BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1106022

Details

Other names	BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04769510
Registered	2004-09-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE COMPANY IS ESTABLISHED ARE TO PROMOTE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, URBAN AND/OR RURAL REGENERATION IN PARTICULAR IN BATCHLEY AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS ('THE AREA OF BENEFIT') BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:(A) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP;(B) THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT;(C) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, TRAINING OR RETRAINING, PARTICULARLY AMONG UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE, AND PROVIDING UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE WITH WORK EXPERIENCE;(D) THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR BUSINESS ADVICE OR CONSULTANCY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN CASES OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER CHARITABLE NEED THROUGH HELP: (I) IN SETTING UP THEIR OWN BUSINESS, OR (II) TO EXISTING BUSINESSES;(E) THE CREATION OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY THE PROVISION OF WORKSPACE, BUILDINGS, AND/OR LAND FOR USE ON FAVOURABLE TERMS;(F) THE PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR OR IN CHARITABLE OWNERSHIP PROVIDED THAT SUCH POWER SHALL NOT EXTEND TO RELIEVING ANY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR OTHER BODIES OF A STATUTORY DUTY TO PROVIDE OR IMPROVE HOUSING;(G) THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT OR PROVISION OF PUBLIC AMENITIES;(H) THE PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS OR SITES OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE;(I) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OR THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES;(J) THE PROTECTION OR CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT; (K) THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND CHILDCARE;(L) THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF CRIME; AND(M) SUCH OTHER MEANS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Activities: An independent community based organisation formed on behalf of the residents of Batchley and surrounding area, a district of Redditch, Worcestershire.The charity works not only in Batchley but also in other districts of Redditch working on behalf of the residents and provides a range of services, activities and events in local neighbourhoods.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BATCHLEY AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA (IN WORCESTERSHIRE)
- Worcestershire

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£156,486	£133,997	-	-
2024-05-31	£113,468	£107,160	-	-
2023-05-31	£68,427	£73,507	-	-
2022-05-31	£68,406	£68,642	-	-
2021-05-31	£61,948	£75,184	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Heather Geraldine Poole		2025-10-03
Janet Barron		2018-01-26
Kerrie Miles		2024-04-08
Natalie Claire Buckle		2025-02-10
Philip Stuart Berry		2018-10-24
WILLIAM GEORGE CARPENTER		2011-09-01

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England & Wales - Charity number 1106022

Accounts

Company registration number 04769510 (England and Wales)

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BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr W G Carpenter	
	Mrs J I Barron	
	Mr P S Berry	
	Miss H G Poole	(Appointed 3 October 2025)
	Mrs K Miles	
	Miss N C Buckle	(Appointed 10 February 2025)
Charity number	1106022	
Company number	04769510	
Registered office	47 Prospect Hill Redditch B97 4BS	
Independent examiner	Tony Archer Ormerod Rutter Limited The Oakley Kidderminster Road Droitwich Worcestershire WR9 9AY	

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BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

Introduction from the chair: Phil Berry

I am pleased to present our annual report on behalf of the Trustees of Batchley Support Group Redditch Communities.

This year has seen the team settle into the new premises and our network of volunteers has been enhanced by the appointment of a volunteer co-ordinator whose role is offer support and training to ensure that our volunteers have the highest standards of accreditation.

We continue to benefit from grants from the National Lottery, local authorities and other benefactors without who's generosity we would not be able to provide the range of services that we offer.

The award of the Matrix accreditation will assist in enhancing our education support programme.

We continue to develop our working partnerships this year and have been working with Redditch BID, Reimagine Redditch and Social prescribers to name a few.

Our Advice and Guidance provision has grown again this year and we have employed a full time worker to support this provision, we are working closely with clients to provide housing and tenancy support and benefits advice, we also refer clients to the Household support fund, Worcester County Council for support with energy bills.

We continue to be a Safe Place for victims of domestic abuse and all of our staff and some volunteers have completed accredited Domestic Abuse training through Worcester Community Trust.

We need to continue to deliver and develop our services to the people of Redditch and other communities, we will embed the values of Batchley Support Group Redditch Communities in all that we do and the support that we offer to the community.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication of our paid staff, volunteers, partners and Trustees to whom I offer my thanks and appreciation of all that they do.

Phil Berry P. Berry.

Chair
Dated: 27/2/2026

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025.

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 charity's memorandum and articles of association, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities
The core of our work has always been - and continues to be - providing support to the vulnerable members of our community, and supporting local people to develop skills and make a positive contribution to community life.

Mission Statement:
Batchley Support Group [BSG] is a community based Neighborhood association(registered charity and company limited by guarantee) which aims to build resident participation and involvement in community activities, advance social inclusion and lifelong learning, reduce inequalities in health, and to speak up for Batchley.

The objects of BSG are those of a voluntary community based organization working on behalf of the residents of Batchley, a locality within the borough of Redditch in the county of Worcestershire.

Batchley Support Group aims to empower local people by building resident participation and involvement in community activities, promoting regeneration and access to services, reducing inequalities in health, advancing social inclusion and lifelong learning and campaigning on local issues.

Public benefit
The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable company's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.

Community Development Manager Report: Mark Barron

The year 2024-2025 Has seen steady growth and development for the Charity and the projects that we run. We have seen a steady rise in demand for our services and referrals from external agencies / partners. We have responded to this demand by employing additional staff and offering training and development to ensure that staff have the skills to adequately support our client base.

We have continued support to clients with Advice, Guidance, Housing and benefits, and emotional support including Domestic violence and Mental Health support, staffs have also been trained in suicide awareness orange badge scheme.

We are registered as a Safe House with Worcester County Council and all staff have attended Domestic abuse training.

The referrals for the Advice and Guidance of our provision is continuing to grow at 200 plus clients per year, this year we have 600 families and single people registered with us for support.

We need to continue delivering our existing services and support which have proven to be essential to the people of Redditch. With the economic crisis deepening and poverty and deprivation already high in our area, what we deliver for the people of Redditch has become ever more important. We will continue to support the community and ensure that we embed the values of Batchley Support Group into the work that we do and the support that we offer.

Again this year we were able to organise Yule by the Pool, our annual Christmas event. This was attended by local families at our Christmas fayre at Batchley Social club. Our staff and Volunteers also prepared 400 Food and toy hampers for distribution to families referred to us by other professionals / organisations.

Volunteers
I would like to say that none of the work that we do would be possible without the support and dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees. We are continuing to actively recruit new Trustees /volunteers and offer volunteering opportunities to the community to support our projects, this includes younger volunteers on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

BSG have continued to involve people in the community in the work we do by offering diverse opportunities for volunteers to be involved.

We have now recruited a Volunteer coordinator to recruit train and support our bank of volunteers.

We offer opportunities in volunteering, paid work when possible, accredited training and development, employment support, and impartial advice and guidance.

We also have a website that outlines the work that we do and this encourages people to consider volunteering with us, https://batchleysupportgroup.com/about-us

Achievements and performance

Community Pantry

Again this year the Community Pantry provision has seen a continuing need for its services., we have seen an increase in referrals from the Police, the local authority, health professionals, social workers, housing officers and self-referrals. To meet this demand, we have increased the amount of food that we buy and collect for distribution to clients.

We are now open for the collection of food over five days per week, three of these days are allocated for the collection of groceries and toiletries, the other two days are when we distribute Greggs free of charge, we now collect Greggs from three local stores on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All of this work requires the continued coordination of staff, volunteers, drivers, sorters and distributers.

We work closely with Fareshare and are premises and freezers are inspected regularly, we have been awarded 5 stars from environmental health at our last inspection. We also work closely with suppliers to ensure that goods are suitable for consumption and that we are aware of any allergy information that we share with recipients.

Food Donations

Batchley Support Group continue to work with statutory organisations and network with Councillors, police, GPs, Social Services, schools and many other local and national organisations, we are always looking to establish positive working relationships with other community groups to support them and to benefit the community.

We are continuing to support pupils from Trinity High, a local School who became involved with us to support volunteers as a part of the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme. We supported the learners in obtaining Food Hygiene certificates as a part of their induction and to support the work that we do.

During the year, assistance with food purchases for the community pantry were provided by the local branch of Freemasons. These food purchases were paid for directly by the Freemasons themselves and are not included within these accounts.

Advice, Guidance and Referral

We have continued to offer telephone and internet support where possible and by offering impartial advice and guidance face to face and by telephone when possible.

This year we have received 640 additional requests for support this is an increase on last year's figures.

We have been able to support all of these clients either directly or by referral to other agencies.

Batchley Support Group have joined several local initiatives to support vulnerable people during the lockdown. We have received referrals for support from the local police, social services, housing officers, Social prescribers, Schools and other agencies, we also refer clients to these agencies for support when needed.

Training and Development

I am pleased to announce that we were successfully assessed and achieved the Matrix accreditation standards award, a quality assurance framework.

The matrix Standard is the international quality standard for organisations that deliver information, advice and/or guidance.

As in previous years we continue to offer accredited training and development opportunities to service users, volunteers and staff. We work with a local F.E. College to offer distance learning at Level 2 in a variety of subjects.

We have recruited a volunteer Tutor who is training in a Level 4 teaching qualification, to support our alternative education provision.

In the past year we have had many successful outcomes which has also enabled people to upskill and return to the workplace. There is no cost for this training and we support the learners by running workshops at our offices in Batchley.

All staff and new volunteers have completed a food hygiene certificate and some have completed first aid courses, Advice and Guidance, Safeguarding training, suicide awareness, First Aid and Domestic Abuse training.

Testimonials:

Matrix Standards report states:

Partners really appreciate the work they do and their collaborative approach, saying: "we are stronger together and can use [BSG] as a sounding board"; "they are down to earth and realistic"; "am glad to have the opportunity to speak about them as an organisation, as they are so trusted and doing good to make a difference"; "I love what they do and what they stand for"; and "they are amazing, genuine and caring."

The organisation really does understand the needs of the local community and will put in new activities where required and recruit staff accordingly such as adding English and maths classes or recruiting additional support workers.

BSG really has a good understanding of where and who they intend to support and how that will make a difference to the lives of the residents of Redditch.

Redditch Police - Safer Neighbourhood Teams

8 February at 15:05

GLP SNT have a assisted an elderly member of the community this afternoon. During a visit officers noticed there was no food in the house so an emergency food parcel was donated with thanks to Batchley Support Group Redditch Communities.

10/10 I am a single mum and need support; I really appreciate the help that Batchley Support Group is offering.

10/10 On low income supporting children- M. Southam, Batchley, Redditch.

Without the support of Batchley Support Group I would not have been able to manage they have helped me sort out many issues- S. Davis, Batchley, Redditch.

Helped me sort out problems with my housing repairs, damp in bedrooms- F. Smith, Batchley, Redditch.

Redditch Police - Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Many thanks to Batchley Support Group Redditch Communities for donating food and Christmas goodies for GLP SNT to deliver to families in the area.

I think the community of Batchley and others who have had help from you are so grateful, Team BSG are the best voluntary group just wish your efforts were recognized more widely. Now go and enjoy Xmas, have a blast you all deserve it. love from me and John. xx

Cassy McGowan Images

Thanks for sharing! Thank you for all the hard work that went into the event! You are all awesome Batchley Support Group Redditch Communities xxx

Batchley RD FISH BAR

Can't wait to see the lovely tree again and the kids singing carols followed by hopefully fireworks again. Let's hope Santa arrives for this great night. Batchleyfishbar.co.uk

John Tremelling

Love it keep up the good work as a former chair of Batchley Residents Association I read your posts with pride that community care is still ongoing. Bless you all.

Thank you for our craft pack we received last week we absolutely loved spending time making our wind spinners and doing some paintingas always greatly appreciated xx

I need help because of low income; I score BSG 10 / 10 Evaluation form.

As can been see above the differences we are making to people and the community is demonstrable by the feedback that we receive from both clients and referrers.

Conclusion
In conclusion, during the last year as in the previous year we have learned to deal with the unexpected, the rise in fuel costs, interest rates and the cost of living have had a noticeable impact on the work that we do

We have managed to secure funding to recruit new staff to support our growing provision. The new premises will allow us to offer more support to the community.

The Community Pantry provision continues to grow, we have increased our deliveries and the staffing hours to support this demand.

We will continue to buy food from Fareshare but the price is increasing again this year, we will be spending £12,800 this year on food to support the demand.

We will of course continue to collect food from supermarkets, Greggs, Nando's and KFC to support the Community Pantry.

Financial review
The Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level with ensures that Batchley Support Group's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for a period of three months.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis.

In May 2016 the reserves policy was reviewed and a reserves figure of a minimum of £3,000 was agreed necessary. There are currently more general reserves than required by the Reserves policy. As such the trustees aim to continue the charitable activities and use the excess to increase the Charities impact in the community.

We are working with our new accountants to identify what reserves are needed in the future.

Future Plans
Our future plans are to continue to support the current initiatives and to develop at a rate that is sustainable with the staff and volunteers available. We will continue to proactively recruit and train volunteers and trustees to compliment, support and develop the work that we do, this of course will need some form of management coordination to ensure that safety and quality is maintained and developed, we will continue to apply for core funding to support the work that we do.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, 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:

Mr W G Carpenter	
Mr J Witherspoon	(Resigned 7 November 2025)
Mrs J I Barron	
Mr P S Berry	
Ms M A O'Connor	(Resigned 1 September 2025)
Ms S Cattell	(Resigned 11 November 2025)
Mr S W Precious	(Resigned 11 November 2025)
Mrs L A J Foster	(Resigned 7 November 2025)
Miss H G Poole	(Appointed 3 October 2025)
Mrs K Miles	
Miss N C Buckle	(Appointed 10 February 2025)

The trustees, who are also directors under company law, are appointed by ordinary resolution or by the existing trustees of the charity. New trustees are interviewed by one or two existing trustees and invited to come along to attend a meeting. DBS checks are undertaken in respect of all new trustees.

New trustees are provided with information regarding the aims and activities of the charity and are referred to the Charities Commission for guidance on their duties and responsibilities as trustees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities 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; 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.

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

J Barron

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Mrs J I Barron
Trustee
Dated: 27/02/2026

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities (the charity) for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Tony Archer
Ormerod Rutter Limited

The Oakley
Kidderminster Road
Droitwich
Worcestershire
WR9 9AY

Dated: 27/02/2026

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	16,963	132,978	149,941	49,382	49,840	99,222
Charitable activities	4	6,545	-	6,545	14,246	-	14,246
Total income		23,508	132,978	156,486	63,628	49,840	113,468
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	18,316	115,681	133,997	51,905	55,256	107,161
Total expenditure		18,316	115,681	133,997	51,905	55,256	107,161
Net income		5,192	17,297	22,489	11,723	(5,416)	6,307
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	500	(500)	-
Net movement in funds	7	5,192	17,297	22,489	12,223	(5,916)	6,307
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 June 2024		14,114	9,823	23,937	1,891	15,739	17,630
Fund balances at 31 May 2025		19,306	27,120	46,426	14,114	9,823	23,937

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		4,950		866
Current assets					
Debtors	12	2,182		4,494	
Cash at bank and in hand		42,699		21,432	
		44,881		25,926	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	3,405		2,855	
Net current assets			41,476		23,071
Total assets less current liabilities			46,426		23,937
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	15		27,120		9,823
Unrestricted funds			19,306		14,114
			46,426		23,937

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 May 2025.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements 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 27/02/2026

Mrs J I Barron
Trustee

Company registration number 04769510 (England and Wales)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 47 Prospect Hill, Redditch, B97 4BS.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". 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. 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 Incoming resources

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.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there are legal or constructive obligations committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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:

Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost
Computers	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

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.

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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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.

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.

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.

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.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	8,264	-	8,264	49,382	-	49,382
Grants	8,699	132,978	141,677	-	49,840	49,840
	16,963	132,978	149,941	49,382	49,840	99,222

3 Income from donations and legacies (Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Grants						
Lottery grants	-	99,678	99,678	-	49,840	49,840
DWP - Stairlift	-	4,500	4,500	-	-	-
RBC- Household support fund/ food	-	13,500	13,500	-	-	-
RBC- Homeless and Domestic abuse support fund	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-
STG- Shower facility	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
Bromsgrove and Redditch Borough Council	1,700	-	1,700	-	-	-
Worcestershire County Council	4,999	-	4,999	-	-	-
AOG - Tumble Dryer	-	300	300	-	-	-
	8,699	132,978	141,677	-	49,840	49,840

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Charitable income		
Community pantry	6,545	14,246

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	84,937	61,846
Depreciation and impairment	2,192	2,661
Sundries	907	1,385
Volunteer expenses	-	1,394
Motor and travel	2,764	2,811
Purchases for activities	17,660	15,867
Rent	10,908	9,309
Bank charges	59	2
	119,427	95,275
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	12,024	10,206
Governance	2,546	1,680
	133,997	107,161
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	18,316	51,905
Restricted funds	115,681	55,256
	133,997	107,161

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	5,175	-	5,175	3,996	-	3,996
Repairs & maintenance	1,397	-	1,397	1,797	-	1,797
Insurance	338	-	338	1,855	-	1,855
Subscriptions	987	-	987	53	-	53
Telephone, postage & sundries	3,178	-	3,178	2,257	-	2,257
Staff training & welfare	152	-	152	-	-	-
Payroll bureau	797	-	797	248	-	248
Accountancy fees	-	2,546	2,546	-	1,680	1,680
	12,024	2,546	14,570	10,206	1,680	11,886
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	12,024	2,546	14,570	10,206	1,680	11,886

Governance costs includes payments of £2,546 (2024 - £1,680) for independent examiners fees.

7 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,546	1,680
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,192	2,661

8 Trustees

During the year Mr M Barron, spouse of Mrs J I Barron, a trustee, received remuneration of £33,972 while employed by the charity.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Full time	4	4

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	80,458	58,142
Social security costs	3,256	2,567
Other pension costs	1,223	1,137
	84,937	61,846

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was £33,972. This related to the spouse of Mrs J I Barron, a trustee.

10 Taxation

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

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 June 2024	-	1,270	10,000	11,270
Additions	4,839	1,437	-	6,276
At 31 May 2025	4,839	2,707	10,000	17,546
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 June 2024	-	404	10,000	10,404
Depreciation charged in the year	1,597	595	-	2,192
At 31 May 2025	1,597	999	10,000	12,596
Carrying amount				
At 31 May 2025	3,242	1,708	-	4,950
At 31 May 2024	-	866	-	866

12 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	2,182	4,494

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,025	793
Trade creditors	-	208
Other creditors	190	174
Accruals and deferred income	2,190	1,680
	3,405	2,855

14 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,223	1,137

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.

15 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.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 June 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 May 2025
	£	£	£	£
National Lottery - vehicle costs	3,609	-	(2,764)	845
Lottery / council grants	6,214	99,678	(98,196)	7,696
DWP- Stairlift	-	4,500	(1,485)	3,015
AOG- Tumble dryer	-	300	(112)	188
RBC- Household support fund/food	-	13,500	(10,633)	2,867
RBC- Homeless and Domestic abuse support	-	15,000	(2,491)	12,509
	9,823	132,978	(115,681)	27,120

The National Lottery grant - to fund the acquisition of a vehicle. The vehicle has been purchased and capitalised. The grant will be allocated against annual depreciation charge and running costs.

The Lottery / Council grants - to fund staff costs in relation to charitable activities.

The DWP Stairlift grant - fund the stairlifts. The asset has been purchased and capitalised. The grant will be allocated against annual depreciation charge.

The AOG - tumble dryer grant - to fund the new tumble dryer. The asset has been purchased and capitalised. The grant will be allocated against annual depreciation charge.

The RBC - Household Support fund/ food - to fund the food costs in relation to charitable activities.

The RBC - Homeless and Domestic abuse fund - for the support and care of domestic abuse victims.

16 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 June 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 May 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	14,114	23,508	(18,316)	-	19,306

Previous year:	At 1 June 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 May 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,891	63,628	(51,905)	500	14,114

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 May 2025:			
Tangible assets	1,708	3,242	4,950
Current assets/(liabilities)	17,598	23,878	41,476
	19,306	27,120	46,426

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 May 2024:			
Tangible assets	866	-	866
Current assets/(liabilities)	13,248	9,823	23,071
	14,114	9,823	23,937

18 Related party transactions

During the year, £33,972 (2024 - nil) salary was paid to M Barron who is of close relation to Mrs J Barron, a trustee. At the end of the year no money was owed to M Barron.

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1106022

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 4769510 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1106022

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

FOR

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

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BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

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BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
for the Year Ended 31st May 2024

This is my first year as Chair of Trustees at Batchley Support Group.

We have now been at our larger premises for just over a year and have been able to use the extra space to expand our services. We have recently opened a shower and laundry facility to assist those rough sleeping or struggling to fund these activities. Many thanks to organisations that helped to fund this provision.

Again this year we have been working in partnerships with Redditch BID, Reimagine Redditch, Social prescribers, Amazon, Tesco, Asda, Lidl and Fareshare. These relationships are important to the charity and encourage us to develop our provision and to support the community.

Our Advice and Guidance provision continues to grow, we have seen an increase in clients looking for support, and we have employed a part time worker to support the Domestic abuse provision partly funded by Redditch Borough Council, all staff members are now trained as D.A champions by Worcestershire Community Trust. we continue to support clients to provide housing and tenancy support and benefits advice, we have seen an increase in demand for this support again this year.

We continue to be a Safe Place for victims of domestic abuse

We need to continue to deliver and develop our services to the people of Redditch and other communities, we will embed the values of Batchley Support Group Redditch Communities in all that we do and the support that we offer to the community.

I would like to say that none of the work that we do would be possible without the dedication and support of our staff, volunteers, Trustees and funders.

Lucie Foster
Chair
Dated: 31st March 2025

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31st May 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st May 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Batchley Support Group [BSG] is a community based Neighborhood association (registered charity and company limited by guarantee) which aims to build resident participation and involvement in community activities, advance social inclusion and lifelong learning, reduce inequalities in health, and to speak up for Batchley.

The objects of BSG are those of a voluntary community based organization working on behalf of the residents of Batchley, a locality within the borough of Redditch in the county of Worcestershire.

Batchley Support Group aims to empower local people by building resident participation and involvement in community activities, promoting regeneration and access to services, reducing inequalities in health, advancing social inclusion and lifelong learning and campaigning on local issues.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable company's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.

Volunteers

I would like to say that none of the work that we do would be possible without the support and dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees. We are continuing to actively recruit new Trustees/volunteers and offer opportunities to the community to support our projects, this includes younger volunteers on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

BSG have continued to involve people in the community in the work we do by offering diverse opportunities for volunteers to be involved.

We have now recruited a Volunteer coordinator to recruit train and support our bank of volunteers.

We offer opportunities in volunteering, paid work when possible, accredited training and development, employment support, and impartial advice and guidance.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Community Development Manager Report 2024/25: Mark Barron

We have again employed extra staff this year to support the demand on our services, we now employ a part time Domestic Abuse worker to support the demand for support in this area of our work.

We have continued support to clients with Advice, Guidance and emotional support including Domestic violence and Mental Health support.

Batchley support group are still registered as a Safe House with Worcester County Council and all staff have attended domestic abuse training with Worcester community trust.

Advice and Guidance

The referrals for the Advice and Guidance of our provision is continuing to grow, this year we have supported over 700 clients an increase on last year's provision. Having funding for a full time housing support / tenancy worker has helped us to meet this demand.

We still receive referrals from Social prescribers, Police, Schools, Probation service, youth workers, Housing officers, Citizens advice bureau, Councillors, churches, other housing providers and self-referrals.

Outcomes have been success in claiming benefits, housing, mental health support signposting, Domestic violence support, pensions, blue badge applications, finding work, education, drug and alcohol reduction, tenancy support, appeals and mandatory reconsiderations to name a few.

Volunteer Coordinator

With the recent employment of a part time volunteer coordinator we have been able to focus on the recruitment, support and coordination of volunteers which at the moment number 19 volunteers and 6 volunteer Trustees.

Our volunteer coordinator has recruited an additional 6 volunteers since starting in post. He also continues to support and arrange training for volunteers.

All of the volunteers undertake accredited Food hygiene training to L2 and are offered various training opportunities for personal development or to support them in their volunteering position, again this year we have a volunteer who is completing The Duke of Edinburgh award.

Again this year the Community Pantry provision has seen a continuing need for its services., we have seen an increase in referrals from the Police, the local authority, health professionals, social workers, housing officers and self-referrals. To meet this demand, we have increased the amount of food that we buy and collect for distribution to clients.

Community Pantry

We are still open for the collection of food five days per week, three of these days are allocated for the collection of groceries and toiletries, the other two days are when we distribute Greggs free of charge, we now collect Greggs from three local stores on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All of this work requires the continued coordination of staff, volunteers, drivers, sorters and distributers and they need to hold food hygiene certificates.

We work closely with Fareshare and are premises and freezers are inspected regularly, we have been awarded 5 stars from environmental health at our last inspection. We also work closely with suppliers to ensure that goods are suitable for consumption and that we are aware of any allergy information that we share with recipients of food.

Any excess food is shared with other local groups including Food banks, Schools and Churches to minimise waste and the remainder is sent to a local farm for animal feed.

Training and Development

This year we have become an accredited exam centre for the delivery of Pearson / Edexcel Vocational courses. We are trialling Functional skills English and Maths to Level 2 and intend to add Employability skills in the near future. This initiative has the potential for growth and to bring in some much needed income.

As in previous years we continue to offer accredited training and development opportunities to service users, volunteers and staff. We work with a local F.E. College to offer distance learning at Level 2 in a variety of subjects.
In the past year we have had many successful outcomes which has also enabled people to upskill and return to the workplace. There is no cost for this training and we support the learners by running workshops at our office in Batchley.

All staff and new volunteers have completed a food hygiene certificate and some have completed first aid courses, Advice and Guidance, Safeguarding training, suicide awareness, First Aid and Domestic Abuse training.

Social impact

As discussed BSG works in partnership with stakeholders such as Redditch Borough Council, Worcester County Council and reimagine Redditch.

We therefore have an obligation to record interventions, statistics and outcomes to our partner stakeholders. These processes allow us to evaluate and monitor our provision including direct and indirect beneficiaries and adapt our processes to ensure the best use of our time and resources.

Capacity Building

Again this year we have managed to provide additional support in all areas of support as indicated in the figures above. We are aware that growth is important to meet the demands on our services, but it also needs to be cost effective and manageable. We are therefore reactive in our growth and monitor carefully the workload of all staff and volunteers to ensure quality, support and retention.

We need to continue delivering our existing services and support which have proven to be essential to the people of Redditch and Worcestershire.

With the economic crisis deepening and poverty and deprivation already high in our area, what we deliver for the people of Redditch has become ever more important. We will continue to support the community and ensure that we embed the values of Batchley Support Group into the work that we do and the support that we offer.

High Sheriff of Worcester award

The staff at Batchley Support Group were visited ON 3RD December 2024 by the high Sheriff of Worcestershire and the Redditch lord Mayor.

Staff were all awarded an award certificate from the High Sheriff in recognition of great and valuable services to the community. Mark Barron was also awarded a medal for outstanding achievement and commitment.

Volunteers

I would like to say that none of the work that we do would be possible without the support and dedication of our staff, volunteers and Trustees.
We are continuing to actively recruit new Trustees /volunteers and offer volunteering opportunities to the community to support our projects, this includes younger volunteers on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
BSG have continued to involve people in the community in the work we do by offering diverse opportunities for volunteers to be involved.
We offer opportunities in volunteering, paid employment when possible, accredited training and development, employment support, and impartial advice and guidance.

M.B.E for Ben Rafiqui

Ben, one of our many volunteers has been awarded the M.B.E in the new year honours list. Ben volunteers at Batchley Support Group and involved in homelessness and let's feed Brum. We are very proud of ben and his award.

Testimonials

Young Solutions

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Batchley Support Group for the King's Award. They are an outstanding organisation and a tremendous asset to the community. This award and recognition are truly well-deserved.
Batchley Support Group is deeply committed to making a difference, and their dedication to improving the lives of individuals in the community is transformative.

As someone who works in education, supporting young people who have disengaged from formal schooling, I have seen first-hand how Batchley Support Group recognises the challenges young people face. With genuine empathy, they help these individuals access courses in English and Maths, which they deliver with excellence. I have referred two individuals to their services, and the progress they have made has been truly life-changing.

Beyond their educational support, Batchley Support Group actively collaborates with other local organisations to assist those in need. For example, at the Reddi Centre youth club where I work, they have generously donated food and clothing to young people who are facing difficult circumstances. One instance that stands out is when I shared with them that a young female participant had only one school shirt for the week. The very next day, a bag of clothes was provided to her, which was an incredibly thoughtful and impactful gesture.

Batchley Support Group also extends their support to struggling families, including those with teenagers. Through my work, we are able to refer individuals to programs such as The Respect Programme, which helps young people navigate challenges in school, as well as issues related to crime and prevention.

Thanks to the work of Batchley Support Group, I am able to perform my job more effectively. I can confidently refer my young people to them, knowing they will receive excellent support and will thrive in their care. The organisation's dedicated approach and empathetic understanding of the challenges young people face gives me peace of mind, as I know they are in good hands. Their tailored support helps these individuals build the skills and confidence they need to succeed, both academically and personally. It's reassuring to know that, by working together, we can make a lasting, positive impact on their lives.

When it comes to supporting families, Batchley Support Group never turns anyone away. They go above and beyond to help, no matter the situation. They offer guidance and assistance to everyone, ensuring that no child or family is ever left without support. Their commitment to providing advice and help is unwavering.

One of the parents told me that the transformation in her son has been remarkable. He was previously disengaged, struggling to find motivation, and not participating in anything. However, under the care and support of Batchley Support Group, he has completely turned around. Not only has he become more open and engaged, but he has also started applying the skills and confidence he's gained to his personal life.

This positive change has had a profound impact on his outlook, and his family has noticed a significant improvement in his attitude and behaviour. I think it's truly amazing to witness how the support and guidance from such a dedicated organisation can make such a meaningful difference in a young person's life.

In summary, Batchley Support Group not only addresses immediate needs but also builds vital connections with other charities and services, creating a network of support for those who need it most. Their dedication and compassion are truly commendable.

Yours Faithfully,

Jennifer Miller

Assemblies of God Pentecostal Church

A most remarkable aspect of Batchley Support Group is its ability to mobilise resources and volunteers to address the specific needs of our community. Their efforts have ensured that every family has necessities. The group's commitment to inclusivity and support for all, regardless of background, has made a profound difference in the lives of many. Their work resonates with the values of inclusion and mutual care, inspiring other organisations and individuals to step up and support vulnerable groups. Batchley Support Group's impact extends beyond material aid. They strengthen the community of Redditch by exemplifying compassion and community spirit. In conclusion, I cannot speak highly enough of Batchley Support Group and its invaluable contributions to our community. Their tireless efforts have significantly improved the lives of many families, and I wholeheartedly support their nomination for the King's Award.

Yours sincerely, Rev Dr Elaine Palmer-Taylor Pastor & Senior Leader

Birchensale middle School

Good afternoon

I would like to say a "thank you" from Birchensale and our families for all the hard work you do to support our community all year but especially at Christmas.

This year we reached out to you to help support with several of our families.

We had several families who have children who do not attend our school and you were more than happy to deliver presents for every child not just the ones at Birchensale.

To say we were overwhelmed by the bags full of gifts is an understatement, and the families were even more so.
The attention to detail for each family when looking at age appropriateness was incredible.

I have spoken to several of our children this morning on their return, and whilst some of them were unaware the gifts were donated, they were beaming when talking about what they received for Christmas.

One of the families we asked you to support very last minute was a teenage girl, a few days after you delivered the gifts she was going away with school on a residential trip and unfortunately, she had no toiletries for the trip, your bag had every item a teenage girl could possibly of needed for those few days away with school.

Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Kind regards

Sarah Pugh

HLTA

I just wanted to send an email to share a massive thank you for all the support we have received at The Orchards Primary Academy. As a school, we have a larger number of families in need and the support you have given has really helped some of our most vulnerable families.

We look forward to continuing the relationship we have built together, also thank you to Amazon Caroline Cheltenham BHX8 for her support

Thank you again,

Alicia Flynn - Pastoral Lead and DSL

Conclusion

In conclusion, during the last year as in the previous year we have learned to deal with the unexpected, the rise in fuel costs, interest rates and the cost of living have had a noticeable impact on the work that we do.

We have managed to secure funding to recruit new staff to support our growing provision. The new premises will allow us to offer more support to the community.

The Community Pantry provision continues to grow, we have increased our deliveries and the staffing hours to support this demand.

We will continue to buy food from Fareshare but the price is increasing again this year, we will be spending £12,800 this year on food to support the demand.

We will of course continue to collect food from supermarkets, Greggs, Nando's and KFC to support the Community Pantry.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Financial position
The Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level with ensures that Batchley Support Group's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for a period of three months.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis.

In May 2016 the reserves policy was reviewed and a reserves figure of a minimum of £3,000 was agreed necessary. There are currently more general reserves than required by the Reserves policy. As such the trustees aim to continue the charitable activities and use the excess to increase the Charities impact in the community.

We are working with our new accountants to identify what reserves are needed in the future.

FUTURE PLANS

Our future plans are to continue to support the current initiatives and to develop at a rate that is sustainable with the staff and volunteers available. We will continue to proactively recruit and train volunteers and trustees to compliment, support and develop the work that we do, this of course will need some form of management coordination to ensure that safety and quality is maintained and developed, we will continue to apply for core funding to support the work that we do.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
4769510 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1106022

Registered office
47 Prospect Hill
Redditch
B97 4BS

Trustees
J Baker Company Director (resigned 14/5/2024)
Mrs J I Barron Housewife
P S Berry Self Employed Employment Law Advisor
W G Carpenter College Lecturer
L A J Foster N/a (appointed 18/5/2024)
Dr V J Lees Teacher (resigned 14/5/2024)
K Miles N/a (appointed 16/5/2024)
D J Mills Retired (resigned 18/5/2024)
M A O'Connor Unemployed
J Witherspoon Retired

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner
SAS Accountant Ltd t/as OJW Associates
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs J Barron - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st May 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (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 the Company 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.

Independent examiner's statement
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 the Company 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.

Gareth Francis Wood MAAT

SAS Accountant Ltd t/as OJW Associates
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28th April 2025

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st May 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		49,382	49,840	99,222	53,270
Charitable activities					
Shop income		14,246	-	14,246	15,160
Total		63,628	49,840	113,468	68,430
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		-	-	-	3,108
Charitable activities					
Shop income		51,904	23,076	74,980	39,503
Other		-	32,180	32,180	30,900
Total		51,904	55,256	107,160	73,511
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		11,724	(5,416)	6,308	(5,081)
Transfers between funds	8	500	(500)	-	-
Net movement in funds		12,224	(5,916)	6,308	(5,081)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,890	15,739	17,629	22,710
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		14,114	9,823	23,937	17,629

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31st May 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	866	-	866	2,582
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	4,494	-	4,494	4,814
Cash at bank and in hand		11,609	9,823	21,432	12,474
		16,103	9,823	25,926	17,288
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,855)	-	(2,855)	(2,241)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		13,248	9,823	23,071	15,047
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		14,114	9,823	23,937	17,629
NET ASSETS		14,114	9,823	23,937	17,629
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				14,114	1,890
Restricted funds				9,823	15,739
TOTAL FUNDS				23,937	17,629

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st May 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31st May 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28th April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Barron - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motor vehicles	-	25% on cost
Computer equipment	-	25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	2,661	2,581

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st May 2024 nor for the year ended 31st May 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st May 2024 nor for the year ended 31st May 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	15,728	37,542	53,270
Charitable activities			
Shop income	15,160	-	15,160
Total	30,888	37,542	68,430
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	-	3,108	3,108
Charitable activities			
Shop income	39,503	-	39,503
Other	-	30,900	30,900
Total	39,503	34,008	73,511
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(8,615)	3,534	(5,081)
Transfers between funds	350	(350)	-
Net movement in funds	(8,265)	3,184	(5,081)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	10,155	12,555	22,710

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,890	15,739	17,629

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st June 2023	10,000	325	10,325
Additions	-	945	945
At 31st May 2024	10,000	1,270	11,270
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st June 2023	7,500	243	7,743
Charge for year	2,500	161	2,661
At 31st May 2024	10,000	404	10,404
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st May 2024	-	866	866
At 31st May 2023	2,500	82	2,582

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
PAYE Recoverable	-	320
Prepayments	4,494	4,494
	4,494	4,814

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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	208	-
Social security and other taxes	793	-
Other creditors	174	164
Accruals and deferred income	-	1,828
Accrued expenses	1,680	249
	2,855	2,241

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/6/23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/5/24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,890	11,724	500	14,114
Restricted funds				
Bi-Annual Events	500	-	(500)	-
National Lottery re vehicle	8,591	(4,982)	-	3,609
Lottery / council grants	6,648	(434)	-	6,214
	15,739	(5,416)	(500)	9,823
TOTAL FUNDS	17,629	6,308	-	23,937

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,628	(51,904)	11,724
Restricted funds			
National Lottery re vehicle	-	(4,982)	(4,982)
Lottery / council grants	49,840	(50,274)	(434)
	49,840	(55,256)	(5,416)
TOTAL FUNDS	113,468	(107,160)	6,308

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/6/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/5/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	10,155	(8,615)	350	1,890
Restricted funds				
Bi-Annual Events	500	-	-	500
Nazir - Youth Day	350	-	(350)	-
National Lottery re vehicle	11,699	(3,108)	-	8,591
Lottery / council grants	6	6,642	-	6,648
	12,555	3,534	(350)	15,739
TOTAL FUNDS	22,710	(5,081)	-	17,629

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,888	(39,503)	(8,615)
Restricted funds			
National Lottery re vehicle	-	(3,108)	(3,108)
Lottery / council grants	37,542	(30,900)	6,642
	37,542	(34,008)	3,534
TOTAL FUNDS	68,430	(73,511)	(5,081)

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/6/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/5/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	10,155	3,109	850	14,114
Restricted funds				
Bi-Annual Events	500	-	(500)	-
Nazir - Youth Day	350	-	(350)	-
National Lottery re vehicle	11,699	(8,090)	-	3,609
Lottery / council grants	6	6,208	-	6,214
	12,555	(1,882)	(850)	9,823
TOTAL FUNDS	22,710	1,227	-	23,937

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	94,516	(91,407)	3,109
Restricted funds			
National Lottery re vehicle	-	(8,090)	(8,090)
Lottery / council grants	87,382	(81,174)	6,208
	87,382	(89,264)	(1,882)
TOTAL FUNDS	181,898	(180,671)	1,227

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9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st May 2024.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st May 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	1	3
Donations	2,755	7,225
Grants	96,466	46,042
	99,222	53,270
Charitable activities		
Shop income	14,246	15,160
Total incoming resources	113,468	68,430
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	28,529	8,550
Pensions	1,137	740
Sundries	1,384	633
Volunteer expenses	1,394	460
Motor and travel	329	2,217
Purchases for activities	15,518	12,018
Rent	9,309	4,498
Bank charges	2	38
No description	349	-
Computer equipment	161	81
	58,112	29,235
Other		
Wages	32,180	30,900
Support costs		
Management		
Utilities	3,996	4,267
Motor expenses	2,482	608
Legal and professional fees	-	30
Repairs and maintenance	1,797	357
Insurance	1,855	768
Subscription	53	397
Telephone, postage and sundry	2,257	1,211
Carried forward	12,440	7,638

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31st May 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Management		
Brought forward	12,440	7,638
Staff training costs	-	84
Payroll bureau	248	984
Accountancy	1,680	2,170
	14,368	10,876
Finance		
Motor vehicles	2,500	2,500
Total resources expended	107,160	73,511
Net income/(expenditure)	6,308	(5,081)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1106022

Accounts

Charity registration number 1106022

Company registration number 04769510 (England and Wales)

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr W G Carpenter	
	Mr J Witherspoon	
	Mrs J I Barron	
	Mr P S Berry	
	Mrs D J Mills	(Appointed 12 January 2023)
	Ms M A O'Connor	
	Ms S Cattell	(Appointed 15 March 2023)
	Mr S W Precious	(Appointed 1 March 2023)
Charity number	1106022	
Company number	04769510	
Registered office	21 Salters Lane Batchley Redditch Worcestershire B97 6JY	
Independent examiner	Tony Archer Ormerod Rutter Limited The Oakley Kidderminster Road Droitwich Worcestershire WR9 9AY	

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

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BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

Introduction from the chair: Melanie O'Connor.

This has been an interesting and exiting year for the Charity and for me In my first year as Chair.

We have been fortunate to secure funding for 3 years from the national lottery Community fund and have recently moved to larger premises to support the growth of our existing and new provision.

We were awarded Charity of the year from the local business community in recognition of our Support to the community.

We have established exciting new working partnerships this year and have been working with Redditch BID, Reimagine Redditch and Social prescribers to name a few.

Our Advice and Guidance provision has grown again this year and we have employed a full time worker to support this provision, we are working closely with clients to provide housing and tenancy support and benefits advice, we also refer clients to the Household support fund, Worcester County Council for support with energy bills.

We continue to be a Safe Place for victims of domestic abuse and all of our staff and some volunteers have completed accredited Domestic Abuse training through Worcester Community Trust.

Our Women's Group has continued to grow this year and offers activities and support once a week.

We need to continue to deliver and develop our services to the people of Redditch and other communities, we will embed the values of Batchley Support Group Redditch Communities in all that we do and the support that we offer to the community.

I would like to say that none of the work that we do would be possible without the dedication and support of our staff, volunteers, Trustees and funders.

Melanie O'Connor
Chair
Dated: 26 February 2024

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BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023.

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 charity's memorandum and articles of association, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities
The core of our work has always been - and continues to be - providing support to the vulnerable members of our community, and supporting local people to develop skills and make a positive contribution to community life.

Public benefit
The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable company's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.

Volunteers
I would like to say that none of the work that we do would be possible without the support and dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees. We are continuing to actively recruit new Trustees /volunteers and offer volunteering opportunities to the community to support our projects, this includes younger volunteers on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

BSG have continued to involve people in the community in the work we do by offering diverse opportunities for volunteers to be involved.

We have now recruited a Volunteer coordinator to recruit train and support our bank of volunteers.

We offer opportunities in volunteering, paid work when possible, accredited training and development, employment support, and impartial advice and guidance.

Achievements and performance

The charity was nominated by the Police for an award from the High Sheriff of Worcester in September 2022.

Batchley Support Group received the award in recognition of great and valuable services to the community, the award also recognises the appreciation of the residents and people of the said High Sheriff's county for activity and contribution in enhancing the life of the community.

Charitable activities

Women's Group

The Women's group has grown to 38 members since reopening last year.
The group participate in activities to support the wider community and create items to fund raise to support themselves. This allows a no fee policy to enable open access to all, we are developing training and support to help members within the group and have a WhatsApp page to raise awareness and communicate with each other. We are looking to secure funding to employ a female coordinator to oversee the project and support its continuing development.

Community Pantry

Again this year the Community Pantry provision has seen a continuing need for its services., we have seen an increase in referrals from the Police, the local authority, health professionals, social workers, housing officers and self-referrals. To meet this demand, we have increased the amount of food that we buy and collect for distribution to clients.

We are now open for the collection of food over five days per week, three of these days are allocated for the collection of groceries and toiletries, the other two days are when we distribute Greggs free of charge, we now collect Greggs from three local stores on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All of this work requires the continued coordination of staff, volunteers, drivers, sorters and distributers.

We work closely with Fareshare and are premises and freezers are inspected regularly, we have been awarded 5 stars from environmental health at our last inspection. We also work closely with suppliers to ensure that goods are suitable for consumption and that we are aware of any allergy information that we share with recipients.

Food Donations

Batchley Support Group continue to work with statutory organisations and network with Councillors, police, GPs, Social Services, schools and many other local and national organisations, we are always looking to establish positive working relationships with other community groups to support them and to benefit the community.

We are continuing to support pupils from Trinity High, a local School who became involved with us to support volunteers as a part of the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme. We supported the learners in obtaining Food Hygiene certificates as a part of their induction and to support the work that we do.

Advice, Guidance and Referral

We have continued to offer telephone and internet support where possible and by offering impartial advice and guidance face to face and by telephone when possible.

This year we have received 640 additional requests for support this is an increase on last year's figures.

We have been able to support all of these clients either directly or by referral to other agencies.

Batchley Support Group have joined several local initiatives to support vulnerable people during the lockdown. We have received referrals for support from the local police, social services, housing officers, Social prescribers, Schools and other agencies, we also refer clients to these agencies for support when needed.

Training and Development

As in previous years we continue to offer accredited training and development opportunities to service users, volunteers and staff. We work with a local F.E. College to offer distance learning at Level 2 in a variety of subjects. In the past year we have had many successful outcomes which has also enabled people to upskill and return to the workplace. There is no cost for this training and we support the learners by running workshops at our office in Batchley.

All staff and new volunteers have completed a food hygiene certificate and some have completed first aid courses, Advice and Guidance, Safeguarding training, suicide awareness, First Aid and Domestic Abuse training.

Conclusion

In conclusion, during the last year as in the previous year we have learned to deal with the unexpected, the rise in fuel costs, interest rates and the cost of living have had a noticeable impact on the work that we do

We have managed to secure funding to recruit new staff to support our growing provision. The new premises will allow us to offer more support to the community.

The Community Pantry provision continues to grow, we have increased our deliveries and the staffing hours to support this demand.

We will continue to buy food from Fareshare but the price is increasing again this year, we will be spending £12,800 this year on food to support the demand.

We will of course continue to collect food from supermarkets, Greggs, Nando's and KFC to support the Community Pantry.

Financial review

The Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level with ensures that Batchley Support Group's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for a period of three months.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis.

In May 2016 the reserves policy was reviewed and a reserves figure of a minimum of £3,000 was agreed necessary. There are currently more general reserves than required by the Reserves policy. As such the trustees aim to continue the charitable activities and use the excess to increase the Charities impact in the community.

We are working with our new accountants to identify what reserves are needed in the future.

Future Plans
Our future plans are to continue to support the current initiatives and to develop at a rate that is sustainable with the staff and volunteers available. We will continue to proactively recruit and train volunteers and trustees to compliment, support and develop the work that we do, this of course will need some form of management coordination to ensure that safety and quality is maintained and developed, we will continue to apply for core funding to support the work that we do.

Structure, governance and management
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, 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:

Mr W G Carpenter	
Mr J Witherspoon	
Mrs J I Barron	
Mr P S Berry	
Mrs D J Mills	(Appointed 12 January 2023)
Dr V J Lees	(Resigned 1 July 2022)
Ms M A O'Connor	
Ms C Pember	(Appointed 13 February 2023 and resigned 3 October 2023)
Ms S Cattell	(Appointed 15 March 2023)
Mr S W Precious	(Appointed 1 March 2023)

The trustees, who are also directors under company law, are appointed by ordinary resolution or by the existing trustees of the charity. New trustees are interviewed by one or two existing trustees and invited to come along to attend a meeting. DBS checks are undertaken in respect of all new trustees.

New trustees are provided with information regarding the aims and activities of the charity and are referred to the Charities Commission for guidance on their duties and responsibilities as trustees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities 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.

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

J Barron

Mrs J I Barron
Trustee
Dated: 26 February 2024

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities (the charity) for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Tony Archer
Ormerod Rutter Limited

The Oakley
Kidderminster Road
Droitwich
Worcestershire
WR9 9AY

Dated: 26 February 2024

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	15,725	37,542	53,267	23,494	30,906	54,400
Charitable activities	4	15,160	-	15,160	14,006	-	14,006
Total income		30,885	37,542	68,427	37,500	30,906	68,406
Charitable activities	5	39,499	34,008	73,507	33,215	35,427	68,642
Net income/(expenditure)		(8,614)	3,534	(5,080)	4,285	(4,521)	(236)
Transfers between funds		350	(350)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,264)	3,184	(5,080)	4,285	(4,521)	(236)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 June 2022		10,155	12,555	22,710	5,870	17,076	22,946
Fund balances at 31 May 2023		1,891	15,739	17,630	10,155	12,555	22,710

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		2,582		5,163
Current assets					
Debtors	11	4,814		6,885	
Cash at bank and in hand		12,474		12,754	
		17,288		19,639	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	2,240		2,092	
Net current assets			15,048		17,547
Total assets less current liabilities			17,630		22,710
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	13		15,739		12,555
Unrestricted funds			1,891		10,155
			17,630		22,710

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 May 2023.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements 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 26 February 2024

Mrs J I Barron
Trustee

Company registration number 04769510 (England and Wales)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 21 Salters Lane, Batchley, Redditch, Worcestershire, B97 6JY.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". 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. 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 Incoming resources

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.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there are legal or constructive obligations committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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:

Computers	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

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.

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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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.

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.

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.

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.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	2022	2022	2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	7,225	-	7,225	5,525	-	5,525
Grants and awards	8,500	37,542	46,042	17,969	30,906	48,875
	15,725	37,542	53,267	23,494	30,906	54,400
Grants receivable for core activities						
Lottery Grant	-	15,606	-	-	30,906	30,906
HMRC JRS	-	-	-	969	-	969
Redditch BC	-	17,000	-	6,000	-	6,000
Worcestershire CC	8,500	1,336	-	11,000	-	11,000
William Cadbury	-	3,600	46,042	-	-	-
	8,500	37,542	46,042	17,969	30,906	48,875

4 Income from charitable activities

	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Shop income	15,160	14,006
Performance related grants		
	-	-

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	40,190	43,658
Depreciation and impairment	2,581	2,581
Sundries	630	4
Volunteer expenses	460	-
Positive activities	2,217	2,168
Purchases for activities	12,018	7,416
Rent	4,498	3,668
Peoples Health	38	56
Vehicle expenses	608	2,027
	63,240	61,578
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	8,098	5,150
Governance	2,169	1,914
	73,507	68,642
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	39,499	33,215
Restricted funds	34,008	35,427
	73,507	68,642

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilites	4,267	-	4,267	1,137	-	1,137
Legal and professional fees	30	-	30	30	-	30
Repairs & maintenance	357	-	357	251	-	251
Insurance	768	-	768	826	-	826
Subscriptions	397	-	397	362	-	362
Telephone, postage & sundries	1,211	-	1,211	1,132	-	1,132
Staff training & welfare	84	-	84	48	-	48
Payroll bureau	984	-	984	1,364	-	1,364
Accountancy fees	-	2,170	2,170	-	1,914	1,914
	8,098	2,170	10,268	5,150	1,914	7,064
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	8,098	2,170	10,268	5,150	1,914	7,064

Governance costs includes payments of £2,170 (2022 - £1,914) for independent examiners fees.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2022 - none).

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Part time	3	4

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	39,450	43,077
Other pension costs	740	581
	40,190	43,658

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was £30,900, in relation to Trustee Mrs J I Barrons' spouse.

9 Taxation

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

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 June 2022	325	10,000	10,325
At 31 May 2023	325	10,000	10,325
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 June 2022	162	5,000	5,162
Depreciation charged in the year	81	2,500	2,581
At 31 May 2023	243	7,500	7,743
Carrying amount			
At 31 May 2023	82	2,500	2,582
At 31 May 2022	163	5,000	5,163

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	320	2,652
Prepayments and accrued income	4,494	4,233
	4,814	6,885

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	68
Other creditors	164	164
Accruals and deferred income	2,077	1,860
	2,241	2,092

13 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.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 June 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 May 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bi-Annual Events	500	-	-	500
Nazir - Youth Day	350	-	(350)	-
National Lottery re vehicle	11,699	-	(3,108)	8,591
Lottery / council grants	6	37,542	(30,900)	6,648
	12,555	37,542	(34,358)	15,739

Bi-Annual Events relate to Cool by the Pool events which did not occur in 2017 - 2019. The balance will be used for future Cool by the Pool events.

The National Lottery grant was to fund the acquisition of a vehicle. The vehicle has been purchased and capitalised. The grant will be allocated against annual depreciation charge and running costs.

The Lottery / council grants were to fund staff costs in relation to charitable activities.

14 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 June 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 May 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	10,155	30,885	(39,499)	350	1,891

Previous year:	At 1 June 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 May 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	5,870	37,500	(33,215)	-	10,155

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 May 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	2,582	2,582
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,891	13,157	15,048
	1,891	15,739	17,630

16 Related party transactions

During the year, there were no related party transactions.

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1106022

Accounts

Charity registration number 1106022

Company registration number 04769510 (England and Wales)

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	W G Carpenter	
	Mr J Witherspoon	
	Mrs J I Barron	
	Mr P S Berry	
	Mr J Baker	
	Mrs D J Mills	(Appointed 12 January 2023)
	Dr V J Lees	(Appointed 1 September 2021)
	M A O'Connor	(Appointed 12 January 2023)
	C Pember	(Appointed 13 February 2023)
Charity number	1106022	
Company number	04769510	
Registered office	21 Salters Lane Batchley Redditch Worcestershire B97 6JY	
Independent examiner	Joanne Baldwin The Oakley Kidderminster Road Droitwich Worcestershire WR9 9AY	

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

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BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

Introduction from the Chair: Deborah Mills

The year 2021 – 2022 has been a difficult one for Batchley Support Group.

Covid 19 and the economic crisis have had a massive impact on our service provision and our pre Covid business plan.

We have reacted by realigning our provision to clients to ensure public and worker safety and to meet the extra demand put upon our services.

We were able to stay open throughout the pandemic and expand our services to support many vulnerable people in the community by delivering food and medicines with referrals from Age UK, Worcester County Council, Police, Social Services and other agencies.

We expanded our Community Pantry provision from 3 deliveries of food per week to five deliveries per week, food bought from Fareshare.

We also continued support to clients with Advice, Guidance and emotional support including Domestic violence and Mental Health support. We are registered as a Safe House with Worcester County Council.

The referrals for this part of our provision is growing at 200 plus clients per year, this year we have 600 families and single people registered with us for support.

We have managed to reopen our women's support group after Covid 19, the group has grown steadily to support 38 Women who attend our site once a week to engage in activities and access support.

We need to continue delivering our existing services and support which have proven to be essential to the people of Redditch. With the economic crisis deepening and poverty and deprivation already high in our area, what we deliver for the people of Redditch has become ever more important. We will continue to support the community and ensure that we embed the values of Batchley Support Group into the work that we do and the support that we offer.

I would like to say that none of the work that we do would be possible without the support and dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees.

Deborah Mills
Chair
Dated: 27 February 2023

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2022.

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 charity's memorandum and articles of association, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities
The core of our work has always been - and continues to be - providing support to the vulnerable members of our community, and supporting local people to develop skills and make a positive contribution to community life.

Public benefit
The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable company's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.

Volunteers
We would like to express our extreme gratitude to volunteers and to those who support us financially. They enable us to keep a small staff team to coordinate and develop our work, without their continued support we would not be able to achieve so much for our community.

Achievements and performance

The charity was nominated by the Police for an award from the High Sheriff of Worcester in September 2022.

Batchley Support Group received the award in recognition of great and valuable services to the community, the award also recognizes the appreciation of the residents and people of the said high sheriff's county for activity and contribution in enhancing the life of the community.

Charitable activities

Women's Group
Our Women's group was closed during Covid but has now reopened to support some 38 members, many are vulnerable, lonely and have support needs such as mental health, some have been victims of domestic violence. The group is

supported in all of these areas by the charity and by referral to specialist support when needed.

Community Pantry

When we started the Community Pantry foodbank we were ordering one delivery of food per week from Fareshare, we have now expanded this to five deliveries per week to meet demand.

The project has grown and now supports some 600 families and is developing at a rate of 200 referrals per year.

We now also support refugees from the Ukraine with food parcels and we also have a pensioner's day.

The charity also collects food from Greggs twice a week and distributes this to residents on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

We have developed excellent community partnerships with statutory and voluntary referrals for support including the Police, Doctors, Schools, Social workers, probation, housing Worcester county Council, Redditch borough Council and social prescribers etc.

All of the above have referred clients to us for support. All of this support would not have been possible without the funding provided to employ someone to coordinate and lead the projects, its Trustees and volunteers.

Other Community Support

We are continuing to offer a walk in service to clients needing support with benefits, housing, counselling etc. Many come to access our facilities such as washing machine, shower, computers, telephone or to be referred for specialist support.

There was extra demand for our support over the Christmas period as usual, we again delivered some 600 toy and food parcels this year to families nominated by social workers, Schools and other professionals. We also coordinated Yule by the pool and a Christmas fayre, there were several hundred residents' in attendance and Santa and his sleigh, we moved on to a local club were we set up a Christmas grotto for local children to see Santa.

Over the last 3 years we have seen some 450 clients for face to face interviews and the same for telephone support, this part of our provision is continuing to grow steadily as we now also take referrals from social prescribers.

Training and Development

We continue to offer accredited qualifications to level 2 through distance learning to the public at no charge to help them upskill and find employment, during the last 3 years many of our volunteers and clients have successfully completed qualifications
of their choice including counselling, understanding mental health, domestic violence, Suicide awareness, safeguarding, Working with perpetrators.

All of our staff and volunteer's complete food hygiene certificates to Level 2 to comply with legislation. Again none of this would have been possible without the support of funding.

Conclusion

Covid 19 had a real impact on our service offer and delivery over the past three years. No one could have foreseen the impact and the extra demand this would place on our services. We were however able to remain open throughout Covid and offered additional support to local residents in partnership with Worcester County Council to deliver food and medicines to many in need. None of this would of been possible without our refrigerated van funded by the Community fund.

We continue to proactively apply for funding to support the charity and the projects, the hardest part of this is securing core funding for staffing. We currently employ 1.5 paid members of staff at a cost of £37000 per year. I believe that this is excellent value for all the work that we do and is fundamental to the sustainability of the charity and its future development, however securing funding for wages have been difficult and the current funding expires this year.

None of the work that we do would be possible without the dedication of our Trustees, staff and volunteers, I would like to express my gratitude to all for their contributions.

Financial review

The Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level with ensures that Batchley Support Group's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for a period of three months.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis.

In May 2016 the reserves policy was reviewed and a reserves figure of a minimum of £3,000 was agreed necessary. There are currently more general reserves than required by the Reserves policy. As such the trustees aim to continue the charitable activities and use the excess to increase the Charities impact in the community.

We are working with our new accountants to identify what reserves are needed in the future.

Future Plans

Our future plans are to continue to support the current initiatives and to develop at a rate that is sustainable with the staff and volunteers available. We will continue to proactively recruit and train volunteers and trustees to compliment, support and develop the work that we do, this of course will need some form of management coordination to ensure that safety and quality is maintained and developed, we will continue to apply for core funding to support the work that we do.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, 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:

W G Carpenter	
Mrs M A Muckle	(Resigned 10 November 2021)
Mr J Witherspoon	
Mrs V Harley	(Resigned 8 October 2021)
Mrs J I Barron	
Mr P S Berry	
Mr R Horton	(Resigned 11 October 2021)
Mrs J C Barley	(Resigned 11 November 2021)
Mr J Baker	
Mrs D J Mills	(Appointed 12 January 2023)
Dr V J Lees	(Appointed 1 September 2021)
M A O'Connor	(Appointed 12 January 2023)
C Pember	(Appointed 13 February 2023)

The trustees, who are also directors under company law, are appointed by ordinary resolution or by the existing trustees of the charity. New trustees are interviewed by one or two existing trustees and invited to come along to attend a meeting. DBS checks are undertaken in respect of all new trustees.

New trustees are provided with information regarding the aims and activities of the charity and are referred to the Charities Commission for guidance on their duties and responsibilities as trustees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities 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.

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

Mrs J I Barron
Trustee
Dated: 27 February 2023

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities (the charity) for the year ended 31 May 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Joanne Baldwin

The Oakley
Kidderminster Road
Droitwich
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Dated: 27 February 2023

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	23,494	30,906	54,400	23,903	30,300	54,203
Income from charitable activities	4	14,006	-	14,006	7,285	460	7,745
Total income		37,500	30,906	68,406	31,188	30,760	61,948
Expenditure on:							
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	33,215	35,427	68,642	41,684	33,500	75,184
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		4,285	(4,521)	(236)	(10,496)	(2,740)	(13,236)
Fund balances at 1 June 2021		5,870	17,076	22,946	16,366	19,816	36,182
Fund balances at 31 May 2022		10,155	12,555	22,710	5,870	17,076	22,946

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		5,163		7,744
Current assets					
Debtors	**10**	6,885		5,420	
Cash at bank and in hand		12,754		12,815	
		19,639		18,235	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**11**	(2,092)		(3,033)	
Net current assets			17,547		15,202
Total assets less current liabilities			22,710		22,946
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**12**		12,555		17,076
Unrestricted funds			10,155		5,870
			22,710		22,946

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 May 2022.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements 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 27 February 2023

Mrs J I Barron
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04769510

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 21 Salters Lane, Batchley, Redditch, Worcestershire, B97 6JY.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". 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. 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 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 Incoming resources

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.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there are legal or constructive obligations committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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:

Computers	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

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.

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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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.

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.

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.

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.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	**2022**	**2022**	2021	2021	2021
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,525	-	5,525	8,424	-	8,424
Grants and awards	17,969	30,906	48,875	15,479	30,300	45,779
	23,494	30,906	54,400	23,903	30,300	54,203
Grants receivable for core activities						
Tudor Trust	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Lottery Grant	-	30,906	30,906	-	30,300	30,300
HMRC JRS	969	-	969	12,479	-	12,479
Redditch BC	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	-
Worcestershire CC	11,000	-	11,000	-	-	-
William Cadbury	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
	17,969	30,906	48,875	15,479	30,300	45,779

4 Income from charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Performance related grants	-	460
Shop income	14,006	6,900
Other income	-	385
	14,006	7,745
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	14,006	
For the year ended 31 May 2021		
Unrestricted funds		7,285
Restricted funds		460
		7,745
Performance related grants		
Redditch BC - Positive activities	-	460
	-	460

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	43,658	47,443
Depreciation and impairment	2,581	2,581
Sundries	4	321
Volunteer expenses	-	28
Positive activities	2,168	2,022
Purchases for activities	7,416	4,485
Rent	3,668	468
Peoples Health	56	21
Vehicle expenses	2,027	240
	61,578	57,609
Share of support costs (see note 6)	5,150	15,810
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,914	1,765
	68,642	75,184
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	33,215	41,684
Restricted funds	35,427	33,500
	68,642	75,184

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilites	1,137	-	1,137	5,168	-	5,168
Equipment hire & expense	-	-	-	1,210	-	1,210
Motor and travel	30	-	30	-	-	-
Repairs & maintenance	251	-	251	-	-	-
Insurance	826	-	826	1,834	-	1,834
Subscriptions	362	-	362	-	-	-
Telephone, postage & sundries	1,132	-	1,132	3,305	-	3,305
Staff training & welfare	48	-	48	2,421	-	2,421
Payroll bureau	1,364	-	1,364	1,872	-	1,872
Accountancy fees	-	1,914	1,914	-	1,765	1,765
	5,150	1,914	7,064	15,810	1,765	17,575
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	5,150	1,914	7,064	15,810	1,765	17,575

Governance costs includes payments of £1,914 (2021 - £1,765) for independent examiners fees.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2021 - none).

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Part time	4	6

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	43,077	46,730
Other pension costs	581	713
	43,658	47,443

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 June 2021	325	10,000	10,325
At 31 May 2022	325	10,000	10,325
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 June 2021	81	2,500	2,581
Depreciation charged in the year	81	2,500	2,581
At 31 May 2022	162	5,000	5,162
Carrying amount			
At 31 May 2022	163	5,000	5,163
At 31 May 2021	244	7,500	7,744

10 Debtors

	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	2,652	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,233	5,420
	6,885	5,420

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	951
Trade creditors	68	-
Other creditors	164	317
Accruals and deferred income	1,860	1,765
	2,092	3,033

12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 June 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 May 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bi-Annual Events	500	-	-	500
Nazir - Youth Day	350	-	-	350
National Lottery re vehicle	16,226	-	(4,527)	11,699
Lottery grant	-	30,906	(30,900)	6
	17,076	30,906	(35,427)	12,555

Bi-Annual Events relate to Cool by the Pool events which did not occur in 2017 - 2019. The balance will be used for future Cool by the Pool events.

The National Lottery grant was to fund the acquisition of a vehicle. The vehicle has been purchased and capitalised. The grant will be allocated against annual depreciation charge and running costs.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 May 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	5,163	5,163
Current assets/(liabilities)	4,793	12,754	17,547
	4,793	17,917	22,710

14 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a total donation of £61 from Deborah Mills who is a trustee.

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1106022

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1106022

Company Registration No. 04769510 (England and Wales)

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	W G Carpenter	
	Mrs M A Muckle	
	Mr J Witherspoon	
	Mrs V Harley	
	Mrs J I Barron	
	Mr P S Berry	
	Mr R Horton	
	Mrs J C Barley	(Appointed 1 June 2020)
	Mr J Baker	(Appointed 12 May 2021)
Charity number	1106022	
Company number	04769510	
Registered office	21 Salters Lane Batchley Redditch Worcestershire B97 6JY	
Independent examiner	Joanne Baldwin The Oakley Kidderminster Road Droitwich Worcestershire WR9 9AY	

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BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

Introduction from the Chair: June Barley

Although due to the Covid 19 pandemic this year has been a very challenging time, our small charity has achieved a great deal, we have remained open to support our community with social distancing measures in place.

The Covid 19 pandemic has seen an enormous upsurge in numbers of people coming to us for all types of help which we have provided through our team of Trustees, staff and volunteers.

The variety of needs have been wide and varied, we have risen to each challenge coming out with positive outcomes.

In response to the Corona Pandemic we have made many changes to what we do and how we work, we have managed to remain open throughout and we continue to adapt to respond to needs in our community in the best way we can with the resources we have available.

We are looking positively to the future. Although we have many challenges still to overcome, we have reviewed our priorities and are confident that we will continue to provide effective support to our community.

J C Barley

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June Barley
Chair
Dated: 11/10/21

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2021.

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 charity's memorandum and articles of association, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities
The core of our work has always been - and continues to be - providing support to the vulnerable members of our community, and supporting local people to develop skills and make a positive contribution to community life.

Public benefit
The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable company's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.

Volunteers
We would like to express our extreme gratitude to volunteers and to those who support us financially. They enable us to keep a small staff team to coordinate and develop our work, without their continued support we would not be able to achieve so much for our community.

Achievements and performance

Community Development Manager Report: Mark Barron
The Funding grant from the Community Development Fund has enabled Batchley Support Group to employ a full time Community Development Manager.

This post ensures that the projects, staff and volunteers are supported in their work, training and development. The community Development Manager reports directly to the board of Trustees monthly, where, advice, guidance and direction is given to the manager to assist in the smooth running and development of the projects and to oversee the budgets and the management of funds. A total of around 300 people are involved with our regular groups and activities. Over 600 people attend one or more of our events each year.

Charitable activities

Women's Group
Unfortunately, due to Social distancing and to protect the health and safety of clients we were forced to put many of our activities on hold this year.

Due to the Corona pandemic our Women's group has ceased face to face meetings but members keep in touch through Zoom on Social media and by Messenger and Facebook.

We look forward to being able to welcome them back when circumstances change.

School breakfast Club
Our school breakfast club enables parents to access employment opportunities, and helps children concentrate and learn in school by having a positive start to their day with a healthy breakfast. We also employ 4 members of staff at the School recruited from the local community.

Due to Covid 19 and the closure of the School we were forced to furlough our staff on full pay, we are awaiting a return date from the School when the situation improves.

At the time of furloughing our staff the provision was breaking even financially.

Youth Day

Our Youth day partnership with ISOC UK has also been put on hold although all of the planning, risk assessments and entertainment / enrichment activities bookings were in place. This event was commissioned by local councillors and Batchley Support Group were asked to take the lead. We will revisit this provision when circumstances change.

Community Pantry

The Community Fund funding has enabled us to extend our Community Pantry provision to residents.

Due to the Corona virus pandemic we have seen an increased demand on this provision from Statutory organisations as well as referrals from the general public. In response to the pandemic, we now purchase 3 deliveries of 85 Kilos of food per week from Fareshare, West Midlands, this equates to 8.2 tonnes for 10 months of the year, when we include collections from Supermarkets this figures rises to 16 plus tonnes of food.

In the last year we have purchased food at a buy in cost of £5000 from Fareshare. We are hopeful that this cost will be recouped by donations from beneficiaries this year. We will of course continue to support those on low or no income.

BSG have involved people in the community in the work we do by offering diverse opportunities for them to be involved. We offer opportunities in volunteering, paid work when possible, accredited training and development, employment support, and impartial advice and guidance. We have also formed a Steering group made up of local residents and volunteers. Due to Government guidelines about Covid 19 the meetings have been put on hold until the guidance changes.

Batchley Support Group also work with statutory organisations and network with Councillors, police, GPs, Social Services, schools and many other local and national organisations. We worked with The Local Princes Trust Team to provide a community volunteering opportunity for one of their teams, they decorated our food storage unit and premises.

BSG are currently providing an Apprenticeship placement in Customer Service Level 2 for one young person from the Trust. We have supported pupils from Trinity High, a local School who volunteered with us as a part of the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme. We supported the learners in obtaining Food Hygiene certificates as a part of their induction and to support the work that we do. BSG have had to adapt and change the way that we work due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Batchley Support Group have been successful in being a trusted source of support and information in the community, and have helped many people in crisis by being able to organise appropriate help and by signposting them to specialist support when needed, some of this support has been limited as many agencies were not carrying out face to face interviews and some were working from home and were difficult to access or contact. We have tackled this by offering telephone and internet support where possible and by offering impartial advice and guidance.

We have received 420 additional requests for support this year this is an increase on last year's figures.

We have been able to support all of these clients either directly or by referral to other agencies.

Batchley Support Group have joined several local initiatives to support vulnerable people during the lockdown. We have received referrals for support from The Support Redditch Network and Worcester County Council, here to help initiative. This involved Batchley Support Group matching local volunteers with residents seeking support for the collection of shopping and prescriptions. We were also able to support homeless clients with food who had been temporarily housed by the local authority at a local hotel, again this was delivered by staff and volunteers.

We have received urgent referrals for support from The Police, Housing Officers, Social Services and Age UK on behalf of needy vulnerable clients and we were able to respond to the requests quickly and deliver food to residents as requested. All of this would not have been possible without the funding from the Community Fund that has allowed us to buy a refrigerated van to aid with food collections and the delivery of food and medicines to vulnerable residents.

The fund also paid for our vehicle insurance and running costs for a year. This vehicle has been a lifeline; we are able to collect food from several local supermarkets daily to boost the food that we buy in from Fareshare, this means that we are able to offer a greater range of healthy food to clients.

The differences we are making to people and the community is demonstrable by the feedback that we receive from clients and referrers. We have a Facebook page where we sometimes receive requests for help and feedback on the work that we are doing in the community. We generally use this medium to inform people of our services and to request support from the community when needed.

We also have a Website that outlines the work that we do and this encourages people to consider volunteering with us, **https://batchleysupportgroup.com/about-us**

We have had several articles in the local paper highlighting the work that we do and we use this to thank people and business for their support. Until the Covid 19 outbreak we had a steering group that would meet regularly to discuss and advise on our provision, this group was made up of residents and volunteers, due to Covid we have had to suspend these meetings to ensure the safety of participants, we will begin to meet again as soon as it is safe to do so but we keep everyone updated through telephone contact and the use of social media.

Customer Service Apprenticeship
Our Apprentice Lacy has been with us for seven months now. She is progressing well and has formed excellent relationships with both staff and clients. She has shown herself keen to learn and support others, she is an excellent addition to the team.

Training and Development
3 members of staff are working toward qualifications in Level 3 Counselling.

As a part of our volunteer induction process we invite volunteers to train in Food Hygiene Level 2, we have currently trained 21 individuals to support us with the Community Pantry. We have also trained 2 members of staff in First Aid.

2 Volunteers have attended Domestic violence training through Worcester County Council. 2 members of staff have completed training in level 3 Safeguarding Adults. Drug and substance Misuse.

Testimonials

Our achievements are reflected in the positive comments received from our beneficiaries. A sample of the testimonials received in this year are as follows:-

To whom it may concern,
Batchley support group has been key to keeping my family afloat as we have a low income. I am a student now at university studying to be a primary teacher. The support they provide us as a family with the shop particularly is the ability to spend less on food in supermarkets allowing for more money for bills and fuel. My husband is self-employed so his work is largely fluctual. The Christmas help provided was instrumental in us having a great Christmas dinner for my family. They have been able to provide financial advice and a listening ear in the past too.
21 .10.2020

Just a few words to say how Batchley Support have helped me over the last year.
Helping me out with food. I now help out myself at the Community Pantry giving food to the needy.
It has helped me because it saved me from going to the supermarket because I am vulnerable.
Thanks
30.10.20

Batchley support Group have supported me by asking me to join the steering group were I was able to discuss ideas for improvement to services. I was able to volunteer at the Christmas celebrations and other events that helped to improve my confidence.
I have used the telephone and had help with filling in forms and I was able to tell my Probation officer that I was involved with the group.
They have helped with sorting out a rat problem at my flat.
I use the foodbank regularly and I have also had the support of free clothes, bedding and household items.
I have now cut down on my drug taking and I am not offending as much as I did, Batchley Support Group also wrote a letter supporting me when I last attended court.
As I can't read and write I have dictated this statement to a member of staff.

As a trustee I have enjoyed the evolution that the group has experienced over the last year. We have developed our service and are now abler to provide more than just food for those in Batchley who need advice guidance and mentoring. We understand through experience how difficult life can be and how hard choices can influence lives. We try to hold out a hand and support those who need our help.
Our objective is to support while the client gets control of what is happening in their lives and, over a period of time, when hopefully they will be independent and be able to provide for themselves. The current economic climate is not helping a lot of people so we must be there and support as much as we can in these tough conditions.
20.11.2020

Conclusion
In conclusion, during the last year we have learned to deal with the unexpected. We have adapted our service provision to support those who are isolated or in lockdown because of Covid 19.

We have formed new working partnerships to accept referrals for support in particular Here to Help, Worcester and Support Redditch. We have also supported the Princes Trust by offering work placements and an Apprenticeship to one of their team.

We have adapted our working practices in line with the Covid 19 risk assessment guidance to protect / minimise the risk to clients and staff. This meant that we decided to stop face to face contact at the Women's Group and the furloughing of staff at the School Breakfast club.

We have adapted to this change by updating our computers to allow us to communicate electronically using Microsoft Teams, Facebook etc. we have also limited meetings and unnecessary visitors to our site. However, we have still seen an increase on referrals to our services despite the challenges and have remained open throughout to support the community.

None of this would have been possible without partnership working, as we rely on donations from supermarkets and individuals to support the food that we buy from Fareshare, all of this involves planning, communication and good use of resources to ensure best value and to limit waste. We have developed good working practices over the last year and systems to monitor what we do and roles and responsibilities.

Financial review
The Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level with ensures that Batchley Support Group's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for a period of three months.

The trustees assess the reserves policy on an annual basis.

In May 2016 the reserves policy was reviewed and a reserves figure of a minimum of £3,000 was agreed necessary. There are currently more general reserves than required by the Reserves policy. As such the trustees aim to continue the charitable activities and use the excess to increase the Charities impact in the community.

We are working with our new accountants to identify what reserves are needed in the future.

Future Plans
The trustees have decided that their priorities for the coming year will still need to be focussed predominantly on developing and supporting our existing projects to support the community.

We also need to have a large emphasis on our other vulnerable community members, supporting those continuing to suffer hardship through food/fuel/isolation and income poverty. We will be seeking further funding opportunities to carry out this work; We are also looking to recruit new trustees to the board of trustees to ensure we have the best knowledge base that we can.

We are opening our doors to homeless and vulnerable people to provide food, washing facilities, mental health counselling and advice and guidance.

Structure, governance and management
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, 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:

W G Carpenter	
Mrs M A Muckle	
Mr J Witherspoon	
Mrs V Harley	
Mrs J I Barron	
Mr P S Berry	
P Witherspoon	(Resigned 24 July 2020)
Mr R Horton	
Mrs J C Barley	(Appointed 1 June 2020)
Mr J Baker	(Appointed 12 May 2021)

The trustees, who are also directors under company law, are appointed by ordinary resolution or by the existing trustees of the charity. New trustees are interviewed by one or two existing trustees and invited to come along to attend a meeting. DBS checks are undertaken in respect of all new trustees.

New trustees are provided with information regarding the aims and activities of the charity and are referred to the Charities Commission for guidance on their duties and responsibilities as trustees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities 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.

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

J C Barley

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Mrs J C Barley
Trustee
Dated: 11/10/21

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities (the charity) for the year ended 31 May 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 21/10/2021

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	23,903	30,300	54,203	20,599	1,200	21,799
Income from charitable activities	4	7,285	460	7,745	6,101	45,206	51,307
Total income		31,188	30,760	61,948	26,700	46,406	73,106
Expenditure on:							
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	41,684	33,500	75,184	27,928	29,323	57,251
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(10,496)	(2,740)	(13,236)	(1,228)	17,083	15,855
Fund balances at 1 June 2020		16,366	19,816	36,182	17,594	2,733	20,327
Fund balances at 31 May 2021		5,870	17,076	22,946	16,366	19,816	36,182

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BATCHLEY SUPPORT GROUP - REDDITCH COMMUNITIES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		7,744		10,000
Current assets					
Debtors	**10**	5,420		2,498	
Cash at bank and in hand		12,815		25,969	
		18,235		28,467	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**11**	(3,033)		(2,285)	
Net current assets			15,202		26,182
Total assets less current liabilities			22,946		36,182
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**12**		17,076		19,816
Unrestricted funds			5,870		16,366
			22,946		36,182

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 May 2021.

The trustees acknowledges their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements 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 ..11/10/21...

J C Barley

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Mrs J C Barley
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04769510

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Batchley Support Group - Redditch Communities is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 21 Salters Lane, Batchley, Redditch, Worcestershire, B97 6JY.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". 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. 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 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 Incoming resources

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.

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there are legal or constructive obligations committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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:

Computers	25% Straight line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight line

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 net income/(expenditure) for the year.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	**2021**	**2021**	2020	2020	2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	8,424	-	8,424	2,548	1,200	3,748
Grants and awards	15,479	30,300	45,779	18,051	-	18,051
	23,903	30,300	54,203	20,599	1,200	21,799
Grants receivable for core activities						
Tudor Trust	2,000	-	2,000	17,500	-	17,500
Lottery Grant	-	30,300	30,300	-	-	-
HMRC JRS	12,479	-	12,479	551	-	551
William Cadbury	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
	15,479	30,300	45,779	18,051	-	18,051

4 Income from charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Breakfast Club	-	5,145
Performance related grants	460	45,206
Shop income	6,900	956
Other income	385	-
	7,745	51,307
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	7,285	
Restricted funds	460	
	7,745	
For the year ended 31 May 2020		
Unrestricted funds		6,101
Restricted funds		45,206
		51,307
Performance related grants		
Redditch BC - Positive activities	460	-
Worcestershire CC - Community Pantry	-	900
Redditch BC - Summer Club	-	2,686
Redditch BC - Outdoor cinema	-	3,080
Redditch BC - Womens Group	-	1,000
Inner Wheel grant	-	100
Lottery grant	-	15,000
National Lottery - re vehicle	-	20,240
Peoples Health	-	500
Other	-	1,700
	460	45,206

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs	47,443	35,212
Depreciation and impairment	2,581	-
Sundries	321	475
Volunteer expenses	28	267
Positive activities	2,022	-
Purchases for activities	4,485	8,971
Rent	468	627
Peoples Health	21	1,922
Vehicle expenses	240	705
	57,609	48,179
Share of support costs (see note 6)	15,810	7,367
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,765	1,705
	75,184	57,251
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	41,684	27,928
Restricted funds	33,500	29,323
	75,184	57,251

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilites	5,168	-	5,168	2,437	-	2,437
Equipment hire & expense	1,210	-	1,210	1,200	-	1,200
Repairs & maintenance	-	-	-	236	-	236
Insurance	1,834	-	1,834	689	-	689
Telephone, postage & sundries	3,305	-	3,305	1,863	-	1,863
Staff training & welfare	2,421	-	2,421	-	-	-
Payroll bureau	1,872	-	1,872	942	-	942
Accountancy fees	-	1,765	1,765	-	1,705	1,705
	15,810	1,765	17,575	7,367	1,705	9,072
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	15,810	1,765	17,575	7,367	1,705	9,072

Governance costs includes payments of £1,765 (2020 - £1,705) for independent examiners fees.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2020 - none).

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Part time	6	5

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	46,730	22,843
Other pension costs	713	69
	47,443	22,912

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 June 2020	-	10,000	10,000
Additions	325	-	325
At 31 May 2021	325	10,000	10,325
Depreciation and impairment			
Depreciation charged in the year	81	2,500	2,581
At 31 May 2021	81	2,500	2,581
Carrying amount			
At 31 May 2021	244	7,500	7,744
At 31 May 2020	-	10,000	10,000

10 Debtors

	2021	2020
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	-	283
Prepayments and accrued income	5,420	2,215
	5,420	2,498

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	951	-
Other creditors	317	185
Accruals and deferred income	1,765	2,100
	3,033	2,285

12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 June 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 May 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bi-Annual Events	500	-	-	500
Positive Activities	-	460	(460)	-
Nazir - Youth Day	350	-	-	350
National Lottery re vehicle	18,966	-	(2,740)	16,226
Lottery grant	-	30,300	(30,300)	-
	19,816	30,760	(33,500)	17,076

Bi-Annual Events relate to Cool by the Pool events which did not occur in 2017 - 2019. The balance will be used for future Cool by the Pool events.

The National Lottery grant was to fund the acquisition of a vehicle. The vehicle has been purchased and capitalised. The grant will be allocated against annual depreciation charge and running costs.

The Positive Activities fund related to monies received from Redditch BC for the operation of the charity.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 May 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	7,744	7,744
Current assets/(liabilities)	5,870	9,332	15,202
	5,870	17,076	22,946

14 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a total donation of £170 from Redditch Rotary Club, a charity of which John Witherspoon is a trustee.

During the year the charity paid out a total of £2,200 to Omega Therapies Holistic Centre and Training School of which Joseph Baker is a trustee.

In the previous year there were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.