

**BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER 07476646 (ENGLAND)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142217**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED****Report of the trustees for the year ended 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2022**

The trustees present their annual directors' report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**Reference and administrative information**

Charity Name: Barlow Moor Community Association Limited

Charity Number: 1142217

Company No: 07476646

**Directors and trustees**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ms Joanna Midgley (Chair)

Mrs Christine Davis (Treasurer)

Mr Philip Davis (also Company Secretary)

Rev. Anne Pilkington

Mrs Michelle Hodges

Mr Luke Hodges

Ms Helen Sharples (appointed 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021)

**Key Management Personnel: Trustees and Directors**

Ms Joanna Midgley                      Chair of Trustees

**Senior Managers**

Ms Rebecca Elliot, Ms Toni Toner

Miss Philomena Sales

**Registered Office**

23 Merseybank Avenue, Manchester, M21 7NT

**Independent Examiners**

Community Accountancy Service Limited

The Grange, Pilgrim Drive

Beswick, Manchester M11 3TQ

**Bankers**

Cooperative Bank plc, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

Epworth Investment Management, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

## BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

- to promote the benefit of the Inhabitants of Barlow Moor and its environs without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinion by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary or other organisations in a common effort to advance education,
- to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.
- to secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same whether alone or in cooperation with any local authority or other person or body in furtherance of these objects, and
- such other purposes as may be charitable according to the law of England and Wales and to relieve the poverty of the public in England by the provision of free and confidential information about charitable, voluntary, health and public services.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through undertaking community activities.

We provide cradle to the grave services through two services, Children & Young People and Adult Services. This includes a 30 place nursery offering 15 hours care for under 5's per week, a Stay and Play session, Open access play sessions and holiday play schemes.

Our Youth provision offers 2 Intermediate Youth sessions per week for 9 – 14yr olds and 2 Senior Youth sessions per week for the 13+ age group.

Our Older Peoples service runs over 3 days per week, offering exercise classes, arts & crafts, a greetings card social enterprise, social activities, befriending & luncheon club.

Our community learning/library offers a full library service run by volunteers and a twice weekly work club, training courses, advice and information.

"Our People Our Place" project offers Health & Wellbeing project activities throughout the week within the centre and across the wider community, and include seasonal events and supported volunteering opportunities.

We maintain a community centre for use by other groups including Credit Union, Slimming World, mediation services, faith groups, private parties, Residents Association, local regeneration steering group, social housing provider and local authority, councillor surgeries, Food Bank and Narcotics Anonymous.

### Structure, governance and management

Barlow Moor Community Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission (dated 2nd June 2011).

## BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable company attending the Annual General meeting. Each year one third of the trustees shall retire from office by rotation based on the longest standing and offer themselves for re-election.

### Trustee induction and training

Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and management, and are shown copies of policy documents.

Once appointed to subgroups they are given further information on funding, systems etc, and are trained in relevant procedures (eg. Bank reconciliation and other Quickbooks procedures for the treasurer).

### Organisation

The board of trustees administers the charity. The board normally meets monthly. A Centre Manager is appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity.

### Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work as a trustee with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

### A review of our achievements and performance

The main achievements during the year are set out in the Impact Report in the Appendix.

### Financial review

The charity had ended the year with income totalling £443,542 (2021 £550,073). Expenditure increased to £499,969 from £456,817 with most of this coming from restricted reserves. This left a deficit of £56,427 (2021 surplus of £93,256). Unrestricted reserves at the year end, were £116,666, down from £171,019 in 2021. The surplus from 2021 helped in supporting the charity through 2021 into 2022 as we tried to re-establish income generating activities after the pandemic restrictions were eased.

### Investment powers and policy

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in an interest bearing deposit account.

### Reserves policy and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was £116,666 of which £112,191 is free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. The charity has designated just over £11,000 of this to support specific activities. Restricted reserves totalled £88,983 with £70,625 relating to fixed assets (spent) and £18,358 relating to revenue.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately four months of charitable expenditure (currently £166,000). The trustees

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consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered. Currently free reserves stand at just under 3 months running costs. Having regard to the 22/23 budget and supplemented by the general funds the trustees consider that the charity is a going concern.

Grants of £312,000 have been confirmed for 2022/23.

**Risk management**

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, young people, other service users and visitors.

**Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

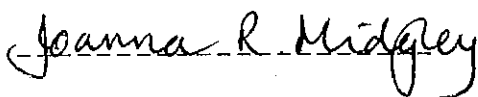
The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Barlow Moor Community Association Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board of trustees



Chair Ms Joanna Midgley

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the company for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 19.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act ;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

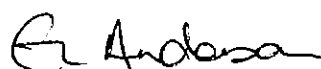
In connection with my examination, except as shown below, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, ; and
- with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**  
(including Income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Year Ended 31 March 2022 £	Year Ended 31 March 2021 £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations & Legacies	2	500	5,494	5,994	3,517
Donation In Kind		-	3,800	3,800	3,800
Charitable activities	3	79,536	340,210	419,746	535,628
Other Trading Activities	4	13,755	200	13,955	6,629
Investment Income		47	-	47	499
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>93,838</b>	<b>349,704</b>	<b>443,542</b>	<b>550,073</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Costs of Raising Funds	6	3,009	-	3,009	6,245
Charitable Activities	6	145,182	351,778	496,960	450,572
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>148,191</b>	<b>351,778</b>	<b>499,969</b>	<b>456,817</b>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) &amp; NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(54,353)</b>	<b>(2,074)</b>	<b>(56,427)</b>	<b>93,256</b>
Gross Transfer between funds	16	-	-	-	-
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	16	171,019	91,057	262,076	168,820
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16	<b>116,666</b>	<b>88,983</b>	<b>205,649</b>	<b>262,076</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these accounts.



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	75,100	74,855
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	18,322	14,179
Cash at Bank and In Hand		<u>193,721</u>	<u>250,598</u>
		212,043	264,777
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(81,494)</u>	<u>(77,556)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		130,549	187,221
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>205,649</u>	<u>262,076</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
Restricted Income Funds	17	88,983	91,057
Unrestricted Income Funds	17	<u>116,666</u>	<u>171,019</u>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<u>205,649</u>	<u>262,076</u>

For the year in question the company was entitled to the 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 of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved on behalf of the Company's Board of Trustees:

Trustee

*Joanna R. Midgley*

Ms Joanna Midgley

Trustee

*C. Davis*

Mrs Christine Davis

Date: 27th September 2022

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net movement in funds	(56,427)	93,256
Add back depreciation	8,151	7,758
Deduct Investment income	(47)	(499)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(4,143)	1,555
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,938	15,570
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(48,528)</b>	<b>117,640</b>
<b>Cash flows from Investment activities:</b>		
Interest	47	499
Purchase of fixed assets	(8,396)	(608)
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(8,349)</b>	<b>(109)</b>
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(56,877)	117,531
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	250,598	133,067
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<b>193,721</b>	<b>250,598</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1st January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and The Companies Act 2006. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**(b) Funds structure**

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There are 31 restricted funds at the year end. Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion have created a fund for a specific purpose. Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 16.

**(c) Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period. Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

**(d) Expenditure Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure. It is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (g) below.

**(e) Irrecoverable VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

**(f) Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on staff time and facilities used in each activity. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 7.

**(g) Charitable Activities**

Costs of charitable activities include governance costs and an apportionment of support costs as shown in Note 6.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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**(h) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included in the accounts at net book value. Additions of a single item or a group of similar assets exceeding £500, are capitalised at cost (valuation for donated assets). Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:-

Computer Equipment	33.33% on cost
Furniture & Equipment	25% on cost
Leasehold Improvements	over 22 years from January 2014

**(i) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**(j) Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**(k) Taxation**

The organisation is exempt from income tax by reason of its charitable status. Income tax suffered on investment income is reclaimed in full. The Charity is not registered for VAT.

**(l) Pensions**

The charity does not currently operate a pension scheme for its employees, but is working towards meeting its future obligations under auto enrollment legislation.

**(m) Contingent liabilities**

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those transactions resulting from a possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control.

**(n) Commitments Under Operating Leases**

Rentals are charged to income and expenditure as they fall due.

**2 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES****Donations**

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
£	£	£
500	5,494	5,994
500	5,494	5,994

**Previous Year****Donations**

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
£	£	£
2,100	1,417	3,517
2,100	1,417	3,517

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Grants:			
Our Manchester VCS	-	58,051	58,051
MCC NIF - Cooker	-	1,548	1,548
High Sheriff	-	500	500
HAF	-	23,783	23,783
Garfield Weston Foundation	14,500	-	14,500
Veolia	-	22,287	22,287
We Love Manchester	-	7,000	7,000
MCC - RHLGF	9,245	-	9,245
MCC - Hate Crime	-	2,500	2,500
MCC - Merseyfest	-	3,014	3,014
MCC - Santa Dash	-	1,000	1,000
Good Things Foundation	5,221	-	5,221
Young Manchester Adventure Fund	-	2,492	2,492
MCC Work Club	-	7,500	7,500
Southway - Learning Hub	-	19,992	19,992
Southway - Beautiful South	-	4,000	4,000
Southway - Winter Warmer	-	1,000	1,000
Southway - Summer Activities	-	900	900
Arnold Clarke	-	1,000	1,000
Living Well Foudation	-	20,637	20,637
B & Q Foundation	4,979	-	4,979
Forever Manchester	-	100	100
Zochonis Trust	3,000	-	3,000
Big Life	10,000	-	10,000
Unitarian Church	3,700	-	3,700
MCC Wellbeing Fund	-	1,509	1,509
MCC Wellbeing Fund - Covid	-	8,029	8,029
Gr. Mcr. Mental Health - Wellbeing	-	1,000	1,000
OPeNS	-	49,240	49,240
Free Entitlement	28,811	-	28,811
NHS	-	12,369	12,369
Young Manchester - Playscheme	-	11,094	11,094
Young Manchester	-	66,129	66,129
Young Manchester - Social Action	-	1,000	1,000
Welfare Grants	-	1,720	1,720
British Science Association	-	1,000	1,000
Sport England	-	4,506	4,506
<i>Total Grants</i>	<u>79,466</u>	<u>334,900</u>	<u>414,356</u>
Group Contributions etc	-	5,005	5,005
Other Income	80	305	385
	<u>80</u>	<u>5,310</u>	<u>5,390</u>
	<u>79,536</u>	<u>340,210</u>	<u>419,746</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 3. Cont....

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Previous Year			
Grants:			
Our Manchester VCS	-	58,051	58,051
MCC NIF - Covid	-	2,946	2,946
MCC NIF- Christmas	-	2,150	2,150
CAF - Resilience Fund	-	24,098	24,098
Garfield Weston Foundation	8,000	-	8,000
HMRC - CJRS	-	7,887	7,887
We Love Manchester	-	2,250	2,250
MCC - LRSG	12,000	-	12,000
MCC - RHLGF	25,000	-	25,000
Good Things Foundation	4,021	-	4,021
MCC Work & Skills	-	5,000	5,000
Southway - Learning Hub	-	19,992	19,992
Southway - Music for Mindfulness	-	1,540	1,540
Southway - School Uniforms	-	400	400
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities (£28,247 b/f)	-	91,530	91,530
Big Lottery Fund - Covid	-	59,102	59,102
Zochonis Trust	1,500	-	1,500
Big Life (£2,500 deferred)	10,000	-	10,000
Unitarian Church (£1,700 deferred)	2,000	-	2,000
MCC Wellbeing Fund (£1,509 deferred)	-	1,341	1,341
MCC Wellbeing Fund - Covid	-	350	350
Gr. Mcr. Mental Health - Wellbeing	-	953	953
Wellbeing - Other	-	910	910
OPeNS (£4,648 deferred)	-	39,940	39,940
Free Entitlement	42,297	-	42,297
NHS (£9,365 deferred)	-	1,401	1,401
Young Manchester - Playscheme (£1,942 b/f)	-	9,942	9,942
Young Manchester (£841 deferred)	-	64,447	64,447
Thrive (£6,741 b/f)	-	21,101	21,101
Sport England (£4,506 deferred)	-	2,704	2,704
Total Grants	104,818	418,035	522,853
Group Contributions etc	-	2,076	2,076
Contributions to Activities	-	9,292	9,292
Other Income	1,407	-	1,407
	1,407	11,368	12,775
	106,225	429,403	535,628

Big Lottery Reaching Communities - received £63,283 add deferred income brought forward £28,247.

## 4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	7,190	-	7,190	5,100	-	5,100
Fundraising	2,016	200	2,216	528	-	528
Shop Income	3,995	-	3,995	729	-	729
Café Income	554	-	554	272	-	272
	13,755	200	13,955	6,629	-	6,629

## 5 NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
The net incoming (outgoing) resources are stated after charging:		
Depreciation (owned assets)	8,151	7,758
Independent Examination	1,065	1,065
Other Financial Services	5,299	5,515
Trustees (Directors) Remuneration (see note 13)	-	-

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 6 EXPENDITURE

	Basis of allocation	Centre	Activity Zones	Total 2022
		£	£	£
<b>Expenditure on Generating Funds</b>				
Employment Costs	Staff Time	968	-	968
Premises Costs		1,976	-	1,976
Shop Costs		65	-	65
		<u>3,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,009</u>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>				
				£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	68,385	217,827	286,212
Sessional Staff		-	300	300
DBS Checks		140	8	148
Uniforms		1,287	-	1,287
Premises Costs	Activity	921	14,890	15,811
Volunteer Expenses	Activity	25	-	25
Staff Travel	Activity	130	27	157
Staff Training	Activity	-	400	400
Centre Activities	Activity	11,354	35,924	47,278
Partner Payments	Activity	3,121	26,822	29,943
Beneficiary Training	Activity	-	3,502	3,502
Subscriptions	Activity	954	35	989
Publicity & Website	Activity	874	1,715	2,589
Support Costs		78,472	12,447	90,919
Governance Costs		17,400	-	17,400
		<u>183,063</u>	<u>313,897</u>	<u>496,960</u>
				£
Restricted Funds				351,778
Unrestricted Funds				<u>148,191</u>
				<u>499,969</u>
<b>Previous Year:</b>				
	Basis of allocation	Centre	Activity Zones	Total 2021
Employment Costs	Staff Time	2,387	-	2,387
Bad Debts		1,368	-	1,368
Premises Costs		2,145	-	2,145
Shop Costs		345	-	345
		<u>6,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,245</u>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>				
				£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	137,349	149,740	287,089
DBS Checks	Staff Time	105	48	153
Premises Costs	Activity	10,689	6,473	17,162
Volunteer Expenses	Activity	501	45	546
Staff Travel	Activity	10	23	33
Staff Training	Activity	1,010	-	1,010
Centre Activities	Activity	18,615	17,922	36,537
Partner Payments	Activity	35	15,078	15,113
Beneficiary Training	Activity	1,674	-	1,674
Subscriptions	Activity	107	-	107
Publicity & Website	Activity	1,482	1,231	2,713
Support Costs		25,614	45,081	70,695
Governance Costs		17,619	121	17,740
		<u>214,810</u>	<u>235,762</u>	<u>450,572</u>
				£
Restricted Funds				437,374
Unrestricted Funds				<u>19,443</u>
				<u>456,817</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 7 ALLOCATION OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

		General Support	Governance	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	18,361		18,361	21,308
Premises Costs	Activity	1,976		1,976	2,145
Donation In Kind - premises	Activity	3,800		3,800	3,800
Insurance	Activity	3,041		3,041	3,409
Cleaning	Activity	18,422		18,422	15,291
Equipment Leasing	Activity	1,583		1,583	1,583
Repairs & Renewals	Activity	19,264		19,264	1,725
Computer Maintenance	Activity	3,096		3,096	2,580
Minor Equipment & Software	Activity	1,084		1,084	751
Telephone & Internet	Activity	5,649		5,649	5,537
Post, Printing & Stationery	Activity	3,335		3,335	2,400
Sundries	Activity	1,219		1,219	374
Payroll Services	Activity	1,939		1,939	2,034
Depreciation	Activity	8,150		8,150	7,758
Accountancy	Governance		4,425	4,425	4,546
Consultancy	Governance		7,520	7,520	7,669
Professional Fees - HR	Governance		5,455	5,455	5,525
		90,919	17,400	108,319	88,435

## 8 STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	285,969	291,333
Social security costs	14,742	14,511
Pensions	4,830	4,940
	305,541	310,784

The charity employed 21 people during the year. The average number of employees during the year, was 21 and calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was as follows:

	Number	Number
Management & Administration	2	2
Services	9	10
	11	12

Along with the trustees the key management personnel are the joint CEO's and Operations manager

The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £111,006 (2020 £57,890). No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000.

## 9 AMOUNTS DUE UNDER OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due within one year	3,600	3,600
Due within 2-5 years	2,400	6,000
	6,000	9,600

A lease of £3,800 per annum for use of the premises exists but to date the lessor has donated use in kind.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Improvements	Furniture & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
<b>COST</b>	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	110,553	23,052	7,798	141,403
Additions	8,396	-	-	8,396
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	118,949	23,052	7,798	149,799
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2021	39,477	20,042	7,029	66,548
Charge for Period	5,635	1,747	769	8,151
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	45,112	21,789	7,798	74,699
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2022	73,837	1,263	-	75,100
At 31 March 2021	71,076	3,010	769	74,855

## 11 DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Other Debtors	11,337	12,346
Prepayments	6,985	1,833
	18,322	14,179

In 2022 £15,590 relates to restricted funds (2021 £11,957).

## 12 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other Creditors	5,298	3,752
Other Taxes and Social Security Costs	1	1
Deferred Income	49,730	44,060
Accruals	26,465	29,743
	81,494	77,556

In 2022 £26,371 is restricted funds (2021 £38,260).

## 13 DEFERRED INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income comprises grants paid in advance (restricted income).		
Balance as at 1st April	44,060	41,421
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(44,060)	(36,930)
Amount deferred in the year	49,730	39,569
Balance as at 31st March	49,730	44,060

## 14 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration has been paid or is due to be paid to any of the trustees in respect of the period.  
No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the trustees in respect of the period.

## 15 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
At 31 March	nil	nil

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

16 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS	At 1st April 2021	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2022
<i>Analysis of Movement in Restricted Funds</i>	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Centre</b>					
Our Manchester VCS	-	58,051	(58,051)	-	-
We Love Mcr	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Merseyfest	-	3,014	(2,706)	-	308
Donation in Kind - premises costs	-	3,800	(3,800)	-	-
NIF - Christmas	790	-	(194)	-	596
NIF - Cooker	-	1,548	(1,548)	-	-
Beautiful South	-	4,000	(3,719)	-	281
NHS Manchester CCG - Flu Vaccine	-	3,449	(3,449)	-	-
High Sheriff	-	500	(500)	-	-
Small Grants	-	100	(100)	-	-
<b>Learning Hub</b>					
Southways - Learning Hub	-	19,992	(19,992)	-	-
MCC - Work Club	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
Donations - Tyson Construction	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
<b>Young People &amp; Playschemes</b>					
Social Action	-	2,000	(1,946)	-	54
HAF	-	23,783	(23,783)	-	-
Thrive	712	-	(515)	-	197
Young Manchester	827	66,129	(66,956)	-	-
Young Manchester - Science	291	-	(291)	-	-
Young Manchester Adventure Fund	-	2,492	(2,492)	-	-
BSA Science Grant	-	500	(396)	-	104
Sport England	1,954	4,506	(3,016)	-	3,444
Southway - Summer Activities	-	900	(222)	-	678
The Cooperative - Youth Activities	3	-	-	-	3
MCC Special Education Needs - NIF	3	-	(3)	-	-
MCC - Hate Crime	-	1,250	(1,215)	-	35
CYP	6,980	1,205	(6,208)	-	1,977
We Love Mcr (CYP)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Young Manchester - Playscheme	964	11,094	(12,058)	-	-
Playscheme Donations & Other Income	714	-	(714)	-	-
<b>Older People &amp; Wellbeing</b>					
MCC Ling Well Fund	-	20,637	(20,637)	-	-
MCC Mcr Wellbeing Fund	500	1,509	(1,498)	-	511
Illuminate	-	4,687	(4,687)	-	-
NHS Manchester CCG	-	4,233	(3,236)	-	997
Greater Manchester Mental Health - Wellbeing	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
MCC- Hate Crime	47	500	(500)	-	47
Southway - Winter Warmer	567	1,000	(1,200)	-	367
Southway - Uniforms	161	-	(159)	-	2
Southway - Music for Mindfulness	1,540	-	-	-	1,540
MCC - Time 4U	726	-	(404)	-	322
Over 60's Contributions	2,215	975	(1,205)	-	1,985
Donations	307	2,094	-	-	2,401
MCC - Covid 19	133	8,029	(8,162)	-	-
Opens	-	49,240	(48,627)	-	613
South Neighbourhood Team - NIF - "The Den"	1,297	-	(212)	(347)	738
Small Grants	-	2,390	(1,320)	-	1,070
<b>Nursery</b>					
Hate Crime	88	750	(750)	-	88
Nursery Fees & Contributions	3	878	(881)	-	-
Out of School Club	281	3,352	(3,633)	-	-
Science Grant	-	500	(500)	-	-
Welfare	-	330	(330)	-	-
	21,103	327,417	(329,815)	(347)	18,358

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

16 cont ...

	At 1st April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2022 £
<b>Restricted Funds from previous page</b>	21,103	327,417	(329,815)	(347)	18,358
<b>Capital Funds</b>					
Veolia	28,495	22,287	(17,595)		33,187
Wates	12,728	-	(909)		11,819
MCC- S Mcr Regeneration	7,640	-	(546)		7,095
Early Years - Playground	15,639	-	(1,123)		14,516
Southway Donation in Kind	3,759	-	(463)		3,296
Opens	486	-	(121)		365
NIF - The Den	-	-	-	347	347
Reaching Communities	307	-	(307)		-
Nursery Capital (Co-op & Ford Britain)	900	-	(900)		-
	<u>69,954</u>	<u>22,287</u>	<u>(21,963)</u>	<u>347</u>	<u>70,625</u>
	<u>91,057</u>	<u>349,704</u>	<u>(351,778)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,983</u>
<b>Analysis of Movement in Unrestricted Funds:</b>					
Designated Capital	4,226		(860)	1,109	4,475
Designated Funds					
Good Things Foundation - Learning Hub	1,862	5,221	(3,496)	-	3,587
Big Life - Learning Hub	10,000	10,000	(18,554)	-	1,446
	<u>16,088</u>	<u>15,221</u>	<u>(22,910)</u>	<u>1,109</u>	<u>9,508</u>
General Funds	154,931	78,617	(125,281)	(1,109)	107,158
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>171,019</u>	<u>93,838</u>	<u>(148,191)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,666</u>
Total Funds	<u>262,076</u>	<u>443,542</u>	<u>(499,969)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,649</u>

**Third Party Grants**

BMCA received third party grants of £5,901 during the year. As BMCA were merely acting as a conduit for these funds and not accountable for them, the figures have not been reflected in income or expenditure.

Other grants administered for third parties are shown on the previous page.

At 31st March 2022 BMCA held £5,111 on behalf of other groups..

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## 16 (cont...) Previous Year

ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS	At 1st April 2020	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2021
<i>Analysis of Movement in Restricted Funds</i>	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Centre</b>					
Our Manchester VCS	-	58,051	(58,051)	-	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities *	4,306	91,530	(95,529)	(307)	-
Big Lottery - Covid	-	59,102	(59,112)	10	-
CAF Resilience Fund	-	24,098	(24,098)	-	-
Donation in Kind - premises costs	-	3,800	(3,800)	-	-
NIF - Christmas	-	2,150	(1,360)	-	790
NIF - Covid	-	2,946	(2,946)	-	-
We Love Manchester	-	2,250	(2,250)	-	-
NHS Manchester CCG - Flu Vaccine	-	1,401	(1,401)	-	-
HMRC - CJRS	-	7,887	(7,887)	-	-
<b>Learning Hub</b>					
Southways - Learning Hub	-	19,992	(19,992)	-	-
MCC - Work & Skills	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
<b>Young People &amp; Playschemes</b>					
Groundwork - Social Action Cohorts	-	-	(154)	154	-
Thrive	2,227	21,101	(22,616)	-	712
Young Manchester	1,655	64,447	(65,275)	-	827
Young Manchester - Science	291	-	-	-	291
Young People - Donations	71	50	-	(121)	-
Sport England	-	2,704	(750)	-	1,954
The Cooperative - Youth Activities	4,783	-	(4,780)	-	3
MCC Special Education Needs - NIF	130	-	(127)	-	3
MCC - Hate Crime	21	-	(21)	-	-
CYP	-	8,791	(1,811)	-	6,980
Young Manchester - Playscheme	515	9,942	(9,493)	-	964
Playscheme Donations & Other Income	714	-	-	-	714
<b>Older People &amp; Wellbeing</b>					
MCC Mcr Wellbeing Fund	-	953	(453)	-	500
MCC- Hate Crime	47	-	-	-	47
Southway - Winter Warner	-	1,500	(933)	-	567
Southway - Uniforms	-	400	(239)	-	161
Southway - Music for Mindfulness	-	1,540	-	-	1,540
MCC - Time 4U	-	1,341	(615)	-	726
Buzz	-	910	(910)	-	-
Over 60's Contributions	2,330	64	(179)	-	2,215
Donations	-	307	-	-	307
MCC - Covid 19	-	350	(217)	-	133
Opens	(16)	39,940	(39,438)	(486)	-
South Neighbourhood Team - NIF - "The Den"	1,470	-	(173)	-	1,297
<b>Nursery</b>					
Hate Crime	88	-	-	-	88
Nursery Fees & Contributions	-	512	(509)	-	3
Out of School Club	-	1,561	(1,280)	-	281
	18,632	434,620	(431,399)	(750)	21,103
<b>Capital Funds</b>					
Veolia	30,530	-	(2,035)	-	28,495
Wates	13,637	-	(909)	-	12,728
MCC- S Mcr Regeneration	8,185	-	(545)	-	7,640
Early Years - Playground	16,762	-	(1,123)	-	15,639
Southway Donation in Kind	4,222	-	(463)	-	3,759
Opens	-	-	-	486	486
Reaching Communities	-	-	-	307	307
Nursery Capital (Co-op & Ford Britain)	1,800	-	(900)	-	900
	75,136	-	(5,975)	793	69,954
	93,768	434,620	(437,374)	43	91,057

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

16 cont ...	At 1st April 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2021 £
Restricted Funds from previous page	93,768	434,620	(437,374)	43	91,057
Analysis of Movement in Unrestricted Funds:					
Designated Capital	4,866		(873)	233	4,226
Designated Funds					
MCC LRSG - Nursery	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	-
Good Things Foundation - Learning Hub	-	4,021	(2,159)	-	1,862
Big Life - Learning Hub	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
	4,866	20,021	(9,032)	233	16,088
General Funds	70,186	95,432	(10,411)	(276)	154,931
Total Unrestricted Funds	75,052	115,453	(19,443)	(43)	171,019
Total Funds	168,820	550,073	(456,817)	-	262,076

**Third Party Grants**

BMCA received third party grants of £300 during the year. As BMCA were merely acting as a conduit for these funds and not accountable for them, the figures have not been reflected in income or expenditure.

Other grants administered for third parties are shown on the previous page.

At 31st March 2021 BMCA held £1,200 on behalf of The Primary Partnership Team and £300 for other groups..

**17 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	4,475	70,625	75,100
Net Current Assets	112,191	18,358	130,549
	116,666	88,983	205,649

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Previous Year			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4,866	69,989	74,855
Net Current Assets	166,153	21,068	187,221
	171,019	91,057	262,076

**18 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised on a transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at an amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**19 GOING CONCERN**

The company's main source of income is grant funding and rental income. The trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if the funding income should cease.

Following the securing of specific grants for 2022/23 and the continuing support of funders trustees are confident that the Centre remains a going concern, despite a short term drop in self-generated income.

**20 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

The trustees consider that there are no significant post balance sheet events that impact on the financial statements as presented.

**21 CONTROL OF THE COMPANY**

Control of the company lies with the volunteer trustees named on Page 1.



# **Barlow Moor** BMCA LTD. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION @ The Julie Mrozek Community Centre

## IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022





It is with great pleasure and pride that I introduce the Barlow Moor Community Association Impact Report for 2021/2022. It has been another challenging year as we continued to deal with the ongoing impacts of the Covid pandemic and then started to open the centre and relaunch the face-to-face delivery of sessions whilst keeping service users and staff safe. I would like to thank our amazing staff team, volunteers and Board for being caring, adaptable and flexible as always as we met those challenges together.

It is brilliant to see the centre so full of life again and so much has been delivered to improve the quality of life, aspirations and enjoyment of our local residents.

A major highlight of 2021 was Merseyfest - back bigger and better. It felt joyful to be together again in person enjoying each other's company, music, fun, food and a wide range of activities on the playing fields; and it didn't rain!

This was followed by other very successful and well attended events like Spookifest for Halloween and our brilliant Christmas festivities including Santa's First Stop.

Our day-to-day support for local people is second to none, and helping people get back into work and achieve qualifications can have a huge impact.

Food and fuel poverty and the cost-of-living crisis are big issues locally, and we are aiming to support people wherever we can - this has been a major focus over the last year and will continue to be as we move forward.

Children and young people suffered greatly during the pandemic and missed out on many opportunities, but BMCA has been a constant source of support throughout. Our Youth and Play team are adept at thinking of new experiences and challenges to engage our young people.

Our links with the community are stronger than ever and the Charity Shop on the shopping parade is a firm favourite. The Community Café is now open again for two days a week and this is proving to be a great place for people to meet and socialise. These valuable community assets and many activities and events at the centre would not be possible without our fantastic volunteers who staff them. We genuinely appreciate their time and input. A small group of volunteers were able to attend a thank you afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor of Manchester arranged by local councillors.

Barlow Moor Community Association continues to gain respect around the city and with our many partners, and we work collaboratively with many organisations to better the lives of our residents. We were shortlisted for a Manchester Be Proud Award and a Spirit of Manchester Award for our work.

In December 2021 we said goodbye to our outgoing CEO Julie Mrozek. Julie has been the lynchpin of BMCA for 28 years and an inspirational leader. We will miss her very much, but have wonderful memories of her time at BMCA and her many achievements. The building has been renamed The Julie Mrozek Community Centre in her honour. Toni and Becky are now our joint CEOs and have hit the ground running and slipped seamlessly into their new roles.

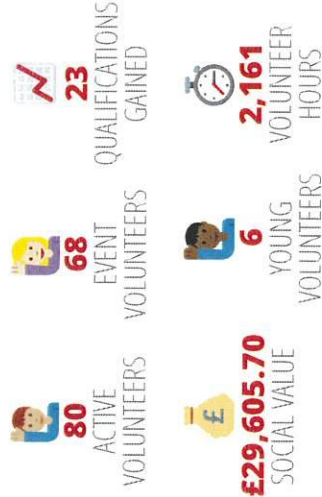
A final thanks to all our funders and partners without whom we would not be able to do the things we do. And to all our service users who make BMCA the fantastic community-focused, vibrant place that it is.

**Here's to another amazing year ahead!**



# VOLUNTEERS

"When you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."  
- Author Unknown



# AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE LORD MAYOR

In November our volunteers received an invitation to afternoon tea with the lord mayor in his chambers.

Our volunteers enjoyed tea and sandwiches, with a bit of cake and a natter with other volunteers from across the city.





L had an existing connection with the centre through family and was aware of the service that BMCA offered, so decided to register as a volunteer in 2019. After completing their induction, they expressed an interest in supporting the health and well-being activities and events within the centre.

During regular conversations with the volunteer coordinator L discussed their previous job roles and that they had an interest in **training** and developing their skills to start on the road to returning to the workplace. L felt that after being at home with their family they wanted to reconnect with the community and start to make a difference to others as well as use their free time in an effective and worthwhile way.

L completed a number of short courses which could enhance their job opportunities but also enable them to do more within the centre. By completing a food hygiene course L could start to serve and prepare food, this opened up the opportunity to volunteer in a new BMCA venture, The Den, a local community café.

Along with developing the knowledge needed to work in the catering sector, L was able to refresh their IT skills, re-learning something they had not done for a while.

L started to work as part of a small team to prepare The Den for opening, this was to be a grand event and linked to our AGM, both taking place on the same day. L was a key member of the team and was proud of their role. L demonstrated skills including team work, time management, flexibility, communication and customer service. The event was a success and L couldn't wait to get started, sharing ideas of how the community café could move forward.

## Then Covid hit and everything stopped!

This was not going to stop L from continuing their journey and so when offered the opportunity to achieve a volunteering qualification they joined. This was a new way of learning for everyone involved. Using zoom to attend a class and sending completed work via email. This was another opportunity to update and refresh IT skills. As well as home schooling their own children L completed their qualification with a great sense of achievement.

Over the summer of 2020 L returned to the centre to reopen the community café, very much looking forward to welcoming customers, preparing teas and coffees (having received some training on the coffee machine) and being part of the team.

*"For every positive change you make in your life, something else also changes for the better – it creates a chain reaction." – Leon Brown*

## WALK AND TALK

Walk and Talk has massively increased since restrictions eased. With around 8 – 10 regular service users joining us on a weekly basis for a walk around Chorlton Water Park. This year we have worked in partnership with the Conservation Volunteers to offer an eight-week project to promote nature in the local community. Within this the group have been bird spotting, looking at nature in the water and identifying trees.

*"Thank you to Rachel, Rebecca and Ruth for today's walk, I loved looking at the local nature, it's good to know what we can do to help the nature in our local area."*



## GARDENING

We have introduced a new Gardening project, with service users showing interest and keen volunteers wanting to make a difference to the area turning an unused space into a welcoming environment. The gardening project has enabled local people to learn **new skills**, increase **community cohesion**, expand on **communication skills**, **improve mental and physical wellbeing** along with **reducing loneliness and isolation**.

*"It was an amazing experience getting involved with the gardening project. Seeing the fruitfulness of my handy work."*

*"The best bit was seeing the produce from my hands' work."*

*"I was so at peace in the garden."*

*"The support you and your colleagues gave me was amazing."*





This year we have seen an increase in the support needed around food and financial support. We continue to offer Food Bank Vouchers, Food Parcels and other activities around food such as Community Lunches and introducing food provision into existing sessions.

## RECIPE BOOK

Over the summer we offered an additional 'Let's Cook' session for parents and carers to attend while their children were enjoying Play Scheme. Some examples of the meals we learnt to cook included; Sausage, Mash and Onion Gravy, Spaghetti Bolognese, Chilli and Pasta Bake. Through this we have also been able to produce our very own BMCA Recipe Book to enable our service users to take the recipe's learnt home with them to cook for their families.



## HOLIDAY SUPPORT FUND

BMCA became a referral hub to enable local people access to the Household Support Fund. Through this we supported 16 individuals to receive grants of either £70 or £100 with a total of £1390 applied for. This money supported individuals who are struggling financially to purchase food, pay bills, or put gas and electric on their meter.



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ADULTS SUPPORTED



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ACCESSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION & ADVICE



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LEVEL 1 & 2 QUALIFICATIONS ACHIEVED



15

JOB OUTCOMES



35

CPD STAFF TRAINING COURSES



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ACCESSING HEALTH & WELLBEING

## HATE CRIME AWARENESS



During Hate Crime Awareness week, 25 of our young people got involved in creating a campaign to end hate crime and encourage people to report it; making posters, holding candle vigils, designing t-shirts, baking cakes and making street art. The young people were very involved and vocal in early discussions around types of hate crime and their own experiences as well as very enthusiastic and creative when deciding on ideas of how to convey their message.

All elements of the project were designed to be age appropriate with Junior club 5-8 years focusing on ideas of unity, compassion and equality and created flyers, posters and flags conveying these messages. Senior youth 13+ went into the more complex ideas and specific types of hate crimes and the effects these can have on individuals and society. They then created the t-shirts and the video concept relating to these messages. Junior generation, 9-12 years, then took this material as well as some of their own and wore the t-shirts whilst walking around the local area spreading awareness, putting the posters and flyers in local shops.

The young people filmed the project from start to finish with some of the older ones volunteering in the younger sessions. This youth led approach and its successful outcomes have definitely given many of the young people a sense of ownership, pride and self-belief, which they have vocalised through the project and since.

**Comments made by the young people**  
*'Projects like this are good, what else can we do next'.*

*I enjoyed researching the songs and hearing their messages'*  
another stated

*'I really enjoyed the filming and I now want to buy my own camera'*

Local people who spoke with the young people during some activities and the campaign around the local area commented on what a good idea this was which helped with changing perceptions of young people and increasing community cohesion. The final video we created for this campaign is available online <https://youtu.be/r1leAeR2zwg>



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CHILDREN & YOUNG ACCESSED PROVISION



8 WEEKS OF PLAY SCHEME



32

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN SOCIAL ACTION



28

ACCESSED FOOD VOUCHER SUPPORT



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EHA'S AND FAMILY SUPPORT MEETINGS

## CONSULTATIONS

It was a busy summer full of fun activities and consultations, the children and young people took part in a survey for the plans to upgrade Chorlton Park playground.

Manchester Play Network, Manchester City Council and Young Manchester are working together to update the Manchester Play Strategy. Our children and young people also had their input in the Play strategy consultation completing an online survey which will feed into the updated play strategy later this year.





## BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Service user J came to the Centre to enquire about the courses that we run in the Learning Hub. They had recently bumped into an old friend who they had not seen for a number of years and the friend told them about a course that they had recently completed at the Centre.

J explained that having completed qualifications whilst at school and then at college, they had not been employed since having young children and would like to start learning and gaining qualifications which would help them return to work.

Whilst completing an initial advice and guidance session with J they explained that they really wanted to look for a role that would fit in with their children who had all recently started school.

J decided to enroll on the Level 1 Preparing to Work in Schools course. From the first session, J engaged with all the other learners and seemed comfortable in the setting, answering questions when asked and sharing experiences.

The sessions allowed J to develop friendships and this also developed their confidence. Towards the end J expressed an interest in continuing their learning and asked to go onto the next level of the qualification.

During the time between the courses J attended the Centre to receive support in completing an application form for a role found within a local school. We completed the application process and J was invited to attend an interview. Unfortunately, J was informed that due to a change in circumstances the role had been put on hold indefinitely.

This did have an effect on their confidence but through discussion we were able to identify that they had been successful at part of the process and this in its self had been a learning curve.

J started the level 2 support work in schools and colleges course with a strong desire to achieve the qualification. Once again, confidence, self-belief and motivation grew and J became aware of a volunteering opportunity in a local primary school.

Supported by their peers and through discussion within the group J received some hints and tips around what to expect at an informal chat with the deputy head teacher regarding the volunteer position.

J has been offered the volunteering role, which will allow J to put their knowledge into practice and gain excellent skills and experience.

Whilst attending the Centre J has received help with accessing benefits available through completion of a benefit checker. J attended job club and 1-1 employability support; writing a CV, producing a cover letter and completing an application form.

**By attending the Centre J has become more motivated, gained confidence and gained a social circle whilst achieving 2 qualifications in the professional area J wishes to pursue a career in.**

## VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

"Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much" – Helen Keller



### YOUTH LED PLANNING

We held an 'Away Day' type session with our young people, the session was modelled on how we plan our sessions and event timetables. We first mind mapped what types of activities and trips the young people would want to have going forward - we split these into three categories, food and cooking, sports activities and general activities and for each we discussed what we would need to do or get to do them i.e. shopping list for meals/cooking, new dodgeballs and trips down to the field for football, music/video equipment etc.

We then looked at important causes, issues the young people felt affected them, or that they felt strongly about and discussed ways in which we could put on events or activities to raise awareness or campaign around these topics. These included things like improving the local area, Hate crime awareness, Knife crime, LGBT & BLM awareness campaigns and events, community fairs and social events and more. We then put these into a calendar, planning which activities could be done each week with the aim of creating a diverse set of events and activities in line with the skills for life principles.

Just from the planning alone the young people **demonstrated organisation, communication and teamwork skills.**



### AUTUMN FALLS

Our older people enjoyed a two course meal, falls prevention information pack (including leaflets, slippers and safety tools) along with an information talk around Climate change thanks to our partnership with Groundwork.

*'I thoroughly enjoyed today, thank you so much, it just shows how we all need to work together to help tackle climate change too.'*

*'The information in the bag will be so helpful, I can now have torches around the house to be able to help move around when it is dark, thank you.'*

after the closures due to Government restrictions feedback included:

*'I am so looking forward to coming back for the card making group, I have missed it.'*

*'It is so lovely to be able to come out of the house to the centre on a regular basis after such a long period of time.'*



### CRAFT GROUP

Our craft group has continued to expand with individuals coming together to enjoy a range of craft activities including: card making, crocheting, painting and knitting. The cards are sold for a small donation to enable the group to buy more resources to produce more cards. The group were happy to be back in the Centre



## CHRISTMAS DINNER IN A BAG

This year we offered families in financial difficulty, Christmas Dinner in a bag, this included everything you need for a Christmas Dinner – Turkey, Pigs in Blankets, Crackers, Napkins, Shloer, Biscuits, Mince Pies and more. Feedback from this provision included;

*'Wow, thank you so much, this is amazing, I didn't expect this at all!'*

*'Thank you so much, I literally have everything I need here for Christmas Day, this is a massive help.'*

## CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

This year we adapted our Christmas Day dinner from face to face delivery to home deliveries to ensure the safety of our service users. Although we would have preferred to have our face to face Christmas dinner the alternative option still had a positive impact on those service users who accessed this support. Through this 13 older people received a Christmas Day dinner, dessert, present, mince pies and drink to celebrate Christmas Day. Service users enjoyed seeing and speaking to our volunteers on Christmas Day reporting **reduced loneliness** and **isolation and improved mental health and wellbeing**.



£1390 APPLIED FOR TO SUPPORT 16 INDIVIDUALS



109 COMMUNITY LUNCHES ENJOYED



30 HALF TERM 'FUN' FOOD PARCELS CREATED



140 BREAKFAST PACK DISTRIBUTED



OVER 200 FOOD PARCELS ISSUED

MOBILE PHONES

DISTRIBUTED – 150

VODAFONE – 50 SIM CARDS / DATA

TABLETS – 6

LAPTOPS ON MONTHLY LOAN – 7 WORKING WITH SOUTHWAY HOUSING TRUST

ONLINE COMMUNITY HEALTH – 56 SERVICE USERS SUPPORTED

GOOD THINGS FOUNDATION "NOBODY IN THE DARK PROJECT" – 40 SERVICE USER COMPLETED THE QUIZ

## NEIL SAND'S CHRISTMAS MEMORIES – THEATRE TRIP

Our yearly theatre trip to watch Neil Sands was enjoyed by all; our older people enjoyed a sing-along to Christmas songs and hymns with a live performance. The older people enjoyed it so much that they requested to attend the mid-year performance in June 2022 for the Jubilee celebration.

## COMMUNITY LUNCHES

In January 2021 we re-introduced our monthly Community Lunches with over 30 individuals attending per event. Each session saw a hot two course meal with either a game of prize bingo or quiz, the lunch was enjoyed by all.

Feedback from this included;

*'Thank you so much for lunch today, it was lovely'*

*'It was nice to have these back, thank you so much.'*



The community lunches increase community cohesion, reduce loneliness and isolation and improve mental health and wellbeing.



CHRISTMAS DINNER IN A BAG – 29 FAMILIES/99 INDIVIDUALS



CHRISTMAS EVE SURPLUS FOOD – 28 FAMILIES



CHRISTMAS DAY – 13 INDIVIDUALS



NEIL SANDS CHRISTMAS MEMORIES THEATRE TRIP – 13 OLDER PEOPLE

During our annual Blackpool trip local families enjoyed fish and chips, a walk along the sea-front and of course some shopping.

*'I really enjoyed myself today, I have had some fish and chips, got some fresh air and had a change from being in Chorlton all the time'*

*'I really enjoyed today, I'm shattered now but I really enjoyed myself.'*

Our Llandudno day trip enabled older people to go out of their local area and explore and discover new things, some older people enjoyed a meal out with friends, some explored the shops and some enjoyed a very wet and windy walk around the town centre.



BLACKPOOL – 18 LOCAL PEOPLE



WAP TIME TEA DANCE – 25 OLDER PEOPLE



LLANDUDNO – 26 INDIVIDUALS



CRAFT MAKING – 9 INDIVIDUALS ON A WEEKLY BASIS



## MERSEYFEST

This year we held our third annual Merseyfest on the Parkway Playing Fields off the Mersey Bank Estate; a fun day and information sharing event that is completely free to access for the local community. After the turbulent year we have had, the event was much enjoyed by the community with activities including:

- Inflatables
- Reptiles
- Face painting
- Covid Vaccination Van
- Information Stalls
- Live entertainment including a Magician and singers
- Free food for all

Through partnership work we were able to expand our offer this year with many local organisations coming to support the event including: Chorlton Arts Festival, Citizens Advice, Be Well and RSPB. Overall Merseyfest brought a much needed sense of 'normality' to the community allowing community members of all ages to enjoy the event.

<https://youtu.be/KwGsF3TxBI>



ATTENDEES – 600



## WAR TIME TEA DANCE

Our War Time Tea Dance was a great success bringing people together to communicate, reduce loneliness and isolation and meet new people. During this event we had live entertainment singing War Time themed songs, a themed quiz, complimentary raffle and Afternoon Tea. The event was enjoyed by all with feedback received such as:

*'The Tea Dance was amazing, the tables and room looked amazing, the staff was so helpful and although I was nervous going into the room for the first proper event in 17months I really enjoyed it, thank you.'*



## SPOOKY FEST

Our senior youth group really wanted to give back and make a difference within their community and show themselves in a positive light, as a staff team we supported the young people to plan and deliver a family fun day event for Halloween. This was all delivered in a local park and the young people planned activities that would suit all age ranges; they did this by looking back at other community events BMCA have delivered and evaluated what had worked well.

Overall the event was a massive success with 203 individual children and young people in attendance as well as many more adult family members; we estimate over 300 people in total.

### Quotes from members of the community

*"It was fantastic"*

*"Frightened to death, Fantastic"*

*"Excellent loved it"*

*"The young people of this community should be proud of themselves"*

*"Great fun for families in the half term"*

## OUTREACH

### CHARITY SHOP

With the help of a small team of our volunteers the charity shop has remained open (when restrictions allowed) throughout the last 12 months. Our aim for 2022 is to open a third day to expand our community assets and provide further opportunities for volunteering, retail experience and shopping!

### THE DEN

This year we have re-opened The Den, our community café. This has enabled local people an alternative, affordable place to meet new people, have light refreshments and a safe space to go to. Re-opening the café has had a positive impact on the local community with feedback including:

*'It is so lovely having the café open again, it's really what the estate needs'*

*'I really enjoy being able to go somewhere for a coffee and sandwich.'*

## PARTNERS

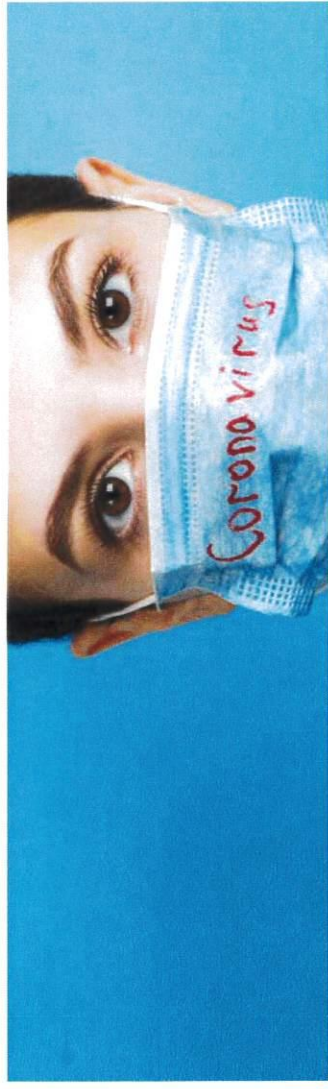
### CHRISTMAS EVE SURPLUS FOOD

Working in partnership with Aldi and Lidl, BMCA collected a large amount of surplus food from stores to be given out to local families in need. This prevented a large amount of food being disposed of and enabled families to receive food bags on Christmas eve to help over the Christmas period.

From session delivery to large events like Merseyfest we couldn't do it without the support of our partners.







## LIFE AFTER COVID

Although Covid hasn't gone away we are learning to readjust to a new way of living; social distancing has become a habit and face masks are the new norm. As we try to find our feet again, re-establish relationships and re-engage with the wider community we are now facing another challenge in the Cost of Living Crisis. BMCA will continue to provide support and work in partnership to strengthen our community and ensure no one gets left behind.

Case study – no funds, no food, no phone

Service user A originally came into the centre to use the library computers, whilst signing in and speaking to the reception staff they were told to help themselves to a cup of tea if they wanted from the tea trolley. Service user A was very grateful and started to explain they were having some problems. The member of staff advised them to take a seat and she would ask someone to come and talk to them.

Once seated with a cup of tea and some toast the service user started to explain what had happened. They had recently had their benefits stopped (sanctioned) due to failure to attend a job centre appointment. They went on to explain that they had been waiting for a workman to attend their property after damage had been caused by a third party which made the property insecure. As they had at that point not received a crime number the job centre had explained that until this was provided they had to withhold their benefits.

This meant that the service user had no money and was unable to buy food so had not eaten or had a hot drink for the last 2 days. In order to be able to heat their home they had sold their mobile phone and so could not contact any support agencies.

Within the centre we quickly pulled together a food parcel for them to take immediately and completed

a foodbank request for a food delivery the next day. We then booked in an appointment so we could complete a mandatory reconsideration with the DWP. This could be completed once service user A had gone to their appointment at the job centre with their crime number and police report to explain fully what had happened.

The outcome was full reinstatement of benefits, along with receiving back dated payment. Service user A was very thankful for the support we had been able to offer.

We have continued to offer support recently providing surplus food on Christmas Eve along with delivery of Christmas dinner on Christmas day. We were also able to provide a mobile phone with free minutes, texts and data.

We will continue to work with and support service user A as they are aiming to attend some of the health and well-being sessions that are on offer within the centre.

**This case study highlights the need for intense holistic support in order to help those living in poverty address immediate need in order for them to begin the process of looking for work, reaching their potential and being successful.**

## CEO STATEMENT

As we sit and write our first CEO statement I think both Becky and myself are marveling at the journey we have been on since joining BMCA. From Learning Hub and Nursery Managers to filling the rather sizable shoes of one Mrs Julie Mrozek it has been quite the experience.

My journey started in June 2015 when I joined the Nursery as the new manager; I hadn't been here 12 months when my future partner in crime joined to head up the Learning Hub in May 2016. We both came from quite corporate backgrounds but clearly showed a passion for a more holistic approach to the help and support we could provide those we work with. It turns out that we also shared our love of dressing up and acting the fool!

Over the next 6 years we both developed our respective areas within the centre and took on additional roles and responsibilities; on becoming Strategic Leads I took over the youth and play delivery, with Becky inheriting all things adults. Working with Julie meant that there was no end to the opportunities to learn and develop our craft, from funding bids, steering groups and scrutiny to partnership development and event management we have (almost) done it all. It has been a process, and not always a successful one but with Julie in the lead and an incredible staff team having our backs we have grown into what are hopefully two competent and (fingers crossed) successful CEOs for an incredible community centre located on an amazing estate.

Saying goodbye to Julie in December and watching the outpouring of love and admiration from service users, staff, volunteers and colleagues across the city, those shoes I mentioned earlier never looked so big; but I'm confident that with the support of the board, staff and volunteers and the endless drive and enthusiasm of service users and local people Becky and I have got this!

BMCA is home and the people in it are family, it's not a conventional family but who has one of those? It's a family that provides a space to feel safe, support and encouragement to achieve and a full cheer leading squad that ensures everyone meets their potential.

How long was it Julie sat in this chair?

28 years?

OK here's to the next 21 years

Wish us luck!

**Toni & Becky X**





## BE PROUD AWARDS FINALISTS

BMCA – BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY

JULIE MROZEK – CREATIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY

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