

NETHER EDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1139239

Details

Other names	NENG
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07414080
Registered	2010-12-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE ESPECIALLY OF THOSE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE AREAS OF BRINCLIFFE, NETHER EDGE AND SHARROW IN SHEFFIELD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATION WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES..

Activities: Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group organises four Farmer's and Craft Markets annually. A wildflower meadow area has been planted in the local park and bulbs planted in grass verges. We also organise other events such as a Party in The Park a. Our aim is to improve the environment and conditions of life in the area and to encourage residents to participate in the community's activities and affairs.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRINCLIFFE, NETHER EDGE AND SHARROW IN SHEFFIELD.
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£35,515	£36,429	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,325	£38,797	-	-
2022-10-31	£25,570	£25,064	-	-
2021-10-31	£23,730	£17,283	-	-
2020-10-31	£14,352	£22,276	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kenneth Lambert	Chair	2022-07-07
Marion Elizabeth Gerson		2022-07-07
Richard Eric Taylor		2022-07-07

Accounts

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Trustees

Ken Lambert Chair

Howard Fry Committee Secretary Resigned 24 July 2025

Richard Taylor

Marion Gerson

Frances Kime Appointed 24 July 2025, resigned 26 September 2025

Company Secretary

Ken Lambert

Registered office

32 Thornsett Road

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To achieve our objectives we:

- run a local Farmers Market four times a year, with surpluses from the stall fees going to local charities;
- run an annual Neighbourhood Festival, again with any profits going to fund future festivals and any surplus going to local charities;
- publish 10 editions a year of the neighbourhood magazine "EDGE"; this is funded by subscriptions and advertising revenue;
- support "sub groups" of NENG through a Memorandum of Understanding:- ; Friends of Chelsea Park; the History Group; Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood; David Pierce Pocket Park; Our Shared Streets

A new group initially called "Safer Roads" was provisionally established at a meeting held on 19 November 2024, and has subsequently become a formal NENG sub group "Our Shared Streets", with the co-chairs represented on the NENG management committee.

Other groups and activities are affiliated to and supported by NENG, but unlike the "sub groups" there are no financial considerations. These are: the Nether Edge Art Group; Open Gardens; Frog Walk Pocket Park.

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The AGM for 2024 was held in the Nether Edge Bowling Club on 9 July 2024. 40 members attended and in addition to presentations by sub group leads, members were asked about traffic issues; from this initial discussion, the new "Our Shared Streets" sub group was formed. A report on the AGM was given in the September edition of the EDGE magazine. The AGM for 2025 was held on 24 July 2025 with 30 members attending, with a similar format; this was held at a different venue, Shirley House, for the first time.

Nether Edge Farmers' Market: Markets were held in June 2024, September, 2024, December 2024 and March 2025. The number of stalls is now approx 58 and around 500 people attend – though it is impossible to count as the Market is held on the (temporarily closed) public highway. The market fosters new, local, start-up businesses (many of whom have progressed to national businesses) as well as established traders and growers / makers. It has meant demand exceeds supply for the number of stalls available, but there have been experiments with stall holders "sharing" a stall between them; this has been of particular help to newer stall holders. The market provides a boost to existing local retailers and cafes and is much loved by many across the city. In the light of terrorist attacks in several countries involving the use of vehicles as weapons, the market committee had to carry out a much thorough risk assessment and provide contingency plans to Sheffield City Council, the licencing authority. These plans were accepted.

Nether Edge Festival: A Festival was held in September 2024, with live events indoors and outdoors. The opening event was held at Common Ground, with a number of bouncy castles providing entertainment for the young and not so young. After the disappointment of cancellation in 2023 due to stricter conditions imposed by Sheffield City Council, starting the planning for the 2024 Festival meant that the Party in the Park (Chelsea Park) did do ahead and was very well attended. The Council Ward Pot funding helped meet the costs. The Festival in September 2025 had 80 events, again starting with the opening event at Common Ground, opened by local MP Abtissam Mohammed, and ending with an enlarged and very well attended Party in the Park.

EDGE: our 10-monthly neighbourhood magazine (subscriptions cost £10 per annum) is distributed to 1000 households and businesses in Nether Edge, containing a diverse range of informative articles about the area as well as a regular "What's On" feature. A local graphic designer and member of the NENG committee has volunteered his services to produce a much more professional and eye catching magazine, which has received a great deal of praise. Paper and electronic version of the magazine were produced throughout the period. The EDGE Editorial Board now has five members and although there are some guest editors, most of the work falls on their shoulders.

Sub-group activities

Friends of Chelsea Park (FoCP): There has been limited activity since the completion of work on the playground, but of note are a new bench funded by a local business to replace a broken one; cleaning of old benches through a "community payback" initiative. It is planned to carry out a survey of Park users to see what further improvements might be made, notably play equipment for older children.

Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood: The Group has continued to meet monthly to help maintain the Wood in conjunction with the Council Ranger Service. A new bench was installed, with a plaque commemorating Ernest Shoobridge, one of the founder members of the group. There have been issues with litter that have been addressed by the group. During the Festival in both 2024 and 2025, the tree trail in the wood was a popular attraction.

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Local History Group: The Group has run a number local history walks and has regular monthly “drop in” meetings in the Union pub, where local people are invited to share their experiences. The bi-monthly talks on local history by guest speakers, held in the Kenwood Hotel, have continued to be popular. All were well attended and the entrance fee of £5 covered the costs of room hire. The Group also sponsors three evenings of traditional Christmas Carols in the Union pub.

David Pierce Pocket Park Group: After the official opening of the Pocket Park on 9 November 2024 by local MP Abtissam Mohammed, the focus has been of tending the plants and generally maintaining the plot. After a wonderful display of spring flowers, the shrubs and tree are coming into their own, maintained by a small group of volunteers. In warmer weather, the seats in the park are well used. Plans to extend the Park into a similar space across the road have had to be discontinued, but in collaboration with our sister group NESST (Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation), we are looking for alternative sites for “greening” the locality. It is intended, with the agreement of the major local donor, to use the remaining Pocket Park designated funds for these new initiatives.

Affiliate-group activities

Art in Nether Edge: Meetings are held monthly in the Bowling Club.

NENG continues to fund floral and Christmas displays in the centre of Nether Edge. Volunteers continue to maintain the Frog Walk “**Pocket Park**”, which attracts much favourable comment. The **Open Gardens** event, for which all donations received are given to charity, was held very successfully in June 2023 and June 2024, with nearly £4,000 being raised each year for the various charities supported by the people who open their gardens.

Donations made

Donations have been made to local charities from market surpluses amounting to £9,300 and beneficiaries have been:

Thalassaemia Group	£1,200
Family Voice/Common Ground	£1,200
Baby Basics	£1,300
British Diabetic Association Sheffield	£1,300
HARC (Homeless and Rootless and Christmas)	£700
Under the Stars	£700
Comac Bicycle Works	£700
ASSIST Sheffield	£1,100
St Lukes Hospice	£1,100

Future Plans

The main ambition is to ensure that core activities continue to be carried out. The new “Our Shared Streets” sub group is venturing into new activities that support the NENG objectives. It is hoped to find new spaces for pocket parks or similar greening initiatives.

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Reserves policy

Committee has agreed to keep the minimum reserve target to £10,000 (excluding reserved funds, notably the total of donations received in respect of the Pocket Park). Costs of producing the EDGE magazine have not increased during the period, by the continuing use of our in house graphic designer.

Free reserves held at 31 March 2025 were £7,010. The Farmers' Market is expected to cover its costs, as charitable donations are not agreed until after income has been confirmed, while the Festival Committee budgets to cover its own costs, though allowing for a small loss as agreed by the main NENG Committee. History Group's initiatives are generally planned to be self-financing although they may need temporary support from NENG to get them started.

Restricted funds held at 31 March 2025 were £6,097 for the David Pierce Pocket Park.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the 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 judgments 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements

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Small companies provision statement

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

Approved by the Board on 12 January 2026.

Signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth J. Lambert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Ken Lambert
Trustee

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group ("the Company")

I report to the charity directors on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the directors of the Company you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to organisations preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

S Lightfoot

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
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15 January 2026

Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ending 31 March 2025

	Note	12 months			17 months		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Subscriptions		7,655	-	7,655	9,371	-	9,371
Advertising income		1,254	-	1,254	1,462	-	1,462
Market income		11,948	-	11,948	17,201	-	17,201
Festival donations		250	-	250	269	-	269
Festival income		745	-	745	977	-	977
Festival grants		-	750	750	-	-	-
History Group Books		506	-	506	1,084	-	1,084
History Group Talks		974	-	974	916	-	916
Pocket park donations		-	11,182	11,182	-	2,700	2,700
Pocket park grants		-	-	-	-	500	500
General donations		-	-	-	131	-	131
General book sales		211	-	211	1,554	-	1,554
Other general income		40	-	40	160	-	160
		23,583	11,932	35,515	33,125	3,200	36,325
Expenditure on:							
Direct costs							
Edge magazine		4,550	-	4,550	6,436	-	6,436
Community space costs (eg display boards, planting)		-	-	-	784	-	784
Market costs		1,641	-	1,641	2,222	-	2,222
Festival costs		2,123	750	2,873	2,199	-	2,199
History book costs		850	-	850	750	-	750
Other history group costs		585	-	585	2,447	-	2,447
Pocket park costs		-	12,148	12,148	-	1,122	1,122
Friends of Brincliffe Edge costs		160	-	160	-	-	-
Chelsea Park refurbishment costs		-	-	-	900	-	900
Anniversary book costs		-	-	-	2,168	-	2,168
Donations/grants given		9,300	-	9,300	13,500	-	13,500
Support costs							
Insurance		367	-	367	337	-	337
Printing, postage and stationery		-	-	-	30	-	30
Room hire		295	-	295	425	-	425
Storage costs		550	-	550	1,100	-	1,100
Other costs		280	-	280	656	71	727
Legal and professional fees		2,245	-	2,245	3,080	-	3,080
Independent examination	6	585	-	585	570	-	570
		23,531	12,898	36,429	37,604	1,193	38,797
Net income/(expenditure)		52	(966)	(914)	(4,479)	2,007	(2,472)
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	(100)	100	-
Net movement in funds		52	(966)	(914)	(4,579)	2,107	(2,472)
Total funds brought forward		6,958	7,063	14,021	11,537	4,956	16,493
Total funds carried forward		7,010	6,097	13,107	6,958	7,063	14,021

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Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	As at 31 March 2025 £	As at 31 March 2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	2	347	525
Cash at bank and in hand		16,156	18,276
Total current assets		16,503	18,801
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(3,396)	(4,780)
Net current assets		13,107	14,021
Total assets less current liabilities		13,107	14,021
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net assets		13,107	14,021
Represented by:			
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		7,010	6,958
Restricted income funds	4	6,097	7,063
	5	13,107	14,021

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 January 2026.

Signed on behalf of the board by:

Kenneth J. Lambert

Ken Lambert
Trustee

Notes to the accounts

For the year ending 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

(a) General

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event that the charity is wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to the accounts. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £.

(b) Revenue recognition

Income is recognised when the organisation has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income received in advance of an event is deferred until that event takes place.

(c) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(e) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

(f) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(g) Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the funder.

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1 Accounting Policies - continued

(h) Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

(i) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	285	466
Prepayments	62	59
	<u>347</u>	<u>525</u>

3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	455	1,810
Accruals	741	570
Grants payable	2,200	2,400
	<u>3,396</u>	<u>4,780</u>

4 Restricted funds

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Pocket Parks	7,063	11,182	(12,148)	-	6,097
Festival grants	-	750	(750)	-	-
	<u>7,063</u>	<u>11,932</u>	<u>(12,898)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,097</u>
<i>Prior year comparison</i>	<i>Brought forward</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Carried forward</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Pocket Parks</i>	<i>4,956</i>	<i>3,200</i>	<i>(1,193)</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>7,063</i>
	<u>4,956</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>(1,193)</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>7,063</u>

The transfer reflects the £100 donated from the March market surplus.

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5 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
	£	£	£	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Current assets	10,406	6,097	16,503	11,738	7,063	18,801
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(3,396)	-	(3,396)	(4,780)	-	(4,780)
	<u>7,010</u>	<u>6,097</u>	<u>13,107</u>	<u>6,958</u>	<u>7,063</u>	<u>14,021</u>

6 Independent examiner's fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination fee	<u>585</u>	<u>570</u>
Other fees paid to the independent examiner's organisation:		
Taxation services	156	-
Other services	396	270
	<u>552</u>	<u>270</u>

7 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil).

8 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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Other groups are affiliated to and supported by NENG, but unlike the "sub groups" there are no financial considerations. These are: the Nether Edge Art Group; Open Gardens; Frog Walk Pocket Park.

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group

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Nether Edge Farmers' Market: Although restrictions due to Covid ceased in 2022, the Market Committee decided to continue with the reduced number of stalls, which created a better ambience for visitors. The number of stalls is now approx 58 and around 500 people attend – though it is impossible to count as the Market is held on the (temporarily closed) public highway. The market fosters new, local, start-up businesses (many of whom have progressed to national businesses) as well as established traders and growers / makers. It has meant demand exceeds supply for the number of stalls available, but there have been experiments with stall holders “sharing” a stall between them; this has been of particular help to newer stall holders. The market provides a boost to existing local retailers and cafes and is much loved by many across the city.

Nether Edge Festival: A Festival was held in September 2023, with live events indoors and outdoors. The opening event was held at Common Ground, with a number of bouncy castles providing entertainment for the young and not so young. The Festival was planned to end with the Party in the Park (Chelsea Park), but unfortunately restrictions imposed by Sheffield Council meant that costs would have been too high and so unfortunately this event had to be cancelled. The £500 “Ward pot” funding from the Council in support of this event was refunded. Starting the planning for the 2024 Festival meant that the Party in the Park did do ahead and was very well attended.

EDGE: our 10-monthly neighbourhood magazine (subscriptions cost £10 per annum) is distributed to 1000 households and businesses in Nether Edge, containing a diverse range of informative articles about the area as well as a regular “What’s On” feature. A local graphic designer and member of the NENG committee has volunteered his services to produce a much more professional and eye catching magazine, which has received a great deal of praise. Paper and electronic version of the magazine were produced throughout the period. The EDGE Editorial Board now has five members and although there are some guest editors, most of the work falls on their shoulders.

The Editorial Board and helpers from the History Group combined to produce a book celebrating 50 years of NENG. This was sold for £5 for EDGE subscribers and £6 for others. Free copies were given to all the volunteers who distribute copies of the EDGE magazine to subscribers. From a print run of 700, just over 500 copies have been sold up to the end of December 2024.

Sub-group activities

Friends of Chelsea Park (FoCP): After the successful completion of the playground refurbishment and the installation of the “Talking Flowers”, activities have wound down. There has been some vandalism and graffiti in the park, which has been cleaned up with the help of the Council. Several of the seats are in a state of disrepair and should be replaced or need thorough cleaning and work has been put in hand to improve the situation. A local business has offered to part fund some of the projected work.

Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood: The Group has continued to meet monthly to help maintain the Wood in conjunction with the Council Ranger Service. 30 buckthorn whips were purchased through NENG and planted in partnership Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation. It is intended that the buckthorn shrubs will attract the rare Brimstone butterflies.

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Local History Group: The Group has run a number local history walks has restarted monthly “drop in” meetings in the Union pub, where local people are invited to share their experiences. A new initiative has been bi-monthly talks on local history by guest speakers, held in the Kenwood Hotel. The subjects have been diverse, including the history of Hendersons Relish, the trial of Samuel Holberry and the history of the fork. All were well attended and the entrance fee of £5 covered the costs of room hire.

David Pierce Pocket Park Group: As a major part of the 2023 celebration of 50 years since the formation of NENG, it was decided to establish a “pocket park” on a piece of unloved waste ground in the centre of Nether Edge near the shops. Crowd funding did raise some funds, but not enough for the projected costs; the project was going to be abandoned and donors refunded when a local resident pledged £10,000 towards the project (the donation was actually made in July 2024 once the work on the pocket park had started in earnest). Further funds came from the Council Ward Pot and from a collection held at the funeral of David Pierce, a long time stalwart of NENG and chair for several years. The NENG Committee agreed to name the park in his memory. It was decided that we should proceed, and this was greatly helped by Amey (the Council highways contractor) agreeing to remove the tarmac free of charge and to donate soil. This had been anticipated as the major cost for the project. The tarmac was removed in August 2024 and the supporting wooden beam walls put in place by a local garden contractor. Initial planting was carried out in September by a large group of volunteers, and formal opening was performed on 9 November by the widow of David Pierce and the local benefactor. The local MP attended and gave a short speech, with two of the local councillors also in attendance. A team of volunteers is in place to maintain the park in the future, with ongoing costs for new planting.

Affiliate-group activities

Art in Nether Edge: Meetings are held monthly in the Bowling Club.

NENG continues to fund floral and Christmas displays in the centre of Nether Edge. Volunteers continue to maintain the Frog Walk “**Pocket Park**”, which attracts much favourable comment. The **Open Gardens** event, for which all donations received are given to charity, was held very successfully in June 2023 and June 2024, with nearly £4,000 being raised each year for the various charities supported by the people who open their gardens.

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Donations made

Surpluses raised by the Farmers Markets had been a little restricted due to a reduced number of stalls, but this was offset from the November 2022 market through raising the costs of stalls, with no adverse reaction from stall holders. Donations have been made to local charities from market surpluses amounting to £13,500 and beneficiaries have been:

Roundabout	£800
Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind	£800
East Street Theatre	£500
Sheffield Young Carers	£1000
Ben's Centre	£1000
City of Sanctuary	£1200
Space to Breathe (refugees)	£1200
St Wilfred's Centre	£1300
Action Epilepsy	£1000
HARC (Homeless & Rootless at Christmas)	£1000
Amie's House	£600
Joy Bank	£600
Golddigger Trust (supporting children in education)	£1200
Paces (for children & adults with neurological conditions)	£1200
Archer Lane Allotment Society	£100

A further £100 was transferred to the David Pierce Pocket Park restricted fund.

Future Plans

After the activities in 2023 surrounding the 50th anniversary of NENG, apart from continuing and consolidating existing activities, not least maintaining the new pocket park, there will be a new focus on safer streets in Nether Edge and Sharrow. There are many problems caused by speeding, double parking so that a new group has been formed to make representations to the Council on these issues. The sub group was only formed in November, but has enthusiastic co-chairs and a steering group. The co-chairs will sit on the main NENG committee.

Reserves policy

Committee has agreed to keep the minimum reserve target to £10,000 (excluding reserved funds, notably the total of donations received in respect of the Pocket Park). Costs of producing the EDGE magazine have been reduced by c£200 per edition by using cheaper paper, by having an in house graphic designer and change of printer.

Free reserves held at 31 March 2024 were £6,958. The Farmers' Market is expected to cover its costs, as charitable donations are not agreed until after income has been confirmed, while the Festival Committee budgets to cover its own costs, though allowing for a small loss as agreed by the main NENG Committee. History Group's initiatives are generally planned to be self-financing although they may need temporary support from NENG to get them started.

Restricted funds held at 31 March 2024 were £7,063 for the David Pierce Pocket Park.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the 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 business.

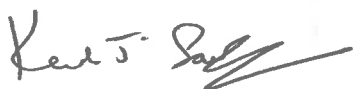
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements

Small companies provision statement

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

Approved by the Board on 22 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Ken Lambert
Trustee

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group ("the Company")

I report to the charity directors on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the 17 month period ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the directors of the Company you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to organisations preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Signed: 

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
57 Burton Street
Sheffield
S6 2HH

Date:

27 January 2025

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group

Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the 17 month period ending 31 March 2024

		17 months			12 months		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Subscriptions		9,371	-	9,371	6,659	-	6,659
Advertising income		1,462	-	1,462	2,081	-	2,081
Market income		17,201	-	17,201	8,495	-	8,495
Festival donations		269	-	269	-	-	-
Festival income		977	-	977	2,094	-	2,094
Festival grants		-	-	-	-	769	769
History Group Books		1,084	-	1,084	1,712	-	1,712
History Group Talks		916	-	916	-	-	-
Community Food Garden donations and grants		-	-	-	-	3,665	3,665
Pocket park donations		-	2,700	2,700	-	-	-
Pocket park grants		-	500	500	-	-	-
General donations		131	-	131	95	-	95
General book sales		1,554	-	1,554	-	-	-
Other general income		160	-	160	-	-	-
		33,125	3,200	36,325	21,136	4,434	25,570
Expenditure on:							
Direct costs							
Edge magazine		6,436	-	6,436	6,251	-	6,251
Community space costs (eg display boards, planting)		784	-	784	353	-	353
Market costs		2,222	-	2,222	1,258	-	1,258
Festival costs		2,199	-	2,199	2,368	769	3,137
History book costs		750	-	750	-	-	-
Other history group costs		2,447	-	2,447	231	-	231
Pocket park costs		-	1,122	1,122	-	-	-
Chelsea Park refurbishment costs		900	-	900	459	1,181	1,640
Friends of Brincliffe Edge wood costs		-	-	-	100	-	100
Anniversary book costs		2,168	-	2,168	-	-	-
Donations/grants given		13,500	-	13,500	8,997	-	8,997
Support costs							
Insurance		337	-	337	488	-	488
Printing, postage and stationery		30	-	30	30	-	30
Room hire		425	-	425	200	-	200
Storage costs		1,100	-	1,100	280	-	280
Other costs		656	71	727	255	-	255
Legal and professional fees		3,080	-	3,080	1,370	-	1,370
Independent examination	7	570	-	570	474	-	474
		37,604	1,193	38,797	23,114	1,950	25,064
Net income/(expenditure)		(4,479)	2,007	(2,472)	(1,978)	2,484	506
Transfers between funds	5	(100)	100	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,579)	2,107	(2,472)	(1,978)	2,484	506
Total funds brought forward		11,537	4,956	16,493	13,515	2,472	15,987
Total funds carried forward		6,958	7,063	14,021	11,537	4,956	16,493

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	As at 31 March 2024 £	As at 31 October 2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	2	525	975
Cash at bank and in hand		18,276	18,332
Total current assets		18,801	19,307
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(4,780)	(2,814)
Net current assets		14,021	16,493
Total assets less current liabilities		14,021	16,493
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net assets		14,021	16,493
Represented by:			
Funds of the Charity			
General funds		6,958	11,537
Designated funds	4	-	-
Total unrestricted funds		6,958	11,537
Restricted income funds	5	7,063	4,956
	6	14,021	16,493

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 January 2025 and signed on behalf of the board by:



Ken Lambert
Trustee

Notes to the accounts

For the 17 month period ending 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies

(a) General

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event that the charity is wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to the accounts. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £.

(b) Revenue recognition

Income is recognised when the organisation has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income received in advance of an event is deferred until that event takes place.

(c) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(e) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

(f) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1 Accounting Policies - continued

(g) Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the funder.

(h) Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

(i) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	466	434
Prepayments	59	541
	<u>525</u>	<u>975</u>

3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Creditors	1,810	380
Accruals	570	474
Grants payable	2,400	-
Income received in advance	-	1,960
	<u>4,780</u>	<u>2,814</u>

4 Designated funds

There were no designated funds this year.

Prior year comparison

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Friends of Chelsea Park	3,059	-	(459)	(2,600)	-
	<u>3,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(459)</u>	<u>(2,600)</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the accounts - continued
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5 Restricted funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Pocket Parks	4,956	3,200	(1,193)	100	7,063
	4,956	3,200	(1,193)	100	7,063

The transfer reflects the £100 donated from the March market surplus.

Prior year comparison

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Kenwood Community Growers/Pocket Parks	1,291	3,665	-	-	4,956
Friends of Chelsea Park	1,181	-	(1,181)	-	-
Festival grants	-	769	(769)	-	-
	2,472	4,434	(1,950)	-	4,956

Kenwood Community Growers/Pocket Parks

All donations and expenditure for this purpose are shown as a restricted fund. The primary funder has agreed that, as the Growers have been unable to find an alternative site for communal growing, despite strenuous efforts, this fund can be spent on pocket parks.

6 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Current assets	11,738	-	7,063	18,801
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(4,780)	-	-	(4,780)
	6,958	-	7,063	14,021
Prior year comparison	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Current assets	14,351	-	4,956	19,307
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,814)	-	-	(2,814)
	11,537	-	4,956	16,493

7 Independent examiner's fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination fee	570	474
Other fees paid to the independent examiner's organisation: Other services	270	-

8 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil).

9 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

Accounts

Company registration number: 07414080
Charity registration number: 1139239

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 October 2022

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group

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Legal and administrative information For the year ended 31 October 2022

Trustees

Ken Lambert	Chair	
Howard Fry	Committee Secretary	
David Pierce		Resigned 4 July 2023
Richard Taylor		
Marion Gerson		Appointed on 30 March 2022
Nicole Erlen		Resigned on 30 March 2022
Mazhar Hussain		Resigned on 30 March 2022

Company Secretary

Ken Lambert

Registered office

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Independent examiner

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Trustees' annual report

For the year ended 31 October 2022

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

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the 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) issued in October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group (NENG) was incorporated on 20 October 2010 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Its legal status is that of a company limited by guarantee. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1. The company became registered as a charity on 1 December 2010.

The NENG management committee has sixteen members and has continued to meet on a monthly basis via Zoom until re-starting face to face meetings on 18 January 2022. Due to something of a Covid 19 surge, it was reluctantly decided to hold the AGM via Zoom on 30 March 2022. The response was good, with 28 members "attending". Each of the sub group leads gave a brief resume of their activities and programme for the future. Formal reports by the sub groups were presented in the March edition of EDGE.

It is with much sadness that the Committee accepted the resignation due to ill health of David Pearce, a long serving stalwart of NENG. David resigned from all his other posts including as Trustee.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Company ('the Objects') are to improve the conditions of life especially of those living or working in the areas of Brincliffe, Nether Edge and Sharrow in Sheffield, without distinction of sex or race or of political, religious or other opinions, by association with the local authorities, voluntary organisations and residents in a common effort to advance education, to improve the environment and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time activities.

To achieve our objectives we:

- run a local Farmers Market four times a year, with surpluses from the stall fees going to local charities;
- run an annual Neighbourhood Festival, again with profits going to fund future festivals and surplus going to local charities;
- publish 10 editions a year of the neighbourhood magazine "EDGE"; this is funded by subscriptions and advertising revenue;
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Trustees' annual report

For the year ended 31 October 2022

The Trustees are pleased to say we managed to keep most activities running in some form despite the various lockdowns and regulations regarding Covid 19. Membership and Subscriptions for the EDGE magazine did fall when it became impossible for distributors to collect fees door to door, but a push on using bank transfers and standing orders has just about recouped the situation.

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EDGE: our 10-monthly neighbourhood magazine (subscriptions now cost £10 per annum) is distributed to 1000 households and businesses in Nether Edge, containing a diverse range of informative articles about the area as well as a regular "What's On" feature. A local graphic designer and member of NENG has volunteered his services to produce a much more professional and eye catching magazine, which has received a great deal of praise. Paper and electronic version of the magazine were produced throughout the period. The EDGE Editorial Board now has five members and although there are some guest editors, most of the work falls on their shoulders.

Sub-group activities

Friends of Chelsea Park (FoCP): With the help of funds from the Annie Frances Memorial Foundation, some extra funds from NENG and local fundraising, notably by local Brownies, the Parks and Countryside Sector at Sheffield City Council have been able to work with the Friends of Chelsea Park to make improvements to the playground. The playground now has two sets of new swings, a refurbished camel, and a more colourful roundabout. Some improvements have been made to the climbing apparatus and, most importantly, both areas of the playground have been resurfaced. A definite improvement on muddy puddles. The final piece was the introduction of some "Talking Flowers". So all the work has been completed much sooner than anticipated, which reflects very well on the Friends of Chelsea Park and their excellent relationship with the Council. NENG contributed £1,640 towards the improvement works.

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Kenwood Community Growers (KCG) was established as a sub-group within NENG, with the aim of utilising a small, unused part of the grounds of Kenwood Hall Hotel, for local people to grow crops both for their own use and for donation to local food charities. Use of the land and greenhouse, which was previously derelict, has been offered free of charge by the hotel owner on a temporary basis. The growers were given notice to leave the site at the end of 2021. They received grants from the Co-op, which are held in the NENG bank account on a ring fenced basis. The first tranche of £1,343 was paid in March 2021, with a second tranche of £3,663 paid in November 2021. Unfortunately the Growers have been unable to find a new space. With the agreement of the Co-op and remaining Growers committee, the unspent funds have been transferred to foster the development of two new "pocket parks".

Local History Group: The Group has restarted local history walks that had to be curtailed during Covid lockdowns and also has restarted monthly "drop in" meetings in the Union pub. A new initiative has been bi-monthly talks on local history by guest speakers, held in the Kenwood Hotel. The subjects have been diverse, including the history of Hendersons Relish, the trial of Samuel Holberry and the history of the fork. All were well attended and the entrance fee of £5 covered the costs of room hire.

Affiliate-group activities

Art in Nether Edge: Meetings reverted to monthly face to face get togethers in the Bowling Club. Artwork using frames donated by Kenwood Hotel was auctioned to support the Kenwood Community Growers; this was before the second tranches of funding was received from the Co-op, so it was agreed that the proceeds should go to NENG general funds. A second auction of artwork in May 2022 raised over £1,000 for Ukraine relief charities.

NENG continues to fund floral and Christmas displays in the centre of Nether Edge and support **Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood**; NENG was able to fund the purchase of 50 Buckthorn whips in December 2021 which it is hoped eventually will attract the rare Brimstone butterfly for which the Buckthorn is a food source. Volunteers continue to maintain the Frog Walk "**Pocket Park**", which attracts much favourable comment. The **Open Gardens** event, for which all donations received are given to charity, was held very successfully in June 2022 and June 2023, with nearly £4,000 being raised each year for the various charities supported by the people who open their gardens (handled by the affiliated group).

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Donations made

Surpluses raised by the Farmers Markets were a little restricted due to a reduced number of stalls, but this was offset from the November 2022 market through raising the costs of stalls, with no adverse reaction from stall holders. Donations have been made to local charities from both NENG general funds and festival and market surpluses amounting to £8,997 and beneficiaries have been:

CRUISE	£900
Common Ground (trees)	£500
Manor After School Kids Klu	£50
Mums United	£900
Nether Edge & Sharrow Sustainable Transformation	£547
SAGE (Support Arts Gardening Education)	£700
Sheffield Futures	£700
St Lukes Hospice	£1,000
Project 6	£1,000
Thalassemia Group	£2,700

Future Plans

NENG is now celebrating its 50th year and to mark this, various celebrations will be held; planning led by the vice chair is under way. This includes a book to be published in November which will precis the contents of EDGE magazines in the period as well as specific historical information. Plans are well advanced to develop two new pocket parks; a funding application has been made to the Council's Economic Recovery Funds and some funds from the Kenwood Community Growers can also be utilised as noted above. Plans are also being made for crowdfunding. Many local residents have already offered their services and it is very much intended for the pocket parks to enhance the community spirit in the area.

In support of the objective of improving the environment of the neighbourhood, links have been made with a Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST), The main objectives of NESST are

- Maintaining and improving the suburban environment in Nether Edge and Sharrow;
- Maintaining and increasing the volume and variety of wildlife habitat in the area;
- Increasing awareness of the special wildlife in our area.

Reserves policy

Before the onset of the Coronavirus, the policy was for NENG to keep approximately 18 months of general overhead costs in reserve to cover the cost of any change to our subscriptions income, any increases to Local Authority charges for the Farmers' Market or any reduction in income from Local Authority 'Ward Pot' funding to support the Festival and continue our services to local group activities while we seek alternative income streams. It is no longer considered that such a high level of reserve is necessary and the Committee has agreed to reduce the minimum reserve target to £10,000. Costs of producing the EDGE magazine have been reduced by c£200 per edition by using cheaper paper, by having an in house graphic designer and change of printer.

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Free reserves held at 31 October 2022 were £11,537 The Farmers' Market is expected to cover its costs, as charitable donations are not agreed until after income has been confirmed, while the Festival Committee budgets to cover its own costs. History Group's initiatives are generally planned to be self-financing although they may need temporary support from NENG to get them started.

Restricted funds held at 31 October 2022 were £4,956 for the pocket parks (ex Kenwood Community Growers Co-op grants).

Small companies provision statement

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

Approved by the Board on 27 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Kenneth J Lambert
Signer ID: CKZXDYPKKB...

Ken Lambert
Chair and Trustee

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group ("the Company")

I report to the charity directors on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the directors of the Company you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to organisations preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Signed: *S Lightfoot*
[S Lightfoot \(Aug 29, 2023 08:51 GMT+1\)](#)
Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
57 Burton Street
Sheffield
S6 2HH

Date: Aug 29, 2023

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 October 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Subscriptions		6,659	-	6,659	7,462	-	7,462
Advertising income		2,081	-	2,081	418	-	418
Market income		8,495	-	8,495	4,938	-	4,938
Festival donations		-	-	-	590	-	590
Festival income		2,094	-	2,094	3,305	-	3,305
Festival grants		-	769	769	-	444	444
History Group Books		1,712	-	1,712	2,975	-	2,975
Community Food Garden donations and grants		-	3,665	3,665	-	1,655	1,655
Friends of Chelsea Park donations		-	-	-	-	1,696	1,696
General donations		95	-	95	247	-	247
		21,136	4,434	25,570	19,935	3,795	23,730
Expenditure on:							
Direct costs							
Edge magazine		6,251	-	6,251	5,505	-	5,505
Community space costs (eg display boards, planting)		353	-	353	282	86	368
Market costs		1,258	-	1,258	341	-	341
Festival costs		2,368	769	3,137	3,221	444	3,665
History book costs		-	-	-	1,249	-	1,249
Other history group costs		231	-	231	60	-	60
Community Food Garden costs		-	-	-	-	339	339
Chelsea Park refurbishment costs		459	1,181	1,640	-	515	515
Friends of Brincliffe Edge wood costs		100	-	100	-	-	-
Donations/grants given		8,997	-	8,997	3,500	-	3,500
Support costs							
Insurance		488	-	488	771	-	771
Printing, postage and stationery		30	-	30	-	-	-
Room hire		200	-	200	-	-	-
Storage costs		280	-	280	120	-	120
Other costs		255	-	255	417	-	417
Legal and professional fees		1,370	-	1,370	103	-	103
Independent examination/Accountancy fee	7	474	-	474	330	-	330
		23,114	1,950	25,064	15,899	1,384	17,283
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,978)	2,484	506	4,036	2,411	6,447
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	350	(350)	-
Net movement in funds		(1,978)	2,484	506	4,386	2,061	6,447
Total funds brought forward		13,515	2,472	15,987	9,129	411	9,540
Total funds carried forward		11,537	4,956	16,493	13,515	2,472	15,987

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 October 2022

	Notes	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	2	975	411
Cash at bank and in hand		18,332	16,634
Total current assets		19,307	17,045
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(2,814)	(1,058)
Net current assets		16,493	15,987
Total assets less current liabilities		16,493	15,987
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net assets		16,493	15,987
Represented by:			
Funds of the Charity			
General funds		11,537	10,456
Designated funds	4	-	3,059
Total unrestricted funds		11,537	13,515
Restricted income funds	5	4,956	2,472
	6	16,493	15,987

For the year ended 31 October 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 August 2023 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Kenneth J Lambert
Signer ID: CKZXDYPKKB...

Ken Lambert
Chair and Trustee

Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 October 2022

1 Accounting Policies

(a) General

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event that the charity is wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to the accounts. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £.

(b) Revenue recognition

Income is recognised when the organisation has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income received in advance of an event is deferred until that event takes place.

(c) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(e) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

(f) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1 Accounting Policies - continued

(g) Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the funder.

(h) Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

(i) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	434	90
Prepayments	541	321
	<u>975</u>	<u>411</u>

3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade Creditors	380	-
Accruals	474	330
Income received in advance	1,960	728
	<u>2,814</u>	<u>1,058</u>

4 Designated funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Friends of Chelsea Park	3,059	-	(459)	(2,600)	-
	<u>3,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(459)</u>	<u>(2,600)</u>	<u>-</u>

Friends of Chelsea Park is a subgroup set up to support the park. NENG have set aside monies (including a contribution from the festival and market, and the surplus on the sale of calendars) towards refurbishment. Expenditure has been matched against this fund, as the restricted funds raised have been fully utilised. The remaining designated funds are no longer required, so have been transferred back to general funds.

Prior year comparison

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<i>Friends of Chelsea Park</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,059</i>	<i>3,059</i>
	<u><i>2,000</i></u>	<u><i>-</i></u>	<u><i>-</i></u>	<u><i>1,059</i></u>	<u><i>3,059</i></u>

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5 Restricted funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Kenwood Community Growers/Pocket Parks	1,291	3,665	-	-	4,956
Friends of Chelsea Park	1,181	-	(1,181)	-	-
Festival grants	-	769	(769)	-	-
	<u>2,472</u>	<u>4,434</u>	<u>(1,950)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,956</u>

Kenwood Community Growers/Pocket Parks

All donations and expenditure for this purpose are shown as a restricted fund. The primary funder has agreed that, as the Growers have been unable to find an alternative site for communal growing, despite strenuous efforts, this fund can be spent on pocket parks.

Prior year comparison

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Kenwood Community Growers	411	1,655	(425)	(350)	1,291
Friends of Chelsea Park	-	1,696	(515)	-	1,181
Festival grants	-	444	(444)	-	-
	<u>411</u>	<u>3,795</u>	<u>(1,384)</u>	<u>(350)</u>	<u>2,472</u>

6 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Current assets	14,351	-	4,956	19,307
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,814)	-	-	(2,814)
	<u>11,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,956</u>	<u>16,493</u>
Prior year comparison	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Current assets	11,514	3,059	2,472	17,045
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,058)	-	-	(1,058)
	<u>10,456</u>	<u>3,059</u>	<u>2,472</u>	<u>15,987</u>

7 Independent examiner's fees

2022
£

Independent examination fee	<u>474</u>
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There were no other fees payable to the independent examiner's organisation. (The 2021 fee relates to accountancy services of the previous accountant).

8 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2021: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2021: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021: £nil).

9 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.