

THE ELDERS COUNCIL OF NEWCASTLE LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1122424

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06188907](#)

Registered 2008-01-23

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE CHARITABLE NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH AGEING OF OLDER PEOPLE RESIDENT IN THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, AND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY:A) TO RELIEVE POVERTY, HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS;B) TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT GOOD HEALTH;C) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.2 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF OLDER PEOPLE RESIDENT IN THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

Activities: Representing the views, concerns and ideas of older people in Newcastle upon Tyne

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TYNE AND WEAR
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£121,874	£119,786	-	-
2024-03-31	£88,376	£113,527	-	-
2023-03-31	£88,871	£98,304	-	-
2022-03-31	£76,337	£86,655	-	-
2021-03-31	£74,124	£46,732	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Raffle	Chair	2018-07-24
Diane Margaret Scott		2023-09-01
FARIDA REHMAN		2024-07-17
JOHN THOMAS WHITE		2025-05-21
Keith John Williamson		2021-02-23
Michael Wilkes		2026-03-18
STELLA SIMBO		2025-07-23
SUSAN CATHERINE HARROP		2024-07-17
WENDY PARVIN		2026-03-18

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name	The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited	
Registered Company Number	06188907	
Registered Charity Number	1122424	
Trustees	Anne Raffle Alan Gowers Violet Rook Keith Williamson Bruce Davenport John Telfer Diane Scott Nadeem Ahmad Farida Rehman Sylvia Leigh Susan Harrop John White	Resigned 17.07.2024 Resigned 17.07.2024 Resigned 17.07.2024 Resigned 17.07.2024 Resigned 17.02.2025 Appointed 17.07.2024 Appointed 17.07.2024 Appointed 17.07.2024 Appointed 21.05.2025
Registered Office	2 nd Floor, Biomedical Research Building Campus for Ageing & Vitality Nuns Moor Road Newcastle NE4 5PL	
Independent Examiner	David Kilner 7 Eldon Square Newcastle NE1 7JG	
Bankers	Cooperative Bank 1 Balloon Street Manchester M4 4BE	

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2. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited is a charitable company, governed by its constitution, adopted on 28th March 2007, amended on 26th November 2007.

3. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

The trustees 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).

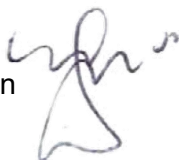
The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial 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 that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on .28/07/25..... and signed on their behalf by:

Keith Williamson
Treasurer



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the financial statements of The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 21 to 33.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

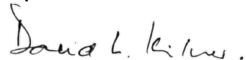
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.



David L Kilner FCA
Chartered Accountant
7 Eldon Square
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 7JG

Date: 28/07/25

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	6	2,945	7,172	10,117	3,425
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	7	53,838	42,852	96,690	73,620
Other trading activities	8	9,074	-	9,074	2,590
Investments	9	-	-	-	1,691
Other income	10	5,994	-	5,994	7,050
Total income		71,850	50,024	121,874	88,376
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	11	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	11	113,365	6,421	119,786	113,528
Total expenditure		113,365	6,421	119,786	113,528
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		(41,514)	43,603	2,089	(25,152)
<u>Reconciliation of funds</u>					
Total funds brought forward		70,396	8,802	79,198	104,350
Total funds carried forward		28,882	52,405	81,287	79,198

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 23 to 33 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1122424

Company Number 06188907

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes		Total 2025		Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	18		580		1,101
Total fixed assets			580		1,101
Current assets					
Debtors	19	663		2,010	
Cash at bank and in hand	20	90,578		118,164	
Total current assets		91,241		120,174	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	(10,534)		(42,077)	
Net current assets			80,707		78,097
Total assets less current liabilities			81,287		79,198
Total net assets or liabilities			81,287		79,198
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			28,882		70,396
Restricted income funds			52,405		8,802
Total funds			81,287		79,198

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

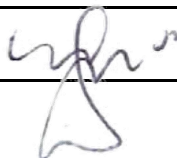
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 23 to 33 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 28/07/25

and are signed on its behalf by:

Keith Williamson
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis, a full years depreciation charge is applied in the year of acquisition and no charge is made in the year of disposal:

Office and computer equipment	25% straight line
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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations	2,945	7,172	10,117	3,425
	<u>2,945</u>	<u>7,172</u>	<u>10,117</u>	<u>3,425</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Grant income</u>				
Newcastle City Council	53,838	-	53,838	59,620
Kellet - Community Foundation	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
Centre for Ageing Better	-	500	500	-
Community Foundation - Culture Investment	-	12,000	12,000	-
Dunhill Medical Grant	-	14,352	14,352	-
Ward Grant	-	648	648	-
Grants other	-	1,352	1,352	-
	<u>53,838</u>	<u>42,852</u>	<u>96,690</u>	<u>73,620</u>
8 Other trading activities				
Income from services	9,074	-	9,074	2,590
	<u>9,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,074</u>	<u>2,590</u>
9 Income from investments				
Bank interest	-	-	-	1,691
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,691</u>
10 Other income				
Other income	5,994	-	5,994	7,050
	<u>5,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,994</u>	<u>7,050</u>

Income was £121,874 (2024: £88,376) of which £71,850 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £74,376) and £50,024 was restricted (2024: £14,000)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
11 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Training and conferences	-	-	-	12
AGM & other member support	1,142	-	1,142	1,463
Booked transport	698	-	698	1,184
Newsletter postage & delivery	3,617	-	3,617	3,022
Publishing and printing	-	-	-	574
Magazine printing	3,605	384	3,989	3,704
Innovation Super Network	-	150	150	3,600
Social Justice Advisory Group	-	-	-	2,573
YHN small grant	-	-	-	750
Activities	-	1,439	1,439	-
Small Sparks	8,792	-	8,792	1,183
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent, service charge and telephone	5,390	-	5,390	5,390
Office stationery	658	-	658	736
Staff costs	81,164	-	81,164	79,307
IT and website costs	2,345	-	2,345	2,479
Sundries	19	-	19	246
Professional fees	4,029	4,448	8,477	3,745
Depreciation	521	-	521	641
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	250
EC Video	-	-	-	1,584
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	600	-	600	500
Legal fees	120	-	120	13
Insurance	663	-	663	572
Bank charges	3	-	3	-
	<u>113,365</u>	<u>6,421</u>	<u>119,786</u>	<u>113,528</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £119,786 (2024: £113,527) of which £113,365 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £95,893) and £6,421 was restricted (2024: £17,634)

12 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	600	500
	<u>600</u>	<u>500</u>

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13 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	71,825	62,681
Social security costs	6,076	5,617
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	1,228	1,428
	<u>79,129</u>	<u>69,726</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2024: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees, and the Executive Officer.. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £41,906. (2024: £25,333)

14 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 3 staff (2024: 3 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Membership development and support	2.5	2.5
	<u>2.5</u>	<u>2.5</u>

15 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

The following detail the expenses incurred by the trustees.

	2025 £	2024 £
Travel	34	387
	<u>34</u>	<u>387</u>

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

16 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £1,228 (2024: £1,428). There was £23 outstanding as at 31 March 2025 (2024: £157)

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17 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

18 Tangible fixed assets	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost		
Balance brought forward	2,607	2,607
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>2,607</u>	<u>2,607</u>
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
Balance brought forward	1,507	1,507
Depreciation charge for year	521	521
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>2,027</u>	<u>2,027</u>
Net book value		
Brought forward	<u>1,101</u>	<u>1,101</u>
Carried forward	<u>580</u>	<u>580</u>

19 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments & accrued income	663	2,010
	<u>663</u>	<u>2,010</u>

20 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Short term cash investment	31,443	31,443
Short term deposits	40,000	25,917
Cash at bank and in hand	19,134	60,804
	<u>90,578</u>	<u>118,164</u>

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21 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	3,483	3,767
Pension	23	419
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	600	500
Other accruals	6,428	1,413
Deferred income	-	35,518
Other creditors	-	461
	10,534	42,077

22 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of advance payments from grants that relate to future periods

	2025
	£
Balance brought forward	35,518
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(35,518)
Amount deferred in year	-
Balance carried forward	-

23 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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24 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2025

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	70,396	71,850	(113,365)	-	28,882
Totals	70,396	71,850	(113,365)	-	28,882

For the year ending 31 March 2024

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	92,663	74,376	(95,893)	(750)	70,396
Totals	92,663	74,376	(95,893)	(750)	70,396

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' after allowing for designated funds

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2025

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	1,403	-	-	-	1,403
Ways to Wellness - Front Door Feasibility Study	1,400	-	-	-	1,400
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	1,232	-	-	-	1,232
Kellett Community Foundation	4,767	14,000	(2,190)	-	16,577
Centre for Ageing Better	-	500	(640)	140	-
NE Combined Authority	-	7,556	(384)	-	7,172
Dunhill Medical Grant	-	14,352	(2,448)	-	11,904
Ward grant	-	648	(599)	-	49
Community Foundation - Culture Investment	-	12,000	(160)	-	11,840
Other grants	-	968	-	(140)	828
Totals	8,802	50,024	(6,421)	-	52,405

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2024

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	2,586	-	(1,183)	-	1,403
Ways to Wellness - Front Door Feasibility Study	5,000	-	(3,600)	-	1,400
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	4,100	-	(2,868)	-	1,232
Kellett Community Foundation	-	14,000	(9,233)	-	4,767
YHN Small Grants	-	-	(750)	750	-
Totals	11,686	14,000	(17,634)	750	8,802

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	A small sparks grant pot to be used in West Fenham, Byker and Walker. To do a creative project with Unfolding Theatre in two neighbourhoods in Newcastle (Fenham and Walker) to produce a performance and film on Age Friendly Neighbourhoods.
Ways to Wellness - Front Door Feasibility Study	To conduct the feasibility study
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	To highlight and illustrate the experiences of living in Newcastle of older women from South Asian and Chinese communities and what their expectations for themselves are as they grow older.
Kellett Community Foundation	To diversification of membership through development work

25 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2025, the charity had no capital commitments (2024 -£nil)

26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	580	-	580	1,101
Cash at bank and in hand	38,173	52,405	90,578	118,164
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(9,871)	-	(9,871)	(40,067)
	<u>28,882</u>	<u>52,405</u>	<u>81,287</u>	<u>79,198</u>

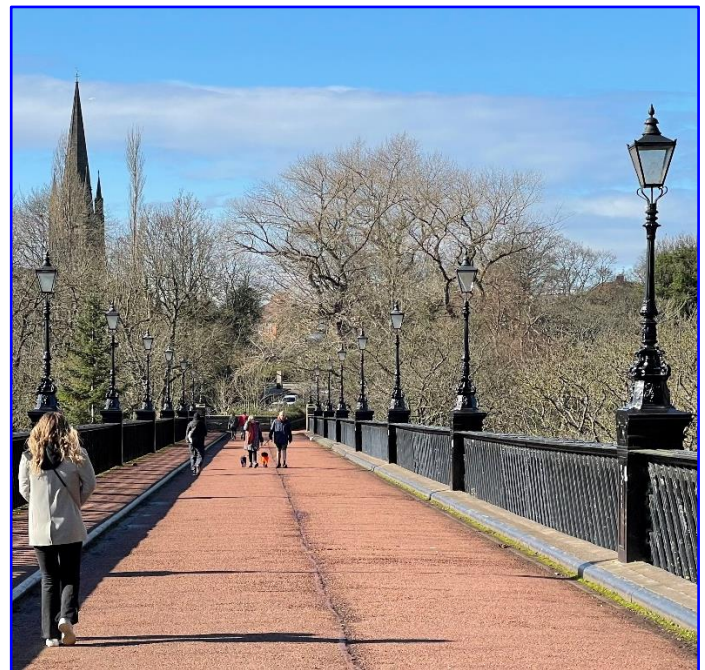
THE ELDERS COUNCIL OF NEWCASTLE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1122424

Accounts

The Elders Council of Newcastle

(A company limited by guarantee)



Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the 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 Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Report from Anne Raffle, Chair of The Elders Council



I am pleased to share with you the latest Annual Report of the Elders Council of Newcastle, which completes our twenty third year of operation.

In this financial period the Elders Council has witnessed significant changes and we now fully employ all three members of staff.

Following the retirement of Barbara Douglas in August 2023, Clare Levi was appointed as Executive Officer. The role of Development Worker was taken on by Tim Oxley, an experienced community link worker. Administrator Gill Spoor completes the team and we appreciate the valuable support they provide to the Board in the fulfilment of our responsibilities in and to the community.

Two new Trustees were appointed, Diane Scott and Nadem Ahmad, and welcomed to the Board. We said goodbye to four trustees,

We continue to Connect to our members through our excellent communications which are prepared, produced and distributed by member volunteers, with staff support. We thank each one for their time and commitment to the Elders Council.

We Activate our membership by supporting events such as Jesmond Wellbeing (started by the late Vera Bolter) which has just celebrated 10 years in action.

We back petitions affecting older people, e.g. OP Commissioner for England, ticket offices, pensioner rights. Ageism Day of Action - we promote opportunities to ensure older people are heard as we age!

We have been welcomed into local communities at our Meet the Elders Council events.

We sponsored a successful Active Voices course where members have continued to be involved in our work. We want to represent everyone living and working in Newcastle over the age of 50. If you would like to help us deliver our work please watch for opportunities in our bulletin and Magazine.

We are Influencing policy makers by ensuring the voice of older people is heard in decision making, such as the Newcastle State of Ageing, local budget proposals, Newcastle Future Plan and we continue to collaborate with Public Health and Newcastle University to progress and advance work on an Age Friendly Newcastle. We continue to advocate for a City Cabinet Champion!

The voluntary sector continues to deal with many issues, not least adequate funding, when day to day working costs continue to rise. We greatly appreciate the generous donations made to the organisation over the year from members and friends. This additional support helps to print and post the magazine out to those no longer able to get out and about.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our funders – Newcastle City Council, the Kellett fund, Newcastle Culture Investment Fund (Community Foundation) and North East Combined Authority.

Also, our local and national partners, who contribute to and support our work throughout the year.

Looking forward

Our strategy is to continue working in local communities, building on the connections we have made. We will highlight our programme on Research and Impact and continue to support the Age Friendly City commitment. Other local issues such as Health, Transport, Housing and Digital Poverty remain high on the priority list and our member volunteers will continue to participate in local working groups.

If you would like your voice to be heard, please join us on this journey. Together we can be powerful!

During the year ending 31st March 2024 Cal Boal stepped down from the Board of Trustees.

We thank Cal for her contribution to the Elders Council over an 18-month period and wish her well in her new career.

*Two Trustees will have completed the maximum term (9 years) in 2024 and will be leaving the Board. We say goodbye to **Alan Gowers and Violet Rook** and send our appreciation for their long service, and hope they remain involved in our work.*

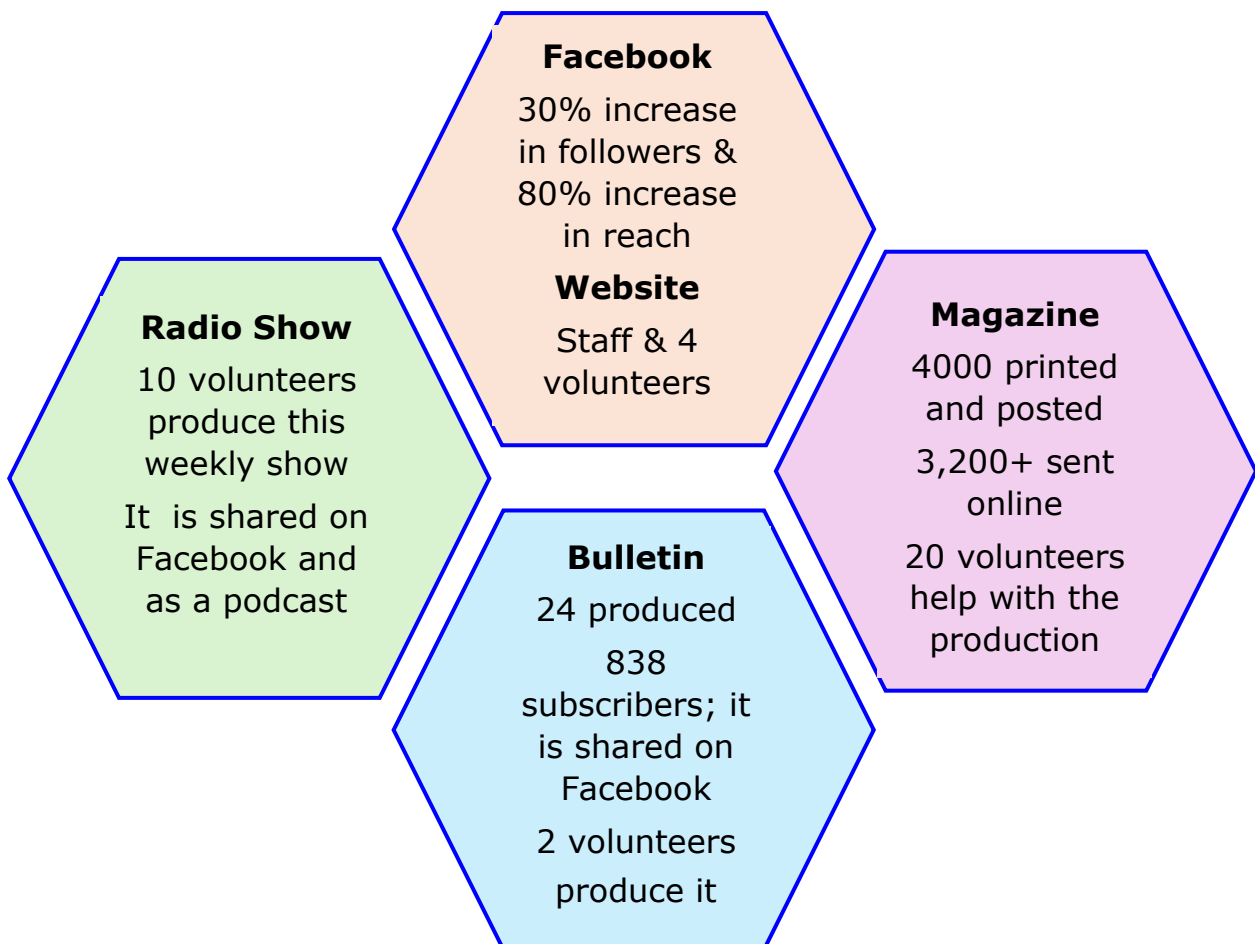
The Elders Council believe older people bring a wealth of experience and valuable resources to the table, regardless of their age or situation. Let's harness these gifts for the benefit of everyone and work towards making Newcastle an Age Friendly City

We Connect

Highlights of our work

The Elders Council has a comprehensive communications programme developed and delivered by its members. We disseminate information about our own work and raise awareness of opportunities, services and issues of interest to older people.

Communication Statistics



Social media and website - we have had an increase in social media activity and are using this as one method to engage a broader audience and membership. Our website is home grown by staff and volunteers.

Magazine – after posting to members the rest of the print run is distributed to community venues throughout the city. 20 volunteers are involved with the magazine editorial group and mail out with many more members submitting articles

“Thank you for kindly sending us your Echo magazine, we find it very informative and wouldn’t really know what is happening for us “oldies” without it”. Dennis and Ann from Kenton

Bulletin – this year has seen an increase in the ‘open rate’ and ‘click rate’ of the Bulletin. This means more people open it and then click on a particular item. We have 2 volunteers who produce the bulletin, they are excellent

“I always enjoy reading your bulletin it's so interesting and covers a variety of topics. It must take a lot of work to put it all together and I for one appreciate it very much.” Sandra

Radio show Older Voices– we have 10 volunteers who help make the show, it’s on every week!

“Thanks a lot Steve and for the honour of appearing. It is an excellent programme I thought and very well put together, congrats all round”! Tony

EC Rider – this is produced every year to show members and older people in general how versatile their concessionary bus pass can be. 3 volunteers put it together.

“Congratulations to the person who compiles the amazing brochure for travels with your bus pass”. Jean

Crowdfunding campaign and quotes

This year we launched a campaign to raise funds for our magazine postage and mailing, and wow what a response. Not just the donations but the feedback we’ve had from people who wanted to contribute to say how much they appreciate the Echo’s publication. This has been a real testament to the value of our member led communications.

We went on to add to this by crowdfunding and raised more money! Then the North East Combined Authority stepped in and added enough for the full amount we needed.

Thanks to each and every one who donated in such a generous way.

Having spent the morning enjoying the 'mag mailing', I came home to a cup of tea and a good read. The Echo is just great - a lovely mix of stories and information - very well presented, clear and easy to read! Well worth £2.62 I would say!!

We Activate

Highlights of our work

We hold events and focus groups where older people's voices can be heard. We develop partnerships and aim to be as inclusive as possible. We participate in research and work to be creative with projects we undertake

Meet the Elders Council

During the year there were two open meetings, one in October held in the Royal Station Hotel and one in February at Kenton Sports Centre. It was an opportunity for people to



meet new staff and to encourage new members to join. At Kenton 24 people attended and talked about what life is like for older people in Kenton and Fawdon and gave their views on what issues concern them and what information they needed. Attendees came from the area and gave an insight into the area; as well as saying that they would contribute to further conversations and activity.

Neighbourhoods work

Since October, development work in the Kenton and Fawdon areas has built up connections to local older people. Mapping and scoping sought out older people to have conversations with and engage on older issues. Older people are formulating ideas now for local

interest activity, via further dialogue and connecting to residents and other groups.

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans-sexual Questioning (LGBTQ) connections

This year we've initiated conversations with organisations such as Out North East and Solutions 4 Health to understand and address the unique needs of older LGBTQ+ people. LGBTQ+ is an abbreviation for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning. These terms are used to describe a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. We hope to develop our work in this area over the coming months.

Working at the grassroots in communities, the Elders Council engages with the diverse over 50s population, listening and sharing experiences and ideas. We develop creative projects and enable people to have a voice, take a lead and become more active citizens.

Active Voices

Active Voices is an educational course originally devised by a partnership between Elders Council, WEA (Workers Educational



Association) and Newcastle University. It equips participants with skills to engage more actively in civic life and the work of the Elders council.

This course was delivered September to December 2023 by

Moyra Riseborough (previously with WEA) to a group of 6 new Elders Council members. The group are currently planning an intergenerational project with Northumbria University and as individuals are now actively involved in Elders Council activity.

'It was with trepidation I attended the first Active Voices session. Within minutes I felt relaxed under the experienced guidance of Moira Riseborough, course tutor' Ron Bell

The experiences of ageing among South Asian and Chinese women

We worked in collaboration with Newcastle University, artist Sharon Bailey and local groups and organisations to conduct a research project with South Asian and Chinese women, highlighting their challenges and advocating for their needs within the community. We held a launch event and exhibition of art work and presented our findings to a range of organisations and networks both locally and nationally.



There is an on-going project with the Chinese Healthy Living Centre group where they are working up a dance routine, towards a show at Dance City in June and a showcase of this at the AGM.

Also, linking with their colleagues at the South Mountain Chinese group, the Chinese HLC are involved in work with an artist in residence to develop an expressive piece of work; linking in with Search on this.



Research

We have initiated 2 exciting new collaborations this year. Our newly formed group of members, the Research and Impact group or RIG will be working alongside the Health Ageing Policy Research Unit part of NIHR (National Institute for Health and Care Research) to act as an advisory group for various pieces of health and ageing related policy research that will be conducted over the next 2 years.



We have also developed a partnership with the Ageing and Nutrient Sensing Network (AGENTS), through Newcastle University. This collaboration will see us providing representation and collaborating closely with researchers and students to actively involve members of the Elders Council in nutrition-focused research and dissemination of information.




We continue to promote a wide range of research participation opportunities with our members and our intern will play a pivotal role in the evaluation of this work.

Ageism Action Day

This was the first year for a new action day set up by the Centre for Ageing Better 20 March to challenge ageism. Such an important topic for Elders Council, we embraced the opportunity.

We brought together community organisations and information NOW to share ideas and promote local activities for the day and we had some really interesting discussions on our ageism themed radio show and shared the anti-ageism messages on social media and in our magazine.



Standing up against ageism

In 2023-24 we also held 7 focus groups on a range of topics, including meeting with Urban Green, "OK so you'll never grown old but just in case can we talk about it", discussion on Active travel, and Innovation in housing.

We also held 6 events including Getting your Affairs in Order, Activating Space at the Farrell Centre, 2 meet the Elders Council events as well as Barbara Douglas' (retiring Executive Officer) leaving party.

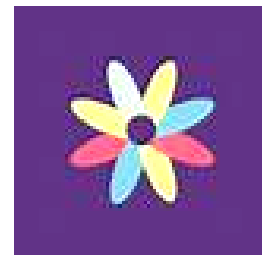
We Influence

Highlights of our work

Elders Council takes every opportunity to use the intelligence gathered from older people to influence policy and practice. This may be through responding to consultations, undertaking peer research or representation in research and on patient and public engagement forums.

Age Friendly Newcastle

The Elders Council continues to be a lead partner in this network of organisations. Recent meetings have included discussion around ageism and how we can tackle it together across the city.



Meetings with City Councillors and Officers

In September, the Elders Council engaged in productive discussions with key officials from Newcastle City Council, including Chief



Executive Pam Smith and Deputy Leader Karen Kilgour. Topics ranged from housing to digital inclusion, underscoring our shared commitment to ensuring Newcastle thrives for all ages. We explored opportunities for collaboration with neighbouring councils and discussed the importance of highlighting local ageing data in a State of Ageing report for Newcastle. Pam Smith expressed enthusiasm for ongoing collaboration on Age Friendly Cities initiatives. Additionally, we emphasized the

need for older people to be recognized as valuable contributors to the city and advocated for a champion within the cabinet for Age Friendly Newcastle.

Active members of the Elders Council met with council officers in January to provide input on the budget and offered written responses to both the budget and the initial consultation of the NCL plan.

Members also made a significant contribution to the “working together” co-production plan attending workshops and commenting on accessibility and content of these engagements reflect our commitment to actively participate in shaping policies that impact older people in our community.

Strategic Plan

Our strategic plan is all about our focus for the next 3 years on engaging new members and a more diverse membership; working in communities and sustainability. You can read the full plan on our website www.elderscouncil.org.uk

Our Priorities for 2024-2027



Topics of interest for people aged over 50 include transport, housing, health, social care, digital exclusion, employment, ageism, diversity and inclusion and built environment. Elders Council members will engage with these topics using: Creative Projects; Research; Events; our communications programme; focus groups and influencing and having a voice.

Community Development



We will continue to focus on working in local neighbourhoods using asset-based community development. We will work with active members to support outreach in our communities.

We will work with diverse communities of older people to ensure they are represented and can take leading roles in the work.

Resourcing



We will demonstrate the evidence of the impact of our work. We will use this to evidence to support funding applications to cover our core costs and deliver projects. Active members will be enabled to use their skills more effectively.

Our vision and mission



We want to transform Newcastle into an Age Friendly City, where growing old is a valued, productive, and happy experience. Our mission is to encourage and support people aged 50 and over to live well and participate actively in society and their communities.

We aim to



Represent and promote the needs and aspirations of people over 50 in Newcastle and foster an active and diverse membership that is reflected in our communications. Ensure people over 50 are well informed about the issues that affect them and the opportunities available to them. Develop projects and initiatives that give older people a voice. Enable people over 50 to have a voice in shaping policy and practice in the city. Challenge ageism through what we say and do. Older people are an integral not separate part of our society.

Financial Report and Reserves Policy

	2024 £	2023 £	Change +/-
Income	88,376	88,872	-0.05%
Expenditure	113,527	98,304	+15%
Surplus (Deficit)	(25,151)	(9,432)	
Unrestricted Funds	70,396	92,663	-24%
No. of weeks working capital in Reserves	32	49	

Another year, another deficit, a further erosion of reserves. Whilst that all sounds very gloomy, it was a conscious decision by the Trustees to pursue this course of action. We, in fact, budgeted for a greater deficit but a combination of increased funding and careful cost management meant that we did better than forecast. Full marks to our staff team.

Of course, we cannot go on making deficits every year and a lot of effort is going into looking at how our finances can be improved. This is likely to be achieved through fund-raising initiatives, on one hand, and continued careful monitoring of our expenditure, on the other hand. All this, however, is set against the backdrop of striving to achieve the aims that we have set out in our current strategy document. Whilst we, of course, recognise the need for financial stability, meeting our charitable objectives is paramount and it is how well we do in that respect that is the true measure of our performance.

The coming year will bring its own challenges but the board is confident that we have the resources, experience and willingness to meet them head on!

Our **Reserves** target is to have 6-months of operating costs in hand. At 31 March 2024 we were slightly ahead of target. It is probable that we will need to utilise some of our reserves, again, in year 2024/25 and this will be carefully scrutinised as the year progresses.

Keith Williamson

Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith Williamson', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

10th July 2024

THE ELDERS COUNCIL OF NEWCASTLE LIMITED
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the financial statements of The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 15 to 27.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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

I 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.

David L. Kilner

David L Kilner FCA —
Chartered Accountant
7 Eldon Square
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 7JG
Date: 08/07/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	3,425	-	3,425	1,760
Charitable activities				-	-
Grants and statutory funding	7	66,670	14,000	80,670	84,579
Other trading activities	8	2,590	-	2,590	1,870
Investments	9	1,691	-	1,691	663
Total income		74,376	14,000	88,376	88,872
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	10	95,893	17,634	113,527	98,304
Total expenditure		95,893	17,634	113,527	98,304
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(21,517)	(3,634)	(25,151)	(9,432)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(21,517)	(3,634)	(25,151)	(9,432)
Transfers between funds		(750)	750	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		(22,267)	(2,884)	(25,151)	(9,432)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		92,663	11,686	104,349	113,782
Total funds carried forward		70,396	8,802	79,198	104,350

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1122424

Company Number 6188907

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	Total 2024 £	£	Total 2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	17		1,101		1,216
Total fixed assets			1,101		1,216
Current assets					
Debtors	18	2,010		3,656	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	118,164		108,501	
Total current assets		120,175		112,156	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(42,077)		(9,022)	
Net current assets			78,097		103,134
Total assets less current liabilities			79,198		104,350
Total net assets or liabilities			79,198		104,350
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			70,396		92,663
Restricted income funds			8,802		11,687
Total funds			79,198		104,350

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 26/06/2024

and are signed on its behalf by:

Keith Williamson
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2022.

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited do not charge a membership fee.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

4.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a reducing balance basis:

Office and computer equipment	25 % Straight Line
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5.2 Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts, being the amount the charity anticipates it will receive in settlement of the debt.

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations	3,425	-	3,425	1,095
Gift Aid	-	-	-	665
	<u>3,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,425</u>	<u>1,760</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Grant income</u>				
Newcastle City Council	59,620	-	59,620	60,752
Kellet - Community Foundation	-	14,000	14,000	-
Independent Age Grant	-	-	-	2,000
Award for All - (Jubilee Fund)	-	-	-	9,969
Ways to Wellness - Front Door feasibility study	-	-	-	5,000
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	-	-	-	4,100
<u>Other income</u>				
Sundry income	7,050	-	7,050	2,757
	<u>66,670</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>80,670</u>	<u>84,578</u>
8 Other trading activities				
Income from services	2,590	-	2,590	1,870
	<u>2,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,590</u>	<u>1,870</u>

Analysis of income continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
9 Income from investments				
Bank interest	1,691	-	1,691	663
	<u>1,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,691</u>	<u>663</u>

Income was £88,376 (2023: £88,871) of which £74,376 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £68,302) and £14,000 was restricted (2023: £20,569)

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For the year ended 31 March 2024

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
10 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Training and conferences	12	-	12	201
AGM & other member support	1,463	-	1,463	678
Booked transport	1,184	-	1,184	322
Newsletter publication	-	-	-	3,224
Newsletter postage & delivery	3,022	-	3,022	3,308
Publishing and printing	279	295	574	1,031
Working groups and other events	-	-	-	4,924
Magazine Printing	3,704	-	3,704	-
Refreshments	-	-	-	83
Innovation Super Network	-	3,600	3,600	-
Unfolding Theatre	-	-	-	7,000
Social Justice Advisory Group	-	2,573	2,573	-
YHN Small Grant	-	750	750	-
Small Sparks	-	1,183	1,183	-
Other events Room hire	-	-	-	415
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent, service charge and telephone	5,390	-	5,390	5,094
Office Stationery	736	-	736	587
Staff costs	70,074	9,233	79,307	63,462
IT and website costs	2,479	-	2,479	2,439
Sundries	246	-	246	294
Professional fees	3,745	-	3,745	3,773
Depreciation	641	-	641	425
Repairs and Renewals	250	-	250	-
EC Video	1,584	-	1,584	-
<u>Governance costs</u>			-	
Insurance	572	-	572	544
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	500	-	500	500
Legal fee	13	-	13	-
	<u>95,893</u>	<u>17,634</u>	<u>113,527</u>	<u>98,304</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £113,527 (2023: £98,304) of which £95,893 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £83,793) and £17,634 was restricted (2023: £14,511)

11 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	500	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2023: £nil)

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12 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	62,681	31,274
Social security costs	5,617	2,757
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	1,428	689
	<u>69,726</u>	<u>34,720</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2023: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees and the Executive Officer . The total benefits of the previous Chief Executive of the charity was £9,581 (2023: £28,743). This was a seconded post and therefore is not included in the staff costs analysis above. From August 2023 a New Executive was appointed, the total cost for this position was £25,333.36 this is included in the above staff cost analysis.

Newcastle City Council paid previous the Executive Officer's Salary from a grant, the balance of which was paid to the Charity. The present Executive officer's salary is paid by the charity.

13 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 3 staff (2023: 2 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	2.5	1.5
	<u>2.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>

14 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £1,428 (2023: £689). There was £419 outstanding as at 31 March 2024 (2023: £0).

15 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

The following detail the expenses incurred by the trustees.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustees acting as volunteers were reimbursed travel expenses.		
Keith Williamson	387	-
	<u>387</u>	<u>-</u>

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Transaction(s) with related parties

The following detail the related party transactions in the reporting period.

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction	£
Keith Williamson	Trustee	Unrestricted Donation	387

16 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

17 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	2,081	2,081
Additions	526	526
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2024	2,607	2,607
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
At 1 April 2023	866	866
Depreciation charge for year	641	641
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2024	1,507	1,507
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	1,215	1,215
At 31 March 2024	1,101	1,101

18 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	770
Prepayments	2,010	2,383
Other debtors	-	503
	2,010	3,656

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19 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Short term cash investment	31,443	60,288
Short term deposits	25,917	25,172
Cash at bank	60,804	23,040
	<u>118,164</u>	<u>108,501</u>

20 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	902
Accruals	1,413	-
Independent examination of accounts	500	500
Deferred income	35,518	7,620
P.A.Y.E	3,767	-
Pension	419	-
Other creditors	461	-
	<u>42,077</u>	<u>9,022</u>

21 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of advance payments from grants that relate to future periods

	2024
	£
Balance brought forward	7,620
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(7,620)
Amount deferred in year	35,518
Balance carried forward	<u>35,518</u>

22 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

23 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the Year ended 31 March 2024

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	92,663	74,376	(95,893)	(750)	70,396
Totals	<u>92,663</u>	<u>74,376</u>	<u>(95,893)</u>	<u>(750)</u>	<u>70,396</u>

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For the Year ended 31 March 2023

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	101,985	68,302	(83,793)	6,169	92,663
Totals	101,985	68,302	(83,793)	6,169	92,663

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the Year ended 31 March 2024

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	2,586	-	(1,183)	-	1,403
YHN Small Grants	-	-	(750)	750	-
Ways to Wellness - Front Door feasibility study	5,000	-	(3,600)	-	1,400
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	4,100	-	(2,868)	-	1,232
Kellet Community Foundation	-	14,000	(9,233)	-	4,767
Totals	11,686	14,000	(17,634)	750	8,802

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Analysis of movement in restricted funds For the Year ended 31 March 2023

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Postcode Lottery	4,876	-	-	(4,876)	-
Newcastle Community Health Fund	921	-	(640)	(281)	-
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	6,000	-	(3,414)	-	2,586
Award for All - Jubilee Fund	-	9,969	(9,962)	(7)	-
YHN Small Grants	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Mental Health Concern	-	500	(495)	(5)	-
Ways to Wellness - Front Door feasibility study	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	-	4,100	-	-	4,100
Totals	11,797	20,569	(14,511)	(6,169)	11,686

23 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Postcode Lottery	To provide older people with digital device and tech support to enable them to go on line.
Newcastle Community Health Fund	To run community events in West Fenham, Byker and Walker.
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	A small sparks grant pot to be used in West Fenham, Byker and Walker. To do a creative project with Unfolding Theatre in two neighbourhoods in Newcastle (Fenham and Walker) to produce a performance and film on Age Friendly Neighbourhoods.
Award for All - Jubilee Fund	
YHN Small Grants	To do a small intergenerational project with Kids Kabin, Unfolding Theatre and Treetops (a YHN housing complex for older people)
Mental Health Concern	To produce a brochure for the imAGE festival in October 2022.
Ways to Wellness - Front Door feasibility study	To conducting the feasibility study
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	To highlight and illustrate the experiences of living in Newcastle of older women from South Asian and Chinese communities and what their expectations for themselves are as they grow older.
Kellet Community Foundation	To diversification of membership through development work

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For the Year ended 31 March 2024	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between restricted and unrestricted funds.	YHN Small grants balance was transferred to unrestricted funds to cover the overheads 31/03/2023. This Year £750 was transferred from unrestricted to YHN Small grants to cover some expenses.	(750)

For the Year ended 31 March 2023	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between restricted and unrestricted funds.	Postcode Lottery, Newcastle Community health fund, Award for all - Jubilees fund , YHN Small grants and Mental Health concern projects were completed by 31 March. The balance was transferred to restricted funds to cover the contribution to overheads.	6,169

24 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2024, the charity had no capital commitments (2023 -£nil)

25 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,101	-	1,101	1,216
Cash at bank and in hand	109,362	8,802	118,164	108,501
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(40,067)	-	(40,067)	(5,367)
	70,396	8,802	79,198	104,350

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Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended March 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors’ report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors’ report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Foreword by our Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I am delighted to share with you the latest Annual Report of the Elders Council of Newcastle which tracks the journey in our twenty second year.



During this financial year the Elders Council has extended the role of Development Officer (Clare Levi) to a full-time position. A new part-time role of Membership Secretary/Administrator has been added with Gillian Spoor appointed to this position. We thank these staff members, along with Barbara Douglas, Executive

Officer, for ably supporting the Board and active members in the fulfillment of our responsibilities in and to the community.

Elders Council was successful in the appointment of 2 interns from Newcastle University for 6 months each, Tejal Jain and Sana Dutta. Tejal supported us and the Age Proud Network with the imAGE Brochure for Older People's month and Sana worked with us to review our communications programme.

We also worked with a team of students from the Northumbria University Business Clinic and their recommendations will be used to shape our future work. You can view their report on the EC website.

The Echo Magazine (quarterly) e-bulletin (twice a month) and social media platforms continue in a regular format.

The Older Voices Radio programme increased from twice a month to a weekly programme in mid - February 2023.

All of this excellent work is prepared, produced and distributed by our volunteers, with staff support. We thank each and every one for their time and commitment to the Elders Council.

We are always grateful when new people step forward to help us to deliver our work, so do keep an eye out in our bulletin and Magazine for new opportunities.

We also thank the many members who have given generous donations to the organisation over the year.

As you will see in the detail of this report, Elders Council works in partnership with other local organisations to deliver our work. We thank all our partners for their support in helping us to deliver such a rich and varied programme of work for the benefit of older people in the city.

We particularly welcome being core partners in Age Friendly Newcastle and our relationship with the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities, helping to make Newcastle a good place in which to grow old.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our funders – Newcastle City Council, Awards for All, Newcastle City Council’s Community Health Fund, Chain Reaction, Your Homes Newcastle, SEARCH/Independent Age – for supporting our work throughout the year.

Looking forward, one of our priorities will be to keep you informed of our work in the community. We will continue to reach out and make new connections through our Neighbourhoods work and highlight our programmes on Housing, Health and Social Care as well as other local issues.

We need your voice, and look forward to you joining us on this journey to keep older people informed and involved.

The rest of this report and the financial information demonstrates that as your trustees we have carried out our charity’s purposes for the **public benefit**. The financial statements are for the year ended 31 March 2023 and they were prepared to meet the requirements for a directors’ report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Anne Raffle, Chair

The Elders Council believe older people bring a wealth of experience and valuable resources to the table, regardless of their age or situation. Let's harness these gifts for the benefit of everyone and work towards making Newcastle an Age Friendly City

WE CONNECT

By meeting and listening to older people and providing good quality, accessible information

Highlights of our work

Our wide-ranging communications programme is delivered by our members with some staff support. We have enjoyed working with two talented interns from Newcastle University who helped us to develop our skills and ideas. This is what we have achieved over the year:

Older Voices Radio

29 shows on Nova Radio

These are podcast on Later Life and Radio Co-operative (LLARC) [LLARCooperative's Stream](#) | [Mixcloud](#)

Magazine

4 issues published

900 hard copies most of which are posted out

780 people receive it online

e-Bulletin

24 issues of the Bulletin

An open rate of **50%**

Click rate of **10%** on par with our peers

Magazine mailing days are a lively affair when volunteers help to stuff envelopes whilst putting the world to rights.

"Just received your Magazine and like all the lovely Magazines from the Elders Council, it's first class. Congratulations on a splendid job!" EC member

We continue to develop our new website and are building up our following on Facebook and Twitter.



We are getting out and about again, presenting the work of the Elders Council to a variety of groups. Our Community Development worker, Clare Levi, has worked particularly hard to develop

relationships with people from the Chinese and South Asian communities and has secured funding from Newcastle University's Social Justice Advisory Group to continue this work.

The Wellbeing for Life group in Jesmond, which is run by our members, is preparing to celebrate its first decade. Every month at least 30 people come together to hear about something new and share ideas and experiences.

'It's a really friendly and supportive group and has been for 10 years! I feel lucky to have been involved with it.' EC member

WE TAKE ACTION

We hold events and focus groups where older voices will be heard. We participate in research and develop creative projects that reach out to all parts of the community.

Highlights of our work

Small Sparks

Through our involvement with Collaborative Newcastle's Neighbourhoods Group, we have been able to give out small grants to individuals or groups in the community to try something new. For some, the grant was an opportunity to get people together after the dark days of lockdown. For the people from Robert Stewart Memorial Church in Fenham, it was a chance to develop a garden. All great ideas to start growing community.



Just Us and a Manifesto for an Age-Friendly Neighbourhood



Funding from Awards for All enabled us to commission Unfolding Theatre to run a series of creative workshops in Fenham and Walker, culminating in performances of 'Just Us' in October 2022. The performance enabled the people who took part to say what they are looking for from an age-friendly neighbourhood and set out an agenda for change. We have already

acted on the desire for more intergenerational contact by enabling older people from Walker to meet up with young people from Kids Kabin. The report and film of the project are on our website.

[Just Us - Celebrating Age with the Elders Council of Newcastle - YouTube](#)

OK, so we know you will never be old but just in case ...

Planning ahead so that we can enjoy a good later life is important to us. We invited a group of people in their 50s to consider whether they want to leave things to chance or to think ahead. Using playing cards with key questions, we prompted lively and thought-provoking conversations on topics we don't often talk about, such as 'what can I do to build support around me in later life?'

Going digital – opportunities for all?

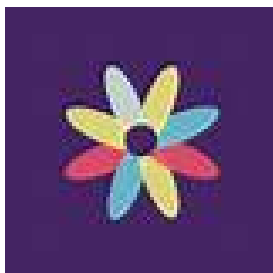
Whether we like it or not, digital is here to stay. We invited Chi Onwurah MP and Shadow Minister for Science, Research and Digital to share her views. Chi Onwurah is a champion of the benefits of digital technologies, but heard from older people about some of the challenges digital by default presents and our need for alternatives.



WE INFLUENCE

Our members get involved in representation, partnership working, networking and decision making

Age Friendly City



EC continues to provide the secretariat for Newcastle's Age Friendly City Group and to actively participate in the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities, sharing learning with other partners in the city. Working with partners, we have developed an Age Friendly Newcastle action plan which forms part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and are engaging in conversations with key partners to embed age-friendly in their policy and practice.

“The Elders Council of Newcastle is an invaluable part of ensuring our work remains relevant and representative of older people in our city. Their links across a wide range of older people and communities, as well as their understanding of the issues and opportunities that matter most to older residents, have been crucial in realising our ambitions to make Newcastle a great place to live and age well in.”

Laura Choake, Newcastle City Council

Age Proud Network

We co-ordinate a network of organisations with an interest in working with older people to share learning and develop partnerships. In October 2022 we worked with an Intern from Newcastle University to co-ordinate imAGE a citywide programme of activities celebrating Older People's month.



Innovation in Housing

The Elders Council participated in a series of 'Flexible Living to Age in Place' workshops to support Northumbria University's approach to improving living environments for healthy ageing. The feedback generated during these workshops is being actively integrated into Building Design Northern (BDN)'s live architectural projects in Sunderland. This is to ensure homes are being constructed for longevity through integrated Health, Wellbeing and Care. The project also featured in the Design Age exhibition at the Design Museum, London.

This is just one example of the many ways in which EC members represent the voices of older people in research, policy and service development. We sit on advisory boards for research projects in health and social care and actively take part in the NHS Patient and Public Involvement Group. We have contributed to a video on the importance of older people's engagement in research which is being used in a National Institute for Health and Care Research campaign.

Ageism

We endeavour to address ageism in a variety of ways through our work. One example is the contact between older people and students entering the health and social care professions. We delivered an ageism module to students from Northumbria University studying Guidance and Counselling and Health and Social Care. The module was well received and Elders Council have been invited to deliver sessions in the future.

"I've had such lovely feedback from students. They've remembered so much, and it's really pushed them on to adjust how they would approach this topic now. I'll be amazed if there is no mention of subtle ageism such as the birthday cards Mary and Anne brought, for example." Emma Croft, Northumbria University

Front Door

Elders Council was successful in securing funding from North of Tyne to conduct a feasibility study into developing a telephone helpline to support older people and their families to access care and support in a timely way. We initiated this work based on our findings from Managing the Home Care Circus, which highlighted the importance of good guidance and support when we start to need help.

WE LEARN AND DEVELOP

We regularly review how we are working so that the organisation operates to a high standard and continues to be relevant to older people

The Board regularly reviews policies, procedures and finances to ensure that the organisation is working to the highest standards and that staff and trustees have opportunities to take advantage of training to keep their skills and knowledge up to date.

In 2022-23 we have engaged Interns from Newcastle University to support us in developing our communications work.



We have also worked with a team of students from Northumbria University Business School on a consultancy to advise us on how to broaden our reach, particularly with people in their 50s/60s. Their recommendations will inform our planning for the future. Their report was presented to the Trustees.

“Having gone through this detailed report, I am very impressed and think it could well form the basis for some constructive action particularly around increasing the diversity of EC members, and getting more active members.” J. Telfer, Trustee.

Financial Report and Reserves Policy

	2023 £	2022 £	Change +/-
Income	88,871	76,337	+16%
Expenditure	98,304	86,655	+13%
Surplus (Deficit)	(9,433)	(10,318)	
Unrestricted Funds	92,663	101,985	-9%
No. of weeks working capital in Reserves	49	60	

For the second year running we have incurred a deficit. The Board agreed a deficit budget for the year, based on our staffing requirement, and, in fact, we have done better than was budgeted for. The reason for what appears to be a risky strategy is down to two things: firstly, we knew that we couldn't meet our objectives unless we increased our staff; and, secondly, we had sufficient reserves to enable us to do this. Our dilemma was, should we "sit tight" and work within our means and, consequently, fall short of our targets, or should we build the necessary infrastructure to enable us to create and sustain momentum? The Board decided on progress. This was a calculated risk, knowing that, financially, things would get worse before they got better.

As reported elsewhere, we have, now, recruited a Membership Secretary/Administrator to work alongside our Executive Officer and our Community Development Worker.

As things stand, this means that we will eat further into reserves in the coming year, especially as we have moved from part-time to full-time working in order to meet our targets. The challenge, now, is to obtain the

funding necessary to reverse the deficits of the last two years and to maintain reasonable reserves. This won't be either easy or quick but it will be tackled.

It is important to say that what may appear to be a rather gloomy picture should be put into perspective. We go into the new year as a recognised organisation with a strong reputation, with an experienced Board of Trustees, an effective body of diligent volunteers, skilled and conscientious staff members and a sound Balance Sheet. That is a good platform to build on.

Our **Reserves** target is to have 6-months of operating costs in hand. At 31 March 2023 we were well ahead of target, but we know that this position will be worsened during the coming year. A determined fund-raising effort is being undertaken to mitigate this erosion, as far as possible, without adversely affecting our programme.

Keith Williamson

Treasurer

Our Key Priorities for 2023-24

- ❖ To manage the transition following the retirement of our long-standing Executive Officer.
- ❖ To refresh the image of the organisation and review how the organisation works.
- ❖ To communicate, listen to, engage, represent and ensure people over 50 in Newcastle are heard by key decision makers.
- ❖ To encourage more over 50's to join us in identifying needs, finding better solutions to problems, tackling age discrimination, showing what we are capable of and creating a better future for all
- ❖ To reach out to a wider and more diverse group of older adults, making connections and responding to the issues they raise.
- ❖ To maintain our comprehensive communications programme to keep older people informed and engaged.
- ❖ To continue to work with Newcastle City Council and other partners, including the Age Proud Network, to deliver our commitment to Age Friendly Newcastle.
- ❖ To support research and innovation in policy and services including our continuous involvement in Future Homes Alliance
- ❖ To ensure the organisation is well managed and to secure the funding to continue our work.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors

Charity Name	The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited
Registered Charity Number	1122424
Company Number	06188907
Registered Office	C/o David Kilner, 7 Eldon Square, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 7JG

Trustees

Anne Raffle, Chair	Appointed 2018
Keith Williamson, Treasurer	Appointed by the Board of Trustees (BoT) in March 2021 Approved/endorsed AGM 2021
Cal Boal	Appointed by the BoT February 2022. Approved and endorsed by AGM 2022
Bruce Davenport	Appointed 2021
Alan Gowers	Appointed 2015
Violet Rook	Appointed 2015
John Telfer	Appointed 2022

Independent Examiner David L Kilner FCA
7 Eldon Square, Newcastle Upon Tyne,
NE1 7JG

Bankers The Co-operative Bank
P.O. Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester,
M60 4EP

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee.

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited was registered as a charity on 23 January 2008 and incorporated 28 March 2007. The company was

established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount of £1.00.

Appointment of Trustees

As set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended by our Rules, the Board shall consist of no more than 12 trustees and no less than 5. Trustees serve for a term of 3 years; they are eligible for re-election for a term of three years and then a last term of three years. A charity trustee who has served for three consecutive terms may not be re-elected for a fourth consecutive term but may be re-elected after an interval of at least one year.

In the event of any skills being lost through retirement or resignation, suitable individuals are approached to offer themselves for appointment to the Board. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. No Trustees claimed expenses during the year.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are invited to meet with the Chair and Executive Officer to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context in which it operates. This covers:

- The obligations of trustees
- The documents that set out the operational framework for the Trust
- Resourcing and the current financial position
- Future plans and objectives
- Risks facing the Charity

Organisation

The board of trustees has responsibility for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Frequency of full meetings has been reviewed for effectiveness and will continue to meet on a monthly basis. Trustees have also established subgroups for financial governance and income generation that meet in addition to and report into ordinary meetings.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy that comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face
- The implementation and review of a formal risk mapping system and procedures to mitigate identified risks
- The implementation of systems and procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Trust should they materialise

Due to uncertainty in the economic climate and to mitigate significant external risks to funding organisation undertakes an annual strategic review. Each year the organisation produces updated Business and Action Plans which are fully consulted with trustees and staff and reviewed against progress quarterly. They are very much working documents which recognise the need for diversification, development, and expansion of the Charity's core business. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a Reserves Policy and its regular review by trustees.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

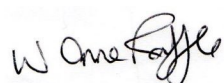
The trustees (who are also the directors of The Elders Council Limited for company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 the 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
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation

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 the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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.

Approved by the Board on 28 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Anne Raffle (Chair of Trustees)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the financial statements of The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 16 to 28

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

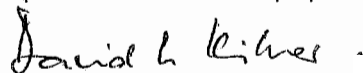
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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

I 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.



David L Kilner FCA
Chartered Accountant
7 Eldon Square
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 7JG

Date 12 July 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	1,760	-	1,760	1,741
Charitable activities				-	
Grants and statutory funding	7	64,009	20,569	84,578	71,968
Other trading activities	8	1,870	-	1,870	2,565
Investments	9	663	-	663	63
Total income		68,302	20,569	88,871	76,337
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	10	83,793	14,511	98,304	86,655
Total expenditure		83,793	14,511	98,304	86,655
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(15,491)	6,058	(9,433)	(10,318)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(15,491)	6,058	(9,433)	(10,318)
Transfers between funds		6,169	(6,169)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		(9,322)	(111)	(9,433)	(10,318)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		101,985	11,797	113,782	124,100
Total funds carried forward		92,663	11,686	104,349	113,782

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1122424

Company Number 6188907

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	£	Total 2023 £	£	Total 2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	17		1,216		1,067
Total fixed assets			1,216		1,067
Current assets					
Debtors	18	3,656		2,115	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	108,501		118,769	
Total current assets		112,156		120,884	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(9,022)		(8,169)	
Net current assets			103,134		112,715
Total net assets or liabilities			104,350		113,782
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			92,663		101,985
Restricted income funds			11,687		11,797
Total funds			104,350		113,782

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: _____

and are signed on its behalf by:

Keith Williamson
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have revised their forecasts to take into account measures that they can take with the current resources available to mitigate the impact of the current adverse conditions. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited do not charge a membership fee.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

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Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

4.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a reducing balance basis:

Office and computer equipment	25 % Straight Line
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5.2 Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts, being the amount the charity anticipates it will receive in settlement of the debt.

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations	1,095	-	1,095	1,741
Gift Aid	665	-	665	-
	<u>1,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>1,741</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Grant income</u>				
Newcastle City Council	59,252	1,500	60,752	57,624
Care and Repair England - Doorbells	-	-	-	9,000
Independent Age Grant	2,000	-	2,000	587
Newcastle Community Health Fund	-	-	-	1,020
Wellbeing in the North of Tyne (Carnegie UK).	-	-	-	2,460
Award for All - (Jubilee Fund)	-	9,969	9,969	-
Ways to Wellness - Front Door feasibility study	-	5,000	5,000	-
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	-	4,100	4,100	-
<u>Other income</u>				
Sundry income	2,757	-	2,757	1,277
	<u>64,009</u>	<u>20,569</u>	<u>84,578</u>	<u>71,968</u>
8 Other trading activities				
Income from services	1,870	-	1,870	2,565
	<u>1,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,870</u>	<u>2,565</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
9 Income from investments				
Bank interest	663	-	663	63
	<u>663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>63</u>

Income was £88,871 (2022: £76,337) of which £68,302 was unrestricted or designated (2022: £57,857) and £20,569 was restricted (2022: £18,480)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
10 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Training and conferences	201	-	201	175
AGM & other member support	678	-	678	1,261
Booked transport	322	-	322	162
Newsletter publication	3,224	-	3,224	3,445
Newsletter postage & delivery	3,308	-	3,308	1,806
Publishing and printing	536	495	1,031	1,370
Working groups and other events	915	4,009	4,924	6,574
Programme equipment purchased	-	-	-	7,944
Refreshments	3	80	83	-
Home Care Animation	-	-	-	3,960
Unfolding Theatre	-	7,000	7,000	-
Other events Room hire	-	415	415	-
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent, service charge and telephone	5,094	-	5,094	5,241
Office Stationery	587	-	587	-
Staff costs	60,950	2,512	63,462	47,384
IT and website costs	2,439	-	2,439	2,037
Sundries	294	-	294	289
Professional fees	3,773	-	3,773	3,785
Depreciation	425	-	425	441
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Insurance	544	-	544	481
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	500	-	500	300
	<u>83,793</u>	<u>14,511</u>	<u>98,304</u>	<u>86,655</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £98,304 (2022: £86,655) of which £83,793 was unrestricted or designated (2022: £72,118) and £14,511 was restricted (2022: £14,537)

11 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	500	300
	<u>500</u>	<u>300</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2022: £nil)

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12 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages	31,274	17,035
Social security costs	2,757	1,277
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	689	329
	<u>34,720</u>	<u>18,641</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2022: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees and the Executive Officer . The total benefits of the Chief Executive of the charity were £28,743 (2022: £28,743). This was a seconded post and therefore is not included in the staff costs analysis above.

Newcastle City Council pays the Executive Officer's Salary from a grant, the balance of which is paid to the Charity.

13 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 2 staff (2022: 1 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	1.5	0.7
	<u>1.5</u>	<u>0.7</u>

14 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £689 (2022: £329). There was £0 outstanding as at 31 March 2023 (2022: £0).

15 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

Trustees had trustee indemnity insurance in place during the year.

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16 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£
17 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	1,508	1,508
Additions	573	573
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2023	2,081	2,081
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
At 1 April 2022	441	441
Depreciation charge for year	425	425
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2023	866	866
Net book value		
At 31 March 2022	1,067	1,067
At 31 March 2023	1,216	1,216

18 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	770	750
Prepayments	2,383	1,249
Other debtors	503	116
	3,656	2,115

19 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Short term cash investment	60,288	-
Short term deposits	25,172	50,184
Cash at bank	23,040	68,585
	108,501	118,769

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20 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	902	245
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	500	300
Deferred income	7,620	7,624
	<u>9,022</u>	<u>8,169</u>

21 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of advance payments from grants that relate to future periods

	2023 £
Balance brought forward	7,624
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(7,624)
Amount deferred in year	7,620
Balance carried forward	<u>7,620</u>

22 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

23 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	101,985	68,302	(83,793)	6,169	92,663
Totals	<u>101,985</u>	<u>68,302</u>	<u>(83,793)</u>	<u>6,169</u>	<u>92,663</u>

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund	The 'free reserves' of the charity
System upgrade	For new IT infrastructure including new software and processes.

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Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Postcode Lottery	4,876	-	-	(4,876)	-
Newcastle Community Health Fund	921	-	(640)	(281)	-
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	6,000	-	(3,414)	-	2,586
Award for All - Jubilee Fund	-	9,969	(9,962)	(7)	-
YHN Small Grants	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Mental Health Concern	-	500	(495)	(5)	-
Ways to Wellness - Front Door feasibility study	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	-	4,100	-	-	4,100
Totals	11,797	20,569	(14,511)	(6,169)	11,686

23 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Postcode Lottery	To provide older people with digital device and tech support to enable them to go on line.
Newcastle Community Health Fund	To run community events in West Fenham, Byker and Walker.
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	A small sparks grant pot to be used in West Fenham, Byker and Walker.
Award for All - Jubilee Fund	To do a creative project with Unfolding Theatre in two neighbourhoods in Newcastle (Fenham and Walker) to produce a performance and film on Age Friendly Neighbourhoods.
YHN Small Grants	To do a small intergenerational project with Kids Kabin, Unfolding Theatre and Treetops (a YHN housing complex for older people)
Mental Health Concern	To produce a brochure for the imAGE festival in October 2022.
Ways to Wellness - Front Door feasibility study	To conducting the feasibility study
Newcastle University Social Justice Fund (Older BAME Women)	To highlight and illustrate the experiences of living in Newcastle of older women from South Asian and Chinese communities and what their expectations for themselves are as they grow older.

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	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between restricted and unrestricted funds.	Postcode Lottery, Newcastle Community health fund, Award for all - Jubilees fund , YHN Small grants and Mental Health concern projects were completed by 31 March. The balance was transferred to restricted funds to cover the contribution to overheads.	6,169

24 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2023, the charity had no capital commitments (2022 -£nil)

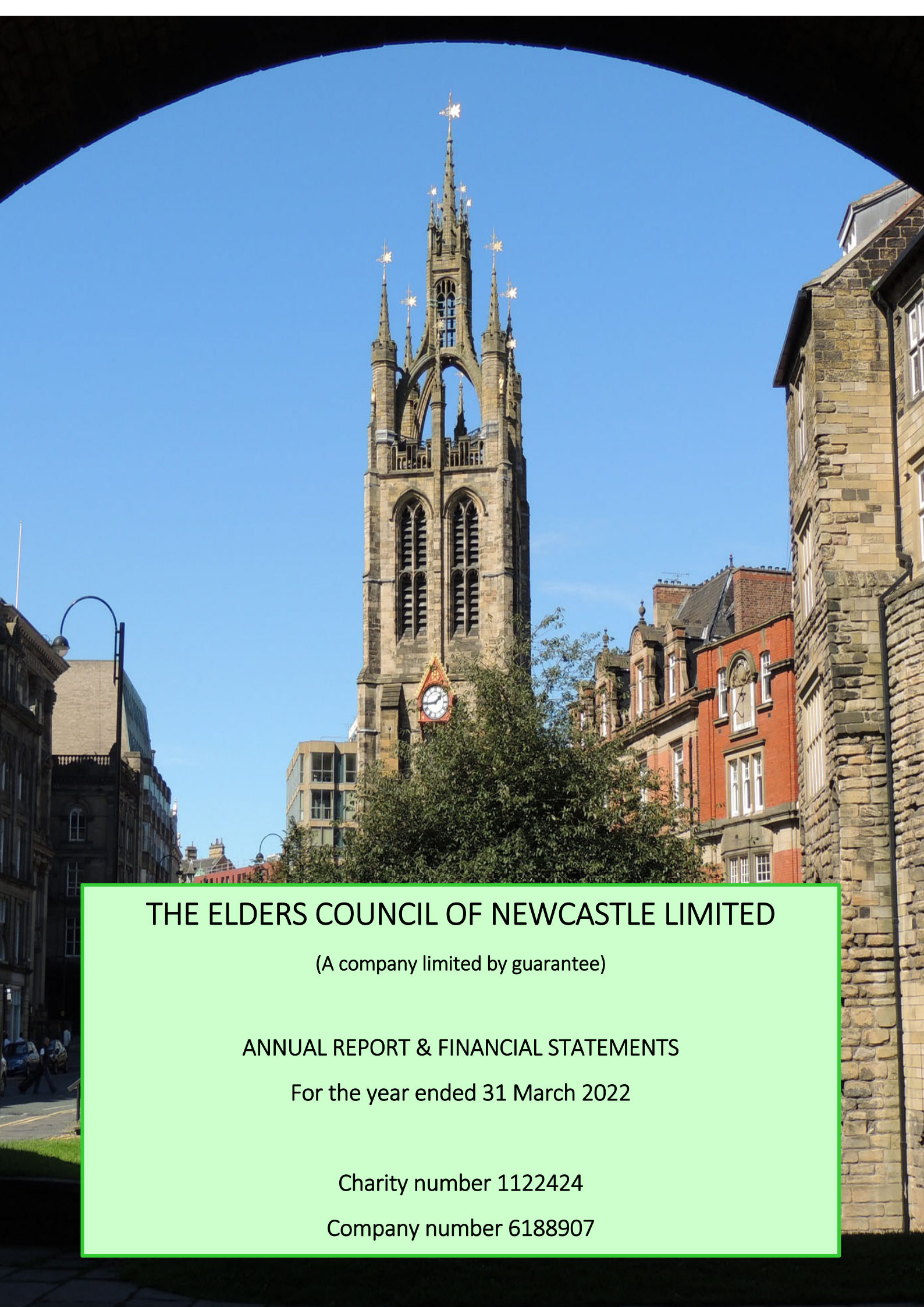
25 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,216	-	1,216	1,067
Cash at bank and in hand	96,815	11,686	108,501	118,769
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(5,367)	-	(5,367)	(6,054)
	<u>92,664</u>	<u>11,686</u>	<u>104,350</u>	<u>113,782</u>

THE ELDERS COUNCIL OF NEWCASTLE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1122424

Accounts



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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Charity number 1122424

Company number 6188907

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended March 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Foreword by our Chair



On behalf of the Board of Trustees I am once again privileged to share with you the Annual Report of the Elders Council.

We were delighted to have been able to appoint Clare Levi as our Community Development Officer, re-establishing staffing levels that had been previously eroded. Clare will be focusing on building our connections in

neighbourhoods, in particular Walker, Byker and West Fenham. Clare is the first direct employee of the Elders Council, as Barbara Douglas is employed by Newcastle City Council on our behalf.

We also reviewed our core programme, making appropriate changes to ensure that we meet many more people, to gain a better understanding of the issues of those who have a limited voice, or none at all. We have continued to take part in sessions with other local and national organisations, to discuss important issues on behalf of our members.

During the last 12 months Trustees, staff and key active volunteers worked with more flexibility to ensure that our statutory responsibilities were carried out efficiently.

We have kept our membership regularly informed through the Echo, our quarterly magazine, twice a month e-bulletins and the twice a month radio programme "Older Voices", as well as the occasional Warm Welcome meeting. We have launched a new website which we developed

with pro bono support from Tech4Good volunteers from Accenture Newcastle.

All of this excellent work is prepared, produced and distributed by our volunteers, with staff support. We thank each and every one for their time and commitment to the Elders Council. We also thank the many members who have given generous donations to the organisation over the year.

As you will see in the detail of our report, Elders Council works in partnership with other organisations to deliver our work. We thank all our partners, both local and national, for their support in helping us to deliver such a rich and varied programme of work.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our funders – Newcastle City Council, Care and Repair England/Rayne Foundation, Wellbeing in the North of Tyne and Postcode Community Trust – for supporting our work throughout the year.

We know that some of you made the decision to go out and about when social activities opened up again but many others have not been so confident, so we have offered both virtual and the occasional face to face event where it has been deemed appropriate.

Looking forward, we will prioritise keeping people informed via our communications work; reaching out and making new connections through our Neighbourhoods work and continuing our work on Housing, Health and Social Care. We will also respond, as best we can, to issues raised by our members. We are always grateful when new people step forward to help us to deliver our work, so do keep an eye out in our bulletin and Magazine for new opportunities.

In conclusion, EC Trustees deem that the work described in this report, both completed and ongoing, adequately demonstrates that the Elders Council provides a Public Benefit to the community.

Anne Raffle



Our mission is to be recognised as Newcastle's member led organisation working for the city's older people, so that they may live a respected, fulfilled later life.

We will:

- Listen to the concerns, experiences and aspirations of Newcastle's diverse older population and relay our insights to those who have the power and resources to meet them;
- Support improvements to their well-being;
- Publicise their continued and valuable contribution to society;
- Keep them informed of opportunities to live a fulfilled later life and of relevant research;
- Present a positive image of older people in all their diversity;
- Encourage older people to acquire new skills to enable them to be confident, articulate and fulfilled in their own later life;
- Develop intergenerational partnerships to improve quality of life for all;
- Participate in research to improve the quality of life for older people;
- Play a lead role in delivering Newcastle's ambition to become an age friendly city by working with partners to make Newcastle a good city in which to grow old.

Objective 1. To ensure we are a member-led organisation; supporting our members to increase their knowledge and participation by providing opportunities to contribute and by providing effective support and training.

Highlights of our work from objective 1

Most of the work of the organisation is delivered by its members. Board members and active members have contributed a substantial number hours of work to the organisation over the year. At the AGM members will be invited to share their ideas about what the priorities should be for the coming year.

In 2021/22 EC continued to deliver the Staying Connected project, funded by the **Postcode Community Trust** to provide older people with devices and training to enable them to get on-line. Working with our partners Your Homes Newcastle, Mental Health Concern and the Project ICE team from Northumbria University we supported 60 older people to get on-line. We would like to thank our partners and volunteers for their great work in supporting the delivery of this project.



The Jesmond Wellbeing Group, delivered by members who live in the area, is going from strength to strength with a good attendance at their regular monthly blended meetings on topics of interest.

Objective 2. To engage with older people in diverse communities across Newcastle to better understand their needs and views and to use the evidence we gather to inform policy and service development.

Highlights of our work from objective 2

EC has appointed a new Development Worker, Clare Levi, to support the organisation to reach more diverse communities. We are contributing to Newcastle Neighbourhoods (Collaborative Newcastle) by working intensively with older people and local organisations in Byker, Walker and West Fenham to make the neighbourhoods more age-friendly.

We kickstarted the work with a small grant from the **Wellbeing in the North of Tyne** fund which enabled us to have conversations with a group of older people in Walker and a group of South Asian women from the West End. We contributed our findings to a [Wellbeing Framework for North of Tyne A Wellbeing Framework for the North of Tyne Summary Report - Carnegie UK Trust](#).

We subsequently received another complementary grant from the **Community Health Fund** for community events to launch a Small Sparks grant programme (funded by Newcastle City Council) in Spring 2022.

Doorbells - Dreaming for the Future

To give people the opportunity to think about their housing options in later life, we delivered 8 live performances of 'Doorbells – Dreaming for the Future' to 200 people, followed by post-show discussions.

"To say it hit a raw nerve would be an understatement. The performance made me realise that I am not the only one struggling to cope with the issues highlighted in the play and that someone out there recognises the difficulties that many people are faced with."

Doorbells is a partnership project between Care and Repair England, Skimstone Arts, Northumbria University with funding from Rayne Foundation. We are using the findings from this work to draw up recommendations to present to key decision-makers and to work with partners to ensure that older people have access to good information and advice.



The Parks Project

Through a consultancy with students from Newcastle University, we tested a variety of methodologies for engaging people in thinking about parks, using Paddy Freeman's Park as the site for this study. We have shared the findings with the Newcastle Parks Forum and Urban Green.

Age Friendly City



EC continues to provide the secretariat for Newcastle's Age Friendly City Group and to actively participate in the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities, sharing learning with other partners in the city. We are working with colleagues at Newcastle City Council to ensure age-friendly is part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Age Proud Network

EC co-ordinates a network of organisations with an interest in working with older people to share learning and develop partnerships. In October 2021 we delivered a full programme of activities to celebrate Older People's Day at Newcastle City Library.

Managing the Home Care Circus



EC has used the report and the animation based on our investigation on older people's experiences of home care to raise awareness of the experiences of older people of accessing home care. We have received very positive feedback on the work:

"It provides very powerful messages about the aspirations and challenges older people face in receiving care at home." Glenda Cook, Northumbria University

We delivered a training course to members of the North East Social Work Alliance and have used our findings to contribute to shaping the requirements in Newcastle City Council's Home Care tenders.

Objective 3. To increase older people's knowledge and understanding of issues that affect them.

4 issues of The Echo magazine delivered directly to approximately **1300** people online and in hard copy

26 issues of the ebulletin delivered to **700+** individuals and organisations
The average open rate is **50%**; the click is **10.5%**, that is on a par with equivalent organisations.

600 copies of EC Rider 2021 distributed, helping people to use their discretionary bus pass to get out and about

23 Broadcasts of "Older Voices" available as podcasts on LLARC MixCloud
<https://www.mixcloud.com/LLARC/stream/>

With support from dedicated volunteers in the Tech4Good team at Accenture Newcastle, we have been able to co-develop our new website www.elderscouncil.org.uk. Our Communications team set out to create a fresh look and a new way of telling people about our work.



We continue to regularly post on Facebook and Twitter to reach a wider audience.



Objective 4. To ensure that the organisation is well managed and complies with current legislation and requirements of the Charity Commission.

The Board regularly reviews policies, procedures and finances to ensure that the organisation is working to the highest standards and that staff and trustees have opportunities to take advantage of training to keep their skills and knowledge up to date.

Financial Report and Reserves Policy

	2022 £	2021 £
Income	76,337	74,124
Expenditure	86,655	46,732
Surplus (Deficit)	(10,318)	27,392
Unrestricted Funds	96,329	110,590
No. of weeks working capital in Reserves	60	122

As can be seen, we have had what appears to have been a very poor year, financially, with a small deficit and much reduced reserves at the end of the year.

However, we are not, really, comparing like with like when we look at how things have changed since 2020/21. Firstly, the previous year was severely impacted by the pandemic and, secondly, our Chief Officer, Barbara Douglas, operated with no paid help throughout that earlier year. That, of course, could not be allowed to continue and the decision was taken to employ Clare Levi as our Development Officer. Clare has fitted in very well and is, already, making a valuable contribution on top of alleviating some of the burden that was, previously, shouldered by Barbara, alone. Employing people, however, comes at a cost and our decision recognised that we would need to use some of our reserves to meet that cost.

Funding, of course, remains a source of pressure and, in addition to exercising cost-saving measures wherever possible, we are actively trying to attract grant income to help us, as we seek to add new activities to our portfolio. However, we go into 2022/23 with a strong Balance Sheet and a positive outlook.

Our **Reserves** target is to have 6-months of operating costs in hand. At 31 March 2022 we were comfortably ahead of target, but we recognise that the current economic climate coupled with our continued expansion of activities means that there will be further erosion of those reserves in the foreseeable future. The trustees will endeavour to mitigate this erosion, as far as possible, without adversely affecting our programme.

Our Key Priorities for 2022-23

- ❖ To communicate, listen to, engage, represent and ensure people over 50 in Newcastle are heard by key decision makers.
- ❖ To encourage more over 50's to join us in identifying needs, finding better solutions to problems, tackling age discrimination, showing what we are capable of and creating a better future for all.
- ❖ To work with Collaborative Newcastle on Newcastle Neighbourhoods, reaching out to a wider and more diverse group of older adults, making connections and responding to the issues they raise.
- ❖ To maintain our comprehensive communications programme to keep older people informed and engaged.
- ❖ To ensure the organisation is well managed and to secure the funding to continue our work.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors

Charity name	The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited
Registered Charity Number	1122424
Company Number	06188907
Registered Office	C/o David Kilner, 7 Eldon Square, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 7JG

Trustees

Anne Raffle, Chair	Appointed 2018, 2021
Keith Williamson, Treasurer	Appointed by the Board of Trustees (BoT) in March 2021
Approved/endorsed AGM 2021	Appointed by the BoT February 2022 to be approved at AGM 2022
Cal Boal	Appointed 2021
Bruce Davenport	Appointed 2015, 2018, 2021
Alan Gowers	Appointed 2019
Mary Nicholls	Appointed 2017, 2020
Esther Salamon	Appointed 2015, 2018, 2021
Violet Rook	

Independent Examiner David L Kilner FCA
7 Eldon Square, Newcastle Upon Tyne,
NE1 7JG

Bankers The Co-operative Bank
P.O. Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester,
M60 4EP

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee.

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited was registered as a charity on 23 January 2008 and incorporated 28 March 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is

governed under its articles of association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount of £1.00.

Appointment of Trustees

As set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Board shall consist of no more than 12 trustees and no less than 3 Trustees serve for a term of 3 years; they are eligible for re-election for a further term of three years and then a last term of three years. A charity trustee who has served for three consecutive terms may not be re-elected for a fourth consecutive term but may be re-elected after an interval of at least one year.

In the event of any skills being lost through retirement or resignation, suitable individuals are approached to offer themselves for appointment to the Board. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. No Trustees claimed expenses during the year.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are invited to meet with the Chair and Chief Executive to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context in which it operates. This covers:

- The obligations of trustees
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Trust
- Resourcing and the current financial position
- Future plans and objectives
- Risks facing the Charity

Organisation

The board of trustees has responsibility for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Frequency of full meetings has been reviewed for effectiveness and will continue to meet on a monthly basis. Trustees have also established subgroups for financial governance and income generation that meet in addition to and report into ordinary meetings.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy that comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face
- The implementation and review of a formal risk mapping system and procedures to mitigate identified risks
- The implementation of systems and procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Trust should they materialise

Due to uncertainty in the economic climate and to mitigate significant external risks to funding organisation undertakes an annual strategic review. Each year the organisation produces updated Business and Action Plans which are fully consulted with trustees and staff and reviewed against progress quarterly. They are very much working documents which recognise the need for diversification, development, and expansion of the Charity's core business. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a Reserves Policy and its regular review by trustees.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Elders Council Limited for company law) 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 the 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
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation

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 the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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.

Approved by the Board on 12 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Anne Raffle (Chair of Trustees)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2022

I report on the financial statements of The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 14 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

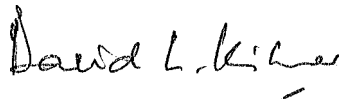
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I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David L Kilner FCA
Chartered Accountant
7 Eldon Square
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 7JG

Date: 13 July 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	1,741	-	1,741	1,551
Charitable activities					
Grants and statutory funding	7	53,488	18,480	71,968	60,670
Other trading activities	8	2,565	-	2,565	11,751
Investments	9	63	-	63	152
Total income		57,857	18,480	76,337	74,124
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	10	72,118	14,537	86,655	46,732
Total expenditure		72,118	14,537	86,655	46,732
Net income/(expenditure)		(14,261)	3,943	(10,318)	27,392
Transfers between funds		5,656	(5,656)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		(8,605)	(1,713)	(10,318)	27,392
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		110,590	13,510	124,100	96,708
Total funds carried forward		101,985	11,797	113,782	124,100

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1122424

Company Number 6188907

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	£	Total 2022 £	£	Total 2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	17		1,067		701
Total fixed assets			1,067		701
Current assets					
Debtors	18	2,115		6,612	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	118,769		117,958	
Total current assets			120,884	124,570	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(8,169)		(1,171)	
Net current assets			112,715		123,399
Total assets less current liabilities			113,782		124,100
Total net assets or liabilities			113,782		124,100
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			101,985		110,590
Restricted income funds			11,797		13,510
Total funds			113,782		124,100

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 12/07/2022

and are signed on its behalf by:

Keith Williamson
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have revised their forecasts to take into account measures that they can take with the current resources available to mitigate the impact of the current adverse conditions. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

4.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a reducing balance basis:

Office and computer equipment	25 % Straight Line
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5.2 Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts, being the amount the charity anticipates it will receive in settlement of the debt.

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations	1,741	-	1,741	1,551
	<u>1,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,741</u>	<u>1,551</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Grant income</u>				
Newcastle City Council	51,624	6,000	57,624	44,000
Postcode Lottery	-	-	-	15,600
Care and Repair England - Doorbells	-	9,000	9,000	1,000
Newcastle University	587	-	587	-
Newcastle Community Health Fund	-	1,020	1,020	-
Wellbeing in the North of Tyne (Carnegie UK).	-	2,460	2,460	-
<u>Other income</u>				
Sundry income	1,277	-	1,277	70
	<u>53,488</u>	<u>18,480</u>	<u>71,968</u>	<u>60,670</u>
8 Other trading activities				
Income from services	2,565	-	2,565	11,751
	<u>2,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,565</u>	<u>11,751</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
9 Income from investments				
Bank interest	63	-	63	152
	<u>63</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>152</u>

Income was £76,337 (2021: £74,124) of which £57,857 was unrestricted or designated (2021: £57,524) and £18,480 was restricted (2021: £16,600)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
10 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Training and conferences	175	-	175	50
AGM & other member support	1,261	-	1,261	-
Booked transport	162	-	162	30
Newsletter publication	3,445	-	3,445	3,327
Newsletter postage & delivery	1,806	-	1,806	2,303
Publishing and printing	1,271	99	1,370	912
Working groups and other events	130	6,444	6,574	2,730
Programme equipment purchased	-	7,944	7,944	-
Home Care Animation	3,960	-	3,960	-
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent, service charge and telephone	5,191	50	5,241	3,327
Staff costs	47,384	-	47,384	29,721
IT and website costs	2,037	-	2,037	2,197
Sundries	289	-	289	167
Professional fees	3,785	-	3,785	1,128
Depreciation	441	-	441	-
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Insurance	481	-	481	540
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	300	-	300	300
	<u>72,118</u>	<u>14,537</u>	<u>86,655</u>	<u>46,732</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £86,655 (2021: £46,732) of which £72,118 was unrestricted or designated (2021: £43,642) and £14,537 was restricted (2021: £3,090)

11 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	300	300
	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2021: £nil)

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12 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries and wages	17,035	-
Social security costs	1,277	-
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	329	-
	<u>18,641</u>	<u>-</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2021: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees and the Executive Officer . The total benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £28,743. (2021: £28,743)

Newcastle City Council pays the Executive Officer's Salary from a grant, the balance of which is paid to the Charity.

13 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 1 staff (2021: 0 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	0.7	0.0
	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.0</u>

14 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £329 (2021: £0). There was £0 outstanding as at 31 March 2022 (2021: £0).

15 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

16 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£
17 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	701	701
Additions	807	807
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2021	1,508	1,508
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
At 1 April 2020	-	-
Depreciation charge for year	441	441
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2021	441	441
Net book value		
At 31 March 2020	701	701
At 31 March 2021	1,067	1,067
18 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	750	4,508
Prepayments	1,249	1,988
Other debtors	116	116
	2,115	6,612
19 Cash at bank and in hand		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Short term deposits	50,184	50,122
Cash at bank	68,585	67,836
	118,769	117,958
20 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	245	871
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	300	300
Deferred income	7,624	-
	8,169	1,171

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21 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of advance payments from grants that relate to future periods

	2022
	£
Balance brought forward	-
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	-
Amount deferred in year	7,624
Balance carried forward	7,624

22 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

23 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	110,590	57,857	(72,118)	5,656	101,985
Totals	110,590	57,857	(72,118)	5,656	101,985

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Postcode Lottery	12,870	-	(7,994)	-	4,876
Care and Repair England - Doorbells	640	9,000	(6,072)	(3,568)	-
Newcastle Community Health Fund	-	1,020	(99)	-	921
Wellbeing in the North of Tyne (Carnegie UK)	-	2,460	(372)	(2,088)	-
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
Totals	13,510	18,480	(14,537)	(5,656)	11,797

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23 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Postcode Lottery	To provide older people with digital device and tech support to enable them to go on line.
Care and Repair England - Doorbells	To use performance to engage older people in conversations about where and how they want to live in later life; to document the findings from the conversations and use the information to engage with decision-makers.
Newcastle Community Health Fund	To run community events in West Fenham, Byker and Walker.
Wellbeing in the North of Tyne (Carnegie UK)	To engage with two groups in Newcastle upon Tyne on wellbeing and to prepare a report for North of Tyne/Carnegie.
Newcastle City Council - Small Grants Programme	A small sparks grant pot to be used in West Fenham, Byker and Walker.

Transfers between funds

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between restricted and unrestricted funds.	Care & Repair England - Doorbells and Wellbeing in the North of Tyne (Carnegie UK) projects were completed by 31 March. The balance was transferred to restricted funds to cover the contribution to overheads.	5,656

24 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2022, the charity had no capital commitments (2021 -£nil)

25 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,067	-	1,067	701
Cash at bank and in hand	106,972	11,797	118,769	117,958
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(6,054)	-	(6,054)	5,441
	<u>101,985</u>	<u>11,797</u>	<u>113,782</u>	<u>124,100</u>

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Accounts



The Elders Council of Newcastle

Annual Report & Accounts 2020/21



Photo Jack Foster

Foreword by the Chair of the Elders Council



On behalf of the Board of Trustees I am once again privileged to share with you the Annual Report of the Elders Council.

We do hope that you enjoy reading about our work. I am proud of the way in which we have sustained the work of the Elders Council over the last 12 months.

As an organisation, we did not stand still but quickly re-organised ourselves. Staff and key volunteers have worked from home to ensure that we carried out our statutory responsibilities, kept in touch with our members in whatever way we could and continued to deliver the work of the organisation.

We have kept our membership informed through the Echo, our quarterly magazine, twice a month e-bulletins and the twice a month radio programme, Older Voices, as well as telephoning the members who are not on line, to let them know we were thinking of them and supporting them if they needed any help. We successfully applied for funds to enable us to support older people to get on line, realising what a vital life line this has been for many of us.

All of this happened because the teams of Elders Council members who do this work built up new skills. We have learned how to have meetings on Zoom or Teams and to deliver webinars. Many of us had never heard of any of these mechanisms before March 2020! We joined efforts with other local organisations, and even across the UK, to discuss important issues and work together for the benefit of our members, and all older people in Newcastle.

In this Report you will find the Annual Accounts, which have been Independently Examined and approved. You will also note that as a result of careful financial management during this pandemic year, a reserve has been built up. This enabled us to second a part time member of staff for six months, to help focus on our future development plans and resources, and demonstrated the need for

more staff and volunteer capacity at the heart of the organisation to enable us to achieve our mission, which is to enable older people to have a voice and develop a city that is a good place to grow old in. We are now considering how to reshape our core programme so that we can meet many more people, and gain a better understanding of the issues of those who have a limited voice or none at all.

We are now in a position to look forward to 2021-2022 but we do not yet know how the future months will develop. We know that some of you are raring to go out but many others are not so confident.

Many of the meeting places of old have not re-opened or if they have there are very strict regulations still in place to protect us, such as mask wearing, limited numbers and social distancing. We will pay close attention to how the situation develops and, in whatever way we can, we will continue to raise the voices of older people to fight to ensure that we can all enjoy a better, later life. We very much look forward to future opportunities to meet up with you all. to hear your stories and ideas and to continue our work to make Newcastle a great place for older people. **Anne Raffle**

Thank You

Nick Lambert, Trustee and Treasurer of the Elders Council for the last 4 years, has stepped down from the Board for personal reasons.

We wish to thank Nick for this commitment to EC, and the way in which he steered the Board of Trustees in all matters of finance, ensuring stability for the forthcoming year.

John Telfer, Older People Friendly City lead, will be stepping down as a Trustee in July, after completing 9 years. We thank him for his contribution to the Elders Council and older people of Newcastle.

On behalf of EC members, I would like to thank **our Board of Trustees & staff** for ensuring that the Elders Council continued to function successfully despite the restrictions imposed by Covid.

Our Year in Numbers

361
members
reached by
telephone

3
'Doorbells'
Webinars to
90 people

10
Board
Meetings
All online

22
Older Voices
broadcasts
many online
via Zoom

3
Magazines in
hard copy and
1 online + 1
Creative Pack

29
e-Bulletins all
online

1 Creative
Writing
Residency
of 15 sessions

13
Wellbeing for
Life Sessions
all online (at
Jesmond)

EC
represented
on **22**
Stakeholder
Groups

EC
represented
on **5**
Research
Projects

EC
represented
on **2**
Research
Networks

2
EC Project
Reports
Published

SPOTLIGHT

In this section of the report, we are shining a light on examples of our work which illustrate how we adapted to the challenges we faced during COVID 19.

They demonstrate our commitment to continuing our work, despite the challenges, and to learning new ways of doing things.

Managing the Home Care Circus is the title of our report on the investigation we undertook into older people's experiences of home care. We completed our face-to-face conversations with older people and carers prior to the pandemic; worked on the analysis of the data and launched the report at the end of 2020.

The feedback has been remarkable and has led to a number of invitations to join other national research groups having similar conversations.

We also worked with Digital Voice on producing an animation of the key messages from the report. We thought this would be a more interesting way of engaging both older people and professionals in improving our access home care.



Our 'Older Voices' show must go on ...

Our Elders Council radio group has been running since 2007, broadcasting once a month with a programme devised and presented by Elders Council members. When the pandemic hit, the group quickly learnt how to deliver the programme on Zoom rather than from a studio and now deliver a 2-hour programme twice a month. The show, which is broadcast on NOVA radio, includes interviews with guests on a very wide range of topics as well as regular features on green issues, Gardening, culture, notices of events & 'thought for the fortnight'.

Elders Council is also a member of the **Later Life Radio and Audio Co-operative (LLARC)**, an international network of community radio stations combatting ageism and increasing the representation of older adults in broadcasting. All the Older Voices broadcasts are available on <https://www.mixcloud.com/LLARC/> so that you can listen again. Elders Council was also instrumental in supporting LLARC to deliver the #HousingMatters series during lockdown, which includes a rich mix of interviews with experts in the field of housing.



EC arranged a joint **Age Friendly City Centre Project** with students from Newcastle University. The students did some of the leg work for us and engaged with us in a series of on-line meetings where we discussed what we liked about the city centre and where we thought there could be improvements. The students provided a comprehensive report and presented their findings to us alongside officers and politicians from Newcastle City Council. We now have a very useful summary document with which to progress a continuing conversation.

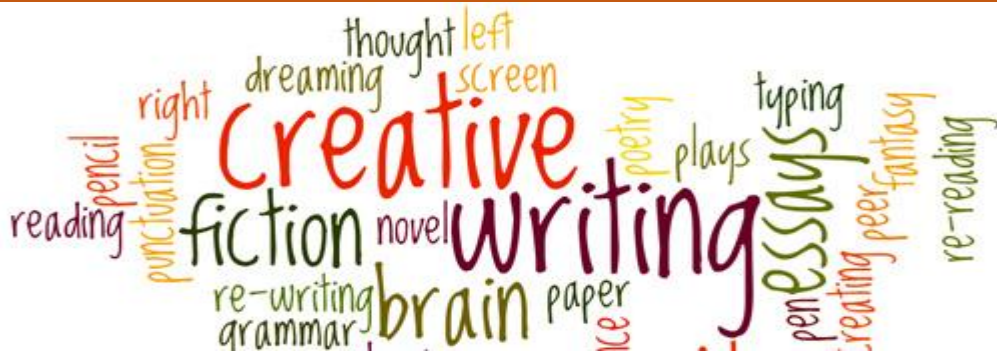
Jesmond Wellbeing Group

The Wellbeing group were unable to continue meeting in Jesmond Library during lockdown, so they set up sessions from home to meet with the local community for those who could join online. These meetings have continued twice a month, not only bringing people together but sharing invaluable information such as, keeping safe in the home and online, local news and events, where to go on local walks, where to get help safely. They continually review the situation and look forward to be able to meet in person as they are able.



Doorbells is a partnership project between Elders Council, Care and Repair England, Skimstone Arts and Northumbria University, with funding from the Rayne Foundation. Our aim is to encourage older people to explore options for where and how they want to live in later life. The starting point is a performance by Skimstone Arts in which Kathleen starts to muse on her options. Performances are followed by small discussion groups to

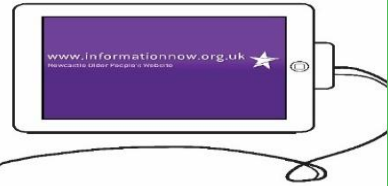
give people the opportunity to explore ideas. In March 2020 Skimstone Arts produced a short film of Kathleen's experiences of life under lockdown. We used this short film in three successful webinars and a presentation at Sunderland's Older People's Day event. The insights from our discussions have been compiled into a report by Northumbria University and form the basis of the key messages we will give to policy makers, service providers and older people.



Elders Council was privileged to be partner in a Newcastle City Council artist residency from November 2020 to March 2021.

As a group of older people, we enjoyed a 15-week creative writing course on Zoom, hosted by local artists, during which members wrote about the ups and downs of life during lockdown in various forms of writing (essay, poetry, both serious and amusing). We laughed and cried as we listened to each other's work, and have been amazed at what was achieved.

Staying Connected



We have also made great efforts to help some of our members get online and stay safe at the same time. Northumbria University Students ran their IT workshops for those people who needed additional help with computers, laptops or smart phones. We received some funding from the Postcode lottery Community Fund to buy equipment, sim cards and tech support. Together with Mental Health Concern and Digital Inclusion Newcastle we have a programme to help older people to get started on-line.

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Awarded funds from



Throughout the pandemic we have kept you all in touch through our various communications. We managed to send out the e -Bulletins as normal and the Magazines too except issue 89 as we couldn't get that one printed. There were postings on social media giving you the most up-to-date information and opportunities for activities and helping in research projects.



Thanks to our Sponsors

The Elders Council wish to thank Newcastle City Council; The Post Code Community Trust; The Rayne Foundation and Care and Repair England for their support throughout this most different and difficult year. It has been truly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

Our income for the year amounted to £74,124 in total, compared to £67,183 in the previous year.

We received a grant from Newcastle City Council of £44,000 and it has been confirmed that this level of funding will continue in our new financial year. Income from services amounted to £12,251. The main amounts came from Newcastle University for our involvement in its Oral Nutrition Project, from WEA and from Care and Repair England towards the Doorbells Project.

We were fortunate to receive a grant of £15,600 from the Postcode Community Trust for the Staying Connected Project, started in the final quarter of the year and scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021. We are grateful to members and supporters for donations and legacies.

The entire financial year was shaped by the pandemic and this meant that our expenditure in many areas was substantially lower than in previous years. However, many of our activities have moved from the real world to the virtual world. The Elders Council has been as busy as ever successfully supporting older people in Newcastle and participating actively in many affairs related to the ageing population. There has been a focus on helping older people staying connected, and also in maintaining engagement through traditional printed media.

As a result of the lower spend on member support and on working groups, there is a surplus of income over expenditure of £13,882 for the year on general (unrestricted) activities. In addition to this, restricted funding received in the year of £13,510 has been carried forward to meet costs which will arise in the new financial year.

We are in very good financial health, with net assets of £124,100 at the end of the year. This puts us in a strong position to meet the challenges after lockdown and are able to start organising face to face activities.

The Board has reviewed its policy on reserves in the light of the present economic climate and agreed a prudent level should be equivalent to 12 months of working capital. At the end of our financial year the balance of unrestricted reserves was in excess of that target. We are conscious this situation could change significantly. The Board will do as much as it can to mitigate against this, it will not allow those financial considerations to inhibit the pursuit of the goals that have been set for the organisation.

After three years as Treasurer, I am stepping down and I am very happy to pass my responsibilities to Keith Williamson who I know will be a very worthy successor.

Nick Lambert

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21	2019/20
INCOME				
Newcastle City Council	44,000		44,000	44,000
Income from Services	11,251	1,000	12,251	5,184
Donations	1,551		1,551	1,283
Legacy	--		--	14,715
Grant	500	15,600	16,100	2,000
Interest	152	--	152	--
Sundry Income	70	--	70	--
	£ 57,524	£ 16,600	£ 74,124	£ 67,182
EXPENDITURE				
MEMBER SUPPORT				
Training & Conferences	50		50	120
AGM & Other member support	--		--	1,272
Booked Transport	30	--	30	614
	£ 80	--	80	£ 2,006
PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE				
Newsletter Publication	3,327		3,327	3,792
Newsletter Postage	2,303		2,303	2,948
Publishing, Printing	552	360	912	1,181
W. Groups & Other Events	--	2,730	2,730	1,593
	£ 6,182	£ 3,090	£ 9,272	£ 9,514
GOVERNANCE EXPENDITURE				
Insurance	540		540	528
Professional Fees	1,428	--	1,428	--
	£ 1,968	--	£ 1,968	£ 528
GENERAL EXPENDITURE				
Rent, Service Charge & Phone	3,327		3,327	4,396
Staff Costs	29,721		29,721	34,240
IT & Website Costs	2,197		2,197	2,129
Sundries	167	--	167	101
	£ 35,412	--	£ 35,412	£40,866
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 43,642	£ 3,090	£ 46,732	£52,914
NET INCOME	13,882	13,510	27,392	14,268
TRANSFER	1,062	(1,062)	--	--
	14,944	12,448	27,392	14,268
FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2020	95,646	1,062	96,708	82,440
FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2021	£110,590	£13,510	£124,100	£96,708

COMPANY No, 6188907

CHARITY NUMBER 1122424

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2021

		2021		2020
FIXED ASSET				
Computer at Cost		701		--
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors & Prepayments	6,612		858	
Cash at Bank				
Deposit Account	67,836		50,000	
Current Account	50,122		46,852	
	124,570		97,710	
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	1,171	123,399	1,002	96,708
		£124,100		£ 96,708
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Unrestricted		110,590		95,646
Restricted		13,510		1,062
		£ 124,100		£ 96,708

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members
of The Elders Council of Newcastle Limited

I report on the accounts of the company 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 the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

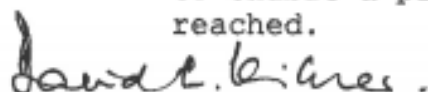
- a) examine the accounts under Section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- b) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act;
- c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present 'a true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
 - ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) have not been met or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David L Kilner FCA
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12 May 2021