

GIPTON TOGETHER

England & Wales · Charity number 1142650

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2011-06-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 6-18 TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH A) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE. B) PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN GIPTON AND SURROUNDING AREAS BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF: A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS B) ADVANCING EDUCATION C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.

Activities: Gipton Together offers performing arts and sports activities for young people aged 5 - 18 years that develops their confidence and self esteem, improves achievement, stretches their imagination and

expands their horizons and expectations whilst also acting as gang and crime prevention and crime diversionary alternatives.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£31,435	£88,520	-	-
2023-09-30	£27,181	£139,041	-	-
2022-09-30	£20,281	£130,276	-	-
2021-09-30	£123,000	£110,000	-	-
2020-09-30	£144,000	£109,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nicola Jane Bennet	Chair	2022-02-22
CHARIS CHARLES		2021-11-01
LEANNE BROOKE		2022-02-22
MELISSA CHIPPENDALE		2018-09-17

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for the year ended 30 September 2024



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Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

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Melissa Chippendale		
Charis Charles		
Leanne Brooke		

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Gipton	1 Balloon Street
Leeds	Manchester
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Independent examiner

Alan Dodd FCCA

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Structure, governance and management

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Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To advance in life and help young people (aged 6-18) through:

- a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions of life;
- b) providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 18 living in Gipton and surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:

- a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- b) advancing education
- c) relieving unemployment
- d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

The charity's main activities

Gipton Together is well summed up by the mission statement, 'Expanding horizons and inspiring positive choices', and our aims are:

1. To create opportunities to enjoy and participate in the performing arts and sport, developing self-discipline, confidence, strength of character, health and wellbeing.
2. To continue to develop opportunities for children and young people to broaden their choices and improve their life skills.
3. To continue to develop new opportunities and activities for our young people that have a positive and a beneficial impact on gaining more life skills.
4. Working with other community groups, to ensure that our community building is fit for purpose and well utilised.
5. To be a sustainable organisation that is flexible, fit for purpose and resilient.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Working with young people aged 6-18 years from the deprived communities of Gipton and Harehills - areas scant of opportunities for young people - we aim to provide locally based sport, performing arts and theatrical projects to encourage young people to participate, raise their aspirations and develop their self esteem and confidence. We work proactively with young people and the wider community to challenge the barriers between generations and achieve greater integration. Overall this project as part of the wider Gipton Together ethic will:

- * help tackle the social problems by offering aspirational activities for young people that act as crime prevention and crime diversionary alternatives.
- * reduce disadvantage by ensuring all children and young people who wish to participate in the performing arts and sport have the opportunity to do so regardless of their background.
- * address social exclusion by providing young people with community-based performing arts and sport activities, alleviating the problems of travel costs.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2024

Public benefit statement (continued)

* provide and improve community and cultural opportunities and facilities for all our young people, particularly those from disadvantaged communities.

* provide a safe place for young people to go in the evenings involving them in healthy positive activity and the opportunity to learn performing arts skills and share in the excitement of creating great theatre.

Achievements and performance

The charity has continued to offer sports and performing arts sessions to children and young people aged 6 – 18 years on a weekly basis during term time. The sessions consist of street dance, cheer leading, lyrical, tumbling, musical theatre, boxing, karate and arts & crafts.

The sessions are run charging the young people only £1 per session to ensure that household income is not a barrier to young people wanting to take part. The sessions are all run from the charity base at the Henry Barran centre in the heart of Gipton, one of the most deprived areas of the city. By taking part in physical activities young people not only improve their general fitness and stamina but are also able to build other skills around confidence, team work, communication. Many of the young people who access the sessions may not have an easy home life or a fulfilling experience at school. When at Gipton Together they are in a safe environment allowing them to engage in positive activity often working towards performances offering an opportunity to perform in a theatre setting and in front of a live audience. We can evidence that these experiences have a positive impact on the mental wellbeing and aspirations of the attendees.

Outside of the weekly sessions there have been key successes / activities during the year highlighted below:

Successful Halloween and Christmas parties were run for not only the young people who attend the session but the families aiming to improve community cohesion. Presents were donated to Gipton Together from local charities for the families for our team to distribute.

In February the young people performed to sold out audiences at the studio theatre at Bishop Young Community Academy. This was an opportunity for the young people to showcase their talent and celebrate what they have achieved by attending the weekly sessions. Older groups inspiring the younger children, with extremely positive feedback from both young people and audience members.

One of the street dance groups was invited to perform alongside other young people at the Yorkshire Youth Dance Platform at the Stanley & Audrey Burton theatre.

The young people then worked towards a showcase which was delivered at the Henry Barran Centre as part of the Gipton Gala. This event was a combination of stalls and food stands with live performances provided by our young people and open to the local to community to attend.

After the gala event there would be a pause in face-to-face activity in line with the end of the academic year. Fundraising efforts had not been successful and with the view of long-term sustainability the charity flexed to work within its income level. This means that the charity is running activities to a reduced schedule until significant funding has been secured.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2024

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £57,085, wholly on unrestricted funds.

There has been a significant reduction of activity which means that the current finances will be stretched much further. The fundraising work continues and, although activity will remain at a reduced level, we have been successful in gaining funding just after the year-end from the National Lottery

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £108.

The reserves policy is to retain reserves equal to three months operating costs.

Approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Gipton Together

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gipton Together

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: Name: Alan Dodd FCCA

Date:

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Gipton Together
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	4,279	8,254	12,533	6,007
Subscriptions, uniforms and shop		14,054	-	14,054	16,691
Competition fees		4,449	-	4,449	2,161
Gala and show income		399	-	399	2,322
Total receipts		23,181	8,254	31,435	27,181
Payments					
Salaries NI and pensions		40,196	-	40,196	48,406
Freelance costs		26,361	7,182	33,543	32,855
Phone and internet		1,014	-	1,014	923
DBS checks		-	-	-	13
Office supplies		1,728	72	1,800	1,364
Advertising and publicity		-	-	-	10
Costumes and props		2,105	-	2,105	6,967
Refreshments		516	-	516	706
Training		-	-	-	542
Memberships and subscriptions		165	-	165	1,578
IT support and sundries		220	-	220	651
Venue hire		2,122	-	2,122	12,095
Activity expenses		515	1,000	1,515	2,663
Gala and show expenses		2,003	-	2,003	6,040
Equipment and materials		452	-	452	1,525
Insurance		637	-	637	766
Accountancy and independent examination		924	-	924	924
Competition expenses		166	-	166	13,270
Consultancy		963	-	963	7,241
Other expenses		158	-	158	502
Bank charges		21	-	21	-
Total payments		80,266	8,254	88,520	139,041
Net receipts / (payments)		(57,085)	-	(57,085)	(111,860)
Fund balances brought forward		57,193	766	57,959	169,819
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	108	766	874	57,959

Gipton Together
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 30 September 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	108	766	874	57,959
Total cash funds	<u>108</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>57,959</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Computers (bought 2020) x 2
 Printers (bought 2020) x 2
 Stereos x 4
 Office printer
 JVC Boombaster x 2
 Computer, laptop
 Camera
 Camcorder
 Café equipment
 Boxing punch bags
 Trampoline

Liabilities

	2024
	£
Accruals	924
	<u>924</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Gipton Together

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 30 September 2024

2 Grants and donations	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Coop	-	1,094	1,094	-
Leeds City Council (LCC)	-	3,200	3,200	549
Places for People	1,000	-	1,000	-
Sir George Martin Trust	-	3,960	3,960	-
Leeds Community Foundation	-	-	-	500
West Riding Masons	-	-	-	4,958
Other donations	3,279	-	3,279	-
	<u>4,279</u>	<u>8,254</u>	<u>12,533</u>	<u>6,007</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
LCC - HAP	-	2,200	2,200	-	-
E-BTIF	766	-	-	-	766
Sir George Martin Trust	-	3,960	3,960	-	-
LCC - Christmas	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Co-op	-	1,094	1,094	-	-
	<u>766</u>	<u>8,254</u>	<u>8,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>766</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
LCC - HAP	For the provision of holiday activities at Easter.
E-BTIF	For the purchase of IT equipment and resources.
Sir George Martin Trust	Towards the cost of the charity's core activities.
LCC - Christmas	Towards the cost of Christmas events.
Co-op	Towards the cost of the charity's core activities.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

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- * provide and improve community and cultural opportunities and facilities for all our young people, particularly those from disadvantaged communities.
- * provide a safe place for young people to go in the evenings involving them in healthy positive activity and the opportunity to learn performing arts skills and share in the excitement of creating great theatre.

Achievements and performance

During this year Gipton Together have supported all of our young people within our community and surrounding areas, providing a safe and secure place for them to attend sessions that support them with both physical and mental wellbeing at an affordable cost and access to The Arts and Sports programmes within their own area, supporting with the need for being able to walk to these services and not have to pay travel costs.

We have been praised by the local councillors, community and local services for our efforts and though feedback forms and conversations we know that both our young people and their families have been very pleased with what we have offered.

This year our Karate children have competed at several local and international competitions and have come home with medals, inspiration and happiness.

Our dance young people have attended National competitions and again have returned from these experiences with a positive and engaging attitude to working hard.

In summer we ran a holiday club for 1 week. This enables our children and young people to be able to receive, hot and healthy meals and access some learning and physical activity throughout the holidays.

We had a Christmas party where Father Christmas turned up and was able to give all of our young people, children and their siblings a gift of something warm for the cold winter days and nights. Our parents have given amazing feedback with regards to this event and have been so thank full for the gloves, hats and scarves provided. One mother even kissed the items when leaving and could not stop thank you to us.

In summer we were able to host a community event, Gipton Gala. This is held on our local playing fields in the middle of the estate where we have fair rides, stalls and our young people and children provide the entertainment for the local people to see.

Our boxing sessions are becoming very popular now and the young people are achieving bouts and extra training from our coaches. We have noticed that some of the young people who may have hung around the centre last year becoming a target for crime and unhealthy choices are now coming into our boxing sessions.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2023

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £111,860, wholly on unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £57,193.

Gipton Together aim to put people in Gipton and surrounding areas at the heart of all that we do. Our vision is of a community where everyone gets the help they need to support a holistic healthy lifestyle, keeping young people off the streets and reducing crime for an extended period of time into the future.

Providing targeted, effective support when it is needed is therefore core to our mission at Gipton Together and to the reserves policy we have set to ensure that we can deliver on our vision and mission. This policy ensures our work is protected from disruption at short notice due to a lack of funds, whilst at the same time ensuring we do not retain income for longer than required.

We had calculated an appropriate reserves range for our organisation of one and a half years budgeted expenditure. However, reserves are currently equivalent to five months' costs and applications have been submitted for additional funding. The trustees will be reviewing the policy during the current year, particularly in the light of these bids..

Approved by the board of trustees on 3/6/2024

Leanne Brooke (Trustee)

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Alan Dodd FCCA

3/6/2024

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for the year ended 30 September 2023

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Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	-	6,007	6,007	200
Subscriptions, uniforms and shop		16,691	-	16,691	16,850
Competition fees		2,161	-	2,161	162
Gala and show income		2,322	-	2,322	1,899
Other income		-	-	-	1,170
Total receipts		<u>21,174</u>	<u>6,007</u>	<u>27,181</u>	<u>20,281</u>
Payments					
Salaries NI and pensions		48,406	-	48,406	48,013
Tutors		32,855	-	32,855	24,895
Phone and internet		923	-	923	781
DBS checks		13	-	13	249
Office supplies		1,355	9	1,364	2,927
Advertising and publicity		10	-	10	-
Costumes and props		2,723	4,244	6,967	4,818
Refreshments		706	-	706	1,360
Training		542	-	542	55
Memberships and subscriptions		1,578	-	1,578	685
IT support and sundries		651	-	651	191
Venue hire		12,095	-	12,095	10,949
Activity expenses		2,663	-	2,663	7,802
Gala and show expenses		5,540	500	6,040	4,059
Equipment and materials		271	1,254	1,525	737
Insurance		766	-	766	735
Accountancy and independent examination		924	-	924	780
Competition expenses		13,270	-	13,270	4,197
Consultancy		7,241	-	7,241	16,629
Other expenses		502	-	502	414
Total payments		<u>133,034</u>	<u>6,007</u>	<u>139,041</u>	<u>130,276</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>(111,860)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(111,860)</u>	<u>(109,995)</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(111,860)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(111,860)</u>	<u>(109,995)</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>169,053</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>169,819</u>	<u>279,814</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>57,193</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>57,959</u>	<u>169,819</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 30 September 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	57,193	766	57,959	169,819
Cash in hand	-	-	-	
Total cash funds	<u>57,193</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>57,959</u>	<u>169,819</u>

Debtors and prepayments	2023
	£
Prepayments	<u>5,936</u>
	<u>5,936</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Computers (bought 2020) x 2
 Printers (bought 2020) x 2
 Stereos x 4
 Office printer
 JVC Boombaster x 2
 Computer, laptop
 Camera
 Camcorder
 Café equipment
 Boxing punch bags
 Trampoline

Liabilities	2023
	£
Accruals	<u>924</u>
	<u>924</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 3/6/2024

Leanne Brooke (Trustee)

Gipton Together

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 30 September 2023

2 Grants and donations	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
LCC HAP	-	549	549	-
West Riding Masons	-	4,958	4,958	-
Leeds Community Foundation	-	500	500	-
LCC MICE	-	-	-	200
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,007</u>	<u>6,007</u>	<u>200</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
LCC - HAP	-	549	549	-	-
West Riding Masons	-	4,958	4,958	-	-
Leeds Community Foundation	-	500	500	-	-
E-BTIF	766	-	-	-	766
	<u>766</u>	<u>6,007</u>	<u>6,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>766</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
LCC - HAP	For the purchase of a tablet
West Riding Masons	For the purchase of tracksuits, costumes and poms
Leeds Community Foundation	Towards costs of the gala
E-BTIF	For the purchase of IT equipment and resources.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1142650

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Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Julie Fleming	Chair	Resigned 28 March 2022
Sharon Collins		Resigned 16 September 2021
Gosta Sikora		Resigned 22 February 2022
Melissa Chippendale		Resigned 22 February 2022
Charis Charles		Appointed 1 November 2021
Leanne Brooke		Appointed 22 February 2022
Nicola Bennet		Appointed 22 February 2022
Nancy Elwell		Appointed 22 February 2022

Charity number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1142650, on 30 June 2011.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 28th February 2011.

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The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2021

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

Young people aged 6-18

To advance in life and help young people through:

- (a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions of life;
 - (b) providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
- To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 18 living in Gipton and surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:

- (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- (b) advancing education
- (c) relieving unemployment
- (d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

The charity's main activities

Gipton Together is well summarised up by the recently adopted mission statement, 'Expanding horizons and inspiring positive choices', and our aims are:

1. To create opportunities to enjoy and participate in the performing arts and sport, developing self-discipline, confidence, strength of character, health and wellbeing.
2. To continue to develop opportunities for children and young people to broaden their choices and improve their life skills.
3. To continue to develop new opportunities and activities for our young people that have a positive and a beneficial impact on gaining more life skills.
4. Working with other community groups, to ensure that our community building is fit for purpose and well utilised.
5. To be a sustainable organisation that is flexible, fit for purpose and resilient.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Working with young people aged 6-18 years from the deprived communities of Gipton and Harehills - areas scant of opportunities for young people - we aim to provide locally based sport, performing arts and theatrical projects to encourage young people to participate, raise their aspirations and develop their self esteem and confidence. We work proactively with young people and the wider community to challenge the barriers between generations and achieve greater integration. Overall this project as part of the wider Gipton Together ethic will:

- * help tackle the social problems by offering aspirational activities for young people that act as crime prevention and crime diversionary alternatives.
- * reduce disadvantage by ensuring all children and young people who wish to participate in the Performing Arts and Sport have the opportunity to do so regardless of their background.
- * address social exclusion by providing young people with community-based performing arts and sport activities, alleviating the problems of travel costs.
- * provide and improve community and cultural opportunities and facilities for all our young people, particularly those from disadvantaged communities.
- * provide a safe place for young people to go in the evenings involving them in healthy positive activity and the opportunity to learn performing arts skills and share in the excitement of creating great theatre.

Gipton Together

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2021

Achievements and performance

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted a substantial part of this reporting year and the services Gipton Together was able to offer to children and young people in the community. The pandemic highlighted the extent of deprivation experienced by many who live in Gipton and Harehills. Local food clubs were heavily utilised and many young people lacked access to computers which had a significant negative impact on their ongoing education. The two staff members were on furlough but provided volunteer services to the local community through a local food club, offered children activities on special occasions and generally kept in touch with those children and young people who were regular attendees of sessions at Gipton Together. All engagement was subject to COVID guidelines.

The staff members returned to full time duties and Gipton Together returned to the Henry Barran Centre in May 2021 following strict COVID guidelines. Sessions in jazz, boxing, tumbling, karate and other dance, sports, arts and crafts started again with instructors filming sessions to enable those students who were unable to attend due to isolating because of COVID to practice at home (subject to them having access to a computer).

The annual Gipton Gala was held in July, held outside the Henry Barran Centre to comply with COVID guidelines. Children and young people were determined to showcase what they had been doing since returning to the Centre. The day was remarkable with children and young people showing their parents and other community members their talent and determination.

Gipton Together held first aid and safeguarding sessions on behalf of England Boxing at the Henry Barran Centre, enabling some of the young people who were currently at risk of crime or gang culture to attend and gain some qualifications.

The annual Summer Camp was held in mid-August. Full action-packed days of activities were provided, including dance, sports, arts and crafts and team building games. Hot and cold healthy meals were provided, catering for the diverse group of young people. Around 75 young people per day attended for the 2-week period, which was much needed for the local families. The feedback from families was amazing and all the young people had a fantastic time. A project coordinator was hired to be responsible for the summer camp and a theatre company called the Shed was engaged for a day making space models and putting on a science show about space, which also was well received.

Since returning after the summer break, Gipton Together has offered full sessions. Sessions now include arts and crafts, sports skills, djembe drumming, tumbling and gymnastics. These continue to be well attended to the point where it is hoped to increase the number of sessions subject to finding appropriate and qualified instructors. When providing its sessions, Gipton Together continues to adhere to government COVID guidelines.

Gipton Together has introduced a new logo (with input from the children and young people who attend sessions) and adopted a new uniform (funded by a donation from the World Gold Council).

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £13,510, including net receipts of £1,300 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £12,210 on restricted funds, after transfers.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2021

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £239,573. The trustees adopted a reserves policy in 2019. Under that policy, the trustees calculated an appropriate reserves range for Gipton Together of 1 year's budgeted expenditure to be approximately £100,000. This is in the process of being reviewed. The trustees recognise that the charity is holding very high levels of savings, in excess of the reserves. It had hoped to address this during the course of the year but the pandemic has hindered this. They anticipate this situation will be addressed during the course of 2022.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 2017/22

Signed: (Trustee)

Name: L. Brodie

Gipton Together

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gipton Together

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 September 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the Act’).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:
Name: Stephen Procter

Date:

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Stringer House

34 Lupton Street

Leeds

LS10 2QW

Gipton Together

Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 30 September 2021

Notes

	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Receipts			
Grants and donations	7,020	113,901	120,921
Subscriptions	480	-	480
Competition fees	-	-	-
Uniform sales	-	-	-
Ticket, DVD and photo sales	1,385	-	1,385
Fundraising events	70	-	70
Shop	110	-	110
Other income	200	-	200
Total receipts	9,265	113,901	123,166
Payments			
Salaries	-	44,447	44,447
Tutors	-	19,984	19,984
Phone and internet	-	935	935
DBS checks	-	223	223
Advertising and publicity	-	1,128	1,128
Costumes and props	-	-	-
Refreshments	7,000	7,771	14,771
Training	356	1,111	1,467
Memberships and subscriptions	-	180	180
Travel	-	303	303
IT support and sundries	-	50	50
Venue hire	-	408	408
Uniforms and items for resale	-	16,137	16,137
Activity expenses	350	-	350
Gala expenses	-	3,046	3,046
Equipment and materials	109	3,101	3,210
Insurance	-	566	566
Accountancy and independent examination	-	780	780
Return of unused grant	-	-	-
Consultancy	1,650	-	1,650
Other expenses	-	21	21
Total payments	9,465	100,191	109,656
Net receipts / (payments)	(200)	13,710	13,510
Transfers between funds	1,500	(1,500)	-
Net movement in funds after transfers	1,300	12,210	13,510
Fund balances brought forward	238,273	28,031	266,304
Fund balances carried forward	239,573	40,241	279,814

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**Gipton Together
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 30 September 2021**

	2021	2021	2020
Cash funds	£	£	£
Cash at bank	239,573	40,241	266,304
Total cash funds	239,573	40,241	266,304
Unrestricted	£	£	£
Restricted	239,573	40,241	266,304
Total	239,573	40,241	266,304

Assets retained for the charity's own use
 Computers (bought 2020) x 2
 Printers (bought 2020) x 2
 Stereos x 4
 Office printer
 JVC Boomblaster x 2
 Computer, laptop
 Camera
 Camcorder
 Café equipment
 Boxing punch bags
 Trampoline

Liabilities
 Independent examination

£	780
	<u>780</u>

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 20/7/22

Signed: L. Brooke (Trustee)

Name: L. Brooke

Gipton Together

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2021

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 30 September 2021

2 Grants and donations

	2021	2021	2020	2020
Unrestricted funds	7,000	113,901	7,020	102,378
Restricted funds	11,090	11,090	-	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	23,153	23,153	-	-
LCF Healthy Holidays	77,222	77,222	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	-
World Gold Council	-	-	-	-
LCC HAP	7,000	-	-	-
LCC MICE	1,936	1,936	-	-
LCC Gala	500	500	-	-
LCC Equipment	-	-	-	-
LCC IT Funding	-	-	-	-
LCC Youth Activities	-	-	-	-
E-BTIF	-	-	-	-
Other donations	20	-	20	-
Total	120,921	113,901	7,020	102,378

3 Staff costs and numbers

	2021	2020
Gross salaries	42,894	41,631
Social security costs	3,510	3,446
Employment allowance	(3,376)	(2,645)
Pensions	1,116	487
Payroll charges	303	288
Total	44,447	43,207

The average number employees during the year was 2, being an average of 1.7 full time equivalent (2020: 1.9, 1.5 FTE).

4 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
Lottery Community Fund	22,109	77,222	63,767	-	35,564
LCC HAP Equipment	422	-	162	-	260
LCC HAP Activities	-	1,936	1,476	-	460
LCC Gala	-	-	-	-	-
LCC Youth Activities	1,500	-	-	(1,500)	-
LCC MICE	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
E-BTIF	-	500	500	-	-
HMRC Job Retention grant	-	-	43	-	957
LCF Healthy Holidays	-	11,090	23,153	-	-
Total	28,031	113,901	100,191	(1,500)	40,241

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 30 September 2021

4 Restricted funds (continued)

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Lottery Community Fund	To fund the project including salaries, general running costs and sessional workers.
LCC HAP Equipment	Towards equipment.
LCC HAP Activities	Towards activity costs.
LCC Gala	Towards the costs of staging the Gala.
LCC Youth Activities	(Grant receipt is a payment in arrears for the staging of the 2019 Gala. Costs already met from general funds therefore reimbursed via the transfer)
	Towards the costs of young people's activities.
	Towards activity costs.
LCC MICE	For the purchase of IT equipment.
E-BTIF	Towards the costs supporting staff through furlough scheme.
HMRC Job Retention grant	Towards the costs of running the Summer Camp and other activities.
LCF Healthy Holidays	

5 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

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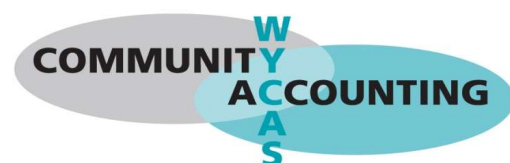
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Julie Fleming	Chair	From January 2020
Sharon Collins		
Jill McGrory		Resigned November 2020
Gosia Sikora		
Melissa Chippendale		

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Gipton Together

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Gipton Together

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2020

Achievements and performance

October

October was a great month of achievements for our karate kids and our boxers.

· Two of our boxers 23yr old Jack and 15yr old Kashif were both in action at the weekend 11th & 12th Oct. On Friday night Kashif was on the bill at Starkey's boxing show. He was boxing in his 1st skills bout. On Saturday night Jack who turned professional 2yrs ago was featuring at the Leeds Arena on the Josh Waddington undercard. Both boxers did really well with Kashif excelling in his 1st skills bout and Jack winning in his 5th professional fight in style against the heavier Jamie Speight who is a veteran of over 50 fights.

· On the weekend of the 17th Oct young Kashif had his 2nd skills bout on the Freedom Boxing skills show at Seacroft WMC. Again Kashif boxed brilliantly particularly in the 3rd round. He is a kid to watch they said.

· On the 22nd October nine of our karate kids travelled to Sunderland to compete in the Nissan North East Open Karate competition. With almost 500 entries the standard of the competition on the day was very high.

Our karate results in various categories were:

Two students came 1st

Two students came in 3rd place

Three came in 4th place

We have had to move from St Nicholas hall where we have been running our Karate classes because the building is closing. We have moved over into the Fearnville Sports centre. This move is costing Gipton Together an extra £1,500 more per month to hire. This is a substantial increase in our venue hire costs. However we have no choice but take on this extra cost because our karate sessions are very popular with 60 children/young people attending the classes every week.

October 25th was just a fun, fancy dress Halloween party night for the kids. It was massively well attended and everyone had a great night. We raised £300 on the night. We used it to buy 3 music stereos for our dance and cheerleading sessions.

November

· The karate kids went for their grading exams. All passed their grading and have now received their new coloured belt. One young person passed her black belt grade and is now a full black belt student.

· As part of our continued partnership working with the Leeds Playhouse, we took 50 children/young people to the theatre to see the "Wizard of Oz". Here at Gipton Together we try and give the young people as many new experiences as possible. We encourage them leave the confinements of the large council estates where they live and go the places they would not normally consider going to, like the theatre. We have 4 big theatres in Leeds that are practically on the doorsteps of these young people. Most young people who come to Gipton Together's activities come from families who are on very low wages so they see going to the theatre is for rich people only. Working in partnership with the Playhouse we are able to get tickets for £3. This gives our young people and their families' affordable access to the Arts culture and an opportunity to experience live theatre.

December

· We started the extra rehearsals and preparations for our next big fundraising event which will take place shortly after Christmas. The children/young people gave up three weekends to do these extra practices for their show. The young people have developed a real sense of pride in their work in the Arts and sports and show great enthusiasm in continuing to improve and develop new skills. They love putting on shows and are more than happy to give up their weekends to make sure they put on a great show for their families and their community. We the staff see this joy in the young people every day and we see them grow in confidence and self-belief as their new skills develop and improve over the weeks/months. Their parents often say how their child's attitude to learning and commitment has improved from coming to Gipton Together.

Gipton Together

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2020

Achievements and performance (continued)

January

· 102 children/young people participated in the community Variety show. The show took place in the Bishop Young theatre. The variety show is an opportunity for the young people to showcase their learning for their families and their community. It is a very family and community event which is very well attended. The show is staged for 2 evenings over the weekend and all the tickets are sold out both nights. The variety show is always our 1st fundraising events of the year. It is a brilliant way of bring the community together at the beginning of the year for a community event. These community events which the young people put on throughout the year really helps in bringing all generations and all ethnic groups together and helps with community cohesion.

After the show we record some comment from the children/young people, their parents and the wider community. See below some of the show feedback.

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMENTS

- I loved every minute of doing the show, it was fantastic
- Lots of my family and friends came to see me. They thought I was great and they loved the show.
- I had great fun with my new friends that I made at Gipton Together. Some of my friends had done shows before but this was my 1st time. I was a bit scared but then I wasn't scared after a while.
- I have learnt so much coming to Gipton Together. This was my 2nd show and I had moved up to a higher dance group. My mum could not believe how much better I had got.
- My mummy and daddy said they were proud of me. I liked doing the show it was fun. I did cheerleading and lyrical dance with my group.
- I just love coming to Gipton Together. We learn so much there and my family and friends love coming to our shows.
- I had a great time doing the show and I like that lots and lots of people from the community come to see us performing.
- I love putting on shows and some of my friends want to come to Gipton Together now they have seen the show. I felt very proud when I did the show and my mum said I was great in it.
- I was always nervous about trying new things before I came to Gipton Together but now I feel much braver in trying new things. That was my 1st show and my mum and dad could not believe I got up on the stage because they know I don't have a lot of confidence. They are so happy that I am now trying new things and making some friends at Gipton Together.

PARENTS, CARERS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY FEED BACK

- That was such a great show. It is so good to see so much talent the children/young people in our community have.
- My son dances in the boys dance group. I was so proud of him in the show, he was amazing. This is the first place I have ever got my son to continue going to. Normally he will go to activities for a few weeks and then drop out. He has been going to Gipton Together activities for 20mths now.
- I am so happy to have Gipton Together on our doorstep. It is an amazing place. The show the kids put on was just brilliant and so professional.
- My 13yr old daughter is so shy and lacks confidence big time. She cried for a couple of weeks when she started going to Gipton Together and I had a hard time getting her to continue to go. The staff were so patient with her and slowly guided her and gradually built up her confidence. It was so fantastic and to see her performing on that stage in front of a large audience. Never thought I would ever see that and the show itself was so professional done. Gipton Together is an amazing organisation.
- The show was amazing. The value Gipton Together bring to our community and what they do for the children/young people in the community is just amazing. Most of the kids in this area could never afford to go to performing arts classes and Gipton Together made it possible for them. I and many parents around here know that my kids are not hanging out on the streets and are safe at Gipton Together.
- The show was so good. Every child was brilliant even the little ones. To get such little kids to go on stage and remember the routines without a teacher in front of stage prompting them is incredible. The skills my child has learnt since she has started going to Gipton Together is just unbelievable and I know she is safe there.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2020

Achievements and performance (continued)

February

In February we had a good start to our month. We have had 10 new young people join us in our activities and have stayed for more than 1 session stating how much they have enjoyed the sessions. We chose our 'Rizin Phoenix' Cheer Squad for Legacy 2020 held at Leeds Arena in May. We gave the young people letters to say that they had got through and 3 of our children cried with joy. We also chose our HIP HOP teams and they were all equally as happy.

COMMENTS FROM PARENTS:

- She hasn't stopped smiling since she was told she'd got in.
- What have you done? Can't keep her still now, always practicing.
- She took her letter to "show and tell" at school, very proud.

The karate squad attended the North East International Open in South Shields. The results were fantastic.

Adel Gold boys individual Kumite 10-11yrs
Alex Bronze boys individual Kumite 10-11yrs
Layjha Bronze girls individual Kumite 12-13yrs
Salma Bronze girls individual Kumite 12-13yrs
Aadil Bronze boys 15-16yrs individual Kumite

We had some good Musical Theatre sessions including the addition of new members. One child said when I asked if she enjoyed her first session "it is the best day of my life!"

We were open for business as usual for February half term holidays and did notice a small decline in numbers but we decided to stay open for those young people who use us as a "life line".

March

March started well with over 200 young people attending our sessions in a week. On 1 March students red belt above from Gipton together and the Leeds karate club took part in a grading. There were over 50 graders on the day and all graders did themselves proud. Special mention should go to Aleeza and Farhan who at the age of just 5 are the first 5 year olds to ever obtain 8th Kyu (yellow belt). To get this grade it requires quite considerable skill in terms of balance and memory as they're subject to the same requirements as all other students 13 yrs below to pass successfully. Well done also to Sharon, Gipton Together Volunteer for also achieving yellow belt!

On 3rd March we hosted a small grading at Fearnville for those white belt graders that were ready to take their first grading. All graders performed very well and successfully achieved their red belt!

8th March some of our Karate young people with Ichiban Karate Club took part in the English Karate Academy Championships in Manchester. All competitors performed exceptionally, and as a club we came away with 12 medals, 3 gold, 2 silver and 7 bronze placing us joint 9th of 35 teams entered a great achievement considering many of those that ranked ahead of us entered as associations rather than individual clubs. Particular congratulations to Ariz from the Gipton Together club competing at his first external competition after just over 6 months training and coming away with a silver medal in kata! Only out done by team mate Ahmed for gold!

Unfortunately the decline of numbers for all activities became obvious as the news about Covid 19 started to spread. On March 17th March 2020 after a unanimous decision from our Trustees, we had to close our sessions temporarily due to Coronavirus. Students were ringing to say they were not coming and staff had shown symptoms. Both Jill and I took home laptops, files, registers and any other work related items to enable us to work from home.

We contacted our Trustees again with regards to our future planning and it was decided we would continue our sessions online using Facebook Live and Instagram. We sent out a timetable each week to let our young people know when our sessions are on. We have also set up challenges and work packs for the children who may not have access to the internet, which we delivered to do at home to maintain their healthy living and fitness.

This has proved successful so far with lots of comments from our young people.

- We miss you.
- Can't wait to get back to dance
- I'm so bored this is good fun.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2020

Achievements and performance (continued)

April

We have been delivering Easter eggs and work packs to our young people, differentiating each pack with regards to the sessions they attend. Our sessions are continuing to be timetabled and we have been able to support our families with the Healthy Holidays Food request sheets. Both Jill and I have been continuing contact through phone calls and visitation (social distancing).

Our young people have sent us videos of themselves and their families joining in with the on-line sessions and we have had requests for one to one sessions which we have started to plan as part of our remote delivery programmes.

Staff members have been sending in worksheets for each session which will be sent out in the packs and planning is going ahead for future projects such as pantomime, arts and crafts sessions.

A return to work plan has been put in place for such times as we are able to get back to working with our young people. The plan currently is:

- Smaller classes
- Split sessions
- Social distancing for parents
- Entrance and exit strategy
- Sanitizing stations available in all sessions and on entry.
- New contracts in place with regards to any signs of Covid 19, child to be sent home etc.

Both Jill and I have been continuing our professional development by undertaking on-line training to support Gipton Together on return of normal activity.

Jill has achieved:

- Epilepsy for Teachers Training
- Safeguarding Level 1
- Food Hygiene Level 2

Beckie has achieved:

- Epilepsy for Teachers Training

May

The Henry Barran Centre is still closed due to Covid 19. Both Jill and I are working from home. We are still undertaking online live classes and some pre-recorded. Young people are sending videos in of them doing our sessions and their parents are still contacting us wanting to know when we are back open.

We have updated policies and any information, forms etc. needed to ensure a smooth running on return. Leeds City council are following the government guidelines and have said they will not be opening any community centres until July 31st at least. This means we will still continue our services online and through social distancing visits.

Jill has achieved:

- Paediatric First Aid
- ADHD Awareness Training
- Autism Awareness Training

June

We are still doing on-line sessions which are being followed by not only our young people but others too.

We started to do face to face sessions on a Saturday morning following Covid guidelines and this was received well. We had approximately 15 young people join us, and they said they felt unfit because they had just sat in and watched TV. After a while they said, "we felt better doing this".

Parents said that, "they hadn't seen their children smiling for a long time".

We started a Zoom session with our street dance young people.

July

We are still doing live sessions on social media and our Zoom classes for just our young people.

We are starting to receive requests from lots of people with regards to our Summer Camp.

We are planning for Summer Camp.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2020

Achievements and performance (continued)

August

We had our Summer Camp, even though we were unable to use the inside of the building. The theme of our Summer Camp was 'To Be Holistically Happy!' This included healthy bodies and healthy minds.

We purchased gazebos and waterproof attire for the young people and asked parents if they would like their children to come for half days. The answers were an extremely firm "NO" and all our young people came for full days, in the rain and wind and sun.

Due to Covid we had to split our groups into 2 so we had 30 coming 1st week and 30 the next week.

The young people accessed arts and crafts, sports and games and dance for the week. We provided them with a hot or cold healthy meal and sent any left-over food home for the families.

The feedback was amazing from both parents and children.

September

We were still doing Summer Camp for the first week of September. This week was for young people who have not previously been involved with Gipton Together.

We are planning to re-open. Unfortunately, the Henry Barran Centre is still not open so we have had to hire another hall. This has been put to the Trustees who have agreed on this.

Also we have started Zoom sessions for drumming and Boys Only dance and we are working on Arts Awards and a virtual performance.

COVID-19

Gipton Together has been affected by COVID-19 Virus by the closure of the building we work from and so we have had to rent space at extra cost to us. We have less children attending our sessions and so our subs and any fundraising has been diminished.

We have had to do online Zoom sessions which has meant we have had to pay sessional workers a fee but would not recoup any revenue.

At the time of signing these accounts the charity has been impacted by the global Covid-19 virus. The trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £20,849, including net receipts of £9,640 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £11,209 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £238,273.

Since last year the trustees have adopted a reserves policy (£100,000), but it is recognised that this will need to be considered further. The trustees also recognise that the charity is holding very high levels of reserves well in excess of the existing policy and this situation will be addressed in the coming year.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Signed:

Date:

Name (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gipton Together

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 September 2020, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: Name: Stephen Procter

Date:

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

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Gipton Together
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants	(2)	-	102,378	102,378	115,413
Subscriptions		5,664	-	5,664	13,714
Competition fees		80	-	80	6,216
Uniform sales		142	-	142	931
Ticket, DVD and photo sales		1,744	-	1,744	1,080
Fundraising events		1,936	-	1,936	3,871
Shop		356	-	356	2,260
Other income		30	-	30	743
Total receipts		<u>9,952</u>	<u>102,378</u>	<u>112,330</u>	<u>144,228</u>
Payments					
Salaries	(3)	-	43,207	43,207	46,171
Tutors		-	25,590	25,590	34,639
Phone and internet		-	914	914	1,087
Postage		-	-	-	55
Office supplies		-	1,015	1,015	1,014
Advertising and publicity		-	355	355	277
Costumes and props		-	1,241	1,241	1,545
Refreshments		-	1,112	1,112	1,639
Training		-	646	646	200
Accommodation		-	-	-	2,237
Travel		-	-	-	800
Entrance fees		-	-	-	3,403
Venue hire		-	10,145	10,145	7,810
Uniforms and items for resale		312	-	312	1,761
Fundraising event costs		-	-	-	3,248
Equipment		-	3,088	3,088	1,593
Insurance		-	532	532	534
Accountancy and independent examination		-	660	660	600
Return of unused grant		-	1,995	1,995	-
Volunteer expenses		-	-	-	244
Other expense		-	669	669	406
Total payments		<u>312</u>	<u>91,169</u>	<u>91,481</u>	<u>109,263</u>
Net receipts		<u>9,640</u>	<u>11,209</u>	<u>20,849</u>	<u>34,965</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>228,633</u>	<u>16,822</u>	<u>245,455</u>	<u>210,490</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(4)	<u>238,273</u>	<u>28,031</u>	<u>266,304</u>	<u>245,455</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2020

	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	<u>238,273</u>	<u>28,031</u>	<u>266,304</u>	<u>245,455</u>
Total cash funds	<u>238,273</u>	<u>28,031</u>	<u>266,304</u>	<u>245,455</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Computers (bought 2020) x 2

Printers (bought 2020) x 2

Stereos x 4

Office printer

JVC Boomblaster x 2

Computer, laptop

Camera

Camcorder

Café equipment

Boxing punch bags

Trampette

Liabilities

£

Independent examination

780

780

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Date:

Signed:

(Trustee)

Name

Gipton Together

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 30 September 2020

2 Grants and donations	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Fund	-	75,975	75,975	99,251
LCC Gala 2018	-	-	-	1,500
LCC Gala	-	2,500	2,500	500
LCC Summer Camp	-	-	-	3,000
LCC Equipment	-	1,000	1,000	-
LCC IT Funding	-	1,500	1,500	-
LCC Youth Activities	-	3,000	3,000	-
Leeds Community Foundation	-	-	-	6,000
LCF Healthy Holidays 1	-	5,000	5,000	-
LCF Healthy Holidays 2	-	6,995	6,995	-
Asda Foundation	-	-	-	400
E-BTIF	-	1,000	1,000	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	5,408	5,408	-
Donations	-	-	-	4,762
	<u>-</u>	<u>102,378</u>	<u>102,378</u>	<u>115,413</u>

3 Staff costs and numbers	2020	2019
	£	£
Gross salaries	41,631	44,719
Social security costs	3,446	3,818
Employment allowance	(2,645)	(3,036)
Pensions	487	371
Payroll charges	288	299
	<u>43,207</u>	<u>46,171</u>

The average number employees during the year was 1.9, being an average of 1.5 full time equivalent (2019: 2, 1.7 FTE).

4 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£
Lottery Community Fund	17,400	75,975	71,266	22,109
LCC HAP Inner East Panel	422	-	-	422
LCC Gala	(1,000)	2,500	-	1,500
LCC Equipment	-	1,000	1,000	-
LCC IT Funding	-	1,500	1,500	-
LCC Youth Activities	-	3,000	-	3,000
LCF Healthy Holidays 1	-	5,000	5,000	-
LCF Healthy Holidays 2	-	6,995	6,995	-
E-BTIF	-	1,000	-	1,000
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	5,408	5,408	-
	<u>16,822</u>	<u>102,378</u>	<u>91,169</u>	<u>28,031</u>