

SANDWELL IRISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1107645

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-01-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF SANDWELL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY PERSONS OF IRISH DECENT, BY ASSOCIATING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE INHABITANTS TO:1) PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY; AND 2) PRESERVE AND PROTECT GOOD HEALTH WITHIN THE COMMUNITY BY THE PROVISION AND DISSEMINATION OF HEALTH CARE ADVICE AND INFORMATION.

Activities: We aim to primarily work with the Irish Community, to raise awareness of health issues, cultural and social events. To work in partnership with other ethnic groups to promote cohesion with in the borough of Sandwell.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SANDWELL COMMUNITY, WEST MIDLANDS
- Sandwell

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£36,936	£42,905	-	-
2024-03-31	£62,168	£47,041	-	-
2023-03-31	£31,825	£45,643	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,912	£38,070	-	-
2021-03-31	£51,923	£36,922	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian David Cotterill		2020-01-29
KERRY TERESA FLOOD		
Luke Cotterill		2019-01-29
MARTIN PRESTIDGE		2014-09-01
Stephen Paul Simcox		2016-01-23

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Accounts

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Trustees

Kerry Flood
Stephen Simcox
Luke Cotterill
Ian Cotterill
Tia Hazel Chana
Nicholas Bate

Company registered number

08451766

Charity registered number

1107645

Registered office

Langley Park Lodge
34 Langley High Street
Oldbury
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Chief executive officer

Chris Flood

Accountant

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London
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Sandwell Irish Community Association for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Foreword

As we mark 23 years of dedicated service to our local community, I reflect with gratitude on the organisation's journey—and my own. This will be my final report as CEO, a role that has been an integral part of my life for nearly 15 years. When I first became involved in 1999, I could never have imagined the journey that lay ahead.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of meeting and working alongside countless people from all backgrounds and walks of life. These encounters have enriched me deeply, revealing the common ground and shared humanity that connect us all. This journey has broadened my perspective, deepened my understanding, and helped me grow—both professionally and personally.

The experiences I've gained have enabled me to contribute to shaping the organisation into what it is today. We've seen highs and lows, as any long-standing organisation does. But we've weathered the storms, learned from challenges, and emerged stronger—developing new skills, capabilities, and partnerships while continuing to deliver vital services to our community.

Throughout these years of change, one constant has remained: the people we serve. Some interactions have been challenging, many have been joyful, but all have been meaningful. We've shared moments of sorrow and celebration—each one offering a lesson, a glimpse into another person's world, and a reminder of the strength and resilience of the people of Sandwell. It has been my honour to serve you.

As I step down as CEO, I do so with a full heart and a deep sense of gratitude. With the blessing of the trustees and, God willing, I hope to continue contributing in some capacity and to see where the next chapter leads. If the past 25 years are any indication, I'm sure the future will be just as fulfilling and eventful. Thank you—for the trust, the support, and the opportunity to walk this path with you

Chris Flood.

Council monitoring overview

Centre Outcomes achieved: April 2024-March 2025

- Centre available 7 days a week 9am – 10pm
- Total number of attendees for all services provided – 7624
- On-going local/user consultation / feedback or intelligence
- Number of Volunteers – 61
- Hours of volunteering time – 833

Services, activities and support available from other VCS partners and the council including general information and advice:

- Traveller support

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- SCVO
- Irish Passport support service
- Welfare rights support (signposting)
- Falls prevention service

We have achieved 5 of the Six Strategic SMBC expected Outcomes

1. The best start in life for children and young people v
2. People live well and age well v
3. Strong, resilient communities v
4. A strong and Inclusive Economy v
5. A connected and accessible Sandwell v

Break down of volunteers worked/volunteering opportunities created:

Community garden, Tuesday lunch club, physiotherapy students, events and planning, Christmas lights, day trip, summer club,

Sandwell Irish Community Association (SICA)

Annual Report & Organisational Update

Prepared by: Chris Flood (Executive Chair/CEO)

On behalf of the Trustees of the Sandwell Irish Community Association

Community Garden Project

Our ongoing community garden project continues to flourish and is now developing into a year-round initiative. The project has created opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities to participate and engage with this valuable green space.

We continue to work with Powered by CAN, a youth service working with young people on various schemes. Jigsaw a groups that supports neurodivergent individuals and Sandwell lions who are a charity which supports good causes. There are potential opportunities to integrate aspects of the Langley Concept within this partnership. We aim to involve local young people as volunteers and ambassadors, contributing to the consultation process and helping to deliver the project's long-term vision.

Collaborative Working

SICA remains committed to proactive collaboration and partnership development. We believe that networking and joint working enhance our collective knowledge, improve project outcomes, and allow us to share best practices with other community organisations.

By mentoring emerging groups and sharing our experience, we help them avoid common pitfalls, saving both time and resources.

Our current partnerships include:

Black Country Mental Health Team, Jigsaw, Solvay, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC), Sandwell Changes, Langley Traders, Powered by CAN, Canal & River Trust, Well Life (University of Worcester), Waterside Care, Friends of Langley Park, Sandwell Lions, Friends of Barnford Park, British Cycling, and Public Health.

Each partner contributes a unique perspective, helping to create a well-rounded approach to our community projects and the generation of innovative ideas.

Summary of Services and Impact

Fall Prevention / Chair-Based Exercise

Our fall prevention and chair-based exercise programme remains a cornerstone of SICA's health and wellbeing work. We continue to collaborate with physiotherapy students from the University of Worcester as

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part of their professional development.

These sessions have proven invaluable in promoting health innovation, sharing good practice, and gathering community insights. Feedback from participants helps us refine services and inform other local health initiatives. This ongoing engagement provides a continuous feedback loop that supports future health programme development.

Tuesday Friendship Group

This long-established group, running for over 30 years, faces challenges related to its ageing membership. While some members are resistant to change, we are exploring new ways to attract additional participants and refresh the group's dynamic.

To support their continued viability, we have reduced room hire costs, enabling them to build funds for social activities such as summer outings and Christmas events. These measures are under ongoing review and discussion with the group.

Powered by Can Youth Groups

The youth programme remains active and impactful. While the male mentoring group did not progress as planned, both the mixed youth group and the Young Ladies' Empowerment Group are thriving. We are currently in discussions about a new collaboration linked to the Langley Concept, with more details to follow as this partnership develops.

Art Class (SAFL)

SAFAL has been using Langley Lodge for over 20 years, offering much more than an art class. The group provides a creative outlet and safe space for individuals to socialise, share experiences, and support one another.

The diverse membership reflects the unifying power of art—it breaks down social barriers and fosters mutual understanding. Like many of our programmes, this initiative delivers vital, if sometimes intangible, mental health and wellbeing benefits.

Ukulele Class

The Ukulele Class has gone from strength to strength, building confidence, friendship, and self-esteem among participants. Individuals who could not play a note a year ago are now performing in concerts.

This remarkable progress is largely due to the dedication and skill of our tutor, Pete Williams, who brings over 40 years of musical experience to his teaching. Beyond the music itself, this group—like many others at SICA—provides invaluable informal mental health support through shared joy and camaraderie.

Jigsaw Neurodivergent Support Group

We are proud to support Jigsaw, an organisation that provides crucial assistance to neurodivergent individuals—many of whom might otherwise fall through the cracks of mainstream services.

When Jigsaw lost its previous premises, SICA provided immediate support by offering space at Langley Lodge. Initially, they paid rent, but following a loss of funding, we extended a rent-free period to help them regain stability. We are pleased to continue this partnership as they work to secure future funding.

General Support Services

While demand for some services has dipped slightly, certain areas—such as Irish passport enquiries, Irish Traveller support, and benefits guidance—remain consistent.

We continue to provide signposting for housing and domestic abuse support. Traveller support, in particular, continues to be delivered at the pace and comfort of those we assist. As one young Traveller mother said, "It's nice to know you're about."

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Informal conversations with residents in the local park often provide valuable insights into community sentiment, particularly around local issues such as cleanliness, anti-social behaviour, and petty crime. Sometimes, all that's needed is a listening ear—and SICA is proud to provide that.

Performance

SICA consistently meets—and often exceeds—our council performance measures. Despite ongoing organisational changes, we continue to deliver core services while exploring new initiatives.

We actively seek feedback and embrace constructive critique, recognising that adaptability is key to serving a changing community. Our nearly 30 years of experience have taught us to innovate cautiously—expanding our horizons while maintaining financial and operational stability.

Our guiding principle remains simple:

“If we can't help, we probably know someone who can.”

Future Plans

Our future priorities include expanding and improving existing services while developing new initiatives based on community needs.

Upcoming projects will focus on biodiversity, environmental sustainability, and village enhancement. To support this growth, we plan to create a Development Officer post with outreach responsibilities. This role will strengthen our capacity to secure funding, coordinate projects, and maintain robust community engagement.

Our goal is continued improvement, innovation, and sustainable development for the benefit of all we serve.

Challenges and Opportunities

Like many organisations, SICA faces challenges—primarily related to funding and staffing. While we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers, the absence of a dedicated business development function limits our ability to maximise opportunities.

The planned Development Officer post will address this gap, focusing on fundraising, project delivery, and organisational outreach. Although this role requires investment, we believe it will generate long-term returns by strengthening our funding base and enhancing service delivery.

With over 25 years of experience, SICA remains resilient and adaptable. We firmly believe that “out of adversity comes opportunity.” From humble beginnings as an advocacy group to our current position as an internationally recognised community partner, our journey is a testament to perseverance, partnership, and progress.

Chris Flood

Executive Chair / CEO

For and on behalf of the Trustees of the Sandwell Irish Community Association

Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has

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adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Financial Review

Our income was £36,936 and our expenditure was £42,905. General unrestricted reserves are £20,810 and restricted funds are £2,130 so remain at an acceptable level.

Reserves Policy

The company aims to hold general (unrestricted) reserves of 3 months running costs.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Sandwell Irish Community Association is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Sandwell Irish Community Association is governed by a board of Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

The Board appoint a Chief Executive to help manage the organisation along with the strategic development of the company.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
16 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Stephen Simcox
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
16 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Stephen Simcox
(Trustee)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Sandwell Irish Community Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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.

Signed:



Dated: 16 December 2025

Melissa Smith

CIMA dip MA, MAAT

172 Lawnswood Road, Stourbridge DY8 5LW

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	150
Charitable activities	4	18,651	18,150	36,801	62,018
Other income	5	135	-	135	-
Total income		18,786	18,150	36,936	62,168
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	24,755	18,150	42,905	47,041
Total expenditure		24,755	18,150	42,905	47,041
Net (expenditure)/income		(5,969)	-	(5,969)	15,127
Transfers between funds	15	3,323	(3,323)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,646)	(3,323)	(5,969)	15,127
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		23,456	5,453	28,909	13,782
Net movement in funds		(2,646)	(3,323)	(5,969)	15,127
Total funds carried forward		20,810	2,130	22,940	28,909

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

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	2,341	2,634
		<u>2,341</u>	<u>2,634</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	437	406
Cash at bank and in hand		21,492	27,454
		<u>21,929</u>	<u>27,860</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,330)	(1,585)
		<u>20,599</u>	<u>26,275</u>
Net current assets		<u>20,599</u>	<u>26,275</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>22,940</u>	<u>28,909</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>22,940</u>	<u>28,909</u>
Total net assets		<u>22,940</u>	<u>28,909</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	2,130	5,453
Unrestricted funds	15	20,810	23,456
Total funds		<u>22,940</u>	<u>28,909</u>

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AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

16 December 2025



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Stephen Simcox
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association in March 2013.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Sandwell Irish Community Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

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

2.3 Expenditure

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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	- 10% Straight Line
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2.5 Debtors

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

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.8 Financial instruments

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	-	-	150
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<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>150</i>	
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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC	-	16,650	16,650	16,650
Income from charitable activities - Room hire	18,651	-	18,651	14,840
Income from charitable activities - The Grimmitt Trust	-	-	-	400
Income from charitable activities - Cash for Kids	-	1,500	1,500	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC	-	-	-	2,777
Income from charitable activities - The Henry Smith Charity	-	-	-	1,960
Income from charitable activities - The National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	19,861
Income from charitable activities - SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	-	-	3,400
The British Triathlon	-	-	-	2,130
Total 2025	18,651	18,150	36,801	62,018
<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>14,840</i>	<i>47,178</i>	<i>62,018</i>	

5. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Other incoming resources	135	135	-

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6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	16,650	16,650
Room hire	24,755	-	24,755	6,200
The Grimmitt Trust	-	-	-	400
Cash for Kids	-	1,500	1,500	-
The Henry Smith Charity	-	-	-	1,500
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	19,861
SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	-	-	2,430
	<u>24,755</u>	<u>18,150</u>	<u>42,905</u>	<u>47,041</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>5,907</u>	<u>41,134</u>	<u>47,041</u>	

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Sandwell MBC - wages	16,650	-	16,650	16,650
Room hire	2,989	21,766	24,755	6,200
The Grimmitt Trust	-	-	-	400
Cash for Kids	1,500	-	1,500	-
The Henry Smith Charity	-	-	-	1,500
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	19,861
SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	-	-	2,430
	<u>21,139</u>	<u>21,766</u>	<u>42,905</u>	<u>47,041</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>20,665</u>	<u>26,376</u>	<u>47,041</u>	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Sandwell MBC - wages 2025 £	Room hire 2025 £	The Grimmitt Trust 2025 £	Cash for Kids 2025 £	The Henry Smith Charity 2025 £
Wages and salaries	16,650	502	-	-	-
Events	-	804	-	1,500	-
Travelling	-	419	-	-	-
Facilitators	-	609	-	-	-
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	525	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	-	3	-	-	-
Equipment	-	127	-	-	-
	<u>16,650</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u><u>16,650</u></u>	<u><u>1,135</u></u>	<u><u>400</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,500</u></u>

	The National Lottery Community Fund 2025 £	SCVO - Warm Spaces 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Wages and salaries	-	-	17,152	17,190
Events	-	-	2,304	2,495
Travelling	-	-	419	-
Facilitators	-	-	609	980
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	525	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	3	-
Equipment	-	-	127	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,139</u>	<u>20,665</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u><u>80</u></u>	<u><u>900</u></u>	<u><u>20,665</u></u>	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Room hire 2025 £	The National Lottery Community Fund 2025 £	SCVO - Warm Spaces 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Depreciation	293	-	-	293	293
Wages and salaries	6,605	-	-	6,605	10,019
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	374
Electricity	3,552	-	-	3,552	3,036
Repairs and maintenance	2,181	-	-	2,181	4,589
Telephone	850	-	-	850	551
Equipment rental	3,502	-	-	3,502	3,774
Printing, postage, stationery	372	-	-	372	289
Lunches	284	-	-	284	109
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	-	-	282
Cleaning	823	-	-	823	555
Water	534	-	-	534	19
Sundry expenses	(40)	-	-	(40)	284
Professional fees	890	-	-	890	775
Computers and software	737	-	-	737	554
Subscriptions	271	-	-	271	35
Insurance	700	-	-	700	601
Training	78	-	-	78	72
Refreshments	134	-	-	134	165
	<u>21,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,766</u>	<u>26,376</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>5,065</u>	<u>19,781</u>	<u>1,530</u>	<u>26,376</u>	

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8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	750	<i>675</i>
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	90	<i>100</i>
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9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £680).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2024 - £NIL to Trustee).

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	2,927
At 31 March 2025	2,927
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	293
Charge for the year	293
At 31 March 2025	586
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	2,341
At 31 March 2024	2,634

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	437	406
	437	406

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12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	369	<i>519</i>
Pension fund loan payable	(113)	<i>105</i>
Other creditors	234	<i>186</i>
Accruals and deferred income	840	<i>775</i>
	1,330	<i>1,585</i>

13. Operating Lease Commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

Office Equipment
less than one year: £1,224
two to five years: £5,508

14. Financial instruments

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	21,492	<i>27,454</i>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of assets held for trading and those financial assets designated as being held at fair value through profit or loss.

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15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	23,456	18,786	(24,755)	3,323	20,810
Restricted funds					
Restricted Funds - all funds	5,453	18,150	(18,150)	(3,323)	2,130
Total of funds	28,909	36,936	(42,905)	-	22,940

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	11,596	14,990	(5,907)	2,777	23,456
Restricted funds					
Restricted Funds - all funds	2,186	47,178	(41,134)	(2,777)	5,453
Total of funds	13,782	62,168	(47,041)	-	28,909

16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
General funds	23,456	18,786	(24,755)	3,323	20,810
Restricted funds	5,453	18,150	(18,150)	(3,323)	2,130
	28,909	36,936	(42,905)	-	22,940

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
General funds	11,596	14,990	(5,907)	2,777	23,456
Restricted funds	2,186	47,178	(41,134)	(2,777)	5,453
	13,782	62,168	(47,041)	-	28,909

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,341	-	2,341
Current assets	21,929	-	21,929
Creditors due within one year	(3,460)	2,130	(1,330)
Total	<u>20,810</u>	<u>2,130</u>	<u>22,940</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	2,634	-	2,634
Current assets	22,407	5,453	27,860
Creditors due within one year	(1,585)	-	(1,585)
Total	<u>23,456</u>	<u>5,453</u>	<u>28,909</u>

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

Kerry Flood, Secretary
Martin Prestidge (resigned 16 March 2024)
Stephen Simcox
Luke Cotterill
Ian Cotterill
Tia Hazel Chana
Nicholas Bate

Company registered number

08451766

Charity registered number

1107645

Registered office

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Chief executive officer

Chris Flood

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Sandwell Irish Community Association for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Annual report 2024-2024

Chair /CEO, Foreword
Chris Flood

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Sandwell Irish Community Association (SICA).

Our organisation has been professionally established delivering services, supporting our local community for Sixteen years but been in existence for Twenty-Five. as we move on for the Brexit years. There are always new challenges to face we live in an uncertain world so it more important now than ever before for communities to come together in solidarity and embrace our shared humanity I have mentioned on more than one occasion the strength and variety of our board of trustee who provide strength and leadership a strong board of trustees can make all the difference in how successful an organisation is. SICA is blessed to have the members it has guiding our organisation's path. All of them bring knowledge and their own experience to our table and have the skill set to help us navigate these issues with confidence and surety. We are still expecting financial consequences of some sort down the line but SICA will meet this like any other challenge it has faced over the last 25 years with hope and transparency we have an organisation and trustees to help steer a steady course to deliver our aims and objectives, as mentioned before it is an opportunity to for radical and progressive change this while maintaining our core values of continued support to the most vulnerable in our community.

All of the details of Langley concept are available on request.

Center Outcomes achieved:

2023-24

Centre available 7 days a week 9am – 10pm

Total number of attendees for all services provided – 4'750

On-going local/user consultation / feedback or intelligence

Number of Volunteers – 110

Hours of volunteering time – 1'135

Services, activities and support available from other VCS partners and the council including general information and advice:

- Traveller support this is an ongoing service when needed by this communities
- SCVO
- Irish Passport support service

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- Welfare rights support (signposting)
- Falls prevention service
- Mental health provision
- Fitness and activities
- Summer clubs
- Day trips

We have achieved 5 of the Six Strategic SMBC expected Outcomes

1. The best start in life for children and young people **v**
2. People live well and age well **v**
3. Strong, resilient communities **v**
4. A strong and Inclusive Economy **v**
5. A connected and accessible Sandwell **v**

Break down of volunteers worked/volunteering opportunities created:

Community garden, Sandwell lions, Can power youth group, Tuesday lunch club, cycling group, physiotherapy students, events and planning, Christmas lights.

There are still opportunities to be involved with community garden and green space litter pick, we are working with young people on projects to volunteer and to help with all aspects of our services and events.

We have volunteers to help with events throughout the year; which include Christmas lights and summer events Tuesday club and chair-based exercise.

We are always looking for working initiatives and networking opportunities. Collaborative working is a very important part of what we do. We have specific projects as well as general services that benefit from our volunteers' help. We have a long list of collaborations which includes, Black country mental health team, SMBC, Langley traders, Can power, Canal and river trust, well life, waterside care, Wild-side project, Friends of Langley park. Sandwell Lions, Friends of Barnford park. British cycling, public health, Black Country Housing Group, each partner adds a unique strand to our working collaborations allowing for a more rounded approach to our work and project and helping form new ideas and working practice.

Summary of impact of services/support delivered over the year.

Fall prevention/ Chair based exercise: We are continuing to deliver this service and have; after, the success of our collaboration with Black country Housing group continued and provided the same service in collaboration with Oldbury health centre, this has proved to be very successful and has contributed to benefitting our health programme. We are sharing our health monitoring systems with others and sharing anonymised data with relevant authority to support individuals. We continue to learn and adapt this programme to update our system which will help in future health development programmes.

Tuesday Friendship group and Chair based exercise Class: decreased numbers in the Tuesday group have affected the group; this was bound to happen due to the ages of the individuals taking part. We are actively looking to support this group further and widen the promotion of the group and the benefits it provides. In contrast, The chair-based exercise class's number has grown. This is due to working in collaboration with other organisations and getting referrals from that and word of mouth so this group is doing well. We still provide help and support to both of these groups around Christmas parties, day trips and other events.

Girls Can, Mixed Youth group, brotherhood: The young ladies empowerment groups are still going well and we're continuing to deliver a positive service to young ladies and build individual confidence in them. We briefly had another youth services amenity based here this was a young man mentoring services this is a very important provision as it provided alternatives to gangs by showing positive role models and the work they do in their

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communities, unfortunately the number who attended were quite low, but this is something we would like to revisit in the future as we are keen to bring back this service back and fully support when the opportunity arises. This collaboration with Can Power is very important to us here, as it provides positive support and alternative advice to young people not to preach but help them reach their own conclusion as well as providing a positive and safe space for these young people.

Art class: SAFAL even with the changes to this service it remains a strong group with a very good tutor who engages on a professional and personal level. There is a warm friendly atmosphere so it's not just a classroom to learn but a group of friends who had never met before class enjoying a service which expands the minds by lifelong learning, but we also see this as an important support measure in isolation loneliness offering an opportunity to meet new people share experience and gain new ones.

Mental health support: Of all the services we have provided over the years this is one of the most important, and as with every annual report we provide requires a special focus and mention. The need for this service around mental health support will become imperative not only to individuals but to our communities there is a constant bombardment of negativity around bad news you don't look the right way your not one of us, no wonder bad mental health issues are on the rise we do have a plan here at SICA to create a centre of excellence around mental health support this we hope provide a template similar bespoke services in other areas.

Ukulele Class: We are blessed with tutors who have a gift to help deliver this much-loved experience, as with most of our services it provides support around good mental health life- long learning creating new friendships, a new beginners class began and has proven to be as successful as the original class, a testament to the tutor. We still have showcased the learner's skills at local events, and still leave people with a smile.

General support: we have continued and, in some cases, increased our service delivery, there have been difficulties but we have managed to as an organisation continue to deliver on our services, the general support need has increased as it does year on year. We have been a slight decrease in enquiries on Irish passports, and Irish Traveller support; however, these things can change in an instant depending on changes to the benefit system and housing issues.

We continue to support the local council and feedback on conversations concerning local issues, the park and surrounding area, any issues on the high street including cleanliness of the surrounding areas, we highlight any anti-social behaviour we are made aware of. The third sector is an underused resource and can be used to better effect and support any gaps with significant savings to be made.

Performance

We have met all of our organisational performance measures and, and increased expectation and delivery in others. SICA continues to perform and deliver. We are continuing to create a sustainable plan for SICA and the community we serve.

We explore every opportunity to push forward our agenda around the infrastructure project (Langley concept). We are continuing to reach out to individual and like-minded organisations to work in collaborations while promoting SICA and Sandwell.

We will always look to expand or slightly alter a service to fit the needs of the user. In some cases we require flexibility.

We have over the years identified unmet needs and continue to do so because of our flexible approach and listening to the people that matter to the community.

We continue to provide support and signpost to other organisations when needed to meet that need.

We support difficult cases around Irish Traveller needs and shine a light into domestic violence and the poor mental health that this community suffers with. But there continues to be a lack of resources for those agencies

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that need it and who provide this support required to help combat these issues. We have been in existence for over 20 years and built a reputation for helping the most vulnerable.

Our mantra remains, if we can't help, we probably know someone who can.

We continue to refine our system of support around Falls prevention; it is continuing to work well, so in the long term we are looking at a system that reduces GP time and hospital bed blocking. We are continuing to work with other agencies to put in place a working model to be shared with others.

As an organisation we try to establish and put in place innovative in our work project highlighting any good practise we put in place to share with others, from mental health support, falls prevention, and of course Langley concept which has the potential to change the face of Sandwell, by creating energy security, sustainable jobs, supporting high street regeneration, encouraging and giving entrepreneurial ideas to others.

We have shared our project and thoughts far and wide and we are building a strong consensus as to what we can achieve.

Future Plans: The future continues to depend on others our vision is to increase good health both mental and physical while providing good general support, but Langley concept needs to be a priority we have to wait for thing to happen before we can move forward this is down to resource it may be we look at resolving the staffing issue first then continues with our main plan success is based on stability something we have for over 20 years we may have to look at a more radical agenda to move forward with purpose. But all the while we look to the future, we remain transparent and relevant.

Difficulties/problems the organisation faced during the year

Over the past 5 years difficulties come and go. Some persist more than others, the same old reasons persist lack of funding resources and changes of circumstance, which is still prevalent to everyone else, so you learn to cut your cloth to suit.

We continue to work with the local authority who have the own difficulties, but we would look to support them anyway we can to help deliver services that would support the local community

We continue to have a clear line of communication with the council and our organisation benefits from that.

As with most years we continue to have a clear plan on how to implement our services, we are aware of the financial constraint we are under, this can lead to our services not being as robust or to the standard we prefer or being able to provide the service we expect; this can be frustrating but as mentioned before we continue to innervate, adapt and move on.

We will continue to contribute to the 2030 vision of Sandwell helping to establish a healthier, vibrant and thriving economy.

Memorandum: Alderman Martin Prestidge. (Personal Comment)

I had known Martin for over twenty years. I counted him as my friend, he could be cantankerous, curt and to the point, but he had a heart as big as a house and he cared. He was a man of principal and strong socialist values, he believed in supporting the most vulnerable in our communities, he believed those with the broadest shoulders should carry the heaviest load, he was a good man, and I miss him.

Chris Flood (Ex Chair/CEO)
For and on behalf of the trustees of the
Sandwell Irish Community Association

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Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Financial Review

Our income was £62,168 and our expenditure was £47,041. General unrestricted reserves are £23,456 and restricted funds are £5,453 so remain at an acceptable level.

Reserves Policy

The company aims to hold general (unrestricted) reserves of 3 months running costs.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

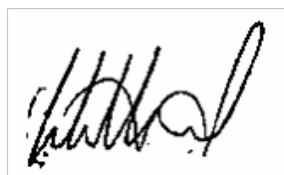
Sandwell Irish Community Association is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

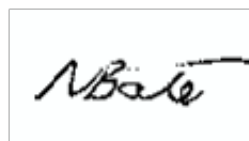
Sandwell Irish Community Association is governed by a board of Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

The Board appoint a Chief Executive to help manage the organisation along with the strategic development of the company.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 7 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Nicholas Bate
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

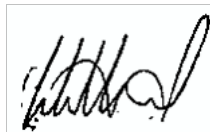
The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

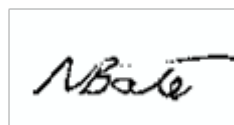
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 7 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Nicholas Bate
(Trustee)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Sandwell Irish Community Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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.

Signed:



Dated: 7 December 2024

Melissa Smith

CIMA dip MA, MAAT

172 Lawnswood Road, Stourbridge DY8 5LW

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	150	-	150	100
Charitable activities	4	14,840	47,178	62,018	31,725
Total income		14,990	47,178	62,168	31,825
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	5,907	41,134	47,041	45,643
Total expenditure		5,907	41,134	47,041	45,643
Net income/(expenditure)		9,083	6,044	15,127	(13,818)
Transfers between funds	14	2,777	(2,777)	-	-
Net movement in funds		11,860	3,267	15,127	(13,818)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		11,596	2,186	13,782	27,600
Net movement in funds		11,860	3,267	15,127	(13,818)
Total funds carried forward		23,456	5,453	28,909	13,782

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

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	2,634	-
		<u>2,634</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	406	332
Cash at bank and in hand		27,454	14,803
		<u>27,860</u>	<u>15,135</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,585)	(1,353)
Net current assets		<u>26,275</u>	<u>13,782</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>28,909</u>	<u>13,782</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>28,909</u>	<u>13,782</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>28,909</u></u>	<u><u>13,782</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	5,453	2,186
Unrestricted funds	14	23,456	11,596
Total funds		<u><u>28,909</u></u>	<u><u>13,782</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

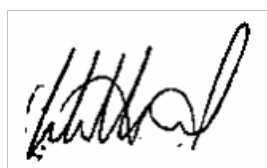
The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

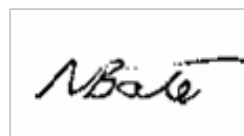
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 07 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Nicholas Bate
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association in March 2013.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Sandwell Irish Community Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

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

2.3 Expenditure

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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-
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2.5 Debtors

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

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.8 Financial instruments

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

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	150	150	100
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<i>Total 2023</i>	100	100	
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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC	-	16,650	16,650	16,650
Income from charitable activities - Room hire	14,840	-	14,840	4,154
Income from Charitable activities - Black Country Housing	-	-	-	4,492
Income from charitable activities - The Grimmitt Trust	-	400	400	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	-	-	2,667
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC	-	2,777	2,777	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	-	-	-	1,232
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Langley	-	-	-	200
Income from charitable activities - Black Country Consortium	-	-	-	1,310
Income from charitable activities - The Henry Smith Charity	-	1,960	1,960	-
Income from charitable activities - The National Lottery Community Fund	-	19,861	19,861	-
Income from charitable activities - SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	3,400	3,400	1,020
The British Triathlon	-	2,130	2,130	-
Total 2024	14,840	47,178	62,018	31,725
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>4,154</i>	<i>27,571</i>	<i>31,725</i>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	16,650	16,650
Room hire	5,907	293	6,200	15,687
Black Country Housing	-	-	-	4,492
The Grimmitt Trust	-	400	400	-
Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	-	-	2,667
Good Neighbours	-	-	-	2,167
Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	-	-	-	1,232
Black Country Consortium	-	-	-	1,218
The Henry Smith Charity	-	1,500	1,500	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	19,861	19,861	-
SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	2,430	2,430	1,530
	<u>5,907</u>	<u>41,134</u>	<u>47,041</u>	<u>45,643</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>15,687</u>	<u>29,956</u>	<u>45,643</u>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	16,650	-	16,650	16,650
Room hire	1,135	5,065	6,200	15,687
Black Country Housing	-	-	-	4,492
The Grimmitt Trust	400	-	400	-
Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	-	-	2,667
Good Neighbours	-	-	-	2,167
Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	-	-	-	1,232
Black Country Consortium	-	-	-	1,218
The Henry Smith Charity	1,500	-	1,500	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	80	19,781	19,861	-
SCVO - Warm Spaces	900	1,530	2,430	1,530
	<u>20,665</u>	<u>26,376</u>	<u>47,041</u>	<u>45,643</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>31,842</u>	<u>13,801</u>	<u>45,643</u>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Sandwell MBC - wages 2024 £	Room hire 2024 £	Black Country Housing 2024 £	The Grimmitt Trust 2024 £	Sandwell MBC - Langley lights 2024 £
Wages and salaries	16,650	540	-	-	-
Events	-	595	-	400	-
Travelling	-	-	-	-	-
Facilitators	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>16,650</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u><u>16,650</u></u>	<u><u>6,083</u></u>	<u><u>4,492</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,167</u></u>

	Sandwell MBC - Good neighbours 2024 £	Black Country Consortium 2024 £	The Henry Smith Charity 2024 £	The National Lottery Community Fund 2024 £
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	-
Events	-	-	1,500	-
Travelling	-	-	-	-
Facilitators	-	-	-	80
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>80</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u><u>1,232</u></u>	<u><u>1,218</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	SCVO - Warm Spaces 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Wages and salaries	-	17,190	27,164
Events	-	2,495	290
Travelling	-	-	12
Facilitators	900	980	3,016
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	142
Equipment	-	-	1,218
	900	20,665	31,842
	-	31,842	
<i>Total 2023</i>	-	31,842	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Depreciation	293	-
Wages and salaries	10,019	1,530
Rent and rates	374	876
Electricity	3,036	2,355
Repairs and maintenance	4,589	1,416
Telephone	551	1,136
Equipment rental	3,774	3,272
Printing, postage, stationery	289	603
Lunches	109	103
Volunteers travel & subsistence	282	-
Cleaning	555	53
Water	19	340
Sundry expenses	284	156
Professional fees	775	585
Computers and software	554	336
Subscriptions	35	35
Insurance	601	1,005
Training	72	-
Refreshments	165	-
	26,376	<i>13,801</i>
	26,376	<i>13,801</i>

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	<i>2023 £</i>
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	675	400
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	100	100
	100	<i>100</i>

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8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, one or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Company. Mr S Simcox was paid for tuition of classes as part of the charities objectives. The Trustees consider the amount charged by Mr S Simcox to be less than the applicable market rate for tuition. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stephen Simcox	680	2,751
Remuneration		

During the year ended 31 March 2024, expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2023 - £NIL to Trustee).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost or valuation	
Additions	2,927
At 31 March 2024	2,927
Depreciation	
Charge for the year	293
At 31 March 2024	293
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	2,634
At 31 March 2023	-

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10. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	406	332
	406	332

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11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	519	553
Pension fund loan payable	105	-
Other creditors	186	300
Accruals and deferred income	775	500
	1,585	1,353

12. Operating Lease Commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

Office Equipment
In less than one year: £2,079
In two to five years: £6,732

13. Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	27,454	14,803

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of assets held for trading and those financial assets designated as being held at fair value through profit or loss.

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	<u>11,596</u>	<u>14,990</u>	<u>(5,907)</u>	<u>2,777</u>	<u>23,456</u>
Restricted funds					
Restricted Funds - all funds	<u>2,186</u>	<u>47,178</u>	<u>(41,134)</u>	<u>(2,777)</u>	<u>5,453</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>13,782</u></u>	<u><u>62,168</u></u>	<u><u>(47,041)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>28,909</u></u>

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i> £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	23,029	4,254	(15,687)	11,596
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	4,571	27,571	(29,956)	2,186
Total of funds	27,600	31,825	(45,643)	13,782

15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds	11,596	14,990	(5,907)	2,777	23,456
Restricted funds	2,186	47,178	(41,134)	(2,777)	5,453
	13,782	62,168	(47,041)	-	28,909

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i> £
General funds	23,029	4,254	(15,687)	11,596
Restricted funds	4,571	27,571	(29,956)	2,186
	27,600	31,825	(45,643)	13,782

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,634	-	2,634
Current assets	22,407	5,453	27,860
Creditors due within one year	(1,585)	-	(1,585)
Total	<u>23,456</u>	<u>5,453</u>	<u>28,909</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Current assets	12,949	2,186	15,135
Creditors due within one year	(1,353)	-	(1,353)
Total	<u>11,596</u>	<u>2,186</u>	<u>13,782</u>

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Trustees

Kerry Flood, Secretary
Martin Prestidge
Stephen Simcox
Luke Cotterill
Ian Cotterill
Tia Hazel Chana (appointed 27 January 2022)
Nicholas Bate (appointed 27 January 2022)

Company registered number

08451766

Charity registered number

1107645

Registered office

Langley Park Lodge
34 Langley High Street
Oldbury
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Chief executive officer

Chris Flood

Accountant

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DY8 5LW

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WC1B 5HA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Sandwell Irish Community Association for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Annual report 2022-2023

Welcome to the Annual Report, of the Sandwell Irish Community Association (SICA).

Our organisation has been professionally established delivering services, supporting our local community for fifteen years. We have mentioned the impact of both Brexit and the Pandemic in previous reports. If you then add the cost-of- living pressures that are now taking place, it could provide a cocktail of disaster. Without mitigating measures or a strong board of trustees, it could be damaging. In SICA, we have both. Our board of trustees, I believe, is second to none. All of them bring knowledge and their own experience to our table and have the skill set to help us navigate these issues with confidence and surety. We are not under any illusion of the impact these three things will have long term. We expect far reaching consequences locally and beyond, but SICA has the tools and the trustees to steer a clear path and help us deliver our aims and objectives, to take the opportunity for radical and progressive change and continued support to the most vulnerable in our community, which in this day and age means everyone.

Langley Concept, 5 projects in one: Our plans around the Langley concept are beginning to take shape. The excitement with a project like this is the journey, the people you meet, the things you learn on the way. So, when SICA began this journey, it always starts with a step into the unknown. With the completion of the clock tower, it provided a boost to the project, and raise moral among locals and trustees alike. So, with this we looked at the next stage of the plan. After some discussion it was decided by Sica trustees and others to look at the restoration of the Royal Enfield Room, bringing it back into community use. However, we will continue to have a flexible attitude as far as the other aspects of the plan are concerned, and if the opportunity arises, we can quickly look at switching to that concept aspect.

All of the detail of Langley concept are available on request.

Center Outcomes achieved:

2022-23

Centre available 7 days a week 9am – 10pm

Total number of attendees for all services provided – 9,147

On-going local/user consultation / feedback or intelligence

Number of Volunteers – 100

Hours of volunteering time – 945

Services, activities and support available from other VCS partners and the council including general information

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and advice:

- Traveller support
- Chaplaincy prisoner in a foreign country support
- Warm spaces hub,
- SCVO
- Irish Passport support service
- Welfare rights support (signposting)
- Falls prevention service

We have achieved 5 of the Six Strategic SMBC expected Outcomes

1. The best start in life for children and young people
2. People live well and age well
3. Strong, resilient communities
4. A strong and Inclusive Economy
5. A connected and accessible Sandwell

Break down of volunteers worked/volunteering opportunities created:

Community garden, Tuesday lunch club, cycling group, physiotherapy students, events and planning, Christmas lights, Royal jubilee event,

We have created opportunities for various age ranges to be involved with community garden and green space litter pick, we are working with young people on projects around Langley concept where they will volunteer to help with consultation process and help deliver the concept.

Youth events where they are key to the planning process. We have had numbers of volunteers to help with events throughout the year; which include Christmas lights and summer events.

As an organisation we seek pro-active working initiatives i.e. networking opportunities and collaborative working around various projects, list of working collaborations includes, Black country mental health team, Birmingham University, Solvay, SMBC, Langley traders, Can power, Canal and river trust, well life, waterside care, Wild-side project, Friends of Langley park. Sandwell Lions, Friends of Barnford park. British cycling, public health, Black Country Housing Group, each partner adds a unique strand to our working collaborations allowing for a more rounded approach to our work and project and helping form new ideas and working practice.

Summary of impact of services/support delivered over the year.

Fall prevention/ Chair based exercise: We have delivered a series of gentle exercise sessions in collaboration with Black Country Housing group in one of their sheltered accommodation scheme. It was very successful and has since led to an expansion of our health program, in which we are now; incorporated the training of Physiotherapy students from Worcester University. The health monitoring systems we use in our projects has benefited from this programme and has helped iron out some of the snags we had highlighted in earlier projects. We can now use this update system to help in future health development programmes.

Tuesday Friendship group and Extend Class: We have had increased numbers in both of these groups. The extend class has been one of the main beneficiaries to the new health monitoring system and has been usefully in supporting our users in this process. It has proved beneficial to both groups. We actively consult and engage with both sets of participants which has helped put some of their ideas into motion. These have included interactive smartboard, Christmas parties, day trips and other events.

Youth group: We work closely with a thriving young lady empowerment group, which will also benefit from the use of the new smartboard, they have a close working cooperation with SICA, who have provided various

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speakers to provide alternative details of different careers opportunities. They are also key to Langley concept as it is imperative young people have a say on their future. This working collaboration provides positive support and alternative careers advice. It already provides a positive and safe space for these young people.

Art class: SAFAL have been using Langley Lodge for 15 years and some of the student have been a part of that for the full 15 years. Due to the art course delivery change, anyone who had done more than 3 years had to stop using the class. This caused a lot of upset, as the art users commented; "it's more than an art class it's a friendship group." So, we are actively looking for resources to help these students set up their own project in Langley Lodge so they can continue with their group. we see this as an important support measure to cut any isolation issues.

Mental health support: All of our services are important; but, this is one which requires a special focus. We need to actively increase and highlight mental health support for individual in our community the last few years have shown just how important this service is. It won't get better on its own, so Sica; to try and help support and as part of Langley concept, has a plan to create a centre of excellence around mental health support in Langley. We have held conversation around this Idea and had positive feedback. We will inform on any progress.

Ukulele Class: This is a much-loved service, again based on supporting good mental health while learning and creating new friendships. It is very successful and so we are looking to support the tutor and help in expanding this service to start a new beginner's class. We have showcased the learner's skills at several events we have helped organise, and they always leave people with a smile.

General support: as you can imagine over the past couple of years with cost of living the ongoing impact of Covid and Brexit, the overall general support need has increased. We still receive enquiries on Irish passports, Irish Traveller support, benefit enquires, housing issues and domestic abuse to name just a few.

We have conversations around more general issues, including the state of the park and canal footways, the cleanliness of the high street and surrounding areas, and anti-social behaviour. All of these things have an impact on people's day to day lives. These are matters that can be rectified at a local level, given the right resources. We understand the financial constraint statutory bodies are having; the third sector can be used to support these gaps with a significant savings to be made.

Performance

We have met all of our organisational performance measures and, like most other years, have exceed expectation in certain areas. As an organisation we continue to perform at levels that a group of our size should not reach. We have over a 10-year period created a sustainable plan for our organisation and the community we serve.

We continue to innervate and broaden the organisation outlook. We are exploring the opportunity to facilitate a major infrastructure project (Langley concept). We are creating new working collaborations with organisation in other part of the country by sharing our vison and promoting SICA and Sandwell.

As far as service are concerned, there is always room to expand or slightly alter that service to fit the need of the user. It does require some flexibility, but it can be achieved. We do still have some reticence from some people to engage with services, although numbers are increasing, and in certain areas there is always room for improvement.

As an organisation we can, and do identified unmet need within our community.

We can provide support or we can signpost to other organisations to meet that need.

This is ever changing, so we need the flexibility to vary our provision of services.

We have supported difficult cases in the past around Irish Traveller needs and some horrific domestic violence cases. In most instances, it is not a lack of unmet need; it is a lack of resources for those agencies that provide this support. But it has now become expectable for this to be the status quo, so this is the job, and you never come into work expecting the same things to happen day after day, but we always find a way forward to help and support those in need. We have been in existence for over 20 years and built a reputation for helping the most vulnerable. Our mantra is, if we can't help, we probably know someone who can.

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Over the last 12 months we have been working and are refining a system to support Falls prevention; this has worked well, and we are continuing to refine this programme and change aspects to put better monitoring systems in place this is not only good for the individual, but in the long term we are looking at a system that reduces GP time and hospital bed blocking. We are working with several other agencies to create a working modal to be shared with others.

As an organisation we try to establish and put in place innovative in our work project highlighting any good practise we put in place to share with others, from mental health support, falls prevention, and of course Langley concept which has the potential to change the face of Sandwell, by creating energy security, sustainable jobs, supporting high street regeneration, encouraging and giving entrepreneurial ideas to others. We have shared our project and thoughts far and wide and we are building a strong consensus as to what we can achieve.

Future Plans we are quite positive about the future as we have a vision for the next ten years, but we will continue to provide our core service around health and well-being. We will increase staff numbers which in turn will help put in place the flexibility needed allowing us to continue to be adaptable and flexible to any changes while continuing to meet the needs of the community we support. we have mentioned on more than one occasion about covering the gaps in service; or, even supporting existing services which statutory agencies cover, SICA have made inroad into this, but a more in-depth discussion needs to be had. We have mentioned before the third sector who are more than capable of helping to address some of the issues we face as a community we stand ready to support.

Difficulties/problems the organisation faced during the year

The same difficulties persist, it is a lack of funding and resource which is prevalent to everyone so we continue to look at different ways of addressing these difficulties.

We are working with the council who have the own constraints to deal with but who have supported us with a funding officer which is extremely helpful.

It keeps a clear line of communication with the council and has the potential open other avenues of funding for our organisation.

Although we have a clear plan on how to implement our services, we are aware of the financial constraint we are under, this can lead to our services not being as robust or to the standard we prefer or being able to provide the service we expect; this can be frustrating but as mentioned before we continue to innervate, adapt and move on.

As over the last 20 years we find ways to continue to deliver our agenda on health and wellbeing, the external pressures brought about by Brexit, Covid, and cost of living crisis add to the difficulties that already existed with slightly more support we can contribute more to the 2030 vision of Sandwell helping to establish a healthier, vibrant and thriving economy.

Chris Flood (Ex Chair/CEO)

For and on behalf of the trustees of the
Sandwell Irish Community Association

Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Financial Review

Our income was £31,825 and our expenditure was £45,643. General unrestricted reserves are £11,596 and restricted funds are £2,186 so remain at an acceptable level.

Reserves Policy

The company aims to hold general (unrestricted) reserves of 3 months running costs.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Sandwell Irish Community Association is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Sandwell Irish Community Association is governed by a board of Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

The Board appoint a Chief Executive to help manage the organisation along with the strategic development of the company.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
20 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Nicholas Bate
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
20 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Nicholas Bate
(Trustee)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Sandwell Irish Community Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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.

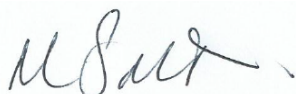
Independent examiner's statement

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.

Signed:



Dated: 20 December 2023

Melissa Smith

CIMA dip MA, MAAT

172 Lawnswood Road, Stourbridge DY8 5LW

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	100	-	100	-
Charitable activities	4	4,154	27,571	31,725	38,412
Other income	5	-	-	-	1,500
Total income		4,254	27,571	31,825	39,912
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	15,687	29,956	45,643	38,070
Total expenditure		15,687	29,956	45,643	38,070
Net movement in funds		(11,433)	(2,385)	(13,818)	1,842
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		23,029	4,571	27,600	25,758
Net movement in funds		(11,433)	(2,385)	(13,818)	1,842
Total funds carried forward		11,596	2,186	13,782	27,600

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

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	10	332	379
Cash at bank and in hand		14,803	29,831
		<u>15,135</u>	<u>30,210</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,353)	(2,610)
Net current assets		<u>13,782</u>	<u>27,600</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>13,782</u>	<u>27,600</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>13,782</u>	<u>27,600</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>13,782</u></u>	<u><u>27,600</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	2,186	4,571
Unrestricted funds	13	11,596	23,029
Total funds		<u><u>13,782</u></u>	<u><u>27,600</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on
20 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Nicholas Bate
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association in March 2013.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Sandwell Irish Community Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.3 Expenditure

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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Debtors

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.7 Financial instruments

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

2.8 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations	100	100	-

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	16,650	16,650
Income from charitable activities - Room hire	4,154	-	4,154	5,768
Income from Charitable activities - Black Country Housing	-	4,492	4,492	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Small Business Grant Fund	-	-	-	10,835
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	2,667	2,667	-
Income from charitable activities - HMRC CJRS	-	-	-	3,825
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	-	1,232	1,232	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Langley	-	200	200	-
Income from charitable activities - Black Country Consortium	-	1,310	1,310	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - COVID support	-	-	-	1,334
Income from charitable activities - SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	1,020	1,020	-
	<u>4,154</u>	<u>27,571</u>	<u>31,725</u>	<u>38,412</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>21,762</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>38,412</u>	

5. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Other incoming resources	-	-	1,500
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	

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5. Other incoming resources (continued)

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	16,650	16,650
Room hire	15,687	-	15,687	21,420
Black Country Housing	-	4,492	4,492	-
Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	2,667	2,667	-
Good Neighbours	-	2,167	2,167	-
Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	-	1,232	1,232	-
Black Country Consortium	-	1,218	1,218	-
SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	1,530	1,530	-
	<u>15,687</u>	<u>29,956</u>	<u>45,643</u>	<u>38,070</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>21,420</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>38,070</u>	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	16,650	-	16,650	16,650
Room hire	6,186	9,501	15,687	21,420
Black Country Housing	4,492	-	4,492	-
Sandwell MBC - Omnicron & leisure	-	2,667	2,667	-
Good Neighbours	2,167	-	2,167	-
Sandwell MBC - Prevention & Falls	1,232	-	1,232	-
Black Country Consortium	1,218	-	1,218	-
SCVO - Warm Spaces	-	1,530	1,530	-
	<u>31,945</u>	<u>13,698</u>	<u>45,643</u>	<u>38,070</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>25,703</u>	<u>12,367</u>	<u>38,070</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Sandwell MBC - wages 2023 £	Room hire 2023 £	Black Country Housing 2023 £	Good Neighbours 2023 £	Sandwell MBC - Langley lights 2023 £
Wages and salaries	16,650	4,790	4,492	-	1,232
Events	-	290	-	-	-
Travelling	-	12	-	-	-
Facilitators	-	849	-	2,167	-
Lunches	-	103	-	-	-
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	142	-	-	-
	<u>16,650</u>	<u>6,186</u>	<u>4,492</u>	<u>2,167</u>	<u>1,232</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>9,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Black Country Consortium 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Wages and salaries	-	27,164	24,875
Events	-	290	300
Travelling	-	12	-
Facilitators	-	3,016	-
Lunches	-	103	528
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	142	-
Equipment	1,218	1,218	-
	<u>1,218</u>	<u>31,945</u>	<u>25,703</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,703</u>	

Analysis of support costs

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Wages and salaries	1,530	-
Rent and rates	876	-
Electricity	2,355	2,897
Repairs and maintenance	1,416	1,776
Telephone	1,136	1,793
Equipment rental	3,272	2,841
Printing, postage, stationery	603	142
Cleaning	53	2
Water	340	503
Sundry expenses	156	47
Professional fees	585	550
Computers and software	336	1,112
Insurance	1,040	664
Bank charges	-	40
	13,698	<i>12,367</i>
	13,698	<i>12,367</i>

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	400	400
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	100	100
	100	<i>100</i>
	100	<i>100</i>

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, payments of £2,751 were made to Mr S Simcox for tuition of classes as part of the charities objectives. Mr S Simcox is a trustee of this charity. The trustees consider the amount charged by Mr S Simcox to be less than the applicable market rate for tuition. Authority for this payment is included in the charity's Articles of Association.

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9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses (continued)

During the year ended 31 March 2023, expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2022 - £NIL to Trustee).

10. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	332	379
	<u>332</u>	<u>379</u>

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	553	1,444
Pension fund loan payable	-	105
Other creditors	300	8
Accruals and deferred income	500	1,053
	<u>1,353</u>	<u>2,610</u>

12. Financial instruments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	14,803	29,831
	<u>14,803</u>	<u>29,831</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of assets held for trading and those financial assets designated as being held at fair value through profit or loss.

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	23,029	4,254	(15,952)	11,331
Unallocated amounts	-	-	265	265
	<u>23,029</u>	<u>4,254</u>	<u>(15,687)</u>	<u>11,596</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	4,571	27,571	(29,736)	2,406
Unallocated amounts	-	-	(220)	(220)
	<u>4,571</u>	<u>27,571</u>	<u>(29,956)</u>	<u>2,186</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>27,600</u></u>	<u><u>31,825</u></u>	<u><u>(45,643)</u></u>	<u><u>13,782</u></u>

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	21,187	23,262	(21,420)	23,029
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	4,571	16,650	(16,650)	4,571
Total of funds	25,758	39,912	(38,070)	27,600

14. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	23,029	4,254	(15,687)	11,596
Restricted funds	4,571	27,571	(29,956)	2,186
	27,600	31,825	(45,643)	13,782

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
General funds	21,187	23,262	(21,420)	23,029
Restricted funds	4,571	16,650	(16,650)	4,571
	25,758	39,912	(38,070)	27,600

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	12,949	2,186	15,135
Creditors due within one year	(1,353)	-	(1,353)
Total	<u>11,596</u>	<u>2,186</u>	<u>13,782</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Current assets	25,639	4,571	30,210
Creditors due within one year	(2,610)	-	(2,610)
Total	<u>23,029</u>	<u>4,571</u>	<u>27,600</u>

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Trustees

Kerry Flood, Secretary
Martin Prestidge
Stephen Simcox
Luke Cotterill
Ian Cotterill

Company registered number

08451766

Charity registered number

1107645

Registered office

Langley Park Lodge
34 Langley High Street
Oldbury
B69 4SN

Chief executive officer

Chris Flood

Accountant

JMS Accountants Ltd
172 Lawnswood Road
Stourbridge
DY8 5LW

Bankers

Metro Bank
One Southampton Row
London
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Sandwell Irish Community Association for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Annual report 2021-2022

Welcome to our Annual Report, for the Sandwell Irish Community Association.

Our organisation has delivered services and support to our local community for fourteen years; here, in Langley village.

Brexit and the Pandemic is continuing to have an impact on the country and we still have to come to terms with what the full consequence and impact will be not only on our local community but regionally and the UK overall, hopefully we can learn lessons and repair the divide and find a new progressive path where there is hope for everyone.

Everyone will have their own memories, both good, and bad of the personal journey they have made through this virus. As we emerge slowly but surely from the pandemic, the question now; is how do we move forward, as both individuals and community; is it, back to the old ways of working, with the same systems and goals in place, which in a lot of case's was just being able to survive to the next year; or, do we take this opportunity for radical and progressive change.

Words come easy, actions can be harder, in our case we are sometimes reliant on others to move our agenda forward, when this happens flexibility is key and one of SICA key strengths is always having a Plan B, so moving into the future we will continue with our core values have a flexible approach to any situation provide the structure to enable a continuation of an organisation philosophy that has been built over many years. We will plan for the uncertainty that surrounds all sectors and key areas we work in, but will strive for that radical and progressive agenda and make sure it is at the forefront of our decision making.

Chris Flood
Chief Executive

Achievements and Performance

Achievements for this term have grown slightly on last report as confidence is begins to grow in the community groups and service are being re-established. We can now begin to look forward and return to delivery in our key service areas.

Lodge

Services we deliver both new and old:

Services we have re-established and other we are looking to provide

SICA friendship club.	Black Country Mental Health Team (NHS)
SAFL Art Class	Knit and natter
Extend Class	Youth Group
Kids.org	Young carers' group
Community garden	Male only fitness group
Female only fitness group	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Future Plans

Our immediate future plans focus on Langley concept; this is radical project to future proof Langley village, maintain Langley lodges relevance to it community and raise the aspiration of individual of all ages with the intent to provide jobs, and apprentices opportunities, energy security and monetary and cost of living savings.

We have begun the process; by working with Birmingham University who have raised an initial report into suitability of renewable provision for Langley Lodge. We are now looking to expand on this work to include the local and business area.

List of work with brief description: Langley concept.

- Clock tower: repair clock and chimes remedial work on tower itself
- Community garden: extend community garden removing non-native species establishing a wet area to reintroduce newts and other native species
- Royal Enfield room: refurbish building bring back into community use, sound and video recording studio, rehearsal space, oral and video history hub, visual and hearing-impaired provision
- Park, Canal, High Street: this idea is to remove all physical barriers from the three-key aspect of Langley village creating a green open space with access to the healing power of water, which in turn will provide the tools to support with positive mental health remove non-native species to encourage natural bio-diversity
- Langley Park Lodge: create an extra floor above main building to install and create a centre of mental health excellence for training and delivering low to medium and high intensity support
- Youth provision we will update once we have the structure in place
- We will continue with our core objectives of good physical and mental health and helping and supporting the most vulnerable in our communities looking to advocate for the voiceless

Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Financial Review

Our income was £39,912 and our expenditure was £38,070. General unrestricted reserves are £23,029 and restricted funds are £4,571 so remain at an acceptable level.

Reserves Policy

The company aims to hold general (unrestricted) reserves of 3 months running costs.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Sandwell Irish Community Association is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Sandwell Irish Community Association is governed by a board of Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

The Board appoint a Chief Executive to help manage the organisation along with the strategic development of the company.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 22 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Kerry Flood
(Trustee)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 22 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Kerry Flood
(Trustee)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Sandwell Irish Community Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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.

Signed:



Dated: 22 December 2022

Melissa Smith

CIMA dip MA, MAAT

172 Lawnswood Road, Stourbridge DY8 5LW

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Income from:					
Charitable activities	3	21,762	16,650	38,412	51,723
Other income	4	1,500	-	1,500	200
Total income		23,262	16,650	39,912	51,923
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	21,420	16,650	38,070	36,922
Total expenditure		21,420	16,650	38,070	36,922
Net movement in funds		1,842	-	1,842	15,001
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		21,187	4,571	25,758	10,757
Net movement in funds		1,842	-	1,842	15,001
Total funds carried forward		23,029	4,571	27,600	25,758

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

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 08451766

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	9	379	370
Cash at bank and in hand		29,831	26,907
		<u>30,210</u>	<u>27,277</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,610)	(1,519)
Net current assets		<u>27,600</u>	<u>25,758</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>27,600</u>	<u>25,758</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>27,600</u>	<u>25,758</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>27,600</u></u>	<u><u>25,758</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	12	4,571	4,571
Unrestricted funds	12	23,029	21,187
Total funds		<u><u>27,600</u></u>	<u><u>25,758</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 22 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Kerry Flood
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association in March 2013.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Sandwell Irish Community Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.3 Expenditure

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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Debtors

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.7 Financial instruments

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

2.8 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	16,650	16,650
Income from charitable activities - Room hire	5,768	-	5,768	5,894
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Small Business Grant Fund	10,835	-	10,835	10,000
Income from charitable activities - HMRC - CJRS	3,825	-	3,825	17,845
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - COVID support	1,334	-	1,334	1,334
Total 2022	<u>21,762</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>38,412</u>	<u>51,723</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>35,073</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>51,723</u>	

4. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Other incoming resources	1,500	1,500	200
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	16,650	16,650
Room hire	21,420	-	21,420	19,591
Sandwell MBC - Langley lights	-	-	-	681
	<u>21,420</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>38,070</u>	<u>36,922</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>19,591</u>	<u>17,331</u>	<u>36,922</u>	

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	16,650	-	16,650	16,650
Room hire	9,053	12,367	21,420	19,591
Sandwell MBC - Langley lights	-	-	-	681
	<u>25,703</u>	<u>12,367</u>	<u>38,070</u>	<u>36,922</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>28,213</u>	<u>8,709</u>	<u>36,922</u>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Sandwell MBC - wages 2022 £	Room hire 2022 £	Sandwell MBC - Summer festival peace event 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Wages and salaries	16,650	8,225	-	24,875	27,494
Events	-	300	-	300	681
Lunches	-	528	-	528	22
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	-	-	-	16
	<u>16,650</u>	<u>9,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,703</u>	<u>28,213</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>10,882</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>28,213</u>	

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Electricity	2,897	2,280
Repairs and maintenance	1,776	1,687
Telephone	1,793	371
Equipment rental	2,841	2,397
Printing, postage, stationery	142	120
Cleaning	2	7
Water	503	313
Sundry expenses	47	48
Professional fees	550	350
Computers and software	1,112	492
Insurance	664	644
Bank charges	40	-
	<u>12,367</u>	<u>8,709</u>

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7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	400	400
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	100	160
	<u>500</u>	<u>560</u>

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2021 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (*2021 - £NIL to Trustee*).

9. Debtors

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	379	370
	<u>379</u>	<u>370</u>

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,444	588
Pension fund loan payable	105	-
Other creditors	8	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,053	931
	<u>2,610</u>	<u>1,519</u>

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11. Financial instruments

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	29,831	<i>26,907</i>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of assets held for trading and those financial assets designated as being held at fair value through profit or loss.

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12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	<u>21,187</u>	<u>23,262</u>	<u>(21,420)</u>	<u>23,029</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	<u>4,571</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>(16,650)</u>	<u>4,571</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>25,758</u></u>	<u><u>39,912</u></u>	<u><u>(38,070)</u></u>	<u><u>27,600</u></u>

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12. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021</i> £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	5,505	35,273	(19,591)	21,187
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	5,252	16,650	(17,331)	4,571
Total of funds	10,757	51,923	(36,922)	25,758

13. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	21,187	23,262	(21,420)	23,029
Restricted funds	4,571	16,650	(16,650)	4,571
	25,758	39,912	(38,070)	27,600

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021</i> £
General funds	5,505	35,273	(19,591)	21,187
Restricted funds	5,252	16,650	(17,331)	4,571
	10,757	51,923	(36,922)	25,758

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	25,639	4,571	30,210
Creditors due within one year	(2,610)	-	(2,610)
Total	<u>23,029</u>	<u>4,571</u>	<u>27,600</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Current assets	22,706	4,571	27,277
Creditors due within one year	(1,519)	-	(1,519)
Total	<u>21,187</u>	<u>4,571</u>	<u>25,758</u>

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees

Kerry Flood, Secretary
Martin Prestidge
Stephen Simcox
Luke Cotterill
Ian Cotterill

Company registered number

08451766

Charity registered number

1107645

Registered office

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Chief executive officer

Chris Flood

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Sandwell Irish Community Association for the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Annual report 2020-2021

Chris Flood, Exc Chair / CEO.

Welcome to our limited Annual Report, for the Sandwell Irish Community Association.

Our organisation has delivered services and support to our local community for thirteen years; here, in Langley village, as you will be aware by now, this report is limited due to circumstances beyond our control.

At the beginning of 2019 there was still relative ignorance as to what was about to take place, and the impact it would have on our daily lives; both, personally and for work.

Of course for the UK, it included the double whammy of both a worldwide Pandemic and Brexit; of which, we still have to understand what the full consequence and impact will be on our community and the UK overall, but history will judge us on our reactions to both successes and failures; hopefully we can learn lessons and repair the divide and progress.

Everyone will have their own memories, both good, and bad of the personal journey they have made through this virus. As we emerge slowly but surely from the pandemic, the question now; is how do we move forward, as both individuals and community; is it, back to the old ways of working, with the same systems and goals in place, which in a lot of cases were just being able to survive to the next year; or, do we take this opportunity for radical and progressive change.

Words come easy, actions can be harder, in our case we are sometimes reliant on others to move our agenda forward, when this happens flexibility is key and one of SICA key strengths is always having a Plan B, so moving into the future we will continue with our core values have a flexible approach to any situation provide the structure to enable a continuation of an organisation philosophy that has been built over many years. We will plan for the uncertainty that surrounds all sectors and key areas we work in, but will strive for that radical and progressive agenda and make sure it is at the forefront of our decision making.

Eva

My name is Eva Flood and I have been volunteering at Sandwell Irish Community Association since January 2019.

Initially I came on board to cover an unexpected staff absence and with no previous office experience I was very much thrown in at the deep end with greeting people, answering the telephone, responding to queries or signposting to external services, filing, photocopying and all other reception duties. It was very much a case of 'on the job learning', which continues to this day.

After a 4 month absence, the staff member concerned returned to work however I have continued as a regular volunteer with the organisation, gaining valuable work experience.

To further aid my development I have under taken a number of short courses which I hope will go towards

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securing a job working with the elderly and vulnerable – my passion for which was realised when I became involved with SICA's 'Good Neighbours Scheme'.

I am now Level 2 qualified in Falls Prevention, I am trained in Alcohol & Drug Awareness, I have completed Walk Leader training and in the near future I hope to become a qualified first aider.

Achievements & Performance

Achievements for this term are limited, in fact have stagnated we are in the process of reevaluating the structure of organisation, to cope with any change in the hope the organisation can continue to function and delivery its key services.

Lodge

With our service suspended for most of this year we didn't have chance to deliver on key aspect of our services however we did have some limited classes i.e. Art Class and ESOL class used the centre during mini break from lock down.

When full services are re-established after the pandemic we are hopeful we will continue to support our established groups –

SICA lunch club	Black Country Mental Health Team (NHS)
SAFL Art Class	Fit Box
Extend Class	Carl Fitness group
Spotlight Dance Group	Kids .org
Young carers' group	

Future plans

Our future plans are very much dependent on external pressures and others, this is to whether will we get the chance to put forward and implement our agenda for radical progression change we will however put forward a robust argument with a full cost proposals, we will have more details when it becomes available.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends and supporters and to assure them we will come through this and together we will build back better than Boris.

Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Financial Review

Our income was £51,923 and our expenditure was £36,922. General unrestricted reserves are £21,187 and restricted funds are £4,571 so remain at an acceptable level.

Reserves Policy

The company aims to hold general (unrestricted) reserves of 3 months running costs.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Sandwell Irish Community Association is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Sandwell Irish Community Association is governed by a board of Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

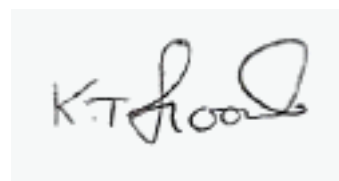
The Board appoint a Chief Executive to help manage the organisation along with the strategic development of the company.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 21 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Kerry Flood
(Trustee)



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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes 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 . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

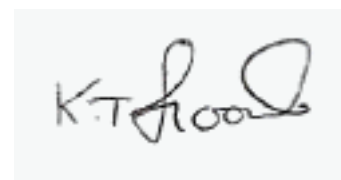
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 21 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Kerry Flood
(Trustee)



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Sandwell Irish Community Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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.

Signed:



Dated: 21 December 2021

Melissa Smith

CIMA dip MA, MAAT

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Income from:					
Charitable activities	3	35,073	16,650	51,723	37,903
Other income	4	200	-	200	500
Total income		35,273	16,650	51,923	38,403
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	19,591	17,331	36,922	47,093
Total expenditure		19,591	17,331	36,922	47,093
Net movement in funds		15,682	(681)	15,001	(8,690)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		5,505	5,252	10,757	19,447
Net movement in funds		15,682	(681)	15,001	(8,690)
Total funds carried forward		21,187	4,571	25,758	10,757

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

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 08451766

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	9	370	357
Cash at bank and in hand		26,907	12,159
		<u>27,277</u>	<u>12,516</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,519)	(1,759)
Net current assets		<u>25,758</u>	<u>10,757</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>25,758</u>	<u>10,757</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>25,758</u>	<u>10,757</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>25,758</u></u>	<u><u>10,757</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	12	4,571	5,252
Unrestricted funds	12	21,187	5,505
Total funds		<u><u>25,758</u></u>	<u><u>10,757</u></u>

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The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

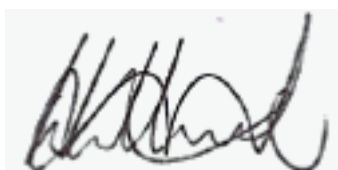
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

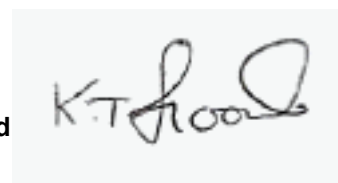
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 21 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Luke Cotterill
(Trustee)



Kerry Flood
(Trustee)



The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association in March 2013.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Sandwell Irish Community Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.3 Expenditure

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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Debtors

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.7 Financial instruments

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

2.8 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	16,650	16,485
Income from charitable activities - Room hire	5,894	-	5,894	17,724
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Summer festival peace event	-	-	-	1,292
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Small Business Grant Fund	10,000	-	10,000	-
Income from charitable activities - HMRC - CJRS	17,845	-	17,845	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - COVID grant	1,334	-	1,334	-
Income from charitable activities - Sandwell MBC - Langley lights	-	-	-	2,402
Total 2021	<u>35,073</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>51,723</u>	<u>37,903</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>17,914</u>	<u>19,989</u>	<u>37,903</u>	

4. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Other incoming resources	200	200	500
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	-	16,650	16,650	16,485
Room hire	19,591	-	19,591	24,468
Sandwell MBC - Summer festival peace event	-	-	-	1,403
Sandwell MBC - Langley	-	681	681	3,182
Sandwell MBC - Good neighbours	-	-	-	1,555
	<u>19,591</u>	<u>17,331</u>	<u>36,922</u>	<u>47,093</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>24,468</u>	<u>22,625</u>	<u>47,093</u>	

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Sandwell MBC - wages	16,650	-	16,650	16,485
Room hire	10,882	8,709	19,591	24,468
Sandwell MBC - Summer festival peace event	-	-	-	1,403
Sandwell MBC - Langley lights	681	-	681	3,182
Sandwell MBC - Good neighbours	-	-	-	1,555
	<u>28,213</u>	<u>8,709</u>	<u>36,922</u>	<u>47,093</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>34,655</u>	<u>12,438</u>	<u>47,093</u>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Sandwell MBC - wages 2021 £	Room hire 2021 £	Sandwell MBC - Summer festival peace event 2021 £	Sandwell MBC - Langley lights 2021 £
Wages and salaries	16,650	10,844	-	-
Events	-	-	-	681
Travelling	-	-	-	-
Facilitators	-	-	-	-
Lunches	-	22	-	-
Volunteers travel & subsistence	-	16	-	-
Staff training	-	-	-	-
	<u>16,650</u>	<u>10,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>681</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>16,485</u>	<u>12,030</u>	<u>1,403</u>	<u>3,182</u>
		Sandwell MBC - Good neighbours 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Wages and salaries		-	27,494	26,503
Events		-	681	4,585
Travelling		-	-	981
Facilitators		-	-	1,603
Lunches		-	22	865
Volunteers travel & subsistence		-	16	100
Staff training		-	-	18
		<u>-</u>	<u>28,213</u>	<u>34,655</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>		<u>1,555</u>	<u>34,655</u>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Electricity	2,280	3,462
Repairs and maintenance	1,687	2,400
Telephone	371	482
Equipment rental	2,397	2,626
Printing, postage, stationery	120	992
Cleaning	7	300
Water	313	345
Sundry expenses	48	137
Professional fees	350	610
Computers and software	492	368
Insurance	644	716
	<u>8,709</u>	<u>12,438</u>

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	400	450
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2021, expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2020 - £71 to 1 Trustee).

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9. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	370	357
	<u>370</u>	<u>357</u>

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	588	376
Pension fund loan payable	-	150
Accruals and deferred income	931	1,233
	<u>1,519</u>	<u>1,759</u>

11. Financial instruments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	26,907	12,159
	<u>26,907</u>	<u>12,159</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of assets held for trading and those financial assets designated as being held at fair value through profit or loss.

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12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	5,505	35,273	(19,499)	21,279
Unallocated amounts	-	-	(92)	(92)
	<u>5,505</u>	<u>35,273</u>	<u>(19,591)</u>	<u>21,187</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	<u>5,252</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>(17,331)</u>	<u>4,571</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>10,757</u></u>	<u><u>51,923</u></u>	<u><u>(36,922)</u></u>	<u><u>25,758</u></u>

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12. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	11,559	18,414	(24,468)	5,505
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	7,888	19,989	(22,625)	5,252
Total of funds	19,447	38,403	(47,093)	10,757

13. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	5,505	35,273	(19,591)	21,187
Restricted funds	5,252	16,650	(17,331)	4,571
	10,757	51,923	(36,922)	25,758

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020 £</i>
General funds	11,559	18,414	(24,468)	5,505
Restricted funds	7,888	19,989	(22,625)	5,252
	19,447	38,403	(47,093)	10,757

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	22,706	4,571	27,277
Creditors due within one year	(1,519)	-	(1,519)
Total	<u>21,187</u>	<u>4,571</u>	<u>25,758</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Current assets	7,264	5,252	12,516
Creditors due within one year	(1,759)	-	(1,759)
Total	<u>5,505</u>	<u>5,252</u>	<u>10,757</u>