

NORTHERN COMMUNITY NETWORK LTD

Company registration number: 05952567

Charity registration number: 1122358

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Report and Financial Statements

For 9 Months Ended 31 March 2021

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Northern Community Network Ltd
Charity registration number	1122358
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Principal office	Jinnah Centre St James's Parish Hall 2 Brougham Street Burnley, Lancashire BB12 0AS
Trustees/Directors	Mr Safdar Baig Mirza, Chairman Mr Mian Mohammad Rafiq (Passed away on 21.12.2020) Mr Shufqat Razaq Mr Abdul Ghaffar Chaudhry Mr Fiaz Ahmed (Resigned on 21.12.2020) Mr Mohammad Najib J.P Cllr Shah Monwar Hussain BA Mr Jamroz Sikander Khan Mr Raees Ahmad – Vice Chair Mr Mohammad Sharif Mr Tahir Nawaz (Appointed on 21.12.2020) Mrs Nasreen Rafique Malik (Appointed on 21.12.2020)
Treasurer	Mr Mohammad Rafique Malik
Secretary	County Cllr Mohammad Usman Arif LLB (Hons), (Appointed on 21.12.2020)

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Banker's Name

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Structure, Governance And Management

Trustees are drawn from the affiliated organisations and individual members of the charity. They are elected for two years.

The charity ensures that all the trustees, particularly newly elected ones go through the following induction process:

1.

Presentation of the memorandum and the articles of association.

2.

Aims and objectives and requirements to run the charity.

3.

Each new trustee is given a copy of each of the most recent annual report and independently examined accounts.

4.

The “responsibilities of charity trustees” booklet (CC3) published by the charity commission.

Aims and Objectives

Aims and objectives of the charity are as follows:

1.

“To advance the education of the inhabitants of the inner areas of Burnley, particularly of the Daneshouse and Stoneyholme ward and the BAME Communities residing in Burnley and Padiham.

2.

To provide facilities for them, generally but not exclusively, in the interests of social welfare, for recreation and leisure time to improve the conditions of their lives.

3.

To provide the relief of financial hardship among people living and/or working in the said town by providing such persons with information, advice and guidance which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.”

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Achievements and Performance

The charity provides services under two banners:

A.

Delivering of projects

We shall first give brief summaries of the projects we continued or completed from 2018/19 and 2019/20 to be followed by the projects started/completed/continued in and from 2020/21 onwards in the following paragraphs:

1.

Workers Educational Association (WEA)

REACH IT Project.

- i) We finished digital education and training project under the 'Reaching Communities' banner in 2019/20
- ii) We were awarded another £4,498.50 grant in September 2020. We met all the targets this year as well.

2.

The National Lottery (TNL) IAG Project 360

This is the first partnership project developed by five East Lancashire voluntary groups. The lead partner is Lancashire BME Network Ltd. It started on 1st August 2018 and is ending on 31st July 2021. It has been most powerful and most useful for the clients. Due to language, literacy and cultural barriers, information, advice and guidance has always been and for quite some time will remain much in demand in East Lancashire. We achieved the targets far above the ones agreed between the lead partner and funder.

3.

ENERGY 360 Project

This is second partnership project developed together by six East Lancashire voluntary group. The lead partner is again Lancashire BME Network Ltd. It is a two year project funded by the **energy saving trust** to alleviate fuel poverty. It started in September 2020 and shall end in August 2022.

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4.

Jinnah Vaccination Centre

Covid 19 has been more severe in East Lancashire especially its Delta variant. In partnership with Brunshaw Pharmacy we established the above centre in our Head office to accelerate the rate of vaccinations to the BAME communities in Burnley, in general and in Daneshouse, Queensgate and Bank Hall wards in particular. In two months thousands of people got vaccinated through the above centre. Use of the office was taken as an emergency measure. It is going to be moved to Stoneyholme Daneshouse youth and community centre, still in heart of the Burnley BAME communities.

5.

Heartstone Project

We received a grant of £3,000 from the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner in July 2020 to run this project “reading anti-hate stories” to primary school children in Preston. It was a partnership between the founder of the Heartstone; Preston Primary Schools and the Northern Community Network Ltd. The project has been completed successfully and appreciated by the headteachers involved.

B.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SERVICES

1.

BURNLEY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE (BBSS)

1. We continued to assist the service in:

- Sending notices to members for annual renewals of membership
- Collecting £75.00 membership fees and issuing the receipts
- Allowing them to use our head office for communication with their over 500 members.

2. Due to Covid-19, we could not assist them in getting registered as a C.I.C

2.

ABU BAKR TRUST BURNLEY

We are pleased to report that the trust has completed the construction of its car park on the land between the mosque and 22 Brougham Street that we assisted them to purchase from council. We had also assisted them in acquiring a licence to start construction of car park before completion of purchase.

The council has levied non-domestic/business rate on car park. We have assisted them in submitting an application for 100% relief of the business rates on the grounds that they are registered charity.

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3.

DANESHUSE SURGERY

We are pleased to report that the above surgery is in full swing again. Its reopening within the BAME area was timely and very helpful for the community to accelerate the speed of vaccination especially for the BAME community in Burnley.

4.

JINNAH CENTRE

Covid-19, pandemic related issues slowed our progress towards the upgradation of the above most popular and much in demand centre. We have been exploring the possibility of acquiring some suitable buildings in the area under asset transfer scheme.

As we have to double our efforts to respond to the serious social, familial, health and educational problems caused by the pandemic, the upgradation of the centre will have to be put on the back burner for the time being.

5.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

BAME communities suffered from the adverse impact of the pandemic as to their health; their children's education; their businesses; employment and their family lives etc. during 2020/2021.

In one respect it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It highlighted the existence of two issues, mental health and domestic abuse in the BAME communities.

Our future projects will assist the communities in tackling the two issues, in addition to the issues caused by the pandemic.

Financial Review

Our incoming resources were £115,178 and our total spend was £91,508. The period ended with a surplus of £23,670.

Reserve Policy:

Our reserves policy is to have balances for three months essential costs available on 1st April each year. These reserves, on average should be £3,000.

The Trust has two types of costs, essential and optional expenditure.

Essential expenditure:

It comprises the costs we have to ensure, if we want to continue to exist as an organization i.e. energy, cleaning materials, insurance cover, printing/photocopying costs and water rates.

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Optional expenditure:

It comprises the costs we have to incur if we obtain grants for core and/or to run any projects i.e. employee costs, room hire, rent for the Parish Hall, additional energy, printing and other admin costs. If we have no income for the core costs or project costs, we don't have to incur these optional costs. These costs are flexible and keep fluctuating, depending on the volume of the activities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees/Directors confirm that they have ensured that their activities remain within the boundaries of the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit. All our activities benefit the public at large. No Trustee/Director received any benefit from Charity/Company unless allowed under Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Plans for 2021/2022

A. Project Work

1. Our project work will mainly be linked with response to damaging impact of pandemic on community life of residents.
2. We shall endeavour to apply to the Lancashire Environmental fund or any other funder to improve and upgrade our head office, the Jinnah centre.
3. Asset transfer
We shall continue to find permanent offices under asset transfer scheme, preferably in partnership with some other agencies to share costs.

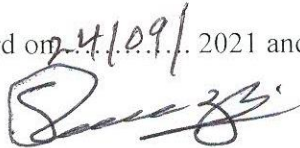
B. Local Development Agency

1. This work is mostly responsive work. It depends on local voluntary groups what sort of assistance they seek.
2. However, we shall continue to assist the groups as we currently assisting Burnley Bereavement support Service (BBSS).

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board on 24/09/2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Safdar Baig Mirza

Chair of Trustees

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Trustee Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees (who are also directors of Northern Community Network Ltd) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Community Network Ltd

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 12 to 23.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also the directors of the company 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 charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act:

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by the 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 report of an independent examination: or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the method and principles of the Statement of the Recommended practice for the accounting and reporting by the Charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in 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.


Saghir Ahmad

24.09.2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Period ended 31 March 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	25,534	89,644	115,178	58,542
Total incoming resources		25,534	89,644	115,178	58,542
Resources Expended					
Charitable activities	3	-	90,808	90,808	47,775
Governance costs	3	-	700	700	500
Total resources expended		-	91,508	91,508	48,275
Net movement in funds		25,534	(1,864)	23,670	10,267
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forwards		2,566	16,080	18,646	8,379
Transfer between Funds		6,758	(6,758)	-	-
Total funds carried forwards		34,858	7,458	42,316	18,646

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The notes on pages 15 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	-	-
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		50,330	21,894
		50,330	21,894
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,014)	(3,248)
Net current assets		42,316	18,646
Net assets		<u>42,316</u>	<u>18,646</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds in surplus		7,458	16,080
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted income funds		34,858	2,566
Total charity funds		<u>42,316</u>	<u>18,646</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2021.

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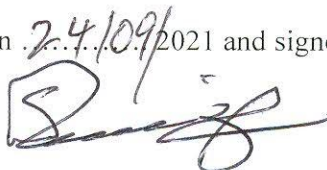
The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with section 476 of the Company Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps records that comply with section 386 and 387 of the Company Act 2006 and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Approved by the Board on 24/09/2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Safdar Baig Mirza
Trustee



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The notes on pages 15 to 23 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 March 2021

Accounting policies -

Basis of preparing the financial statement

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the charities SORP(FRS 102), Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland(FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)' the Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purpose, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purpose. Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 12.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

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Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 March 2021

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over the expected useful economic life as follows.

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance
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Notes to the financial statements for the Period Ended 31 March 2021

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies				
Donations	-	-	-	60
Rental/Other income	534	-	534	3,833
Grants				
Lancashire & Merseyside Community Foundation		4,884	4,884	-
Police and crime commissioner	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
The National Lottery - IAG 360	-	20,924	20,924	27,899
The National Lottery -	-	54,443	54,443	-

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Covid Response				
ESC Lottery fund	-	-	-	9,911
Other Grants	-	-	-	5,801
Lloyds Bank Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	-
Workers Educational Association	-	4,499	4,499	8,038
LBN/EST ER 360	-	1,894	1,894	-
	25,534	89,644	115,178	58,542

Notes to the Financial Statement for the period Ended 31 March 2021

3.Total resources expended

	Social welfare	Governance	Total
Direct costs	£	£	£
Consultancy expenses	4,095	-	4,095
Rent and rates	5,138	-	5,138
Equipment	-	-	-
Travel costs	82	-	82
Light, heat and power	1,370	-	1,370
Insurance	550	-	550
Copier lease	477	-	477
Tel/internet/webhosting	752	-	752
Office expenses/refreshments	108	-	108
Computer software/equipment costs	9,757	-	9,757
Printing/posting/stationary	775	-	775
Repair & maintenance	141	-	141
Sundries and other costs	28	-	28
Project costs	6,118	-	6,118
Accountancy fees	-	800	800
Payroll fees	300	-	300
Training courses	5,283	-	5,283
Wages	55,305	-	55,305
Employer pension	429	-	429
	90,708	800	91,508

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4. Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

5. Net (expenditure)/ income

Depreciation of Tangible fixed assets

2021	2020
£	£
<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 March 2021

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6 Employee's remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	55,305	30,944
Employer Pension	429	510
	<u>55,734</u>	<u>31,454</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the period
(2020 - Nil)

7 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold and other interest in land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 July 2020	30,867	35,002	65,869
As 31 March 2021	30,867	35,002	65,869
Depreciation			
As at 1 July 2020	30,867	35,002	65,869
Charge for the period	-	-	-
As 31 March 2021	30,867	35,002	65,869
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2021	-	-	-
As at 30 June 2020	-	-	-

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrual and deferred income	8,014	3,248
	<u>8,014</u>	<u>3,248</u>

10 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 March 2021

11 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

12 Analysis of funds

	At 1 July 2020	Incoming resources/trf	Resources expended/trf	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds				
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-
General funds				
Unrestricted income fund	2,566	32,292	-	34,858
Restricted Funds				
ESC Lottery fund	8,920	-	2,400	6,520
The National Lottery – IAG 360	-	20,924	20,496	428
Awards For All - Big Lottery Fund	2,000	-	2,000	-
Thursby Trust Grant	510	-	-	510
The National Lottery - Covid Response	-	54,443	54,443	-
Lancashire BME Network	4,650	-	4,650	-
Other Grants		14,277	14,277	-
	16,080	89,644	98,266	7,458
	16,080	89,644	98,266	7,458

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13 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	34,858	15,472	50,330	21,894
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		(8,014)	(8,014)	(3,248)
Net Assets	34,858	7,458	42,316	18,646