

Charity registration number 1104671

Company registration number 04577901 (England and Wales)

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ahmed Mohamed Sarabjit Bhachu Harsev Bains Ravinder Jain T P Singh Jaskaran S Bholowasia J Sanghera J Jerald	(Appointed 6 July 2023)
Charity number	1104671	
Company number	04577901	
Principal address	Town Hall High Street Southall Middlesex UB1 3HA	
Registered office	Town Hall High Street Southall Middlesex UB1 3HA	
Auditor	RehncyShaheen Chartered Accountants 1276/1278 Greenford Road Greenford Middlesex UB6 0HH	

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

CONTENTS

	Page
Trustees' report	1 - 6
Statement of trustees' responsibilities	7
Independent auditor's report	8 - 10
Statement of financial activities	11
Balance sheet	12
Notes to the financial statements	13 - 22

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The charity aims to develop the skills and capacity of the socially and economically disadvantaged members of the local community and to promote equality, diversity and good race relations through the targeted activities it arranges. The charity arranges meetings of a community forum, delivers public health activities, arranges training and community support, involves stakeholders in the regeneration of Southall and provides a voice for the area on local networks and partnerships.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Volunteers

The charity continues rely heavily upon the input of volunteers in delivering and overseeing work. The nine charity trustees are all unpaid volunteers who dedicate significant amounts of time to charitable work. In addition to the trustees, there were also 15 general volunteers who assisted with the arrangement of activities and events during the year.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Achievements and performance

The charity operates a community resource centre at Southall Town Hall and provides group building support to voluntary and community groups working in the Southall area. The main features include providing hot desk support for groups, offering meeting space for ethnic minority groups, funding assistance, involvement in local partnerships and increased sustainability through diversified funding.

SCA is also involved in work that provides training to local residents, access to physical activity opportunities and assistance to access statutory and other services.

We were able to increase our overall funding by 23% from the previous year's total and were less reliant upon Ealing Council as a funder of the charity. In the previous year grants from the Council had accounted for 47% of our income but in 2023/24 this proportion had decreased to 39%.

Poverty Alleviation

SCA managed a number of projects that sought to reduce the impact of poverty on local residents and organisations. We employed Kamaljeet Sembhi as an Anti-Poverty Support Officer to work with affected organisations and arranged activities that built their resilience to respond to poverty, including:

- needs analysis questionnaire involving data from 26 organisations
- 4 training and networking events, attended by representatives of 16 community organisations.
- arranged a week of networking talks as part of London Challenge Poverty Week with 16 speakers from statutory and voluntary sector partners
- arranged poverty related training for resident volunteers
- 2 learning exchange visits involving community partners

Towards the end of the year we arranged assistance for 339 households facing financial hardship with the aid of Household Support Funding from Ealing Council. This included provision of emergency food aid and direct monetary payments to families.

One other area of support was in relation to digital inclusion. With the aid of resources provided by Vodafone we were able to supply the four local high schools with over 1500 IT SIM cards, enabling school children on free school meals to benefit from extra digital resources. The schools we supported included: Dormers Wells High, Villiers High, Greenford High and Featherstone High Schools. The high level of digital exclusion was one of the factors confirming the continuing deprivation in the community.

Public benefits statement

The company meets the Charity Commissions public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development objectives. The trustees have complied with section 17 of Charities Act 2011 with regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024***

Governance review

Since July 2022 the secretarial function for the charity was delegated to the Director and during the year there was supporting input from Rehncy Shaheen.

The trustees met regularly during the year to oversee the work of the charity including 7 Board meetings, 6 meetings of the Finance Advisory Board and 2 Personnel Sub-Committee meetings. In order to comply with governance requirements, the trustees also reviewed policies on safeguarding, financial management, fraud, health and safety, cyber-security etc.

The organisation complied with our regulatory reporting requirements to the Charity Commission and Companies House, with all reports being submitted on time.

Financial review

The charity saw a steady increase in our grant income as compared to the previous year due to the receipt of a number of multi-year grants, most notably from the City Bridge Foundation, Cadent and Trust for London.

Over this year we attracted funding from 14 funders :

London Borough of Ealing - £150,206
City Bridge Foundation - £65,623
Trust for London - £41,950
Cadent - £10,757
John Lyon's Charity - £24,000
NFL Foundation - £41,250
Heathrow Community Trust - £7799
Greater London Assembly - £9020
Peoples Health Trust - £1000
Imperial Charity - £15,705
The Green Quarter - £2500
Institute of Development Studies - £565
4in10 - £900

Although SCA receives a number of grants from Ealing Council, not all this funding is for the organization alone. As a partner in various projects, the charity has to share funding with other partners around Ealing and this means that only a portion of the overall funding is retained by the organization. This applies particularly to the Community Connectors project that involves 12 partner organizations, with whom the majority of the funding is shared.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Risk and internal control

The Treasurer and Chair worked closely with SCA staff to revise internal financial controls and the financial management policy, to provide reassurance against material mismanagement or loss. This includes new guidance on financial processes and regular monitoring of the finances of the charity. Frequent reports about the financial position of the organization as a going concern are provided at trustee and finance meetings.

Although the organization was able to expand as a going concern there were a number of possible liabilities to record. One was to the Big Lottery Fund from over two years ago and the other was some outstanding rent sought by Ealing Council. There is also the future prospect of a rent increase that will need to be considered in due course.

Reserves policy

The SCA reserves policy considers the need to:

- cover salary, accommodation and support costs, without which SCA could not function, in the event of a temporary loss of funding, or reduction or delay in funding
- cover notice and redundancy costs should it be necessary to reduce staffing levels
- cover any unbudgeted events such as sickness or maternity leave, and protect against any other risks and unforeseen expenditure which may arise

The policy states that:

- SCA should aim to hold unrestricted reserves which represent three months' estimated operating costs (defined as salary, accommodation, support and governance costs) for the organization as a whole during the following 12 months
- Should reserves fall below the stated level, the Board of trustees and the Manager will endeavor to raise additional unrestricted funds as a matter of urgency, or take steps to reduce operating costs
- The level of unrestricted reserves should not exceed 30% of SCA's total annual income. Should reserves significantly exceed this level the Board will draw up a plan to use any additional reserves to invest in development of the organization and long-term sustainability
- The level of reserves will be reviewed annually by the Board of trustees

During this year we continued to secure efficiency savings that lowered our expenditure and allowed us to rebuild our unrestricted reserves.

Plans for future periods

SCA is an established umbrella organisation supporting almost 70 community group members and partners across Ealing. Our future aims include:

- have a strong focus upon tackling poverty and its impacts
- continuously reassess our governance and strengthening internal structures to broaden the role and involvement of trustees
- involving local residents and groups in issues and developments likely to affect quality of life in the Southall area
- improve the sustainability of the charity in accordance with our Sustainability Plan by focussing upon income generation, accommodation needs, trustee recruitment and volunteer engagement
- working for the well being of Southall residents to develop new projects and initiatives that meet the current and emerging needs of the area

An emerging priority for the charity is in relation to accommodation, in both the short and long term. As the SCA staff team grows more space will be required for employees, whilst at the same time consideration is required of the longer term needs for an independent base with community space. An accommodation sub-group was established during the year to consider these spatial needs.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Structure, governance and management

Southall Community Alliance (known as 'SCA') was established in 2000 and registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee in 2002. The organisation registered as a charity in 2005 and its work and activities are governed by compliance with a memorandum and articles of association. The charity currently has 9 trustees, elected for a three year term from amongst the voting members of SCA. This election takes place at the Annual General Meeting of the charity. The trustees review and oversee the work of the organisation at regular Board meetings and the charity currently has three employees who are responsible to the trustees. Every trustee resigns after three years and it is open for them to stand for re-election after this period. No remuneration or benefits from employment with the charity are received by any of the trustees.

Decisions about the management or strategic direction of the charity are made by SCA trustees at regular Board meetings. Staff are delegated the responsibility for the day-to-day or operational work of the charity.

Newly appointed trustees will receive induction and introductory materials at the first meeting of the Board following the AGM. These include the SCA constitution, standing orders, summary of projects and roles and responsibilities of trustees from the Charity Commission.

The charity employed 5 staff during this financial year ; 4 full-time and 1 part-time, with pay and remuneration for staff being set by the trustees

The pay and remuneration for staff is set by the trustees, using local authority pay scales as a guide to establishing pay rates.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, many of who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ahmed Mohamed

Sarabjit Bhachu

Harsev Bains

Ravinder Jain

Promila Bhatia

(Resigned 24 July 2024)

T P Singh

Jaskaran S Bholowasia

J Sanghera

J Jerald

(Appointed 6 July 2023)

Trustees' involvements

The following trustees were also involved in other unconnected charities:

Harsev Bains - Marx Memorial Library and Workers School

Ravinder Kumar Jain - Ealing Community Trust

Tajinder Pal Singh – Punjabi Theatre Academy

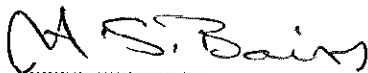
Auditor

Rehncy Shaheen are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- each trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Harsev Bains

Trustee

Dated: 24/01/25



Ravinder Jain

Trustee

Dated: 24/01/25

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, many of who are also the directors of Southall Community Alliance for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Southall Community Alliance (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- 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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, 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 the trustees 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We have performed the audit to identify signs of fraud or irregularities that materially affect the financial statements. Discussions with and enquiries of management and those charged with governance were held with a view to identifying those laws and regulations that could be expected to have a material impact on the financial statements. During the engagement team briefing, the outcomes of these discussions and enquiries were shared with the team, as well as consideration as to where and how fraud may occur in the entity. The following laws and regulations were identified as being of significance to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements include UK financial reporting standards, Company Law, Tax and Pensions legislation, and distributable profits legislation.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the business and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include operating licence, environmental regulations, health and safety legislation.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and those charged with governance as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence; review of board minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.


Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE



Mr Jasdev Rehncy (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of RehncyShaheen Chartered Accountants

.....
30 Jan 2025
1276/1278 Greenford Road
Greenford
Middlesex
UB6 0HH

RehncyShaheen Chartered Accountants is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	5,940	390,573	396,513	10,593	319,965	330,558
Total income		<u>5,940</u>	<u>390,573</u>	<u>396,513</u>	<u>10,593</u>	<u>319,965</u>	<u>330,558</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	4	-	363,190	363,190	-	269,746	269,746
Total expenditure		<u>-</u>	<u>363,190</u>	<u>363,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,746</u>	<u>269,746</u>
Net income		<u>5,940</u>	<u>27,383</u>	<u>33,323</u>	<u>10,593</u>	<u>50,219</u>	<u>60,812</u>
Transfers between funds		(10,998)	10,998	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6	<u>(5,058)</u>	<u>38,381</u>	<u>33,323</u>	<u>10,593</u>	<u>50,219</u>	<u>60,812</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		13,428	98,953	112,381	2,835	48,734	51,569
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u>8,370</u>	<u>137,334</u>	<u>145,704</u>	<u>13,428</u>	<u>98,953</u>	<u>112,381</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		3,418		4,558
Current assets					
Debtors	11	22,474		652	
Cash at bank and in hand		142,634		121,255	
		165,108		121,907	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(22,822)		(14,084)	
Net current assets			142,286		107,823
Total assets less current liabilities			145,704		112,381
Income funds [Reserves]					
Restricted funds	14		137,334		98,953
Unrestricted funds			8,370		13,428
			145,704		112,381

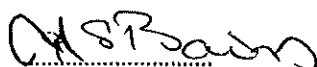
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24/01/25



Harsev Bains
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04577901

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Southall Community Alliance is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Town Hall, High Street, Southall, Middlesex, UB1 3HA.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes. 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. Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computer equipment	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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 period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£
City Bridge Trust & City of London		30,848	30,848	24,261
City bridge trust -Anchor project		34,775	34,775	
LBE Projects		106,875	106,875	124,125
LBE - Household Support Grant		43,331	43,331	25,040
Ground Work London & Western Rd Urban Garden		-	-	19,100
People's Health Trust		1,000	1,000	3,000
NHS			-	10,000
Other	5,940		5,940	10,593
Trust for London		41,950	41,950	21,850
Institute for Development Studies(AHRC)		565	565	15,059
GLA - Food Roots			-	13,200
NFL Foundation UK		41,250	41,250	13,750
4 in 10 Poverty Week		900	900	750
LBE - Mental Health			-	12,300
GLA - Untold Stories		9,020	9,020	13,530
Cadent		10,575	10,575	
Western Road Urban Garden		2,500	2,500	
IHC		15,705	15,705	
Heathrow Community Trust		7,799	7,799	
Genomics England		17,480	17,480	
Global Action Plan		2,000	2,000	
John Lyons Charity		24,000	24,000	24,000
For the year ended 31 March 2024	5,940	390,573	396,513	330,558
<i>For the year ended 31 March 2023</i>	<i>10,593</i>	<i>319,965</i>		<i>330,558</i>

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 Restricted and Unrestricted income funds

RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Apr-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Reserve Transfer £	Balance at 31-Mar-24 £
City Bridge Trust- Anti Poverty Project	7,094	30,848	(30,590)		7,352
City bridge trust -Anchor project		34,775	(25,000)		9,775
London Borough of Ealing Projects	3,493	106,875	(103,346)		7,022
Big Lottery Fund	21,308		(30,265)	8,957 *	-
Good Things Foundation	1,563		-		1,563
Get Moving (GLA)	5,164		-		5,164
People's Health Trust & HCT	1,673	1,000	(2,426)		247
NHS	3,363	-	-		3,363
LBE - Household Support Grant	243	43,331	(42,727)		847
Trust for London	12,222	41,950	(30,368)		23,804
Institute for Development Studies(AHRC)	8,490	565	(1,064)		7,991
GLA - Food Roots	7,280	-	-		7,280
NFL Foundation UK	3,996	41,250	(31,058)		14,188
4 in 10 Poverty Week	(195)	900	(329)		376
LBE - Mental Health	3,189	-	(700)		2,489
GLA - Untold Stories	5,504	9,020	(10,733)		3,791
John Lyons Charity	14,566	24,000	(29,899)		8,667
Cavendish Consulting		2,500	(914)		1,586
Cadent		10,575	(1,867)		8,708
Genomics England		17,480	(5,391)		12,089
Global Action Plan		2,000	(731)		1,269
IHC		15,705	(5,942)		9,763
Heathrow Community Trust		7,799	(9,840)	2,041 *	-
	<u>98,953</u>	<u>390,573</u>	<u>(363,190)</u>	<u>10,998</u>	<u>137,334</u>

UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Apr-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Reserve Transfer £	Balance at 31-Mar-24 £
Unrestricted funds	13,428	5,940		(10,998) *	8,370
	<u>13,428</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,998)</u>	<u>8,370</u>
Total restricted and unrestricted funds	<u>112,381</u>	<u>396,513</u>	<u>(363,190)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,704</u>

* Note: A transfer of funds was made from unrestricted reserves to restricted reserves to make up the shortfall.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	107,722	-	107,722	93,517
Depreciation	1,139	-	1,139	1,519
Meetings and seminars	-	-	-	3,412
Rent	27,235	-	27,235	23,427
Repairs and maintenance	230	-	230	238
Insurance	1,977	-	1,977	1,958
Computer & IT cost	1,048	-	1,048	3,086
Telephone	2,443	-	2,443	2,148
Printing, postage and stationery	3,933	-	3,933	3,082
Bank charges	155	-	155	279
Sundry expenses	946	-	946	582
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	1,800
Accountancy	-	3,600	3,600	2,400
Legal and professional	-	1,064	1,064	1,635
	<u>146,828</u>	<u>8,264</u>	<u>155,092</u>	<u>139,083</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>146,828</u>	<u>8,264</u>	<u>155,092</u>	<u>139,083</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,600 (2023- £1,800) for audit fees.

6 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,600	1,800
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>1,139</u>	<u>1,519</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	4	4
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	100,646	87,744
Social security costs	4,705	3,718
Other pension costs	2,371	2,055
	<u>107,722</u>	<u>93,517</u>

No employee was in receipt of remuneration in excess of £50,000 during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	23,183	50,090	73,273
At 31 March 2024	<u>23,183</u>	<u>50,090</u>	<u>73,273</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	21,217	47,499	68,716
Depreciation charged in the year	491	648	1,139
At 31 March 2024	<u>21,708</u>	<u>48,147</u>	<u>69,855</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,475</u>	<u>1,943</u>	<u>3,418</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,966</u>	<u>2,592</u>	<u>4,558</u>

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	19,480	-
Other debtors	500	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,494	652
	<u>22,474</u>	<u>652</u>

Other debtors amounting to £500 relate to refund due re Housing Support payment.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	3,436	1,977
Other creditors	9,104	7,907
Accruals and deferred income	10,282	4,200
	<u>22,822</u>	<u>14,084</u>

Other creditors include :

Owed to Ealing Community Trust £399
Owed to Southall Connect partner organisations £2,645
L B Ealing amount held on account £4,467
Pension contributions payable £396

13 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>2,371</u>	<u>2,055</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
	98,953	390,573	(363,190)	10,998	137,334
	<u>98,953</u>	<u>390,573</u>	<u>(363,190)</u>	<u>10,998</u>	<u>137,334</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
	48,734	319,965	(269,746)	-	98,953
	<u>48,734</u>	<u>319,965</u>	<u>(269,746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,953</u>

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	13,428	5,940	(10,998)	8,370
	<u>13,428</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>(10,998)</u>	<u>8,370</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,835	10,593	-	13,428
	<u>2,835</u>	<u>10,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,428</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	3,418	-	3,418
Current assets	4,952	137,334	142,286
	<u>8,370</u>	<u>137,334</u>	<u>145,704</u>

SOUTHALL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 March 2023:			
Tangible assets	4,558	-	4,558
Current assets	8,870	98,953	107,823
	<u>13,428</u>	<u>98,953</u>	<u>112,381</u>

17 Related party transactions

The charity paid Catbird Ltd £1,977 for stationery costs (2023: £990). The charity's trustee Mr R Jain is also the director of Catbird Ltd.

The charity made the following payments to the following project partners for project costs where some of the charity trustees are connected to those partners:

- £2,025 paid to Mahila Sabha (2023 : £2700) . The charity's trustee Ms Sarbjit Bhachu is a member of t managing committee of Mahila Sabha
- £2,650 paid to British Keralites Association (2023 : £2,250). The charity's trustee Mr James Jerald (appointed 6 July 2023) is the trustee of British Keralites Association.

As per Clause 7 of the Memorandum of Association of Southall Community Alliance, the guarantee of the Trustees limited to maximum of £10 each.