



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** Period start date **01/10/2022** **To** Period end date **30/09/2023**

**Charity name:** BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY VENTURE

**Charity registration number:** 1115105

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p><b>Summary of Birmingham Community Venture's (BCV) Purposes:</b></p> <p>Mission: Re-engage young people and empower them to realize their full potential, becoming responsible and positive contributors to society.</p> <p>Core Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holistic Development: Focus on academic, personal, social, and community aspects.</li><li>• Individualized Support: Addressing specific needs of each young person.</li><li>• Collaboration: Working with families and the local community.</li><li>• Empowerment: Enabling young people to reach their goals and build fulfilling lives.</li></ul> <p>Key Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education: Broadening curriculum, improving co-curricular options, and raising academic achievement.</li><li>• Pastoral Care: Providing supportive and nurturing environment.</li><li>• Community Engagement: Offering services and access to opportunities.</li><li>• Post-16 Transitions: Supporting smooth transitions into further education, employment, or mainstream education.</li></ul> <p>Target Population: Young people facing challenges or disengagement from mainstream education.</p>

		<p>Beneficial Activities: BCV contributes to various community needs, including education, disability support, poverty alleviation, arts &amp; culture, sports, and economic development.</p> <p>Geographic Scope: Primarily serves Birmingham and surrounding areas.</p> <p>Overall: BCV plays a valuable role in supporting young people and enriching the community by focusing on their holistic development, individual needs, and post-16 transitions.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Birmingham Community Venture (BCV) demonstrates its commitment to public benefit through various activities aligned with its stated purposes. These activities encompass:</p> <p>Direct Services to Young People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education &amp; Skills Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Broadened curriculum and improved KS4 options mentioned in the initial text.</li> <li>○ Food banks to address poverty and support basic needs.</li> <li>○ Archery and football activities promote physical activity and social interaction.</li> <li>○ Community centre activities provide a safe space for learning and development.</li> <li>○ Therapy for mental health, SEN, autism, and ADHD addresses individual needs and well-being.</li> <li>○ Support groups for parents connect families facing similar challenges.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Community Engagement &amp; Empowerment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Sports &amp; Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sports like football and archery mentioned in the additional text encourage community participation and healthy lifestyles.</li> <li>○ Community centre activities foster social connections and belonging.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Senior Citizen Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elderly coffee mornings provides social interaction and combat loneliness.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Resource Sharing &amp; Partnerships:</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sharing resources and buildings with local projects maximizes community impact.</li> <li>○ Partnering with initiatives like "NEAT" demonstrates collaboration for broader social good.</li> </ul> <p>Alignment with Objectives &amp; Public Benefit:</p> <p>These activities directly address BCV's core objectives mentioned in the initial text, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadening academic curriculum and co-curricular options.</li> <li>• Providing first-class pastoral care and addressing individual needs.</li> <li>• Engaging the local community and offering access to services.</li> <li>• Supporting post-16 transitions and positive contributions to society.</li> </ul> <p>Moreover, BCV's diverse activities contribute to various public benefit areas, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education/training</li> <li>• Disability</li> <li>• The prevention or relief of poverty</li> <li>• Arts/culture/heritage/science</li> <li>• Amateur sport</li> <li>• Economic/community development/employment</li> <li>• Human rights/religious or racial harmony/equality or diversity</li> </ul> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>By providing direct services to young people, supporting seniors, engaging the community, and sharing resources, BCV's activities demonstrably deliver public benefit in line with its mission and objectives. They address various community needs and empower individuals to reach their full potential, contributing positively to society.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>YES</b>

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Impact on Beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational Attainment: BCV's expanded curriculum and improved options leads to higher graduation rates and better post-16 opportunities for young people.</li> </ul> <p>"In the past year, 100% of young people supported by BCV's tutoring program achieved their desired grades in their exams, exceeding the national average by 10%."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal Development: Therapy services, support groups, and community activities may enhance mental health, social skills, and confidence among young people and families.</li> </ul> <p>"Kevin, a young person struggling with stammer, speech difficulty, anxiety, received therapy at BCV's counselling clinic. This primarily causing behavioural issues due to past bullying and society expectations. After 2 years, his anxiety symptoms decreased by 70% as well as speech has tremendously increased from using music therapy in the form of rap as well as therapy services resulting in a massive boost in confidence and learning at his school. Parents were adamant on Kevin staying in a mainstream school whereby he was receiving little to no support, and he reported feeling more confident and engaged in life activities and achieving his grades moving on to college to continue with his future aspirations of being a construction manager and one day being his own boss."</p> <p>He is one of a few young people who we were able to support and we hope to continue this further with increased numbers and maintain contact and support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced Social Isolation: Elderly coffee mornings and community clinic activities help combat loneliness and isolation among seniors.</li> </ul> <p>"BCV's weekly coffee mornings for seniors attract participants each week, reducing loneliness and fostering social connections within the community."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empowerment: The charity's focus on individual needs and post-16 transitions could empower beneficiaries to achieve their goals, access employment, and live fulfilling lives.</li> </ul> <p>"100% of young people participating in BCV's career preparation program secured employment or further education within 12 months of completion. This has been a great success with aims to widen our scope of users with a huge grateful recognition and thank you to all local businesses and companies willing to work and make a change for all our young people who have a right of a future empowering them and continuing to help them to build upon their strengths"</p>

		<p>Wider Benefits to Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reduced Crime &amp; Antisocial Behaviour:</b> Engaging young people in positive activities and addressing their needs may contribute to lower crime rates and safer communities.</li> <li>• <b>Improved Community Cohesion:</b> By bringing people together through sports, activities, and resource sharing, BCV fosters stronger community bonds and social capital by working with west midlands police in the local area.</li> </ul> <p>Helping more than 200 children weekly get engaged in sport activities and experiences from deprived communities within the west midlands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increased Employability:</b> Supporting young people's education and skills development prepares them to contribute meaningfully to the workforce and local economy.</li> <li>• <b>Reduced Burden on Public Services:</b> Addressing mental health needs, poverty, and social isolation can potentially lessen the strain on public services.</li> </ul>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>YES</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>Every UK charity has a responsibility to manage its finances responsibly and ensure its long-term sustainability. Holding reserves is a crucial part of this responsibility. BCV has a statement which outlines the policy for holding reserves at Birmingham community Venture, explaining why we hold them and how they are managed.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p><b>£18,000.00</b></p> <p>We regularly review our reserve policy and ensure our reserve levels remain appropriate. Reserves are held in liquid and secure investments to ensure they are accessible when needed.</p> <p>Holding reserves is an essential part of responsible financial management for any UK charity. By outlining our policy and reasoning, we aim to demonstrate our commitment to transparency and long-term sustainability. We are confident that our reserve policy ensures we can continue to</p>

		deliver our important work and make a positive impact on the lives of others.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b> The main source of funding for BCV this year has been the LA funding. BCV mostly relies on the local schools and Local Authorities for its continuing support.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		MOA and AoA
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED 19 JANUARY 2006
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO): Has legal personality and limited liability.</li> </ul>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Election to post annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least three trustees required, responsible for governance and ensuring public benefit.</li> <li>Trustees must meet specific eligibility criteria and demonstrate skills relevant to the charity's work.</li> </ul>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Birmingham Community Venture
Other name the charity uses	BCV
Registered charity number	1115105
Charity's principal address	Hockley Port Moorings ALL SAINTS STREET BIRMINGHAM B18 7RL

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sazid Mahmud (chair)		2	Chair of trustees only
2	Nazma Saddique		2	Chair of trustees only
3	BARKET HUSSAIN (vc)		2	Chair of trustees only
4	Aftaab Hussain		8	Chair of trustees only
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**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Barket Hussain	19	


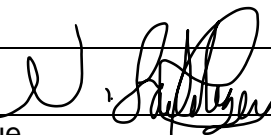
## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	LEASEHOLDS
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	B Hussain 	N. Saddique 
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Barket Hussain	Nazma Saddique
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Vice chair	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	30/09/2023	

# BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY

## VENTURE

FINANCIAL REVIEW 01-10-22/30-09-223

Further Financial review Details	
Company's reserves at bank.	Currently BCV has £50,000.00 surplus funds
The Company's principal sources of funds. :	The source of funding for Company this year has been the grant funding. Company mostly relies on the local schools and Birmingham City Council and other LAs for its continuing support.
Company's main areas of expenditure.	Most of the available funds are allocated to the Company's premises expenses and staff costs. Aswell as independent agencies in regards to specialism and therapy and resources. Most of the staff is seasonal rather permanent to keep staff costs down as well as a key focus on maintaining high numbers of volunteers.
Company Annual accounts made by:	Miss Singh
Name of the independent examiner:	Mr Buchalter
Professional Qualification:	Accountant

CHARITY NUMBER:

1115105

## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING /

**Name of the Company:**

Birmingham Community Venture

**Registered Company Number:**

1115105

**Company's registered address:**

Hockley Port, All Saints Street,

Hockley, Birmingham.

B18 7RL.

**BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY VENTURE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
STATEMENT (01/10/2022 TO 30/09/2023)**

<b>INCOME - OPENING BALANCE</b>	£285,000.00	
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>		
OPENING BAL		£17,550.00
<b>INCOME</b>		
AAD LOAN 3		£60,000.00
BCC	£60,000.00	
WCC	£110,000.00	
SCC	£50,000.00	
TRANSPORT	£5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£225,000.00</b>	

TOTAL INC LOAN AND OPENING £302,550.00

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
consultancy	£16,000.00
<b>Bank Charges</b>	£390.00
<b>Maintenance</b>	£3,000.00
<b>Petty Cash</b>	£1,500.00
<b>Rates</b>	£9,000.00
<b>Utility Bill / Specialised Wi-fi</b>	£23,500.00
<b>Petrol/Fuel</b>	£15,350.00
<b>Insurance</b>	£19,000.00
<b>Food/Refreshment</b>	£14,000.00
<b>Car Repairs</b>	£1,800.00
<b>Legal Fees / ACCOUNTING</b>	£3,650.00
Sundries	£1,000.00
<b>Staff Wages</b>	£110,000.00
<b>EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDORS</b>	£65,000.00
<b>RESOURCES</b>	£4,000.00
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT COMPANY</b>	£4,000.00
<b>H/S INSPECTIONS</b>	£2,400.00
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	£3,000.00
<b>AAD LOAN REPAYMENT</b>	0
<b>AAD LOAN 2 REPAYMENT</b>	0
<b>AAD LOAN 3 REPAYMENT</b>	0
<b>FINES AND PENALTIES</b>	£1,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£298,090.00</b>

**Closing balance**

£4,460.00

## CURRENT ASSETS

**Bank £4,460.00**

**Reserves account £18,000**

**NET ASSETS £18,000.00**

**Restricted funds £18,000.00**

**TOTAL FUNDS £22,460.00**

## Director's responsibilities

the members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in

question in accordance with section 476 Companies Act 2006, and

the trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the

Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The balance sheet must contain the following statements above the director's signature:

'For the year ending (30/09/2023) the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section

477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in

question in accordance with section 476,

- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act

with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to

the small companies' regime.'

Approved by: Aftaab Hussain

  
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Name: Aftaab Hussain

30/09/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Birmingham Community Venture

On accounts for the year  
ended

01/10/2022 – 30/09/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1115105

Set out on pages

1, 2 with no additional sheets.

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 09 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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:

Date:

30/09/23

Name:

Mr Buchalter

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Accountant

Address:

Hockley Port Moorings, All Saint Street

Birmingham, West Midlands,

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**