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Report and Accounts for the year ended

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Trustees Report for the year ended 30 September 2023

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr William Richard Ollard

Ms Juliet Williams

Ms Patricia Omonua

Ms Kikelumo Omonua

Mr James Gardiner-Hill

Ms Christina Hughes-Onslow

Ms Clare Cary

Ms Rosy Crehan

Ms Hannah Thompson

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Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

Charity Aims

Longfield Hall Trust manages the historic Grade 2 listed Hall on behalf of the local community. In October 2019 it signed a 39 year lease on Longfield Hall with the London Borough of Lambeth. It achieves its charitable objectives by looking after and improving the building and providing an affordable space for education, performance, rehearsals, recreation, meetings and other activities.

Activities

Longfield Hall first opened in 1889 and has been serving the area around Myatt's Fields, Camberwell ever since. In 1992, Lambeth handed the Hall over to the Friends of Longfield Hall (FoLH). In 2010 Lambeth offered this group a 15-year lease on the hall. The Friends accepted the offer and became a company limited by guarantee. In 2014, the Friends renamed themselves as Longfield Hall Trust (LHT) and became a new charity (registration number 1133679). The change of name was to emphasise that making the Hall sustainable was now the charity's principal business objective. As part of this drive towards sustainability, LHT was invited by Lambeth to apply for a community asset transfer of the building from Lambeth to LHT: this resulted in Lambeth granting LHT a 39 year lease on the Hall in October 2019.

In November 2019 LHT started work to upgrade and improve the Hall, and in particular to make it fully accessible. This project is now complete. The public response to the enhancement has been encouraging. LHT would like to thank the organisations which funded the enhancement. Alphabetically, they are: Biffa Award, Big Issue Invest, City Bridge Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Power to Change, Swire Charitable Trust, Veolia Environmental Trust, and Viridor Environmental Credits.

LHT's business is managing the hall as a community space in an area which is extraordinarily diverse, in terms of income, race and age. Although the area immediately adjacent to the hall is apparently affluent, around it are some of the most deprived communities not only in south London but also in the country. North Brixton ward, (100 metres away, where three of the trustees and a large number of our users live) is one of the two most violent wards in Lambeth (State of the Borough 2022).

LHT's social purpose is to meet the needs of its local community. We operate as a 'village hall', providing space for recreation, education & training, public meetings and worship. We also provide spaces for rites of passage such as weddings, wakes and birthday parties. We are also developing the hall as a small-scale performance venue, building on its historic role as the home to the first publicly funded Black Theatre company in the UK. We have a Blue Plaque celebrating Dark & Light Theatre which was at the hall from 1979 to 1984.

Currently about 1,500 people use the hall each week. The hall is available for hire seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, usually from 8am to 10pm.

LHT has three revenue streams. The first is space hire. The second is putting on ticketed events and performances. The third is community development – enabling our local community to participate in activities which improve health & wellbeing, combat isolation, improve confidence, and learn new skills.

Report on the Year ending 30 September 2023

Total Income for the year was £164,773 (2022 £164,636), outgoing resources £188,258 (2022 £161,801), resulting in a deficit for the year of £23,485 (2022 surplus £2,735).

These figures need to be understood as a reflection of the way we have accounted for the substantial enhancement we made to the Hall over the past couple of years. These costs of this capital improvement are being amortised over the remaining years of our lease.

Operationally, the charity has focused on managing the increased opportunities, both commercial and charitable, that the enhancement of the Hall has created. The fact that our three principal spaces can now be used independently of each other has produced a significant increase in both usage of the Hall and the scope and scale of the activities we can offer. We now offer a lot more activities for young people, thanks to Jess Alade, our youth engagement manager.

LHT has also continued to offer a range of activities for older people at risk of isolation. Several of these activities are free to pensioners, thanks to a grant from Friends of the Elderly.

Our biggest artistic innovation in the financial year ended on 30 September 2023 was a residency from Bunker Cabaret, a Ukrainian performance group who worked with Hooligan Arts to produce two sold-out shows at the hall in March. These shows gave an insight into what it was like living in Kyiv when it is under attack from Russia.

Our other performances were more traditional, both at the hall and in neighbouring Myatt's Fields Park. These included *Sense & Sensibility*; *Alice in Aerialand*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Everywhere's a Beach*.

At the end of the financial year we had 120 people who are, formally, members of the company, LHT, and a further 350 who have asked to be on our email list. Anyone can be a member (and it costs nothing) but almost all the current members are local people who use the hall. The 350 people on our email list are all hall users.

The trustee board answers to the members formally at the Annual General Meeting but also informally at any time. We hope more local people, and particularly younger people, will become members (and trustees) as we develop. Naturally we will consult with the local community at every stage of our development.

Approved by the trustees on 17 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



William Ollard, Director

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Charity

I report to the trustees on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account & Statement of Total Realised Gains and Losses)

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2023</u>	Restricted Funds <u>2023</u>	Total Funds <u>2023</u>	Total Funds <u>2022</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants and donations received	5,750	31,873	37,623	56,957
Incoming resources from generated funds: Voluntary income	127,150	-	127,150	107,579
Total Incoming Resources	<u>132,900</u>	<u>31,873</u>	<u>164,773</u>	<u>164,536</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Total Resources Expended	<u>134,897</u>	<u>53,361</u>	<u>188,258</u>	<u>161,801</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES/ NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>(1,997)</u>	<u>(21,488)</u>	<u>(23,485)</u>	<u>2,735</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 OCTOBER	<u>25,151</u>	<u>517,314</u>	<u>542,465</u>	<u>539,730</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 30 SEPTEMBER	<u><u>23,154</u></u>	<u><u>495,826</u></u>	<u><u>518,880</u></u>	<u><u>542,465</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2023

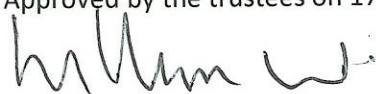
	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	629,865	653,151
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	4	16,727	17,749
Cash at bank		11,786	17,993
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals due within one year	5	(73,209)	(98,910)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(44,696)	(63,168)
Creditors due after one year	5	(66,289)	(47,518)
Net Assets		<u>518,880</u>	<u>542,465</u>
Reserves			
Retained unrestricted reserve		23,054	25,151
Restricted funds	6	495,826	517,314
Total reserves		<u>518,880</u>	<u>542,465</u>

The trustees are satisfied that for the year in question the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 3.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Approved by the trustees on 17 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



William Ollard, Director

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023

- 1 Accounting Policies
Basis of measurement and preparation of accounts
These accounts have not been audited, but they have been externally reviewed.
- 2 The Company is limited by guarantee and consequently does not have a share capital.
- 3 The Charity premises are the subject of a lease from Lambeth Council. No liability is shown in these accounts as it is expected the property will be transferred to Longfield Hall Trust under a capital asset transfer.

Assets are depreciated over the following periods:

Office equipment over 3 years

Leasehold improvements over their estimated useful life of between 5 and 40 years

Tangible Assets

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
	Leasehold Improvements	Office Equipment	Total	Total
Cost as at 1 October	697,283	6,920	704,203	704,203
Additions at cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cost as at cost 30 September	<u>697,283</u>	<u>6,920</u>	<u>704,203</u>	<u>704,203</u>
Depreciation as at 1 October	44,549	6,503	51,052	25,755
Depreciation charge for the year	<u>22,869</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>23,286</u>	<u>25,297</u>
Depreciation as at 30 September	<u>67,418</u>	<u>6,920</u>	<u>74,338</u>	<u>51,052</u>
Net book value as at 30 September	<u>629,865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>629,865</u>	<u>653,151</u>

Additions to leasehold improvements in the comparative year represent the costs of building improvement works carried out and bought into use during that year. The grants that funded these works are treated as restricted funds amortised over their expected useful life, from financial year 2020/21 onwards.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023

4 Debtors and Prepayments

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Trade Debtors	13,416	10,336
Prepayments	<u>3,311</u>	<u>7,413</u>
Total	<u>16,727</u>	<u>17,749</u>

5 Creditors, Accruals and Deferred income

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Creditors and accruals	5,784	22,573
Amount held on behalf of third parties	33,092	36,123
Loans due within 1 year	34,333	29,495
Total	<u>73,209</u>	<u>88,191</u>

Loans due after 1 year	-	<u>66,289</u>	<u>47,518</u>
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- 6 Related party transactions. There have been no reportable transactions with the directors.

7 Capital commitments

At 30 September 2023 LHT had committed £Nil [2022 £Nil] in respect of capital works.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022

8 Restricted funds

<u>Brought forward</u>	<u>Incoming resources</u>	<u>Resources expended</u>	<u>Carried forward</u>
£nil	£11,273	(£11,273)	£nil
Grant from Ecosystems Coldharbour to fund delivery of My Ends violence reduction project			
£10,000	£nil	£(2,000)	£8,000
Grant from Sport England to fund a new hall sprung floor. This is written off over the expected useful life of ten years.			
£2,281	£nil	£(2,281)	£nil
Grant from Sport England to fund free dance and Pilates classes for over 55s at risk of isolation.			
£nil	£4,020	£(4,020)	£nil
Grant from Tom's Trust to fund summer drama activities and performances for young people.			
£1,323	£nil	£(1,323)	£nil
Grant from The Ernst Hecht Charitable Foundation to fund Longfield Voices community choir weekly activities.			
£6,710	£10,000	£(1,901)	£14,809
Grants from London Community Foundation to fund Craft Your Future DIY programme.			
£2,000	£nil	£(2,000)	£nil
Grant from Active Lambeth to fund Silver Yoga			
£7,920	£nil	£(7,920)	£nil
Grant from Awards For All to fund Weekly Drama Classes for an academic year.			
£nil	£4,580	£(4,580)	£nil
Grant from Friends Of The Elderly to fund Silver Yoga and Longfield Voices.			
£nil	£2,000	£(2,000)	£nil
Grant from Sylvia Waddilove to fund stage lighting			

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Restricted Funds (continued) – Capital Improvements detail

<u>Brought forward</u>	<u>Incoming resources</u>	<u>Resources expended</u>	<u>Carried forward</u>
£52,920	£nil	£(1,528)	£51,392
Grant from BIFFA Awards to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall			
£93,333	£nil	£(2,694)	£90,639
Grant from City Bridge Trust to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall			
£38,488	£nil	£(1,111)	£37,377
Grant from Garfield Weston Foundation to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall			
£206,792	£nil	£(5,972)	£200,820
Grant from Power to Change to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall			
£17,320	£nil	£(500)	£16,820
Grant from Swire Charitable Trust to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall.			
£34,639	£nil	£(1,000)	£33,639
Grant from Veolia Environmental Trust to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall			
£43,588	£nil	£(1,258)	£42,330
Grant from Viridor Credits to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall.			
£487,080	£nil	£(14,063)	£473,017
Grants to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall [detailed above]			
£517,314	£31,873	£(53,361)	£495,826

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Detailed Expenditure for the year ended 30 September 2023 [Not part of the statutory accounts]

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Rent and rates	9,480	6,950
Staffing	30,609	26,957
Office costs	6,047	3,588
Repairs	13,135	14,341
Direct grant related	39,298	45,408
Community Events	14,815	7,406
Waste collection	2,042	1,659
Utilities	14,844	5,482
Insurance/Security	3,840	5,053
Cleaning	22,533	17,436
Bookkeeping and accounts	3,860	5,232
Professional fees	2,845	-
Depreciation	3,205	5,215
Leasehold Amortisation	20,081	20,081
Irrecoverable / (Recovered VAT	1,624	(3,037)
<u>Total</u>	<u>188,258</u>	<u>161,801</u>