

BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31ST March 2024

The trustees present their annual directors' report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 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, resigned 13 th September 2023)
Mr Philip Davis	(resigned 13 th September 2023)
Rev. Anne Pilkington	(resigned 13 th September 2023)
Mrs Michelle Hodges	(appointed to role of Treasurer from 13 th September 2023)
Mr Luke Hodges	(resigned 13 th September 2023)
Ms Helen Sharples	(appointed to role of Company Secretary from 13 th September 2023)
Miss Clover Hudson	(Vice Chair)
Mr George Coombs	
Rev. Thomas Phipps	(appointed 13 th September 2023)

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

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Bankers

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

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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.

BMCA takes a holistic approach to tackling poverty, acknowledging that this is not simply about a lack of money but also a lack of opportunities and choice. We support families through inter-generational services and activities tackling complex lives and providing early intervention to prevent those most vulnerable facing increased need and escalation. The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through undertaking community activities including:

Health and Wellbeing - A robust programme which supports the day-to-day challenges and the long-term resilience of local people:

- Early intervention and enhanced support - intensive 1-1 support for individuals including financial resilience, and targeted support for disadvantaged individuals, daily warm hub, food projects such as community kitchen, emergency food parcels, foodbank and school uniform projects
- Health - mental health initiatives, health information days, exercise provision Yoga, Tai Chi, Mature movers chair-based exercise, walk and talk, breakfast and lunch club, social sessions such as Bingo, Games, movie afternoons, befriending, creative activities, Men's Den and Music for Mindfulness, seasonal themed events such as step into spring, autumn falls and winter warmer, staying safe in the home

Enhanced cost of living support – Leading on the neighbourhood cost-of-living partnership, anti-poverty work, and influencing change

Community Development – A diverse programme that supports the development and delivery of services and realises the ambitions of the community:

- Driving Change - Community Consultation, leading on/facilitating the friends of Merseybank community enterprise forum, empowering local people to have the confidence to direct reinvestment of profits to improve their lives and community spaces
- Social Action – Volunteer led – social enterprise delivery Charity Shop and Community Café,

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community garden. Volunteer facilitated sessions and community library, bike project, litter picks, children & young people social action

- Community-wide events: developing community cohesion through Merseyfest, Spookeyfest, Santa's First Stop, Play streets – Reclaiming the streets for the children and young people, providing a safe area to play and promoting and enhancing community cohesion

Advice/Education/Training/Employment – A robust education, training and employment programme with practical work readiness and work placement opportunities:

- Matrix accredited Information Advice and Guidance, in work support through twilight 1-1 time 4 u sessions and group activities e.g. budgeting, childcare, travel costs and in-work benefit advice
- Employment support - Job club, Intensive 1-1 employability support e.g. CV workshops, interview skills, completing applications and Jobs fairs
- Informal training - mentoring, underpinning knowledge courses Confident Communication, Teamwork, Mind-set and Positive Thinking
- Accredited qualifications - In-house delivered accredited NCFE/Cache Qualifications cohorts in: Support work in school, Retail, Customer Service in Health & Social Care and Volunteering along with certificates in Food Hygiene, First Aid, Health & Safety, Allergy Awareness and Safeguarding
- Basic skills development - English Conversation Café, Everyday English and Maths and Digi Drop In (ICT)

Children and Young People - A comprehensive range of services for children and young people and their families:

- Early Years provision 2 – 4-yrs - 30 place nursery offering 15 hours care per week
- Free Open access play and holiday play schemes for 5 – 12 yrs
- After school club -5-12yrs - affordable quality childcare
- Youth provision offers 1 Intermediate Youth session per week for 11– 14yr olds and 2 Senior Youth sessions per week for the 13+ age group.

Our wider offer includes excursions, community lunches, residential trips, and in addition, we are a venue for external groups e.g., Narcotics Anonymous, Credit Union, Be-Well, faith groups, private parties, local regeneration steering groups, social housing provider and local authority, MP and Councillors surgery, Citizens Advice and Foodbank.

Structure, governance and management

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

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.

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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 meet bi-monthly. A Centre Management Team are 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 £620,113 (2023 £521,175). Expenditure increased to £530,754 from £506,642 with most of this coming from restricted reserves. This left a surplus of £89,359 (2023 surplus of £14,533). Unrestricted reserves at the year end, were £168,003, up from £112,856 in 2023.

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 31st March 2023 was £168,003 of which £164,870 is free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. The charity has designated £20,621 of this to support specific activities. Restricted reserves totalled £141,538 with £93,002 relating to fixed assets (spent) and £48,536 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 £177,000). The trustees 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 over 3.5 months running costs. Having regard to the 24/25 budget and supplemented by the general funds the trustees consider that the charity is a going concern.

Grants in excess of £360,000 have been confirmed for 2024/25.

BARLOW MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED**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: 17th July 2024

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 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 20.

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: 17th July 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**
(including income and expenditure account)

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Year Ended 31 March 2024 £	Year Ended 31 March 2023 £
INCOME FROM	Notes				
Donations & Legacies	2	2,084	500	2,584	2,117
Donation In Kind		-	24,000	24,000	3,800
Charitable activities	3	88,863	471,664	560,527	491,490
Other Trading Activities	4	27,878	49	27,927	21,789
Investment Income		5,075	-	5,075	1,979
TOTAL INCOME		123,900	496,213	620,113	521,176
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Raising Funds	6	11,506	-	11,506	11,045
Grants Made	6	-	6,370	6,370	6,715
Charitable Activities	6	57,236	455,642	512,878	488,882
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		68,742	462,012	530,754	506,642
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) & NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		55,158	34,201	89,359	14,533
Gross Transfer between funds	16	(11)	11	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	16	112,856	107,326	220,182	205,649
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16	168,003	141,538	309,541	220,182

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 10 to 20 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	96,135	79,017
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	19,360	15,187
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>258,172</u>	<u>218,959</u>
		277,532	234,146
LIABILITIES:			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(64,126)</u>	<u>(92,981)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		213,406	141,165
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>309,541</u>	<u>220,182</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted Income Funds	16	141,538	107,326
Unrestricted Income Funds	16	<u>168,003</u>	<u>112,856</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>309,541</u>	<u>220,182</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 Michelle Hodges

Mrs Michelle Hodges

Date: 17th July 2024

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net movement in funds	89,359	14,533
Add back depreciation	11,684	9,227
Deduct investment income	(5,075)	(1,979)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(4,173)	3,135
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(28,855)	11,487
Net cash used in operating activities	62,940	36,403
Cash flows from investment activities:		
Interest	5,075	1,979
Purchase of fixed assets	(28,802)	(13,144)
Net cash provided by investing activities	(23,727)	(11,165)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	39,213	25,238
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	218,959	193,721
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	258,172	218,959

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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 36 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.

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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 operates an auto enrolment defined contribution pension scheme for its employees.

The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee contributions.

(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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	2,084	500	2,584
	2,084	500	2,584
Previous Year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Donations	1,117	1,000	2,117
	1,117	1,000	2,117

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Grants:			
Our Manchester VCS	-	86,719	86,719
MCC NIF - Various	-	3,829	3,829
HAF	-	16,873	16,873
Garfield Weston Foundation	25,000	-	25,000
MCC - Hate Crime	-	1,500	1,500
MCC - Young People	-	65,288	65,288
The Henry Smith Charity	-	31,133	31,133
Trusthouse	-	21,696	21,696
Good Things Foundation	10,600	-	10,600
MCC Work & Skills	-	10,000	10,000
Southway - Learning Hub	-	19,992	19,992
Southway - Beautiful South	-	1,500	1,500
Southway - Breakfast Support	-	1,750	1,750
Merseyfest - Various	-	5,716	5,716
Diabetes Project	-	7,000	7,000
Big Life	2,500	-	2,500
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	-	71,212	71,212
Big Lottery - Cost of Living	-	62,567	62,567
Big Lottery - Million Hours	-	9,487	9,487
Nursery Free Entitlement & EYPP	33,710	-	33,710
Nursery - Welfare Grant	-	105	105
Nursery SEN	-	2,151	2,151
Youth Investment Fund	-	18,288	18,288
TFGM Bike Project	-	11,656	11,656
Sport England	-	10,399	10,399
Other Social Contracts	9,000	-	9,000
Other Small Grants	7,210	6,096	13,306
Total Grants	88,020	464,957	552,977
Group Contributions etc	116	4,183	4,299
Other Income	727	2,524	3,251
	843	6,707	7,550
	88,863	471,664	560,527

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
Previous Year			
Grants:	£	£	£
Our Manchester VCS	-	58,051	58,051
MCC NIF - Various	-	20,978	20,978
High Sheriff	-	500	500
HAF	-	22,508	22,508
Garfield Weston Foundation	27,500	-	27,500
Veolia	-	1,173	1,173
We Love Manchester	-	400	400
MCC - Hate Crime	-	500	500
MCC - Household Support & Food	-	6,505	6,505
MCC - Young People	-	65,288	65,288
The Henry Smith Charity	-	18,025	18,025
Trusthouse	-	21,065	21,065
Awards for All	-	9,776	9,776
Good Things Foundation	2,000	-	2,000
Co-operative	-	1,971	1,971
MCC Work Club	-	9,531	9,531
Southway - Learning Hub	-	19,992	19,992
Southway - Beautiful South	-	5,670	5,670
Southway - Breakfast Packs	-	2,000	2,000
Manchester Airport	-	1,400	1,400
Arnold Clarke	-	2,000	2,000
Duchy of Lancaster	-	1,900	1,900
Hits Radio	-	3,800	3,800
Forever Manchester	-	100	100
Zochonis Trust	3,000	-	3,000
Big Life	7,500	-	7,500
Big Lottery Reaching Communities	-	65,965	65,965
MCC Wellbeing Fund	-	2,750	2,750
Manchester Relief in Need	-	2,250	2,250
OPeNS	-	22,294	22,294
Free Entitlement	32,060	-	32,060
MCC YP - Playscheme	-	2,450	2,450
Young Manchester	-	17,568	17,568
Young Manchester - Other	-	2,000	2,000
Sport England	-	5,033	5,033
Other Small Grants	-	16,573	16,573
Total Grants	72,060	410,016	482,076
Group Contributions etc	122	5,632	5,754
Other Income	1,660	2,000	3,660
	1,782	7,632	9,414
	73,842	417,648	491,490

4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	12,020	-	12,020	11,450	-	11,450
Project Management	9,045	-	9,045	-	-	-
Fundraising	2,097	49	2,146	2,040	-	2,040
Shop Income	4,716	-	4,716	4,912	-	4,912
Café Income	-	-	-	3,387	-	3,387
	27,878	49	27,927	21,789	-	21,789

5 NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net incoming (outgoing) resources are stated after charging:		
Depreciation (owned assets)	11,684	9,227
Independent Examination	1,200	1,100
Other Financial Services	6,026	5,461
Trustees (Directors) Remuneration (see note 14)	-	-

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 EXPENDITURE

	Basis of allocation	Centre	Activity Zones	Total 2024
		£	£	£
Expenditure on Generating Funds				
Employment Costs	Staff Time	9,171	-	9,171
Premises Costs		1,809	-	1,809
Shop Costs		526	-	526
		<u>11,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,506</u>
Grants Made				
Household, Welfare & Food Support		<u>-</u>	<u>6,370</u>	<u>6,370</u>
Expenditure on Charitable Activities				
		£	£	£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	187,401	107,597	294,998
Other Staff Expenses	Activity	141	18	159
DBS Checks	Activity	270	-	270
Premises Costs	Activity	18,945	11,813	30,758
Volunteer Expenses	Activity	94	-	94
Staff Travel	Activity	147	-	147
Staff Training	Activity	90	-	90
Centre Activities	Activity	11,776	33,840	45,616
Partner Payments	Activity	-	7,179	7,179
Beneficiary Training	Activity	4,800	-	4,800
Subscriptions	Activity	398	142	540
Publicity & Website	Activity	2,716	-	2,716
Support Costs		105,705	4,300	110,005
Governance Costs		15,506	-	15,506
		<u>347,989</u>	<u>164,889</u>	<u>512,878</u>
				£
Restricted Funds				462,012
Unrestricted Funds				<u>68,742</u>
				<u>530,754</u>

	Basis of allocation	Centre	Activity Zones	Total 2023
		£	£	£
Previous Year:				
Expenditure on Generating Funds				
Employment Costs	Staff Time	8,632	-	8,632
Premises Costs		1,042	-	1,042
Shop Costs		1,242	-	1,242
Café Costs		36	-	36
Other		93	-	93
		<u>11,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,045</u>
Grants Made				
Household & Food Support		<u>-</u>	<u>6,715</u>	<u>6,715</u>
Expenditure on Charitable Activities				
		£	£	£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	129,515	155,412	284,927
Other Staff Expenses	Activity	248	-	248
DBS Checks	Activity	106	94	200
Uniforms	Activity	742	-	742
Premises Costs	Activity	16,406	1,301	17,707
Volunteer Expenses	Activity	34	-	34
Staff Travel	Activity	104	-	104
Staff Training	Activity	305	1,116	1,421
Centre Activities	Activity	22,883	31,481	54,364
Partner Payments	Activity	-	22,059	22,059
Beneficiary Training	Activity	2,707	-	2,707
Subscriptions	Activity	368	-	368
Publicity & Website	Activity	5,933	-	5,933
Support Costs		61,829	20,478	82,307
Governance Costs		15,761	-	15,761
		<u>256,941</u>	<u>231,941</u>	<u>488,882</u>
				£
Restricted Funds				404,245
Unrestricted Funds				<u>102,397</u>
				<u>506,642</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 ALLOCATION OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

		General Support	Governance	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
Employment Costs	Staff Time	25,722		25,722	21,896
Premises Costs	Activity	3,619		3,619	2,083
Donation in Kind - premises	Activity	24,000		24,000	3,800
Insurance	Activity	3,562		3,562	3,288
Cleaning	Activity	21,161		21,161	21,220
Equipment Leasing	Activity	1,189		1,189	1,765
Repairs & Renewals	Activity	4,457		4,457	4,760
Computer Maintenance	Activity	3,785		3,785	3,577
Minor Equipment & Software	Activity	795		795	292
Telephone & Internet	Activity	4,252		4,252	5,742
Post, Printing & Stationery	Activity	2,715		2,715	2,503
Sundries	Activity	303		303	82
Payroll Services	Activity	2,666		2,666	2,041
Depreciation	Activity	11,684		11,684	9,227
Interest Paid	Activity	95		95	31
Trustee Meetings & Expenses	Governance		416	416	-
Accountancy	Governance		4,560	4,560	4,520
Consultancy	Governance		3,432	3,432	6,686
Legal Fees	Governance		1,954	1,954	-
Professional Fees - HR	Governance		5,144	5,144	4,555
		110,005	15,506	125,511	98,068

8 STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	309,334	295,442
Social security costs	14,891	15,058
Pensions	5,666	4,955
	329,891	315,455

The charity employed 27 people during the year. The average number of employees during the year, was 23 and calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was as follows:

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

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 £119,893 (2023 £112,849). No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000.

9 AMOUNTS DUE UNDER OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year	-	2,400
	-	2,400

A lease of £3,800 per annum for use of the premises exists but to date the lessor has donated use in kind. The use in kind has been valued at £24,000 per annum.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Leasehold Improvements	Furniture & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
COST	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	120,677	31,931	10,335	162,943
Additions	24,484	2,352	1,966	28,802
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	145,161	34,283	12,301	191,745
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	50,870	24,412	8,644	83,926
Charge for Period	7,642	2,541	1,501	11,684
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	58,512	26,953	10,145	95,610
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	86,649	7,330	2,156	96,135
At 31 March 2023	69,807	7,519	1,691	79,017

11 DEBTORS	2024 £	2023 £
Other Debtors	17,079	12,040
Accrued Income	-	500
Prepayments	2,281	2,647
	19,360	15,187

In 2024 £4,257 relates to restricted funds (2023 £12,420).

12 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024 £	2023 £
Other Creditors	13,802	7,908
Other Taxes and Social Security Costs	3,810	10,985
Deferred Income	16,393	47,978
Accruals	30,121	26,110
	64,126	92,981

In 2024 £35,339 is restricted funds (2023 £60,504).

13 DEFERRED INCOME	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income comprises grants paid in advance (restricted income).		
Balance as at 1st April	47,978	49,730
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(47,978)	(49,730)
Amount deferred in the year	16,393	47,978
Balance as at 31st March	16,393	47,978

14 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

Except as disclosed below 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.

Payment of £600 was made to Clover Hudson for running yoga classes. Under Article 4 of the current rules trustees cannot sell services to the charity. The charity are making amendments to these Articles of Association to be voted on at the next AGM, which will allow payments in a limited number of circumstances for services that do not relate to the acting as a trustee.

15 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	2024 £	2023 £
At 31 March	nil	nil

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS	At 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2024
<i>Analysis of Movement in Restricted Funds</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Centre					
Our Manchester VCS	-	86,719	(86,719)		-
Henry Smith Charity	-	31,133	(29,989)		1,144
Big Lottery	1,710	71,212	(72,929)	7	-
Big Lottery - Cost of Living	-	62,567	(62,571)	4	-
Big Lottery - Million Hours	-	9,487	(6,566)		2,921
Trusthouse	-	21,696	(20,309)		1,387
Forever Manchester	-	100	(100)		-
Merseyfest	2,152	6,716	(7,494)		1,374
Donation in Kind - premises costs	-	24,000	(24,000)		-
NIF - Others	3,729	500	(1,883)		2,346
Beautiful South	154	1,500	(1,654)		-
High Sheriff	-	-	-		-
Learning Hub					
Southways - Learning Hub	-	19,992	(19,992)		-
MCC - Work & Skills	1,500	10,000	(10,952)		548
Other	-	150	(150)		-
Young People & Playschemes					
HAF	-	16,873	(16,873)		-
MCC YPP	-	65,288	(57,853)		7,435
TFGM -Bike Project	-	11,656	(477)	(5,719)	5,460
Sport England	1,032	10,399	(4,526)		6,905
MCC - Hate Crime	-	1,500	(1,462)		38
CYP Core	4,535	1,220	(1,657)		4,098
Older People & Wellbeing					
Aris	2,000	-	-		2,000
MCC Mcr Wellbeing Fund	1,276	-	(43)		1,233
Cost of Living Grants & Donations	5,661	3,721	(5,882)		3,500
Duchy of Lancaster	1,900	-	(1,337)		563
Illuminate	1,280	-	(576)		704
MCC- Hate Crime	47	-	(47)		-
White House	-	2,500	(860)		1,640
Southway - Uniforms	1,900	-	(145)		1,755
Southway - Music for Mindfulness	1,227	-	(452)		775
NIF	-	3,829	(1,251)		2,578
Manchester Airport	593	-	(593)		-
Manchester Relief in Need	2,250	-	(2,250)		-
Over 60's Contributions	1,717	35	-		1,752
Donations	2,401	18	-		2,419
Southway Housing	195	-	(124)		71
Diabetes Project	-	7,000	(3,670)		3,330
South Neighbourhood Team - NIF - "The Den"	738	-	(173)		565
Small Grants	60	1,675	(1,735)		-
Nursery					
SEN	-	2,151	(1,915)	(236)	-
Nursery Fees & Contributions	-	2,523	(2,523)		-
Out of School Club	-	1,660	(1,660)		-
Welfare	-	105	(105)		-
	38,057	477,925	(453,497)	(5,944)	56,541

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16 cont ...

	At 1st April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2024 £
Restricted Funds from previous page	38,057	477,925	(453,497)	(5,944)	56,541
Capital Funds					
Veolia	31,642	-	(2,718)		28,924
Wates	10,910	-	(909)		10,001
MCC- S Mcr Regeneration	6,550	-	(545)		6,005
Early Years - Playground	13,393	-	(1,123)		12,270
Southway Donation in Kind	2,833	-	(463)		2,370
Opens	243	-	(122)		121
NIF - The Den	174	-	(174)		-
NIF - TV	2,374	-	(596)		1,778
Young Manchester	1,150	-	(288)		862
SEN				236	236
TFGM - Bike Project	-	-	-	5,719	5,719
Youth Investment Fund - Music Room	-	18,288	(1,577)		16,711
Total Capital Funds	69,269	18,288	(8,515)	5,955	84,997
Total Restricted Funds	107,326	496,213	(462,012)	11	141,538
Analysis of Movement in Unrestricted Funds:					
Designated Capital	3,133		(783)	1,322	3,672
Designated Funds					
Good Things Foundation - Learning Hub	4,741	10,600	(2,338)	-	13,003
Big Life - Learning Hub	1,446	2,500	-	-	3,946
	9,320	13,100	(3,121)	1,322	20,621
General Funds	103,536	110,800	(65,621)	(1,333)	147,382
Total Unrestricted Funds	112,856	123,900	(68,742)	(11)	168,003
Total Funds	220,182	620,113	(530,754)	-	309,541

Third Party Grants

BMCA received third party grants of 3,516 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 2024 BMCA held £6,547 on behalf of other groups..

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16 (cont...) Previous Year

ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS	At 1st April 2022	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2023
<i>Analysis of Movement in Restricted Funds</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Centre					
Our Manchester VCS	-	58,051	(58,051)	-	-
Henry Smith Charity	-	18,025	(18,025)	-	-
Big Lottery	-	65,965	(64,255)	-	1,710
Trusthouse	-	21,065	(21,065)	-	-
We Love Mcr	-	400	(400)	-	-
Merseyfest	308	4,170	(2,326)	-	2,152
Donation in Kind - premises costs	-	3,800	(3,800)	-	-
NIF - Christmas	596	2,100	(2,696)	-	-
NIF - Others	-	7,231	(3,502)	-	3,729
NIF - Community Garden	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Beautiful South	281	2,500	(2,627)	-	154
High Sheriff	-	500	(500)	-	-
Awards for All	-	9,776	(9,776)	-	-
Small Grants	-	100	(100)	-	-
Learning Hub	-	-	-	-	-
Southways - Learning Hub	-	19,992	(19,992)	-	-
MCC - Work Club	-	9,531	(8,031)	-	1,500
Other	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Young People & Playschemes					
Social Action	54	-	(54)	-	-
HAF	-	22,508	(22,508)	-	-
Thrive	197	-	(197)	-	-
MCC YPP	-	65,288	(65,288)	-	-
Young Manchester	-	17,568	(17,568)	-	-
BSA Science Grant	104	-	(104)	-	-
Sport England	3,444	5,033	(7,445)	-	1,032
Southway - Summer Activities	678	-	(678)	-	-
The Cooperative - Youth Activities	3	-	(3)	-	-
MCC - Hate Crime	35	500	(535)	-	-
CYP	1,977	9,564	(7,006)	-	4,535
Playscheme Grants	-	2,360	(2,360)	-	-
Playscheme Donations & Other Income	-	90	(90)	-	-
Older People & Wellbeing					
Aris	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
MCC Mcr Wellbeing Fund	511	2,750	(1,985)	-	1,276
Cost of Living Grants & Donations	-	10,031	(4,370)	-	5,661
NHS Manchester CCG	997	-	(997)	-	-
Hits Radio	-	3,800	(3,800)	-	-
Duchy of Lancaster	-	1,900	-	-	1,900
Illuminate	-	3,980	(2,700)	-	1,280
MCC- Hate Crime	47	-	-	-	47
Southway - Winter Warmer	367	-	(367)	-	-
Southway - Uniforms	2	2,500	(602)	-	1,900
Southway - Music for Mindfulness	1,540	-	(313)	-	1,227
MCC - Time 4U	322	-	(322)	-	-
Manchester Airport	-	1,400	(807)	-	593
Manchester Relief in Need	-	2,250	-	-	2,250
Over 60's Contributions	1,985	878	(1,146)	-	1,717
Donations	2,401	-	-	-	2,401
Southway Housing	-	2,000	(1,805)	-	195
Opens	613	22,294	(22,917)	10	-
South Neighbourhood Team - NIF - "The Den"	738	-	-	-	738
Small Grants	1,070	5,260	(6,260)	(10)	60
Nursery					
Hate Crime	88	-	(88)	-	-
Nursery Fees & Contributions	-	2,064	(2,064)	-	-
Out of School Club	-	2,690	(2,690)	-	-
Welfare	-	1,245	(1,385)	140	-
	18,358	416,159	(396,600)	140	38,057

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16 cont ...	At 1st April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2023 £
Restricted Funds from previous page	18,358	416,159	(398,600)	140	38,057
Capital Funds					
Veolia	33,187	1,173	(2,718)		31,642
Wates	11,819	-	(909)		10,910
MCC- S Mcr Regeneration	7,095	-	(545)		6,550
Early Years - Playground	14,516	-	(1,123)		13,393
Southway Donation in Kind	3,296	-	(463)		2,833
Opens	365	-	(122)		243
NIF - The Den	347	-	(173)		174
NIF - TV	-	3,116	(742)		2,374
Young Manchester	-	2,000	(850)		1,150
Total Capital Funds	70,625	6,289	(7,645)	-	69,269
Total Restricted Funds	88,983	422,448	(404,245)	140	107,326
Analysis of Movement in Unrestricted Funds:					
Designated Capital	4,475		(1,335)	(7)	3,133
Designated Funds					
Good Things Foundation - Learning Hub	3,587	2,000	(846)	-	4,741
Big Life - Learning Hub	1,446	7,500	(7,500)	-	1,446
	9,508	9,500	(9,681)	(7)	9,320
General Funds	107,158	89,227	(92,716)	(133)	103,536
Total Unrestricted Funds	116,666	98,727	(102,397)	(140)	112,856
Total Funds	205,649	521,175	(506,642)	-	220,182

17 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,133	93,002	96,135
Net Current Assets	164,870	48,536	213,406
	168,003	141,538	309,541
 Previous Year			
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,133	75,884	79,017
Net Current Assets	109,723	31,442	141,165
	112,856	107,326	220,182

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. With regard to the securing of income for 2024/25 and the continuing support of funders trustees are confident that the Centre remains a going concern.

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.



IMPACT REPORT 2023-2024



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BMCA CHAIR'S REPORT

Another year has flown by and it is an honor again to introduce the Barlow Moor Community Association Impact Report for 2023/2024.

It's always so uplifting to read the yearly impact report and hear about the amazing things BMCA has done and the case studies and feedback which show the real difference our services and support have made to people's lives each day.

The cost-of-living crisis has not gone away – it has had such a detrimental impact on our service users, and on the Voluntary and Community Sector due to rising need and increased costs. Supporting people through it has remained high on our agenda. The benefit and advice services, food support and well-being activities based here at BMCA are a lifeline for many and the learning and training opportunities have a huge impact in supporting people back into work.

The local Cost of Living Partnership instigated by BMCA has grown from strength to strength and made many connections across the city. It continues to bring together schools, foodbanks, housing and health services, councillors and council officers to work together and plan ways of meeting the challenges facing residents.

Merseyfest 2023 was brilliant! Thanks to our staff and volunteers, each year brings new ideas and fun for hundreds of local people of all ages on the playing fields.

As always there were lovely get-togethers, playing out days, music sessions, exciting trips and our brilliant Christmas festivities were popular as always.

BMCA plays a vital role for children and young people in the community providing many opportunities for them to have new experiences, make friends, develop confidence and have a safe place to spend time in. Our play schemes and youth and play sessions and nursery provision continue to be popular and well attended.



All of these activities and events at the centre would not be possible without our fantastic volunteers who help to 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 for its work around the city and we always welcome the chance to work collaboratively with other organisations to improve the quality of life, aspirations, life chances and enjoyment of our local resident – they are at the forefront of everything we do.

As soon as you step foot into Barlow Moor Community Centre you know it is a special place so a big thank you to the brilliant, talented and dedicated staff team who make it that way. Grateful thanks too to 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 and welcoming place that it is.

Councillor
Joanna Midgley
Chair of BMCA

UNIVERSAL SERVICES

NURSERY

Providing support for our children and families is at the heart of everything we do at BMCA. Our aim is to provide our children, with the tools to succeed in the future.

We know, that this can only be done if the family as a whole is supported too. Within nursery, our priority is to create a safe, nurturing environment that all of our children can develop in personally, socially and physically. We provide this through tailor made activities that are individual to the children and focused on encouraging the children to make independent choices. These choices included healthy snacks and drinks, what stories they would like to read, what activities they would like to play with and what works of art they would like to create.

At the end of the academic year, our children that were due to leave for School are confident in social situations, making their own choices and independent in self-care.



YOUTH & PLAY

Our projects are always geared towards achieving our outcomes of young people being happy, safe, successful and healthy and our sessions have been instrumental in advancing the holistic well-being of children and young people.

These initiatives serve as catalysts for community cohesion, enabling young individuals to continue to forge meaningful relationships both within their peer group and the broader community. Through collaborative efforts and participation in planning, especially in areas such as events, trips and the cinema nights, the youth not only contribute to the development of these events but also experience a sense of empowerment and recognition. This engagement fosters a more tightly knit and supportive community that acknowledges and values their role, ultimately instilling feelings of inclusion, self-worth, and a sense of belonging among the young people.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Provision runs 5 days per week providing yoga, chair-based exercise and our volunteer led Tai Chi sessions which have been really successful, with service users commenting on how much they are enjoying the classes and how good they feel afterwards.

To celebrate national growing week, our Walk and Talk service users planted some seeds in the community garden of Chorlton Water Park. It has been really rewarding seeing that their work is making the garden a nicer space for the community. Having spaces like this increases community pride and improves people's perception of where they live. Gardening is an activity that really boosts mental health through connection with nature, fresh air and bringing people together; the group always really enjoy this element of their walks.

UNIVERSAL SERVICES (CONTINUED)

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CAFE

English Conversation Cafe has worked closely with Manchester ESOL Advice Service to promote our ECC session.

This has meant that at some sessions we have supported over 20 services users from different countries and cultures who all have diverse levels of English.

MUSIC FOR MINDFULNESS

This session has evolved into a co-learning space where members teach each other different instruments.

With support from Royal Northern College of Music volunteers, service users have taken charge, fostering a natural environment of peer support. This strengthens the community, motivates individuals to make necessary changes, and ensures their voices are heard. The proactive feedback from attendees allows us to use our funding effectively, enhancing the impact on confidence and resilience and empowering more users to create lasting change in their lives.



COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

Our events build a sense of unity within the local community helping build stronger relationships and improve intergenerational relationships.

Community wide events this year have included Step into Spring, MerseyFest, SpookyFest, Santa's First Stop, Upcycle playing out day and National walk to school week.



“ The music corner at Merseyfest this year put Glastonbury into the shade! An amazing musical day full of diversity of backgrounds, cultures and ages, from 17 to 92, from Chorlton to Brazil. A musical thrill and a global harmony! **”**



EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Our job club has continued to enjoy positive outcomes with service users gaining employment in their chosen fields. We continued to offer 1-1 support and bespoke individual plans utilising the centres full resources to build self-belief and confidence, develop spoken English and gain relevant skills.

Completing 3 quality audits, including annual Matrix accreditation, we have continued to ensure the quality of our provision in the learning hub. The external (NCFE/CACHE) quality audit for sector specific qualifications is a new process that the awarding organisation has introduced and covers the quality of the centre including the processes, policies and procedures, which are in place in line with their requirements.

SOCIAL ACTION

Our social action group, launched in April, focuses on improving the wellbeing of local residents by tackling environmental issues like litter, dog fouling, and fly-tipping.

We've organised litter picks with Keep Manchester Tidy and are in talks with Chorlton Wombles for future collaboration. To address these issues at their root, we invited BIFFA and Keep Manchester Tidy to MerseyFest, boosting community morale and engagement.

Our efforts have increased community pride, empowerment, and self-worth. Volunteers, involved in various aspects like our charity shop and services, have gained confidence, resilience, and ownership over their environment, driving lasting change in their lives and the community.



DEFIB

The community centre is proud to announce the addition of a defibrillator to the outside of our building, located next to the bleed cabinet.

This life-saving equipment will be accessible to everyone in the event of a medical emergency, significantly improving safety in our area. To ensure residents feel confident in using it, we will be offering training sessions for local people, equipping the community with both the tools and the knowledge to respond quickly.



LIBRARY

Very positive feedback for our library volunteers when a customer satisfaction survey has been carried out across all the Manchester libraries.

There were only two libraries who gained 100% satisfaction and BMCA library was one of these.



ACTIVE TRAVEL

In 2023, BMCA introduced a cycling program to boost physical well-being, promote active travel, and help people lower their carbon footprint sustainably. 2024 will see the launch of 'BMCA Bike Library.'

Through the Cycle and Stride scheme, we partnered with TFGM to offer two cycle training sessions: 'Complete Beginners' and 'Confidence Builder.' Led by TFGM's qualified trainers, these sessions, which include bike provision, are accessible to community members facing cycling barriers. Both sessions received positive feedback, with participants expressing increased confidence and enjoyment.

One participant, initially hesitant due to a lack of practice, reported feeling much safer and more confident on their bike after the 'Confidence Builder' session.



SOCIAL ACTION (CONTINUED)

“ I volunteered at the nursery in Barlow Moor Community Association as part of my university placement for my clinical psychology postgraduate degree. I found this to be an enriching learning experience. I was greeted with incredible kindness from everyone at the Community Association and felt welcome there from my first day. The staff at Barlow Moor are highly committed to making this an inclusive and accessible space, and this was very much evident in the nursery. I was able to apply what I had learned on my course in a professional setting while being constantly supported and encouraged by the nursery staff. I feel very grateful to have been able to complete my placement in such a welcoming and supportive environment, and I am very appreciative of the enlightening experiences I have gained concerning both the day-to-day processes at the nursery as well as the Community Association as a whole. **”**

MMU student



“ When I retired from work in social care, I decided to do some volunteering, ideally in the area where I lived. I knew I wanted to be involved with people and so I began a search for a role that would be useful but also something that I would enjoy. In January 2024 I saw the advert for volunteers at Chorlton satellite library which is within Barlow Moor Community Centre. After an interview with a manager and a member of staff, my first session was at the beginning of February 2024.

Taking on any new task can be a challenge! I didn't want to mess things up and wanted to get things right. I needn't have worried. I very quickly picked up what a supportive environment it was. I was shown what to do and any concerns I had quickly disappeared.

Although the library volunteers are usually there on their own, the BMCC staff are all very involved and I would say the library volunteer is part of the wider team within the centre.

A couple of weeks after I joined there was an initiative to pick up rubbish in the area around the centre. I was able to do a short period out and about in the community. What was very clear was the commitment the team and volunteers have to all aspects in the area where we live.

Around the time I had joined there had been a survey on how library users viewed the service. The feedback was very positive indeed, 100% satisfaction! The library has stayed open mainly due to the commitment of the volunteers. In recognition of this the team at BMCC organised a meeting with local councillors, staff and the volunteers. Feedback was given to the volunteers and a surprise cake shared. It was a great way to acknowledge the part the volunteers play in the centre.

Although I am a fairly new member to the volunteer group, I already feel established there. I have enjoyed feeling part of a team who hopefully make a small but positive impact on the lives of local people, coming into the library and the centre. I am really enjoying my time at the centre and each week I am learning more! I definitely recommend volunteering to any of my friends who are thinking about it. **”**

Library volunteer

REDUCING THE IMPACTS OF POVERTY

BMCA collaborates with over 40 external partners to address the cost-of-living crisis through a neighbourhood-focused approach. Our frontline staff implement the outcomes of these partnerships, providing a variety of services that support local residents holistically. This approach helps reduce the impact of the crisis by increasing awareness of available benefits and support, offering knowledge on low-cost meals, and improving access to broader services within the community.

“ Families are struggling more and more in the community and are coming to schools for help and support, I wanted to expand my knowledge on support in the area so I felt equipped to help the families in need. I also wanted to work towards not only helping the families in my school but the wider community. The cost of living partnership shares my passion and drive for both and works towards real change on a wider scale than I could have imagined. **”**



ENHANCED SUPPORT

With the expansion of our Financial, Information, Advice, and Guidance sessions, we've been able to assist more individuals.

Assistance with completing forms such as Personal Independence Payment, Disability Living Allowance, and Attendance Allowance, as well as providing tailored housing and benefit support. This service has significantly impacted lives by ensuring people receive all the benefits they're entitled to and by helping with essential forms that many find challenging to complete.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPORT

During the summer holidays, we provided school uniforms to local families struggling with the cost of living.

Many of these families face daily challenges in meeting basic needs, and the added expense of new school uniforms can create significant stress. This initiative helped ease that burden, ensuring children have the proper uniforms to start the school year on equal footing with their peers and access the same opportunities.



REFRESH/REBRAND

Our food provision, once primarily serving those over 60, has reached a more diverse group with the launch of our 'Community Living Room.'

This initiative has expanded our complimentary lunch services to include breakfast, aimed at those who might otherwise go without a hot meal due to rising energy and food costs. These sessions run Monday to Friday, followed by social afternoons. Feedback has been positive, with comments like, "Thank you so much for my lunch; the food here is always lovely."

VISION OF AN ANTI-POVERTY COMMUNITY

Fill in each shape with a principle, policy, hope, dream or idea that will shape your vision of an anti-poverty community.



No child (or adult) goes hungry, even!

Easy access (no barriers) to support options if + when needed

Realistic living wages

PRIVATE RENT - Affordable housing - family open - green spaces - living wage

No limited digital inclusion

Access to more education to enable ppl to be more confident connecting to people

Easier access to free transport to health app?

Access to a social type

Healthier food at low cost

No one goes without food, heating, clothing, activity

Families to be able to afford equipment etc for children to participate in activities

Everyone has enough money + resources to live (+ function effectively)

For All to have access and means to pursue interest, hobbies, physical activity and career options - Not dependent on financial activity - Culturally appropriate

HEALTHY LIVES

More NHS waiting as only access to private care

Adaptable social housing & efficient access to repairs

VISION OF AN ANTI-POVERTY COMMUNITY



652

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS ISSUED



£1305 IN SCHOOL HOLIDAY VOUCHERS



188 SUPPORT PACKS



CHRISTMAS TOYS

KEY ORGANISATIONS IN OUR PARTNERSHIP



DRIVING CHANGE

CONSULTATION FOR 5 YEAR PLAN

Since May 2023 we have been consulting local people on what they wanted in the short, medium and long term for new ideas and improvements to the services we offer, enabling them to give feedback and have input into the strategic direction of our 5 year plan.

Consulting with the community on their preferences and needs from center's services is a crucial step towards creating a more responsive and effective support system. By actively involving people in shaping the services, it empowers them to take ownership of their environment. This process fosters a more engaging, inclusive, people centred atmosphere, ensuring that the services are better tailored to meet their evolving requirements, ultimately leading to a more beneficial and enriching experience for all involved.

COST OF LIVING

Our success in addressing the cost-of-living crisis has led to our involvement in the city-wide research project, "Building an Anti-Poverty Community."

This project has highlighted the importance of collaboration and reducing duplication. It revealed that while some areas have abundant food support, they lack access to employment support, advice, education, and benefit assistance. BMCA is recognised as a proactive organisation that values partnership. This year, our collaboration with Something to Aim For and Manchester Central Food Bank has showcased our skills and opened doors for future research opportunities.

CITY OF SANCTUARY

This year has seen increased demand for support around homelessness, temporary accommodation and asylum.

We have strengthened our partnership with City of Sanctuary who support asylum seekers and refugees in Manchester, some living locally in temporary accommodation. We have seen gradual increase in asylum seekers and those in temporary accommodation accessing our provision. The positive impact on mental health of getting out of the hotel is huge due to overcrowding, little opportunity to socialise, lack of funds, language and cultural barriers, very low confidence and fears of stigmatisation. Our provision has given the opportunity to improve English and integrate culturally, as well as improving wellbeing, confidence and access to prospects.

CASH FIRST

We have secured additional funding this year to enable us to make a stronger emphasis on a cash first approach in terms of food distribution moving to a supermarket voucher scheme enabling more choice, meeting diverse needs and empowering people.

HATE CRIME AWARENESS VIDEO / DIVERSITY DAY

We secured some additional funding to complete a 4 week project around hate crime awareness, with the young people researching the topic and then creating jumpers, t shirts, flyers, banners, posters and a video for youtube, aimed at highlighting hate crime awareness and how to report it.

They then volunteered at the centres 'diversity day' event, where the youth zone held a playing out day and showcased the video and materials they had created. This project not only raised awareness about hate crimes but also empowered our young participants to actively contribute to social change, fostering a sense of responsibility and advocacy within the community.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Pioneer House High School is a coeducational special school located in the Northern Moor area of Manchester.

This year as well as volunteering in the centre in both the kitchen and library students have been working on developing a community cafe within the grounds of the school to enable students to learn skills readying them for the workplace. Skills have included retail, cash handling and customer service with a number completing barista training. In order to launch their new cafe "The Strawberry Fox" Pioneer House students joined us for our annual Merseyfest celebration providing refreshments throughout the day, their headteacher left the following google review:



“Attended Mersey Fest for the first time today and thoroughly enjoyed it! The planning and organisation of the event was seamless, it was evident from entry to exit that relationships were built on strong foundations and there was an altruistic investment, not only in the community itself, but in each individual within it. BMCA kindly gave Pioneer House High School Students an invaluable opportunity to promote their new cafe and community hub as well as actively demonstrate themselves as capable, dedicated and employable. The whole day buzzed with belonging and every person I spoke to had been positively impacted by the centre and its staff in some (or many) ways. This is a testimony to the commitment they have to improving lives, increasing opportunities and sharing successes. An ethos that is as inspirational as they are passionate.”

The service user initially came to the center after recently arriving in the UK, seeking to improve their spoken English as they were eager to find employment.

During their first appointment, they expressed a desire to enhance their English through volunteering and possibly enrolling in some courses. They were quite shy and spoke softly.

We explored the opportunity for them to volunteer at the Library, which they were enthusiastic about. They began working with an experienced volunteer to learn how the library operated, acquiring new skills and understanding the processes involved.

As they continued volunteering, their spoken English improved, and they grew more confident. They shared their passion for cooking and expressed interest in preparing food from their home country for others to enjoy.

In line with our policy, they completed their food hygiene qualification and an allergy awareness certificate, enabling them to cook in our kitchen. They quickly became a regular volunteer in the kitchen, working alongside our community chef and preparing delicious food for community events, including a diversity day.

They also sought support in job applications, including CV writing and completing application forms. We discussed how acquiring additional qualifications could enhance their employment prospects. They agreed

to pursue a **Level 1 course in Preparing to Work in Schools**, which helped them further develop their knowledge, and continue improving their written and spoken English.

During the course, they interviewed for a part-time role, and we worked together to ensure they were well-prepared. **The interview was successful, and they received an offer.** Despite the part-time nature of the role, they chose to continue volunteering and attending courses. After completing the Level 1 course, they advanced to the **Level 2 Support Work in Schools and Colleges course.**

This approach has been highly beneficial for both the individual and the centre.



WHITEHOUSE PROJECT

As part of our outreach efforts, we recently launched a new project on the Arrowfield estate, based at the Whitehouse.

This initiative provided us with an opportunity to engage with local residents to understand their needs and preferences. We consulted with the community to identify the types of support and activities they desired, which allowed us to tailor the project to address these needs.

The project offered a variety of activities, including cooking sessions, craft workshops, informational sessions, and cake and conversation gatherings. Although participation has been modest, the events have successfully provided attendees with valuable information and led to several individuals being referred to additional services.

Overall, the project has contributed to reducing loneliness and isolation, enhancing residents' awareness of available services, and improving their mental well-being.



YOUTH-LED CINEMA NIGHT

We organised a youth-led cinema night during the play session.

Empowering our young participants, they took charge of every aspect, from designing tickets and posters to planning and shopping for confectioneries. They held a peer poll to determine the film of the night and helped us transform our space into a makeshift cinema, complete with a projector. To add a unique touch, we provided the young people with "monopoly money" to interact with volunteer "vendors" during the film, creating an immersive experience. This cinema night not only showcased the talents and leadership skills of our youth but also fostered a sense of community and creativity, highlighting their creativity and camaraderie, and the potential for joy and collaboration even in the simplest activities.

WALKING ROUNDERS

This year we secured funding for our first walking rounders session, in response to previous requests for walking sports from service users.

We delivered the session with the support of a volunteer who has a background as a sports coach and has experience with walking sports specifically. Their support and enthusiasm made the activity more enjoyable, and meant we were able to adapt the session to the individual needs of the service users who attended.

SPORTS PROGRAM

The young people were involved in creating a sports program, they went through the plan we had created and researched the resources needed, they used Amazon to select all the equipment we needed for the new sports program we had created.

We have also now started dodgeball, football and basketball on Thursday evenings, as well as increased and improved how we play these games in the junior gen session on Mondays and Thursdays. Implementing these benefits the young people by enhancing their overall experience and helping to improve their physical fitness and coordination, while promoting teamwork and social skills.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Our project for National Walk to School Week has been incredibly successful and has had a positive impact on our community in several ways.

Through our posters and pictures, we aimed to promote the benefits of walking to school and encourage more children to adopt this healthy habit. We aimed to inspire our young people to embrace physical activity and prioritise walking as a form of exercise. By discussing the long-term benefits of walking to school, we have demonstrated that it is not only a healthy option but also an enjoyable and social activity. We had conversations about how regular physical activity, like walking, improves cardiovascular health, boosts mental well-being, and helps maintain a healthy lifestyle. By starting this habit early in life, we are setting the foundation for a healthier future for the children in our community. This has encouraged more families to incorporate walking into their daily routines, leading to a more active community overall. Walking to school is an eco-friendly alternative to driving or using other forms of transport. It was important for us to emphasise this aspect in keeping with our sense of social action, and in doing so our project has helped install a sense of environmental responsibility among the children. By choosing to walk, they contribute to reducing air pollution and congestion around schools, creating a cleaner and safer environment for everyone, and just as important giving our young people a sense of achievement and becoming part of something bigger to help their community.

ARCHERTYPE - ARCHERY/DODGEBALL HYBRID ACTIVITY

As an extension to our trip program which included trampolining, ice skating and go karting, we introduced "Archertype," a dynamic Archery/Dodgeball hybrid activity.

This exhilarating experience not only provided an adrenaline rush but also fosters teamwork, strategic thinking, and physical fitness. By actively involving the young people in the planning and execution of this adventure, we witnessed positive outcomes such as enhanced and learning new skills, increased confidence, and a strong sense of camaraderie. The Archertype activity promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and boosts self-esteem, contributing to the overall personal development and holistic wellbeing of our young participants.



POSITIVE CHANGE

14 months ago I happened upon BMCA completely by accident, I was recently bereaved, questioning my own mortality, not looking for anybody to save me. Then came the best decision we made in a very long time. I walked through the door. Totally broken. Every time I opened my mouth plain poured out. I didn't know what I expected to find. My faith in people was gone. A member of staff asked me to give them a chance, she says "Judge me on what I do, not what I say" I have a big smile writing this as she certainly made a believer out of me, albeit not the only one. What I found at BMCA were people selflessly doing for others, just because they can. Yes BMCA provide invaluable services to a community that desperately needs them, but what may go unnoticed is that for each & everyone that steps through the door, BMCA sees you! they value the human element,

the singular just as important as the collective. What they do here matters. I will never be able to repay the kindness or adequately put into words what BMCA has done for me & continues to. If I could say just one thing to potential service users - WALK THROUGH THE DOOR. To the staff - THANK YOU FOR JUST BEING YOU.



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CHILDREN
RECEIVING
TOYS AT
CHRISTMAS



670

ACCESSED
COMMUNITY
LUNCHES



70 SIM CARDS
ISSUED



24 MOBILE
DEVICES



210 PEOPLE
ATTENDED
TRIPS



557
FOODBANK
VOUCHERS
ISSUED

Community work isn't just about lending a helping hand; it's about creating lasting change. So what if it's just one small act? That one act can ripple through a community, inspiring others and transforming lives.



4204
VOLUNTEER
HOURS



95 ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS



31 GAINED
EMPLOYMENT



83 PEOPLE
STAYING
ACTIVE



106 GAINED
ACCREDITED
QUALIFICATIONS/
TRAINING



114 ACCESSED FREE
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROVISION



219 PEOPLE
STAYING
CONNECTED



£47,505
IN SOCIAL
VALUE



CHRISTMAS DAY

"From realising I had serious issues regarding money, housing, food and loneliness, BMCA picked me up and gave me the support I needed meaning that I am still here today," he said. He now accesses the place four times a week and supports the Music for Mindfulness group every Friday, 'helping people like BMCA helped me'. "BMCA is probably the one and only place that really understand the word community, they embrace lives and create relationships and friendships," said James. "Providing support from simply being fed, to developing skills and creating confidence. Every person who turns up walks out 100% more confident and independent knowing they are cared for and come back time and time again."

The poverty in the shadows of a trendy town and the fight for a kinder city - Manchester Evening News

CEO STATEMENT

Every year our impact report is a wonderful opportunity to stop and look back on the previous 12 months reflecting on the work we have done, the opportunities we have identified and the amazing successes of our staff, volunteers and service users.

During what has been another difficult year for everyone we have seen our services grow successfully, meeting the increased need caused by the cost-of-living crisis. From food parcels and School Uniform to Yoga and Bingo our staff and volunteers have strived to provide help, support and light relief to the people of Merseybank Estate and beyond.

In a recent funding application Becky and I were trying to illustrate why BMCA is so successful at what we do, with an office covered in flip chart paper and many attempts to describe what we do we finally landed on the idea of baking a cake! Now I know this sounds strange, but let me explain, you see the cake is the end product, the outcome if you like. After all the hard work is done (and the pots are washed) you get to enjoy what you have created and so for us the cake is the impact, the changes we see in people and in our community. So, what are the ingredients I hear you ask! Well as always, we are happy to help – we decided on a simple recipe with only four ingredients:

Eggs – For us these are our Universal Services – our daily delivery, the things you expect to see here at BMCA, our Nursery and youth/play sessions, job club, qualifications and training, health and wellbeing activities and social afternoons.

Flour – The necessary ingredient that binds everything together, for us this is Reducing the Impacts of Poverty. Without this work we can't expect to be successful in any of the other areas.

Butter – This is the richness that comes from wider community projects that we call Social Action - our community forums, volunteering opportunities, charity shop and bike library.

Milk – the element that changes everything and this is our Driving Change – our partnership work, our advocacy and our collective voice.

As you have read through the impact report you will have seen these ingredients laid out in more detail and hopefully you will agree that the proof is most definitely in the pudding!

As well as all the baking, this year we were able to spread our wings a little further with the introduction of our partnership with Manchester Central Foodbank and Something To Aim For, joining them to address increasing need across Manchester through their Building An Anti-Poverty Community Project. This project not only increased BMCA's visibility across the City but enabled us to further develop our partnerships ensuring a truly holistic approach to the support we provide.

Following on from this project and the continued success of our own cost of living partnership we were also invited to take part in a research project with the University of Manchester further ensuring that our role as advocate for local people is successful in influencing change on a larger scale.

Moving into a new 5-year business plan we are excited for the future, we have a solid team of staff and volunteers who we know will continue to strive to be the best for their community

And now on to 2024/25 – Lets do this!



Toni & Becky



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DAYS



OVER **19,000** HOURS
OF FACE TO FACE
DELIVERY



849 INDIVIDUALS
ACCESSED PROVISION

This year we said a fond farewell to four of our long standing board members. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to BMCA over many years.

PHIL DAVIES

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