

Annual report of Walney Community Trust for 2022

2022 was the first full year for some time that we were able to operate without direct Covid 19 restrictions. We were thus able to continue our well-established two-pronged approach to supporting the local area, roughly split into “youth based” and “community based”, often with considerable overlap between the two.

Youth activities were led by our Lead Youth worker, Paula, her team of Youth workers, and our Youth Development worker, Leon. Our youth club provided sessions on four evenings per week, again organised according to age groups, with issue-based sessions (run both in-house and by external agencies, such as CADAS) as well as more typical youth club activities; for a series of sessions, there was a particular focus on the development of DJ skills amongst our young people. The youth club sessions were very well-attended; for example, the junior sessions often had some 90 attendees. The provision of individual and small-group support, both in person and online (initiated at the height of the pandemic) continued in order to meet growing demand, particularly on matters related to the mental health of young people; staff worked to meet the growing demand for one-to-one mentoring, both in the secondary school and our centre. Our youth staff were particularly pro-active in working with local police and other agencies to tackle the spate of anti-social behaviour by local youths. Planning was undertaken to develop activities for young people outside of youth club sessions, and contacts were developed with, for example, Active Cumbria, Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Barrow AFC.

The value and high local reputation of our youth work was never more evident than in the aftermath of the tragic stabbing incident in the local secondary school in January, reported on in national new bulletins; at the invitation of school senior management, our staff spent considerable time in school during the days following the incident, meeting with and supporting students and families severely impacted by the event.

The **community** strand of our work was led by Ros, our Lead Community worker, and her team largely comprising volunteers. Community activities aimed at supporting both individuals and families were organised from our centre: twice-weekly community meals (with average attendance of 60-100), Toddler sessions, Saturday evening family entertainment, craft cafes, as well as the provision of a variety of CAP (Christians Against Poverty), Fresh Starts and Dependency courses. Individual, one-to-one support for both adults and young people was provided through our mentoring programmes.

We continued our partnership with Barrow Borough Council, who provided funding for us to supply gas/electricity costs support to those in particular need with whom we had developed links; we worked in partnership with Spring Mount Church to use further Council funding to supply white electrical goods to local families we identified as being in this particular need.

Later in the year, we were established as a Winter Warmth Hub, providing a warm meal and other refreshments and a meeting place; over 400 Well-being parcels were created and delivered to the local community during the Christmas period.

Community and youth staff maintained and developed the joint working which had been a real strength of their work during the pandemic; for example, the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programmes they ran on behalf of the local council were extremely well-attended (the [four-week](#) summer programme in particular thrived, with a total footfall of over 1,000); some 400 children and their adults attended the Jubilee party in June. Staff regularly supported adults and their young people in Team Around the Child (TAC) and Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting with social services.

Both teams of staff again demonstrated considerable commitment to updating and improving their skills and knowledge: training in Safeguarding, Decider Skills, Food Hygiene, Learn to Coach, Time & Energy Management, Hate Crime Awareness was undertaken. Two staff embarked upon the locally provided L3 Youth Worker course.

Throughout the year, our staff once again responded wonderfully and with outstanding commitment to the demands on their time and energies caused by the ever-growing needs of those they serve on Walney and further afield. They have developed and maintain a hugely impressive number of outside agencies and other charitable groups with whom they work in partnership. We were delighted, too, that the efforts of our Trustee and volunteer, Shirley, were recognised by the Citizen of the Year Award, at the annual Love Barrow ceremony.

The Trustees themselves were active throughout the year, ably supported by our then Administrator, Sam. We met formally on 6 occasions, one of which incorporated the AGM. We approved and introduced new policies for Equality & Diversity and Finance and Risk Management, and maintained our rolling programme, by which key policies are reviewed formally annually and others biennially. We established a Safeguarding group comprising two Trustees and our 2 staff Designated Safeguarding Leads, meeting formally 6 times per year.

In 2021, Trustees had identified the need to seek outside, expert support to review the operation of the Trust and guide us in a strategic planning process to ensure our sustainability into the future. Supported financially by the Francis C Scott Charitable Trust, Trustees and key staff conducted, in November / December 2021, the first of an agreed two stage process, the organisational "Health Check", led by the consultant Murray Winters. The Health Check report with recommendations was approved by Trustees, and an action plan generated and acted upon. In February 2022, Trustees and key staff participated in an away-day led by Murray, culminating in the generation of a Strategic Plan comprising 3 principal strategic objectives:

- Strengthen financial sustainability to maintain and grow capacity
- Build a team and team structure appropriate to the current and future ambition
- Deliver an appropriate and sustainable building solution

We agreed to outsource our payroll obligations to a local company, thus much reducing the identified risk of the payment of staff salaries being over reliant on a single individual. We entered into a contract with a local Fire Safety specialist company to ensure that we meet the standards of best practice in this respect; as part of the initial work on this, we undertook an asbestos survey of our premises, carried out by a specialist company. We began the process of transferring ownership of the premises from the Trustee body to the Charity Commission's Custodian Scheme. We surveyed Trustees, staff and service users on their views regarding the future development of our premises. We acquired funding to update the signage on our premises, which now encapsulates the new "strap line" generated by staff and Trustees at the away day:

"We are a Walney based community hub which strives to meet the needs of our community."

In accordance with the new Strategic Plan, Trustees agreed upon and made the appointment of a key new role, General Manager, taking on responsibilities increasingly carried out by the Chair of Trustees, thus strengthening the Trust's sustainability. We were delighted to appoint our Administrator, Sam, to this role, and with the subsequent appointment of Cheryl as the new Administrator; both appointments were made according to the new procedures adopted following our

work with Turnstone HR last year. We began the improvement work necessary to have our centre approved as a food provider by the local council.

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to manage those risks.

As ever, a major focus of our work is the on-going efforts to secure funding to enable us to maintain and further develop our activities. We continue to be extremely grateful to the organisations without whose financial support we would not be able to exist, particularly those who have faithfully funded us for many years.

Walney Community Trust

Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 December 2022

Walney Community Trust
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended
31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Income		
Grants	192,128	196,220
JRS Grant	-	3,718
Fundraising	2,046	1,069
Room hire	2,665	170
Youth Club	3,762	553
Donations	3,936	7,233
Switch Bonus	-	2,750
Other income	<u>765</u>	<u>600</u>
	205,302	212,313
Expenses		
Wages and NIC	123,562	102,105
Training	314	2,426
Travel expenses	87	96
Systems and Safety Checks	1,314	658
Professional Fees	240	756
Payroll Expenses	602	-
Building repairs and maintenance	4,433	2,840
Cleaning expenses	130	558
Computer expenses	620	188
Council tax	190	56
CRB checks	280	97
Donations	-	-
New equipment	(5,314)	1,104
Postages	-	8
Telephone and Internet Charges	558	1,235
Licences and subscriptions	828	754
Sundry expenses	3	-
Insurance	1,954	1,980
Bank charges	89	-
Printing stationery and advertising	345	434
Alysha Project expenses	-	1,144
WDF Project expenses	71,432	70,380
Depreciation	<u>690</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>202,359</u>	<u>186,819</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u><u>2,943</u></u>	<u><u>25,494</u></u>

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MAAT
31 March 2022

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Balance Sheet

As at

31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	2	<u>87,384</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Restricted			
Dedicated Wage Account		-	-
Grant Fund Wages		84,374	60,264
Walney Development Fund		9,453	39,561
Unrestricted			
Current Account		7,181	8,760
Petty Cash Account		14	4
Designated			
Emergency Fund Account		3,210	3,210
Redundancy Account		17,749	17,749
Job Development Fund		970	970
Building/Contingency Fund		8,836	7,701
Co-op Youth Account		5,587	3,997
New Youth Staff		403	
		<u>225,159</u>	<u>142,216</u>
Capital Account			
Reserves brought forward		142,216	116,722
Revaluation reserve	3	80,000	-
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NOTE 1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Accounting

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1.2 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Property is valued at current market value.

Historically Plant & Equipment has been charged to the Income and Expenditure account. These historic assets have been introduced to Tangible Assets in the current period at their carrying value.

Plant & Equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Plant and Equipment	25% on the reducing balance
Property	Not Depreciated

NOTE 2 Tangible Assets

	Property	Plant & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2022	-	5,314	5,314
Revaluations	80,000	-	80,000
Additions		2,760	2,760
As at 31 December 2022	<u>80,000</u>	<u>8,074</u>	<u>88,074</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2022	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	690	690
As at 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>690</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 1 January 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>5,314</u>	<u>5,314</u>
As at 31 December 2022	<u>80,000</u>	<u>7,384</u>	<u>87,384</u>

NOTE 3 Reserves

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