

Worrall Community Association Limited

Trustees' report

The Directors and Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

Worrall Community Association is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. As such, the directors, as defined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, act as both the directors of the company and the trustees of the charity.

Overall management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the memorandum and articles of association. Day to day project activity is carried out by volunteers.

Charitable objects

To further or benefit the residents of Worrall and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents and to establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre (Worrall Memorial Hall) and to maintain and manage the same in furtherance of these objects.

Included in the above objects is the responsibility of the Charity to support, maintain, improve, innovate in, and commit to the use of the Hall and any other premises owned or occupied by the Charity.

Achievement and performance

This year has seen the Community Association continue its investment in the Memorial Hall to provide an up to date, safe and welcoming environment for all users.

Demand for the Hall remains high from both regular user groups and occasional party hirers (many of whom have used the Hall previously).

Investment has been made into updating internal safety lighting, a new front door, Wi-Fi systems in the Hall itself and a new glass washing and cooler fridge in the bar area. In addition we had a full asbestos survey done on the Hall this year, which concluded that we had no asbestos issues.

As usual we held the bonfire in November, which was well attended despite inclement weather and in September we held the Gala, Chase and Festival which was very popular and benefitted from good weather. We also held our Annual Plant Sale with proceeds donated to charity. Our thanks go to everyone involved in making these events such a success, as they could not be held without the support of volunteers from the community. However, with the increase in legal and environmental requirements resulting in more paperwork and rules with which to comply it is becoming more onerous for the key people we rely on to compile the paperwork. Our thanks go to Helen and Christine for all their hard work in these areas.

We would like to thank John Beadman, who retired from his role as Treasurer for the last 10 years and Josette Collinson for all her hard work in her dual role of managing Hall bookings both from regular groups and occasional party hirers. Without the efforts of people voluntarily willing to give their time to make the Hall a place for the whole Community to enjoy, Worrall would risk losing a vital asset.

We have continued a recent practice of donating proceeds from other smaller events during the year to local charities and this year we have made donations to St. Lukes Hospice and Woodhead Mountain Rescue Service.

We are pleased to note that 4 new directors were officially appointed this year, bringing their own individual strengths to the team of directors. We welcome Brett Scott, David Simmons, Lewis Dagnall and Stuart Cole. However, we are always keen to have more members of the community involved either as directors, members or volunteers.

We look forward with optimism to 2025 and would thank everyone who has used, helped or been connected with the Memorial Hall in the last 12 months.

Reserves policy

Worrall Community Association needs reserves for the following reasons:

To meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close. This includes amounts due to creditors and commitments under contracts and leases.

To meet unexpected costs like breakdown of essential equipment and legal costs defending the charity's interest.

To replace equipment as it wears out.

To ensure that the charity can continue to provide a stable and quality service to those who need it.

To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears and to place the charity in a position where it could bid for funding that may be paid in arrears.

From time to time charitable funding may have certain restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in a restricted reserve until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Worrall Community Association Limited**Statement of financial activities****(incorporating the income and expenditure account)****for the year ended 31 October 2024**

| | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Total | Total |
| | | funds | funds |
| | Notes | £ | £ |
| Incoming resources | | | |
| Grants | 2 | - | - |
| Donations | | - | 6,369 |
| Fundraising | | 13,558 | 13,032 |
| Hire of hall | | 8,589 | 10,205 |
| Bar income | | 271 | 1,266 |
| Gift Aid | | 2,435 | 1,344 |
| Transport income | | - | 250 |
| Feed in tariff | | 1,925 | 1,287 |
| Other income | | 16 | - |
| Total Incoming resources | | 26,794 | 33,753 |
| Resources expended | | | |
| Rates and utilities | | 2,553 | 2,161 |
| Travel and transport | | - | 1,200 |
| Advertising and website | | 300 | 135 |
| Insurance | | 1,149 | 1,115 |
| Printing, stationery and publications | | 351 | 37 |
| Fundraising expenses | | 8,728 | 8,185 |
| Bar expenses | | 112 | 727 |
| Cleaning and waste disposal | | 3,968 | 4,499 |
| Maintenance and repairs | | 9,507 | 11,174 |
| Bank charges | | 171 | 144 |
| Independent examination | 3 | 260 | 245 |
| Donations | | 650 | - |
| Legal and professional | | 1,378 | 653 |
| Tutors | | 1,300 | 975 |
| Other expenses | | - | 86 |
| Total resources expended | | 30,427 | 31,335 |
| Net (outgoing)/incoming resources | | (3,633) | 2,418 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 296,803 | 294,385 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 293,170 | 296,803 |

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Worrall Community Association Limited

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 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 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 seeking 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 statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep appropriate accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

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Date: 14/11/2024