



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

1st April 2023

To

Period end date

31st March 2024

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Association of Jamaican Nationals (Birmingham) UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1130750

Charity's principal address

178 Dudley Road

Birmingham

Postcode

B18 7QX

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Beverly Lindsay OBE, OD,DL	Chair/Director		
2	Carlton Ellis JP	Treasurer/Director		
3	Cynthia Spence	Company Secretary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year


### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Memorandum and Articles
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Association of Jamaican Nationals (AJN) is a community organisation and has such network across communities and other organisations to deliver its Aims and Objectives.

The structure consists of:  
Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, treasurer and 6 other committee members (all unrelated)

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the benefit of people from Jamaica and of Jamaican ancestry in the West Midlands and Jamaican Nationals in Jamaica by:

- (a) the advancement of education and training
- (b) the relief of poverty, sickness and distress
- (c) the promotion of good health; and
- (d) the provision of recreational facilities in the interest of social

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

<p>welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions in life</li> <li>(b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities, and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.</li> </ul>
<p>The main activities undertaken for the public benefit include holding meetings to share information of relevance to those of Jamaican origin on issues that affect them, such as immigration issues, particular health issues or issues with regard, to poverty in Jamaica. Holding public meetings and inviting official guests from the Jamaican Government and the Jamaican High Commission as well as Civic Dignitaries, Local Politicians, and other Professionals to address the audience.</p> <p>Fundraising activities to raise funds in support of our nominated charities in Jamaica and other local charities in the UK, where we share the organisations objectives, host inter-generational cultural events, which also serve to entertain and educate our young people on all aspects of Jamaican culture and heritage.</p> <p>We provide support for bereaved families of Jamaican origin and at times assisting with funeral expenses.</p> <p>We liaise with other agencies particularly local government to arrange events that are of relevance and benefit to those of Jamaican origin as well as to members of the wider community.</p> <p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issues by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

We have a wide range of dedicated volunteers who help us to deliver our services especially at large events, our Annual General meeting (AGM) Annual Gala event of Local Heroes and Be Inspired Youth Awards, annual Independence Thanksgiving Service, and other community meetings.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

### **Nominations/Awards**

#### **Links with the Jamaican High Commission**

We facilitated links between the Jamaican government and the Jamaican community in Birmingham, evidenced by attendance of the Jamaican High Commissioner at events hosted by the Association such as, service of Praise and Thanksgiving for Jamaica's Independence service August 2023 and in October 2023 celebrating Local Heroes and the Be Inspired Youth awards.

The management board, friends and volunteers have worked hard to deliver the organisation's aims, objectives, and delivery plans.

#### **Jamaica's Independence/ Flag Raising**

AJN continues to organise a Flag Raising ceremony in celebration of Jamaica's Independence Day.

Our Local Hero's and The Be Inspired Youth Awards held yearly celebrating National Heritage Week (Jamaica) and Black History Month Held in the presence of local Civic dignitaries such as the Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands, The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Andy Street CBE, Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

Over the years we have been addressing the issue of mental health within our community.

We have seen an increase in mental health challenges, so we have continued to collaborated with Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust, Birmingham City University, local Churches and other service providers to host Mental Health conferences. June 2023, we celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Windrush generation and their descendants.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Charity continues to maintain a small reserve account but hope that this will gradually increase our reserve to be able to contribute towards a building in the future.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit****Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees****Signature(s)***B Lindsay**C Ellis***Full name(s)**

Beverly Lindsay

Carlton Ellis

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

Treasurer

**Date**

9 January 2025

**THE ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICAN NATIONALS**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>		<b><u>2023</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Membership Fees	90		225
Church Service	2125		NIL
Jamaica 60th		tickets	11666
		sponsors	48000
Event Sponsors	14450		
Gala & Heroes Awards	15691		
Other Donations			4160
Bank Interest	<u>127</u>		<u>41</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME (RECEIPTS)</b>		32483	64092
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
Postage & Printing	1670		517
Mustard Seed	4127		NIL
Advertising	300		NIL
Accountancy Fees	275		275
Zoom	NIL		143
Travel	NIL		209
ICO	NIL		35
Jamaica 60th Gala/Heroes Award	26772		40912
Benevolent Gifts	98		2150
Insurance	248		NIL
Windrush event	300		NIL
Sundry Expenses	<u>203</u>		<u>68</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>33993</u>	<u>44309</u>
<b>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</b>		<u>-1510</u>	<u>19783</u>

invoices

Xmas Meal	IT	PA	Lear Print	JLP	Aston Villa	St Johns	Trophies	
480	175.18 148.8 66	350	2219 500 935.35 597 31.45 14.35		235	9015	1364.4	1872
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## **THE ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICAN NATIONAL**

**2024**

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## CURRENT ASSETS

Reserve Account	9583	9455
Current Account	<u>25147</u>	<u>26783</u>
	<u>34730</u>	<u>36238</u>

### **LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accrual Expense (Accounts)	<u>252</u>	<u>300</u>
	252	300

**TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES**

34478

**REPRESENTED BY: ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

Funds B/fwd	35988	16205
Receipts Over Expenditure	<u>-1510</u>	<u>19783</u>

Accumulated Funds C/fwd

34478

**APPROVED BY.....**

**Mr C. G. Ellis**

## Honorary Treasurer

**16th December 2024**

**2023**

**£**

35938

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