

**Gipton Together**

Charity number 1142650

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2024**



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**Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

# **Gipton Together**

## **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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Nicola Bennett	Chair	
Melissa Chippendale		
Charis Charles		
Leanne Brooke		

**Charity number** 1142650 Registered in England and Wales

#### **Registered and principal address**

Henry Barran Centre  
Amberton Grove  
Gipton  
Leeds  
LS8 3JR

#### **Bankers**

The Co-operative Bank plc  
PO Box 101  
1 Balloon Street  
Manchester  
M60 4EP

#### **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 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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## Receipts and payments account

### for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
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
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>23,181</b>	<b>8,254</b>	<b>31,435</b>	<b>27,181</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
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	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>80,266</b>	<b>8,254</b>	<b>88,520</b>	<b>139,041</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>(57,085)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(57,085)</b>	<b>(111,860)</b>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<b>57,193</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>57,959</b>	<b>169,819</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<b>108</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>57,959</b>



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

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

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## **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.