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Bank of Things	(504)	3,500	(3,500)	504	-
London Borough of Lewisham: Bank of Things	6,616	-	(6,616)	-	-
Hubbub Foundation - Bank of Things	3,000	1,100	(4,100)	-	-
Bank of Things - Christmas Appeal	-	6,756	(6,282)	-	474
Bank of Things - Elizabeth Fund	-	16,189	(8,724)	(504)	6,961
Bank of Things – Clarion Futures	-	5,000	(130)	-	4,870
Local Giving: WcW Bees Appeal	1,840	-	-	-	1,840
Unit 19	-	15,000	(7,677)	-	7,323
Wild Cat Wilderness - National Lottery Community Fund	-	30,574	(21,522)	-	9,052
Town Centre Small Grants	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Time Bank	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Time Bank - National Lottery Community Fund	-	27,270	(21,392)	(3,097)	2,781
Time Bank Waldron Center	-	500	(500)	-	-
Time Bank Windrush	-	1,050	(1,050)	-	-
London Plus - Community Emergency Resilience	5,000	5,000	(5,107)	-	4,893
London Borough of Lewisham - Building People Changing Minds	9,269	16,666	(18,706)	-	7,229
LBL Volunteer Brokerage	-	30,250	(16,424)	-	13,826
Time Bank - Warm Welcome	-	-	2,600	(2,600)	-
London Borough of Lewisham: Inclusion Growth Builder	15,858	-	(8,095)	-	7,763
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	12,517	-	-	-	12,517

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City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	5,974	64,700	(53,915)	-	16,759
London Borough of Lewisham - Warm Welcomes	18,111	215,000	(162,132)	2,600	73,579
Lendlease Grants (Deptford Landings)	-	-	(21,565)	21,565	-
Lewisham Local Giving Fund	-	3,348	-	-	3,348
Local Giving - Essentials Grants 2 - LBL & Merchant Taylors	-	92,000	(92,000)	-	-
LBL - Household Support Fund 4 (Essentials & Food Justice)	-	69,000	-	(8,370)	60,630
City Bridge Foundation - Place Based Funding	-	95,966	(64,969)	-	30,997
Lewisham Foodbank	(600)	-	-	600	-
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Cost of Living	14,060	-	-	(14,060)	-
The Beatrice Laing Trust - Food Cycle Lewisham	3,000	6,000	(3,257)	(600)	5,143
London Borough of Lewisham - Catford Food Projects	1,232	6,537	(8,150)	381	-
FoodCycle Haberdashers	-	3,600	(2,040)	-	1,560
Children England - Food Growing	500	-	-	-	500
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Justice	101,955	40,450	(84,436)	-	57,969
Greater London Authority - Food Roots	13,200	-	(13,200)	-	-
Sustainable Food Places - Good Food Lewisham	13,860	-	(8,000)	-	5,860
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Growing	1,920	45,956	(43,298)	-	4,578
Good Food - GLA Food Roots 2	-	44,976	(19,093)	-	25,883
London Borough of Lewisham - Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice	3,311	28,686	(30,851)	-	1,146
London Borough of Lewisham - Community Directory	2,699	40,000	(25,889)	(1,108)	15,702
London Borough of Lewisham - Fundraising Development	7,707	60,100	(64,374)	-	3,433
London Borough of Lewisham - Black Infrastructure Support	8,511	60,000	(67,231)	-	1,280
London Borough of Lewisham - Digital Inclusion	1,668	60,000	(53,547)	-	8,121
Time Bank	-	1,728	(4,825)	3,097	-
Cost of Living Appeal	-	2,157	(24,587)	22,430	-
Food'n'Fun in the Fields Festival	(603)	2,820	(3,197)	980	-
LBL - Toilets	-	24,500	(25,608)	1,108	-
Total restricted funds	260,830	1,126,379	(1,013,118)	22,926	397,017

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	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2024
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds:					
Bank of Things	-	4,356	-	-	4,356
Foodcycle Lewisham	11,072	14,155	1,106	(382)	25,951
Food'n'Fun in the Fields Festival	979	-	-	(979)	-
Lewisham Local Card sales	-	2,662	(1,859)	-	803
Wild Cat Wilderness	8,398	18,993	(21,408)	-	5,983
Total Designated Funds	20,449	40,166	(22,161)	(1,361)	37,093
General funds					
Integrated Care System	-	9,000	(9,000)	-	-
LBL - Borough of Culture	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
General funds	278,062	38,258	(4,911)	(21,565)	289,844
Total General Funds	278,062	52,258	(13,911)	(21,565)	294,844
Total unrestricted funds	298,511	92,424	(36,072)	(22,926)	331,937
Total funds	559,341	1,218,803	(1,049,190)	-	728,954

Purposes of restricted funds

London Borough of Lewisham: Lewisham Inclusive Growth Builder Fund - funds for digital costs, promotion and marketing.

London Borough of Lewisham: Covid Support - covid measures funding, infection control and testing.

Small Charities Coalition: funds for Kickstart project; to create six month jobs for young people.

Local Giving: Wild Cat Wilderness bees appeal.

Prudential: for FoodCycle Lewisham to provide a weekly meal for isolated people affected by food poverty. Town Centre Small Grants - funds for bank of things and to promote Lewisham Local Card.

London Catalyst: Launchpad seedcorn funding for Health and Wellbeing Projects.

London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad grants for distribution Lendlease - Grant distribution projects addressing the impacts of Covid-19 on BAME communities in Lewisham

The City Bridge Trust (Lewisham Local): towards a Director of Lewisham Local plus associated running costs for the development and consolidation of Lewisham Local Lewisham Foodbank - funds to be shared with other food projects through Lewisham Local

The City Bridge Trust (Wild Cat Wilderness): for salaries and associated direct costs of the Wild Cat Wilderness project

London Borough of Lewisham: resource for young people for educational and other wellbeing supplies, and support and additional activities

Co-op Local Community Fund: to run arts and crafts workshops in Bellingham NAVCA - Warm welcomes - supporting our Warm Welcomes initiative distributing grants to local groups

Tesco Groundwork: Bank of Things - Distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need.

Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe: Time Bank - Coordinator and activity costs supporting local people to improve their health and wellbeing through sharing time and skills.

Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe: Bank of things - Activity costs distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need.

London Plus: Community Emergency Resilience - Building a network of local organisations and partnering with Lewisham Council to increase our preparedness for future emergencies.

Merchant Taylors Foundation: Bank of Things - Activity costs distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need.

Merchant Taylors Foundation: Cost of Living - Match funding our Cost of Living campaign to give small grants to community organisations supporting residents through the cost of living crisis with food, energy advice, signposting to additional support.

Sustainable Food Places: Good Food Lewisham - Strengthening networks between food growing groups, growers, related organisation and increasing food growing and awareness of different food cultures. a partnership with Grow Lewisham CIC.

The Beatrice Laing Trust: Food Cycle Lewisham - Core costs for our project and to launch a new second community meal.

Children England: Food Growing - Small grants for local people to start food growing activities in their communities.

London Borough of Lewisham: Food Justice - In partnership with Lewisham Council develop the Food Justice Action Plan and the Food Justice Alliance

London Borough of Lewisham: Warm welcomes - Coordinate a programme of local community organisations supporting residents through the Cost of Living crisis. Warm Welcomes would offer a safe, warm space with social activities and refreshments as well as additional signposting support.

Greater London Authority: Food Roots Winter Crisis Grants - Expanding our food partnership work to help improve the sustainability and resilience of local efforts to address food insecurity.

London Borough of Lewisham: Catford Food Projects - Coordination support for our FoodCycle Project and wider support for other food projects in Catford.

London Borough of Lewisham: Volunteering Brokerage - Supporting individuals into volunteering roles and working with voluntary sector organisations to promote roles to the wider public.

London Borough of Lewisham: Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice - Pilot project to build the connections of local businesses, residents and community groups to understand the needs and aspirations for the local community.

London Borough of Lewisham: Community Directory - Maintaining a digital directory of community organisations within Lewisham

London Borough of Lewisham: Fundraising Development - Providing fundraising development support to equalities focused organisations, initially focused on organisations led by and for black and/or disabled communities in Lewisham

London Borough of Lewisham: Black Infrastructure Support - Providing capacity building support for organisations led by and for black communities in Lewisham, a partnership with Kinaraa CIC.

London Borough of Lewisham: Digital Inclusion - Increase access to digital devices and digital support across Lewisham, facilitating a network of partners focused on digital inclusion, in partnership with Catbytes CIC.

London Borough of Lewisham: Warm Welcomes - Coordinate a project of 50+ local community spaces allowing free access to warm space, hot refreshments and signposting support, including distributing grants and facilitating a network of organisations

17 Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period	28,600	169,613
(as per the statement of financial activities)		
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors	91,076	(143,591)
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors	33,100	(13,312)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	152,776	12,710

18 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 1 April 2024	Cash flows	Other changes	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	532,710	(18,224)	-	514,486
Total cash and cash equivalents	532,710	(18,224)	-	514,486
Total cash and cash equivalents 2024	520,000	12,710	-	532,710

19 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the charity being wound up.

20 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2024: none).

Accounts

Company registration number: 04681564

Charity registration number: 1101616

Lewisham Local Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Goldwins Limited
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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Roy Witter
Trustees	Ayesha Gareeboo Joyce Jones Gemma Juma Tina Price-Johnson Mary Pickles Jonathan Prince Susan Ryder Allison Streetly Peter Webb Roy Witter
Secretary	Samuel Hawksley (resigned 1 May 2024) Gulen Petty (appointed 1 May 2024)
Charity Registration Number	1101616
Company Registration Number	04681564 (The charity is incorporated in England and Wales).
Registered Office	Unit C Place/Ladywell 261 Lewisham High Street Lewisham London, SE13 6NJ
Independent Auditor	Goldwins Limited 75 Maygrove Road West Hampstead London, NW6 2EG
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c Lewisham 151 Lewisham High St London, SE13 6AA

Lewisham Local Limited Trustees' Report

From the Chair

Dear Friends and Partners,

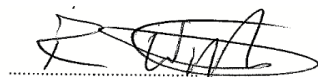
Welcome to the Lewisham Local Trustees' Annual Report for the year 2023-2024. This is a year which has been marked with numerous exciting achievements and new challenges as we continue to grow and evolve as a charity.

We started the year with increased funding pressure following the previous year's statutory funding cuts. We continued developing a project-focused delivery model revolving around our core values and mission, requiring us to locate alternative sources of support. In responding to this challenge, we have successfully secured diverse new funding for our established projects, showcasing the value and impact of our work. Additionally, we were able to embark on new pilot projects to address emerging local needs, such as digital exclusion, supporting individuals in work placements and partnering with community organisations that specifically serve Lewisham's black and ethnic minority community. Even under challenging conditions, our charity continues to grow at impressive pace – a testament to the important role we play in Lewisham's vast and storied social tapestry.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated and hardworking staff team, whose collaborative efforts with the Trustees have been integral to our progress. They have risen to the challenges presented by the cost-of-living crisis, which has placed increased demands on our projects and our local communities, as well as our staff team. I would also like to express our gratitude to our funders for their ongoing support and flexibility, as well as our tireless volunteers and project members, whose positivity and unwavering efforts continue to uplift us. Finally, I commend my fellow Trustees for their exemplary commitment and hard work, driving our charity forward.

We were also deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of three symbolic members of the Lewisham Local community; our trustee Susan Ryder, our former trustee and treasurer Patrick McKee, and most recently our trustee Pete Webb. Each played a significant role in the development of our charity, and their loss has been immeasurable. In remembering them, let us recognise their unwavering dedication, commitment and the impact they had on our organisation and the lives of many in our community. We also said goodbye to our CEO, Sam Hawksley, as he and his family relocated to Yorkshire. Early in the new year we started our search for a new CEO to take the charity to its next chapter. After a long and meticulous selection process, we appointed Dr Gülen Petty as Lewisham Local's new CEO. While waiting for her to join the charity in June, I stepped in as an Interim CEO to hold the fort.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustee colleagues and our staff for their support and dedication to supporting our communities and residents of Lewisham without interruption through these times of change. Moving forward, we remain resolute in our commitment to rise to the increasingly confronting circumstances faced by local residents with determination and flexibility. We are excited for the upcoming year, under the vision and direction of our new CEO, we will continue to prioritise investing in improving our internal systems, including our digital communications and website. We will continue to support our staff in delivering their incredible work and move towards enhancing Lewisham Local's sustainability by diversifying our funding base.



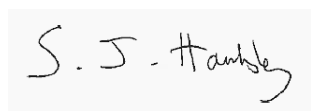
Sincerely,
Roy Witter

From the Outgoing Chief Executive

What a pleasure it has been to lead Lewisham Local over the last couple of years. We have been on an exciting journey, continued to grow our impact in Lewisham and our staff team. We have developed new projects responding to the community's needs, increased our funding streams and taken steps to include more representation of the communities we serve on our Board. There have been challenges along the way as the charity has grown quickly. However, we have continued to provide a robust service to our local community, and acted as an agent for meaningful change for Lewisham.

I'd like to thank the staff and volunteer team for being flexible and dedicated to making a difference in Lewisham's communities.

As my family and I relocate to the North-West of England, I look forward to watching from afar the positive difference this fabulous local charity continues to make. Keep being positive in the face of the challenges, respond to the needs, be creative and have fun!



Sam Hawksley

From the New Chief Executive

As a long-time Lewisham resident and a charity leader in the borough for the past decade, I was thrilled to step into the role of CEO of Lewisham Local in June 2024. It's a privilege to lead such an incredible charity that, even in challenging times for Lewisham and its residents, remains a vital partner for residents, funders, and community stakeholders.

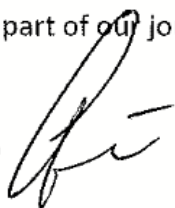
Together with the talented staff members and highly skilled and supportive Board of Trustees, I am looking forward to leading Lewisham Local to its next phase.

Our focus remains on listening closely to our communities, hearing and understanding their needs, and working collaboratively to find the resources needed to address the challenges and hardships many residents face – whether that is through time, skills, expertise, or funding.

Our progress would not be possible without the dedication of our partners, funders, community leaders, and volunteers. Your contributions make Lewisham Local a beacon of hope in this vibrant borough - a place where we are proud to live, learn, work, and have fun together.

Thank you for being part of our journey!

Dr Gülen Petty, CEO



Lewisham Local Limited

Trustees' Report

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Charity aims to have a diverse Board of Trustees, made up of residents, professionals and individuals with lived experience of the organisation's projects and issues it is trying to address. The Trustees are a diverse group of people with varied experiences and knowledge in the local area, business, and voluntary sectors. Trustees may be appointed at any time and reappointments are on rotation every year at the AGM. A Trustee eligibility audit is carried out on a yearly basis as well as an audit of the current skills on the Board so that any gaps can be filled through new Trustee recruitment.

The Charity ensures that the Board of Trustees represents the diversity of our Borough and the users of the organisation. Due to the charity's growth and increasing breadth of work, Trustees agreed to increase the number of Trustees on the Board in order to provide increased oversight of our work as well as gain new skills and lived experience of our projects and the issues we address through our work, including poverty and isolation. Trustees also aimed to recruit younger Trustees to further enhance the diversity of the Board.

Meetings

The Board of Trustees meets six times a year and determines strategic direction and policy. The Board met in March 2023 for our annual Strategic Away Day to review performance, analyse the context around the organisation and identify opportunities to enhance the organisation's work and sustainability.

Organisational structure

The Chief Executive is accountable to the Board of Trustees and oversees the operations of the organisation and manages staff and freelance workers. We have continued to grow our staff and financial income and therefore our structure of Programme Managers has provided good oversight of our work and brought projects together into key themes. According to funding and project needs, other staff or freelance workers support on project delivery. In 2023-24 there were 20 staff (18 full time equivalent).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Committees Serving</u>
Roy Witter	Company Director and Trustee (Chair)	30/11/2022	Strategy (Chair)
Jonathan Prince	Company Director and Trustee (Vice Chair)	19/01/2022	Strategy, Finance & Operations (Chair)
Susan Ryder	Company Director and Trustee	23/01/2020	Finance & Operations
Dr Allison Streetly OBE	Company Director and Trustee	19/01/2022	Local Giving *New* (Chair)
Gemma Juma	Company Director and Trustee	27/01/2021	Finance & Operations
Ayesha Gareeboo	Company Director and Trustee	15.05/2023	
Mary Pickles	Company Director and Trustee	15/05/2023	
Peter Webb	Company Director and Trustee		

Tina Price-Johnson	Company Director and Trustee	15/05/2023
Joyce Jones	Company Director and Trustee	05/02/2022
Sam Hawksley	Company Secretary and Chief Executive Officer	01/11/2021

Chief Executive (1.0)

Food Justice Programme Manager	Voluntary Sector Programme Manager	Volunteering Programme Manager	Local Giving Programme Manager	
Food Partnerships Coordinator	Community Directory Coordinator	Time Bank Coordinator	Fundraising and Comms Coordinator	Finance & Office Coordinator
FoodCycle Coordinator	Fundraising Development Manager – Equalities	Volunteering & Work Placement Coordinator	Admin Temp x 2	
Community Development Worker (Businesses)	Digital Access Project Manager	Bank of Things Coordinator		
		Wild Cat Wilderness Coordinator		
	Community Development Worker			

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Related parties

There were no related parties during the financial year.

Wider network

The charity currently does not operate within a wider network.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed to and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity maintains a risk register and has a risk management strategy to identify and mitigate risks. The high risks are brought to the attention of the Board to minimise any potential impact on the charity. The charity carries out monitoring and evaluation and provides reports to its funders. The charity ensures it has financial procedures, health and safety policy and safeguarding procedures in place. They are reviewed annually to reflect changing legislation and to refresh knowledge and practice.

OBJECTIVES

Objectives

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the public and particularly, but not limited to, the public who live and work in the London Borough of Lewisham and surrounding boroughs, including: a) to promote volunteering, time banking, the giving of time and skills to engage and support local residents including those considered to be suffering from the disadvantage of social exclusion; b) to promote philanthropy to relieve poverty distress and sickness in the interests of social welfare with the aim of improving the conditions of life of the public; c) to promote and broker partnership working and training within the voluntary and charitable sector, statutory and private sectors in the interests of the furtherance of and achievements of the above purposes.

Aim and activities

The charity uses an asset-based approach and activities to involve people in volunteering and sharing their skills to connect and create community cohesion. The charity facilitates stakeholders from the voluntary, statutory, education and business sectors to collaborate and share their assets like resources, training, expertise, time and money to help alleviate poverty and reduce social isolation.

Our Vision - A connected Lewisham community that gives, shares and works together to build happier and healthier communities.

Our Mission - Connect and collaborate with individuals and organisations, encouraging all to give and share what they can to respond to needs in the community and strengthen Lewisham's voluntary and community groups.

Our Values

- Everyone in the community is an asset and able to contribute, give and share
- We are inclusive, welcoming and open to all
- We are collaborative and committed to working together with a positive attitude
- We are dynamic and responsive to Lewisham's communities' needs and willing to innovate
- We value the diversity of Lewisham's communities and are committed to proactively representing Lewisham's diversity in our Staff, Trustees and projects

Living Wage Employer

The organisation is committed to the Living Wage movement and is an accredited Living Wage Employer by the Living Wage Foundation.

Modern Slavery

As Lewisham Local is well below the threshold of £36m set by the Modern Slavery Act 2015, the Company is not legally required to have a policy on modern slavery. However, the Act is a positive piece of legislation aiming to safeguard workers from exploitation and we support the aims of this legislation. Lewisham Local has a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking and is committed to continually improving our policies and procedures to help identify and combat modern slavery and human trafficking.

Public benefit statement

Lewisham Local's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects and the Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 7 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

This charity welcomes all sections of society and is for public benefit. The charity has a strong and consistent track record of service to the public, working with individuals in the community, especially the elderly and vulnerable but also across all generations and ethnicity. The activities of the charity are rooted in valuing, welcoming, including and empowering people. This is evidenced by evaluations, feedback, reports, case studies and photographs that demonstrate the charity's public benefit.

Equality

Across our Staff and Trustee team we are committed to being reflective of the diverse community we serve.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Highlights from the Year

- Over 600 businesses engaged with Lewisham Local discount card scheme
- 4,466 Community Meals served
- 2,584 volunteer hours provided at Food Cycle
- We distributed £232,471 number of grants to 118 projects
- Developed Lewisham Community Directory to more than 600 organisations
- Supported 2,000 residents through Digital Access for All
- We launched Community Exchange platform
- 31,000 visits were recorded for Time Bank
- 385 young people received essentials as part of Bank of Things project
- 101 people placed into volunteering

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

1. Promoting Access to Good Healthy Food

Key Achievements

- 399 people engaged in the Good Food Lewisham network
- 4,466 Community Meals served at FoodCycle Lewisham
- 6,473 kgs of surplus food rescued
- 2,584 volunteer hours provided at FoodCycle Lewisham
- 70 % of FoodCycle Lewisham guests say they eat more fruits and vegetables as a result of coming to the meal

Lewisham's work on food justice and community food action was commended in the Good Food Local report 2024. <https://www.goodfoodlewisham.org/post/lewisham-s-work-on-community-food-action-recognised-in-the-good-food-local-report-2024>

- Lewisham Local partnered with Lewisham Public Health to deliver a Community Food Justice grants programme. Over £90k has been invested in 19 projects. This funding enabled groups to buy fresh, ambient and culturally appropriate foods, provide cash-first approaches, and respond to dietary requirements. Cookery course provision was also funded after this need was identified by the partnership.

1.1. Good Food Lewisham

This is the second year hosting Good Food Lewisham, Lewisham's Food Partnership, a network of passionate people working together to change the world of food in the London Borough of Lewisham. The project is currently funded by Lewisham Council until April 2025.

Key achievements have been:

1.1.1. Food Giving Network

Good Food Lewisham hosts a Lewisham Food Giving Network which engages over 40 food giving groups in Lewisham. Supporting this network, they hosted 10 monthly Zoom meetings to problem solve, connect with other partners and share emerging needs alongside training, manage a WhatsApp group to share surplus food and cross refer between partners, and ran two in-person Round Table events. This work has improved referral pathways between projects, saved tonnes of food from going to waste and facilitated more joined up working across community food projects.

"Ongoing development support from GFL has meant we were able to share our learning and knowledge directly offering advice, guidance and practical help to: Evelyn Community Store, Rehoboth Set up, St Peters Set up, Sydenham Social supermarket Set up, Lewisham Donation Hub food set up. The Mayoresses Lewisham Pack Lunch Appeal Coordination and The Mayoresses Christmas Hamper Appeal" Good Food Lewisham Steering Group member Stella Headley who founded and runs RMUK Wellbeing CIC, a food project providing cultural foods to meet the needs of Black African and Black Caribbean housebound individuals in Lewisham.

As part of this work, Good Food Lewisham helped establish a temporary food hub at Evelyn Community Store in the summer of 2023 to distribute additional fruit and veg during the summer holidays to address holiday hunger.

Lewisham Local successfully gained funding from GLA Food Roots 2 to develop and embed more sustainable and resilient ways of working to better support food insecure Londoners, especially those who are forced to rely on emergency food aid. A Community Development Worker was employed in October 2023 and is engaging with a diverse range of stakeholders to promote the Healthy Start scheme. Activities include: attending engagement events to promote to local residents in areas identified with low uptake, working with Lewisham Council's cost-of-living programme to run a Healthy Start billboard campaign near Lewisham's markets; visiting food banks to engage members who could be eligible; engaging local market holders and social supermarkets to accept the card, and regular briefing sessions for frontline staff on the Healthy Start initiative. Uptake has increased as a result.

Case study:

More than £400,000 worth of Healthy Start funds are still going unclaimed in Lewisham alone, meaning thousands of families simply don't realise that they are entitled to this benefit.

We are working hard to spread the word about Healthy Start, because we know what a difference it can make for families on a tight budget.

We spoke to Eyambe and her son, Noah, about how the scheme impacts their lives, and the importance of outreach to young families.

"I've been using Healthy Start since it was introduced, when it used to be vouchers. The card is the best, much better. I use it in supermarkets or anywhere that I can. But I didn't know I could use it in the market along Lewisham High Street!"

"The Healthy Start has helped me very much, very very helpful – because I can buy fruit and vegetables every time; sometimes spinach, sometimes other things. I am not worried about money."

One of the reasons we think not everyone uses Healthy Start is because they either don't know about it, or think it will be hard to apply for. We asked Eyambe if she had any challenges getting the card or using it; and what others could gain from checking their eligibility.

"Because of Healthy Start, my kids love eating fruit and veg, so it's really helpful for me. I get a lot of frozen peas. "We always buy milk with it. I get lentils through the card too."

"Healthy Start has helped my children grow a love of fruit and veg. Broccoli, bananas, carrots – anything. I am French-Cameroonian. What my family eats depends on the seasons, and who is making it. Healthy Start has really helped me to eat well, with ingredients I know."

1.1.2. Food Growing

Activities have included:

- Developing activities through a Food Growing Network, thanks to funding by Sustainable Food Places Growing the Good Food Movement Grant. As part of this project there have been community growing visits to show case gardens through blog posts e.g. St Mary's Therapeutic Garden, Downham Men's Group.
- Supported six groups working with communities who face inequity and barriers to food growing with small grants including 360 Lifestyle Support, AFRIL, Two Mindful Bees.
- A GFL network meeting in June 2023 meeting was co-organised with a school, focusing on young people. The host school went on to set up a gardening club. Feedback at the meeting influenced the Council Task & Finish Group on Community Food Growing - a Council Community Food Growing Officer is in development as a result. Our work was commended. In September 2023 a meeting and community gardens walk was held as part of Capital Growth's Urban Harvest week. This attracted a large diverse group, 55 people signed up, co-organised with community activists, seed saving demonstration by Grow Lewisham, tours of two community gardens.
- The January and March meetings included tours of Coco Collective Bellingham garden, Forster Memorial Park sensory garden and Goldsmiths Community Centre gardens.

- Lewisham Local and partners organised Seeds and Cultural Foods event in February at Besson Street Community Garden was successful with a tour, speakers, seed swap, food from Rastafari Movement UK, attracting many new people. Video.

1.1.3. Good Food Business Network

The Good food Business network has continued to grow, supported via a GFL WhatsApp group, which has linked around 40 businesses and has given a new platform for training support, opportunities, funding, business support and development. The businesses use the network for promotion, and benefit from potential business opportunities such as events and catering requests. In person Breakfast Network Meetings are hosted at different businesses around the borough.

By April 2024, 15 businesses and organisations have signed up to the Good Food Business Charter. We recognise businesses providing healthy food through an online GFL Business Directory. Lewisham Local has signed up to the Charter.

1.1.4. Lewisham Food Justice Alliance

Lewisham Council funded Lewisham Local to host a Food Justice Programme Manager to oversee the delivery of Lewisham's Food Justice Action Plan launched in April 2023 by Public Health Lewisham.

A Food Justice Alliance made up of a range of community stakeholders, statutory partners and services was launched in October 2023 to support the delivery of the plan. The Food Justice Action Plan actions include redirecting surplus food to community partners and gardens; increasing food growing and community cookery provision and improving referral pathways for people in crisis. Lewisham Local helped to set up a strategic steering group with representation from community partners, local authority, NHS and voluntary sector and four task and finish groups that oversee the delivery of different priorities.

1.2. FoodCycle Lewisham

Between April 2023 and March 24 we served:

- 4,466 Community Meals
- 6,473 kgs of surplus food rescued
- 15,411 WRAP-equivalent meals
- 2,584 volunteer hours provided
- 4,057 CO2e saved

FoodCycle Lewisham is one of Lewisham Local's frontline projects which is now seven years old. The project is run in partnership with the national charity FoodCycle.

Every week FoodCycle Lewisham serves a three-course vegetarian community meal at the Lewisham Irish Community Centre in Catford that is made from surplus food that may go to waste, saving food from landfill and providing a community dining experience to those who may not have access to cooked food, suitable cooking facilities or who struggle to access nutritious food.

The project is funded by Lewisham Council's NCIL Rushey Green Ward funding, The Beatrice Laing Trust, The Co-op, The Haberdashers' Benevolent Foundation, Verisk, Neighbourly

Highlights

- In November 2023, the project opened a second midweek meal on a Wednesday in partnership with the Lewisham Irish Community Centre (LICC) thanks to funding from the Haberdashers' Benevolent Foundation and free hire of the hall and kitchen thanks to LICC. The project is proud to have developed a second project which has been a long-term goal to serve more members of the local community.
- FoodCycle Lewisham now offers 26 volunteers sessions on a weekly basis

2. Promoting Lewisham Giving

Key Giving Achievements

- More than 600 Businesses giving through our projects
- £232,471 grants distributed
- 118 projects funded
- £2,200 raised from fundraising appeals

A key theme across our projects is encouraging all in Lewisham to give what they can in order to make Lewisham a happier and healthier place. We inspire people to give whatever they can, whether that is time, skills, money, or things in kind. Our work aims to build connections between local residents, businesses and the statutory sector and increase their awareness of local community organisations meeting diverse needs in our community. We worked with the Lewisham Local Collaborative to launch and facilitate the Lewisham Funders Network, bringing together local and regional funders with a particular interest in the borough. We would like to thank City Bridge Foundation for their ongoing funding and the support we receive through the London Funders network, London's Giving, to share ideas with other charities promoting local giving in their London boroughs.

We are continually building our capacity to work with more local people and businesses who are able to give to improve our local community and meet its complex and varied needs.

2.1. Public Fundraising Appeals – The people of Lewisham continued to amaze us with their willingness to donate to our Bank of Things Christmas Appeal, in particular St. Andrews Church Catford, which raised £1,000 holding a Christmas fair.

2.2. Growing our Grants Distribution – We continued raising money through fundraising appeals and partnering with organisations to distribute small grants to community groups meeting Lewisham's needs. Lewisham Local's knowledge of community needs and our unique connections with community groups have enabled us to develop this work and channel resources towards community needs in a responsive way. We distributed £326,140 in grants to 88 projects. Key themes included food insecurity, supporting local people with energy advice and Lewisham Warm Welcomes, a programme of over 50 local drop-ins with activities and a place to stay warm and receive support. Other funds in development include our Essentials Fund in partnership with Lewisham Council, supporting individuals through one-off purchasing of essential items and Food Justice Grants, supporting local food projects to meet the need for equitable access to food in Lewisham.

Quotes:

“We were also able to use £1,500 of the grant to subsidise beautiful kits for our team. This meant that people on low incomes were not left out in getting the kit, and we were also able to ensure team cohesion and camaraderie through the kit.” **Grant Recipient**

2.3. Funds decided through Participatory Grants Making – The charity recognises that we are in a position of power, trusted with public funding resources, and that local people with lived experience know what is best for their communities. We distributed six grants through Participatory Grant Making, which was delivered in partnership with Lendlease, a housing developer. Local people who live close to the Deptford Landings housing development in Deptford were recruited and trained by Lewisham Local and facilitated to make the decisions on the grants that were awarded to local projects.

Quotes:

“We have achieved SO MUCH thanks to the amazing grant from Lewisham Local/Lendlease and we are immensely grateful.” **Grants Recipient**

2.4. Lewisham Local Card – We continue to invest in our local discount card as it is an effective tool that connects local residents, local businesses and community groups. 60 businesses joined the network over the last year and we had an 24% increase on cards sold this year, raising over £1,587 with targeted promotional campaigns. With our increased capacity we look forward to promoting the card even more and increasing the number of locals who receive a card.

2.5. Lewisham Community Lottery – After two years, 90 community organisations are now actively fundraising using the platform. 519 local people bought tickets to fundraise for the groups and this has raised over £16,912 for Lewisham’s good causes in one year. We look forward to building on this progress over the next year.

2.6. We launched the **Lewisham Community Exchange** platform, enabling community organisations to put forward their ‘requests’ for support, and for businesses with social value commitments to put forward their ‘offers’ of support.

Our other giving projects continue to make an impact meeting needs in the community:

2.7. Lewisham Community Toilets – increased our network to 95 establishments allowing free access to their toilet facilities for members of the public. We were pleased to be able to promote our achievements at an Age UK London event focusing on toilet provision.

2.8. Refill Lewisham – added 21 new sites to our network of over 100 local businesses offering free water refills to the public to help reduce single-use plastic waste.

2.9. Training & Workshops – businesses offering free skills-sharing workshops to upskill local charities and other businesses as a way of giving to the community.

3. Strengthening Lewisham's Voluntary Sector

Key Achievements

- Fundraising Development support for more than 300 individuals
- Infrastructure mentoring and training for 80 individuals and 35 groups representing Black Community-Based Organisations
- Supported 2,000 Lewisham residents through Digital Access For All
- Developed the Lewisham Community Directory to more than 600 organisations
- Distributed £125,000 in Warm Welcomes grants to 43 organisations

3.1. Black Infrastructure Support Project (BISP)

The Black Infrastructure Support Project (BISP) has strengthened Black Community-Based Organisations (BCBOs) in Lewisham this year by providing essential support and resources.

Key achievements

- Building a Stronger Network: We initiated and supported the development of Lewisham's Black Voluntary Sector Network which advocates for the priorities of Lewisham's BCBO's.
- Increased capacity: 35 groups received mentoring and 80 individuals accessed training, improving their organisational skills.
- Immediate support: Our 24/7 WhatsApp help desk provided rapid assistance to over 200 people.
- Funding success: 75% of participating BCBOs reported securing more funding than ever before.
- Expert advice: 25 black community champions accessed professional support from solicitors and accountants.
- Greater Profile: In partnership with Lewisham Council and Lewisham Public Health, LL delivered the Black VCS Expo '23, a sector showcase event attended by 100 BCBO leaders. This event served as a launch and recruitment platform for the LBVN and helped raise the profile of BCBOs working in Lewisham's Black community sector.
- Access to Mentoring: 15 mentors offered individual support to 25 BCBO leaders.
- Easier access to help: We collaborated with the FDM Equalities project and local infrastructure partners to streamline access to support services.
- Digital skills boost: BCBOs improved their digital skills and learned about new fundraising tools.

3.2. A Collaborative Ecosystem

BISP fosters a connected and thriving Black community sector in Lewisham by working collaboratively with other organisations and stakeholders. BISP's impact extends well beyond individual organisations. By working closely with the FDM Equalities project and other infrastructure support Sector stakeholders and volunteers, we are fostering a vibrant and interconnected Black Community Development Ecosystem in Lewisham. This collaborative approach ensures that developmental support is readily available and accessible to those most in need.

3.3. Fundraising Development

- Fundraising for Equality: Empowering Lewisham's Communities

- The Fundraising Development Manager (Equalities) project has strengthened community groups led by and serving those with protected characteristics in Lewisham. We've focused on building fundraising skills and knowledge, connecting them with funders, and promoting equitable access to resources.

Key achievements

- Increased capacity: 291 individuals received training and support, leading to a 15% average increase in funding applications and a 10% rise in successful grant awards.
- Stronger networks: We facilitated connections with funders, resulting in five new partnerships and three joint funding applications.
- Improved access to information: Our online funders list and resources were accessed by over 500 individuals and groups.
- Greater awareness: We actively promoted our services and advocated for equitable funding practices, influencing funding guidelines to be more inclusive.

Highlights

- Friday Fundraising Club: Delivered 12 sessions on a wide range of fundraising topics.
- Fundraising Plus Program: Provided in-depth support to 15 groups, with 70% securing funding and 90% reporting increased confidence.
- Fundraising Conference: Hosted a successful conference with 50 groups, funders and stakeholders.

Impact:

- Essential skills: Participants reported significant improvement in fundraising knowledge and confidence.
- Funding secured: Groups secured a total of £150,000 in funding, enabling them to expand services and launch new programmes.
- Sustainable organisations: Groups strengthened their infrastructure and long-term sustainability.

3.4. Digital Access for All

The Digital Access for All (DAFA) project has made significant strides in ensuring Lewisham residents can effectively access and use digital services. We've focused on providing digital skills training, support and resources to individuals and community organisations, tackling digital exclusion and promoting digital inclusion.

3.4.1. Reaching those most in need

DAFA has reached over 2,000 Lewisham residents through digital drop-in centres, training programmes and community events. Our focus has been on those facing digital exclusion, particularly older adults (with 10 out of 13 attendees at our "Get Connected Catford" event being over 60), individuals with disabilities, and low-income households. While data on ethnicity is limited, anecdotal evidence suggests we are reaching a diverse community.

Key achievements

- Expanded support network: Launched new digital drop-in centres in Orchard Gardens, Newstead Community, and Downham.

- Targeted training: Delivered tailored programmes, such as Microsoft Office skills and Excel training for Lewisham Parent Carers.
- Improved access: Provided laptops and home visits for individuals with specific needs, including voice banking support.
- Increased awareness: Promoted DAFA and Lewisham Digital Access Listings through various channels.
- Stronger collaborations: Worked closely with Catbytes, Lewisham Council, Good Things Foundation and local community organisations.

Impact

DAFA has empowered individuals and community organisations to improve their digital skills, access online services and participate more fully in the digital world. This has resulted in increased confidence, independence and opportunities for beneficiaries.

3.5. Lewisham Community Directory

The Lewisham Community Directory Project has successfully created a central online hub connecting residents, community groups and public sector services. This year, we focused on improving access to information, fostering collaboration and strengthening the local community network.

Key achievements

- Expanded listings: The directory grew significantly, with 613 community groups and 99 public sector services listed by December 2023.
- Increased engagement: Website views and engagement time steadily increased, demonstrating growing interest and usage.
- Positive feedback: Users praised the directory's user-friendliness, diverse listings, and ease of navigation.
- Successful outreach: We actively promoted the directory through community events and initiatives, expanding our reach.
- Valuable partnerships: Collaborations with Lewisham Local, Catbytes, and Lewisham Libraries strengthened the project's impact.

3.5.1. Reaching our community

The directory benefits a wide range of Lewisham residents, including individuals seeking local services, community groups aiming to expand their reach and public sector organisations improving their visibility. Hundreds of people use the directory each month to connect and access information.

3.5.2. Data highlights

- Listings: Increased from 576 community groups and 91 public sector profiles in Q1 to 613 and 99 respectively by Q3.
- Website views: Showed a steady increase from January to March 2024, with March recording the highest number at 72 views.
- Engagement time: Averaged 3.2 minutes in October, 3 minutes 11 seconds in November, and 3 minutes 32 seconds in December 2023.

3.6. Community Development Work in Rushey Green Ward

The "Every RG Resident Deserves a Voice" project has worked to strengthen the community infrastructure in Rushey Green, making it more resilient and responsive to local needs. We've focused on amplifying the voices of seldom-heard communities and fostering collaboration among residents, businesses and local organisations.

Key achievements

- Community engagement: We held two community assemblies, including a "Taste of Rushey Green Marketplace" event.
- Youth engagement: A dedicated pop-up event engaged approximately 50 young people, gathering valuable feedback on local resources and community perceptions.
- Food and shopping focus: A pop-up event on Catford Broadway engaged 30 residents, highlighting the importance of local businesses and gathering insights on the area's appearance and cleanliness.
- Community asset mapping: Developed an interactive map of local groups and resources, which was shared with 100+ local organisations.
- Increased communication: Reached over 250 residents through in-person consultations, events and festivals.
- Supporting local events: Sponsored Catford Pride, amplifying the voices of 30+ LGBTQ+ artists and small businesses. Supported the "Food, Folk 'N' Fun in the Fields" event, with 9 community groups and 25 businesses participating.
- Collaboration with local services: Partnered with the Rushey Green Safer Neighbourhood team on a "Diversion Day" to provide community information and resources.

Challenges and lessons learned

- Staffing changes: The departure of the Rushey Green Development Worker in November 2023 required adjustments to project delivery.
- Outreach effectiveness: Low attendance at some events highlighted the need for tailored outreach strategies for different audiences.

3.7. Lewisham Warm Welcomes

The Lewisham Warm Welcomes programme provided vital support to residents during the cost-of-living crisis, offering warm spaces, activities and a sense of community. Working with 50 community organisations – including libraries, churches, community centres and even Millwall Football Stadium – we created a network of welcoming spaces across the borough.

Key achievements

- Funding support: Distributed £125,000 in grants to 43 organisations, enabling them to provide food, activities and a warm welcome.
- Diverse offering: Warm Welcomes spaces offered a wide range of activities, from sewing and singing to exercise classes and dementia-friendly sessions.
- Community impact: Over 31,000 visits were recorded across the network, highlighting the significant need for these spaces.
- Social connection: The most common reason for visiting a Warm Welcome was "to talk to other people," emphasising the importance of social interaction and combating loneliness.

- Supporting vulnerable residents: The programme successfully reached vulnerable residents, particularly those aged 55-74, who are facing increasing financial pressures.

Key findings

- Footfall: Over 31,000 visits were recorded during the four-month period, a significant increase from the previous year's 18,000.
- Activities: A diverse range of activities catered to different interests and needs.
- Demographics: A wide range of demographics was served, with the 55-74 age group being the most prevalent.
- Motivation: Social connection was the primary motivation for visiting, highlighting the importance of community and combating loneliness.

4. Volunteering, Health & Wellbeing

Key Achievements

5. 95 volunteer role posted
6. 101 placed into volunteering roles
7. 1,404 new signup to volunteering newsletter

4.1. Volunteering Projects

4.1.1. Support Into Volunteering (Volunteering Brokerage)

Our volunteering project supports people with low confidence, learning disabilities and those managing poor mental health into voluntary roles in Lewisham. This year we have worked with people on a 1:1 basis supporting them to identify their knowledge, skills and qualities they can bring to a volunteering role. We offered tailored support to match people with a volunteering role that were right for them.

Another aspect of this work is supporting community organisations to develop their volunteering program. This year we continued to grow our network of community groups hosting training and networking opportunities.

In the upcoming year, we plan to continue our work supporting a wider range of people to start volunteering. We will work with community organisations helping them to strengthen their volunteering program, encouraging people to volunteer using volunteer days and Work with Business and organisations to volunteer through skill and knowledge sharing. We were very pleased to hear that project funding would be extended from the Lewisham local Main Grants fund for one extra year until March 2026

4.1.2. Mayor's Awards for Volunteering

We continued work with Lewisham Council to recognise the contribution of volunteers through the Lewisham Mayors award for Volunteering.

4.2. Timebank

With three year funding from the National Lottery, the Time Bank project was able to continue to support individuals to increase their health and wellbeing through actively giving and sharing their time and skills. The Timebank currently has an active membership of around 100 people.

4.2.1. Tea and Chat - Our most popular group with 20 or more people coming together on a Wednesday afternoon to do needlework, arts and crafts. Goods produced are then sold locally at events such as Brockley Christmas Fayre.

4.2.2. Coffee Club - this group sees Time Bank members do a Quiz, board games and meet up for a chat on Thursday mornings.

4.2.3. Choir - The Choir has between 8-12 members attending as well as colleagues from the Lewisham Local team. Over the last half year, more members have taken an active part in leading the choir even though we are supported by a professional musician. Some of the places the choir has performed this year are Lewisham Foodcycle, The Kings coronation event, Hayes Galleria London Bridge, Salifest and Wild Cat Wilderness

4.2.4. Friday Art -This is a group that brings together Time Bank members who work on their own art projects on a Friday morning or we offer workshops such as felting.

We organise a number of stand-alone workshops events, such as our Bring & Fix day where members can bring broken items to be fixed and saved from landfill. Our yearly seaside outings are very popular as well as events and presentations during Black History Month and Christmas time. The Timebank is what its members brings to it and we are very lucky to count many talented members who share skills ranging from poetry to gardening to the table. But most importantly, they generously give their time in our groups.

“I love the Time Bank it gets me out of my flat and helps my mental health. Its good to meet new people”

5. Wild Cat Wilderness

The Wild Cat Wilderness community green space in Riverview Park, Catford, has gone from strength to strength this year.

Regular volunteering on a Thursday and Friday plus with additional community days and corporate volunteering have been enormously influential in successfully maintaining the green space, as well as expanding through the thickets to create new space for our service users.

This included creating a new pond in the orchard. After our City Bridge Trust funding ended in December 2022, we focused on applying for new funding and were successful with our joint bid with the Timebank -Well Together in Lewisham with the National Lottery Community Fund which started in October 2023. This enabled us to restart work in the new woodland area ready for the new fence and gate to be installed at the Bellingham end of the site. We also organised a community feedback session in February 2023 to ensure local people had a say in planning for the future.

We had a full programme of events during the school holidays including a Be Wild at Easter fundraiser, summer programme called the Wild Nature Club including open afternoons, minibeast hunt, building a bug hotel, fruit picking and campfire pizzas. Our pumpkin fun day hosted more than 100 people.

Other popular events, which were fully booked, included the Wassail, wild pancakes and nest building sessions. Adult workshops included tree pruning and a spring forage and wild lunch.

Across the year, over 550 people engaged in nature in our space through community events alone.

Due to fundraising challenges at the start of the period, we were creative in finding solutions. We requested donations for our events, held a summer Plant Sale, sold jams and chutneys and hosted a wreath-making workshop, altogether raising more than £1500.

Hiring out the site to the Mud Club for their independent Forest School sessions 3-4 times a week was a big part of our income generation and their three-day festival in September was a great success with the community and raised substantial funds. This revenue allowed us to continue to operate and pay for repairs from historic vandalism including a new kitchen roof.

The Wild Cat Wilderness has become a vital community asset, offering a place for people of all ages to connect with nature, learn new skills and foster a sense of belonging. Beyond maintaining the space, our activities have helped create a thriving, inclusive environment where residents can explore, relax, and engage with each other. By involving the community in everything from planning sessions to hands-on activities, we have ensured that Wild Cat Wilderness remains a space shaped by and for the local people. As we continue to grow, we remain committed to offering enriching experiences that promote health and well-being, accessible volunteering opportunities, environmental awareness, access to a welcoming and safe green space for young people in Lewisham and an enhanced sense of community connection.

6. Bank of Things

Bank of Things Lewisham (BoT) supports young people aged 11 to 25 living, working and/or studying in Lewisham with everyday essentials to support education, employment and/or training. We have a shop in a central location in Lewisham Shopping Centre that is open Wednesday and Friday for young people to drop in and receive support.

Outreach and pop ups

This year, the Bank of Things project began to focus on reaching out in the community to get much needed essential items to young people in various parts of the borough. Through the Elizabeth fund, we were able to employ an outreach worker to reach more young people in need. Bank of Things delivered pop up sessions with several community groups including Lewisham Community Space, Young Lewisham Project, Young women's hub, Sports fun for all, Lewisham Family Hubs, XLP, Youth First and Orchard Gardens community centre.

Key Achievements

- 385 young people served at outreach sessions
- 990 items given away including toiletries and school supplies
- collection boxes in four Better Leisure Centres (Glassmill, Wavelengths, Forest Hill Pools and Bellingham and on all floors at Laurence House).

As well as all the donations given to the project this year, we were grateful for funding from Elizabeth fund and Clarion housing, allowing us to continue the project for another year. In the upcoming year, we hope to develop the project to include activities that will contribute to improved wellbeing for

young people. We will continue to build partnerships with local businesses and sponsorship and continue to fundraise to grow the project to reach more people.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding sources

The charity is grateful for the financial support funders have kindly provided. The principal funders were The London Borough of Lewisham, The City Bridge Trust, National Lottery and Merchant Taylors Foundation.

Additional funding came from The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe, London Plus, NAVCA, Sustainable Food places, The Beatrice Laing Trust, Elizabeth Fund, Greater London Authority, Tesco Groundwork, Lendlease Foundation, Clarion and Hubbub Foundation.

Lewisham Local would like to thank members of the community who gave so generously to the organisation and its projects through community fundraising appeals.

Lewisham Local undertakes fundraising activities through its supporters via fundraising events, individual giving. We do not have face to face (or door to door) fundraising activities. We also raise funds from trusts and foundations and corporate partnerships. Lewisham Local is a member of the Fundraising Regulator and adheres to its Code of Fundraising Practice and its associated rulebooks for fundraising activities.

Lewisham Local is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation and only contacts prospective and existing supporters in line with its Privacy Policy and Data Protection Statement. Lewisham Local recognises the importance of protecting vulnerable supporters and follows the guidance issued by the Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraising Regulator on treating donors fairly.

Lewisham Local supports its staff and fundraisers who come into contact with supporters in providing high-quality customer care, ensuring anyone donating to the charity is in a position to make a free and informed decision. Lewisham Local welcomes feedback on its fundraising activities and has a complaint policy which outlines how the charity will react should a complaint be received regarding its fundraising methods. Lewisham Local has received no complaints during the year.

Financial Risks

The ongoing cuts from central government to local government continue to have a deep impact on the local voluntary sector as we continue to see cuts to their grant funding. Medium and long-term planning is difficult with few core funds available increasing reliance on short-term project funding. Economic challenges look set to stay the many challenges created by inflation. We are increasingly seeing valuable local voluntary organisations closedown due to funding pressures. New opportunities are emerging with the public sector thinking differently about how it delivers for communities.

Key risks:

- Loss of core funding through local government cuts and changing focus
- Inflation increasing costs and reducing the value of existing charity reserves
- Increasing competition from other voluntary sector organisations bidding for reduced funding
- Building reserves during an ongoing economic uncertainty.

The charity is currently stable, having been able to increase its unrestricted reserves. However, the loss of core funding from Lewisham Council and a shift to project funding presents a challenge for us

to cover our overheads. Trustees are financially prudent but are aware that there may be a need at times to use some unrestricted funds to manage this gap. Nevertheless, the charity remains able and willing to trial innovative new ideas for the community and respond quickly to emerging needs through fundraising campaigns and new projects. The charity must continue to attract core funding where possible and will continue to develop income generation activities to raise unrestricted funds and maintain reserves as well as developing new projects that contribute to a share of overhead costs.

Financial review

The significant source of funding has been from the London Borough of Lewisham Council. Other financial assistance was given by charitable trusts, corporate supporters and private donors. The results of the year are shown on Page 27.

There was a surplus of £169,613 of in the year. When the surplus added to the funds brought forward of £559,341, this leaves a figure of £728,954 for total funds carried forward at 1 April 2024.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain up to six months of annual expenditure but no less than three months in unrestricted reserves for essential staffing and running costs. This will enable the continuation of its core activity in the case of funding crises or other needs. The Trustees review this policy annually in line with the budget and the adopted projects for the financial year.

On 31st March 2024 Lewisham Local's reserves were £397,017 restricted, £37,093 designated, £294,844 unrestricted (free) reserves.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The core value of 'Repair, Reuse, and Recycle' is important to the workings of the charity. The charity aims to avoid waste where possible and is mindful of creating excessive materials and printing. Where possible, items are re-purposed at various projects and people are also asked to donate surplus items like tools and cooking equipment. We have several projects that particularly promote reducing environmental impact such as:

- Foodcycle Lewisham - using supermarket surplus food waste to cook a weekly vegetarian community meal
- Refill Lewisham - free water refill scheme to reduce single-use plastic waste
- Lewisham Warmer Together - Campaign to raise awareness and funds of fuel poverty and to train energy champions to educate others in the community how to reduce their bills
- Bring & Fix - community repair events to fix household items for free

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The charity has grown in size and impact, demonstrating its agility and flexibility to respond to the changing funding landscape and to new opportunities to make a difference for local people and community groups. The next year presents challenges for the charity after losing a core grant from Lewisham Council and the restructuring of our work has been important to enable a shift to a project focus. Finding new funders for our longstanding grassroots projects will be key as funding for Timebank and Wild Cat Wilderness come to an end.

The charity will continue to be collaborative, strategic and responsive to existing and emerging needs that only seem to be increasing for Lewisham's communities. Launching new funding campaigns and projects to address these needs and support community groups will be a key area of growth.

Statement of Responsibilities

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

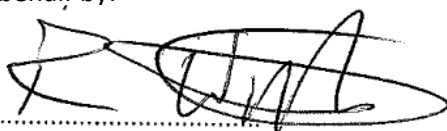
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources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

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

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

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

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 14 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Roy Witter', written over a dotted line.

Roy Witter
Chairman and trustee

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Lewisham Local Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lewisham Local Limited (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including [Financial Reporting Standard 102](#): The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Lewisham Local Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2024

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material

misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Lewisham Local Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities]. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with [Chapter 3 of Part 16](#) of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or

Independent auditors' report

To the members of Lewisham Local Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2024

assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anthony Epton

**Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Goldwins Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
75 Maygrove Road
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14 November 2024

Lewisham Local Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 March 2024

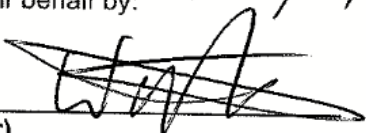
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	22,500	268,060	290,560	856,261
Charitable activities	4	39,190	839,389	878,579	33,008
Other Trading Activities	5	2,642	-	2,642	2,491
Other Income	6	28,092	18,930	47,022	25,584
Total income		92,424	1,126,379	1,218,803	917,344
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		36,072	1,013,118	1,049,190	800,299
Total expenditure	6	36,072	1,013,118	1,049,190	800,299
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		56,352	113,261	169,613	117,045
Transfers between funds		(22,926)	22,926	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	7	33,426	136,187	169,613	117,045
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		298,511	260,830	559,341	442,296
Total funds carried forward		331,937	397,017	728,954	559,341

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Lewisham Local Limited
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Current assets:					
Debtors	11	201,644		58,053	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>532,710</u>		<u>520,000</u>	
		734,354		578,053	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(5,400)</u>		<u>(18,712)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>728,954</u>		<u>559,341</u>
Total net assets			<u>728,954</u>		<u>559,341</u>
Funds					
	15				
Restricted funds			397,017		260,830
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		37,093		20,449	
General funds		<u>294,844</u>		<u>278,062</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u>331,937</u>		<u>298,511</u>
Total funds			<u>728,954</u>		<u>559,341</u>

Approved by the trustees on 14/10/24
and signed on their behalf by:



Roy Witter (Chair)

Company registration number: 04681564

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Lewisham Local Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	16		12,710		102,833
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year			12,710		102,833
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			520,000		417,167
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	17		532,710		520,000

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

i) Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	25%
Computer equipment	33%

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pensions

The Charity operates a Defined Contributions pension scheme.

Lewisham Local Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	125,802	730,459	856,261
Charitable activities	32,438	570	33,008
Other Trading Activities	2,491	-	2,491
Other Income	25,554	30	25,584
Total income	186,285	731,059	917,344
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:	229,175	571,124	800,299
Total expenditure	229,175	571,124	800,299
Net income / expenditure before transfers	(42,890)	159,935	117,045
Transfers between funds	500	(500)	-
Net income / expenditure	(42,390)	159,435	117,045
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	340,901	101,395	442,296
Total funds carried forward	298,511	260,830	559,341

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Designated £	General £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Appeals and Donations	18,070	4,430	10,670	33,170	35,627
Grants - Trusts &	-	-	257,390	257,390	820,634
	18,070	4,430	268,060	290,560	856,261

Lewisham Local Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

4 Income From Charitable Activities

	Designated	General	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Contract Income	-	36,425	441,944	478,369	-
Grants - Local Authority	-	-	352,251	352,251	-
Grants - Regional /	-	-	44,976	44,976	-
Fees and Supplies	-	-	-	-	26,542
Fundraising	2,765	-	218	2,983	6,466
Total	2,765	36,425	839,389	878,579	33,008

5 Income From Other Trading Activities

	Designated	General	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Local Card Sales	2,642	-	-	2,642	2,491
Total	2,642	-	-	2,642	2,491

6 Other income

	Designated	General	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Income	1,090	5,801	18,930	25,821	2,995
Rental Income	15,599	5,602	-	21,201	22,589
Total	16,689	11,403	18,930	47,022	25,584

7 Analysis of expenditure

	Charitable activities	Support & Governance costs	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Project costs	118,502	-	118,502	82,403
Computer software and maintenance	33,576	-	33,576	43,137
Events and Hospitality	22,018	-	22,018	9,168
Room hire	-	-	-	5,160
Cost of trustee meetings	291	-	291	126
Marketing and publicity	9,295	-	9,295	7,359
Facilitators and project management	-	-	-	9,736
Management	-	-	-	1,875
Legal and professional	6,178	-	6,178	3,399
Volunteer expenses	3,018	-	3,018	1,463
Grant funding of activities	295,590	-	295,590	149,513
Staff costs	-	519,778	519,778	431,959
Rent and rates	-	11,043	11,043	14,629
Light, heat and power	-	12,853	12,853	16,289
Insurance	-	2,079	2,079	2,205
Printing, postage and stationery	-	712	712	7,188
Trade subscriptions	-	1,747	1,747	779
Cleaning	-	4,475	4,475	4,454
Travel and subsistence	-	1,608	1,608	1,227
Audit Fee	-	5,400	5,400	3,660
Bad debts written off	-	-	-	4,000
Bank charges	-	-	73	72
Private health insurance	-	954	954	498
	488,468	560,649	1,049,190	800,299
Support costs	560,649	(560,649)		
Total expenditure 2024	1,049,117	-	1,049,190	
Total expenditure 2023	800,299	-	800,299	

Of the total expenditure, £36,072 (2023: £229,175) was unrestricted and £1,013,118 (2023: £571,124) was restricted.

Support and governance costs refer to the costs involved in operational activity which support the delivery of the charitable aims. They are allocated on the basis of full-time equivalent staff working on each activity.

8 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration:		
Net Audit fees	4,500	3,050

9 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	451,469	375,657
Social security costs	41,352	31,181
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	26,957	22,540
Other staff costs	-	2,581
	519,778	431,959

No employee received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) exceeding £60,000 during the year (2023: No employee).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £56,606 (2023: £50,750).

None of the trustees received any remuneration and reimbursement for any expenses during the year (2023: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities	18	13
	18	13

10 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	201,644	53,138
Prepayments	-	4,915
	201,644	58,053

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	-	52
Accruals	5,400	18,660
	5,400	18,712

13 Pension scheme

The Charity operates a defined Contributions pension scheme.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current Assets	300,244	37,093	397,017	734,354
Current Liabilities	(5,400)			(5,400)
Net assets at the end of the year	294,844	37,093	397,017	728,954

Analysis of net assets between funds 2023

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current Assets	296,774	20,449	260,830	578,053
Current Liabilities	(18,712)			(18,712)
Net assets at the end of the year	278,062	20,449	260,830	559,341

15 Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Restricted funds:					
Tesco Groundwork - Bank of Things	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Bank of Things	3,729	-	(3,729)	-	-
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Bank of Things	(504)	3,500	(3,500)	504	-
London Borough of Lewisham: Bank of Things	6,616	-	(6,616)	-	-
Hubbub Foundation - Bank of Things	3,000	1,100	(4,100)	-	-
Bank of Things - Christmas Appeal	-	6,756	(6,282)	-	474
Bank of Things - Elizabeth Fund	-	16,189	(8,724)	(504)	6,961
Bank of Things – Clarion Futures	-	5,000	(130)	-	4,870
Local Giving: WcW Bees Appeal	1,840	-	-	-	1,840
Unit 19	-	15,000	(7,677)	-	7,323
Wild Cat Wilderness - National Lottery Community Fund	-	30,574	(21,522)	-	9,052
Town Centre Small Grants	1,000	-	-	-	1,000

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The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Time Bank	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Time Bank - National Lottery Community Fund	-	27,270	(21,392)	(3,097)	2,781
Time Bank Waldron Center	-	500	(500)	-	-
Time Bank Windrush	-	1,050	(1,050)	-	-
London Plus - Community Emergency Resilience	5,000	5,000	(5,107)	-	4,893
London Borough of Lewisham - Building People Changing Minds	9,269	16,666	(18,706)	-	7,229
LBL Volunteer Brokerage	-	30,250	(16,424)	-	13,826
Time Bank - Warm Welcome	-	-	2,600	(2,600)	-
London Borough of Lewisham: Inclusion Growth Builder	15,858	-	(8,095)	-	7,763
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	12,517	-	-	-	12,517
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	5,974	64,700	(53,915)	-	16,759
London Borough of Lewisham - Warm Welcomes	18,111	215,000	(162,132)	2,600	73,579
Lendlease Grants (Deptford Landings)	-	-	(21,565)	21,565	-
Lewisham Local Giving Fund	-	3,348	-	-	3,348
Local Giving - Essentials Grants 2 - LBL & Merchant Taylors	-	92,000	(92,000)	-	-
LBL - Household Support Fund 4 (Essentials & Food Justice)	-	69,000	-	(8,370)	60,630
City Bridge Foundation - Place Based Funding	-	95,966	(64,969)	-	30,997
Lewisham Foodbank	(600)	-	-	600	-
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Cost of Living	14,060	-	-	(14,060)	-
The Beatrice Laing Trust - Food Cycle Lewisham	3,000	6,000	(3,257)	(600)	5,143
London Borough of Lewisham - Catford Food Projects	1,232	6,537	(8,150)	381	-
FoodCycle Haberdashers	-	3,600	(2,040)	-	1,560
Children England - Food Growing	500	-	-	-	500
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Justice	101,955	40,450	(84,436)	-	57,969
Greater London Authority - Food Roots	13,200	-	(13,200)	-	-
Sustainable Food Places - Good Food Lewisham	13,860	-	(8,000)	-	5,860
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Growing	1,920	45,956	(43,298)	-	4,578
Good Food - GLA Food Roots 2	-	44,976	(19,093)	-	25,883

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London Borough of Lewisham - Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice	3,311	28,686	(30,851)	-	1,146
London Borough of Lewisham - Community Directory	2,699	40,000	(25,889)	(1,108)	15,702
London Borough of Lewisham - Fundraising Development	7,707	60,100	(64,374)	-	3,433
London Borough of Lewisham - Black Infrastructure Support	8,511	60,000	(67,231)	-	1,280
London Borough of Lewisham - Digital Inclusion	1,668	60,000	(53,547)	-	8,121
Time Bank	-	1,728	(4,825)	3,097	-
Cost of Living Appeal	-	2,157	(24,587)	22,430	-
Food'n'Fun in the Fields Festival	(603)	2,820	(3,197)	980	-
LBL - Toilets	-	24,500	(25,608)	1,108	-

Total restricted funds	260,830	1,126,379	(1,013,118)	22,926	397,017
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Unrestricted funds:

Designated funds:

Bank of Things	-	4,356	-	-	4,356
Foodcycle Lewisham	11,072	14,155	1,106	(382)	25,951
Food'n'Fun in the Fields Festival	979	-	-	(979)	-
Lewisham Local Card sales	-	2,662	(1,859)	-	803
Wild Cat Wilderness	8,398	18,993	(21,408)	-	5,983

Total Designated Funds	20,449	40,166	(22,161)	(1,361)	37,093
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General funds

Integrated Care System	-	9,000	(9,000)	-	-
LBL - Borough of Culture	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
General funds	278,062	38,258	(4,911)	(21,565)	289,844

Total General Funds	278,062	52,258	(13,911)	(21,565)	294,844
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Total unrestricted funds	298,511	92,424	(36,072)	(22,926)	331,937
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Total funds	559,341	1,218,803	(1,049,190)	-	728,954
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Movements in funds 2023

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
London Borough of Lewisham: Inclusion Growth Builder	24,892	-	(9,034)	-	15,858
Tesco Groundwork - Bank of Things	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Bank of Things	-	3,729	-	-	3,729
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Bank of Things	-	1,300	(1,804)	-	(504)
London Borough of Lewisham: Bank of Things	25,105	-	(18,489)	-	6,616
Hubbub Foundation - Bank of Things	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Local Giving: WcW Bees Appeal	1,840	-	-	-	1,840
Town Centre Small Grants	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Time Bank	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
London Plus - Community Emergency Resilience	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
London Catalyst	2,500	-	(2,000)	(500)	-
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	12,517	-	-	-	12,517
Lendlease	600	-	(600)	-	-
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	7,981	64,700	(66,707)	-	5,974
Lewisham Foodbank	10,000	-	(10,600)	-	(600)
City Bridge Trust - Wild Cat Wilderness	14,960	11,050	(26,010)	-	-
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Cost of Living	-	37,500	(23,440)	-	14,060
NAVCA - Warm Welcomes	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
The Beatrice Laing Trust - Food Cycle Lewisham	-	5,000	(2,000)	-	3,000
London Borough of Lewisham - Catford Food Projects	-	6,538	(5,306)	-	1,232
Children England - Food Growing	-	1,100	(600)	-	500
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Justice	-	121,350	(4,395)	(15,000)	101,955
Greater London Authority - Food Roots	-	13,200	-	-	13,200
Sustainable Food Places - Good Food Lewisham	-	51,956	(38,096)	-	13,860
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Growing	-	1,920	-	-	1,920

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London Borough of Lewisham - Warm Welcomes	-	85,208	(82,097)	15,000	18,111
London Borough of Lewisham - Volunteering Borkerage	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Building People Changing Minds	-	33,333	(24,064)	-	9,269
London Borough of Lewisham - Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice	-	19,124	(15,813)	-	3,311
London Borough of Lewisham - Community Directory	-	40,000	(37,301)	-	2,699
London Borough of Lewisham - Fundraising Development	-	59,998	(52,291)	-	7,707
London Borough of Lewisham - Black Infrastructure Support	-	60,000	(51,489)	-	8,511
London Borough of Lewisham - Digital Inclusion	-	60,000	(58,332)	-	1,668
Fun Food 'n' Fun in the Fields Festival	-	5,053	(5,656)	-	(603)
Total restricted funds	101,395	731,059	(571,124)	(500)	260,830
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds:					
Wild Cat Wilderness	11,473	9,603	(12,678)	-	8,398
Food'n'Fun in the Fields Festival	3,239	12,180	(4,847)	500	11,072
Foodcycle Lewisham	979	-	-	-	979
Total designated funds	15,691	21,783	(17,525)	500	20,449
General funds	325,210	164,502	(211,650)	-	278,062
Total unrestricted funds	340,901	186,285	(229,175)	500	298,511
Total funds	442,296	917,344	(800,299)	-	559,341

Purposes of restricted funds

London Borough of Lewisham: Lewisham Inclusive Growth Builder Fund - funds for digital costs, promotion and marketing.

London Borough of Lewisham: Covid Support - covid measures funding, infection control and testing.

Small Charities Coalition: funds for Kickstart project; to create six month jobs for young people.

Local Giving: Wild Cat Wilderness bees appeal.

Prudential: for FoodCycle Lewisham to provide a weekly meal for isolated people affected by food poverty. Town Centre Small Grants - funds for bank of things and to promote Lewisham Local Card.

London Catalyst: Launchpad seedcorn funding for Health and Wellbeing Projects.

London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad grants for distribution Lendlease - Grant distribution projects addressing the impacts of Covid-19 on BAME communities in Lewisham

The City Bridge Trust (Lewisham Local): towards a Director of Lewisham Local plus associated running costs for the development and consolidation of Lewisham Local Lewisham Foodbank - funds to be shared with other food projects through Lewisham Local

The City Bridge Trust (Wild Cat Wilderness): for salaries and associated direct costs of the Wild Cat Wilderness project

London Borough of Lewisham: resource for young people for educational and other wellbeing supplies, and support and additional activities

Co-op Local Community Fund: to run arts and crafts workshops in Bellingham NAVCA - Warm welcomes - supporting our Warm Welcomes initiative distributing grants to local groups

Tesco Groundwork: Bank of Things - Distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need.

Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe: Time Bank - Coordinator and activity costs supporting local people to improve their health and wellbeing through sharing time and skills.

Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe: Bank of things - Activity costs distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need.

London Plus: Community Emergency Resilience - Building a network of local organisations and partnering with Lewisham Council to increase our preparedness for future emergencies.

Merchant Taylors Foundation: Bank of Things - Activity costs distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need.

Merchant Taylors Foundation: Cost of Living - Match funding our Cost of Living campaign to give small grants to community organisations supporting residents through the cost of living crisis with food, energy advice, signposting to additional support.

Sustainable Food Places: Good Food Lewisham - Strengthening networks between food growing groups, growers, related organisation and increasing food growing and awareness of different food cultures. a partnership with Grow Lewisham CIC.

The Beatrice Laing Trust: Food Cycle Lewisham - Core costs for our project and to launch a new second community meal.

Children England: Food Growing - Small grants for local people to start food growing activities in their communities.

London Borough of Lewisham: Food Justice - In partnership with Lewisham Council develop the Food Justice Action Plan and the Food Justice Alliance

London Borough of Lewisham: Warm welcomes - Coordinate a programme of local community organisations supporting residents through the Cost of Living crisis. Warm Welcomes would offer a safe, warm space with social activities and refreshments as well as additional signposting support.

Greater London Authority: Food Roots Winter Crisis Grants - Expanding our food partnership work to help improve the sustainability and resilience of local efforts to address food insecurity.

London Borough of Lewisham: Catford Food Projects - Coordination support for our FoodCycle Project and wider support for other food projects in Catford.

London Borough of Lewisham: Volunteering Brokerage - Supporting individuals into volunteering roles and working with voluntary sector organisations to promote roles to the wider public.

London Borough of Lewisham: Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice - Pilot project to build the connections of local businesses, residents and community groups to understand the needs and aspirations for the local community.

London Borough of Lewisham: Community Directory - Maintaining a digital directory of community organisations within Lewisham

London Borough of Lewisham: Fundraising Development - Providing fundraising development support to equalities focused organisations, initially focused on organisations led by and for black and/or disabled communities in Lewisham

London Borough of Lewisham: Black Infrastructure Support - Providing capacity building support for organisations led by and for black communities in Lewisham, a partnership with Kinaraa CIC.

London Borough of Lewisham: Digital Inclusion - Increase access to digital devices and digital support across

Lewisham, facilitating a network of partners focused on digital inclusion, in partnership with Catbytes CIC.

London Borough of Lewisham: Warm Welcomes - Coordinate a project of 50+ local community spaces allowing free access to warm space, hot refreshments and signposting support, including distributing grants and facilitating a network of organisations

16 Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period	169,613	117,045
(as per the statement of financial activities)		
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors	(143,591)	(12,156)
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors	(13,312)	(2,056)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	12,710	102,833

17 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 1 April		Other	At 31
	2023	Cash flows	changes	March
	£	£	£	2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	520,000	12,710	-	532,710
Total cash and cash equivalents	520,000	12,710	-	532,710
Total cash and cash equivalents 2023	417,167	102,833	-	520,000

18 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the charity being wound up.

19 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2023: none).

Accounts



LEWISHAM LOCAL

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(A company limited by guarantee)
Company registration number: 04681564
Charity registration number: 1101616

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

CHAIRMAN

Roy Witter

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

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

Ayesha Gareeboo (appointed 15 May 2023)
Joyce Jones
Gemma Juma
Tina Price-Johnson (appointed 15 May 2023)
Mary Pickles (appointed 15 May 2023)
Jonathan Prince
Susan Ryder
Allison Streetly
Peter Webb (appointed 15 May 2023)
Roy Witter

SECRETARY

Samuel Hawksley

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1101616

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

04681564

The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

REGISTERED OFFICE

Unit C Place/Ladywell, 261 Lewisham High Street,
Lewisham, London, SE13 6NJ

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Field Sullivan Limited, 9 Hare & Billet Road,
Blackheath, SE3 0RB

BANKERS

The Co-operative Bank plc, Lewisham, 151
Lewisham High St, London, SE13 6AA

Name	Role	Appointed	Committees Serving
Roy Witter	Company Director and Trustee (Chair)	30/11/2022	Strategy (Chair)
Jonathan Prince MBE	Company Director and Trustee (Vice Chair)	19/01/2022	Strategy, Finance & Operations (Chair)
Susan Ryder	Company Director and Trustee	23/01/2020	Finance & Operations
Dr Allison Streetly OBE	Company Director and Trustee	19/01/2022	Local Giving "New" (Chair)
Gemma Juma	Company Director and Trustee	27/01/2021	Finance & Operations
Joyce Jones	Company Director and Trustee	05/02/2022	N/A
Sam Hawksley	Company Secretary and Chief Executive Officer	01/11/2021	N/A

From the Chair

Dear Friends and Partners,

Welcome to the Lewisham Local Trustees' Annual Report for the year 2022-2023. Throughout this year, we have faced new challenges and have celebrated numerous successes as we continued to establish ourselves as Lewisham Local, embracing our refreshed vision, mission, and values.

The year commenced with a significant hurdle when we experienced a reduction in our core funding from Lewisham Council. This posed immense pressure on the charity, compelling us to develop a new project-focused delivery model revolving around our key themes. Despite this setback, we managed to secure new funding for our established projects, showcasing the value and impact of our work. Additionally, we embarked on new pilot projects to address previously unmet local needs, such as digital exclusion, supporting individuals in work placements, and partnering with community organisations that specifically serve Lewisham's black and ethnic minority community.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated and hardworking staff team, whose collaborative efforts with the Trustees have been integral to our progress over the past year. They have admirably risen to the challenges presented by the cost-of-living crisis, which has placed increased demands on our projects and our local communities as well as our staff team. I would also like to express our gratitude to our funders for their ongoing support and flexibility, as well as our tireless volunteers and project members, whose positivity and unwavering efforts continue to uplift us. Finally, I commend my fellow Trustees for their exemplary commitment and hard work, driving our charity forward.

Moving forward, we remain resolute in our commitment to rise to the increasingly challenging circumstances faced by local residents with determination and flexibility. We are excited for the upcoming year, as we prioritise investing in improving our internal systems, including our digital communications and website. Furthermore, we are delighted to have co-opted new Trustees onto our Board, enriching our team with additional skills and expertise. We will continue to support our staff in delivering their incredible work and work towards enhancing Lewisham Local's sustainability by diversifying our funding base.

Sincerely,

Roy Witter | Chair of Trustees



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From the Chief Executive



2022-23 was another year of change and growth for Lewisham Local. Having recently changed our official charity name to Lewisham Local, we adopted a new Vision, Mission and Values and organised our internal structures around key themes:

Promoting Local Giving, Strengthening Lewisham's Voluntary Sector, Promoting Good Healthy Food and Volunteering, Health and Wellbeing.

The start of 2022 saw a substantial challenge for the charity as Lewisham Council's Main Grants programme underwent a 33% cut and moved away from unrestricted core funding to restricted project grants. This marked a change of role for our charity, sharing the responsibility of infrastructure support for Lewisham's voluntary sector with partner organisations. This meant a loss of core funding towards essential costs such as management, office, overheads and communications. Whilst we were able to adapt our delivery model, the continuing funding reductions from the Local Authority towards the local voluntary sector were felt internally through our oldest project the Time Bank no longer receiving funding. Further funding challenges included grant funding coming to an end for our Wild Cat Wilderness community green space. This was a further reminder we are not immune to the ongoing funding challenges faced by the local voluntary sector, further evidenced by another one of our key partners, Voluntary Services Lewisham (VSL) closing down.

The Staff and Trustees of Lewisham Local once again demonstrated that we are a flexible and dynamic local organisation that is able to adapt to changing needs both internally and in the local community. This was particularly noticed in how the charity responded to yet another emerging crisis, the dramatic increases to the cost of living, collaborating with charity partners and the Council to launch the Lewisham Warm Welcomes program, all while still adjusting to life after Covid lockdowns. This provided localised support to residents throughout the Winter of 2022-23 and expanded our charity's role as a support to local community organisations as well as a connector of local businesses, residents and the statutory sector to inspire positive contributions to meet community needs.

As we look to the future, we will be launching a new strategy for the charity, improving our communications and investing in our own sustainability as a local organisation, to make sure we are here for many years to connect the community, and inspire them to give and meet community needs to make Lewisham a happier, healthier place.

Sam Hawksley | Chief Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. J. Hawksley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Structure, Governance and Management

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

The Charity aims to have a diverse Board of Trustees, made up of residents, professionals and individuals with lived experience of the organisation's projects and issues it is trying to address. The Trustees are a diverse group of people with varied experiences and knowledge in the local area, business, and voluntary sectors. Trustees may be appointed at any time and reappointments are on rotation every year at the AGM. A Trustee eligibility audit is carried out on a yearly basis as well as an audit of the current skills on the Board so that any gaps can be filled through recruiting new Trustees.

The Charity ensures that the Board of Trustees represents the diversity of our Borough and the users of the organisation. Due to the charity's growth and increasing breadth of work, Trustees agreed to increase the number of Trustees on the Board in order to provide increased oversight of our work as well as incorporate new skills and lived experience of our projects and the issues we address through our work, including poverty and isolation. Trustees also aimed to recruit younger Trustees to further enhance the diversity of the Board.



MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees meets six times a year and determines strategic direction and policy. The Board met in March 2023 for our annual Strategic Away Day to review performance, analyse the context around the organisation and identify opportunities to enhance the organisation's work and sustainability.



ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Chief Executive is accountable to the Board of Trustees and oversees the operations of the organisation and manages staff and freelance workers. We have continued to grow our staff and financial income and therefore our structure of Programme Managers has provided good oversight of our work and brought projects together into key themes. According to funding and project needs, other staff or freelance workers support on project delivery. In 2020-21 there were 15 staff (12.4 full time equivalent).



Chief Executive (1.0)				
Local Giving & Food Programme Manager	Voluntary Sector Programme Manager	Volunteering Programme Manager		
Food Partnerships Coordinator	Community Directory Coordinator	Time Bank Coordinator	Wild Cat Wilderness Coordinator	Finance & Office Coordinator
Catford Food Projects Coordinator	Fundraising Development Manager - Equalities	Volunteering & Work Placement Coordinator		
Community Development Worker (Business)	Digital Access Project Manager	Bank of Things Coordinator		
	Community Development Worker			

RELATED PARTIES

There were no related parties during the financial year.

WIDER NETWORK

The charity currently does not operate within a wider network.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed to and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity maintains a risk register and has a risk management strategy to identify and mitigate risks. The high risks are brought to the attention of the Board to minimise any potential impact on the charity. The charity carries out monitoring and evaluation and provides reports to its funders. The charity ensures it has financial procedures, health and safety policy and safeguarding procedures in place. They are reviewed annually to reflect changing legislation and to refresh knowledge and practice.

Objectives

OBJECTIVES

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the public and particularly, but not limited to, the public who live and work in the London Borough of Lewisham and surrounding boroughs, including: a) to promote volunteering, time banking, the giving of time and skills to engage and support local residents including those considered to be suffering from the disadvantage of social exclusion; b) to promote philanthropy to relieve poverty distress and sickness in the interests of social welfare with the aim of improving the conditions of life of the public; c) to promote and broker partnership working and training within the voluntary and charitable sector, statutory and private sectors in the interests of the furtherance of and achievements of the above purposes.

AIM AND ACTIVITIES

The charity uses an asset-based approach and activities to involve people in volunteering and sharing their skills to connect and create community cohesion. The charity facilitates stakeholders from the voluntary, statutory, education and business sectors to collaborate and share their assets like resources, training, expertise, time and money to help alleviate poverty and reduce social isolation.

OUR VISION

A connected Lewisham community that gives, shares and works together to build happier and healthier communities.

OUR MISSION

Connect and collaborate with individuals and organisations, encouraging all to give and share what they can to respond to needs in the community and strengthen Lewisham's voluntary and community groups.

OUR VALUES

- Everyone in the community is an asset and able to contribute, give and share
- We are inclusive, welcoming and open to all
- We are collaborative and committed to working together with a positive attitude
- We are dynamic and responsive to Lewisham's communities' needs and willing to innovate
- We value the diversity of Lewisham's communities and are committed to proactively representing Lewisham's diversity in our Staff, Trustees and projects

LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER

The organisation is committed to the Living Wage movement and is an accredited Living Wage Employer by the Living Wage Foundation.



MODERN SLAVERY

As Lewisham Local is well below the threshold of £36m set by the Modern Slavery Act 2015, the Company is not legally required to have a policy on modern slavery. However, the Act is a positive piece of legislation aiming to safeguard workers from exploitation and we support the aims of this legislation. Lewisham Local has a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking and is committed to continually improving our policies and procedures to help identify and combat modern slavery and human trafficking.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

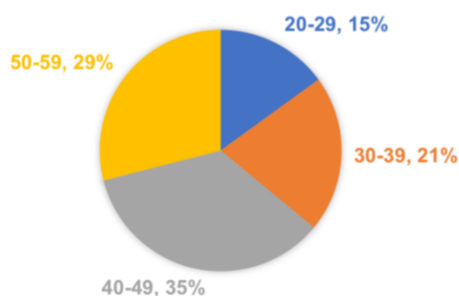
Lewisham Local's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects and the Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

This charity welcomes all sections of society and is for public benefit. The charity has a strong and consistent track record of service to the public, working with individuals in the community, especially the elderly and vulnerable but also across all generations and ethnicity. The activities of the charity are rooted in valuing, welcoming, including and empowering people. This is evidenced by evaluations, feedback, reports, case studies and photographs that demonstrate the charity's public benefit.

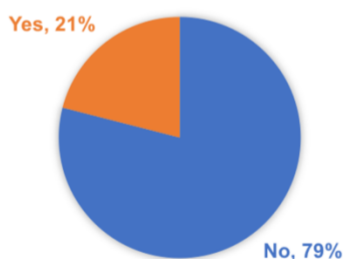
EQUALITY

Across our Staff and Trustee team we are committed to being reflective of the diverse community we serve. Below is our annual results from our staff demographics survey:

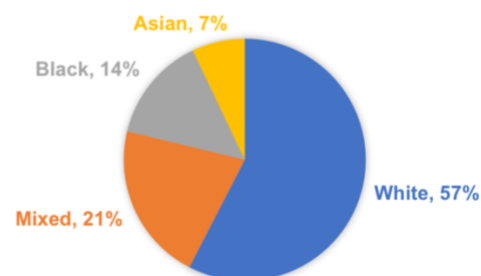
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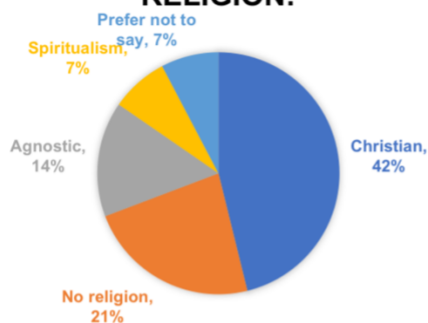
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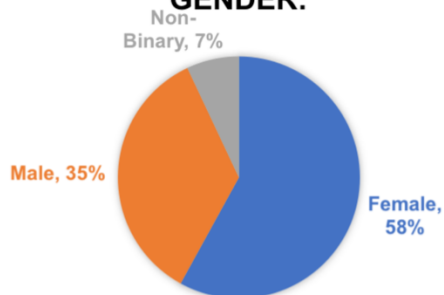
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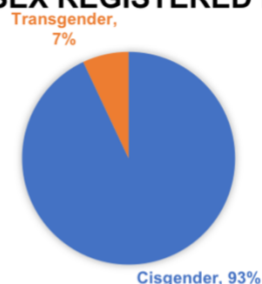
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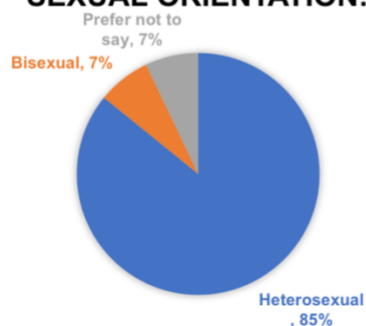
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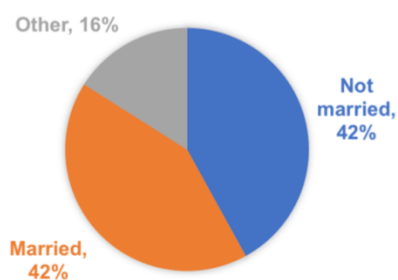
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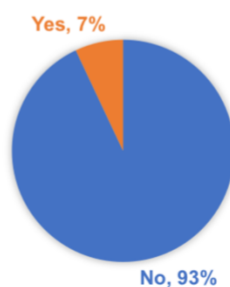
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MARITAL STATUS:



DUE TO TAKE MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE IN THE NEXT 9 MONTHS?:



Achievements and Performance

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR



590

Community Groups
Supported



5,500

People Receiving
our Newsletters



£149.513

Grants
Distributed



83

Projects
Grants Funded



3,221

People Attending
our Events



4,000+

Volunteer Hours
Across our Projects



2,671

Community
Meals
Served



101,000+

Unique Visitors to
our Website

Promoting Local Giving in Lewisham

A key theme across our charity's projects is encouraging all in Lewisham to give what they can in order to make Lewisham a happier and healthier place. Our projects aim to inspire people to give whatever they can, whether that is time, skills, money, or things in kind. Our work aims to connect local residents, businesses and the statutory sector and increase their awareness of local community organisations meeting diverse needs in the community. We worked with the Lewisham Local Collaborative to launch and facilitate the Lewisham Funders Network, bringing together local and regional funders with a particular interest in the borough. We would like to thank City Bridge Trust for their ongoing funding and the support we receive through the London Funders network, London's Giving, to share ideas with other charities promoting local giving in their respective London boroughs. We are delighted that City Bridge Trust will be increasing their support for this work, and we look forward to building on our successes, developing our internal governance and expanding our capacity to work with more local people and businesses who are able to give to improve the local community and meet its needs.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE YEAR

PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS

The wider Lewisham population continued to amaze us with their willingness to donate to our Cost-of-Living appeal which, with match funding from the Merchant Taylors Foundation, raised in excess of £50,000.

£148,093

In Grants
To

108

Projects

GROWING OUR GRANTS DISTRIBUTION

We continued to raise money through fundraising appeals and to partner with organisations to distribute small grants to community groups meeting Lewisham's needs. Lewisham Local's knowledge of community needs and our unique connections with community groups have enabled us to develop this work and direct resources to community needs in an agile and responsive way. We distributed £148,093 in grants to 108 projects. Key themes included food insecurity, supporting local people with energy advice and Lewisham Warm Welcomes, a programme of over 50 local drop-ins with activities and a place to be warm and receive support. Other funds in development include a partnership fund with Lewisham Council, supporting individuals to access essential items and Food Justice Grants, supporting local food projects to meet the need for equitable access to food in Lewisham.

"Thank you so much for leading and facilitating this funding program. It has made a tangible difference to the people we support."

- Grant Recipient

FIRST FUND DECIDED THROUGH PARTICIPATORY GRANTS MAKING

"It was a pleasure to read about groups doing such great work - often with very limited resources. Unfortunately, we could not fund them all!"

- Grants Panellist

As a charity, we recognise that we are in a position of power, trusted with public funding resources, and that local people with lived experience know what is best for their communities. We were delighted to pilot our first fund that was distributed through Participatory Grant Making, which was delivered in partnership with Lendlease, a housing developer. Local people who live close to the housing development in Deptford were recruited and trained by Lewisham Local and facilitated to make the decisions on the 5 grants that were awarded to local projects.

LEWISHAM LOCAL CARD DEVELOPMENT

We continue to invest in our local discount card as it is an effective tool that connects local residents, local businesses and community groups. 73 businesses joined the network over the last year and we had an 80% increase on cards that we sold this year, raising over £2000 with targeted promotional campaigns. With our increased capacity we look forward to promoting the card even more and increasing the number of residents who receive a card, which currently stands at 1 in every 300 residents.



"A fantastic scheme in this monetary crisis where we are all watching our pennies, we can all benefit."

- Lewisham Local Card Holder



LEWISHAM COMMUNITY LOTTERY'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY

After one year, 75 community organisations are now actively fundraising using the platform. 700 local people bought tickets to fundraise for the groups and this has raised over £19,000 for Lewisham's good causes in one year. We look forward to building on this progress over the next year.



LEWISHAM COMMUNITY EXCHANGE

A new platform to connect businesses and community groups to share time, skills and resources. A local way for businesses to fulfil their social value commitments and for community groups to benefit from receiving goods and services in-kind such as space, equipment, skills and surplus stock. Anyone can register for free and post offers and requests.



Our other giving projects continue to make an impact meeting needs in the community:

LEWISHAM COMMUNITY TOILETS

Increased our network to over 70 establishments allowing free access to their toilet facilities for members of the public. We were pleased to be able to promote our achievements at an Age UK London event focusing on toilet provision. We look forward to hosting the first Community Toilet Awards later this year.



REFILL LEWISHAM

A network of over 200 local businesses offering free water refills to the public to help reduce single-use plastic waste.



TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

Businesses offering free skills-sharing workshops to upskill local charities and other businesses as a way of giving to the community.



Mulalley construction company donating 500 high-vis jackets for Borough of Culture Volunteers

Strengthening Lewisham's Voluntary Sector

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Launched 4 New Projects to Support:

- Black Infrastructure Support Project
- Community Directory
- Fundraising Development
- Digital Access for All

590
Community
Groups Supported

3.221
People Attending
our Events

The change in funding through Lewisham Council's Main Grants programme meant an increase in the number of funded partners offering infrastructure support to community organisations in Lewisham. We had to adapt from a model of core funding to support the sector to project funding, with a particular emphasis on communities adversely affected during Covid-19.

Despite this cut in funding and change in the Council's approach from recognising us as the main infrastructure support organisation to one of several, we remain committed to connecting and strengthening the local voluntary and community sector through the following projects.

BLACK INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROJECT (BISP)



A partnership project with Kinaraa CIC to strengthen and support BAME-led community organisations. BISP identifies and addresses the challenges faced by Black-led voluntary groups, boosting their performance and sustainability. Over the first year of the project over 40 solopreneurs and organisations have benefitted from the programme. Over 50 individuals have engaged directly with the programme, resulting in a notable increase in support capacity in the sector. Through tailored one-to-one advice, workshops, capacity building sessions, and participation in local network tailored to black voluntary sector stakeholders, the Lewisham Black Voluntary Network (LBVN). BISP provides an extensive support system including expert facilitators who stand at the heart of these functions, working directly with groups and organisations in Lewisham.

"The support programme and especially the LBVN network facilitated by Lewisham Local have been a real lifeline for me. It's more than just a group; it's a family that understands my journey as a black community champion. They've given me the know-how and boosted my courage to serve Lewisham even better. It's real people making real change."

- Action for Community Development (AfCD)



‘We were successful and got the £10k funding from National Lottery Awards for All! We are overjoyed and will be using it to host a warm hub with lunch for parents of children with additional needs and disabilities. Thank you for your fundraising support!’ - Lisa, Parent Carers Forum

Our Fundraising Development Manager’s (FDM) support focuses on groups working primarily on race and disability issues. It is a new project which involves working with other FDMs based in three other Lewisham groups. There are two levels of support. Light touch support is open door. It includes one-to-ones, drop-ins around the borough, signposting funding opportunities through newsletters/WhatsApp/LinkedIn and a weekly ‘Friday Fundraising Club’. 265 funding opportunities were shared over WhatsApp or LinkedIn during the period. There were 420 attendances at fundraising events organised by the FDM. In parallel, our in-depth support provides up to six one-to-one sessions over six months, followed by step down support lasting three months. There were two cohorts during this period with a total of 12 groups supported. Support is tailored to the organisation. For example, one wanted to spread the fundraising load so the FDM trained other staff in trust research. Another group received support on a multi-year funding application for £300,000 which was successful.

DIGITAL ACCESS FOR ALL

A new project launched this year in partnership with Catbytes CIC. Catbytes receives donations of digital devices, reconditions them and distributes them through referral partners to individuals in need. In addition, they deliver weekly Digital Drop-Ins at 12 different locations supporting people to increase their digital skills and reduce digital exclusion. Our role includes overseeing the Lewisham Digital Inclusion Alliance and supporting Catbytes CIC to continue to develop their operations.



LEWISHAM COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

A new project for this year was to launch and maintain a Directory of community organisations within the borough. After our first year, over 500 community organisations are represented and we have promoted the Directory with statutory and voluntary sector partners and will continue to create new listings and encourage the sector to engage. Groups can benefit from creating a profile on the Directory by increasing their online presence and becoming part of a centralised online platform of VCS organisations and their activities in the borough. This creates an easy avenue for identifying available services in one’s area and potential partners and collaborators. The Directory also serves as a place to refer people who are looking to find out more about what Lewisham’s VCS has to offer. In year 1 over 500 profiles of community groups were created.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK IN RUSHEY GREEN WARD

A pilot project was launched in November 2022 to support Rushey Green residents, organisations and businesses and increase their engagement and understanding of local needs and aspirations for the area. A highlight so far included the Christmas Tree Lights Switch on for Catford bringing together several local choirs for a sing-along with over 100 local residents. We look forward to developing engagement activities to hear from local people, groups and businesses and to support those who want to do something positive in their area over the next year.

LEWISHAM WARM WELCOMES

The Cost-of-Living crisis dramatically increased the needs of local residents with many experiencing food insecurity and fuel poverty. Lewisham's voluntary sector once again showed how dynamic and willing it is to meet a crisis. This included opening local 'Warm Welcomes' to provide a warm drop-in space, refreshments, social activities, signposting advice and in some cases community meals. Lewisham Local liaised with statutory partners to design the initiative, apply for statutory funding from South-East London Integrated Care System and distribute small grants to 24 community groups to launch Warm Welcomes. We also created a support network facilitated by Coordinators and marketing materials to promote the scheme to the wider public. Over 10,000 local residents directly benefitted from this project.



84% of users found that the spaces helped them feel more connected and reduced social isolation. This was corroborated through interviews with several residents who visited the spaces. Furthermore, a national study by the Warm Welcome campaign found that “The greatest impact of warm rooms... was in providing a sense of community and tackling loneliness in a safe and welcoming space. Frequent visitors reported positive improvements in their mental health, social wellbeing, and sense of purpose.

What are Warm Welcomes?

Lewisham Libraries and Community groups have come together to offer Warm Welcome spaces where people can pay in free of charge. All welcomes are currently daytime, days and times. Some may provide hot drinks, others hot food, and others social activities and additional support. Many local community groups have independently set up their own Warm Welcomes and some are working in partnership around local areas. Lewisham Local is working with partners to map and promote the Warm Spaces and provide additional wrap-around support. Partners include Lewisham Council, Age UK Lewisham & Southwark and Citizens Advice Lewisham.

How do I find what I need?

Browse by area or find the different types of offers you are looking for. Check these icons to see what each space offers.

WARM DRINKS

ACTIVITIES

DISABLED ACCESS

FREE MEALS

SIGNPOSTING

Please note that this information may vary. For up-to-date timing and spaces, check www.lewishamlocal.com/lewisham-warm-spaces/

How do I get there?

See where each place is on the map to find the nearest station, or call Transport for London to find the bus route at 0343 222 1234.

Other Useful Links

Community Connections
03300258464
www.lewishamlocal.com

LEWISHAM COUNCIL
08002315453
www.lewishamcouncil.co.uk

SOUTH EAST LONDON CITIZENS ENERGY
0808191779
sele.co.uk

Contact information:

Website: <https://www.lewishamlocal.com/lewisham-warm-spaces/>
 Email: warmwelcomes@lewishamlocal.com
 Phone: 0208 488 9224

"It's helped me cope with the hard times"

— Warm Welcomes Visitor

Why did people come to Warm Welcomes?



To Talk to More People



To Keep Warm



For Refreshments



To Work/Read/Do Homework



Other Reason

Effects of Visiting Warm Welcomes:



To Talk to More People



To Keep Warm



To Talk to More People



To Keep Warm



To Talk to More People



To Keep Warm



Volunteering, Health & Wellbeing

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

77	178	300	700	473	2,763
Individuals Supported to Volunteer	Volunteering Roles Posted	Children a Week Using our Community Green Space	Young People Supported with Essential Items	Borough of Culture Volunteers	Cultural Volunteering Hours

VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS

LONDON BOROUGH OF CULTURE (LBoC)



In 2022, Lewisham became the Mayor of London's Borough of Culture with Lewisham Local acting as the Volunteering Partner to engage local people to become trained and equipped to develop their own cultural exchange events and volunteer at wider LBoC events. Key achievements included: 473 volunteers signing up, 59 volunteers completing training to run their own events, 28 international volunteers supported and 2,763 volunteering hours logged.

SUPPORT INTO VOLUNTEERING (VOLUNTEERING BROKERAGE)

This was another new project launched as a result of changes to Lewisham Council's Main Grants programme. The Council identified a lack of support for individuals with low confidence, self-esteem, learning disabilities and those struggling with their mental health. We launched a new service focused on supporting individuals one-to-one with a skills audit to understand their experience and aims and tailored support applying for different roles. An additional aspect includes support for community organisations to tailor roles and a network of Volunteer Coordinators to share learning, opportunities and ideas. 77 individuals were supported to volunteer over the last year.

MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEERING

We continued to work in partnership with Lewisham Council to recognise the outstanding contribution of volunteers in the community. Following the success of last year's videos, we will once again make videos to celebrate volunteers' achievements and promote these widely to different audiences, aiming for an in-person celebration next year.

TIMEBANK



Timebank unfortunately started the year with the challenge of losing our long-term unrestricted funding from Lewisham Council. This was difficult news and, following several additional unsuccessful applications, the Trustees took the difficult decision to reduce the coordinator's hours to 2 days per week, with a focus on fundraising for future sustainability. The 100 Time Bank Members responded admirably with a 'can-do' supportive attitude and took to organising various community fundraising activities including sales of hand-made goods from their Tea & Chat group, fundraising events and promoting the Lewisham Community Lottery. We received successful news of small grant applications and are delighted National Lottery Community Fund have agreed a grant from October 2023 for 3 years.

The current membership stands at around 100 active Members supporting individuals to increase their health and wellbeing through actively giving and sharing their time and skills.

CASE STUDY

Michael became a Member in late 2021 after retiring at the start of the pandemic. With lockdown easing, he was looking to contribute and join a community of like-minded individuals. Having always enjoyed performing he supported the relaunch of the Timebank Choir. He has been instrumental in leading and accompanying the Choir on guitar together with other members and has also supported members who are unable to look after their own gardens. He also got involved in the Warm Welcomes project and our community repair 'Bring & Fix' events. From engaging with Timebank activities, he has since branched out to supporting other groups in the community. He is now teaching English to Ukrainian refugees also.



"Being a member of RGTB has broadened the scope of my social involvement in ways I would have never envisaged, and it has encouraged me to do other new things."

- Michael, Timebank Member

WILD CAT WILDERNESS



The Wild Cat Wilderness community green space continued to expand and improve. The space is maintained by our volunteers with two regular sessions and lots more skips of rubbish removed. It was a year where we were subjected to some terrible vandalism of our outdoor kitchen, outdoor classroom, sheds and polytunnels, however our positivity and knowledge of how many people enjoy and benefit from the site pulled us through. We started weekly sessions with the Community Payback team who commenced work in the new woodland area near the Bellingham end of the site – which will now be the home of our green social prescriptions project, “Woodland for Wellbeing”.

It has developed into a community hub with purpose; being used at least 6 days a week by many different groups, organisations and charities either regularly or for one off visits including the Kids Kitchen, Signal, Refugee Council and the Mud Club. More than 300 children a week had forest school or related outdoor play on-site and we worked closely with local primary and nursery schools. We also provided one-off outdoor learning sessions and summer visits for other local schools. We had a full programme of events during the school holiday periods and the Nature Club activities proved very popular including bug hunts, bushcraft, campfire cooking, fruit picking, nature arts and crafts. The Timebank also started an outdoor art club who exhibited their work as part of the Catford Arts Trail.

Our funding with City Bridge Trust ended in December 2022 so we had had to be creative in fundraising through events including our Christmas wreath making workshops being incredibly popular, as were the jams and chutneys which were sold. Hiring out the site was also a focus for income generation during the year where we hosted children’s birthday parties as well as our first wedding!

“I have enjoyed the social aspect and made friends. It has given me something to do, reducing social isolation. On a personal level, I gained lots of confidence in my own ability to learn new skills and carry out a task.”

- Volunteer



BANK OF THINGS



Bank of Things Lewisham (BoT) supports young people aged 11 to 25 living, working and/or studying in Lewisham with everyday essentials to support education, employment and/or training. We have a shop in a central location in Lewisham Shopping Centre that is open Wednesday and Friday for young people to drop in and receive support.

BoT celebrated its first birthday in February 2023 and has served over 700 young people in its first year. We are seeing our young people using the service increase, showing the need in the community but encouraging that we are also becoming recognised and meeting a need. We have continued our outreach engagement working in partnership with local organisations such as Young Women's Hub, Baseline, Lewisham Works, and Youth First.

Key achievements from this year included:

- Launching a Community Youth Fridge – focused on supporting Young People with surplus food collected from local partners including Co-Op, Greggs and the Felix project.
- Uniform Swap – repurposing second hand uniform, supporting young people and families in need particularly during Summer and return to school.
- Book Swap – text and reference books swapped and shared between pupils, reducing the need to purchase new ones.
- We were delighted to receive an award from the Mayor of Lewisham's annual volunteering award for our project.



We are very grateful for Landsec, the owner of Lewisham Shopping Centre, for providing us the space and service charge in such a privileged location. The next year we will be focusing on delivering our funded commitments of pop-up's at various locations around the borough, including Clarion Orchard Community centre and Bellingham leisure centre. We will be developing our fundraising strategy, increasing our applications to trusts and foundations to build on our initial pilot phase. We also will be

looking to build our partnerships with local businesses and sponsorship and individual donations and fundraising opportunities.

Promoting Access to Good Healthy Food

GOOD FOOD IMPACT



GOOD FOOD LEWISHAM

Good Food Lewisham, Lewisham's Food Partnership, is a network of passionate people working together to change the world of food in the London Borough of Lewisham. The vision is to see our home become a diverse and lively community that connects people to healthy, sustainable and affordable food that is grown, produced and prepared locally to promote a vibrant food culture and prospering local economy.



Good Food Lewisham (GFL) was founded in 2016 as part of the Sustainable Food Cities project to help Lewisham become an official Good Food Borough in London by achieving a Bronze Award. Lewisham Local took over as the hosts of Good Food Lewisham in April 2022 from GCDA to build on their great work establishing and building the network, with the aim to grow the good food movement in Lewisham and achieve Silver award for the food partnership by 2026. The project is funded by Lewisham Council.

The network's current priorities are:

Food Justice: Good Food Lewisham supported the development of a Food Justice Action Plan for Lewisham in partnership with Public Health Lewisham. The launch which kicked off the process started at a Good Food Lewisham network event in June 2022. We support a network of local food giving groups, with 175 attendances at our monthly meetings throughout the year, and develop popular resources to direct people to financial support and food provision in the borough, including a regularly updated list of free and cheap food provided by projects. The most popular blog post on the GFL website all year was the Christmas food provision list. We organised an in person roundtable for food giving projects together with Lewisham Homes which was well received. We updated the *Worrying About Money?* leaflet and provided training for groups. Launched a Community Food Justice Fund in partnership with Lewisham Public Health to direct over £100,000 to food giving projects in Lewisham to support

them during the cost-of-living crisis and build capacity to engage with the Food Justice Action Plan.

Food Growing: Supporting the development of a Food Growing Network for Lewisham connecting community gardens and other gardeners, with funding through the Sustainable Food Places programme. With funding from London Challenge Poverty Week and Lewisham Council's We Are Lewisham programme, we organised a mass foraging and food growing activity programme in line with World Food Day to engage more people in foraging and food growing in Lewisham. 11 foraging and good growing events were organised in October 2022. Around 400 people engaged in the programme.

Good Food Economy: Developing a new network of Good Food Businesses in Lewisham. In March 2023, we developed a Good Food Lewisham Business Charter to encourage Lewisham businesses to engage with the good food movement. Organisations who can demonstrate their commitment to good food practices by signing up to the charter, and businesses who meet five of the criteria will be added to a new directory of Lewisham Good Food Businesses.

"We are thankful for this food network group. This community group is changing the lives of 100's of people daily. This group also have professionals from various backgrounds who are helping children and youth better future."

"Hearing from other local businesses at the network meeting who are working as a positive force for good and not just profit was inspirational and gave me hope. Thank you!" - Lewin from Homestead Café



FOODCYCLE LEWISHAM

2,671

Community
Meals
Served

2,577

Guests
Served

5,313

Kilograms of
Surplus Food
Rescued

1,661

Volunteered
Hours



Every week FoodCycle Lewisham serves a three-course vegetarian community meal at the Lewisham Irish Community Centre in Catford that is made from surplus food that may go to waste, saving food from landfill and providing a community dining experience to those who may not have access to cooked food, suitable cooking facilities or who struggle to access nutritious food. The project provides a welcoming space during the winter to get a hot meal and warm drinks.

We receive funding from Lewisham Council through Rushey Green's NCIL fund which provided funding for a Project Coordinator to support our project and our partner project's Catford Fridge and Catford Soup Kitchen.

Guest numbers have doubled since Covid from 40 to 80 guests and there has been a 41% increase between 21/22 to 22/23. While the community meal is open to everyone, since the cost-of-living crisis, the majority of guests are people on low-incomes who are food insecure. 62% of our guests said that they worry about not having enough food over the next few months and 62% are worried about the cost of keeping warm. 38% have indicated that they are on very low incomes and 4% have told us that they are homeless.

Shared meals have been shown to promote community resilience and social cohesion, and many of our guests have made new friends of different ages, gender and from different cultural backgrounds. As a result of the coming for a meal, 62% of our guests said that they felt more a part of the community and 77% said that they felt happier. 88% said that they had a new reason to leave the house.

"Amazing service, friendly staff who are hardworking and kind. Delicious food- always tasty and a lovely atmosphere."
- FoodCycle Guest



New Reason to
Leave the House



Felt More a Part
of the community



Felt Happier

Financial Review

OUR FUNDERS

OUR FUNDERS

The charity is grateful for the financial support funders have kindly provided. The principal funders were The London Borough of Lewisham, The City Bridge Trust and Merchant Taylors Foundation.

Additional funding came from The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe, London Plus, NAVCA, Sustainable Food places, The Beatrice Laing trust, Children England, Greater London Authority, Tesco Groundwork, Lendlease Foundation, and Hubbub Foundation.

Lewisham Local would like to thank members of the community who gave so generously to the organisation and its projects through community fundraising appeals.



FINANCIAL RISKS

The ongoing cuts from central government to local government continue to have a deep impact on the local voluntary sector as we continue to see cuts to their grant funding. Few core funds are available, increasing reliance on short-term project funding, and in turn making medium and long-term planning more difficult. Economic challenges look set to stay due to the many challenges created by inflation. We are increasingly seeing valuable local voluntary organisations close down due to funding pressures. Conversely, some new opportunities are emerging with the public sector thinking differently about how it delivers for communities.

Key risks:

- Loss of core funding through local government cuts and changing focus
- Inflation increasing costs and reducing the value of existing charity reserves
- Increasing competition from other voluntary sector organisations bidding for reduced funding
- Building reserves during an ongoing economic uncertainty.

The charity is currently stable, having been able to increase its unrestricted reserves. However, the loss of core funding from Lewisham Council and a shift to project funding presents a challenge for us to cover our overheads. Trustees are financially prudent but are aware that there may be a need at times to use some unrestricted funds to manage this gap. Nevertheless, the charity remains able and willing to trial innovative new ideas for the community and respond quickly to emerging needs through fundraising campaigns and new projects. The charity must continue to attract core funding where possible and will continue to develop income generation activities to raise unrestricted funds and maintain reserves as well as developing new projects that contribute to a share of overhead costs.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity aims to retain up to six months of annual expenditure but no less than three months in unrestricted reserves for essential staffing and running costs. This will enable the continuation of its core activity in the case of funding crises or other needs. The Trustees review this policy annually in line with the budget and the adopted projects for the financial year.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Lewisham Local strives to be an environmentally conscious charity and promote care for the environment through all our activities and interactions with users. The charity aims to use recycled products, avoid plastic, and recycle as much as possible. Items are re-purposed where possible and people are encouraged to donate surplus items like tools and cooking equipment and we share our surplus items with other local organisations too. Printing in the office is kept to a minimum where possible and recycled paper used.

A small group of staff have also led an internal action group focused on improving our environmental impact within the office. Achievements include:

- Reducing number of waste bins, helping staff to choose to recycle more and think more about the waste
- Collecting surplus raw food waste that staff take on lunch breaks to a local community garden where it can be composted
- Analysis of switching to green energy supplier –this was unfortunately not possible due to an industrial meter at our office which was not compatible with alternative energy suppliers.

Through the charity's wider projects, Lewisham Local champions environmental issues including:

- Cargo bike hosting – we partnered with Raleigh to host a bike at our office to support local food projects to reduce carbon emissions when delivering food parcels
- FoodCycle Lewisham – using supermarket surplus food waste to cook a weekly vegetarian community meal
- Lewisham Refill – Signing up over 200 local community minded businesses to offer free water refills to reduce the use of single-use plastics.
- Lewisham Warmer Together – Campaign to raise awareness and funds of fuel poverty and to train energy champions to educate others in the community how to reduce their bills
- Bring & Fix – community repair events to fix household items for free

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The charity has continued to attract more funding and grown in staff size and impact. It has once again demonstrated its agility in responding to the changing funding landscape after losing core funding from Lewisham Council. It continues to strive to forge new opportunities using the power of its networks to make a difference for local people and community groups. The organisation will continue to adapt to its development, with the necessary internal infrastructure changes to support a growing team such as a new website, digital systems and policies and procedures. Established projects will come to the end of grants with certain funders so the charity will have to adapt to continue to build more funding relationships and increase its community fundraising.

The charity will continue to collaborate with others and develop new partnerships to meet community needs that only seem to be increasing for Lewisham's communities. Launching new funding campaigns and projects to address these needs and support community groups will be a key area of growth whilst furthering our participatory approaches to distributing funding and developing projects.

Statement of Responsibilities

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

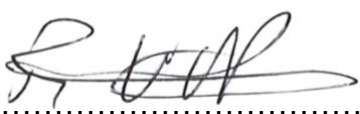
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources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

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

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

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

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 23 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Roy Witter | Chairman and Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lewisham Local Limited ('The Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS REPORT

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

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

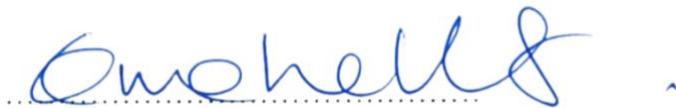
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Since Lewisham Local Limited's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Field Sullivan Limited, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



Kirsty Nicholls

FCCA Field Sullivan Limited

9 Hare & Billet Road Blackheath
SE3 0RB

23 November 2023

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

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and legacies	3	125,802	730,459	856,261	477,260	240,283	717,543
Charitable activities	4	32,438	570	33,008	31,894	-	31,894
Other trading activities	5	2,491	-	2,491	2,765	-	2,765
Other income	6	25,554	30	25,584	10,154	-	10,154
Total income		186,285	731,059	917,344	522,073	240,283	762,356
Expenditure on:							
Charitable Activities	7	(229,175)	(571,124)	(800,299)	(386,878)	(214,047)	(600,925)
Total Expenditure		(229,175)	(571,124)	(800,299)	(386,878)	(214,047)	(600,925)
Net (expenditure)/income		(42,890)	159,935	117,045	135,195	26,236	161,431
Transfers Between Funds		500	(500)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(42,390)	159,435	117,045	135,195	26,236	161,431
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		340,901	101,395	442,296	205,706	75,159	280,865
Total funds carried forward	16	298,511	260,830	559,341	340,901	101,395	422,296

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

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 16.

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form an integral part of these financial statements.

(Registration Number: 04681564)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

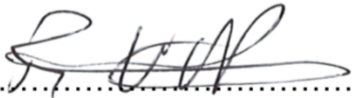
		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	12	58,053	45,897
Cash at bank and in hand	13	520,000	417,167
		578,053	463,064
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(18,712)	(20,768)
Net assets		559,341	442,296
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		260,830	101,395
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		298,511	340,901
Total funds	16	559,341	442,296

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

Directors' responsibilities:

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

The financial statements on pages 18 to 38 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 23 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Roy Witter | Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		117,045	161,431
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in debtors	12	(12,156)	(21,126)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	14	(2,056)	16,939
Decrease in deferred income		-	(20,000)
Net cash flows from operating activities		102,833	137,244
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		102,833	137,244
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		417,167	279,923
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		520,000	417,167
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Increase in cash		102,833	137,244
Net funds at 1 April 2022		417,167	279,923
Net funds at 31 March 2023		520,000	417,167

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

CHARITY STATUS

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

The address of its registered office is:

Unit C Place/Ladywell
261 Lewisham High Street
Lewisham
London SE13 6NJ

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 30 November 2023.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

GOING CONCERN

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

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

GRANTS RECEIVABLE

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

EXPENDITURE

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

allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

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

GRANT PROVISIONS

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

SUPPORT COSTS

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

TAXATION

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

TRADE DEBTORS

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

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

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

TRADE CREDITORS

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

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

FUND STRUCTURE

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

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

PENSIONS AND OTHER POST RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Unrestricted					
	Designated £	General £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;					
Appeals and donations	11,865	23,369	393	35,627	1,260
Grants, including capital grants;					
London Borough of Lewisham - London Borough Culture	-	5,000	-	5,000	45,000
London Borough of Lewisham - Building People Changing Minds	-	-	33,333	33,333	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice	-	-	19,124	19,124	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Catford Food Projects	-	-	6,538	6,538	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Growing	-	-	1,920	1,920	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Volunteering Brokerage	-	-	30,000	30,000	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Community Directory	-	-	40,000	40,000	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Fundraising Development	-	-	59,998	59,998	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Black Infrastructure Support	-	-	60,000	60,000	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Digital Inclusion	-	-	60,000	60,000	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Covid Support	-	-	-	-	76,095
London Borough of Lewisham - Builder Fund	-	-	-	-	25,000
London Borough of Lewisham - Good Food Lewisham	-	-	43,956	43,956	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Justice	-	-	121,350	121,350	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Warm Welcomes	-	-	85,208	85,208	-
Contractual income - London Borough of Lewisham	-	49,000	-	49,000	49,000

Contractual income - London Borough of Lewisham (Food Network)	-	-	-	-	40,000
Contractual income - Lewisham Council	-	-	-	-	126,000
London Borough of Lewisham: Main Grants	-	-	-	-	216,000
London Borough of Lewisham - Bank of Things	-	-	-	-	10,000
City Bridge Trust: Cost of Living Core costs	-	6,343	-	6,343	-
London Catalyst	-	-	-	-	2,500
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Bank of Things	-	-	1,300	1,300	-
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Time Bank	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
London Plus - Community Emergency Resilience	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
NAVCA - Warm Welcomes	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
NAVCA - Core costs	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Sustainable Food Places - Good Food Lewisham	-	-	8,000	8,000	-
The Beatrice Laing Trust - FoodCycle Lewisham	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
Children England - Food Growing	-	-	1,100	1,100	-
Greater London Authority - Food Roots	-	-	13,200	13,200	-
London Borough of Lewisham - NCIL Community Festival	-	-	4,060	4,060	-
Hubbub Foundation - Bank of Things	-	-	3,000	3,000	-
Lendlease Foundation	-	25,225	-	25,225	-
Lewisham Foodbank	-	-	-	-	10,000
Small Charities Coalition	-	-	-	-	14,238
London Borough of Lewisham: Small Grants	-	-	-	-	4,600
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	-	-	64,700	64,700	64,700
City Bridge Trust: Wild Cat Wilderness	-	-	11,050	11,050	33,150
Merchant Taylors Foundation . Cost of Living	-	-	37,500	37,500	-
Tesco Groundwork - Bank of Things	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Marchant Taylors Foundation - Bank of Things	-	-	3,729	3,729	-
	11,865	113,937	730,459	856,261	717,543

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Unrestricted					
	Designated £	General £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fees and supplies	-	25,972	570	26,542	16,736
Fundraising	423	6,043	-	6,466	15,158
	423	32,015	570	33,008	31,894

5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

Unrestricted			
	Funds General £	Total Funds £	Total 2022 £
Local card sales	2,491	2,491	2,765
	2,491	2,491	2,765

6. OTHER INCOME

Unrestricted					
	Designated £	General £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Other income	-	2,965	30	2,995	6,051
Rental income	9,495	13,094	-	22,589	4,103
	9,495	16,059	30	25,584	10,154

7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Covid-19 emergency supplies	-	446
Project costs	82,403	22,543
Computer software and maintenance	43,137	25,163
Events and Hospitality	9,168	3,730
Room hire	5,160	3,850
Cost of trustee meetings	126	408
Marketing and publicity	7,359	6,626
Facilitators and project management	9,736	9,757
Management	1,875	8,500
Legal and professional	3,399	1,511
Volunteer expenses	1,463	119
Grant funding of activities	149,513	149,882
Support costs	486,960	368,390
	800,299	600,925

8. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	375,657	266,619
Social security costs	31,181	20,641
Pension costs	22,540	30,930
Other staff costs	2,581	9,211
Rent and rates	14,629	13,670
Light, heat and power	16,289	4,721
Insurance	2,205	1,900
Printing, postage and stationery	7,188	11,312
Trade subscriptions	779	1,487
Sundries	-	229
Cleaning	4,454	2,108
Travel and subsistence	1,227	134
Accountancy and bookkeeping	-	1,685
Independent examination	3,660	3,288
Bad debts written off	4,000	-
Bank charges	72	91
Private health insurance	498	364
	486,960	368,390

9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

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

10. STAFF COSTS

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	375,657	266,619
Social security costs	31,181	20,641
Pension costs	22,540	30,930
Other staff costs	2,581	9,211
	431,959	327,401

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Charitable activities	13	10

13 (2022 - 10) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £22,540 (2022 - £30,930).

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £50,750 (2022 - £45,640).

11. TAXATION

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

12. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	53,138	41,609
Prepayments	4,915	4,288
	58,053	45,897

13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	520,000	417,167

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	-	1,539
Other taxation and social security	-	143
Other creditors	52	68
Accruals	18,660	19,018
	18,712	20,768

15. PENSION AND OTHER SCHEMES

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £22,540 (2022 - £30,930).

16. FUNDS

Current period

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted					
General					
General Funds	325,210	164,502	(211,650)	-	278,062
Designated					
Wild Cat Wilderness	11,473	9,603	(12,678)	-	8,398
FoodCycle Lewisham	3,239	12,180	(4,847)	500	11,072
Fun food 'n' Fun in the Fields Festival	979	-	-	-	979
	15,691	21,783	(17,525)	500	20,449
Total unrestricted	340,901	186,285	(229,175)	500	298,511
Restricted					
London Borough of Lewisham: Inclusion Growth Builder	24,892	-	(9,034)	-	15,858
Tesco Groundwork - Bank of Things	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Local Giving: WcW Bees Appeal	1,840	-	-	-	1,840
Town Centre Small Grants	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Time Bank	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe - Bank of Things	-	1,300	(1,804)	-	(504)
London Plus - Community Emergency Resilience	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
London Catalyst	2,500	-	(2,000)	(500)	-
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	12,517	-	-	-	12,517
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Bank of Things	-	3,729	-	-	3,729
Lendlease	600	-	(600)	-	-
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	7,981	64,700	(66,707)	-	5,974
Lewisham Foodbank	10,000	-	(10,600)	-	(600)

City Bridge Trust - Wild Cat Wilderness	14,960	11,050	(26,010)	-	-
Merchant Taylors Foundation - Cost of Living	-	37,500	(23,440)	-	14,060
London Borough of Lewisham: Bank of Things	25,105	-	(18,489)	-	6,616
NAVCA - Warm Welcomes	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Sustainable Food Places - Good Food Lewisham	-	51,956	(38,096)	-	13,860
The Beatrice Laing Trust - Food Cycle Lewisham	-	5,000	(2,000)	-	3,000
Children England - Food Growing	-	1,100	(600)	-	500
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Justice	-	121,350	(4,395)	(15,000)	101,955
London Borough of Lewisham - Warm Welcomes	-	85,208	(82,097)	15,000	18,111
Greater London Authority - Food Roots	-	13,200	-	-	13,200
London Borough of Lewisham - Food Growing	-	1,920	-	-	1,920
London Borough of Lewisham - Catford Food Projects	-	6,538	(5,306)	-	1,232
London Borough of Lewisham - Volunteering Borkerage	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Building People Changing Minds	-	33,333	(24,064)	-	9,269
London Borough of Lewisham - Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice	-	19,124	(15,813)	-	3,311
London Borough of Lewisham - Community Directory	-	40,000	(37,301)	-	2,699
London Borough of Lewisham - Fundraising Development	-	59,998	(52,291)	-	7,707
London Borough of Lewisham - Black Infrastructure Support	-	60,000	(51,489)	-	8,511
London Borough of Lewisham - Digital Inclusion	-	60,000	(58,332)	-	1,668
Hubbub Foundation - Bank of Things	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Fun Food 'n' Fun in the Fields Festival	-	5,053	(5,656)	-	(603)
	101,395	731,059	(571,124)	(500)	260,830
Total Funds	442,296	917,344	(800,299)	-	559,341

Previous period	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted					
General					
General Funds	185,187	522,073	(370,339)	(11,711)	325,210
Designated					
Volunteer Centre Lewisham - Redundancy fund	8,069	-	(8,069)	-	-
Wild Cat Wilderness	4,155	-	(947)	8,265	11,473
FoodCycle Lewisham	7,295	-	(7,502)	3,446	3,239
Fun Food 'n' Fun in the Fields Festival	1,000	-	(21)	-	979
	20,519	-	(16,539)	11,711	15,691
Total unrestricted	205,706	522,073	(386,878)	-	340,901
Restricted					
London Borough of Lewisham: Lewisham Inclusive Growth Builder Fund	-	25,000	(108)	-	24,892
London Borough of Lewisham: Covid Support	-	76,095	(76,095)	-	-
Small Charities Coalition	-	14,238	(14,238)	-	-
Local Giving: WcW Bees Appeal	1,840	-	-	-	1,840
Prudential: FoodCycle	364	-	(364)	-	-
Town Centre Small Grants	-	4,600	(3,600)	-	1,000
London Catalyst	500	2,500	(500)	-	2,500
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	15,325	-	(2,808)	-	12,517
Lendlease	2,000	-	(1,400)	-	600
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	6,574	64,700	(63,293)	-	7,981
Lewisham Foodbank	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
City Bridge Trust: WcW	22,448	33,150	(40,638)	-	14,960
London Borough of Lewisham: Bank of Things	24,900	10,000	(9,795)	-	25,105
Co-op Local Community Fund	1,208	-	(1,208)	-	-
	75,159	240,283	(214,047)	-	101,395
Total funds	280,865	762,356	(600,925)	-	442,296

THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS ARE TO BE APPLIED ARE AS FOLLOWS

London Borough of Lewisham: Lewisham Inclusive Growth Builder Fund - funds for digital costs, promotion and marketing.

London Borough of Lewisham: Covid Support - covid measures funding, infection control and testing.

Small Charities Coalition: funds for Kickstart project; to create six month jobs for young people.

Local Giving: Wild Cat Wilderness bees appeal.

Prudential: for FoodCycle Lewisham to provide a weekly meal for isolated people affected by food poverty. Town Centre Small Grants - funds for bank of things and to promote Lewisham Local Card.

London Catalyst: Launchpad seedcorn funding for Health and Wellbeing Projects

London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad grants for distribution
Lendlease - Grant distribution projects addressing the impacts of Covid-19 on BAME communities in Lewisham

The City Bridge Trust (Lewisham Local): towards a Director of Lewisham Local plus associated running costs for the development and consolidation of Lewisham Local
Lewisham Foodbank - funds to be shared with other food projects through Lewisham Local

The City Bridge Trust (Wild Cat Wilderness): for salaries and associated direct costs of the Wild Cat Wilderness project

London Borough of Lewisham: resource for young people for educational and other wellbeing supplies, and support and additional activities

Co-op Local Community Fund: to run arts and crafts workshops in Bellingham
NAVCA - Warm welcomes - supporting our Warm Welcomes initiative distributing grants to local groups

Tesco Groundwork: Bank of Things - Distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need

Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe: Time Bank - Coordinator and activity costs supporting local people to improve their health and wellbeing through sharing time and skills

Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe: Bank of things - Activity costs distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need

London Plus: Community Emergency Resilience - Building a network of local organisations and partnering with Lewisham Council to increase our preparedness for future emergencies

Merchant Taylors Foundation: Bank of Things - Activity costs distributing hygiene and educational supplies to young people in need.

Merchant Taylors Foundation: Cost of Living - Match funding our Cost of Living campaign to give small grants to community organisations supporting residents through the cost of living crisis with food, energy advice, signposting to additional support

Sustainable Food Places: Good Food Lewisham - Strengthening networks between food growing groups, growers, related organisation and increasing food growing and awareness of different food cultures. a partnership with Grow Lewisham CIC

The Beatrice Laing Trust: Food Cycle Lewisham - Core costs for our project and to launch a new second community meal

Children England: Food Growing - Small grants for local people to start food growing activities in their communities

London Borough of Lewisham: Food Justice - In partnership with Lewisham Council develop the Food Justice Action Plan and the Food Justice Alliance

London Borough of Lewisham: Warm welcomes - Coordinate a programme of local community organisations supporting residents through the Cost of Living crisis. Warm Welcomes would offer a safe, warm space with social activities and refreshments as well as additional signposting support.

Greater London Authority: Food Roots Winter Crisis Grants - Expanding our food partnership work to help improve the sustainability and resilience of local efforts to address food insecurity

London Borough of Lewisham: Catford Food Projects - Coordination support for our FoodCycle Project and wider support for other food projects in Catford

London Borough of Lewisham: Volunteering Brokerage - Supporting individuals into volunteering roles and working with voluntary sector organisations to promote roles to the wider public

London Borough of Lewisham: Building People Changing Minds - Pilot project to

London Borough of Lewisham: Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice - Pilot project to build the connections of local businesses, residents and community groups to understand the needs and aspirations for the local community

London Borough of Lewisham: Community Directory - Maintaining a digital directory of community organisations within Lewisham

London Borough of Lewisham: Fundraising Development - Providing fundraising development support to equalities focused organisations, initially focused on organisations led by and for black and/or disabled communities in Lewisham

London Borough of Lewisham: Black Infrastructure Support - Providing capacity building support for organisations led by and for black communities in Lewisham, a partnership with Kinaraa CIC.

London Borough of Lewisham: Digital Inclusion - Increase access to digital devices and digital support across Lewisham, facilitating a network of partners focused on digital inclusion, in partnership with Catbytes CIC.

London Borough of Lewisham: Warm Welcomes - Coordinate a project of 50+ local community spaces allowing free access to warm space, hot refreshments and signposting support, including distributing grants and facilitating a network of organisations.

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Current period

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Total funds at 31 March
	General £	Designated £	Funds £	2023 £
Current assets	296,774	20,449	260,830	578,053
Current liabilities	(18,712)	-	-	(18,712)
Total net assets	278,062	20,449	260,830	559,341

Previous period

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Total funds at 31 March
	General £	Designated £	Funds £	2022 £
Current assets	345,978	15,691	101,395	463,064
Current liabilities	(20,768)	-	-	(20,768)
Total net assets	325,210	15,691	101,395	442,296



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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Chairman	Roy Witter
Trustees	Joyce Jones Gemma Juma Jonathan Prince Susan Ryder Allison Streetly Roy Witter
Secretary	Samuel Hawksley
Charity Registration Number	1101616
Company Registration Number	04681564
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Charity aims to have a diverse Board of Trustees, made up of residents, professionals and individuals with lived experience of the organisations' projects and issues it is trying to address. The Trustees are a diverse group of people with varied experiences and knowledge in the local area, business, or voluntary sector. Trustees may be appointed at any time and reappointments are on rotation every year at the AGM. A Trustee eligibility audit is carried out on a yearly basis.

The Charity ensures that the Board of Trustees represents the diversity of our Borough and the users of the organisation. Within our staffing and volunteer network, we have practical plans in place to ensure ongoing diversity, equality training and recruitment procedures to make the charity representative of the community it seeks to serve.

Induction and training of new trustees

New board members are provided with written information and documents about the charity and are invited to meet with the Chair and the Chief Executive. A skills audit is undertaken and they are also provided with training as appropriate. Every year, the board assesses its strengths and skill set and considers the skills required for personal and group development to achieve the aims of the organisation.

Changing Name

In March 2022, the Trustees decided to change the organisation's name to Lewisham Local, which the charity adopted as a working name in 2021. Due to the increasing number of projects the organisation has developed in recent years under the brand of Lewisham Local, this has become the name which the organisation is known by in the local community.

Meetings

The Board of Trustees meets six times a year and is responsible for determining strategic direction and policy. The Board meets annually for a Strategic Day to review performance, analyse the context around the organisation and identify opportunities to enhance the organisation's work and sustainability.

The Board met for a Strategic Day in February 2022 to review the status and values of the organisation including new projects in development, its funding position and systems of governance.

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Organisational structure

The Chief Executive is accountable to the Board of Trustees, oversees the operations of the organisation and manages staff and freelance workers. Due to the organisation increasing its number of new projects and staff, a new management team of Programme Managers overseeing Project Coordinators was put in place through promoting existing staff. This has worked to manage and deliver our increasing range of infrastructure and grass-roots projects supporting a range of beneficiaries including individuals, community groups and local businesses in the community more effectively. A Finance Coordinator also supports the Chief Executive. According to funding and project needs, other staff or freelance workers support on project delivery.

In 2021-22 there were 10 staff (8.4 full time equivalent).

Covid-19 Pandemic

Covid-19 continued to affect the organisation's work with the team having to be flexible to adapt the delivery of certain projects to online and in some instances pausing until safe to resume in-person.

Wider network

The charity currently does not operate within a wider network.

Related parties

There were no related parties during the financial year.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed to and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity maintains a risk register and has a risk management strategy in place to ensure it has systems and procedures to mitigate risks. The high risks are brought to the attention of the Board to minimise any potential impact on the charity. The charity carries out monitoring and evaluation and provides reports to its funders. The charity ensures it has financial procedures, health and safety policy and safeguarding procedures in place. They are reviewed periodically to reflect changing legislation and to refresh knowledge and practice.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The Memorandum and Articles of Association state that the objects of the Company shall be:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the public and particularly, but not limited to, the public who live and work in the London Borough of Lewisham and surrounding boroughs, including: a) to promote volunteering, time banking, the giving of time and skills to engage and support local residents including those considered to be suffering from the disadvantage of social exclusion; b) to promote philanthropy to relieve poverty distress and sickness in the interests of social welfare with the aim of improving the conditions of life of the public; c) to promote and broker partnership working and training within the voluntary and charitable sector, statutory and private sectors in the interests of the furtherance of and achievements of the above purposes.

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Aim and activities

The charity relies on an asset-based approach and has used the time banking philosophy of coproduction and volunteering to engage and incentivise people to get involved in the community. With a growing portfolio of initiatives, the charity aims to develop services for people to be empowered, active and connected with other people and to be involved in civic engagement. Working cross-sector as well as at a strategic level in the Borough of Lewisham, the charity aims to be a resource for community organisations to be equipped, informed and connected to collaborate and share their skills and knowledge. This helps grow a greater pool of resources to reduce isolation and poverty through giving. The charity is also developing the philanthropic arm of Lewisham Local to raise funds for the local community and charitable initiatives.

Public benefit statement

Rushey Green Time Bank's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects and the Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

This charity welcomes all sections of society and is for public benefit. The charity has a strong and consistent track record of service to the public, working with individuals in the community, especially the elderly and vulnerable but also across all generations and ethnicity. The activities of the charity are rooted in valuing, welcoming, including and empowering people. It is evidenced by the evaluations, feedback, case studies and photographic evidence that demonstrate the charity's public benefit.

Living Wage Employer

The organisation is committed to the Living Wage movement and is an accredited Living Wage Employer by the Living Wage Foundation.

Modern slavery

With an income well below the threshold of £36m set by the Modern Slavery Act 2015, the Company is not legally required to have a policy on modern slavery. However, the Act is a positive piece of legislation aiming to safeguard workers from exploitation and we support the aims of this legislation. Lewisham Local has a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking and is committed to continually improving our policies and procedures to help identify and combat modern slavery and human trafficking.

Vision, Mission and Values

In March 2022, the Trustees and Staff worked collaboratively to update the organisation's vision, mission and values.

Our Vision - A connected Lewisham community that gives, shares and works together to build happier and healthier communities.

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Our Mission

- **Connect and collaborate** with individuals, community groups, businesses and statutory organisations
- **Encourage all to give and share** what they can - time, skills, expertise, knowledge, resources and money
- **Respond to needs and opportunities** through events, projects and communications
- **Raise awareness** of existing and emerging **community needs**
- **Promote and strengthen** Lewisham's voluntary and community groups
- **Promote asset-based community development** making the most of what we already have in Lewisham
- Increase the **impact and sustainability** of Lewisham Local

Our Values

- Everyone in the community is an asset and able to contribute, give and share
- We are inclusive, welcoming and open to all
- We are collaborative and committed to working together with a positive attitude
- We are dynamic and responsive to Lewisham's communities' needs and willing to innovate
- We value the diversity of Lewisham's communities and are committed to proactively representing Lewisham's diversity in our Staff, Trustees and projects

Following the work refocusing the charity's new name, vision, mission and values, the organisation's projects were organised into the following programme themes:

- Local Giving
- Voluntary Sector Development
- Volunteering
- Health & Wellbeing
- Good Food

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Local giving

Encouraging and growing local giving of time, skills and money is a key element of the charity's existing work and future development. Bringing together partners from the voluntary, public and business sectors continues to be a core element of our work alongside building a dynamic network of local people that are willing to give towards existing and emerging community needs.

The charity continues to work with strategic collaborators both at a regional level through London Funders' London's Giving programme; locally including Lewisham Council, Goldsmiths University of London, Southeast London Chamber of Commerce, Deptford Challenge Trust and Lewisham Education Arts Network through the Lewisham Local Collaborative. Research was undertaken with local partners to develop a local funders network to convene grant giving trusts and organisations in Lewisham with the first meeting due to be held in June 2022.

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A key strategy is developing projects that encourage Local Giving, including:

- **Lewisham Local Card**

A discount card in local businesses which is freely given to local volunteers and can be purchased by those wanting to contribute in that way. The card encourages support for local businesses, connects the community and thanks volunteers for their contribution. Over 500 businesses give discounts and in 2021/22 we distributed 687 cards - an increase of 150% from the previous year. The card has been promoted through targeted campaigns such as a Valentine's Day, wellbeing and fitness, queer-led businesses for Pride month and Christmas. Printed advertisements have also been featured in the Lewisham Ledger as part of a 'Support your local high street campaign', funded by Lewisham Council.

- **Lewisham Community Toilets**

A network of 65+ establishments allowing free access to their toilet facilities for members of the public following the closures of public toilets.

- **Refill Lewisham**

A network of local businesses offering free water refills to the public to help reduce single-use plastic waste.

- **Training & Workshops**

Businesses offering free skills-sharing workshops to upskill local charities and other businesses as a way of giving to the community.

- **Lewisham Community Lottery**

After careful planning and consultation, Lewisham Local launched the Lewisham Community Lottery in November 2022 as a fundraising tool to support local good causes. The lottery has been well received locally, with 67 local causes signed up by the end of March 2022, and 561 tickets sold. So far, the lottery has generated £8,155.80 in funds, with almost £7,000 for local good causes.

Small Grants Distribution

The charity has continued to grow its role distributing small grants to other community groups in Lewisham. It has continued raising its funds both through public fundraising campaigns for emerging needs and acting as a giving intermediary for local strategic partners. Lewisham Local's knowledge of community needs and unique connections with community groups have enabled us to develop this work and direct resources to community needs in an agile and responsive way. This year, Lewisham Local raised £141,657.60 for 83 different projects over eight different funding programmes. Programmes include 'Fresh and Cultural Foods for Food Banks', Infection Control Discretionary Fund and Lewisham Council Hardship Grants.

Voluntary Sector Development

The charity continued its work as the key infrastructure organisation in Lewisham supporting and strengthening local community groups in Lewisham through events, networks, workshops, 1-1 support and various fundraising. Key themes the work focused on this year were fundraising, collaboration, Trustee development, Covid recovery and supporting groups to restart and refocus their work to support emerging post-pandemic needs.

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Some of the highlights and achievements from this year include:

- **Friday Fundraising Club** - a weekly session of peer learning, sharing fundraising tips, 'meet the funder' and building collective fundraising confidence through collaborative grant writing
- **Pathways to Partnership** - a monthly session to improve awareness of collaboration and networking to building partnerships for upcoming fundraising opportunities
- **Trustee Development Network** - a monthly session to support groups overcoming governance obstacles and using peer sharing of governance skills and knowledge

The core funding from Lewisham Council's Main Grants for voluntary sector infrastructure support was changed at the end of March 2022 from a core grant to funding for projects. The charity was successful in applying for some of these projects and therefore began to rework our core voluntary sector development to adapt to this funding. From April 2022, the voluntary sector development projects we will deliver will include:

- **BAME Infrastructure Support** - a partnership project with Kinaraa CIC to strengthen and support BAME-led community organisations
- **Digital Access for All** - a partnership project with Catbytes CIC to develop a programme of digital inclusion support across Lewisham
- **Community Directory** - maintain and update a directory of community organisations and services available in Lewisham
- **Fundraising Development** - support for equalities focused groups to increase their grant through fundraising opportunities including signposting, application reviewing and writing

Your website has very informative pages which I share widely to four Job Centres covering the Lewisham postcode area. Forest Hill, JobCentre Plus

Without the Friday Fundraising zooms, we would not have the knowledge required to be able to apply for anything and for this we are very grateful for the time that was given pointing us in the right direction and pointing out the facts that are required. Evelyn Community Store

Volunteering

- **London Borough of Culture (LBoC)** - In 2022 Lewisham became the Mayor of London's Borough of Culture with the charity acting as the Volunteering Partner to engage local people to become trained and equipped to develop their own cultural exchange events and volunteer at wider LBoC events.
- **Covid Vaccinators** - The charity was once again called on by Lewisham's Primary Care Networks and Pharmacies to recruit and place over 85 volunteers over the Christmas and New Year period to support the vaccination efforts, which we successfully did.
- **Mayor's Awards for Volunteering** - Working in partnership with Lewisham Council to recognise the outstanding contribution of volunteers in the community. Due to Covid restrictions, videos were once again made to celebrate the voluntary contribution of many in the community.

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Health & Wellbeing Projects

Timebank

Timebank continued its relaunching of activities that were largely on pause during Covid lockdowns. A new Coordinator was recruited in Summer 2021 to reconnect with Members and support restarting activities where safe to do so. Members initially instigated "Meet up in the Park" - this provided a much needed opportunity for Members to get together again outside. Gradually, longstanding groups such as 'Tea & Chat' were able to meet again, initially, outside and eventually, inside in the colder weather, socially distanced. Some groups had to fluctuate through lockdown guidance, but activities remained largely open providing a much-needed opportunity to connect after months of isolation.

Other groups restarting included members Action Group, Coffee Club, Boardgames and Timebank Choir. Membership inevitably dropped during Covid through some sadly passing away and others moving to new locations or changing circumstances. Highlights included an outdoor Christmas get together, an event during Black History Month on black servicemen and women in the great wars, our Valentine event sharing poetry and music over Zoom and a Bring and Fix event in April 2022.

The current membership stands at around 100 active Members. March 2022 marked the end of the Timebank's long funding relationship with Lewisham Council with the project sadly not receiving funding from the Council's Main Grants fund. The charity is committed to continuing this long running project work that supports isolated and vulnerable in the community, and is seeking funds that would enable it to do so..

Thank you for a joyous Timebank return. It was a sign of normality to sit in my chair surrounded by valued crafting friends. Timebank Member

Wild Cat Wilderness ('WcW')

Despite our community green space still experiencing some Covid limitations, work continued to expand, maintain and improve the site with our volunteers over two weekly sessions, averaging about 150 volunteer hours per month. The site was fully used at least 5 days a week for volunteering, forest schools and by other local groups for their own activities. The Wilderness was used every week by up to 300 children. This included the introduction of a fortnightly forest school and a partnership with a group called the Mud Club, offering free places to families on low incomes.

Other highlights include new partnerships with organisations, using the site for the first time for a theatre production and continuing to benefit the wider community through outreach including replanning a wildlife garden at Torridon School and a food growing talk at St Peter's social supermarket.

A full programme of events and activities at weekends and during school holiday periods included a Pumpkin fun day, Urban Harvest Festival, eco-printing using our dye garden plants, bushcraft, foraging walk and Christmas wreath making. Building on the success of our You Tube videos, we also released two new storytelling videos for Windrush day.

A key highlight was the Wild Wonder Wall project to redecorate the wall of the outdoor classroom. The local community and Lewisham school pupils submitted pictures of natural subjects and ran a series of events over the summer to paint the wall using the winning designs and working with our freelance artist. The wall was unveiled at the Urban Harvest Festival and was a success engaging new people with nature and encouraging new site visitors.

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Forest School this year has given the Year 6's a fantastic opportunity to explore the world beyond the classroom. It has been a challenging couple of years where these opportunities have often been missed. Forest School provides an escape, where they can run, laugh and be with nature. It is always a highlight of their week and will be memories for them for years to come. Year 6 Teacher

I love Forest School. It's a place where I feel safe and happy. Since we are leaving school soon, it's a great opportunity to spend time together before we go our separate ways. Forest School is a place where all our worries and anxieties melt away. I will always remember the times we had at Forest School. Thank you to the people who helped make Forest School a place for us to remember. Year 6 Pupil

Bank of Things

Bank of Things is a partnership project with Lewisham Council's Young Mayor's & Young Advisers, based on the model of a food bank to support young people by providing them with everyday hygiene and school essentials. The pilot project was launched with funding from The Young Mayor's budget and is fundraising from the wider community as well as trusts and foundations.

The charity was kindly donated Unit 19 in Lewisham Shopping Centre by the owner, Landsec, to trial the project for one year. A team of young and corporate volunteers and staff renovated the unit between November and January and the unit was officially launched to the public in February 2022.

Bank of Things works with a range of community partners who refer young people for support including food banks, youth services, faith groups and charities. The project is growing in terms of young people receiving support as well as referral partners, local schools and corporate partnerships with local branches of corporate businesses. Bank of Things will continue to promote its offer to the wider community and develop and trial new initiatives to provide even more impact for young people in need.

Good Food

Covid Food Network

Formed during Covid-19, Lewisham Local continued to support and develop a network of community food giving projects including: 52 meetings over the year attended by 40 different food partners, e-bulletins and an active Whatsapp group to share surplus food and resources.

Lewisham Local partnered with Independent Food Aid Network to develop a 'Worrying About Money?' 'cash-first' leaflet for Lewisham to direct people to financial advice and support in the borough. Over 6,000 leaflets were distributed through 18 community partners with an additional online form.

An Appreciative Inquiry into 'What food support at its best looks like in Lewisham' was conducted partnering with six local food projects to understand what made a difference to users of local food aid providers through listening to and elevating the voices of people using these services who are often seldom heard. Fourteen researchers captured stories and experiences from 36 individuals.

The report including key themes and recommendations was published on Lewisham Local's website. Thank you to all the groups and individuals who contributed to this inquiry: Action For Refugees In Lewisham, Grove Park Emergency Food Project and the Lewington Community Food Project, Legendary Community Club, Lewisham Food Bank, Kings Church London- The Feast, Rastafari Movement UK and St Peter's Brockley Food Bank.

Thank you to the London Community Response Fund, City Bridge Trust and Lewisham Council for their financial support which enabled this work to take place.

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'Thank you very much for the really helpful information you provided via this route - it made a big difference and helped us line up at least a couple of grants we would have missed out on otherwise.' Rob, Sandhurst Primary School PTA Foodbank, December 2021

FoodCycle Lewisham

FoodCycle Lewisham is a project managed by the charity, providing a community meal at the Lewisham Irish Community Centre. The project is powered by volunteers and exists to reduce food poverty, food waste and loneliness. It operates as a franchise of FoodCycle, the national charity that runs over 40 vegetarian community meals throughout the country using surplus food.

The project welcomed back guests to a sit-down meal in September 2021 having provided takeaway meals during the pandemic. Since re-opening, they have seen an increase in the number of children coming to the project.

The project continues a fruitful partnership with Catford Fridge who provide a bag of staple goods and surplus food items to guests at the end of the meal, ensuring that absolutely nothing goes to waste. Thanks also goes to Good Hope in Hither Green, Tesco Superstore in Lewisham, Aldi in Catford and The Felix Project.

This year, FoodCycle Lewisham has saved 3422kgs of food from going to waste, served 1822 guests, provided 8147 meals with and volunteers giving 1395 hours of their time.

Guests reported in a recent survey: 'the atmosphere is very sociable'

'FoodCycle has proved to be very valuable to a lot of people. You can make new friends and have someone to talk to. It helps relieve loneliness. The standard of food provided is really good and proves that you can make a lot from a little.'

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the end of the reporting period the Trustees report a surplus on unrestricted funds of £135,195 (2021: £98,917), with cumulative unrestricted funds now £340,901 (2021: £205,706).

Principal funding sources

The charity is grateful for the financial support funders have kindly provided, without whom the charity would not be as successful. The principal funders were The London Borough of Lewisham and The City Bridge Trust.

Other smaller funding streams came from The Merchant Taylors Company, London Catalyst, Lendlease, Small Charity Coalition, 1in4, Lewisham Homes, Phoenix Community Housing, Goldsmiths University of London, EY Foundation, Lewisham Foodbank, Social Bite alongside local businesses: Masher Bros, Catford Mews Comedy Club and Ordrs.

Lewisham Local would like to thank members of the community that also gave generously to the organisation and its causes through community fundraising appeals and projects.

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Risks

The ongoing cuts from central government to local government continues to have a deep impact on the local voluntary sector as we see continued cuts to their grants programmes. Medium and long-term planning is difficult with most few core funds available and with increasing reliance on short term project funding. Economic challenges look set to stay with international causes from the war in Ukraine and post-pandemic challenges increasing inflation. We are increasingly seeing local voluntary organisations close down due to funding pressures. New opportunities are emerging with a public sector having to think differently about how it delivers for communities.

Key risks:

- Loss of core funding through local government cuts and changing focus
- International and national economic challenges increasing inflation, reducing value of existing reserves
- Increasing competition from other voluntary sector organisations bidding for reduced funding
- Building reserves during an ongoing economic uncertainty.

The charity is currently stable, having been able to increase its unrestricted reserves. However, the loss of core funding from Lewisham Council and shift to project funding presents a challenge for the organisation to meet its overheads and may need to use some unrestricted funds at times to manage this gap. Nevertheless, the charity is able to provide an exciting platform to trial innovative new ideas for the community and respond quickly to emerging needs through fundraising campaigns and new projects. The charity must continue to attract core funding where possible and will continue to develop income generation activities to raise unrestricted funds and maintain reserves as well as develop new projects that will also contribute to a share of overhead costs.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain up to six months of annual expenditure but no less than three months in unrestricted reserves for essential staffing and running costs. This will enable the continuation of its core activity in the case of funding crises or other needs. The Trustees review this policy annually in line with the budget and the adopted projects for the financial year.

At 31 March 2022 the level of reserves was £442,296 (2021: £280,865), including £340,901 (2021: £205,706) of unrestricted funds. The unrestricted reserves equate to approximately 6.2 (2021: 4) months operating expenditure.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The core value of 'Repair, Reuse, and Recycle' is important to the workings of the charity. The charity aims to avoid waste where possible and is mindful of creating excessive materials and printing. Where possible, some items are re-purposed at various projects and people are also asked to donate surplus items like tools and cooking equipment. We have several projects that particularly promote reducing environmental impact such as:

- Foodcycle Lewisham - using supermarket surplus food waste to cook a weekly vegetarian community meal
- Refill Lewisham - free water refill scheme to reduce single-use plastic waste
- Lewisham Warmer Together - Campaign to raise awareness and funds of fuel poverty and to train energy champions to educate others in the community how to reduce their bills
- Bring & Fix - community repair events to fix household items for free

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The charity has grown in size and impact once again, demonstrating its agility and flexibility to respond to the changing funding landscape and to new opportunities to make a difference for local people and community groups. The next year presents challenges for the charity after losing a core grant from Lewisham Council and the restructuring of our work has been important to enable a shift to a project focus. Finding new funders for our longstanding grassroots projects will be key as funding for Timebank and Wild Cat Wilderness come to an end.

The charity will continue to be collaborative, strategic and responsive to existing and emerging needs that only seem to be increasing for Lewisham's communities. Launching new funding campaigns and projects to address these needs and support community groups will be a key area of growth.

Trustees and officers

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

Trustees:	Joyce Jones Gemma Juma Jonathan Prince Susan Ryder Allison Streetly Roy Witter
Chairman:	Roy Witter
Secretary:	Samuel Hawksley (appointed 1 November 2021) Philippe Granger (resigned, 1 November 2021)

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Statement of Responsibilities

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

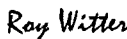
Company law requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustee must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources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

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

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

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

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 28 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Roy Witter
Chairman and trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Lewisham Local Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Lewisham Local Limited's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Field Sullivan Limited, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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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.



Timothy Sullivan FCA
Field Sullivan Limited
9 Hare & Billet Road
Blackheath
SE3 0RB

Date: 29/11/22

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

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	477,260	240,283	717,543	284,177	434,149	718,326
Charitable activities	4	31,894	-	31,894	35,777	-	35,777
Other trading activities	5	2,765	-	2,765	-	-	-
Other income	6	10,154	-	10,154	3,627	-	3,627
Total income		522,073	240,283	762,356	323,581	434,149	757,730
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	(386,878)	(214,047)	(600,925)	(234,822)	(378,809)	(613,631)
Total expenditure		(386,878)	(214,047)	(600,925)	(234,822)	(378,809)	(613,631)
Net Income		135,195	26,236	161,431	88,759	55,340	144,099
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	10,158	(10,158)	-
Net movement in funds		135,195	26,236	161,431	98,917	45,182	144,099
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		205,706	75,159	280,865	106,789	29,977	136,766
Total funds carried forward	16	340,901	101,395	442,296	205,706	75,159	280,865

The notes on pages 20 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

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

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 16.

The notes on pages 20 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 04681564)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	12	45,897	24,771
Cash at bank and in hand	13	<u>417,167</u>	<u>279,923</u>
		463,064	304,694
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(20,768)</u>	<u>(23,829)</u>
Net assets		<u>442,296</u>	<u>280,865</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		101,395	75,159
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>340,901</u>	<u>205,706</u>
Total funds	16	<u>442,296</u>	<u>280,865</u>

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

Directors' responsibilities:

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

The financial statements on pages 16 to 34 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 28 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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 Roy Witter
 Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 20 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		161,431	144,099
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in debtors	12	(21,126)	(24,083)
Increase in creditors	14	16,939	1,951
Decrease in deferred income		<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>137,244</u>	<u>88,967</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		137,244	88,967
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>279,923</u>	<u>190,956</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>417,167</u></u>	<u><u>279,923</u></u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Increase in cash		137,244	88,967
Net funds at 1 April 2021		<u>279,923</u>	<u>190,956</u>
Net funds at 31 March 2022		<u><u>417,167</u></u>	<u><u>279,923</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 20 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:

Unit C Place/Ladywell
261 Lewisham High Street
Lewisham
London
SE13 6NJ

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 28 November 2022.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

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

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

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Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

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

Grants receivable

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

Deferred income

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

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

Expenditure

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

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Charitable activities

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

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

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

Trade debtors

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

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Trade creditors

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

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

Fund structure

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted		Total 2022	Total 2021
	General £	Restricted £	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
Appeals and donations	1,260	-	1,260	1,677
Grants, including capital grants;				
London Borough of Lewisham: Covid Support	-	76,095	76,095	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Launchpad	-	-	-	110,000
London Borough of Lewisham: Builder Fund	-	25,000	25,000	-
London Borough of Lewisham: London Borough of Culture	45,000	-	45,000	-
Contractual income - London Borough of Lewisham	49,000	-	49,000	49,000
Contractual income - London Borough of Lewisham (Food Network)	40,000	-	40,000	-
Contractual income - Lewisham Council	126,000	-	126,000	-
London Borough of Lewisham: Main Grants	216,000	-	216,000	212,000
London Borough of Lewisham - Bank of Things	-	10,000	10,000	24,900
City Bridge Trust	-	-	-	15,000
City Bridge Trust: Wave 2	-	-	-	73,352
City Bridge Trust: Wave 3	-	-	-	35,464
London Catalyst	-	2,500	2,500	3,000
Lendlease Foundation	-	-	-	12,000
Lewisham Foodbank	-	10,000	10,000	20,000
Clarion	-	-	-	5,000
Small Charities Coalition	-	14,238	14,238	-
London Borough of Lewisham: Small Grants	-	4,600	4,600	-
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	-	64,700	64,700	64,700
City Bridge Trust: Wild Cat Wilderness	-	33,150	33,150	59,050

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	Unrestricted		Total 2022	Total 2021
	General £	Restricted £	£	£
Merchant Taylors Company	-	-	-	5,000
Merchant Taylors Company	-	-	-	6,000
Tesco Bags of Help	-	-	-	500
Age UK	-	-	-	21,683
	<u>477,260</u>	<u>240,283</u>	<u>717,543</u>	<u>718,326</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General £	£	£
Customer Relationship Management	-	-	25,880
Fees and supplies	16,736	16,736	1,312
Wild Cat Wilderness	-	-	1,620
Fundraising	<u>15,158</u>	<u>15,158</u>	<u>6,965</u>
	<u>31,894</u>	<u>31,894</u>	<u>35,777</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Local card sales	<u>2,765</u>	<u>2,765</u>
	<u>2,765</u>	<u>2,765</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General £	£	£
Other income	6,051	6,051	3,627
Rental income	<u>4,103</u>	<u>4,103</u>	-
	<u>10,154</u>	<u>10,154</u>	<u>3,627</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Covid-19 emergency supplies	446	28,177
Project costs	22,543	18,217
Lewisham Covid Response Hub	-	50,974
GCDA partnership	-	9,174
Computer software and maintenance	25,163	49,777
Events and Hospitality	3,730	514
Room hire	3,850	2,960
Cost of trustee meetings	408	-
Marketing and publicity	6,626	9,239
Facilitators and project management	9,757	22,283
Management	8,500	625
Legal and professional	1,511	-
Volunteer expenses	119	562
Grant funding of activities	149,882	112,575
Support costs	<u>368,390</u>	<u>308,554</u>
	<u>600,925</u>	<u>613,631</u>

£377,878 (2021 - £234,822) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £214,047 (2021 - £378,809) to restricted funds.

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	266,619	243,612
Social security costs	20,641	19,668
Pension costs	30,930	11,893
Other staff costs	9,211	4,589
Rent and rates	13,670	16,645
Light, heat and power	4,721	-
Insurance	1,900	1,696
Telephone and fax	-	3,594
Printing, postage and stationery	11,312	2,562
Trade subscriptions	1,487	958
Sundries	229	-
Cleaning	2,108	420
Travel and subsistence	134	23
Accountancy and bookkeeping	1,685	-
Independent examination	3,288	2,880
Bank charges	91	14
Private health insurance	364	-
	<u>368,390</u>	<u>308,554</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

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

Joyce Jones

Joyce Jones received remuneration of £Nil (2021: £8,500) during the year for research to get a strategic overview of time banking and how modified model might be sustainable and fundable.

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

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	266,619	243,612
Social security costs	20,641	19,668
Pension costs	30,930	11,893
Other staff costs	<u>9,211</u>	<u>4,589</u>
	<u><u>327,401</u></u>	<u><u>279,762</u></u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Charitable activities	<u><u>10</u></u>	<u><u>8</u></u>

10 (2021 - 8) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £30,930 (2021 - £11,893).

The pension contributions include a £15,000 ex-gratia payment agreed for Philippe Granger (former CEO) on his leaving. The trustees have decided to make this payment to recognise that at times over the last 15 years Mr Granger volunteered to take a reduced salary and pension to ensure that the charity could continue to do its valuable work in the community.

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £45,640 (2021 - £45,031).

11 Taxation

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

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12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	41,609	20,000
Prepayments	4,288	4,029
Other debtors	-	742
	<u>45,897</u>	<u>24,771</u>

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash on hand	-	12
Cash at bank	<u>417,167</u>	<u>279,911</u>
	<u>417,167</u>	<u>279,923</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	1,539	-
Other taxation and social security	143	-
Other creditors	68	949
Accruals	19,018	2,880
Deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>20,768</u>	<u>23,829</u>

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2021	20,000	53,000
Resources deferred in the period	-	20,000
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(53,000)</u>
Deferred income at year end	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>

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15 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £30,930 (2021 - £11,893).

16 Funds

Current period

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	185,187	522,073	(370,339)	(11,711)	325,210
<i>Designated</i>					
Volunteer Centre Lewisham - Redundancy fund	8,069	-	(8,069)	-	-
Wild Cat Wilderness	4,155	-	(947)	8,265	11,473
FoodCycle Lewisham	7,295	-	(7,502)	3,446	3,239
Fun Food 'n' Fun in the Fields Festival	1,000	-	(21)	-	979
	<u>20,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,539)</u>	<u>11,711</u>	<u>15,691</u>
Total unrestricted	<u>205,706</u>	<u>522,073</u>	<u>(386,878)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,901</u>
Restricted					
London Borough of Lewisham: Lewisham Inclusive Growth Builder Fund	-	25,000	(108)	-	24,892
London Borough of Lewisham: Covid Support	-	76,095	(76,095)	-	-
Small Charities Coalition	-	14,238	(14,238)	-	-
Local Giving: WcW Bees Appeal	1,840	-	-	-	1,840
Prudential: FoodCycle	364	-	(364)	-	-
Town Centre Small Grants	-	4,600	(3,600)	-	1,000
London Catalyst	500	2,500	(500)	-	2,500

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	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	15,325	-	(2,808)	-	12,517
Lendlease	2,000	-	(1,400)	-	600
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	6,574	64,700	(63,293)	-	7,981
Lewisham Foodbank	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
City Bridge Trust: WcW	22,448	33,150	(40,638)	-	14,960
London Borough of Lewisham: Bank of Things	24,900	10,000	(9,795)	-	25,105
Co-op Local Community Fund	1,208	-	(1,208)	-	-
	<u>75,159</u>	<u>240,283</u>	<u>(214,047)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,395</u>
Total funds	<u>280,865</u>	<u>762,356</u>	<u>(600,925)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>442,296</u>

Previous period

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted					
General					
General Funds	92,999	320,096	(234,722)	6,814	185,187
Designated					
Volunteer Centre Lewisham - Redundancy fund	8,069	-	-	-	8,069
Wild Cat Wilderness	2,079	1,620	-	456	4,155
FoodCycle Lewisham	2,542	1,865	-	2,888	7,295
Fun Food 'n' Fun in the Fields Festival	1,100	-	(100)	-	1,000
	<u>13,790</u>	<u>3,485</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>3,344</u>	<u>20,519</u>
Total unrestricted	<u>106,789</u>	<u>323,581</u>	<u>(234,822)</u>	<u>10,158</u>	<u>205,706</u>
Restricted					
London Borough of Lewisham: Main Grants	10,158	-	-	(10,158)	-

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	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Local Giving: WcW Bees Appeal	1,840	-	-	-	1,840
Prudential: FoodCycle	1,595	-	(1,231)	-	364
City Bridge Trust: Wave 2	-	73,352	(73,352)	-	-
City Bridge Trust: Wave 3	-	35,464	(35,464)	-	-
London Catalyst	-	3,000	(2,500)	-	500
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	-	110,000	(94,675)	-	15,325
Age UK	-	21,683	(21,683)	-	-
Lendlease	-	12,000	(10,000)	-	2,000
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	-	64,700	(58,126)	-	6,574
Lewisham Foodbank	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
City Bridge Trust: WcW	10,734	59,050	(47,336)	-	22,448
London Borough of Lewisham: Bank of Things	-	24,900	-	-	24,900
Clarion: Covid-19 Hub	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	1,208	-	-	-	1,208
Merchant Taylors Company	4,442	5,000	(9,442)	-	-
	<u>29,977</u>	<u>434,149</u>	<u>(378,809)</u>	<u>(10,158)</u>	<u>75,159</u>
Total funds	<u>136,766</u>	<u>757,730</u>	<u>(613,631)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,865</u>

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

London Borough of Lewisham: Lewisham Inclusive Growth Builder Fund - funds for digital costs, promotion and marketing.

London Borough of Lewisham: Covid Support - covid measures funding, infection control and testing.

Small Charities Coalition - funds for Kickstart project; to create six month jobs for young people.

Local Giving - Wild Cat Wilderness bees appeal.

Prudential - for FoodCycle Lewisham to provide a weekly meal for isolated people affected by food poverty.

Town Centre Small Grants - funds for bank of things and to promote Lewisham Local Card.

London Catalyst - Launchpad seedcorn funding for Health and Wellbeing Projects

London Borough of Lewisham - Launchpad grants for distribution

Lendlease - Grant distribution projects addressing the impacts of Covid-19 on BAME communities in Lewisham

The City Bridge Trust (Lewisham Local) - towards a Director of Lewisham Local plus associated running costs for the development and consolidation of Lewisham Local

Lewisham Foodbank - funds to be shared with other food projects through Lewisham Local

The City Bridge Trust (Wild Cat Wilderness) - for salaries and associated direct costs of the Wild Cat Wilderness project

London Borough of Lewisham - resource for young people for educational and other wellbeing supplies, and support and additional activities

Co-op Local Community Fund - to run arts and crafts workshops in Bellingham.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current period

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2022
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	345,978	15,691	101,395	463,064
Current liabilities	(20,768)	-	-	(20,768)
Total net assets	<u>325,210</u>	<u>15,691</u>	<u>101,395</u>	<u>442,296</u>

Previous period

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2021
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	209,016	20,519	75,159	304,694
Current liabilities	(23,829)	-	-	(23,829)
Total net assets	<u>185,187</u>	<u>20,519</u>	<u>75,159</u>	<u>280,865</u>

18 Covid-19

Covid-19 continued to affect the organisation's work with the team having to be flexible to adapt the delivery of certain projects to online and in some instances pausing until safe to resume in-person.

Accounts

Company registration number: 04681564

Charity registration number: 1101616

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(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Field Sullivan Limited
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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Roy Witter
Trustees	Joyce Jones Gemma Juma Jonathan Prince Susan Ryder Allison Streetly Roy Witter
Secretary	Samuel Hawksley
Principal Office	Unit C Place/Ladywell 261 Lewisham High Street Lewisham London SE13 6NJ The charity is incorporated in England and Wales .
Company Registration Number	04681564
Charity Registration Number	1101616
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c Lewisham 151 Lewisham High St London SE13 6AA
Independent Examiner	Field Sullivan Limited 70 Royal Hill Greenwich SE10 8RF

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Trustees' Report

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

This is a directors' report required by s417 of the Companies Act 2006 and all trustees are directors. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees

Joyce Jones

Gemma Juma (appointed 27 January 2021)

Patrick McKee (resigned 27 January 2021)

Jonathan Prince

Susan Ryder

Allison Streetly

Kavina Upadhyay (resigned 27 January 2021)

Roy Witter

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Charity aims to have a diverse Board of Trustees, made up of residents, professionals, and members of the time bank. The Trustees are a diverse group of people with varied experiences and knowledge in the local area, business, or voluntary sector. Trustees may be appointed at any time, and reappointments are on rotation every year at the AGM.

A trustee eligibility audit is carried out on a yearly basis.

Induction and training of new trustees

New board members are provided with written information and documents about the charity and are invited to meet with the Chair and the Chief Executive. A skills audit is undertaken, and they are also provided with training in Governance as appropriate.

Every year, the board assesses its strengths and skills set, and considers the skills required for personal and group development to achieve the aims of the organisation.

Meetings, Away Days, and performance monitoring

The board meets every two months and is responsible for determining strategic direction and policy.

It may, on occasions, add other meetings as necessary. The Board of Trustees and staff also meet annually for a Strategic Day to review performance, analyse the context around the organisation, and identify opportunities to enhance the organisation's work and sustainability.

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During the lockdowns the board often met on zoom and with staff to support the effort and monitor progress. The board met for a strategic day in September 2021 to review the status and values of the organisation, funding position and systems of governance.

Organisational structure

The Chief Executive is accountable to the Board of Trustees, oversees the operations of the organisation and manages staff and freelance workers. A coordinator recruits, inducts and supports new time bank members, and coordinates new projects the time exchanges between time bank participants. Other staff deliver services as CVS infrastructure support for the Lewisham Borough and to deliver Lewisham Local products under the branding of Lewisham Local. Occasionally and according to funding, other staff or freelance workers are hired to manage new projects.

There were 9 staff during 2020-21 (7.5 F/T equivalent)

Covid-19 Pandemic

A complete redeployment of resources and staff occurred from Mid-March 2020 to host the Lewisham Covid-19 response hub. This meant that much of the 2020-21 delivery plans were suspended. However, the organisation rose to the challenge to adapt and fulfil this crucial Covid-19 infrastructure role, in partnership with other VCS organisations and Lewisham Council.

Wider network

The charity currently does not operate within a wider network.

Related parties

There were no related parties during the financial year.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed to, and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity maintains a risk register and has a risk management strategy in place to ensure it has systems and procedures to mitigate risks. The high risks are brought to the attention of the Board to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise. The charity carries out monitoring and evaluation and provides reports to its funders. The charity also uses 'Rocket Science', a self-assessment tool that helps identify the strengths and weaknesses in the leadership and management of the organisation, finance, impact of the organisation and business development.

The charity ensures it has financial procedures, health and safety policy and safeguarding procedures in place. They are reviewed periodically to reflect changing legislation and to refresh knowledge and practice.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The Memorandum and Articles of Association state that the objects of the Company shall be:

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the public and particularly, but not limited to, the public who live and work in the London Borough of Lewisham and surrounding boroughs, including: a) to promote volunteering, time banking, the giving of time and skills to engage and support local residents including those considered to be suffering from the disadvantage of social exclusion; b) to promote philanthropy to relieve poverty distress and sickness in the interests of social welfare with the aim of improving the conditions of life of the public; c) to promote and broker partnership working, and training within the voluntary and charitable sector, statutory and private sectors, in the interests of the furtherance of and achievements of the above purposes.

Aim and activities

The charity relies on an asset-based approach and has used the time banking philosophy of coproduction and volunteering to engage and incentivise people to get involved in the community. With a growing portfolio of initiatives, the charity aims to develop services for people to be empowered, active and connected with other people and to be involved in civic engagement. Working cross-sector as well as at a strategic level in the Borough of Lewisham, the charity aims to be a resource for community organisations to be equipped, informed, and connected to collaborate and share their skills and knowledge. This helps grow a greater pool of resources to reduce isolation and poverty through giving. The charity is also developing the philanthropic arm of Lewisham Local to raise funds for local community and charitable initiatives.

Public benefit statement

Rushey Green Time Bank's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects and the Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

This charity welcomes all sections of society and is for public benefit. The charity has a strong and consistent track record of service to the public, working with diverse individuals in the community, especially the elderly and vulnerable but also across all generations and ethnicity. The activities of the charity are rooted in valuing, welcoming, including and empowering people. It is evidenced by the evaluations, feedback, case studies and photographic evidence that demonstrate the public benefit in a tangible way.

Working name (Lewisham Local)

The charity had adopted the name of Lewisham Local as its Working Name. This is due to its wider civil society leadership role, borough-wide projects, and much lauded Covid-19 response work under the banner of Lewisham Local, and for which it became more known and reputed as.

Race, Equality and Diversity

A subcommittee of trustees and staff has been set up to create a leadership-based active and positive safe space with the remit to drive forward the equality and diversity agenda at the organisation. This will ensure action is taken on inclusion and diversity, as well as audit and review policies.

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Black Lives Matter Statement

Rushey Green Time Bank is committed to supporting the equality and diversity of all people as an equal opportunities employer and voluntary sector organisation within Lewisham Borough and the surrounding area. The charity does not condone racism, nor any act of inequality or discrimination. Rushey Green Time Bank was founded on the principles of equality, sharing and the community spirit of all residents, regardless of their background. We are making this statement in light of the appalling murder of George Floyd in the USA. This may resonate with people who live in the Borough, who may have suffered similar discriminations and fatalities; we believe that Black Lives Matter. Racism must be confronted and eradicated. It starts with us as individuals and organisations, recognising that our silence can contribute to legitimising the status quo of institutional racism leading to rampant discrimination. It also requires unconditionally acknowledging how our unconscious bias affects our behaviour and decisions that undermine, disrespect, exclude and adversely affect BAME people.

The Charity has been cognisant of the lack of diversity on Trustee Boards in the UK. We have worked hard to make sure our Board represents the demographic of our Borough, through fair and equitable recruitment strategies. The Charity reflects the diversity of Lewisham Borough and the users of our organisation. Within our staffing and volunteer network, we have practical plans in place to ensure ongoing diversity, equality training and recruitment procedures to make the charity representative of the community it seeks to serve.

We continue to work in partnership and collaboration with all sections of the community.

Living Wage Employer

The organisation is committed to the Living Wage movement and is an accredited Living Wage Employer by the Living Wage Foundation.

With a well below the threshold of £36m set by the Modern Slavery Act 2015 the Company is not legally required to have a policy on modern slavery. However, the Act is a positive piece of legislation aiming to safeguard workers from exploitation and we support the aims of this legislation. Rushey Green Time Bank has a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking. The board of trustees and staff team at Rushey Green Time Bank are committed to continually improving our practices to help identify and combat modern slavery and human trafficking.

VCS Infrastructure Support

During summer 2019 the charity became funded by the London Borough of Lewisham to be a 'CVS Infrastructure support' partner to engage and connect residents and voluntary sector communities, based on developing Lewisham Local and maximising local assets to increase resilience. This entails strengthening the voluntary sector and help organisations work strategically to tackle local issues as well as increase awareness of the good causes and needs in the community - to be done by encouraging an asset-based giving philosophy where individuals, organisations and businesses from all sectors help each other by sharing time, skills, assets, training expertise and knowledge. This will increase connectedness and capacity to build community strength. This work also includes supporting organisations in crisis, charity leaders and trustees to ensure there is strong and effective governance behind every project and organisation.

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Aims 2019-2022

- Greater contribution of civil society assets and resources to benefit communities
- Greater engagement and collaboration between organisations, cross-sector
- Increased resilience and connectedness of community organisations
- Greater knowledge of, and increased impact of, giving in local communities
- Individuals contribute and experience increased sense of belonging, pride, involvement, community, connectedness, well-being, and purpose

Civic engagement

Members of the Time Bank are encouraged to be involved in the affairs of the local community and opportunities that give them a voice and empower them to influence and shape services. Local assemblies are a way for residents to work with the local government to shape the future of their neighbourhood. Members of the Time Bank earn time credits for participating in the Rushey Green Ward Assembly where the Time Bank is consistently represented at the meetings.

Stronger Communities Partnership Board (SCPB)

The charity co-chairs this board with London Borough of Lewisham's Cabinet Member for the Community Sector. The SCPB is the principal body with oversight of partnership work between the London Borough of Lewisham and the borough's voluntary and community sector (VCS). It provides a forum for discussing issues of partnership and areas of mutual interest for VCS organisations across the borough. It is intended to enable VCS organisations to work together to develop effective, well-targeted and value for money solutions which meaningfully address needs in Lewisham and support Lewisham's vision of making the borough the best place in London to live, work and learn. The charity also chairs the Community Development sub-group of this board

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Many of the activities and programmes of the charity have traditionally derived from its members' aspirations and according to an asset-based delivery model, 'coproduced' by those who instigate the activities and projects. However, much of those activities were suspended from Mid-March 20 due to the pandemic and the requirement to stay home and social distance.

Pre-pandemic, the charity would normally undertake various ongoing community initiatives such as:

- Community green space 'Wild Cat Wilderness'
- FoodCycle Lewisham, Food 'n' Fun in the Fields, Walking Group, 'Tea & Chat', Time Bank creatives, 'Bring and Fix', Bellingham Arts & Crafts, Glassmills group, Macmillan Drop in, Time Bank Choir Time Bank, members Action Group

Lewisham local

'Connecting community through giving to grow local pride, fairness, equality and opportunity'. The charity has played a pivotal role in the development of the Lewisham Local, bringing together the voluntary and public sector, local businesses, and communities to inspire people to give towards good causes in Lewisham. The charity has provided operational development to the Lewisham Local Collaborative that comprises local strategic collaborators such as Lewisham Council, Goldsmiths University of London, Southeast London Chamber of Commerce, Deptford Challenge Trust and Lewisham Education Arts Network (LEAN).

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Lewisham Local's aims are to raise awareness of local good causes and charitable efforts by strengthening Lewisham's voluntary sector through increased giving of time, skills and money from individuals and organisations. Lewisham Local is also part of a growing network of 'place-based giving' initiatives through London Funders.

Lewisham Local initiatives:

- **Lewisham Local Community Contributor Card**

A discount card given to local volunteers to recognise their volunteering efforts. The card encourages local businesses to support the community and thank volunteers by offering discounts and deals to them

- **Lewisham Community Toilets**

Local establishments allowing free access to their toilet facilities for members of the public following the closures of public toilets in Lewisham.

- **Refill Lewisham**

A network of local businesses that offer free water refills to the public and to help reduce single-use plastic waste.

- **Lewisham Local Training & Workshops**

Skills-sharing workshops where local businesses offer short practical training to local charities and other businesses as a way of giving to the community.

Highlights of key work

Pandemic/ Covid-19 Response Hub - many of our initial planned projects over the past year were severely disrupted by Covid. From late March 20 to October 21 most of the staff team were redeployed into supporting Lewisham's Covid-19 Response Hub and develop emerging projects and partnerships to meet the needs of the wider community at this time. This included setting up cross organisations IT systems to collect and share data, repurpose the website as a tool to publish funding and resources information in real time, promote volunteering and recruit volunteers.

What the hub and its partners achieved is captured in Dr Kalbir Shukra 'Learning from the Lewisham

COVID-19 Response Hub' report on the Lewisham Local Website: [Lewisham-COVID-19-Response-Hub](#)

Covid-19 response Hub partners achievements

- Adults & Children Helped – 9,354 (Adults – 6,283, Children – 3,071)
- Number of individual referrals – 14,058
- Total food packages delivered – 11,187
- Total Volunteers Registered – 2,470
- Total Volunteers Matched into Hub Role – 712

Rapid response to pausing normal work and adjusting to new arrangements – The team responded exceptionally well in placing our usual services on hold, notifying users, and quickly adapting to new roles to set up and manage the community response hub and wider offerings, all whilst working remotely.

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Effective use of our assets and partnership working – *'One good thing to come out of the pandemic was how groups are working together collaboratively, together'* - **Karl Carpenter, Salvation Army**. We are proud of the way our organisation and team have been willing to work flexibly and use what we have to meet the demands of the hub and wider impacts of Covid on the local community. Some of the key successes we feel are the use of our established networks and connections with volunteers, community groups and local businesses, use of our CRM and flexibility to implement this to meet the project needs, project management approach and partnership working.

Volunteering promotion and increase of volunteers – We had an unprecedented number of volunteers to help with the Covid-19 response and are pleased with the number of volunteers we engaged with responsibilities within the hub. Raised 5,675 people expressed an interest in volunteering 6,575 hours of volunteering across our own projects.

'We really needed new befriending volunteers and thanks to Lewisham Local's shout out had 50 sign up over 1 weekend. This is a fantastic response' - **Voluntary Services Lewisham**

'We have had a huge influx in volunteers since advertising with Lewisham Local. It's been so brilliant! THANK YOU!' - **Brockley St Peter's Food Bank**

'Your promotion was great and definitely had an impact as we are now at just over 100 Covid community champions with many signing up shortly after your additional promotion' - **Catherine Mbema, Director of Public Health Lewisham**

'We had an advert on Lewisham Local and got a lot of people applying for our volunteer roles' - **170 Community Project**

'We registered with Lewisham Local and we've had loads of volunteers come through since, thank you!' - **Street Trees for Living**

Mobilising 700+ Vaccination Volunteers – *We simply couldn't do it without them {volunteers}. Big thanks back at your team'*- **Damian Brady, Lewisham PCN Partnership**. We were contacted by One Health Lewisham, Lewisham PCN Network and Southeast London CCG on 31st December requesting urgent mobilisation of volunteer Vaccination Marshals. Staff were able to work quickly out of hours and during holidays to respond. Within 4 days of a promotion campaign over 700 volunteer Vaccination Marshals signed up.

VCS Sector Leadership and free food provision – Instigated by Lewisham Local on 18th March 2020 just before the impending crisis hit, a network consisting of coordinators and representatives from foodbanks and food providers was set up to see how community food providers could work together during the crisis to provide free food to those who needed it during Covid 19. Known as the **Lewisham Covid Food Network**, it has grown considerably since then as a 40+ strong network of food projects across Lewisham which continues to this day network and is proving to be a key asset for the recovery.

'Thanks for your continued engagement week after week. It feels so special to be part of such a project and it wouldn't be possible without everyone joining forces and sharing skills and experiences' If it wasn't for the food network this [Lewisham's Packed Lunch Appeal] wouldn't have been possible. The majority of the projects involved came through the network' - **Will Cooper, Lewisham Homes**

'This network has been fantastic, pickup surplus food, and get advice, friendly' - **Cllr Kim Powell - Catford Soup Kitchen**

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'Blown away by your leadership and management of the group, keeping us together, my heart is happy every time I hear of a new project joining the WhatsApp group. Quality, consistent information. I can see you're committed to leading the group forward to find a future' - Andrew Junaid, Brook Lane Community Church, Whitefoot and Downham Food Project

Lewisham's Food Transition Plan – Co-written between Lewisham Local and Lewisham Council Public Health. The report was identified as good practice by Dame Louise Casey who came to speak to Lewisham's Chief Executive about Lewisham's approach to Food Poverty. Lewisham was also recognised as 1/8 boroughs for leadership on emergency response around food planning in a recent Sustain report.

Christmas provision over Christmas – Collaborated with Lewisham Pensioners' Forum (LPF) and the Positive Ageing Council (POSAC) to develop a listing for provision, including Christmas meals over the Christmas holiday. This list was designed to be accessible for older people who aren't online. 2,000 leaflets were printed and distributed via LPF and POSAC newsletters as well as the surplus food hub to go to food projects. Mayoresses of Lewisham were able to provide 2,000 hampers for families on FSM with the funds raised from their half-term fundraising campaign. This extended project was made possible thanks to the large pool of volunteers provided by Lewisham Local. Offers of food hampers and provision were also directed to the most appropriate local projects: for example, 200 hampers from an external charity to groups with a BAME focus to support their families at Christmas

Lewisham Packed Lunch Appeal – As one of 6 hubs in Lewisham, co-hosted the half-term Lunch Appeal. Lewisham Local oversaw some of the 5,106 packed lunches given out to 12 schools. 121 Volunteers were engaged across the 6 hubs.

Surplus Food Hub – Established this hub in partnership with the Greenwich Co-Operative Development Agency (GCDA) and Phoenix Community Housing. Over 80 tonnes of surplus food have been distributed since April 20 when the hub was launched. Surplus food aid has been established across two hubs that provide food for 13 community food projects. The reach of these projects is over 1,400 households a week across the borough, supporting at least twice as many individuals. The hubs have been an avenue to connect projects to one another, share learning and increase networking and disseminate important information to Lewisham's most vulnerable residents; and it has also provided a great opportunity to support projects developments.

Lewisham Befriending Network – Gave strategic support for Voluntary Services Lewisham (VSL) to provide ongoing support for 800+ individuals in the borough, ensuring that this work could progress while the team at VSL dealt with capacity issues and operational priorities.

Funding and financial giving – Key area of growth in the past year has been launching the financial giving aspect of Lewisham Local. We leveraged over £114,000 of new funding into the borough and for our own work from the London Community Response Fund, regional funders, and from local organisations and residents responding to appeals. In partnership with Lewisham Council, also acted as a mini-grant funder to distribute funds to new projects and covid-19 support activities from the £110,000 Launchpad fund operated by Lewisham Local.

Mayor's Awards – Worked in partnership with Lewisham Council to recognise the outstanding contribution of so many people who have played a role in the borough's response to the pandemic. Organised Videos highlighting 11 projects.

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Communications & brand awareness –The Lewisham Local has received a large boost through the branding of the Covid response Hub. This included growing our network to over 5,000 individuals in the community, increased brand exposure, investment in our digital tools such as CRM, website and emailing tools. An example of our increased exposure is that we had 105,000 unique website users compared to 54,000 in the prior year. Lewisham Local has attracted significant recognition from the Mayor of Lewisham, the Lord Lieutenant of London for our contribution and leadership during Covid-19, local MPs, voluntary sector leaders and local organisations.

'Let's Do it' Voluntary Sector conference – hosted 2-day conference attracting over 100 people from local organisations and during which we reflected on the impact of the pandemic, the volunteers' mobilisation, health inequalities, and the future ahead.

'It was a really energising couple of days! I could only do mornings on both days but enjoyed and was stimulated by all the sessions I attended. I think the race equality session went really well' - **Dr Greg Ussher, CEO, METRO Charity**

'Thank you Lewishamlocal for putting together the voluntary sector conference! Amazing two days filled with excellent speakers and discussions' -**Sabrina Dixon, SIRG CIC**

'Just wanted to drop you a quick line to say congratulations on, and thank you for, the Voluntary Sector conference this week. I can't imagine that it is an easy thing to run but the session I was involved in was excellent and I have received a lot of positive feedback, so well done!' - **James Lee, Director of Communities, Partnerships and Leisure, Lewisham Council**

Congratulations on running a very inspiring session on Mutual Aid Groups'- **Gwenda Scott, Public Health Strategist, Lewisham Council**

Other accomplishments

- Designed and promoted a VCS sector survey to understand the impact of Covid on local organisations as well as hear organisations' ambitions for future community development in Lewisham. 100 organisations completed the survey
- Instigated 27 online training workshops led by local organisations
- Hosted 6 sector engagements activities to establish sector needs
- Hosted 6 volunteering events
- Established a community director listing 332 organisations
- Instigated 203 connections between groups and business to share knowledge and resources
- Provided 39 1to1 advice/actions for organisations in specific need
- Supported 115 organisations to build capacity, providing advice on HR/contracts, constitution and management structures, accountancy, safeguarding, policies

'Thank you very much for the session you facilitated for us last week. We all found it very helpful. 'Very good to get a different perspective'; 'really good brainstorm'; 'good to have someone from outside to help us think' were the kinds of comments from our committee' - **Sue Davies, MoSaF**

'Thanks ever so much for talking to me over the phone the other day, and your very informative email below. You've helped us so much with all of this!! Together with your advice given, we had a go at updating our policy' -**Tisna Westerhof, hARTslane Gallery**

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'Thank you so much for getting back to me. I'm really touched that you took the time to think through this and reply. Thank you for your advice on this, and for all the support offered by Lewisham Local' -Anna Whyte, St Peters Brockley

Wild Cat Wilderness ('WcW')

Despite periods of lockdown, the site has continued to expand and has been used fully at least 5 days a week for volunteering, forest schools and other groups that have created bubbles to do activities together. The food growing area has also expanded, including a soft fruit bed, herb garden behind the kitchen, and more trees have been added to the orchard. The value of outdoor play and connecting with nature has been valuable to children during this period. 3 primary schools and 2 nurseries use the site for their forest school sessions, and some have added additional sessions so that class bubbles can attend. The site has been used by approximately 240 children per week, aged between 3-11.

The site has been used by other communities and groups for training and learning as well as to provide support young people struggling with social or emotional difficulties and help to create lasting change for vulnerable children's emotional health.

There has been increased demand for outdoor volunteering opportunities. Volunteers have cleared new areas and removed skips of rubbish to make the site more accessible and create a space for a new outdoor classroom which allows more groups to use the site and when the weather is bad. We have continued to work with Lewisham Good Gym volunteers who have been invaluable in helping maintain and improve the site. During lockdown our regular volunteers continued to come on their own or with family members to maintain and improve the site

We have taken referrals from several local organisations, many related to improving mental health. Social Prescribing is on the rise especially in the light of increased mental health problems linked to the pandemic. We have regular enquiries from local organisations and this past year have worked with Sydenham Gardens, The William Morris Centre for Mental Health, Bench Outreach, Children and Young People's wellbeing as part of South London and Maudsley NHS foundation. We also had referrals from Family Action.

During this challenging period, we have been adaptable and flexible to fit in with the local needs, whilst maintaining the site for the benefit of all. We have had to plan, cancel, reschedule, and change events and activities at short notice and look at doing things differently because of Covid-19 guidelines. Responding to local need we were also able to host a tree planting memorial ceremony for some local people who had lost a friend who committed suicide, when they couldn't attend the funeral due to restrictions.

We have released two new storytelling videos for Windrush day filmed at the Wilderness which are folktales of the Akan /Ashanti people of Ghana

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdnZkH_SMjA&t=10s,](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdnZkH_SMjA&t=10s)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0oK7CF7nEE&t=1s>

FoodCycle Lewisham

FoodCycle Lewisham, a project managed by the charity, is a community meal at the Lewisham Irish Community Centre. The project is powered by volunteers, and exists to reduce food poverty, food waste and loneliness. It operates as a franchise of FoodCycle, the national charity that runs over 40 vegetarian community meals throughout the country using surplus food.

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Up to 60 guests may attend a sit-down community meal almost every Saturday. However, due to the pandemic and the vulnerabilities of the guests, this in-person provision was completely suspended from Mid-March. The team contacted all of the guests to make sure they were connected to support need, while remodelling the project into a delivery service. This took a huge amount of planning, and some amazing support from Oxo Towers who cooked the food while the volunteers figured out delivery. Volunteers also continued to pick up free food that could be shared among the food network.

Eventually, a remodelling of FoodCycle Lewisham from a delivery service to a cook & collect was enacted after assessing venue, conducting risk assessments, volunteer briefings and training, guest engagement strategies. Learning from re-adapting the project successfully as part of a national charity was shared with wider food network including providing risk assessment templates

Despite the challenges, during this year, 4,393 meals were provided, 1,845kg surplus food was saved, and 1,168 guests were served.

Community Connections

The charity was an operational partner of the Lewisham Connections partnership, led by AgeUK Lewisham and Southwark to provide a preventative programme aimed at supporting vulnerable adults to improve their social integration and wellbeing through person-centred plans. However, from March 20 all the Community Connections resource was immediately redeployed to the Covid-19 Community Response Hub. In September 20 the Community Connections model was reviewed to adopt a new approach and deliver a different service arising from the pandemic, and the charity's role in Community Connections ceased in November 20.

'We Can Do It!'

was this year's AGM theme, highlighting the charity's extensive work, and reflecting on the impact of the pandemic. Proceedings were paused to recognise 5 Time Bank Members and FoodCycle Lewisham guests who had passed away since the pandemic started: Samuel Shodimu, Phyllis Street, Nick Tsiricos, Michael Williams, Jim Greeves

This was an online event attended by 54 people including representatives from Lewisham Council and VCS partners.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The charity is grateful for the financial support funders have kindly provided, without whom the charity would not be as successful. The principal funders were The London Borough of Lewisham, The City Bridge Trust, The London Community Response Fund, The Merchant Taylors Company.

Other smaller funding streams came from London Catalyst, Lendlease, Clarion Housing.

The charity would like to thank all the members of the public who gave generously to the covid-19 appeals.

The charity is also very grateful for the loan of St Swithuns Church Hall in Hither Green, for the purpose of storing food during the pandemic and operating deliveries at weekends during the first lockdown.

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Risks

The ongoing austerity climate has had a deep impact on the whole voluntary sector. It is profoundly exacerbated by the impact of the pandemic which will be felt for a considerable time. Small organisations were already having trouble making medium and long-term plans and find themselves on a roll of constant restructuring. The Covid-19 pandemic is still upon us; inevitably, it will have a long-term adverse effect on the economy and charities that rely on funding. However, the pandemic has also showcased the Voluntary Sector's ability to mobilise for social good and sustain the community at grass roots. This helps validate the voluntary sector such as this charity to make it more plausible and fundable as a force for good and real backbone to community resilience.

Key risks:

The charity is reasonably positioned, ensures it is relevant and makes a tangible difference for its client group. It is stable, it provides value for money, and is well reputed for its agility and collaborative ethos. The charity continues to run income generation activities to raise unrestricted funds and maintain reserves. A share of overhead costs is also included in the charity's funding bids. Nevertheless, the charity must continue to attract core funding and carry out income generation activities.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain up to six months of annual expenditure but no less than three months in unrestricted reserves for essential staffing and running costs. This will enable the continuation of its core activity in the case of funding crises or other needs. The Trustees review this policy annually in line with the budget and the adopted projects for the financial year.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

London Borough of Culture (LBoC)

Lewisham Council won the 2021 London Borough of Culture competition; however, it was postponed to 2022 due to the pandemic. The charity won a bid to be the Council's Volunteering partner, which will represent a significant level of engagement to encourage volunteering activities during this year of celebrating Lewisham's Culture including volunteerism and the sharing of time and skills. We will use our resources to leverage our cross-sector and multi-cultural networks, and our local influence to help as many local people play an active role in LBoC and create a legacy of cultural activism beyond 2022.

Bank of Things

In partnership with the Lewisham Young Mayor's team, this new project will consist of building a resource for young people who need to access equipment for school and other necessities which they need to take a full and active role in their education and in society. This is particularly critical for people affected by low household incomes and increased by the impact of the pandemic on Lewisham families.

It will be based on the principles of a food bank to supply items of need to young people through a standardised menu (for example, school equipment/ arts equipment/ toiletries) and donations. We will work with a range of organisations to identify what will work for young people and be sensitive to different needs, interests and concerns. Public donations will contribute to the re-use of objects by young people who have the need and provide an alternative way to recycle. Coproduced by young people, the bank will operate from a meanwhile shop and those involved in the design of the scheme will create a brand for young people to recognise and want to be part of to reduce stigma.

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Covid Food Network

The charity will build on the progress of the network and develop the Surplus Food Hub, engaging and supporting approximately 40 food banks and food projects to work together and develop their services to support Lewisham's diverse communities in a sustainable and dignified way, considering broader issues impacting poverty and tackling these together. We will work with Public Health Lewisham to develop a Food Poverty Action Plan and support the development of a Food Poverty Summit to tackle food poverty at borough-wide level and address underlying factors and structural causes of food poverty

Lewisham Community Lottery

The charity will launch the Lewisham Community Lottery, it is an effective fundraising tool for community groups, engaging more people in the local community with financial giving to support local good causes. A community lottery will offer a valuable, additional income generation solution to our community and voluntary sector in Lewisham, which would enable local organisations to provide valuable services locally with an additional income stream following the devastating impact Covid-19 has had on their other fundraising and income streams recently.

Digital Poverty

The Covid-19 crisis highlighted the gap created by digital poverty (not only skills based but also the lack of access of many people living in poverty) and how this impacts individuals. The charity has been working key partners across the borough to look at answering fundamental questions around barriers to equitable access to services, employment, and education. This may lead to establishing an infrastructure to reduce the gaps and inequalities.

Economic background and sustainability

In the ongoing volatile socio-economic situation affecting funding, and the rise of social care needs all around, the Trustees continuously review the charity's impact and its target audience. Keen to diversify and find relevant opportunities, these reviews inform the charity of the types of projects it can undertake in a coherent way and coalesce with the organisation's other projects.

With the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic, the charity expects further local funding cuts. It is developing a strategic plan to be prepared for adverse eventualities, review its core work, and try to attract other sources of income to avoid reliance on a single funder. The charity is agile in its approach and is confident it can realign its work with different funding envelopes, and re-format its services and resources to maintain the best of its work.

The charity also demonstrated its readiness, agility, and reputation to collaborate right at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The charity is keen to pool assets and collaborate with other groups to deliver a common agenda. The charity will continue to seek programmes that place an emphasis on the sharing of resources to mobilise people to tackle local issues and make a difference in people's lives. The charity may, as appropriate, explore partnerships and mergers as a part of consolidating various strands of work in Lewisham that might benefit from greater integration.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The core value of 'Repair, Reuse, and Recycle' is principal to the workings of the charity. The charity aims to use recycled products, avoid plastic, walk, and use natural light as much as possible. Some items are re-purposed at the Wild cat wilderness and for the arts and crafts sessions. People are also asked to donate surplus items like tools and cooking equipment. Members have also attended in-house workshops to inform them about saving energy. Bring and Fix sessions for the community include Sewing Surgeries for people to have their clothes mended for free by other members of the community.

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The charity has taken the lead to promote free water refills in Lewisham to reduce the use of plastic. The charity also hosts the Lewisham FoodCycle initiative to use food which would otherwise go to waste

The charity uses social media to make people aware of these initiatives and responsible living at every opportunity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

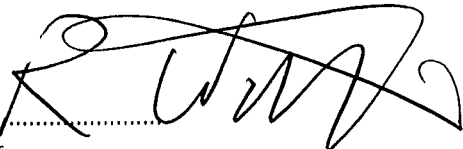
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed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

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

Small companies provision statement

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

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 6 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Roy Witter
Chairman and Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rushey Green Time Bank Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Rushey Green Time Bank Limited's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Field Sullivan Limited, which is one of the listed bodies.

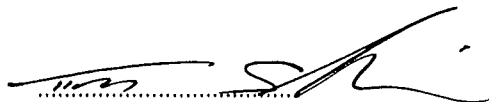
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

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

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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.



Timothy Sullivan FCA
Field Sullivan Limited
70 Royal Hill
Greenwich
SE10 8RF

Date: 14/12/21

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

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	284,177	434,149	718,326	51,675	272,886	324,561
Charitable activities	4	35,777	-	35,777	4,782	-	4,782
Other income	5	3,627	-	3,627	4,736	-	4,736
Total income		323,581	434,149	757,730	61,193	272,886	334,079
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	(234,822)	(378,809)	(613,631)	(47,113)	(270,939)	(318,052)
Total expenditure		(234,822)	(378,809)	(613,631)	(47,113)	(270,939)	(318,052)
Net income		88,759	55,340	144,099	14,080	1,947	16,027
Transfers between funds		10,158	(10,158)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		98,917	45,182	144,099	14,080	1,947	16,027
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		106,789	29,977	136,766	92,709	28,030	120,739
Total funds carried forward	15	205,706	75,159	280,865	106,789	29,977	136,766

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

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 15.

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 04681564)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	24,771	688
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>279,923</u>	<u>190,956</u>
		304,694	191,644
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(23,829)</u>	<u>(54,878)</u>
Net assets		<u>280,865</u>	<u>136,766</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		75,159	29,977
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>205,706</u>	<u>106,789</u>
Total funds	15	<u>280,865</u>	<u>136,766</u>

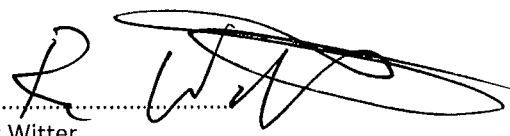
For the financial year ending 31 March 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

The financial statements on pages 18 to 35 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 6 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:


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Roy Witter
Chairman and Trustee

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		144,099	16,027
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in debtors	11	(24,083)	(149)
Increase in creditors	13	1,951	54
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income		<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>44,164</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>88,967</u>	<u>60,096</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		88,967	60,096
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>190,956</u>	<u>130,860</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>279,923</u></u>	<u><u>190,956</u></u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Increase in cash		88,967	60,096
Net funds at 1 April 2020		<u>190,956</u>	<u>130,860</u>
Net funds at 31 March 2021		<u><u>279,923</u></u>	<u><u>190,956</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:

Unit C Place/Ladywell
261 Lewisham High Street
Lewisham
London
SE13 6NJ

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 6 December 2021.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

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

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

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Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

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

Grants receivable

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

Deferred Income

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

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

Expenditure

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

Charitable activities

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

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Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

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

Trade debtors

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Fund structure

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

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Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted		Total 2021	Total 2020
	General £	Restricted £	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
Contractual income - London Borough of Lewisham	49,000	-	49,000	47,836
Appeals and donations	1,677	-	1,677	12,465
Grants, including capital grants;				
London Borough of Lewisham - Communities That Care	-	-	-	25,492
London Borough of Lewisham: main grants	-	-	-	141,333
London Borough of Lewisham: main grants	212,000	-	212,000	-
City Bridge Trust	15,000	-	15,000	-
City Bridge Trust: Wave 2	-	73,352	73,352	-
City Bridge Trust: Wave 3	-	35,464	35,464	-
London Catalyst	-	3,000	3,000	-
Lendlease Foundation	-	12,000	12,000	-
Lewisham Foodbank	-	20,000	20,000	-
London Borough of Lewisham - Launchpad	-	110,000	110,000	-
Clarion	-	5,000	5,000	-
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	-	64,700	64,700	9,042
City Bridge Trust: Wild Cat Wilderness	-	59,050	59,050	36,500
Merchant Taylors Company	-	5,000	5,000	6,400
Merchant Taylors Company	6,000	-	6,000	-
Tesco Bags of Help	500	-	500	-
Greater London Assembly	-	-	-	15,000
London Borough of Lewisham - Bank of Things	-	24,900	24,900	-
Age UK	-	21,683	21,683	30,493
	<u>284,177</u>	<u>434,149</u>	<u>718,326</u>	<u>324,561</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total 2021	Total 2020
	Designated £	General £	£	£
Customer Relationship Management	-	25,880	25,880	-
Fees and supplies	-	1,312	1,312	-
Arts, crafts and trips	-	-	-	880
Wild Cat Wilderness	1,620	-	1,620	1,479
Fundraising	1,865	5,100	6,965	2,423
	<u>3,485</u>	<u>32,292</u>	<u>35,777</u>	<u>4,782</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General £	£	£
Other income	3,627	3,627	1,941
Consultancy services	-	-	1,400
Rental income	-	-	1,395
	<u>3,627</u>	<u>3,627</u>	<u>4,736</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Covid-19 emergency supplies	28,177	-
Project costs	18,217	23,482
Lewisham Covid Response Hub	50,974	-
GCDA partnership	9,174	-
Equipment repairs and renewals	-	339
Computer software and maintenance costs	49,777	3,709
Charitable donations	-	800
Events and Hospitality	514	2,007
Room hire	2,960	6,080
Cost of trustee meetings	-	44
Internship	-	2,769
Marketing and publicity	9,239	8,226
Facilitators and project management	22,283	10,300
Management	625	2,500
Legal and professional	-	5,502
Underspent funds returned	-	350
Volunteer expenses	562	751
Grant funding of activities	112,575	-
Support costs	308,554	251,193
	<u>613,631</u>	<u>318,052</u>

£234,822 (2020 - £47,113) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £378,809 (2020 - £270,939) to restricted funds.

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7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	243,612	191,956
Social security costs	19,668	15,034
Pension costs	11,893	9,471
Other staff costs	4,589	916
Rent and rates	16,645	15,865
Insurance	1,696	1,499
Telephone and fax	3,594	1,029
Office expenses	-	284
Printing, postage and stationery	2,562	11,522
Trade subscriptions	958	411
Cleaning	420	199
Travel and subsistence	23	641
Accountancy and bookkeeping	-	488
Independent examination	2,880	1,878
Bank charges	14	-
	<u>308,554</u>	<u>251,193</u>

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8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

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

Joyce Jones

Joyce Jones received remuneration of £8,500 (2020: £Nil) during the year.

Research on 'time bank' to get a strategic overview of time banking and how modified model might be sustainable and fundable.

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

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	243,612	191,956
Social security costs	19,668	15,034
Pension costs	11,893	9,471
Other staff costs	4,589	916
	<u>279,762</u>	<u>217,377</u>

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

	2021 No	2020 No
Charitable activities	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

8 (2020 - 7) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £11,893 (2020 - £9,471).

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £45,031 (2020 - £22,689).

10 Taxation

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

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11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	20,000	-
Prepayments	4,029	687
Other debtors	742	1
	<u>24,771</u>	<u>688</u>

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash on hand	12	11
Cash at bank	<u>279,911</u>	<u>190,945</u>
	<u>279,923</u>	<u>190,956</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	949	-
Accruals	2,880	1,878
Deferred income	<u>20,000</u>	<u>53,000</u>
	<u>23,829</u>	<u>54,878</u>

	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2020	53,000	8,836
Resources deferred in the period	20,000	53,000
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(53,000)</u>	<u>(8,836)</u>
Deferred income at year end	<u>20,000</u>	<u>53,000</u>

14 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £11,893 (2020 - £9,471).

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15 Funds

Current period

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	92,999	320,096	(234,722)	6,814	185,187
<i>Designated</i>					
Volunteer Centre Lewisham - Redundancy fund	8,069	-	-	-	8,069
Wild Cat Wilderness	2,079	1,620	-	456	4,155
FoodCycle Lewisham	2,542	1,865	-	2,888	7,295
Fun Food 'n' Fun in the Fields Festival	1,100	-	(100)	-	1,000
	<u>13,790</u>	<u>3,485</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>3,344</u>	<u>20,519</u>
Total unrestricted	<u>106,789</u>	<u>323,581</u>	<u>(234,822)</u>	<u>10,158</u>	<u>205,706</u>
Restricted					
LBL: Main Grants	10,158	-	-	(10,158)	-
Local Giving: Wild Cat Wilderness Bees Appeal	1,840	-	-	-	1,840
Prudential: FoodCycle	1,595	-	(1,231)	-	364
City Bridge Trust: Wave 2	-	73,352	(73,352)	-	-
City Bridge Trust: Wave 3	-	35,464	(35,464)	-	-
London Catalyst	-	3,000	(2,500)	-	500
London Borough of Lewisham: Launchpad	-	110,000	(94,675)	-	15,325
Age UK: Community Development Worker	-	21,683	(21,683)	-	-
Lendlease	-	12,000	(10,000)	-	2,000
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	-	64,700	(58,126)	-	6,574
Lewisham Foodbank	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
City Bridge Trust: Wild Cat Wilderness	10,734	59,050	(47,336)	-	22,448
London Borough of Lewisham: Bank of Things	-	24,900	-	-	24,900
Clarion: Covid-19 Hub	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-

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	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Co-op Local Community Fund: Arts and Crafts	1,208	-	-	-	1,208
Merchant Taylors Company: FoodCycle Lewisham	4,442	5,000	(9,442)	-	-
	<u>29,977</u>	<u>434,149</u>	<u>(378,809)</u>	<u>(10,158)</u>	<u>75,159</u>
Total funds	<u>136,766</u>	<u>757,730</u>	<u>(613,631)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,865</u>

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Previous period

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	84,640	55,472	(47,113)	92,999
<i>Designated</i>				
Volunteer Centre Lewisham - Redundancy fund	8,069	-	-	8,069
Wild Cat Wilderness	-	2,079	-	2,079
FoodCycle Lewisham	-	2,542	-	2,542
Fun Food 'n' Fun in the Fields Festival	-	1,100	-	1,100
	<u>8,069</u>	<u>5,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,790</u>
Total unrestricted	<u>92,709</u>	<u>61,193</u>	<u>(47,113)</u>	<u>106,789</u>
Restricted				
LBL: Rushey Green Assembly Fund	2,003	-	(2,003)	-
LBL: Main Grants	-	141,333	(131,175)	10,158
LBL: Bellingham Assembly Fund	350	-	(350)	-
Festival of Creative Ageing	-	1,790	(1,790)	-
Local Giving: Wild Cat Wilderness Bees Appeal	2,817	-	(977)	1,840
Prudential: FoodCycle	-	2,500	(905)	1,595
GLA: Lewisham Local	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Volunteer Centre Lewisham: SLAM	950	-	(950)	-
Age UK: Community Development Worker	-	30,493	(30,493)	-
City Bridge Trust: Lewisham Local	3,685	9,042	(12,727)	-
City Bridge Trust: Wild Cat Wilderness	12,119	36,500	(37,885)	10,734
London Borough of Lewisham: Communities That Care (Phase 5)	1,003	25,492	(26,495)	-
Co-op Local Community Fund: Arts and Crafts	-	4,336	(3,128)	1,208
Merchant Taylors Company: FoodCycle Lewisham	5,103	6,400	(7,061)	4,442
	<u>28,030</u>	<u>272,886</u>	<u>(270,939)</u>	<u>29,977</u>
Total funds	<u>120,739</u>	<u>334,079</u>	<u>(318,052)</u>	<u>136,766</u>

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

Local Giving - Wild Cat Wilderness bees appeal

Prudential - for FoodCycle Lewisham to provide a weekly meal for isolated people affected by food poverty

The City Bridge Trust (London Community Response fund) - to coordinate partnership of Lewisham charities to help vulnerable people affected by Covid-19

The City Bridge Trust (London Community Response fund) - to coordinate emergency food distribution in the Borough Of Lewisham

London Catalyst - Launchpad seedcorn funding for Health and Wellbeing Projects

London Borough of Lewisham - Launchpad grants for distribution

AgeUk - Community Development Worker to build the capacity of the community and voluntary sectors to respond effectively to preventative and personalisation agendas

Lendlease - Grant distribution projects addressing the impacts of Covid-19 on BAME communities in Lewisham

The City Bridge Trust (Lewisham Local) - towards a Director of Lewisham Local plus associated running costs for the development and consolidation of Lewisham Local

Lewisham Foodbank - funds to be shared with other food projects through Lewisham Local

The City Bridge Trust (Wild Cat Wilderness) - for salaries and associated direct costs of the Wild Cat Wilderness project

London borough of Lewisham - resource for young people for educational and other wellbeing supplies, and support and additional activities

Clarion - funds for Lewisham Covid-19 Response Hub

Co-op Local Community Fund - to run arts and crafts workshops in Bellingham

Merchant Taylors Company - for FoodCycle Lewisham to provide a weekly meal for isolated people affected by food poverty and towards Lewisham Local response to the Covid-19 pandemic

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current period

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2021
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	209,016	20,519	75,159	304,694
Current liabilities	(23,829)	-	-	(23,829)
Total net assets	<u>185,187</u>	<u>20,519</u>	<u>75,159</u>	<u>280,865</u>

Previous period

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2020
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	147,877	13,790	29,977	191,644
Current liabilities	(54,878)	-	-	(54,878)
Total net assets	<u>92,999</u>	<u>13,790</u>	<u>29,977</u>	<u>136,766</u>

17 Covid-19

Many of our initial planned projects over the past year were severely disrupted by Covid. From late March 20 to October 21 most of the staff team were redeployed into supporting Lewisham's Covid-19 Response Hub and develop emerging projects and partnerships to meet the needs of the wider community at this time. This included setting up cross organisations IT systems to collect and share data, repurpose the website as a tool to publish funding and resources information in real time, promote volunteering and recruit volunteers.

