

Annual Report 1st August 2020 to 31st July 2021

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report and Financial Statement for the Period Ended 31st July 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity which also comply with the charity's governing document and applicable law.

The Charity

The Netherton Park Community Association is constituted is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The company is registered in England and Wales, No. 07600057. The principle-governing document is the Company Memorandum and Articles of Association. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission No. 1142416.

The principle and registered address of the charity is:
Netherton Park Neighbourhood Centre
Chester Avenue
Bootle
Liverpool L30 1QW

On behalf of Netherton Park Community Association (NPCA) the Trustees would like to thank all those who have funded the charity's projects, enabling the organisation to achieve its aims and objectives. These are; -

Funders

Reaching Communities Fund (Big Lottery)
Big Lottery Covid Emergency funds
The Henry Smith Charity
The Tudor Trust
Children In Need (Main Grant)
Children in Need (Small Grant)
Sefton MBC Youth Service
Sefton MBC Community Grant (Running Costs)
Awards for All (Big Lottery)
ESF (WEA, Workers Education Association)
PH Holt Foundation
Steve Morgan Foundation
Sefton CVS VRU
LCR Carers Covid 19
LCR environmental Project
Bridge Point
SMBC Emergency Fund
Community Foundation for Merseyside (Covid 19)
Sefton MBC HAF (Holiday Activity Fund)
Sefton CVS Community Champion Forest Garden
Sefton MBC Business Grant
HMRC JRS Grant
Charities Aid Fund (CAF Covid 19 grant)

Donations

Allied Bakery
UK Donor advice foundation
Moore's
Chris Brown
Gourmet Café
Charities Aid Fund (CAF)
NISA (local super market)
Nandos and KFC (Restaurant Chains)
Fareshare
Sefton Carers Club
Carddick NW donation
Advice Confirms
Hayley and Leanne
Amazon Smile
Knowsley Mutual CR Community Award
Aldi Park Lane
Poundland Ltd
James Apter Friendship Fund
Netherton & Orrell Ward funds

Since its establishment NPCA has evolved into a significant not-for-profit service provider and focal point for many local residents to engage and self-organise, particularly those living on limited incomes and those who feel isolated and live alone. The community continues to benefit from the extraordinarily wide range of activities/events delivered at the centre.

The centre remains at the heart of the community having an impact on the diverse issues it faces. Promoting the positive image of volunteering within its activities and services remains an important goal of the organisation.

Aims and Objectives

Netherton Park Community Association is a registered charity set up by local residents of the Park Lane area of Sefton in 1985 to tackle the issues affecting this disadvantaged but vibrant community. The overall aim of the association is to provide community facilities and activities that promote social welfare, education, recreation and leisure within the Netherton Park area and by so doing improve the welfare and spirit of those living within the area.

Activities and Services

We have supported over 3,500 individuals with food/cleaning hampers, emergency clothing and energy payments, hot and cold meals, health and well being checks in the community.

In March 2020, we suspended most of our services and activities, subject to government direction. During the initial 'lockdown' period we utilised social media, personal and stakeholder networks to gauge initial impacts across our community, listening closely to what residents (of all ages) and the authorities told us, including schools and the Sefton MASH service. These soundings informed our need to re-shape and focus an emerging crisis need, particularly with the most vulnerable children and adults. These insights enabled us to

identify immediate/ongoing priorities of:

- Hunger and expanding food poverty, including cooked-meal provision
- Hygiene and domestic resource poverty, including baby essential product and period poverty
- Adverse family conditions: heightened conflict, parenting crises and rising anxieties
- Heightened vulnerabilities and harms for children in already challenged domestic circumstances
- Rising debt crises and increased welfare rights claims without recourse to advice services
- Energy poverty caused by income reduction and collapse (initially meter cards, then extending into energy debt/company intolerance)
- Heightened sense of social isolation and rising anxieties amongst older people, people with severe health conditions and in mental distress
- Domestic crisis interventions for newly placed vulnerable families.
- Outreach work with children and young people, delivery of activity packs and direct support with the most vulnerable.
- These priorities have informed our forward thinking and planning to support our community during successive post lockdowns.
- Continuation of the 'Garden Gate' project started during lockdown, reaching isolated elders and vulnerable adults.

Projects and services gradually returned to some normality over this period subject to government guidance and restrictions, with the Centre providing government funded Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) to 40 vulnerable children.

Partnerships And Big Thank You!

We work in partnership with other agencies and organisations, including: Louise Doran-Brown (Boogies Funtime Parties), Allied Bakery, The Feelgood Factory; Linacre Bridge Community Hub, Lotus Brook, start creative CIC, ABCD Community Service Ltd, , Sefton Youth Service, Sefton MBC Social Care, Sefton, Fareshare, Fazakerley Community Federation, Our Lady Walsingham Primary School, Litherland and Savio High Schools, Litherland Youth Club, Police, Sefton CVS, South Sefton Welfare Rights, Fun 4 Kidz/L30 Community Centre, Plus Dane, Your Housing, One Vision, and Merseyside police and community officers to ensure maximum impact and support is given. This is through referral processes or by taking the lead on individual cases and giving support with planned interventions, Sefton MBC early prevention and intervention service support the family support team with TAF and welfare processes.

We are working collaboratively on a food security network which seeks to mobilise local people in developing a food strategy that removes stigma and facilitates mutual-aid. The model will be membership based.

Board of Trustees

Members are elected at Annual General Meeting of the charity in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association. Members of the board of trustees during the year are listed below.

The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Centre Manager, Marie Savin, who in turn, leads a staff team with specific areas of responsibility.

Trustees:

Mrs Susan Pett - Chair
Mr Steve Mitchell - Treasurer
Mr George Cureton
Mrs Sandra McDonald
Miss Dawn Marie Kirby
Mr Ian Maher

Company Secretary:

Miss Marie Savin