

Gipton Together

Charity number 1142650

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 September 2023



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Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2023

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
Nicola Bennett	Chair	
Melissa Chippendale		
Charis Osbourne		
Leanne Brooke		

Charity number 1142650 Registered in England and Wales

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Independent examiner

Alan Dodd FCCA

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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

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.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

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.

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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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 2023, 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.

Alan Dodd FCCA

3/6/2024

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Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
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 Boomblaster 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)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2023

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
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2 Grants and donations	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total 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.