

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 September 2021



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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
Gosia Sikora		Resigned 22 February 2022
Melissa Chippendale		Appointed 1 November 2021
Charis Charles		Appointed 22 February 2022
Leanne Brooke		Appointed 22 February 2022
Nicola Bennet		Appointed 22 February 2022
Nancy Elwell		Appointed 22 February 2022

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Independent examiner
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Structure, governance and management
The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 28th February 2011.
Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees
The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

Young people aged 6-18

To advance in life and help young people through:

- the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions of life;
- 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:

- 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.
- advancing education
- relieving unemployment
- 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 recently adopted mission statement, 'Expanding horizons and inspiring positive choices', and our aims are:

- To create opportunities to enjoy and participate in the performing arts and sport, developing self-discipline, confidence, strength of character, health and wellbeing.
- To continue to develop opportunities for children and young people to broaden their choices and improve their life skills.
- 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.
- Working with other community groups, to ensure that our community building is fit for purpose and well utilised.
- 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.

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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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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

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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 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:

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Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 30 September 2021

Notes

2021	2021	2021	2020
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
£	£	£	£
2021	2021	2021	2020
9,265	113,901	123,166	112,330
200	-	200	30
110	-	110	356
70	-	70	1,936
1,385	-	1,385	1,744
-	-	-	142
-	-	-	80
480	-	480	5,664
7,020	113,901	120,921	102,378
Subscriptions			
Competition fees			
Uniform sales			
Ticket, DVD and photo sales			
Fundraising events			
Shop			
Other income			
Total receipts			
Salaries			
Tutors			
Phone and internet			
DBS checks			
Office supplies			
Advertising and publicity			
Costumes and props			
Refreshments			
Training			
Memberships and subscriptions			
Travel			
IT support and sundries			
Venue hire			
Uniforms and items for resale			
Activity expenses			
Gala expenses			
Equipment and materials			
Insurance			
Accountancy and independent examination			
Return of unused grant			
Consultancy			
Other expenses			
Total payments			
Net receipts / (payments)			
Transfers between funds			
Net movement in funds after transfers			
Fund balances brought forward			
Fund balances carried forward			

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 30 September 2021

	2021		2020	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Cash funds	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank	239,573	40,241	279,814	266,304
Total cash funds	239,573	40,241	279,814	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
	780

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

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2021

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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2 Grants and donations

	2021	2021	2021	2020
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	-	77,222	23,153	11,090
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	23,153	23,153	11,090
LCF Healthy Holidays	-	11,090	-	-
World Gold Council	7,000	-	-	-
LCC HAP	-	-	1,936	-
LCC MICE	-	1,936	500	-
LCC Gala	-	500	-	-
LCC Equipment	-	-	-	2,500
LCC IT Funding	-	-	-	1,000
LCC Youth Activities	-	-	-	1,500
E-BTIF	-	-	-	3,000
Other donations	20	-	-	-
	20	-	-	-
	120,921	113,901	102,378	

3 Staff costs and numbers

	2021	2020
Gross salaries	£	£
Social security costs	42,894	41,631
Employment allowance	3,510	3,446
Pensions	1,116	487
Payroll charges	303	288
	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	1,500	-	-	-	-
LCC Youth Activities	3,000	-	-	(1,500)	-
LCC MICE	-	500	500	-	3,000
E-BTIF	1,000	-	43	-	957
HMRC Job Retention grant	-	23,153	23,153	-	-
LCF Healthy Holidays	-	11,090	11,090	-	-
	28,031	113,901	100,191	(1,500)	40,241

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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)
LCC MICE	Towards the costs of young people's activities.
E-BTIF	Towards activity costs.
HMRC Job Retention grant	For the purchase of IT equipment.
LCF Healthy Holidays	Towards the costs supporting staff through furlough scheme.
	Towards the costs of running the Summer Camp and other activities.

5 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.