

Annual report of Walney Community Trust for 2023

Throughout 2023, we continued 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, supported by her team of Youth workers, which we had some success in enlarging; in the latter part of the year, we appointed Harvey to the role of Youth Development worker, tasked with providing activities for young people outside the parameters of youth club. The youth club was held 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 Natural England), one-to-one sessions and closed sessions for invited members on mental health and wellbeing matters, as well as more typical youth club activities. Other activities included DJ sessions with Cando FM, canoeing at Fell Foot, contributing to the Shoebox Appeal, visits to Barrow Raiders and Barrow AFC, a visit from the High Sheriff, end of term and Christmas parties. The youth club sessions were very well-attended, with a total footfall of 2400+.

Our youth staff were again pro-active in working with local neighbourhood police and Advantage Raiders Community Foundation to tackle anti-social behaviour by local youths. These outreach, detached sessions often attracted large number of local young people.

We were successful in a funding application to Cumbria Youth Alliance to run a project to provide mental health support to small groups of identified youth club members outside the times of youth club; the project will run for two years and will involve staff recording outcomes data using the Upshot software.

The **community** strand of our work was led by Ros, our Lead Community worker, supported by Debbie in her Adult Mentor role and her team of volunteers. Community activities aimed at supporting both individuals and families were organised from our centre: twice-weekly community meals, Toddler sessions, Saturday evening family entertainment, craft cafes, as well as the provision of a variety of courses; in this latter case, it was noticeable how service users’ readiness to attend such sessions has not yet recovered from pandemic times. Individual, one-to-one support for both adults and young people was provided through our mentoring programmes. 2023 was the first of a five-year funding agreement with The National Lottery Reaching Communities England for the development of our community work; the impact statements we agreed with them for this project, and subsequent efforts to improve data collection, reveal the impressive extent to which we were able to benefit the community:

- 100 people will benefit from easy access to practical support such as meals and social events, easing the burden of poverty, which in turn improves mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence and self-esteem, as a result of attending the Trust’s Community activities **Dec ’23 update: 291 people (attended total of 2248 times)**

- 78 people will benefit from improved mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence, self-esteem and learn new life skills empowering them to be independent as a result of attending the Trust’s Community courses **Dec ’23 update: 15 people (attended total of 30 times)**

- 40 people will benefit from improved mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence, self-esteem and the ready availability of a single point of contact in times of need, as a result of accessing the Trust’s Community services **Dec ’23 update: 212 people (accessed total of 442 times)**

- 260 people will benefit from practical, emotional, mental health and wellbeing support, raised self-esteem and increased resilience, as a result of accessing the Trust’s Community material support provision **Dec ’23 update: 222 people (accessed total of 841 times)**

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. We operated again as a Winter Warmth Hub, providing a warm meal and other refreshments and a meeting place.

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 1,300). In addition to sports, games, crafts, inflatables, circus skills and the like, activities were also provided by outside agencies such as Cumbria Wildlife and Natural England. The poor summer weather resulted in the majority of the sessions being held in Spring Mount church rather than on the Walney field. Staff regularly supported adults and their young people in Team Around the Child (TAC) and Team Around the Family (TAF) meetings with social services.

Both teams of staff again demonstrated considerable commitment to updating and improving their skills and knowledge: training in Safeguarding, Bullying & Harassment, Drugs & Alcohol awareness, CYA funding, Upshot software and Boxercise was undertaken. We had staff training days in both January and September.

Throughout the year, our staff once again responded 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 wide range of outside agencies and other charitable groups with whom they work in partnership.

The Trustees themselves were active throughout the year, ably supported by our General Manager, Sam, and Administrator, Cheryl. We met formally on 6 occasions, one of which incorporated the AGM. We approved and introduced a new policy for Conflicts of Interest and a Business Contingency Plan, and maintained our rolling programme, by which key policies are reviewed formally annually and others biennially. We began work on a new Data Protection and Confidentiality Policy. We maintained a Safeguarding group comprising two Trustees and our 2 staff Designated Safeguarding Leads, meeting formally 6 times per year; this group oversaw the implementation of the CPOMS system for recording and storing safeguarding issues. We also initiated an informal Finance Group comprising Chair, Deputy and Administrator, meeting approximately monthly, following the resignation of our General Manager; it is intended that this group will continue and be formalised in the new year.

Trustees continued to work on the strategic objectives identified in 2022:

- *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 realised that insufficient time was allocated in 2023 to this issue and will hold an extra, single agenda item early in 2024 where we focus solely on this longer-term planning.

We spent much time trying to resolve solar panel contract issues with Baywind, a matter which we expect to be concluded positively early in 2024. We progressed the process of transferring ownership of the premises from the Trustee body to the Charity Commission's Custodian Scheme. We liaised with the local MP on the frustration of not being able to access certain important funding streams due to the centre's postcode placing us in an area not deemed sufficiently "deprived", an issue he raised in Parliament. We continued to try to maintain and improve the condition of our old and much-used building. We updated the signage on our premises, which now encapsulates the new "strap line" generated by staff and Trustees: "*We are a Walney based community hub which strives to meet the needs of our community.*"

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. These organisations are shown on our website at www.walneycommunitytrust.org .

Walney Community Trust

Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 December 2023

Walney Community Trust
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended
31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Grants	146,933	192,128
The National Lottery Community Fund - RC North East & Cumbria Region	31,174	-
Fundraising	-	2,046
Room hire	605	2,665
Youth Club	3,959	3,762
Donations	3,697	3,936
Refunds received	4,068	-
Other income	<u>1</u>	<u>765</u>
	190,437	205,302
Expenses		
Wages and NIC	108,711	123,562
Training	44	314
Travel expenses	-	87
Systems and Safety Checks	1,481	1,314
Professional Fees	765	240
Payroll Expenses	1,175	602
Building repairs and maintenance	1,499	4,433
Cleaning expenses	745	130
Computer expenses	-	620
Council tax	46	190
DBS checks	30	280
Donations	-	-
New equipment	38	(5,314)
Telephone and Internet Charges	697	558
Licences and subscriptions	849	828
Sundry expenses	-	3
Insurance	2,151	1,954
Bank charges	106	89
Printing stationery and advertising	658	345
Youth Project expenses	681	-
WDF Project expenses	35,302	71,434
Depreciation	<u>580</u>	<u>690</u>
	155,558	202,359
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u><u>34,879</u></u>	<u><u>2,943</u></u>

I have examined the books and records of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the above Income and Expenditure Account is in agreement with the books, records, and explanations supplied to me.

J Kelly
MAAT
27 February 2024

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Balance Sheet

As at

31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	2	<u>87,054</u>	<u>87,384</u>
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Restricted			
Grant Fund Wages		91,842	84,374
Walney Development Fund		10,496	9,453
Unrestricted			
Current Account		1,282	7,179
Petty Cash Account		-	14
Designated			
Emergency Fund Account		-	3,210
Redundancy Account		17,749	17,749
Job Development Fund		3,569	970
Building/Contingency Fund		20,000	8,836
Co-op Youth Account		25,546	5,587
Equipment		2,500	
New Youth Staff		-	403
		<u>260,038</u>	<u>225,159</u>
Capital Account			
Reserves brought forward		145,159	142,216
Revaluation reserve	3	80,000	80,000
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Period Ended
31 December 2023

NOTE 1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

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 2023	80,000	8,074	88,074
Revaluations	-	-	-
Additions		250	250
As at 31 December 2023	<u>80,000</u>	<u>8,324</u>	<u>88,324</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2023	-	690	690
Charge for the year	-	580	580
As at 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,270</u>	<u>1,270</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 1 January 2023	<u>80,000</u>	<u>7,384</u>	<u>87,384</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>80,000</u>	<u>7,054</u>	<u>87,054</u>

NOTE 3 Reserves

	Revaluation Reserve £
As at 1 January 2023	80,000
As at 31 December 2023	80,000

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Net surplus/(deficit) for the year 34,879 2,943

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NOTE 2 Tangible Assets

Property Plant & Total
Equipment

£ £ £

Cost

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Depreciation

As at 1 January 2023 - 690 690 Charge for the year - 580 580 As at 31 December 2023 - 1,270 1,270

Net Book Value

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