



Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Charity Registration No. 1140710

Company No. 07409088

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The Centre Project Limited
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Board of Trustees presents its report and the independently examined financial statements for year ended 31 March 2023

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: THE CENTRE PROJECT LIMITED

Charity Registration Number: 1140710

Company Registration Number: 07409088

Board of Trustees: Rev. Craig Sweeney-Essex
Mr A. Oppon (Treasurer)
Dr R.I. Norman
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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Centre Project Limited for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees confirm that the annual report and the financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 16.

1. About Us

The Centre Project is a registered charity (No. 1140710) that has been in operation since February 1996. Our mission is to support and encourage lonely and socially isolated people in Leicester through the provision of holistic services which enhance their quality of life, reduce isolation and promote wellbeing.

It was incorporated on 15/10/2010 under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The board members elect one of their members to be Chair.

The role of Company Secretary is performed by the Chief Executive who has no voting rights.

Full Board meetings are held at least 6 times per year to make decisions, set policy, and direct management.

Day to day responsibility for the management and provision of services is delegated to the Chief Executive with further delegation to managers for services, resources, administration and finance.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees are the Directors of the company for the purpose of company law. In line with the Articles of Association the company may by ordinary resolution at an annual general meeting appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director. Additionally, a person may become a Trustee at the invitation of a majority of existing Trustees. A Director appointed by a resolution of the other Directors must retire at the next AGM but can stand for election.

Trustee induction and training

Existing Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the Charity and are encouraged to attend meetings, training and events.

New Trustees are provided with an induction pack containing relevant information covering the areas of roles and obligations; operational framework for the charity including the Memorandum and Articles of Association; resource related information and the current financial position as detailed in the latest set of accounts; and future plans and objectives.

Trustees are drawn from an appropriate range of professional and technical skills and reflect the composition of the community within which we operate.

Risk Management

The material, financial and non-financial risks that the Charity is exposed to have been identified and the risk register is updated annually. An action plan is in place to regularly review and update those items considered to be High risk.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Company are such activities as shall be exclusively charitable to the benefit of the community in Leicester as the directors shall from time to time determine.

The charity aims:

- To provide or assist in the provision, in the interest of social welfare, of holistic services which will promote social inclusion and enhance the quality of life for men, women and young people with the object of promoting health and wellbeing
- To serve people who are vulnerable, including refugees and asylum seekers, those affected by, or are at risk of, homelessness, loneliness and social isolation, those with learning difficulties, mental health problems, and those affected by drug and alcohol misuse
- To deliver client-centred services which are responsive to the changing needs of those we serve, whilst demonstrating Christian love through our thoughts and action
- To provide access to support, befriending and sign-posting to improve access to services and advice

We aim to support individuals to address issues that impact on their health and wellbeing including;

- Loneliness and isolation
- Housing and homelessness related support
- Mental health support
- Emotional support
- Welfare and benefits
- Food bank and poverty
- Digital access

People are supported at a time of crisis or critical moment through our drop-in access model, no appointments needed.

We enable people to develop improved support networks and build resilience and determination.

Public Benefit Statement

The Board of Trustees can confirm that it has regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on **public benefit** and that its work is reflective of this. The Charity's services were centrally based and all services were open and freely accessible to all mainly via drop-in or by telephone.

Our main activities and beneficiaries are described in this annual report. All our charitable work is undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. Our work is supported by appropriate policies, procedures, guidelines and governance documentation.

4. ANNUAL REVIEW

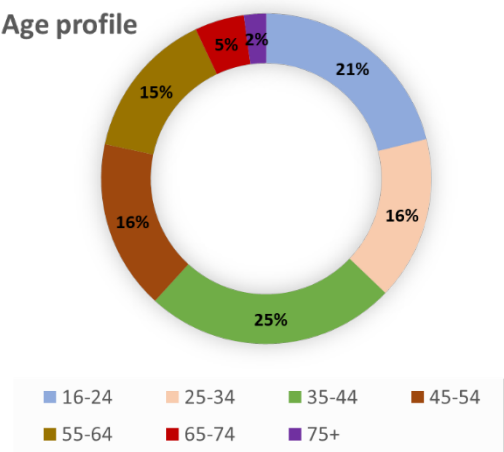
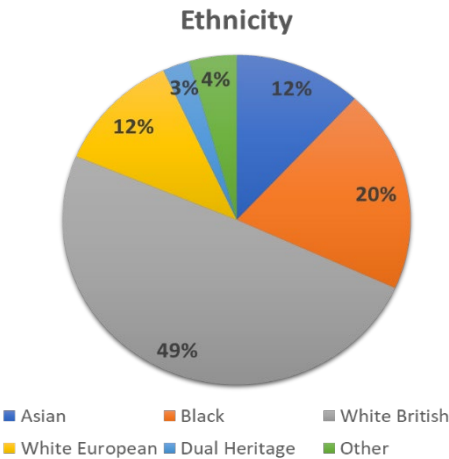
In 2022-23 we worked with 997 people facing loneliness, mental ill health, homelessness, food insecurity, poverty and new arrivals to the city, about 33% more than the year before. Our clients come from the most vulnerable in the city and in 2022-23 the cost of living crisis only served to increase the number of people seeking our support. This illustrates the ongoing and significant need for people to find a safe, welcoming and warm space to get in-person support and a community hub to help reduce loneliness and social isolation.

We provided a central access point for services with collaboration with different community agencies and service providers.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED

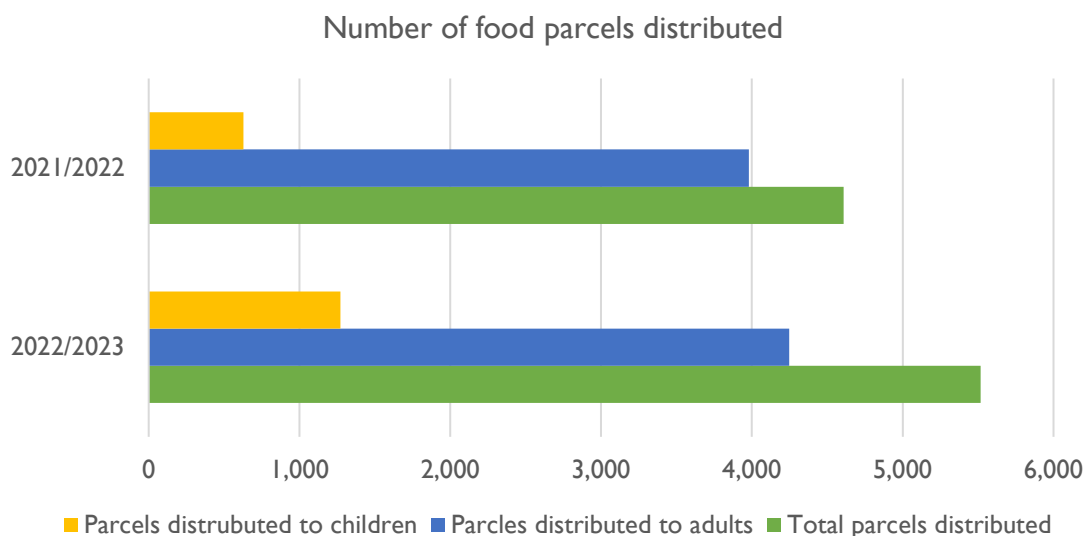


Who we support



OUR IMPACT

I. Food Bank



We distributed over 5,520 food parcels to people in crisis last year, 20% more compared to the year before. The need for emergency food aid continues to grow with about 2/3rds of all phone calls to the charity enquiring about accessing the foodbank. Our foodbank continues to be accessible to all in need. We do not need referrals from third parties. The person in need just needs to drop-in and talk to us about their needs.

We partner with Leicester South Foodbank (part of Trussell Trust network), who supply most of the dry food items. Due to increased energy costs, there's a growing demand for easy-to-cook items. As a result, the charity begun purchasing additional food supplies and essentials to supplement donations. These include fresh fruits and vegetables and cupboard items like bread, milk, cooking oil, and microwave meals. This was made possible by grants from Reaching People (Winter Food Grant-Foodbank), The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust and Central Co-op's Community Dividend Fund. We also received food donations from Whitehall Primary School, One Roof Leicester and generous individuals. We also want to extend our thanks to Hays Recruitment Agency Leicester for enabling their staff to volunteer at our foodbank.

II. DAY CENTRE (WARM SPACE)

One of our primary aims is to provide an open-access, warm & welcoming space for people facing loneliness, mental ill health, homelessness, food insecurity, poverty and new arrivals to the city. We have been providing a warm space since 1996 and over the past year, 280 individuals came to the day centre 3,992 times to keep warm, meet other people and have something to eat and drink.

Many people cited feeling the pressure of increased energy costs and the rising cost of living. This led to increased demand for hot meals. People are choosing to come in for a cooked meal instead of cooking themselves as they make decisions between eating and heating.

Consequently, the charity decided to resume running the kitchen 3 days a week (this had been suspended during Covid-19 lockdown) and not to charge for food and refreshments. This provision has been supported by a grant from Wesleyan Foundation and regular food donations from Jalaram Sadavrat Leicester.

Our hospitality



No of hot meals served – over 4,400
plates of food



No of teas & coffees served – over
18,000 cups

III. Support work/ information & sign-posting

Our team helps meet a diverse range of support needs facing our clients. People seeking support from us always have multiple needs and our aim is to ensure that people feel safe, supported, enabled and satisfied when coming into contact with other services.

We adopt a person centred approach – the person at the centre, and ensure that the support they receive delivers the right outcome, manages any risks and delivers good client satisfaction.

The support offered include:

Support/service provided	Attendees
Housing issues – dealing with complaints, repairs, finding suitable place to live	199
Homelessness – preventing evictions and accessing emergency accommodation	45
Debt/money management – help with budgeting and managing debts	73
Telephone Access – to reach other services e.g. Housing options, DWP	1,224
Digital support – access Wi-Fi, creating email accounts, scanning documents	208
Energy issues – fuel top-up vouchers, warm home discounts, meter readings	60
Small grant applications – for household items e.g. cooker, fridge, washing machine	18
Employment support – job search, form filling, cv writing	15
Welfare benefits – application, dealing with sanctions, late payments	75
Bus pass applications	15
Appointments with external agencies (at the Centre Project)	41
Signposting & referrals to other agencies e.g. Adult social care, emergency food	120

IV. Health and wellbeing

Our health and well-being support aim to help people improve their physical and mental health, coping with stress, anxiety, or depression, and accessing support for specific conditions or issues. We received funding from East Leicestershire & Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group on behalf of West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (the CCG) to provide small group activities geared at promoting both physical and mental health. This is part of the Getting Help in the Neighbourhood (GHIN) initiative which aims to provide more opportunities and places for people to seek help, build resilience and prevent adult mental health issues from developing or becoming worse. It also aims to support people recovering or living with long-term mental health challenges to live as independently as possible.

We were also involved in the Covid-19 Vaccine Confidence Programme, supported Leicester City Council's Community Grant, to promote Covid-19 vaccine guidance and support, and with the aim of developing community based initiatives tailored to help increase Covid-19 vaccine take up by people who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated.

In March 2023 we partnered with Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board (ICB) to help reduce the pressure on A&E department during winter months through engaging with our clients and communities to:

- Guide and advise people on how to prevent illness/injury
- Support people to look after their own health
- Raise awareness of local services and when/how to access them
- Raise awareness of what to expect if people need to receive care
- Promoting Get In The Know campaign – how to get appropriate treatment elsewhere.

We received funding from NHS #Project Launch to install 2 pods at the Centre, part of our digital inclusion initiative. The pods provide a quiet, soundproof and confidential meeting space which is important because health information and services are increasingly being delivered digitally. The ability to access and use digital technology is increasingly a form of health literacy. The meeting pods are being used by other partners and agencies to meet with their clients.

Activities and sessions	Attendees
Cooking sessions (50 sessions)	314
Blood pressure checks	35
Look good feel good events (4 sessions) - haircuts, pampering, manicures, cloths	180
Drama and creative writing	128
Free eye checks and glasses	45
Vaccine confidence events	75
Emotional support - drop-in	1,135
1:1 Mental health support	300
Making appointments with GP/Dentist/ hospital/NHS 111	32

V. Community and social activities.

Social support is not only about providing an individual with practical assistance, but also consists of interactions and relationships that are felt to be caring, comforting and readily available in times of crisis. We run community drop-in sessions 3 afternoons a week where people can come and go as they like, without needing a referral in addition to providing social events as per our clients' requests. The sessions promote;

- the development of new friendships and reduced feelings of loneliness and social isolation
- increased confidence, social skills and ability to engage in new community activities
- increased self-belief and value to society

Activities and sessions	Attendees
Summer barbeque	70
Trips – summer trip to Skegness	50
Birmingham Christmas market	45
Canal boat cruise	15
Christmas meal	57

Bingo sessions	117
Karaoke	108
Meaningful activities e.g. art & craft sessions	350
Socialising/Peer Interaction, games & activities	1,950

VI. Gardening Project

During the year we started work on our gardening project supported by Central Baptist Church, Henry Smith Charity, Castle Ward Funding and Growing Communities – David Cook Foundation.

The Centre Project uses the premises of Central Baptist Church in Leicester. The front yard of the church is largely unused, (The Church only meets on a Sunday morning) so the charity is able to utilise the space to create a garden space to help people enhance their mental health and wellbeing.

The goal of the Community Garden project is to create a multi-use community centrepiece. It will be an open and welcoming space that encourages people to not just sow the seeds of herbs and vegetables, but to sow the seeds of community, connectivity and creativity.

We are looking to develop a community garden and a therapeutic space for individuals to relax or actively engage in a range of horticultural settings and activities to promote positive mental health. We are surrounded by blocks of flats providing social housing in the City Centre, with more office buildings being converted into flats with no outdoor space. People using the Centre Project experience mental health problems caused by loneliness, isolation and poor physical health.

This space will form part of our Crisis café to help ensure that people experiencing mental health difficulties are supported in a relaxed and friendly environment within the local community

VII. Freedom Youth Club

The youth club helps prevent isolation and boredom and sustain social networks for young refugees, unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people and new arrivals. The Youth club runs on Tuesday and Friday evenings 5.00pm – 8.00pm. Being city centre based, the sessions are open to young people across the city.

Over the past year, we supported 170 young people (77% increase from the previous year) from 21 countries/nationalities. Attendances increased by 142% to 3,525, an average of 35 young people per session.

Activities and sessions	Attendees
Summer barbeque	25
Trips – summer trip to Skegness & Alton towers	60
Vaccine confidence events	45
Football sessions	180
Cricket training	15
Community dinners	225
A Conversation with Rob Nixon - Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police	44
Stop & Search information session – with police	55
Bike safety	19

Support

No

Housing - e.g. moving into independent living/emergency accomodation	19
Emergency food parcels	12
Independent living skills & money management	15
Homework	22
Health and wellbeing support, emotional support	45
Advocacy and practical support	22
Work, employability and careers advice	10
Informal educational activities, learning support to improve language skills	16

The youth club continues to be very busy, with new referrals and registrations being received at every session. We currently have some of the young people being housed in hotels in and around the city centre. They do not have anywhere else to go or activities to join in, so they all look forward to coming to the youth club in the evening.

Targeted work was supported by Children in Need and Leicester City Council's Youth Service.

Partnerships

- We continue to maintain a strong relationship with Central Baptist Church, who support us by allowing us to use the church building for all our activities.
- The Centre Project is a member of Reaching People – which brings together frontline delivery partners from the Voluntary and Community Sector in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.
- Leicester South Foodbank who continues to provide food parcels for the Foodbank. Their support has been particularly helpful during the lockdown when demand increased and they managed to keep up with our requests for increased supply.
- Our link with Leicester College has enabled us to provide work experience and placement opportunities to 3 students during the year.
- We provide placement opportunities to Students from DMU's BA (Hons) Youth Work and Community Development degree course.
- Zinithiya Trust – provided support with our energy support project
- Pedestrian Arts – supported Freedom Youth Club to run activities for the young people over a 12 week period.
- Leicestershire Cares – supported our youth work by providing support with housing related queries and enabling our young people to go for day trips.

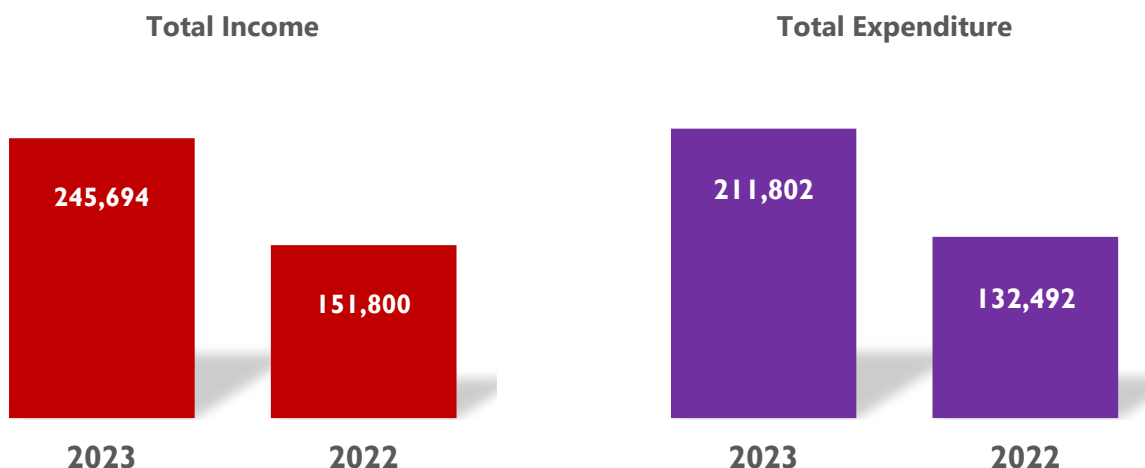
Plans for the future.

- Increase our mental health offer, with everything we do having a mental health and wellbeing focus. Working with UHL, ICB and other health bodies to help reduce health inequalities facing our communities.
- Garden project - provide a therapeutic space for individuals to relax or actively engage in a range of gardening activities. Creating an Edible garden by providing planters for our gardening group.
- Refurbish our premises to increase the room space and ventilation to enable us to have unrestricted drop-in sessions that have been impacted by the need for social distancing.

5. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The charity received income of £ 245,694, compared to £151,800 in the previous year. Our income is mainly from grants £227,848 to deliver activities and capital expenses. Delivery of some of the activities will roll over into the next financial year.

Expenditure of £211,802, compared to £132,492 in the previous year. Overall, there was a surplus of £33,892 for the year.



Reserves Policy

The Charity's free reserves level is currently equivalent to 7 months running costs. This will allow the Charity to cover operating costs for administration of the charity and day-to-day running costs; provide against redundancies/winding up costs if a substantial part of the charity is faced with financial loss; and to assist in maintaining cash flow.

A review of the policy is undertaken annually within which the Charity's financial forecast and results of financial performance are considered to ensure that Trustees are satisfied that an adequate level of reserves is maintained without detriment to the objectives of the Charity.

The Trustees have decided to create a designated fund for building refurbishment. The pandemic highlighted the need to create more spacious and better ventilated community spaces and the designated fund will be used to meet part of the cost of making the building fit for purpose. The bulk of the build costs will be met by fundraising.

Investment Policy

Apart from ensuring that there are sufficient funds to meet the requirements of the Charity's Reserves Policy most funds received are to be expended in the short term and there is little or no scope for long



term investment. The Charity has maximised opportunities to accrue bank interest on account balances and any interest received will be used in the furtherance of the Charity's work.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees who are directors for the purpose of company law are also Trustees for the purpose of charity law.

Audit:

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRE PROJECT.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year period ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

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 examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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.



Hamid Ravat BA, ACA
4 Clumber Road, Leicester
3rd December 2023

The Centre Project Limited

Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Incoming resources				
Donations and Legacies	11,145	1,766	12,911	9,663
Charitable activities	26,158	206,033	232,191	142,137
Other income	592	-	592	-
Total	37,895	207,799	245,694	151,800
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	43,329	167,618	210,947	131,997
Other	855	-	855	495
Total	44,184	167,618	211,802	132,492
Net income/(Expenditure)	(6,289)	40,181	33,892	19,308
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(6,289)	40,181	33,892	19,308
Total funds brought forward	70,232	90,433	160,665	141,357
Total funds carried forward	63,943	130,614	194,557	160,665

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no gains and losses other than those recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities

The Centre Project Limited
Balance sheet
as at 31st March 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	2,673	3,528
Current assets			
Debtors	8	3,817	5,706
Cash at bank and in hand		210,105	166,829
Total current assets		213,922	172,535
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(22,038)	(15,398)
Net current assets		191,884	157,137
Net assets		194,557	160,665
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds	10	130,614	90,433
Unrestricted funds			
General		46,270	51,704
Designated		15,000	15,000
Fixed Assests		2,673	3,528
Total unrestricted funds		63,943	70,232
Total funds		194,557	160,665

Approved by the Management Committe and is signed on its behalf by:

Mr. Martin Gage

Chairperson

Mr. Adrian Oppon

Treasurer

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Note 1: Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities"
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

1.4 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds These are funds available for general use for any or all of the charity's permitted activities.

Restricted Funds These are funds that can only be expended in accordance with specific restrictions. These arise either by the wishes of the donor or by the nature of the appeal.

Note 2: Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Donated services and facilities These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income This is included in the accounts when receivable.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Depreciation Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at the rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life. Kitchen equipment 10%, Furnishing, Fittings and Equipment 15% and Office Equipment - 25%

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. However, amounts less than these may be capitalised if required as a condition of restricted funds. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Note 3 : Analysis of incoming resources

	General £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Donations and Grants				
Donations	11,145	1,766	12,911	9,663
Total	11,145	1,766	12,911	9,663

Charitable Activities

Grants for Charitable Activities	21,815	206,033	227,848	140,191
Centre Activities	929	-	929	449
Community Opportunities	3,414	-	3,414	1,497
Total	26,158	206,033	232,191	142,137

Other income				
Other	592	-	592	-
Total	592	-	592	-

Grants for charitable activities

	2023		2022
	General	Restricted	Total
Arnold Clark Foundation			2,500
B&Q Foundation			5,000
BBC Children in Need		10,500	10,000
Central Baptist Church	5,000		
Central Co-op's Community Dividend Fund	2,500		
Church Urban Fund			2,500
Covid-safe Communities Fund			5,000
David Cook Foundation - Growing Communities	2,000		
DWP KickStart Scheme		2,170	10,797
Groundworks			2,000
Henry Smith Charity		8,050	
Julia & Hans Foundation		10,000	
LCC - Community Grant	10,965		
LCC Castle Ward Fund			3,750
LCC Homelessness Grant		24,500	24,500
LCC Youth Services		10,000	10,000
LLR Integrated Care Board (ICB)		107,313	53,488
Other grants			3,905
Platform Housing	1,350		
Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire		10,000	
Reaching People		8,500	
Screw Fix Foundation		5,000	
Sporting Equals			1,001
Wesleyan Foundation		10,000	
Western Power Distribution			5,750
TOTAL	21,815	206,033	140,191

Note 4: Total resources expended

	General	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities (exp.)				
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Kitchen costs	-	-	-	-
Activities & events	10,670	20,710	31,380	4,150
	10,670	20,710	31,380	4,150
Support costs				
Staff Costs	23,617	105,814	129,431	106,531
Training	45	900	945	1,718
Travel & Parking	835	1,100	1,935	1,711
Volunteer expenses	63	347	410	475
Insurance	308	900	1,208	1,001
Premises costs	5,189	33,619	38,808	10,205
General office & finance	1,853	3,665	5,518	5,133
Publicity and promotion	71	400	471	157
Bank charges	32	-	32	32
Other fees	646	163	809	884
Total	32,659	146,908	179,567	127,847
Total expenditure for charitable activities	43,329	167,618	210,947	131,997
Other resources expended				
Depreciation	579	-	579	495
Loss on asset disposal	276	-	276	
Total depreciation & asset disposal	855	-	855	495
TOTAL	44,184	167,618	211,802	132,493

Note 5: Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No trustees or directors received any remuneration during the year.

No trustee or member of the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the period

During the year, the charity paid £5,736 (2021: £5,736) to Central Baptist Church for utilities and cleaning charges. The charity does not pay for use of church premises. The Church also contributed £5,000 towards the Garden Project.

The Church is connected to the charity and has significant influence over the charity as most board members are also members of the Central Baptist Church, Leicester.

Note 6: Staff costs and numbers

6.1 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	121,474	99,473
Employer's National Insurance costs	2,540	2,761
Pension costs	5,417	4,297
Total staff costs	129,431	106,531

6.2 Average number of employees in the year

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Charitable activities	7	6
Executive staff	1	1
Total	8	7

Note 7: Tangible fixed assets

7.1 Cost or valuation

	Kitchen	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	20,866	26,046	7,664	54,576
Additions				-
Disposals on revaluation		(1,612)	(3,014)	(4,626)
Balance carried forward	20,866	24,434	4,650	49,950

7.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Rate	10%	15%	25%
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Balance brought forward	19,559	25,077	6,412	51,048
Disposal	-	(1,612)	(2,738)	(4,350)
Depreciation charge for year	149	176	254	579
Balance carried forward	19,708	23,641	3,928	47,277

7.3 Net book value

Brought forward - 01/04/2022	1,307	969	1,252	3,528
Carried forward - 31/03/2023	1,158	793	722	2,673

Note 8: Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors	3,817	3,910
Recoverable Gift Aid	0	1,797
Total	3,817	5,707

Note 9: Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	(18,935)	(14,120)
Other creditors	(3,103)	(1,278)
Total	(22,038)	(15,398)

Note 10: Movements of major funds

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Balance at 1 April 2022	55,232	15,000	90,433	160,665
Income resources	37,895	-	207,799	245,694
Outgoing resources	(44,184)	-	(167,618)	(211,802)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2023	48,943	15,000	130,614	194,557

The Trustees have created a designated fund to cover capital building expenses and refurbishment.

Partnerships

- We continue to maintain a strong relationship with Central Baptist Church, who support us by allowing us to use the church building for all our activities
- The Centre Project is a member of Reaching People – which brings together frontline delivery partners from the Voluntary and Community Sector in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland
- Leicester South Foodbank who continues to provide food parcels for the Foodbank. Their support has been particularly helpful during the lockdown when demand increased and they managed to keep up with our requests for increased supply
- Our link with Leicester College has enabled us to provide work experience and placement opportunities to 3 students during the year
- We provide placement opportunities to Students from DMU's BA (Hons) Youth Work and Community Development degree course
- Zinithiya Trust – provided support with our energy support project
- Pedestrian Arts – supported Freedom Youth Club to run activities for the young people over a 12 week period
- Leicestershire Cares – supported our youth work by providing support with housing related queries and enabling our young people to go for day trips