

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1129502

Details

Other names NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES (NEWCASTLE) LIMITED

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [04357221](#)

Registered 2009-05-08

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT URBAN AND RURAL REGENERATION IN THE AREAS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION AND IN PARTICULAR IN PARTS OF THE WINGROVE WARDS, ELSWICK WARD AND WESTGATE WARD AREAS OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'THE WEST END OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE'), BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:1 THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR POVERTY IN SUCH WAYS AS MAY BE THOUGHT FIT;2 THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN SUCH WAYS AS MAY BE THOUGHT FIT, INCLUDING PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT;3 THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, TRAINING OR RETRAINING, PARTICULARLY AMONG UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE, AND PROVIDING UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE WITH WORK EXPERIENCE;4 THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OR BUSINESS ADVICE OR CONSULTANCY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN CASES OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER CHARITABLE NEED THROUGH HELP;A IN SETTING UP THEIR OWN BUSINESSES; ORB TO EXISTING BUSINESSES5 THE CREATION OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY THE PROVISION OF WORKSPACE, BUILDINGS AND/OR LAND FOR USE ON FAVOURABLE TERMS;6 THE PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND CHARITABLE OWNERSHIP PROVIDED THAT SUCH POWER SHALL NOT EXTEND TO RELIEVING ANY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR OTHER BODIES OF A STATUTORY DUTY TO PROVIDE OR IMPROVE HOUSING;7 THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT OR PROVISION OF PUBLIC AMENITIES, PROVIDED THAT SUCH POWER SHALL NOT EXTEND TO RELIEVING ANY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR OTHER BODIES OF A STATUTORY DUTY TO MAINTAIN, PROVIDE OR IMPROVE PUBLIC AMENITIES;8 THE PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS OR SITES OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE;9 THE PROVISION OR ASSISTANCE IN THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES;10 THE PROTECTION OR CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT;11 THE PROMOTION OF IMPROVED PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND CHILDCARE PROVIDED THAT SUCH OBJECT SHALL NOT EXTEND TO RELIEVING ANY HEALTH AUTHORITIES OR OTHER PUBLIC BODIES OF A STATUTORY DUTY TO MAINTAIN, PROVIDE OR IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND CHILDCARE;12 THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF CRIME;13 THE PROMOTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BUSINESSES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING BUSINESSES, AND THE PROMOTION OF COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN BUSINESSES TO PROMOTE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE;14 THE PROMOTION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVIDING SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO ASSIST BUSINESSES IN THE CONDUCT OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND IN DEVELOPING PRODUCTS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND ALSO IN MEETING LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS; AND15 DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OR THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE NEED OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND HELP MEET THEIR OWN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.

Activities: Rgeneration activities in the West End of Newcastle upon Tyne

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARTS OF THE WINGROVE WARDS, ELSWICK WARD AND WESTGATE WARD AREAS OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£535,391	£628,909	£1,449,471	13
2024-03-31	£519,050	£549,525	£1,579,762	11
2023-03-31	£466,858	£557,754	-	-
2022-03-31	£394,487	£512,143	-	-
2021-03-31	£393,987	£487,566	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev George Robert Curry	Chair	
Councillor Habib Rahman		2015-08-01
Fergus Laird		2013-01-01
Marie Bartley		2021-05-31

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Accounts

Company registration number 04357221 (England and Wales)

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Rev G R Curry Mr F J Laird Cllr H Rahman Ms S L Douglas Ms M Bartley Cllr T M Cairns	
Country of incorporation	United Kingdom (England and Wales)	04357221
Charity registration	England and Wales	1129502
Registered office	The Beacon Westgate Road Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 9PQ	
Auditor	Sumer Auditco Limited Unit 2 Gosforth Park Avenue Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 8EG	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc P.O Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	
Solicitors	Muckle LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4BF	

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects is "to directly contribute to the closing of the gaps in quality of life between the people of the West End and the remainder of the City and enhance their life chances".

This is a broad, cross cutting remit. In working towards the social, economic and physical regeneration of the inner west of Newcastle, Centre West currently undertakes a range of activities in keeping with its social enterprise ethos to achieve this including:

- maintaining a portfolio of properties to give Centre West a stable financial footing and benefit the community by clustering activity and services in the west end, creating opportunities for the area.
- in partnership with Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle developing the Beacon as an employment and enterprise hub.
- seeking out, developing and delivering targeted enterprises and initiatives to increase opportunities and open up choice for individuals and communities, e.g. Hat-trick.
- maintaining strategic relationships with key service providers and local decision-makers to influence and inform the design and delivery of services and shape planning and investment in redevelopment of the area.
- sustaining a network of community intelligence, brokering conversations and supporting our communities to play a role in the decisions that affect the west end of Newcastle.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The challenges facing the communities of the inner west of Newcastle remain significant. Centre West is taking an incremental approach to these challenges, all the while championing the place of communities in those decisions that affect the area and the lives of those living there.

In 2024 the trustees adopted a 3 year business plan with aims of generating further growth of projects while safeguarding the financial outlook of the overall charity with a full cost recovery model.

In April 2023 Centre West was assessed by Investors in People and retained its IPP status. The report confirmed that Centre West is performing well above the average Investors in People score as well as for the industry sector within which it operates i.e. social work activities including charities. For all areas IIP rates Centre West at least a 9 out of 10.

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The Beacon

Occupying the site of the former West Road Fire Station, this £6.6 million development was completed in December 2011 and now provides a multi-use eco-friendly building for supporting and developing community enterprise, businesses, employment, education, and business training events. Significantly, it is a partnership with the environmental charity, Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle.

Due to the nature of changing demand a process speeded up by the pandemic. In 2021–22 the joint Board took the decision to concentrate on business support particularly the hot-desking offer and reduce the events offer to meeting room hire only.

Demand for office accommodation and artisans' workshops is consistently more than, the target of 85%. The project after initially requiring significant investment reported a break-even position for the 2022-23 financial year. Due to utilities costs rising in October 2024 from @ £50k to @ £105K per annum. The year ended with a -£15k deficit in 2024-25.

Priorities for future development are:

- Repayment of the owning charities investment, Centre West £273K.
- Reduce utilities costs and CO2 emissions via grant investment in on site renewable power generation and LED lighting throughout the building.
- Mitigate rates risk and generate additional income – Implement the Beacon agreed development plan to establish an enterprise hub on the 2nd floor.
- Generate income – Additional to Co-working, virtual tenancies and business events. Establish an enterprise offer for special Educational Needs young people as part of the enterprise hub offer.

Governance arrangements for Hat-Trick & CHEFF.

Both Hat-Trick and CHEFF are managed as separate ring-fenced projects. Budgets are approved by the Board and grant income restricted; both also have separate approved business development plans. This provides clarity, regarding, their respective trading accounts and provides protection from community development work commitments. Centre West has reduced central costs and made significant provision to mitigate risk.

Hat-trick

Hat-Trick is a highly regarded community sport coaching and health initiative. It has continued to grow and has continued to develop during 2024/25. Despite the impact of the cost of living crisis. As part of the Board agreed development strategy Hat-Trick expanded its operations into Gateshead and successfully extended its activities in 2024/25.

The quality of the apprentice training programme was recognized nationally in 2022/23, That recognition was maintained and built upon in 2024/25.

Hat-Trick has established a national reputation for excellence. Both managers are in demand as business consultants for other sports-based community initiatives around the country and this also presents an opportunity for growth. Hat-Trick has strong partnership links nationally, regionally, and locally and this presents opportunities to further develop schemes of work such as family health, community safety, counter extremism, dangers of social media, holiday hunger and steps to employment.

In 2024/25 Hat-Trick's team of staff and volunteers helped thousands of children, young people, and adults, raise aspirations, increase their opportunities, and be active.

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CHEFF

Approved as a pilot project in January 2019 the CHEFF project was evaluated against performance in January 2021. The Board continued to develop the project during 2024/2025. Its agreed objectives agreed for CHEFF include the following:

- Encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles.
- Target specific groups to reduce social exclusion – older residents.
- Reduce inequalities in health.
- Provide safe, high quality, minimal cost, inclusive, accessible, activities for all the family.
- Work in partnership with the local community and other services
- Encourage families to volunteer, gain qualifications, improve their outcomes and become role models
- Increase the reputation of Centre-West in the local community

Partnerships and community engagement

Centre West in 2024/25 maintained effective working relationships with Newcastle City Council and other key service providers. The organisation was able to navigate policy landscape shifts at both the national and local levels, restructure and refocus its priorities.

The 2024/27 business plan was updated during the year.

Financial review

This report relates to the period 2024-2025 during which income and expenditure related solely to the charity's core activities.

During the year a deficit of £130,291 was generated (2024: surplus of £57,009). The charity holds unrestricted funds of £1,043,950 (2024: £1,178,547) and restricted funds of £405,521 (2024: £401,215).

The 'free reserves' of the charity (defined as those unrestricted funds not designated for specific purposes or tied up in fixed assets) stood at £1,039,081 at the year end (2024: £1,173,487).

The cash reserves of the charity have been utilised in funding the operation of The Beacon.

The Trustees review a rolling 12 month cash flow at each board meeting and if necessary are prepared to liquidate an element of the investments managed by CCLA to ensure that the ongoing working capital requirements of the charity are met.

Going Concern

The charity has sufficient cash reserves, and realisable investments, currently £900,000, to cover several years' worth of current expenditure.

Grants and contracts

The Hat-Trick and CHEFF projects, continue to attract funding from a range of funders in the form of grants and contracts.

Reserves policy

In 2024-2025 the Trustees continued to operate a prudent reserves policy to reflect the time of transition for the charity and turbulence in the economy. The trustees have established an unrestricted reserves policy level to allow the Board to take appropriate action to ensure the continuity of its operations for several months should income be interrupted. It also includes unanticipated costs including staff absence.

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Risk statement

Centre West maintains a risk register and regularly reviews and evaluates risk and identifies appropriate preventative activities to minimise risk to the organisation. The trustees are confident that risks have been identified and appropriate risk management measures are in place. They are kept under continual review.

The asset strategy will be kept under review to ensure risk to income is minimised and return on investment and community outcomes maximised.

Hat-trick will undertake a review of its business model to ensure its ongoing sustainability. Indications are that the strong reputation the project has developed with funders, partners and beneficiaries places the project in a strong position to address any challenges it may face.

Objectives 2025-2026

During 2025-2026 the trustees will:

- seek to develop a coaching and training academy that will provide training programmes. The programmes will improve the quality of life for people from under-served communities by providing access to employment opportunities, skills development, and long-term personal and professional growth;
- support the expansion and development of Hat-Trick initiatives in the nearby Metropolitan Borough of Gateshead as well as other parts of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne; and
- working with Groundwork continue to review and develop the work of The Beacon to secure its long-term viability and enable the monies owed to the charities to be repaid. It is recognised that the challenges the charities faced are not insignificant.

Structure, governance and management

Centre West (Newcastle) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was established as a charity in May 2009 to lead the regeneration of the Cruddas Park, Arthur's Hill, Ryehill and Elswick areas of the West End of Newcastle. It is the successor to New Deal for Communities (Newcastle) Limited.

Centre West (Newcastle) is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The governance is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, which takes decisions on the strategic leadership of the organisation by democratic majority vote at its general meetings, which take place bi-monthly. The Board comprises appointed trustees, and two elected Ward Members (proposed by Newcastle City Council). An agreed Role Specification is used to inform the suitability of potential trustees. The elected trustees serve a four-year term with elections taking place every second year for one trustee from each constituency; co-opted trustees are appointed annually.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev G R Curry
Mr F J Laird
Cllr H Rahman
Ms S L Douglas
Ms M Bartley
Cllr T M Cairns

During 2024/25 the City Council did not appoint a Councillor to sit on the Board.

Upon appointment, all trustees are provided with role descriptions, an information pack including the annual report, memorandum and articles of association and Centre West's policy and procedures. Existing trustees and staff participate in the induction. Periodic training is made available to the Board to support trustees in their role.

The Trustees have appointed a small staff team to support them in their work. Responsibilities for the day to day running of the organisation, managing the property portfolio, exploring new enterprise opportunities, community engagement and partnerships development are delegated to the Partnership Director and reported at subsequent board meetings.

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Centre West holds a 57.61% share in The Beacon, which is managed by a separate partnership board. The Centre West Board has the right to nominate two trustees to sit on the Beacon partnership board. These trustees are delegated authority to take decisions about the capital build and overarching operation of the Beacon, which are reported to the Centre West Board. Issues that have a direct bearing on the strategic direction of or risk to Centre West are referred to the Centre West Board.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Centre West (Newcastle) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Sumer Auditco Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Small company exemptions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by:

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Rev G R Curry

Trustee 30 January 2026

Dated:

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Centre West (Newcastle) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustee's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustee's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustee's report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)**

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the following laws and regulations are significant to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements including UK financial reporting standards, Company Law and Charity Law.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the charity and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include compliance with charitable objectives, public benefit, fundraising regulations, safeguarding and health and safety legislation.

These matters were discussed amongst the engagement team at the planning stage and the team remained alert throughout the audit.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and the Trustees as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence and legal costs incurred; review of Trustee meeting minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

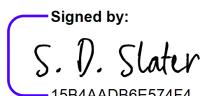
No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:



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Mr Stephen Slater (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Sumer Auditco Limited, Statutory Auditor

Accountants

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Date: 02 February 2026

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	312,518	312,518	322,435
Charitable activities	4	-	194,661	194,661	167,961
Investments	5	28,212	-	28,212	28,654
Total income		28,212	507,179	535,391	519,050
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	106,624	522,285	628,909	549,525
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	(36,773)	-	(36,773)	87,484
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(115,185)	(15,106)	(130,291)	57,009
Gross transfers between funds		(19,412)	19,412	-	-
Net movement in funds		(134,597)	4,306	(130,291)	57,009
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		1,178,547	401,215	1,579,762	1,522,753
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		1,043,950	405,521	1,449,471	1,579,762

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

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
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Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes			
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	-	322,435	322,435
Charitable activities	4	3,361	164,600	167,961
Investments	5	28,654	-	28,654
Total income		<u>32,015</u>	<u>487,035</u>	<u>519,050</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	<u>91,743</u>	<u>457,782</u>	<u>549,525</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>87,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,484</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		<u>27,756</u>	<u>29,253</u>	<u>57,009</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(28,460)</u>	<u>28,460</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(704)</u>	<u>57,713</u>	<u>57,009</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>1,179,251</u>	<u>343,502</u>	<u>1,522,753</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>1,178,547</u></u>	<u><u>401,215</u></u>	<u><u>1,579,762</u></u>

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

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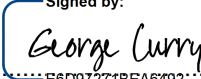
The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12	2,022,696		2,177,347	
Investments	13	858,501		995,274	
		<u>2,881,197</u>		<u>3,172,621</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	14	344,892		384,575	
Cash at bank and in hand		116,076		60,701	
		<u>460,968</u>		<u>445,276</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(271,755)</u>		<u>(267,366)</u>	
Net current assets			189,213		177,910
Total assets less current liabilities			3,070,410		3,350,531
Deferred income	17		(1,620,939)		(1,770,769)
Net assets			<u>1,449,471</u>		<u>1,579,762</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	405,521		401,215	
Unrestricted funds	20	1,043,950		1,178,547	
		<u>1,449,471</u>		<u>1,579,762</u>	

30 January 2026

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on

Signed by:

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Rev G R Curry
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04357221

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	23		(70,637)		(90,768)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,200)		(5,315)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		100,000		100,000	
Investment income received		28,212		28,654	
Net cash generated from investing activities			126,012		123,339
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			55,375		32,571
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			60,701		28,130
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			116,076		60,701

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Centre West (Newcastle) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Beacon, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE4 9PQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources within cash and investments to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees review a rolling 12 month cash flow at each board meeting and if necessary are prepared to liquidate an element of the investments managed by CCLA to ensure that the ongoing working capital requirements of the charity are met. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The Board has concluded that the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Capital grants and contributions receivable are credited to deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the estimated lives of the relevant assets.

Revenue grants and contributions received and receivable in respect of specific project expenditure are credited to deferred income and recognised in the income and expenditure account in the same period as the related expenditure.

The funding is received in accordance with the provisions and conditions as specified in the offer letters which regulate the way in which such funds may be spent.

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

This relates to the costs of carrying out the activities of the charity. Where there are costs common to both direct charitable and management expenditure judgement is applied on a time allocation basis.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the provision of projects undertaken to benefit the area and property activities for the regeneration of the local area, including both direct cost and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold property	25 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33 1/3% straight line
Computers	33 1/3% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Legal status of the charity

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of a winding up, every member undertakes to contribute to the payment of liabilities such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1.

1.14 Joint arrangement

Joint arrangements are accounted for in accordance with FRS 102 - Section 15 - Investments in Joint Ventures. These financial statements recognise only Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of joint arrangement projects.

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Assessing indicators of impairment

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment of assets, the trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions and experience of recoverability. The properties are periodically valued by Chartered Surveyors to ensure freehold properties are accurately disclosed in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Determining residual values and useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The company depreciates tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on historic performance as well as expectations about future use and therefore requires estimates and assumptions to be applied by management. The actual lives of these assets can vary depending on a variety of factors, including technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes.

Judgement is applied by trustees when determining the residual values for tangible fixed assets. When determining the residual value trustees aim to assess the amount that the company would currently obtain for the disposal of the asset, if it were already of the condition expected at the end of its useful economic life. Where possible this is done with reference to external market prices. The carrying amount of tangible fixed assets at the reporting end date was £2,022,696 (2024: £2,177,347).

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2024 £
Grants	312,518	322,435
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Grants		
Newcastle CC revenue grant	69,191	50,191
Release of deferred capital grants	149,830	149,830
Other grants	93,497	122,414
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	312,518	322,435
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Activities						
Services from charitable activities	-	194,661	194,661	-	164,600	164,600
Share of The Beacon Partnership profit	-	-	-	3,361	-	3,361
	-	194,661	194,661	3,361	164,600	167,961

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from listed investments	28,212	28,654

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6 Charitable activities

	Project undertaken to benefit area 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Project undertaken to benefit area 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	320,682	320,682	259,440	259,440
Depreciation and impairment	154,460	154,460	154,459	154,459
Advertising and communication	221	221	305	305
Equipment	37,764	37,764	26,585	26,585
Trustee and staff expenses	6,215	6,215	6,759	6,759
Property costs	976	976	4,484	4,484
Legal and professional fees	498	498	600	600
Sundry expenses	1,469	1,469	5,150	5,150
Share of The Beacon Partnership loss	14,796	14,796	-	-
	<u>537,081</u>	<u>537,081</u>	<u>457,782</u>	<u>457,782</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	71,140	71,140	73,815	73,815
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	20,688	20,688	17,928	17,928
	<u>628,909</u>	<u>628,909</u>	<u>549,525</u>	<u>549,525</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	106,624	106,624	91,743	91,743
Restricted funds	522,285	522,285	457,782	457,782
	<u>628,909</u>	<u>628,909</u>	<u>549,525</u>	<u>549,525</u>

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7 Support and governance costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	36,389	-	36,389	35,545	-	35,545
Depreciation	2,391	-	2,391	2,076	-	2,076
Advertising and communication	775	-	775	749	-	749
Equipment	56	-	56	52	-	52
Property costs	5,871	-	5,871	5,580	-	5,580
Office supplies	5,546	-	5,546	5,080	-	5,080
Rent	19,223	-	19,223	21,028	-	21,028
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	2,880	-	2,880
Bank charges and interest	36	-	36	36	-	36
Sundry expenses	853	-	853	789	-	789
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	-	3,600	3,600
Accountancy	-	17,088	17,088	-	14,328	14,328
	<u>71,140</u>	<u>20,688</u>	<u>91,828</u>	<u>73,815</u>	<u>17,928</u>	<u>91,743</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>71,140</u>	<u>20,688</u>	<u>91,828</u>	<u>73,815</u>	<u>17,928</u>	<u>91,743</u>

8 Net movement in funds

2025
£

2024
£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,600	3,600
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	156,851	156,535
	<u>156,851</u>	<u>156,535</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any expenses, remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Charitable	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 Employees **(Continued)**

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	328,689	271,527
Social security costs	18,455	14,255
Other pension costs	9,927	9,203
	<u>357,071</u>	<u>294,985</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

Key management has been determined to be the trustees and the Partnership Director of the charity. Trustees receive no remuneration or benefits.

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	<u>37,132</u>	<u>36,347</u>

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(38,032)	89,036
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	<u>1,259</u>	<u>(1,552)</u>
	<u>(36,773)</u>	<u>87,484</u>

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	3,861,479	33,814	85,299	3,980,592
Additions	-	-	2,200	2,200
At 31 March 2025	3,861,479	33,814	87,499	3,982,792
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2024	1,689,192	30,928	83,125	1,803,245
Depreciation charged in the year	154,460	1,436	955	156,851
At 31 March 2025	1,843,652	32,364	84,080	1,960,096
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2025	2,017,827	1,450	3,419	2,022,696
At 31 March 2024	2,172,287	2,886	2,174	2,177,347

13 Fixed asset investments

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	995,274
Valuation changes	(38,032)
Disposals	(98,741)
At 31 March 2025	858,501
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	858,501
At 31 March 2024	995,274

14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	33,774	49,520
Amounts owed by joint ventures	281,673	274,514
Prepayments and accrued income	29,445	60,541
	344,892	384,575

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	5,227	4,196
Trade creditors	2,928	4,512
Amounts owed to joint ventures	225,470	210,673
Other creditors	1,666	3,108
Accruals and deferred income	36,464	44,877
	<u>271,755</u>	<u>267,366</u>

16 Collaboration

On 28 February 2011 the charity entered into a collaboration agreement with the environmental charity Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle. The purpose of the arrangement has been to fund and supervise the construction of The Beacon Building as described in the trustees report. The two parties agreed the way in which the project was to be financed and these financial statements recognise Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the relevant assets and liabilities. The capital contribution from Groundwork South Tyneside and North Tyneside Limited was £1,575,000.

17 Government grants

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Shown as deferred income on the face of the balance sheet	1,620,939	1,770,769
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	1,770,769	1,920,599
Released from previous periods	(149,830)	(149,830)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	1,620,939	1,770,769
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Included in deferred government grants is £1,620,939 (2024: £1,770,769) in relation to The Beacon development.

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	9,927	9,203
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

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19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

Current financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	280,784	149,830	(154,459)	-	276,155
Hat-Trick Project	102,079	300,976	(292,041)	-	111,014
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	56,373	(75,785)	19,412	-
	<u>401,215</u>	<u>507,179</u>	<u>(522,285)</u>	<u>19,412</u>	<u>405,521</u>

Prior financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	285,412	149,830	(154,458)	-	280,784
Hat-Trick Project	39,738	291,521	(239,180)	10,000	102,079
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	45,684	(64,144)	18,460	-
	<u>343,502</u>	<u>487,035</u>	<u>(457,782)</u>	<u>28,460</u>	<u>401,215</u>

Beacon Building

Grant funding was received for the construction of a new social enterprise building to support the local business community in partnership with Groundworks South Tyneside and Newcastle. This fund represents the charity's share of the building as included in tangible fixed assets.

Hat-Trick Project

The Hat-Trick project was founded in 2005, using football as an ideal method to help young people gain skills and confidence - while having a great time along the way. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

CHEFF Project

The CHEFF project was founded in 2019, to encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles, reducing inequalities in health. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

Science City

The Newcastle Science City Community Engagement Project was launched to bring people of all backgrounds together to get involved with science and find out how it can make a real and lasting difference to their communities. The fund balance relates to an underspend on the project, for which authorisation is being sought to transfer to unrestricted funds.

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19 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Transfers between funds

This represents a core charity contribution to the CHEFF project.

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,178,547	28,212	(106,624)	(19,412)	(36,773)	1,043,950
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,179,251	32,015	(91,743)	(28,460)	87,484	1,178,547
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	4,869	2,017,827	2,022,696
Investments	858,501	-	858,501
Current assets/(liabilities)	180,580	8,633	189,213
Provisions and deferred income	-	(1,620,939)	(1,620,939)
	<u>1,043,950</u>	<u>405,521</u>	<u>1,449,471</u>

Prior financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	5,060	2,172,287	2,177,347
Investments	995,274	-	995,274
Current assets/(liabilities)	178,213	(303)	177,910
Provisions and deferred income	-	(1,770,769)	(1,770,769)
	<u>1,178,547</u>	<u>401,215</u>	<u>1,579,762</u>

22 Related party transactions

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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22 Related party transactions

(Continued)

Two trustees that served during the year, H Rahman and T Cairns, are councillors of Newcastle City Council which acted as the accountable body to the NDC funding, but does not deliver any of the company's projects.

Funding was received from Newcastle City Council of £69,191 (2024: £50,191).

At 31 March 2025 an amount of £15,266 (2024: £33,105) is owed from Newcastle City Council and is included in debtors.

23 Cash absorbed by operations	2025	2024
	£	£
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(130,291)	57,009
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(28,212)	(28,654)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(1,259)	1,552
Fair value gains and losses on investments	38,032	(89,036)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	156,851	156,535
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	39,683	(59,955)
Increase in creditors	4,389	21,611
(Decrease) in deferred income	(149,830)	(149,830)
Cash absorbed by operations	(70,637)	(90,768)

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1129502

Accounts

Charity registration number 1129502

Company registration number 04357221 (England and Wales)

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Rev G R Curry Mr F Laird Cllr H Rahman Ms L Douglas Ms M Bartley Cllr T Cairns	(Appointed 18 July 2023)
Charity number	1129502	
Company number	04357221	
Registered office	The Beacon Westgate Road Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 9PQ	
Auditor	Sumer Auditco Limited Unit 2 Gosforth Park Avenue Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 8EG	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc P.O Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEE'S REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects is "to directly contribute to the closing of the gaps in quality of life between the people of the West End and the remainder of the City and enhance their life chances".

This is a broad, cross cutting remit. In working towards the social, economic and physical regeneration of the inner west of Newcastle, Centre West currently undertakes a range of activities in keeping with its social enterprise ethos to achieve this including:

- maintaining a portfolio of properties to give Centre West a stable financial footing and benefit the community by clustering activity and services in the west end, creating opportunities for the area.
- in partnership with Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle developing the Beacon as an employment and enterprise hub.
- seeking out, developing and delivering targeted enterprises and initiatives to increase opportunities and open up choice for individuals and communities, e.g. Hat-trick.
- maintaining strategic relationships with key service providers and local decision-makers to influence and inform the design and delivery of services and shape planning and investment in redevelopment of the area.
- sustaining a network of community intelligence, brokering conversations and supporting our communities to play a role in the decisions that affect the west end of Newcastle.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The challenges facing the communities of the inner west of Newcastle remain significant. This was exacerbated by the pandemic and subsequent cost of living crisis, which is constraining solutions and altering the public sector infrastructure delivering services to the area. Centre West is taking an incremental approach to these challenges, all the while championing the place of communities in those decisions that affect the area and the lives of those living there.

The Board started the process of planning a new three-year strategy, this was interrupted due to the Covid pandemic. In April 2022 the Board met with the staff to familiarize themselves with the staff and agreed an update of the charities objectives and approve the redesign of the Website. All actions previously agreed with the Board, requested by staff, and proposed by Investors in People as part of agreed strategies implementation. The Website update is largely completed with all Board members providing profiles, videos showcasing CHEFF and Hatrick programs and regular news blogs being posted.

During the pandemic Centre West and the Beacon partnership invested in new IT infrastructure. Working with our IT contractor the old server and obsolete computers were replaced. The cloud-based Microsoft 365 system was adopted, and staff training was provided which enabled both partnerships to operate remotely. This in turn has enabled Hat-Trick and CHEFF to deliver their respective programs in a more flexible way. The big change following the pandemic is the opportunity for the team to work directly together, having a positive impact for operations and planning and the staffs wellbeing.

In April 2023 Centre West was assessed by Investors in People and retained its IPP status. The report confirmed that Centre West is performing well above the average Investors in People score as well as for the industry sector within which it operates i.e. social work activities including charities. For all areas IIP rates Centre West at least a 9 out of 10.

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The Beacon

Occupying the site of the former West Road Fire Station, this £6.6 million development was completed in December 2011 and now provides a multi-use eco-friendly building for supporting and developing community enterprise, businesses, employment, education, and business training events. Significantly, it is a partnership with the environmental charity, Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle.

Due to the nature of changing demand a process speeded up by the pandemic. In 2021–22 the joint Board took the decision to concentrate on business support particularly the hot-desking offer and reduce the events offer to meeting room hire only. Demand for office accommodation and artisans' workshops is consistently more than, the target of 85%. The project after initially requiring significant investment reported a break-even position for the 2022-23 financial year. Due to utilities costs rising in October 2024 from @ £50k to @ £105K per annum. The year ended with a -£15k deficit in 2023-24. Priorities for future development are:

- Repayment of the owning charities investment, Centre West £273K.
- Reduce utilities costs and CO2 emissions via grant investment in on site renewable power generation and LED lighting throughout the building.
- Mitigate rates risk and generate additional income – Implement the Beacon agreed development plan to establish an enterprise hub on the 2nd floor.
- Generate income – Additional to Co-working, virtual tenancies and business events. Establish an enterprise offer for special Educational Needs young people as part of the enterprise hub offer.

Governance arrangements for Hat-Trick & CHEFF.

Both Hat-Trick and CHEFF are managed as separate ring-fenced projects. Budgets are approved by the Board and grant income restricted; both also have separate approved business development plans. This provides clarity, regarding, their respective trading accounts and provides protection from community development work commitments. Centre West has reduced central costs and made significant provision to mitigate risk.

Hat-trick

Hat-Trick is a highly regarded community sport coaching and health initiative. It has continued to grow and has continued to develop during 2022/23. Despite the impact of Covid and cost of living crisis. As part of the Board agreed development strategy Hat-Trick expanded its operations into Gateshead and has successfully negotiated with the council to extend activities from September 2024 growing in scope and size in 2024/25.

Hat-Trick has taken on 4 apprentices this time for the year 2024/25. The quality of the training and program were recognized nationally in 2022/23, Annmarie Roberts was awarded apprentice graduate of the year, and Dwayne Murray mentor of the year by our training agent Coach Core. Dwayne, Michelle Monk and Kate Codling, (CHEFF), all successfully completed their level 5 management course in 2023 as part of their career development pathway. The year 2024/25 we are planning to offer the same level of training to the 2 remaining FT staff members. Anne Marie Roberts and Lewis Richie.

Hat-Trick has established a national reputation for excellence. Both managers are in demand as business consultants for other sports-based community initiatives around the country and this also presents an opportunity for growth. Hat-Trick have strong partnership links nationally, regionally, and locally and this presents opportunities to further develop schemes of work such as family health, community safety, counter extremism, dangers of social media, holiday hunger and steps to employment.

In 2023/24 Hat-Trick's team of staff and volunteers reached over 10,000 children, young people, and adults, raising aspirations, increasing opportunities, and getting people active.

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CHEFF

Approved as a pilot project in January 2019 the CHEFF project was evaluated against performance in January 2021, the Board exercised the option to extend the project for a further 3 years. In July this year an apprentice was appointed to support the coordinator. The objectives agreed for CHEFF include the following:

- Encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles. Target specific groups to reduce social exclusion – older residents.
- Reduce inequalities in health.
- Provide safe, high quality, minimal cost, inclusive, accessible, activities for all the family.
- Work in partnership with the local community and other services
- Encourage families to volunteer, gain qualifications, improve their outcomes and become role models to their local community.
- Increase the reputation of Centre-West in the local community.
- Opportunity for a programme to be developed that could be replicated across new areas.

To 31 March 2024 CHEFF had achieved income of £45,684 and a deficit of £18,510 which was less than expectations. CHEFF is operating at capacity and requires a full-time support worker to grow and achieve future targets. It provided services to over 50 families and over 800 individuals.

Partnerships and community engagement

Centre West maintained effective relationships with Newcastle City Council and other key service providers, navigating the significant policy landscape shifts at both national and local level, restructure and refocusing of priorities. Examples of the value achieved through partnership working is the key role played in the development of business planning for Elswick Pool, which has achieved a 6% + surplus in its first full year of trading.

Going forward Centre West's joint Board and staff will meet in October/November to plan and update the business plan to address the ongoing deficit generated by central costs.

Financial review

This report relates to the period 2023-2024 during which income and expenditure related solely to the charity's core activities.

During the year a surplus of £57,009 was generated (2023: deficit of £143,779). The charity holds unrestricted funds of £1,178,547 (2023: £1,178,252) and restricted funds of £401,215 (2023: £343,502).

The 'free reserves' of the charity (defined as those unrestricted funds not designated for specific purposes or tied up in fixed assets) stood at £1,173,487 at the year end (2023: £1,177,430).

The cash reserves of the charity have been largely utilised in funding the operation of The Beacon over the last eight years but have been boosted by the sale of the remaining property portfolio over the past three years.

Reserves policy

In 2023-2024 the Trustees continued to operate a prudent reserves policy to reflect the time of transition for the charity and turbulence in the economy. The trustees have established an unrestricted reserves policy level to allow the Board to take appropriate action to ensure the continuity of its operations for several months should income be interrupted. It also includes unanticipated costs including staff absence.

Risk statement

Centre West maintains a risk register and regularly reviews and evaluates risk and identifies appropriate preventative activities to minimise risk to the organisation. Trustees are confident that risks have been identified and appropriate risk management measures are in place. However risks are kept under continual review and regular risk evaluation exercises are undertaken with trustees.

Grants and contracts

The Hat-Trick and CHEFF projects, continue to attract funding from a range of funders in the form of grants and contracts.

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Plans for the future

During 2023 - 2024 Centre West's strategic aims are:

- Generate a surplus from the Beacon operations. Develop the CHEFF project initiative.
- Encourage the continued growth and reach of the Hat-trick project.
- Develop a relationship and explore business opportunities with the Helix, Campus for Ageing and
- Expand the numbers and expertise of the Centre West Board
- Continue community development activities, supporting Elswick Pool to ensure its sustainability
- Maintain and update marketing through the website and social media.

We will continue the prudent management of our assets and explore further diversification of income to reduce risk and increase capacity for further community activity.

The asset strategy will be kept under review to ensure risk to income is minimised and return on investment and community outcomes maximised.

Hat-trick will undertake a review of its business model to ensure its ongoing sustainability. Indications are that the strong reputation the project has developed with funders, partners and beneficiaries places the project in a strong position to address any challenges it may face.

Structure, governance and management

Centre West (Newcastle) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was established as a charity in May 2009 to lead the regeneration of the Cruddas Park, Arthur's Hill, Ryehill and Elswick areas of the West End of Newcastle. It is the successor to New Deal for Communities (Newcastle) Limited.

Centre West (Newcastle) is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The governance is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, which takes decisions on the strategic leadership of the organisation by democratic majority vote at its general meetings, which take place bi-monthly. The Board comprises appointed trustees, and two elected Ward Members (proposed by Newcastle City Council). An agreed Role Specification is used to inform the suitability of potential trustees. The elected trustees serve a four-year term with elections taking place every second year for one trustee from each constituency; co-opted trustees are appointed annually.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev G R Curry

Mr F Laird

Cllr H Rahman

Ms L Douglas

Ms J Byrne

(Resigned 17 July 2023)

Ms M Bartley

Cllr T Cairns

(Appointed 18 July 2023)

The council has not re-appointed a Cllr to sit on the Board

Upon appointment, all trustees are provided with role descriptions, an information pack including the annual report, memorandum and articles of association and Centre West's policy and procedures. Existing trustees and staff participate in the induction. Periodic training is made available to the Board to support trustees in their role.

The Trustees have appointed a small staff team to support them in their work. Responsibilities for the day to day running of the organisation, managing the property portfolio, exploring new enterprise opportunities, community engagement and partnerships development are delegated to the Partnership Director and reported at subsequent board meetings.

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Centre West holds a 57.61% share in The Beacon, which is managed by a separate partnership board. The Centre West Board has the right to nominate two trustees to sit on the Beacon partnership board. These trustees are delegated authority to take decisions about the capital build and overarching operation of the Beacon, which are reported to the Centre West Board. Issues that have a direct bearing on the strategic direction of or risk to Centre West are referred to the Centre West Board.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Centre West (Newcastle) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Sumer Auditco Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Small company exemptions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Rev G R Curry

Trustee

Dated:

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Centre West (Newcastle) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustee's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustee's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustee's report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the following laws and regulations are significant to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements including UK financial reporting standards, Company Law and Charity Law.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the charity and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include compliance with charitable objectives, public benefit, fundraising regulations, safeguarding and health and safety legislation.

These matters were discussed amongst the engagement team at the planning stage and the team remained alert throughout the audit.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and the Trustees as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence and legal costs incurred; review of Trustee meeting minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Stephen Slater (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Sumer Auditco Limited
Statutory Auditor
Unit 2
Gosforth Park Avenue
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 8EG

Date:

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	322,435	322,435	302,312
Charitable activities	4	3,361	164,600	167,961	113,781
Investments	5	28,654	-	28,654	30,765
Other income	6	-	-	-	20,000
Total income		<u>32,015</u>	<u>487,035</u>	<u>519,050</u>	<u>466,858</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>91,743</u>	<u>457,782</u>	<u>549,525</u>	<u>557,754</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	<u>87,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,484</u>	<u>(52,883)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		27,756	29,253	57,009	(143,779)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(28,460)</u>	<u>28,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(704)	57,713	57,009	(143,779)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>1,179,251</u>	<u>343,502</u>	<u>1,522,753</u>	<u>1,666,532</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>1,178,547</u></u>	<u><u>401,215</u></u>	<u><u>1,579,762</u></u>	<u><u>1,522,753</u></u>

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

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The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
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Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	-	302,312	302,312
Charitable activities	4	11,922	101,859	113,781
Investments	5	30,765	-	30,765
Other income	6	20,000	-	20,000
Total income		<u>62,687</u>	<u>404,171</u>	<u>466,858</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>105,508</u>	<u>452,246</u>	<u>557,754</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	<u>(52,883)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(52,883)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		<u>(95,704)</u>	<u>(48,075)</u>	<u>(143,779)</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(30,367)</u>	<u>30,367</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(126,071)</u>	<u>(17,708)</u>	<u>(143,779)</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>1,305,322</u>	<u>361,210</u>	<u>1,666,532</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u><u>1,179,251</u></u>	<u><u>343,502</u></u>	<u><u>1,522,753</u></u>

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	2,177,347		2,328,567	
Investments	14	995,274		1,007,790	
		<u>3,172,621</u>		<u>3,336,357</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	15	384,575		324,620	
Cash at bank and in hand		60,701		28,130	
		<u>445,276</u>		<u>352,750</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(267,366)</u>		<u>(245,755)</u>	
Net current assets			177,910		106,995
Total assets less current liabilities			3,350,531		3,443,352
Deferred income	18		<u>(1,770,769)</u>		<u>(1,920,599)</u>
Net assets			<u>1,579,762</u>		<u>1,522,753</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	20	401,215		343,502	
Unrestricted funds		1,178,547		1,179,251	
		<u>1,579,762</u>		<u>1,522,753</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on

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Rev G R Curry
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04357221

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	24		(90,768)		(105,410)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,315)		-	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		100,000		-	
Investment income received		28,654		30,765	
Net cash generated from investing activities			123,339		30,765
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			32,571		(74,645)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			28,130		102,775
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			60,701		28,130

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Centre West (Newcastle) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Beacon, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE4 9PQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The Board has concluded that the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Capital grants and contributions receivable are credited to deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the estimated lives of the relevant assets.

Revenue grants and contributions received and receivable in respect of specific project expenditure are credited to deferred income and recognised in the income and expenditure account in the same period as the related expenditure.

The funding is received in accordance with the provisions and conditions as specified in the offer letters which regulate the way in which such funds may be spent.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.5 Expenditure

This relates to the costs of carrying out the activities of the charity. Where there are costs common to both direct charitable and management expenditure judgement is applied on a time allocation basis.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the provision of projects undertaken to benefit the area and property activities for the regeneration of the local area, including both direct cost and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	25 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33 1/3% straight line
Computers	33 1/3% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Legal status of the charity

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of a winding up, every member undertakes to contribute to the payment of liabilities such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1.

1.14 Joint arrangement

Joint arrangements are accounted for in accordance with Financial Reporting Statement 9 - Accounting for associates, joint ventures and joint arrangements. These financial statements recognise only Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of joint arrangement projects.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Assessing indicators of impairment

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment of assets, the trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions and experience of recoverability. The properties are periodically valued by Chartered Surveyors to ensure freehold properties are accurately disclosed in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Determining residual values and useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The company depreciates tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on historic performance as well as expectations about future use and therefore requires estimates and assumptions to be applied by management. The actual lives of these assets can vary depending on a variety of factors, including technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes.

Judgement is applied by trustees when determining the residual values for tangible fixed assets. When determining the residual value trustees aim to assess the amount that the company would currently obtain for the disposal of the asset, if it were already of the condition expected at the end of its useful economic life. Where possible this is done with reference to external market prices. The carrying amount of tangible fixed assets at the reporting end date was £2,177,347 (2023: £2,328,567).

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2023 £
Grants receivable	322,435	302,312
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Grants receivable for core activities		
Newcastle CC revenue grant	50,191	31,041
Release of deferred capital grants	149,830	149,830
Other grants	122,414	121,441
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	322,435	302,312
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Activities						
Services from charitable activities	-	164,600	164,600	-	101,859	101,859
Share of The Beacon Partnership profit	3,361	-	3,361	11,922	-	11,922
	<u>3,361</u>	<u>164,600</u>	<u>167,961</u>	<u>11,922</u>	<u>101,859</u>	<u>113,781</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	<u>28,654</u>	<u>30,765</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Settlement of dilapidation	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>

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7 Charitable activities

	Project undertaken to benefit area 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Project undertaken to benefit area 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	259,440	259,440	255,375	255,375
Depreciation and impairment	154,459	154,459	154,459	154,459
Advertising and communication	305	305	194	194
Equipment	26,585	26,585	30,379	30,379
Trustee and staff expenses	6,759	6,759	5,504	5,504
Office costs	-	-	91	91
Property costs	4,484	4,484	967	967
Legal and professional fees	600	600	2,400	2,400
Sundry expenses	5,150	5,150	2,877	2,877
	<u>457,782</u>	<u>457,782</u>	<u>452,246</u>	<u>452,246</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	73,815	73,815	87,820	87,820
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	17,928	17,928	17,688	17,688
	<u>549,525</u>	<u>549,525</u>	<u>557,754</u>	<u>557,754</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	91,743	91,743	105,508	105,508
Restricted funds	457,782	457,782	452,246	452,246
	<u>549,525</u>	<u>549,525</u>	<u>557,754</u>	<u>557,754</u>

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8 Support and governance costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	35,545	-	35,545	34,932	-	34,932
Depreciation	2,076	-	2,076	2,338	-	2,338
Trustee and staff expenses	-	-	-	97	-	97
Advertising and communication	749	-	749	3,958	-	3,958
Equipment	52	-	52	56	-	56
Property costs	5,580	-	5,580	5,820	-	5,820
Office supplies	5,080	-	5,080	4,762	-	4,762
Rent	21,028	-	21,028	27,522	-	27,522
Legal and professional fees	2,880	-	2,880	2,820	-	2,820
Bank charges and interest	36	-	36	36	-	36
Sundry expenses	789	-	789	5,479	-	5,479
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	-	3,000	3,000
Accountancy	-	14,328	14,328	-	14,688	14,688
	<u>73,815</u>	<u>17,928</u>	<u>91,743</u>	<u>87,820</u>	<u>17,688</u>	<u>105,508</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>73,815</u>	<u>17,928</u>	<u>91,743</u>	<u>87,820</u>	<u>17,688</u>	<u>105,508</u>

9 Net movement in funds

2024
£

2023
£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,600	3,000
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>156,535</u>	<u>156,797</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024 Number	2023 Number
<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>

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11 Employees

(Continued)

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	271,527	261,630
Social security costs	14,255	20,345
Other pension costs	9,203	8,332
	<u>294,985</u>	<u>290,307</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

Key management has been determined to be the trustees and the Partnership Director of the charity. Trustees receive no remuneration or benefits.

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	<u>36,347</u>	<u>32,611</u>

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	89,036	(52,883)
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(1,552)	-
	<u>87,484</u>	<u>(52,883)</u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	3,861,479	29,507	84,291	3,975,277
Additions	-	4,307	1,008	5,315
At 31 March 2024	3,861,479	33,814	85,299	3,980,592
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2023	1,534,733	29,507	82,470	1,646,710
Depreciation charged in the year	154,459	1,421	655	156,535
At 31 March 2024	1,689,192	30,928	83,125	1,803,245
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2024	2,172,287	2,886	2,174	2,177,347
At 31 March 2023	2,326,746	-	1,821	2,328,567

14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	1,007,790
Valuation changes	89,036
Disposals	(101,552)
At 31 March 2024	995,274
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	995,274
At 31 March 2023	1,007,790

15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	49,520	41,346
Amounts owed by joint ventures	274,514	273,081
Prepayments and accrued income	60,541	10,193
	384,575	324,620

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16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	4,196	5,769
Trade creditors	4,512	2,528
Amounts owed to joint ventures	210,673	214,034
Other creditors	3,108	3,328
Accruals and deferred income	44,877	20,096
	<u>267,366</u>	<u>245,755</u>

17 Collaboration

On 28 February 2011 the charity entered into a collaboration agreement with the environmental charity Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle. The purpose of the arrangement has been to fund and supervise the construction of The Beacon Building as described in the trustees report. The two parties agreed the way in which the project was to be financed and these financial statements recognise Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the relevant assets and liabilities. The capital contribution from Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle was £1,575,000.

18 Government grants

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Shown as deferred income on the face of the balance sheet	<u>1,770,769</u>	<u>1,920,599</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2023	1,920,599	2,070,429
Released from previous periods	<u>(149,830)</u>	<u>(149,830)</u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2024	<u>1,770,769</u>	<u>1,920,599</u>

Included in deferred government grants is £1,770,769 (2023: £1,920,599) in relation to The Beacon development.

19 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>9,203</u>	<u>8,332</u>

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

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20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

Current financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	285,412	149,830	(154,458)	-	280,784
Hat-Trick Project	39,738	364,118	(311,777)	10,000	102,079
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	45,684	(64,144)	18,460	-
	<u>343,502</u>	<u>559,632</u>	<u>(530,379)</u>	<u>28,460</u>	<u>401,215</u>

Prior financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	290,040	149,830	(154,458)	-	285,412
Hat-Trick Project	52,818	207,034	(230,114)	10,000	39,738
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	47,307	(67,674)	20,367	-
	<u>361,210</u>	<u>404,171</u>	<u>(452,246)</u>	<u>30,367</u>	<u>343,502</u>

Beacon Building

Grant funding was received for the construction of a new social enterprise building to support the local business community in partnership with Groundworks South Tyneside and Newcastle. This fund represents the charity's share of the building as included in tangible fixed assets.

Hat-Trick Project

The Hat-Trick project was founded in 2005, using football as an ideal method to help young people gain skills and confidence - while having a great time along the way. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

CHEFF Project

The CHEFF project was founded in 2019, to encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles, reducing inequalities in health. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

Science City

The Newcastle Science City Community Engagement Project was launched to bring people of all backgrounds together to get involved with science and find out how it can make a real and lasting difference to their communities. The fund balance relates to an underspend on the project, for which authorisation is being sought to transfer to unrestricted funds.

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20 Restricted funds

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Transfers between funds

This represents a rental charge deducted from the Hat-trick project for the rental of office space and a core charity contribution to the Hat-trick project for a trip to Estonia.

21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	1,179,251	32,015	(91,743)	(28,460)	87,484	1,178,547
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	1,305,322	62,687	(105,508)	(30,367)	(52,883)	1,179,251

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	5,060	2,172,287	2,177,347
Investments	995,274	-	995,274
Current assets/(liabilities)	178,213	(303)	177,910
Provisions and deferred income	-	(1,770,769)	(1,770,769)
	<u>1,178,547</u>	<u>401,215</u>	<u>1,579,762</u>

Prior financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	1,821	2,326,746	2,328,567
Investments	1,007,790	-	1,007,790
Current assets/(liabilities)	169,640	(62,645)	106,995
Provisions and deferred income	-	(1,920,599)	(1,920,599)
	<u>1,179,251</u>	<u>343,502</u>	<u>1,522,753</u>

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23 Related party transactions

Two trustees that served during the year, H Rahman and J Byrne, are councillors of Newcastle City Council which acted as the accountable body to the NDC funding, but does not deliver any of the company's projects. Funding is received from Newcastle City Council. At 31 March 2024 an amount of £33,105 (2023: £12,011) is owed from Newcastle City Council and is included in debtors.

24 Cash generated from operations	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	57,009	(143,779)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(28,654)	(30,765)
Loss on disposal of investments	1,552	-
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(89,036)	52,883
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	156,535	156,797
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(59,955)	9,034
Increase in creditors	21,611	250
(Decrease) in deferred income	(149,830)	(149,830)
Cash absorbed by operations	(90,768)	(105,410)

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1129502

Company registration number 04357221 (England and Wales)

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G R Curry F Laird H Rahman L Douglas M Bartley Cllr T Cairns	(Appointed 18 July 2023)
Charity number	1129502	
Company number	04357221	
Registered office	The Beacon Westgate Road Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 9PQ	
Auditor	Sumer Auditco Limited The Beehive, Beehive Ring Road London Gatwick Airport Gatwick United Kingdom RH6 0PA	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc P.O Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects is "to directly contribute to the closing of the gaps in quality of life between the people of the West End and the remainder of the City and enhance their life chances".

This is a broad, cross cutting remit. In working towards the social, economic and physical regeneration of the inner west of Newcastle, Centre West currently undertakes a range of activities in keeping with its social enterprise ethos to achieve this including:

- maintaining a portfolio of properties to give Centre West a stable financial footing and benefit the community by clustering activity and services in the west end, creating opportunities for the area.
- in partnership with Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle developing the Beacon as an employment and enterprise hub.
- seeking out, developing and delivering targeted enterprises and initiatives to increase opportunities and open up choice for individuals and communities, e.g. Hat-trick.
- maintaining strategic relationships with key service providers and local decision-makers to influence and inform the design and delivery of services and shape planning and investment in redevelopment of the area.
- sustaining a network of community intelligence, brokering conversations and supporting our communities to play a role in the decisions that affect the west end of Newcastle.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The challenges facing the communities of the inner west of Newcastle remain significant. This was exacerbated by the pandemic and subsequent cost of living crisis, which is constraining solutions and altering the public sector infrastructure delivering services to the area. Centre West is taking an incremental approach to these challenges, all the while championing the place of communities in those decisions that affect the area and the lives of those living there.

The Board started the process of planning a new three-year strategy, this was interrupted due to the Covid pandemic. In April 2022 the Board met with the staff to familiarize themselves with the staff and agreed an update of the charities objectives and approve the redesign of the Website. All actions previously agreed with the Board, requested by staff, and proposed by Investors in People as part of agreed strategies implementation. The Website update is largely completed with all Board members providing profiles, videos showcasing CHEFF and Hatrick programs and regular news blogs being posted.

During the pandemic Centre West and the Beacon partnership invested in new IT infrastructure. Working with our IT contractor the old server and obsolete computers were replaced. The cloud-based Microsoft 365 system was adopted, and staff training was provided which enabled both partnerships to operate remotely. This in turn has enabled Hat-Trick and CHEFF to deliver their respective programs in a more flexible way. The big change following the pandemic is the opportunity for the team to work directly together, having a positive impact for operations and planning and the staffs wellbeing.

In April 2023 Centre West was assessed by Investors in People and retained its IPP status. The report confirmed that Centre West is performing well above the average Investors in People score as well as for the industry sector within which it operates i.e. social work activities including charities. For all areas IIP rates Centre West at least a 9 out of 10.

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The Beacon

Occupying the site of the former West Road Fire Station, this £6.6 million development was completed in December 2011 and now provides a multi-use eco-friendly building for supporting and developing community enterprise, businesses, employment, education, and business training events. Significantly, it is a partnership with the environmental charity, Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle.

Due to the nature of changing demand a process speeded up by the pandemic. In 2021–22 the joint Board took the decision to concentrate on business support particularly the hot-desking offer and reduce the events offer to meeting room hire only. Demand for office accommodation and artisans' workshops is consistently more than 70%, the target is 85%. The project after initially requiring significant investment reported a break-even position for the 2022-23 financial year and is on track to achieve a slight surplus in 2023-24. Priorities for the future are:

- Repayment of the owning charities investment, Centre West £273K.
- Risk – Ongoing dispute with the city council regarding rates liabilities, the Centre manager was replaced successfully in September 22 and is now working with the Beacon partners to draft a development plan.

Governance arrangements for Hat-Trick & CHEFF.

Both Hat-Trick and CHEFF are managed as separate ring-fenced projects. Budgets are approved by the Board and grant income restricted; both also have separate approved business development plans. This provides clarity, regarding, their respective trading accounts and provides protection from community development work commitments. Centre West has reduced central costs and made significant provision to mitigate risk.

Hat-trick

Hat-Trick is a highly regarded community sport coaching and health initiative. It has continued to grow and has continued to develop during 2022/23. Despite the impact of Covid and cost of living crisis. As part of the Board agreed development strategy Hat-Trick expanded its operations into Gateshead and has successfully negotiated with the council to extend activities from September 2022 growing in scope and size in 2023.

Hat-Trick has again taken on 3 apprentices this time for the year 2023/24. The quality of the training and program were recognized nationally in 2021/22, Annmarie Roberts was awarded apprentice graduate of the year, and Dwayne Murray mentor of the year by our training agent Coach Core. Dwayne, Michelle Monk and Kate Codling, (CHEFF), all successfully completed their level 5 management course in 2023 as part of their career development pathway this year.

Hat-Trick has established a national reputation for excellence. Both managers are in demand as business consultants for other sports-based community initiatives around the country and this also presents an opportunity for growth. Hat-Trick have strong partnership links nationally, regionally, and locally and this presents opportunities to further develop schemes of work such as family health, community safety, counter extremism, dangers of social media, holiday hunger and steps to employment.

In 2021/22 Hat-Trick's team of staff and volunteers reached over 2,000 children, young people, and adults, raising aspirations, increasing opportunities, and getting people active.

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CHEFF

Approved as a pilot project in January 2019 the CHEFF project was evaluated against performance in January 2021, the Board exercised the option to extend the project for a further 3 years. In July this year an apprentice was appointed to support the coordinator. The objectives agreed for CHEFF include the following:

- Encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles. Target specific groups to reduce social exclusion – older residents.
- Reduce inequalities in health.
- Provide safe, high quality, minimal cost, inclusive, accessible, activities for all the family.
- Work in partnership with the local community and other services
- Encourage families to volunteer, gain qualifications, improve their outcomes and become role models to their local community.
- Increase the reputation of Centre-West in the local community.
- Opportunity for a programme to be developed that could be replicated across new areas.

To 31 March 2023 CHEFF had achieved income of £47,307 and a deficit of £20,367 which was in line with expectations. CHEFF generated an income of £25k over the year ahead of business plan forecast of £22.5K and provided services to over 50 families and over 800 individuals.

Partnerships and community engagement

Centre West maintained effective relationships with Newcastle City Council and other key service providers, navigating the significant policy landscape shifts at both national and local level, restructure and refocusing of priorities. Examples of the value achieved through partnership working is the key role played in the development of business planning for Elswick Pool, which has achieved a 6% + surplus in its first full year of trading.

Going forward Centre West's joint Board and staff will meet in October/November to plan and update the business plan to address the ongoing deficit generated by central costs.

Financial review

This report relates to the period 2022-2023 during which income and expenditure related solely to the charity's core activities.

During the year a deficit of £143,779 was generated (2022: £34,865). The unrestricted fund net assets readily available are £1,157k (2022: £1,301k).

The cash reserves of the charity have been largely utilised in funding the operation of The Beacon over the last eight years but have been boosted by the sale of the remaining property portfolio over the past three years.

Reserves policy

In 2022-2023 the Trustees continued to operate a prudent reserves policy to reflect the time of transition for the charity and turbulence in the economy. The trustees have established an unrestricted reserves policy level to allow the Board to take appropriate action to ensure the continuity of its operations for several months should income be interrupted. It also includes unanticipated costs including staff absence.

Risk statement

Centre West maintains a risk register and regularly reviews and evaluates risk and identifies appropriate preventative activities to minimise risk to the organisation. Trustees are confident that risks have been identified and appropriate risk management measures are in place. However risks are kept under continual review and regular risk evaluation exercises are undertaken with trustees.

Grants and contracts

The Hat-Trick and CHEFF projects, continue to attract funding from a range of funders in the form of grants and contracts.

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Plans for the future

During 2023 - 2024 Centre West's strategic aims are:

- Generate a surplus from the Beacon operations. Develop the CHEFF project initiative.
- Encourage the continued growth and reach of the Hat-trick project.
- Develop a relationship and explore business opportunities with the Helix, Campus for Ageing and
- Expand the numbers and expertise of the Centre West Board
- Continue community development activities, supporting Elswick Pool to ensure its sustainability
- Maintain and update marketing through the website and social media.

We will continue the prudent management of our assets and explore further diversification of income to reduce risk and increase capacity for further community activity.

The asset strategy will be kept under review to ensure risk to income is minimised and return on investment and community outcomes maximised.

Hat-trick will undertake a review of its business model to ensure its ongoing sustainability. Indications are that the strong reputation the project has developed with funders, partners and beneficiaries places the project in a strong position to address any challenges it may face.

Structure, governance and management

Centre West (Newcastle) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was established as a charity in May 2009 to lead the regeneration of the Cruddas Park, Arthur's Hill, Ryehill and Elswick areas of the West End of Newcastle. It is the successor to New Deal for Communities (Newcastle) Limited.

Centre West (Newcastle) is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The governance is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, which takes decisions on the strategic leadership of the organisation by democratic majority vote at its general meetings, which take place bi-monthly. The Board comprises appointed trustees, and two elected Ward Members (proposed by Newcastle City Council). An agreed Role Specification is used to inform the suitability of potential trustees. The elected trustees serve a four-year term with elections taking place every second year for one trustee from each constituency; co-opted trustees are appointed annually.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G R Curry

F Laird

H Rahman

L Douglas

J Byrne

(Resigned 17 July 2023)

M Cole

(Resigned 17 January 2023)

M Bartley

Cllr T Cairns

(Appointed 18 July 2023)

Upon appointment, all trustees are provided with role descriptions, an information pack including the annual report, memorandum and articles of association and Centre West's policy and procedures. Existing trustees and staff participate in the induction. Periodic training is made available to the Board to support trustees in their role.

The Trustees have appointed a small staff team to support them in their work. Responsibilities for the day to day running of the organisation, managing the property portfolio, exploring new enterprise opportunities, community engagement and partnerships development are delegated to the Partnership Director and reported at subsequent board meetings.

Centre West holds a 57.61% share in The Beacon, which is managed by a separate partnership board. The Centre West Board has the right to nominate two trustees to sit on the Beacon partnership board. These trustees are delegated authority to take decisions about the capital build and overarching operation of the Beacon, which are reported to the Centre West Board. Issues that have a direct bearing on the strategic direction of or risk to Centre West are referred to the Centre West Board.

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Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Centre West (Newcastle) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Sumer Auditco Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Small company exemptions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

G R Curry
Trustee

Dated: 31 January 2024

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Centre West (Newcastle) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustee's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustee's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustee's report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the following laws and regulations are significant to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements including UK financial reporting standards, Company Law and Charity Law.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the charity and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include compliance with charitable objectives, public benefit, fundraising regulations, safeguarding and health and safety legislation.

These matters were discussed amongst the engagement team at the planning stage and the team remained alert throughout the audit.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and the Trustees as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence and legal costs incurred; review of Trustee meeting minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mr Stephen Slater (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Sumer Auditco Limited
Statutory Auditor
The Beehive, Beehive Ring Road
Gatwick
RH6 0PA

Date: 31 January 2024

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	302,312	302,312	241,369
Charitable activities	4	11,922	101,859	113,781	122,889
Investments	5	30,765	-	30,765	30,229
Other income	6	20,000	-	20,000	-
Total income		<u>62,687</u>	<u>404,171</u>	<u>466,858</u>	<u>394,487</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>105,508</u>	<u>452,246</u>	<u>557,754</u>	<u>512,143</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>(52,883)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(52,883)</u>	<u>82,791</u>
Net outgoing resources before transfers		<u>(95,704)</u>	<u>(48,075)</u>	<u>(143,779)</u>	<u>(34,865)</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(30,367)</u>	<u>30,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(126,071)</u>	<u>(17,708)</u>	<u>(143,779)</u>	<u>(34,865)</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>1,305,322</u>	<u>361,210</u>	<u>1,666,532</u>	<u>1,701,397</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u><u>1,179,251</u></u>	<u><u>343,502</u></u>	<u><u>1,522,753</u></u>	<u><u>1,666,532</u></u>

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

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	56,142	185,227	241,369
Charitable activities	4	16,962	105,927	122,889
Investments	5	30,229	-	30,229
Total income		103,333	291,154	394,487
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	126,457	385,686	512,143
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	82,791	-	82,791
Net outgoing resources before transfers		59,667	(94,532)	(34,865)
Gross transfers between funds		(74,214)	74,214	-
Net movement in funds		(14,547)	(20,318)	(34,865)
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		1,319,869	381,528	1,701,397
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		1,305,322	361,210	1,666,532

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	2,328,567		2,485,364	
Investments	14	1,007,790		1,060,673	
		<u>3,336,357</u>		<u>3,546,037</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	15	324,620		333,654	
Cash at bank and in hand		28,130		102,775	
		<u>352,750</u>		<u>436,429</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(245,755)</u>		<u>(245,505)</u>	
Net current assets			106,995		190,924
Total assets less current liabilities			3,443,352		3,736,961
Deferred income	18		<u>(1,920,599)</u>		<u>(2,070,429)</u>
Net assets			<u>1,522,753</u>		<u>1,666,532</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	20	343,502		361,210	
Unrestricted funds		1,179,251		1,305,322	
		<u>1,522,753</u>		<u>1,666,532</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 January 2024

G R Curry
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04357221

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	25		(105,410)		(156,529)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(1,860)	
Investment income received		30,765		30,229	
Net cash generated from investing activities			30,765		28,369
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(74,645)		(128,160)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			102,775		230,935
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			28,130		102,775

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Centre West (Newcastle) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Beacon, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE4 9PQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The Board has concluded that the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Capital grants and contributions receivable are credited to deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the estimated lives of the relevant assets.

Revenue grants and contributions received and receivable in respect of specific project expenditure are credited to deferred income and recognised in the income and expenditure account in the same period as the related expenditure.

The funding is received in accordance with the provisions and conditions as specified in the offer letters which regulate the way in which such funds may be spent.

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1 Accounting policies

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Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.5 Expenditure

This relates to the costs of carrying out the activities of the charity. Where there are costs common to both direct charitable and management expenditure judgement is applied on a time allocation basis.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the provision of projects undertaken to benefit the area and property activities for the regeneration of the local area, including both direct cost and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	25 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33 1/3% straight line
Computers	33 1/3% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Legal status of the charity

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of a winding up, every member undertakes to contribute to the payment of liabilities such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1.

1.14 Joint arrangement

Joint arrangements are accounted for in accordance with Financial Reporting Statement 9 - Accounting for associates, joint ventures and joint arrangements. These financial statements recognise only Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of joint arrangement projects.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Assessing indicators of impairment

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment of assets, the trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions and experience of recoverability. The properties are periodically valued by Chartered Surveyors to ensure freehold properties are accurately disclosed in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Determining residual values and useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The company depreciates tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on historic performance as well as expectations about future use and therefore requires estimates and assumptions to be applied by management. The actual lives of these assets can vary depending on a variety of factors, including technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes.

Judgement is applied by trustees when determining the residual values for tangible fixed assets. When determining the residual value trustees aim to assess the amount that the company would currently obtain for the disposal of the asset, if it were already of the condition expected at the end of its useful economic life. Where possible this is done with reference to external market prices. The carrying amount of tangible fixed assets at the reporting end date was £2,328,567 (2022: £2,485,364).

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3 Donations and legacies

Current financial year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Grants receivable	302,312	302,312	56,142	185,227	241,369
Grants receivable for core activities					
Newcastle CC revenue grant	31,041	31,041	-	16,264	16,264
Release of deferred capital grants	149,830	149,830	-	149,830	149,830
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	56,142	-	56,142
Other grants	121,441	121,441	-	19,133	19,133
	302,312	302,312	56,142	185,227	241,369

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Activities						
Services from charitable activities	-	101,859	101,859	-	105,927	105,927
Share of The Beacon Partnership profit	11,922	-	11,922	16,962	-	16,962
	11,922	101,859	113,781	16,962	105,927	122,889

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from listed investments	30,765	30,229

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6 Other income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Settlement of dilapidation	20,000	-

7 Charitable activities

	Project undertaken to benefit area 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Project undertaken to benefit area 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	255,375	255,375	199,418	199,418
Depreciation and impairment	154,459	154,459	154,459	154,459
Advertising and communication	194	194	856	856
Equipment	30,379	30,379	23,634	23,634
Trustee and staff expenses	5,504	5,504	5,205	5,205
Office costs	91	91	-	-
Property costs	967	967	-	-
Legal and professional fees	2,400	2,400	-	-
Sundry expenses	2,877	2,877	2,115	2,115
	<u>452,246</u>	<u>452,246</u>	<u>385,687</u>	<u>385,687</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	87,820	87,820	108,408	108,408
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	17,688	17,688	18,048	18,048
	<u>557,754</u>	<u>557,754</u>	<u>512,143</u>	<u>512,143</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	105,508	105,508	126,457	126,457
Restricted funds	452,246	452,246	385,686	385,686
	<u>557,754</u>	<u>557,754</u>	<u>512,143</u>	<u>512,143</u>

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8 Support and governance costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	34,932	-	34,932	68,937	-	68,937
Depreciation	2,338	-	2,338	1,955	-	1,955
Trustee and staff expenses	97	-	97	119	-	119
Advertising and communication	3,958	-	3,958	57	-	57
Equipment	56	-	56	282	-	282
Property costs	5,820	-	5,820	5,183	-	5,183
Office supplies	4,762	-	4,762	2,754	-	2,754
Rent	27,522	-	27,522	25,531	-	25,531
Legal and professional fees	2,820	-	2,820	420	-	420
Bank charges and interest	36	-	36	246	-	246
Sundry expenses	5,479	-	5,479	2,924	-	2,924
Audit fees	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,360	3,360
Accountancy	-	14,688	14,688	-	14,688	14,688
	<u>87,820</u>	<u>17,688</u>	<u>105,508</u>	<u>108,408</u>	<u>18,048</u>	<u>126,456</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>87,820</u>	<u>17,688</u>	<u>105,508</u>	<u>108,408</u>	<u>18,048</u>	<u>126,456</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	261,630	244,771
Social security costs	20,345	14,684
Other pension costs	8,332	8,900
	<u>290,307</u>	<u>268,355</u>

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10 Employees

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There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

Key personnel is the Partnership Director of the charity.

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	32,611	37,361

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(52,883)	82,791

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	3,861,479	29,507	84,291	3,975,277
At 31 March 2023	3,861,479	29,507	84,291	3,975,277
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2022	1,380,274	29,507	80,132	1,489,913
Depreciation charged in the year	154,459	-	2,338	156,797
At 31 March 2023	1,534,733	29,507	82,470	1,646,710
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	2,326,746	-	1,821	2,328,567
At 31 March 2022	2,481,205	-	4,159	2,485,364

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14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	1,060,673
Valuation changes	(52,883)
At 31 March 2023	1,007,790
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	1,007,790
At 31 March 2022	1,060,673

15 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	41,346	29,179
Amounts owed by joint ventures	273,081	292,333
Prepayments and accrued income	10,193	12,142
	324,620	333,654

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	5,769	5,769
Trade creditors	2,528	4,965
Amounts owed to joint ventures	214,034	225,956
Other creditors	3,328	1,388
Accruals and deferred income	20,096	7,427
	245,755	245,505

17 Collaboration

On 28 February 2011 the charity entered into a collaboration agreement with the environmental charity Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle. The purpose of the arrangement has been to fund and supervise the construction of The Beacon Building as described in the trustees report. The two parties agreed the way in which the project was to be financed and these financial statements recognise Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the relevant assets and liabilities. The capital contribution from Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle was £1,575,000.

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18 Government grants

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Shown as deferred income on the face of the balance sheet	1,920,599	2,070,429
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2022	2,070,429	2,220,259
Released from previous periods	(149,830)	(149,830)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2023	1,920,599	2,070,429
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Included in deferred government grants is £1,920,599 (2022: £2,070,429) in relation to The Beacon development.

19 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

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

The charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £8,332 (2022: £8,900). At the balance sheet date a pension liability of £3,328 (2022: £1,388) was outstanding.

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20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

Current financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	290,040	149,830	(154,458)	-	285,412
Hat-Trick Project	52,818	207,034	(230,114)	10,000	39,738
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	47,307	(67,674)	20,367	-
	<u>361,210</u>	<u>404,171</u>	<u>(452,246)</u>	<u>30,367</u>	<u>343,502</u>

Prior financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	294,669	149,830	(154,459)	-	290,040
Hat-Trick Project	68,507	114,621	(190,767)	60,457	52,818
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	26,703	(40,460)	13,757	-
	<u>381,528</u>	<u>291,154</u>	<u>(385,686)</u>	<u>74,214</u>	<u>361,210</u>

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20 Restricted funds

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Beacon Building

Grant funding was received for the construction of a new social enterprise building to support the local business community in partnership with Groundworks South Tyneside and Newcastle. This fund represents the charity's share of the building as included in tangible fixed assets.

Hat-Trick Project

The Hat-Trick project was founded in 2005, using football as an ideal method to help young people gain skills and confidence - while having a great time along the way. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

CHEFF Project

The CHEFF project was founded in 2019, to encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles, reducing inequalities in health. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

Science City

The Newcastle Science City Community Engagement Project was launched to bring people of all backgrounds together to get involved with science and find out how it can make a real and lasting difference to their communities. The fund balance relates to an underspend on the project, for which authorisation is being sought to transfer to unrestricted funds.

Transfers between funds

This represents a rental charge deducted from the Hat-trick project for the rental of office space and a core charity contribution to the Hat-trick project for a trip to Estonia.

21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,305,322	62,687	(105,508)	(30,367)	(52,883)	1,179,251
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,319,869	103,333	(126,457)	(74,214)	82,791	1,305,322
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

22 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The board has approved to underwrite the projected shortfall in the funding required for the redevelopment of Elswick Pool located in the West End of Newcastle. The Friends of Elswick Pool have committed to carry out further fundraising however, in the event that a shortfall arises between revenue and costs, Centre West (Newcastle) have committed to underwriting the gap up to a maximum of £136,073, as at the year end, the commitment has ended.

During the year a grant of £nil (2022: £nil) was awarded to Elswick Pool from this provision.

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23 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	1,821	2,326,746	2,328,567
Investments	1,007,790	-	1,007,790
Current assets/(liabilities)	169,640	(62,645)	106,995
Provisions and deferred income	-	(1,920,599)	(1,920,599)
	<u>1,179,251</u>	<u>343,502</u>	<u>1,522,753</u>

Prior financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	4,159	2,481,205	2,485,364
Investments	1,060,673	-	1,060,673
Current assets/(liabilities)	240,490	(49,566)	190,924
Provisions and deferred income	-	(2,070,429)	(2,070,429)
	<u>1,305,322</u>	<u>361,210</u>	<u>1,666,532</u>

24 Related party transactions

Two trustees that served during the year, H Rahman and J Byrne, are councillors of Newcastle City Council which acted as the accountable body to the NDC funding, but does not deliver any of the company's projects. Funding is received from Newcastle City Council. At 31 March 2023 an amount of £12,011 (2022: £12,711) is owed from Newcastle City Council and is included in debtors.

25 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
Deficit for the year	(143,779)	(34,865)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(30,765)	(30,229)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	52,883	(82,791)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	156,797	156,414
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	9,034	(1,939)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	250	(13,289)
(Decrease) in deferred income	(149,830)	(149,830)
Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(105,410)</u>	<u>(156,529)</u>

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Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G R Curry F Laird H Rahman L Douglas J Byrne M Cole M Bartley	(Appointed 31 May 2021)
Charity number	1129502	
Company number	04357221	
Registered office	The Beacon Westgate Road Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 9PQ	
Auditor	RMT Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd Gosforth Park Avenue Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 8EG	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank P.O Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects is "to directly contribute to the closing of the gaps in quality of life between the people of the West End and the remainder of the City and enhance their life chances".

This is a broad, cross cutting remit. In working towards the social, economic and physical regeneration of the inner west of Newcastle, Centre West currently undertakes a range of activities in keeping with its social enterprise ethos to achieve this including:

- maintaining a portfolio of properties to give Centre West a stable financial footing and benefit the community by clustering activity and services in the west end, creating opportunities for the area.
- in partnership with Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle developing the Beacon as an employment and enterprise hub.
- seeking out, developing and delivering targeted enterprises and initiatives to increase opportunities and open up choice for individuals and communities, e.g. Hat-trick.
- maintaining strategic relationships with key service providers and local decision-makers to influence and inform the design and delivery of services and shape planning and investment in redevelopment of the area.
- sustaining a network of community intelligence, brokering conversations and supporting our communities to play a role in the decisions that affect the west end of Newcastle.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The challenges facing the communities of the inner west of Newcastle remain significant. This was exacerbated by the pandemic and subsequent economic climate, which is constraining solutions and altering the public sector infrastructure delivering services to the area. Centre West is taking an incremental approach to these challenges, all the while championing the place of communities in those decisions that affect the area and the lives of those living there.

The Board started the process of planning a new three-year strategy, this was interrupted due to the Covid pandemic. In April 2022 the Board met with the staff to familiarise themselves with the staff agree an update of the charities objectives and approve the update of the Website. All actions previously agreed with the Board, requested by staff, and proposed by Investors in People as part of agreed strategies implementation. The Website update is ongoing.

During the pandemic Centre West and the Beacon partnership invested in new IT infrastructure. Working with our IT contractor the old server and obsolete computers were replaced. The cloud-based Microsoft 365 system was adopted, and staff training was provided which enabled both partnerships to operate remotely. This in turn enabled the staff for Hat-Trick and CHEFF to deliver their respective programmes in a more flexible way. The big change following the pandemic is the opportunity for the team to work directly together, having a positive impact for operations and planning and the staffs wellbeing.

In April 2021 Centre West was assessed by Investors in People and retained its IPP status. In April 2022 the interim report confirmed that Centre West was well prepared for the 2023 assessment and on track to retain status.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
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The Beacon

Occupying the site of the former West Road Fire Station, this £6.6 million development was completed in December 2011 and now provides a multi-use eco-friendly building for supporting and developing community enterprise, businesses, employment, education, and business training events. Significantly, it is a partnership with the environmental charity, Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle.

Due to the nature of changing demand a process speeded up by the pandemic. In 2021–22 the joint Board took the decision to concentrate on business support particularly the hot-desking offer and reduce the events offer to meeting room hire only. Demand for office accommodation and artisans' workshops is consistently more than 70%, the target is 85%. The project after initially requiring significant investment reported a break-even position for the 2021-22 financial year and is on track to achieve a slight surplus in 2022-23. Priorities for the future are - Repayment of the owning charities investment, Centre West £ 253K

Risk – Ongoing dispute with the city council regarding rates liabilities, successful replacement of the Centre manager September.

Governance arrangements for Hat-Trick & CHEFF.

Both Hat-Trick and CHEFF are managed as separate ring-fenced projects. Budgets are approved by the Board and grant income restricted; both also have separate approved business development plans. This provides clarity, regarding, their respective trading accounts and provides protection from community development work commitments. Centre West has reduced central costs and made significant provision to mitigate risk.

Hat-trick

Hat-Trick is a highly regarded community sport coaching and health initiative. It has continued to grow and has continued to develop during 2021/22. Despite the impact of Covid and the late submission of accounts which generated difficulties with some prospective funders. The project generated income of £173,964 it incurred project expenditure of £191,181, £17,217 from reserves was used, per movement in funds note. As part of the Board agreed development strategy Hat-Trick expanded its operations into Gateshead and is negotiating with the council to extend activities from September 2022.

Hat-Trick took on 3 apprentices in 2021/22 who have excelled in their training and contribution to the project. The quality of the training and programme have been recognised nationally, Annmarie Roberts was awarded apprentice graduate of the year, and Dwayne Murray mentor of the year by our training agent Coach Core. Both Dwayne and Michelle Monk begun their level 5 management studies, as did Kate Codling, (CHEFF), as part of their career development pathway this year.

Hat-Trick has established a national reputation for excellence. Both managers are in demand as business consultants for other sports-based community initiatives around the country and this also presents an opportunity for growth. Hat-Trick have strong partnership links nationally, regionally, and locally and this presents opportunities to further develop schemes of work such as family health, community safety, counter extremism, dangers of social media, holiday hunger and steps to employment.

In 2021/22 Hat-Trick's team of staff and volunteers reached over 2,000 children, young people, and adults, raising aspirations, increasing opportunities, and getting people active.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
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CHEFF

Approved as a pilot project in January 2019 the CHEFF project was evaluated against performance in January 2021, the Board exercised the option to extend the project for a further 3 years. In February a trainee was appointed for 5 months at no cost to Centre West to support the coordinator via the YHN initiative. The objectives agreed for CHEFF include the following:

- Encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles. Target specific groups to reduce social exclusion – older residents.
- Reduce inequalities in health.
- Provide safe, high quality, minimal cost, inclusive, accessible, activities for all the family.
- Work in partnership with the local community and other services
- Encourage families to volunteer, gain qualifications, improve their outcomes and become role models to their local community.
- Increase the reputation of Centre-West in the local community.
- Opportunity for a programme to be developed that could be replicated across new areas.

To 31 March 2022 CHEFF had achieved income of £34,870 and a deficit of £34,144 which was in line with expectations.

CHEFF generated an income of £29k over the year ahead of business plan forecast of £22.5K and provided services to over 50 families and over 800 individuals.

Partnerships and community engagement

Centre West maintained effective relationships with Newcastle City Council and other key service providers, navigating the significant policy landscape shifts at both national and local level, restructure and refocusing of priorities. Examples of the value achieved through partnership working is the key role played in the development of business planning for Elswick Pool.

Going forward Centre West needs to adopt a greater promotional strategy which includes regular Facebook posts to promote its activities and those of partner organisations to further charitable objectives in the area.

Financial review

This report relates to the period 2021-2022 during which income and expenditure related solely to the charity's core activities.

The cash reserves of the charity have been largely utilised in funding the operation of The Beacon over the last eight years but have been boosted by the sale of the remaining property portfolio over the past three years.

Reserves policy

In 2021-2022 the Trustees continued to operate a prudent reserves policy to reflect the time of transition for the charity and turbulence in the economy. The trustees have established an unrestricted reserves policy level to allow the Board to take appropriate action to ensure the continuity of its operations for several months should income be interrupted. It also includes unanticipated costs including staff absence.

Risk statement

Centre West maintains a risk register and regularly reviews and evaluates risk and identifies appropriate preventative activities to minimise risk to the organisation. Trustees are confident that risks have been identified and appropriate risk management measures are in place. However risks are kept under continual review and regular risk evaluation exercises are undertaken with trustees.

COVID-19 risk

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to generate a significant level of uncertainty in the global economy. The management team and Board regularly assess the likely effects on the charity's operations in an attempt to mitigate the risk as far as possible.

Grants and contracts

The Hat-Trick and CHEFF projects, continue to attract funding from a range of funders in the form of grants and contracts.

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Plans for the future

During 2022- 2023 Centre West's strategic aims are:

- Generate a surplus from the Beacon operations. Develop the CHEFF project initiative.
- Encourage the continued growth and reach of the Hat-trick project.
- Develop a relationship and explore business opportunities with the Helix, Campus for Ageing and
- Expand the numbers and expertise of the Centre West Board
- Continue community development activities, supporting Elswick Pool to ensure its sustainability
- Maintain and update marketing through the website and social media.

We will continue the prudent management of our assets and explore further diversification of income to reduce risk and increase capacity for further community activity.

The asset strategy will be kept under review to ensure risk to income is minimised and return on investment and community outcomes maximised.

Hat-trick will undertake a review of its business model to ensure its ongoing sustainability. Indications are that the strong reputation the project has developed with funders, partners and beneficiaries places the project in a strong position to address any challenges it may face.

Structure, governance and management

Centre West (Newcastle) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was established as a charity in May 2009 to lead the regeneration of the Cruddas Park, Arthur's Hill, Ryehill and Elswick areas of the West End of Newcastle. It is the successor to New Deal for Communities (Newcastle) Limited.

Centre West (Newcastle) is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The governance is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, which takes decisions on the strategic leadership of the organisation by democratic majority vote at its general meetings, which take place bi-monthly. The Board comprises appointed trustees, and two elected Ward Members (proposed by Newcastle City Council). An agreed Role Specification is used to inform the suitability of potential trustees. The elected trustees serve a four-year term with elections taking place every second year for one trustee from each constituency; co-opted trustees are appointed annually.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G R Curry

F Laird

H Rahman

L Douglas

J Byrne

M Cole

M Bartley

(Appointed 31 May 2021)

Upon appointment, all trustees are provided with role descriptions, an information pack including the annual report, memorandum and articles of association and Centre West's policy and procedures. Existing trustees and staff participate in the induction. Periodic training is made available to the Board to support trustees in their role.

The Trustees have appointed a small staff team to support them in their work. Responsibilities for the day to day running of the organisation, managing the property portfolio, exploring new enterprise opportunities, community engagement and partnerships development are delegated to the Partnership Director and reported at subsequent board meetings.

Centre West holds a 57.61% share in The Beacon, which is managed by a separate partnership board. The Centre West Board has the right to nominate two trustees to sit on the Beacon partnership board. These trustees are delegated authority to take decisions about the capital build and overarching operation of the Beacon, which are reported to the Centre West Board. Issues that have a direct bearing on the strategic direction of or risk to Centre West are referred to the Centre West Board.

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Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Centre West (Newcastle) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that RMT Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Small company exemptions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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G R Curry

Director

Dated:

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Centre West (Newcastle) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustee's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustee's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustee's report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the following laws and regulations are significant to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements including UK financial reporting standards, Company Law and Charity Law.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the charity and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include compliance with charitable objectives, public benefit, fundraising regulations, safeguarding and health and safety legislation.

These matters were discussed amongst the engagement team at the planning stage and the team remained alert throughout the audit.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and the Trustees as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence and legal costs incurred; review of Trustee meeting minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mr Stephen Slater (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of RMT Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd
Statutory Auditor
Gosforth Park Avenue
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 8EG

Date:

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	56,142	185,227	241,369	358,906
Charitable activities	4	16,962	105,927	122,889	20,073
Investments	5	30,229	-	30,229	15,008
Total income		<u>103,333</u>	<u>291,154</u>	<u>394,487</u>	<u>393,987</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	<u>126,457</u>	<u>385,686</u>	<u>512,143</u>	<u>487,566</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	<u>82,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,791</u>	<u>(22,118)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		59,667	(94,532)	(34,865)	(115,697)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(74,214)</u>	<u>74,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(14,547)</u>	<u>(20,318)</u>	<u>(34,865)</u>	<u>(115,697)</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		<u>1,319,869</u>	<u>381,528</u>	<u>1,701,397</u>	<u>1,817,094</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		<u><u>1,305,322</u></u>	<u><u>361,210</u></u>	<u><u>1,666,532</u></u>	<u><u>1,701,397</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes			
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	144,944	213,962	358,906
Charitable activities	4	-	20,073	20,073
Investments	5	15,008	-	15,008
Total income		159,952	234,035	393,987
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	166,388	321,178	487,566
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	(22,118)	-	(22,118)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(28,554)	(87,143)	(115,697)
Gross transfers between funds		(98,934)	98,934	-
Net movement in funds		(127,488)	11,791	(115,697)
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		1,447,357	369,737	1,817,094
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		1,319,869	381,528	1,701,397

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	2,485,364		2,639,918	
Investments	12	1,060,673		977,882	
		<u>3,546,037</u>		<u>3,617,800</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	13	333,654		331,715	
Cash at bank and in hand		102,775		230,935	
		<u>436,429</u>		<u>562,650</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(245,505)</u>		<u>(258,794)</u>	
Net current assets			190,924		303,856
Total assets less current liabilities			3,736,961		3,921,656
Deferred income	15		<u>(2,070,429)</u>		<u>(2,220,259)</u>
Net assets			<u>1,666,532</u>		<u>1,701,397</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18		361,210		381,528
Unrestricted funds			1,305,322		1,319,869
			<u>1,666,532</u>		<u>1,701,397</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on

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G R Curry
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04357221

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	23		(156,529)		(75,750)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,860)		(5,160)	
Purchase of investments		-		(1,000,000)	
Investment income received		30,229		15,008	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			28,369		(990,152)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(128,160)		(1,065,902)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			230,935		1,296,837
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			102,775		230,935

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Centre West (Newcastle) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Beacon, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE4 9PQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This includes taking into account the potential impact of COVID-19 to ensure that cashflow is positively managed and the impact to the charity's operations are mitigated. The Board has concluded that the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Capital grants and contributions receivable are credited to deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the estimated lives of the relevant assets.

Revenue grants and contributions received and receivable in respect of specific project expenditure are credited to deferred income and recognised in the income and expenditure account in the same period as the related expenditure.

The funding is received in accordance with the provisions and conditions as specified in the offer letters which regulate the way in which such funds may be spent.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.5 Expenditure

This relates to the costs of carrying out the activities of the charity. Where there are costs common to both direct charitable and management expenditure judgement is applied on a time allocation basis.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the provision of projects undertaken to benefit the area and property activities for the regeneration of the local area, including both direct cost and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	25 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33 1/3% straight line
Computers	33 1/3% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Legal status of the charity

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of a winding up, every member undertakes to contribute to the payment of liabilities such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1.

1.14 Joint arrangement

Joint arrangements are accounted for in accordance with Financial Reporting Statement 9 - Accounting for associates, joint ventures and joint arrangements. These financial statements recognise only Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of joint arrangement projects.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Assessing indicators of impairment

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment of assets, the trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions and experience of recoverability. The properties are periodically valued by Chartered Surveyors to ensure freehold properties are accurately disclosed in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Determining residual values and useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The company depreciates tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on historic performance as well as expectations about future use and therefore requires estimates and assumptions to be applied by management. The actual lives of these assets can vary depending on a variety of factors, including technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes.

Judgement is applied by trustees when determining the residual values for tangible fixed assets. When determining the residual value trustees aim to assess the amount that the company would currently obtain for the disposal of the asset, if it were already of the condition expected at the end of its useful economic life. Where possible this is done with reference to external market prices. The carrying amount of tangible fixed assets at the reporting end date was £2,639,918 (2020 - £2,791,460).

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3 Donations and legacies

Current financial year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Grants receivable	56,142	185,227	241,369
Grants receivable for core activities			
Newcastle CC revenue grant	-	16,264	16,264
Release of deferred capital grants	-	149,830	149,830
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	56,142	-	56,142
Other grants	-	19,133	19,133
	56,142	185,227	241,369

Prior financial year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Grants receivable	144,944	213,962	358,906
Grants receivable for core activities			
Newcastle CC revenue grant	-	25,295	25,295
Release of deferred capital grants	-	149,830	149,830
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	144,944	-	144,944
Other grants	-	38,837	38,837
	144,944	213,962	358,906

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4 Charitable activities

	Education projects 2022 £	Education projects 2021 £
Services from charitable activities	105,927	20,073
Share of The Beacon Partnership profit	16,962	-
	<u>122,889</u>	<u>20,073</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	16,962	-
Restricted funds	105,927	20,073
	<u>122,889</u>	<u>20,073</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Income from listed investments	<u>30,229</u>	<u>15,008</u>

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6 Charitable activities

	Project undertaken to benefit area	Total 2022	Project undertaken to benefit area	Property activities for regeneration of area	Total 2021
	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	199,418	199,418	158,117	-	158,117
Depreciation and impairment	154,459	154,459	154,459	-	154,459
Advertising and communication	856	856	146	-	146
Equipment	23,634	23,634	5,924	-	5,924
Trustee and staff expenses	5,205	5,205	1,407	-	1,407
Property costs	-	-	2,109	(636)	1,473
Legal and professional fees	-	-	10	-	10
Cleaning	-	-	-	578	578
Sundry expenses	2,115	2,115	231	(1,224)	(993)
Share of The Beacon Partnership loss	-	-	560	-	560
	<u>385,687</u>	<u>385,687</u>	<u>322,963</u>	<u>(1,282)</u>	<u>321,681</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	108,408	108,408	148,557	-	148,557
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	18,048	18,048	17,328	-	17,328
	<u>512,143</u>	<u>512,143</u>	<u>488,848</u>	<u>(1,282)</u>	<u>487,566</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	126,457	126,457	166,446	(58)	166,388
Restricted funds	385,686	385,686	322,402	(1,224)	321,178
	<u>512,143</u>	<u>512,143</u>	<u>488,848</u>	<u>(1,282)</u>	<u>487,566</u>

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7 Support and governance costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	68,937	-	68,937	103,446	-	103,446
Depreciation	1,955	-	1,955	2,243	-	2,243
Trustee and staff expenses	119	-	119	103	-	103
Advertising and communication	57	-	57	78	-	78
Equipment	282	-	282	52	-	52
Property costs	5,183	-	5,183	5,593	-	5,593
Office supplies	2,754	-	2,754	7,930	-	7,930
Rent	25,531	-	25,531	25,532	-	25,532
Legal and professional fees	420	-	420	2,340	-	2,340
Bank charges and interest	246	-	246	174	-	174
Sundry expenses	2,924	-	2,924	1,066	-	1,066
Audit fees	-	3,360	3,360	-	3,000	3,000
Accountancy	-	14,688	14,688	-	14,328	14,328
	<u>108,408</u>	<u>18,048</u>	<u>126,456</u>	<u>148,557</u>	<u>17,328</u>	<u>165,885</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>108,408</u>	<u>18,048</u>	<u>126,456</u>	<u>148,557</u>	<u>17,328</u>	<u>165,885</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
	13	14
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	244,771	237,082
Social security costs	14,684	13,898
Other pension costs	8,900	10,583
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	268,355	261,563
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	82,791	(22,118)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	3,861,479	29,507	82,431	3,973,417
Additions	-	-	1,860	1,860
At 31 March 2022	3,861,479	29,507	84,291	3,975,277
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2021	1,225,815	29,507	78,177	1,333,499
Depreciation charged in the year	154,459	-	1,955	156,414
At 31 March 2022	1,380,274	29,507	80,132	1,489,913
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2022	2,481,205	-	4,159	2,485,364
At 31 March 2021	2,635,664	-	4,254	2,639,918

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021	977,882
Valuation changes	82,791
At 31 March 2022	1,060,673
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	1,060,673
At 31 March 2021	977,882

13 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	29,179	6,971
Amounts owed by joint ventures	292,333	303,378
Prepayments and accrued income	12,142	21,366
	333,654	331,715

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	5,769	6,089
Trade creditors	4,965	2,910
Amounts owed to joint ventures	225,956	242,918
Other creditors	1,388	1,714
Accruals and deferred income	7,427	5,163
	<u>245,505</u>	<u>258,794</u>

15 Government grants

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Shown as deferred income on the face of the balance sheet	<u>2,070,429</u>	<u>2,220,259</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2021	2,220,259	2,370,089
Released from previous periods	<u>(149,830)</u>	<u>(149,830)</u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2022	<u>2,070,429</u>	<u>2,220,259</u>

Included in deferred government grants is £2,070,429 (2021 - £2,220,259) in relation to The Beacon development.

16 Collaboration

On 28 February 2011 the charity entered into a collaboration agreement with the environmental charity Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle. The purpose of the arrangement has been to fund and supervise the construction of The Beacon Building as described in the trustees report. The two parties agreed the way in which the project was to be financed and these financial statements recognise Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the relevant assets and liabilities. The capital contribution from Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle was £1,575,000.

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

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

The charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £8,900 (2021 - £10,583). At the balance sheet date a pension liability of £1,388 (2021 - £1,714) was outstanding.

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18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

Current financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	294,669	149,830	(154,459)	-	290,040
Hat-Trick Project	68,507	114,621	(190,767)	60,457	52,818
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	26,703	(40,460)	13,757	-
	<u>381,528</u>	<u>291,154</u>	<u>(385,686)</u>	<u>74,214</u>	<u>361,210</u>

Prior financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	299,298	149,830	(154,459)	-	294,669
Hat-Trick Project	52,087	77,696	(138,165)	76,889	68,507
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	6,509	(28,554)	22,045	-
	<u>369,737</u>	<u>234,035</u>	<u>(321,178)</u>	<u>98,934</u>	<u>381,528</u>

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18 Restricted funds

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Beacon Building

Grant funding was received for the construction of a new social enterprise building to support the local business community in partnership with Groundworks South Tyneside and Newcastle. This fund represents the charity's share of the building as included in tangible fixed assets.

Hat-Trick Project

The Hat-Trick project was founded in 2005, using football as an ideal method to help young people gain skills and confidence - while having a great time along the way. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

CHEFF Project

The CHEFF project was founded in 2019, to encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles, reducing inequalities in health. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

Science City

The Newcastle Science City Community Engagement Project was launched to bring people of all backgrounds together to get involved with science and find out how it can make a real and lasting difference to their communities. The fund balance relates to an underspend on the project, for which authorisation is being sought to transfer to unrestricted funds.

Transfers between funds

This represents a rental charge deducted from the Hat-trick project for the rental of office space and a core charity contribution to the Hat-trick project for a trip to Estonia.

19 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The board has approved to underwrite the projected shortfall in the funding required for the redevelopment of Elswick Pool located in the West End of Newcastle. The Friends of Elswick Pool have committed to carry out further fundraising however, in the event that a shortfall arises between revenue and costs, Centre West (Newcastle) have committed to underwriting the gap up to a maximum of £136,073. During the year a grant of £nil (2021: £nil) was awarded to Elswick Pool from this provision.

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	4,159	2,481,205	2,485,364
Investments	1,060,673	-	1,060,673
Current assets/(liabilities)	240,490	(49,566)	190,924
Provisions and deferred income	-	(2,070,429)	(2,070,429)
	<u>1,305,322</u>	<u>361,210</u>	<u>1,666,532</u>

Prior financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	4,253	2,635,665	2,639,918
Investments	977,882	-	977,882
Current assets/(liabilities)	337,734	(33,878)	303,856
Provisions and deferred income	-	(2,220,259)	(2,220,259)
	<u>1,319,869</u>	<u>381,528</u>	<u>1,701,397</u>

21 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>4,213</u>

22 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

Key personnel is the Partnership Director of the charity.

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2022 £	2021 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>41,927</u>	<u>46,585</u>

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22 Related party transactions

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Two trustees that served during the year, H Rahman and J Byrne, are councillors of Newcastle City Council which acted as the accountable body to the NDC funding, but does not deliver any of the company's projects. Funding is received from Newcastle City Council. At 31 March 2022 an amount of £12,711 (2021: £6,380) is owed from Newcastle City Council and is included in debtors.

23 Cash generated from operations	2022	2021
	£	£
Deficit for the year	(34,865)	(115,697)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(30,229)	(15,008)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(82,791)	22,118
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	156,414	156,702
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,939)	24,254
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(13,289)	1,711
(Decrease) in deferred income	(149,830)	(149,830)
Cash absorbed by operations	(156,529)	(75,750)

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1129502

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1129502

Company Registration No. 04357221 (England and Wales)

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G R Curry F Laird H Rahman L Douglas J Byrne M Cole
Charity number	1129502
Company number	04357221
Registered office	The Beacon Westgate Road Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 9PQ
Auditor	RMT Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd Gosforth Park Avenue Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 8EG
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank P.O Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects is "to directly contribute to the closing of the gaps in quality of life between the people of the West End and the remainder of the City and enhance their life chances".

This is a broad, cross cutting remit. In working towards the social, economic and physical regeneration of the inner west of Newcastle, Centre West currently undertakes a range of activities in keeping with its social enterprise ethos to achieve this including:

- maintaining a portfolio of properties to give Centre West a stable financial footing and benefit the community by clustering activity and services in the west end, creating opportunities for the area.
- in partnership with Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle developing the Beacon as an employment and enterprise hub.
- seeking out, developing and delivering targeted enterprises and initiatives to increase opportunities and open up choice for individuals and communities, e.g. Hat-trick.
- maintaining strategic relationships with key service providers and local decision-makers to influence and inform the design and delivery of services and shape planning and investment in redevelopment of the area.
- sustaining a network of community intelligence, brokering conversations and supporting our communities to play a role in the decisions that affect the west end of Newcastle.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The challenges facing the communities of the inner west of Newcastle remain significant. This is exacerbated by the current pandemic and economic climate, which is constraining solutions and altering the public sector infrastructure delivering services to the area. Centre West is taking an incremental approach to these challenges, all the while championing the place of communities in those decisions that affect the area and the lives of those living there.

The Board had started the process of planning a new three-year strategy but this was put on hold due to the Covid pandemic. To support ongoing business activity all staff apart from the Caretaker at the Beacon, the Partnership Director part time, and later Hat-Trick and CHEFF staff part time were furloughed. Using the furlough scheme enabled the partnership to continue trading, deliver services and maintain the existing staffing establishment.

During the first lockdown Centre West and the Beacon partnership invested in new IT infrastructure. Working with our IT contractor the old server and obsolete computers were replaced. The cloud-based Microsoft 365 system was adopted, and staff training was provided which enabled both partnerships to operate remotely. This in turn enabled the staff for Hat-Trick and CHEFF to deliver a summer programme to children and families across Newcastle and generate an income. Since the summer both projects continued to deliver a limited programme of activities to the community. Beacon staff were also able to offer services to tenants while complying with Covid restrictions.

In November 2020 Centre West was assessed by Investors in People and retained its IPP status.

Cash reserves were invested with CCLA in December 2020 to generate additional investment income.

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The Beacon

Occupying the site of the former West Road Fire Station, this £6.6 million development was completed in December 2011 and now provides a multi-use eco-friendly building for supporting and developing community enterprise, businesses, employment, education, training and events, conferences and community functions. Significantly, it is a partnership with the environmental charity, Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle.

The Beacon was officially opened by HRH Prince Michael, The Duke of Kent on 4th April 2012 and is making an important contribution to the local economy and business community. Demand for office accommodation and artisans workshops is consistently in excess of 90%. The project after initially requiring significant investment reported a break even position for the 2020-21 financial year.

Governance arrangements for Hat-Trick & CHEFF.

Both Hat-Trick and CHEFF are managed as separate ring-fenced projects. Budgets are approved by the Board and grant income restricted; both also have separate approved business development plans. This provides clarity, regarding, their respective trading accounts and provides protection from community development work commitments. Centre West has reduced central costs and made significant provision to mitigate risk.

Hat-trick

Hat-Trick is a highly regarded community sport coaching and health initiative. It has continued to grow and has continued to increase its surplus during 2020/21. Despite the impact of Covid the project generated income of £155,147 and a surplus after transfers of £16,420 after project expenditure of £138,165 per movement in funds note.

Hat-Trick is planning to take on 3 apprentices in 2021/22 and has established a national reputation for excellence. Both managers are in demand as business consultants for other sports-based community initiatives around the country and this also presents an opportunity for growth. Hat-Trick have strong partnership links nationally, regionally, and locally and this presents opportunities to further develop schemes of work such as family health, community safety, counter extremism, dangers of social media, holiday hunger and steps to employment.

In 2020/21 Hat-Trick's team of staff and volunteers reached over 2,000 children, young people, and adults, raising aspirations, increasing opportunities and getting people active.

CHEFF

Approved as a pilot project in January 2019 the CHEFF project was due to be evaluated against performance in March 2021, with an option for the Board to extend project for a further 3 years. The objectives agreed for CHEFF include the following:

- Encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles.
- Target specific groups to reduce social exclusion – older residents.
- Reduce inequalities in health.
- Provide safe, high quality, minimal cost, inclusive, accessible, activities for all the family.
- Work in partnership with the local community and other services
- Encourage families to volunteer, gain qualifications, improve their outcomes and become role models to their local community.
- Increase the reputation of Centre-West in the local community.
- Opportunity for a programme to be developed that could be replicated across new areas.

To 31 March 2021 CHEFF had achieved income of £6,509 and a deficit of £22,045 for the 2020/21 financial year which was in line with expectations.

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Partnerships and community engagement

Centre West maintained effective relationships with Newcastle City Council and other key service providers, navigating the significant policy landscape shifts at both national and local level, restructure and refocusing of priorities. Examples of the value achieved through partnership working is the key role played in the development of business planning for Elswick Pool.

Going forward Centre West needs to adopt a greater promotional strategy which includes regular Facebook posts to promote its activities and those of partner organisations to further charitable objectives in the area.

Financial review

This report relates to the period 2020-2021 during which income and expenditure related solely to the charity's core activities.

The cash reserves of the charity have been largely utilised in funding the operation of The Beacon over the last eight years but have been boosted by the sale of the remaining property portfolio over the past three years.

Reserves policy

In 2020-2021 the Trustees continued to operate a prudent reserves policy to reflect the time of transition for the charity and turbulence in the economy. The trustees have established an unrestricted reserves policy level to allow the Board to take appropriate action to ensure the continuity of its operations for several months should income be interrupted. It also includes unanticipated costs including staff absence.

Risk statement

Centre West maintains a risk register and regularly reviews and evaluates risk and identifies appropriate preventative activities to minimise risk to the organisation. Trustees are confident that risks have been identified and appropriate risk management measures are in place. However risks are kept under continual review and regular risk evaluation exercises are undertaken with trustees.

COVID-19 risk

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to generate a significant level of uncertainty in the global economy. The management team and Board regularly assess the likely effects on the charity's operations in an attempt to mitigate the risk as far as possible.

Grants and contracts

The Hat-Trick and CHEFF projects, continue to attract funding from a range of funders in the form of grants and contracts.

Plans for the future

During 2021- 2022 Centre West's strategic aims are:

- Generate a surplus from the Beacon operations.
- Develop the CHEFF project initiative.
- Encourage the continued growth and reach of the Hat-trick project.
- Develop a relationship and explore business opportunities with the Helix, Campus for Ageing and Vitality
- Expand the numbers and expertise of the Centre West Board
- Continue community development activities, in particular supporting Elswick Pool to ensure its commercial success.
- Maintain and update marketing through the website and social media.

We will continue the prudent management of our assets and explore further diversification of income to reduce risk and increase capacity for further community activity.

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The asset strategy will be kept under review to ensure risk to income is minimised and return on investment and community outcomes maximised.

Hat-trick will undertake a review of its business model to ensure its ongoing sustainability. Indications are that the strong reputation the project has developed with funders, partners and beneficiaries places the project in a strong position to address any challenges it may face.

Structure, governance and management

Centre West (Newcastle) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was established as a charity in May 2009 to lead the regeneration of the Cruddas Park, Arthur's Hill, Ryehill and Elswick areas of the West End of Newcastle. It is the successor to New Deal for Communities (Newcastle) Limited.

Centre West (Newcastle) is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The governance is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, which takes decisions on the strategic leadership of the organisation by democratic majority vote at its general meetings, which take place bi-monthly. The Board comprises appointed trustees, and two elected Ward Members (proposed by Newcastle City Council). An agreed Role Specification is used to inform the suitability of potential trustees. The elected trustees serve a four-year term with elections taking place every second year for one trustee from each constituency; co-opted trustees are appointed annually.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G R Curry

F Laird

C Waugh

(Resigned 31 December 2020)

H Rahman

L Douglas

J Byrne

M Cole

Upon appointment, all trustees are provided with role descriptions, an information pack including the annual report, memorandum and articles of association and Centre West's policy and procedures. Existing trustees and staff participate in the induction. Periodic training is made available to the Board to support trustees in their role.

The Trustees have appointed a small staff team to support them in their work. Responsibilities for the day to day running of the organisation, managing the property portfolio, exploring new enterprise opportunities, community engagement and partnerships development are delegated to the Partnership Director and reported at subsequent board meetings.

Centre West holds a 57.61% share in The Beacon, which is managed by a separate partnership board. The Centre West Board has the right to nominate two trustees to sit on the Beacon partnership board. These trustees are delegated authority to take decisions about the capital build and overarching operation of the Beacon, which are reported to the Centre West Board. Issues that have a direct bearing on the strategic direction of or risk to Centre West are referred to the Centre West Board.

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Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Centre West (Newcastle) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee's 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that RMT Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Small company exemptions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

G R Curry

Director

Dated: 30 March 2022

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Centre West (Newcastle) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustee's report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustee's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustee's report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the following laws and regulations are significant to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements including UK financial reporting standards, Company Law and Charity Law.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the charity and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include compliance with charitable objectives, public benefit, fundraising regulations, safeguarding and health and safety legislation.

These matters were discussed amongst the engagement team at the planning stage and the team remained alert throughout the audit.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and the Trustees as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence and legal costs incurred; review of Trustee meeting minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mr Stephen Slater (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of RMT Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd
Statutory Auditor
Gosforth Park Avenue
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 8EG

Date: 30 March 2022

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	144,944	213,962	358,906	307,515
Charitable activities	4	-	20,073	20,073	125,189
Investments	5	15,008	-	15,008	-
Other income	6	-	-	-	18,005
Total income		<u>159,952</u>	<u>234,035</u>	<u>393,987</u>	<u>450,709</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>166,388</u>	<u>321,178</u>	<u>487,566</u>	<u>626,269</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	<u>(22,118)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,118)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net outgoing resources before transfers		<u>(28,554)</u>	<u>(87,143)</u>	<u>(115,697)</u>	<u>(175,560)</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(98,934)</u>	<u>98,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(127,488)</u>	<u>11,791</u>	<u>(115,697)</u>	<u>(175,560)</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		<u>1,447,357</u>	<u>369,737</u>	<u>1,817,094</u>	<u>1,992,654</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u><u>1,319,869</u></u>	<u><u>381,528</u></u>	<u><u>1,701,397</u></u>	<u><u>1,817,094</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	70,299	237,216	307,515
Charitable activities	4	6,287	118,902	125,189
Other income	6	18,005	-	18,005
Total income		<u>94,591</u>	<u>356,118</u>	<u>450,709</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>273,189</u>	<u>353,080</u>	<u>626,269</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	-	-	-
Net outgoing resources before transfers		<u>(178,598)</u>	<u>3,038</u>	<u>(175,560)</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>147,819</u>	<u>(147,819)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(30,779)</u>	<u>(144,781)</u>	<u>(175,560)</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2019		<u>1,478,136</u>	<u>514,518</u>	<u>1,992,654</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2020		<u><u>1,447,357</u></u>	<u><u>369,737</u></u>	<u><u>1,817,094</u></u>

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

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CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	2,639,918		2,791,460	
Investments	14	977,882		-	
		<u>3,617,800</u>		<u>2,791,460</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	15	331,715		355,969	
Cash at bank and in hand		230,935		1,296,837	
		<u>562,650</u>		<u>1,652,806</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(258,794)		(257,083)	
Net current assets		<u>303,856</u>		<u>1,395,723</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,921,656</u>		<u>4,187,183</u>	
Deferred income	17	(2,220,259)		(2,370,089)	
Net assets		<u>1,701,397</u>		<u>1,817,094</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	20	381,528		369,737	
Unrestricted funds		1,319,869		1,447,357	
		<u>1,701,397</u>		<u>1,817,094</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 March 2022

G R Curry
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04357221

CENTRE WEST (NEWCASTLE)
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	25		(75,750)		(294,330)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,160)		-	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		270,002	
Purchase of investments		(1,000,000)		-	
Investment income received		15,008		-	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(990,152)		270,002
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(1,065,902)		(24,328)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,296,837		1,321,165
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			230,935		1,296,837

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Centre West (Newcastle) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Beacon, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE4 9PQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This includes taking into account the potential impact of COVID-19 to ensure that cashflow is positively managed and the impact to the charity's operations are mitigated. The Board has concluded that the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Capital grants and contributions receivable are credited to deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the estimated lives of the relevant assets.

Revenue grants and contributions received and receivable in respect of specific project expenditure are credited to deferred income and recognised in the income and expenditure account in the same period as the related expenditure.

The funding is received in accordance with the provisions and conditions as specified in the offer letters which regulate the way in which such funds may be spent.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.5 Expenditure

This relates to the costs of carrying out the activities of the charity. Where there are costs common to both direct charitable and management expenditure judgement is applied on a time allocation basis.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the provision of projects undertaken to benefit the area and property activities for the regeneration of the local area, including both direct cost and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	25 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33 1/3% straight line
Computers	33 1/3% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Legal status of the charity

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of a winding up, every member undertakes to contribute to the payment of liabilities such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1.

1.14 Joint arrangement

Joint arrangements are accounted for in accordance with Financial Reporting Statement 9 - Accounting for associates, joint ventures and joint arrangements. These financial statements recognise only Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of joint arrangement projects.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Assessing indicators of impairment

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment of assets, the trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions and experience of recoverability. The properties are periodically valued by Chartered Surveyors to ensure freehold properties are accurately disclosed in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Determining residual values and useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The company depreciates tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on historic performance as well as expectations about future use and therefore requires estimates and assumptions to be applied by management. The actual lives of these assets can vary depending on a variety of factors, including technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes.

Judgement is applied by trustees when determining the residual values for tangible fixed assets. When determining the residual value trustees aim to assess the amount that the company would currently obtain for the disposal of the asset, if it were already of the condition expected at the end of its useful economic life. Where possible this is done with reference to external market prices. The carrying amount of tangible fixed assets at the reporting end date was £2,639,918 (2020 - £2,791,460).

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3 Donations and legacies

Current financial year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Grants receivable	144,944	213,962	358,906
Grants receivable for core activities			
Newcastle CC revenue grant	-	25,295	25,295
Release of deferred capital grants	-	149,830	149,830
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	144,944	-	144,944
Other grants	-	38,837	38,837
	144,944	213,962	358,906

Prior financial year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Grants receivable	70,299	237,216	307,515
Grants receivable for core activities			
Newcastle CC revenue grant	-	24,553	24,553
Release of deferred capital grants	70,299	149,830	220,129
Other grants	-	62,833	62,833
	70,299	237,216	307,515

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4 Charitable activities

	Education projects 2021 £	Education projects 2020 £
Services from charitable activities	20,073	125,187
Other income	-	2
	<u>20,073</u>	<u>125,189</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	-	6,287
Restricted funds	<u>20,073</u>	<u>118,902</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Income from listed investments	<u>15,008</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Other income

	2021 £	2020 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>18,005</u>

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7 Charitable activities

	Project undertaken to benefit area 2021 £	Property activities for regeneration of area 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Project undertaken to benefit area 2020 £	Property activities for regeneration of area 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs	158,117	-	158,117	179,997	-	179,997
Depreciation and impairment	154,459	-	154,459	154,459	-	154,459
Advertising and communication	146	-	146	400	3,355	3,755
Equipment	5,924	-	5,924	12,579	-	12,579
Trustee and staff expenses	1,407	-	1,407	5,453	-	5,453
Property costs	2,109	(636)	1,473	2,120	15,399	17,519
Legal and professional fees	10	-	10	21	9,050	9,071
Cleaning	-	578	578	-	2,492	2,492
Sundry expenses	231	(1,224)	(993)	166	(2,115)	(1,949)
Share of The Beacon Partnership loss	560	-	560	15,114	-	15,114
	<u>322,963</u>	<u>(1,282)</u>	<u>321,681</u>	<u>370,309</u>	<u>28,181</u>	<u>398,490</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	-	-	-	66,878	-	66,878
Share of support costs (see note 9)	148,557	-	148,557	143,573	-	143,573
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	17,328	-	17,328	17,328	-	17,328
	<u>488,848</u>	<u>(1,282)</u>	<u>487,566</u>	<u>598,088</u>	<u>28,181</u>	<u>626,269</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	166,446	(58)	166,388	242,893	30,296	273,189
Restricted funds	322,402	(1,224)	321,178	355,195	(2,115)	353,080
	<u>488,848</u>	<u>(1,282)</u>	<u>487,566</u>	<u>598,088</u>	<u>28,181</u>	<u>626,269</u>

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8 Grants payable

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	-	66,878
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Support and governance costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Staff costs	103,446	-	103,446	83,927	-	83,927
Depreciation	2,243	-	2,243	657	-	657
Trustee and staff expenses	103	-	103	655	-	655
Advertising and communication	78	-	78	304	-	304
Equipment	52	-	52	916	-	916
Property costs	5,593	-	5,593	10,225	-	10,225
Office supplies	7,930	-	7,930	12,330	-	12,330
Rent	25,532	-	25,532	19,216	-	19,216
Legal and professional fees	2,340	-	2,340	14,216	-	14,216
Bank charges and interest	174	-	174	160	-	160
Sundry expenses	1,066	-	1,066	967	-	967
 Audit fees	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Accountancy	-	14,328	14,328	-	14,328	14,328
	<u>148,557</u>	<u>17,328</u>	<u>165,885</u>	<u>143,573</u>	<u>17,328</u>	<u>160,901</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>148,557</u>	<u>17,328</u>	<u>165,885</u>	<u>143,573</u>	<u>17,328</u>	<u>160,901</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
	14	19
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	237,082	238,279
Social security costs	13,898	17,159
Other pension costs	10,583	8,486
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>261,563</u>	<u>263,924</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(22,118)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	3,861,479	29,507	77,271	3,968,257
Additions	-	-	5,160	5,160
At 31 March 2021	3,861,479	29,507	82,431	3,973,417
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2020	1,071,356	29,507	75,934	1,176,797
Depreciation charged in the year	154,459	-	2,243	156,702
At 31 March 2021	1,225,815	29,507	78,177	1,333,499
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2021	2,635,664	-	4,254	2,639,918
At 31 March 2020	2,790,123	-	1,337	2,791,460

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14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2020	-
Additions	1,000,000
Valuation changes	(22,118)
At 31 March 2021	977,882
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	977,882
At 31 March 2020	-

15 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	6,971	20,517
Amounts owed by joint ventures	303,378	332,132
Other debtors	-	1,192
Prepayments and accrued income	21,366	2,128
	331,715	355,969

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	6,089	5,141
Trade creditors	2,910	4,695
Amounts owed to joint ventures	242,918	242,358
Other creditors	1,714	1,854
Accruals and deferred income	5,163	3,035
	258,794	257,083

17 Government grants

Included in deferred government grants is £2,220,259 (2020 - £2,370,089) in relation to The Beacon development.

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18 Collaboration

On 28 February 2011 the charity entered into a collaboration agreement with the environmental charity Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle. The purpose of the arrangement has been to fund and supervise the construction of The Beacon Building as described in the trustees report. The two parties agreed the way in which the project was to be financed and these financial statements recognise Centre West (Newcastle)'s share of the relevant assets and liabilities. The capital contribution from Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle was £1,575,000.

19 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

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

The charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £10,583 (2020 - £8,486). At the balance sheet date a pension liability of £1,714 (2020 - £1,854) was outstanding.

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20 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

Current financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	299,298	149,830	(154,459)	-	294,669
Hat-Trick Project	52,087	77,696	(138,165)	76,889	68,507
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
CHEFF Project	-	6,509	(28,554)	22,045	-
	<u>369,737</u>	<u>234,035</u>	<u>(321,178)</u>	<u>98,934</u>	<u>381,528</u>

Prior financial year

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Beacon Building	458,387	149,830	154,459	(154,460)	299,298
Hat-Trick Project	37,779	206,288	198,621	6,641	52,087
Science City	18,352	-	-	-	18,352
	<u>514,518</u>	<u>(356,118)</u>	<u>(353,080)</u>	<u>147,819</u>	<u>369,737</u>

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20 Restricted funds

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Beacon Building

Grant funding was received for the construction of a new social enterprise building to support the local business community in partnership with Groundworks South Tyneside and Newcastle. This fund represents the charity's share of the building as included in tangible fixed assets.

Hat-Trick Project

The Hat-Trick project was founded in 2005, using football as an ideal method to help young people gain skills and confidence - while having a great time along the way. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

CHEFF Project

The CHEFF project was founded in 2019, to encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles, reducing inequalities in health. This project is funded by grants restricted for this purpose.

Science City

The Newcastle Science City Community Engagement Project was launched to bring people of all backgrounds together to get involved with science and find out how it can make a real and lasting difference to their communities. The fund balance relates to an underspend on the project, for which authorisation is being sought to transfer to unrestricted funds.

Transfers between funds

This represents a rental charge deducted from the Hat-trick project for the rental of office space and a core charity contribution to the Hat-trick project for a trip to Estonia.

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	4,253	2,635,665	2,639,918
Investments	977,882	-	977,882
Current assets/(liabilities)	346,614	(42,758)	303,856
Provisions and deferred income	-	(2,220,259)	(2,220,259)
	<u>1,328,749</u>	<u>372,648</u>	<u>1,701,397</u>

Prior financial year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2020 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	1,335	2,790,125	2,791,460
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,446,022	(50,299)	1,395,723
Provisions and deferred income	-	(2,370,089)	(2,370,089)
	<u>1,447,357</u>	<u>369,737</u>	<u>1,817,094</u>

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22 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The board has approved to underwrite the projected shortfall in the funding required for the redevelopment of Elswick Pool located in the West End of Newcastle. The Friends of Elswick Pool have committed to carry out further fundraising however, in the event that a shortfall arises between revenue and costs, Centre West (Newcastle) have committed to underwriting the gap up to a maximum of £136,073. During the year a grant of £nil (2020: £60,000) was awarded to Elswick Pool from this provision.

23 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	4,213	4,213
	<u>4,213</u>	<u>4,213</u>

24 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

Key personnel is the Partnership Director of the charity.

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	46,585	46,585
	<u>46,585</u>	<u>46,585</u>

Two trustees that served during the year, H Rahman and J Byrne, are councillors of Newcastle City Council which acted as the accountable body to the NDC funding, but does not deliver any of the company's projects. Funding is received from Newcastle City Council. At 31 March 2021 an amount of £6,380 (2020: £18,225) is owed from Newcastle City Council and is included in debtors.

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25 Cash generated from operations	2021	2020
	£	£
Deficit for the year	(115,697)	(175,560)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(15,008)	-
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(18,005)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	22,118	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	156,702	155,116
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	24,254	(30,936)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,711	(4,816)
(Decrease) in deferred income	(149,830)	(220,129)
Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(75,750)</u>	<u>(294,330)</u>
