# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1142679

## Details

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| Other names | CET |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | Charitable company |
| Company number | 07407883 |
| Registered | 2011-07-01 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

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## Activities

**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE COMPANY IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS AT COOPERS EDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, IT BEING ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN CARRYING OUT THE OBJECT THE COMPANY MUST HAVE REGARD TO ITS OBLIGATION TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY COHESION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS.

**Activities:** Significant activitiesThe main areas of charitable activity can be broken down into four key streams:- community organising;- financial stability of residents;- development of health and well-being services; and- improved community engagement.

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## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GLOUCESTERSHIRE
- Gloucestershire

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025-10-31 | £73,796 | £71,514 | - | - |
| 2024-10-31 | £72,357 | £57,532 | - | - |
| 2023-10-31 | £72,011 | £48,188 | - | - |
| 2022-10-31 | £100,124 | £100,180 | - | - |
| 2021-10-31 | £97,026 | £100,190 | - | - |
| 2020-10-31 | £98,804 | £89,168 | - | - |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| **ALAN SHACKELL** | Chair | 2011-11-01 |
| David Arthur Bentley | | 2021-09-20 |
| Denisa Piskorova | | 2024-08-31 |
| KEELY FOLKER | | 2012-01-05 |
| Katie Buchanan | | 2019-02-01 |
| Katie Joy Renton | | 2021-11-08 |
| Kevin Andrew Smith | | 2021-02-05 |
| Matthew James Sargeant | | 2021-05-25 |
| Rev Simon Fellows | | 2023-03-06 |

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# Accounts

Charity registration number 1142679 (England and Wales)

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# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

# ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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|---|---|
| **Trustees** | Mr G Evans<br>Mrs K Folker<br>Mr D A Bentley<br>Mrs K Driver<br>Mrs K J Renton<br>Mr M J Sargeant<br>Mr A P Shackell<br>Mr K A Smith |
| **Charity number (England and Wales)** | 1142679 |
| **Company number** | 07407883 |
| **Registered office** | Coopers Edge School Typhoon Way<br>Brockworth<br>Gloucester<br>Gloucestershire<br>England<br>GL3 4DY |
| **Independent examiner** | BK Plus Limited<br>6 Manor Park Business Centre<br>Mackenzie Way<br>Cheltenham<br>Gloucestershire<br>England<br>GL51 9TX |

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# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

## *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024*

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

**Objectives and activities**

The charity's objectives, as defined in its Articles of Association, are to advance the education of the pupils at Coopers Edge School, it being acknowledged that, in carrying out the Objects, the company must have regard to its obligation to promote community cohesion under the Education Acts.

The Coopers Edge Trust is a community-led organisation, which operates the new primary school and community centre in Coopers Edge. The organisation was formed as a result of a successful proposal from the Community Edge Community Group and the Robinswood Trust.

The trust aims to provide all members of the Coopers Edge community with opportunities to achieve their full potential. We want to provide all residents, regardless of their social background, with the opportunity to:

- be healthy;
- live in a safe community;
- enjoy and achieve, through training and education available to all ages;
- make a positive contribution to the community; and
- achieve economic wellbeing.

**Significant activities**

The main areas of charitable activity can be broken down into four key streams:

- community organising;
- financial stability of residents;
- development of health and well-being services; and
- improved community engagement.

As a neighbourhood with low levels of social capital the charity's immediate activities are focused on creating opportunities to strengthen pro-social relationships between neighbours, whilst improving access to local services. Through community organising the Trust will promote resilience across the community by improving access to services and strengthening ties between friends, families and neighbours.

With 30% of social housing on the development, the Trust's intention is to provide workshops and services to give people them the skills and confidence to improve their chances of employment. This work stream also extends to promoting and distributing seed funding for social enterprise. By offering residents pump prime funding and training in starting up businesses, the Trust hopes to encourage the growth of social enterprises, thus contributing to employment and neighbourhood prosperity.

The provision of health and well-being services includes workshops for a range of childcare issues. Furthermore, the trustees recognise the role sport can play in bringing people together so will also create opportunities for people of all ages to participate in sport and fitness activities

**Public benefit**

In planning the charity's activities for the period the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of the charity's activities during the period, which explains the delivery by the charity of public benefit, is set out below under 'Achievement and performance' and above under 'Objectives and aims'.

**Achievements and performance**

*Significant activities and achievements against objectives*

During the period there was continued development for The Coopers Edge Trust, following the restructure of activities and roles, the continuing success of our strategic partnership (with Deli Edge) and the streamlining of a number of centre activities we have continued our focus on the profitability of the centre which ensures the centre remains a viable self-funding operation and allows us to fund further community activities in the future.

We are particularly proud that the centre has continued to strengthen its ties with its existing community user base and is now used by an ever-growing section of the community, the Community Centre continues to be a real hub for the community.

What we achieved in the period:

- posted a profit for the centre for the second year running
- continued operation and development of the community centre including considerable maintenance activity
- continued to work with key partner (Deli Edge) who manage the café
- continued improvement of the financial position of the Trust
- supported growth and development of the community
- continued to support the growth and development of Coopers Edge School
- furthered relationships with Upton St Leonards, Hucclecote and Brockworth Parish Councils

An area that we all wish to improve is the reach to community members who are childless or have adult children. These are the demographics who are currently under served by the centre.

**Community Centre Performance**

Over the past year the Community Centre has stayed financially stable, while continuing to be a community hub and providing a reasonably priced venue for events. We have also invested some of the profits made from hiring the centre to improve our online impact, with a vibrant and user-friendly website and new booking system.

As well as putting the monies back into the centre for essential maintenance and repairs that have come up over the past year (including electrical safety and boiler repairs), we have also employed a specialised contractor to oversee maintenance and large repairs. Due to several unexpected issues over the past year, it was felt that having an annual contract to maintain the building as well as ensuring we comply with any regulation's was essential.

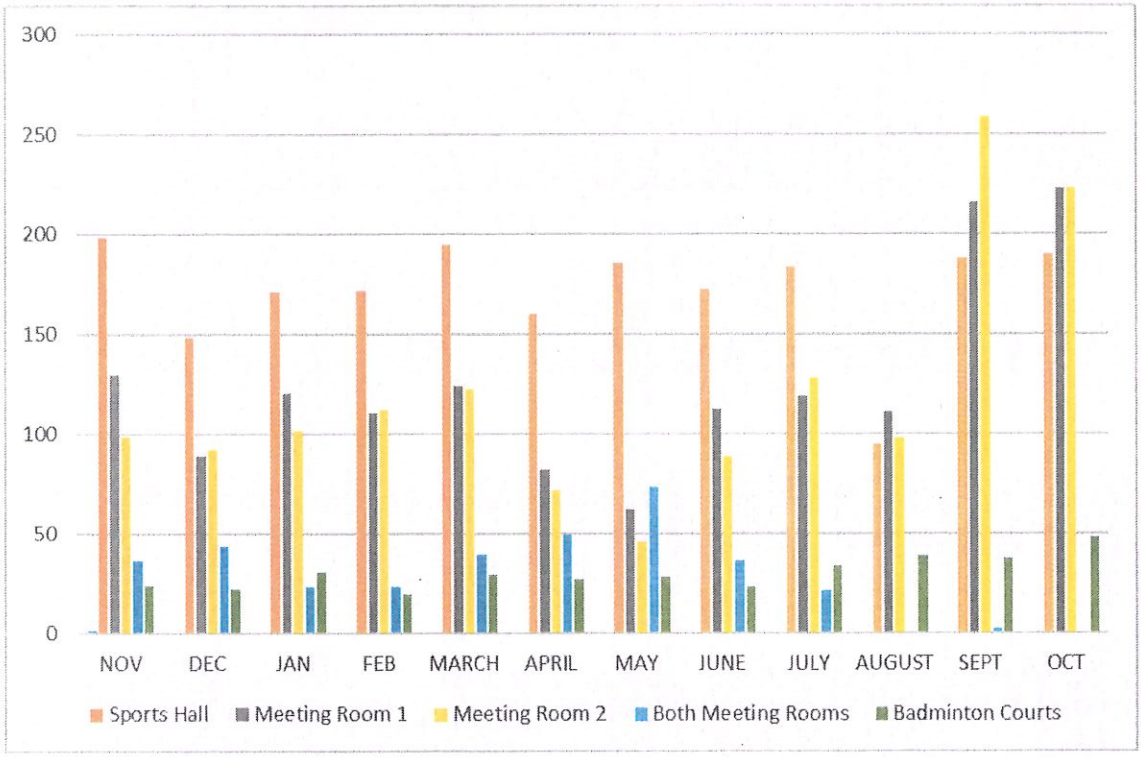
The partnership between the Centre and Deli Edge Café continues to grow and be of benefit to both, together we have improved the facilities as well as continuing to offer a warm & welcoming space to the community.

We have continued to support and engage with local people starting up new projects, as well as supporting our already large network of existing hirers. While targeting a new user demographic of older adults without children, with the introduction of walking cricket with the support of The Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation. We hope to grow these types of actions over the next year.

We have also continued with free community events, including our Annual Christmas event, Summer Party and with the Coopers Edge Community Church a range of Free Summer Olympic events.

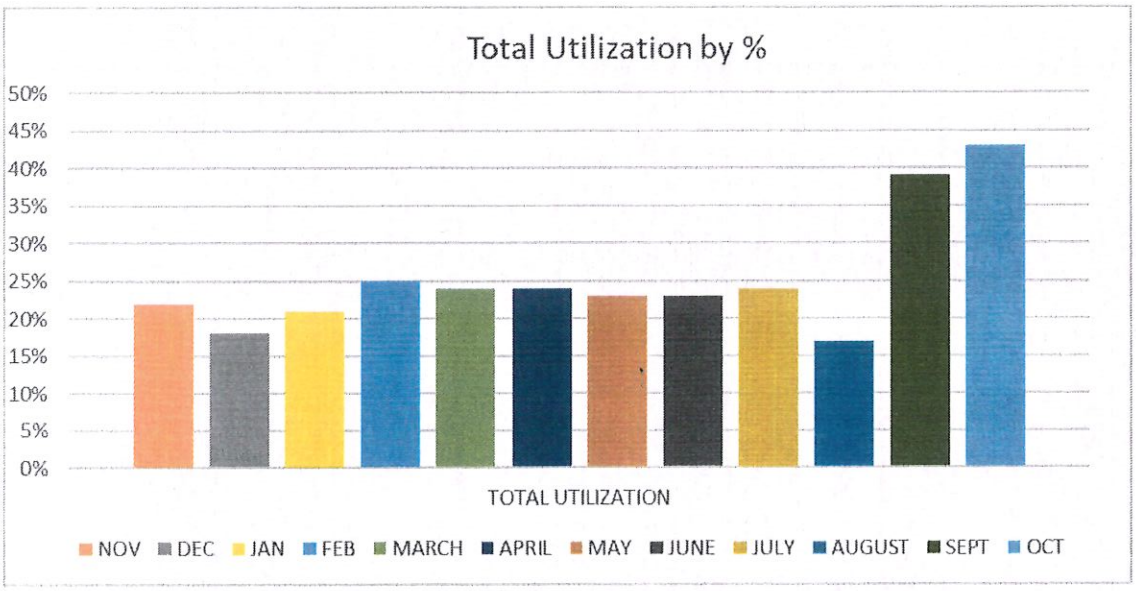
We are now in a position of positive growth, good customer retention and are financially stable.

**Utilisation/Usage**



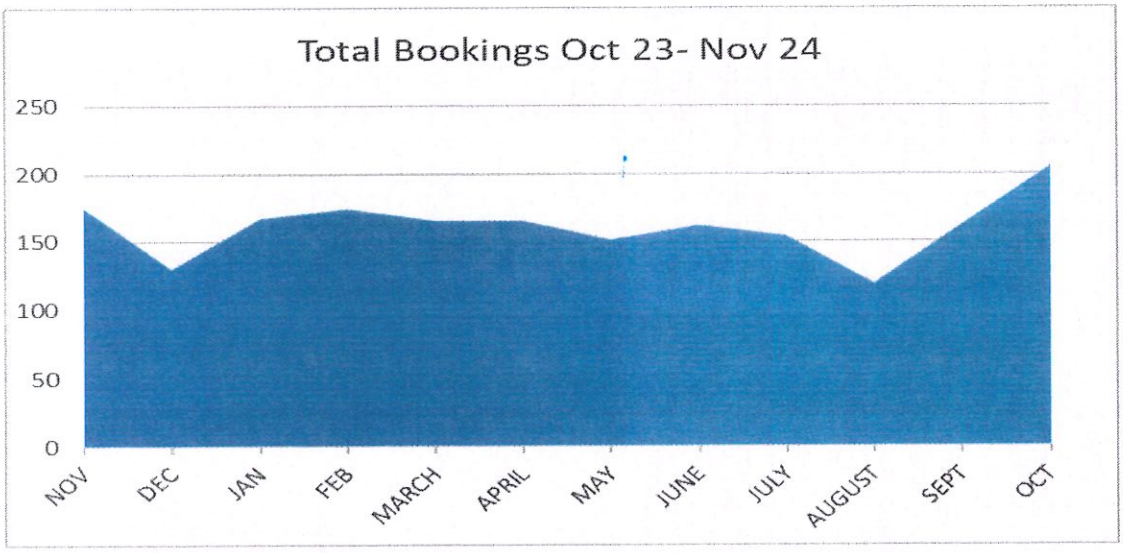

The above graph shows room utilisation by number of hours for each month. As you can see the sports hall remains consistent from November to July, dropping in August for planned summer breaks by regular hirers. However, these figures change during August, as we implemented a new booking system which went live from September. The data is recorded slightly differently but still shows a good uptake from September and October. We will have a clearer view of the impact of our booking system changes in the 24-25 report.

The below chart shows that utilization has grown significantly in September and October, we expect this to even out over the next year.



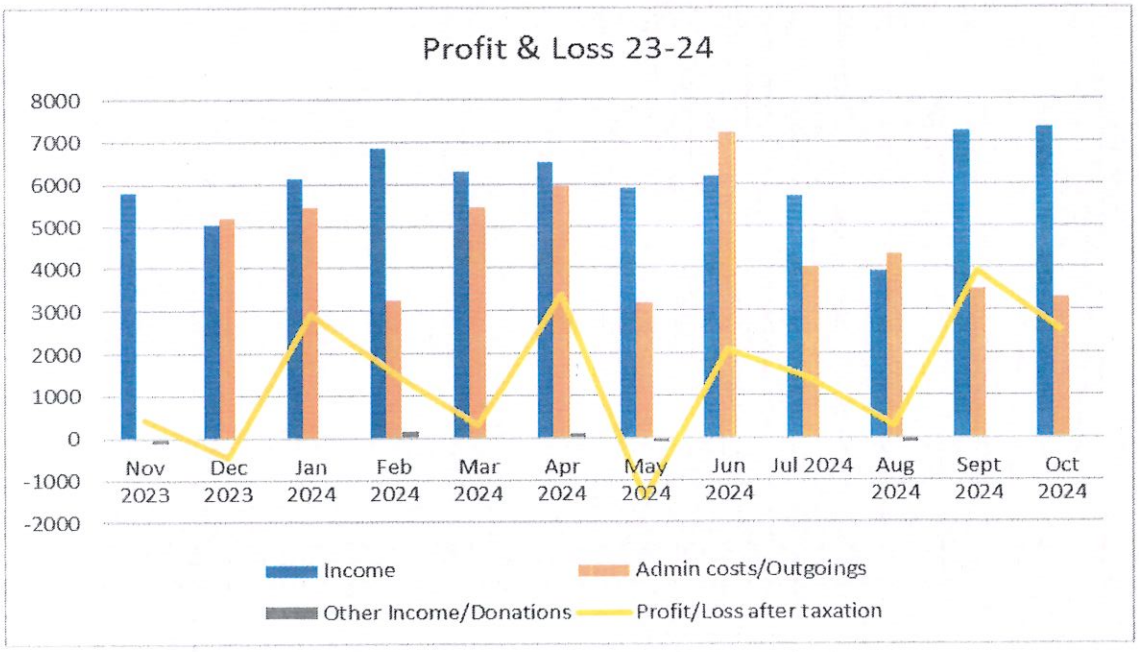
The utilisation data is backed up with the number of bookings overall across the year. The below chart shows the expected drops in bookings in December, April and August that follows the school year trend with hirers aiming at children/young children.

This also shows the increase that we have had with new bookings in September and October.

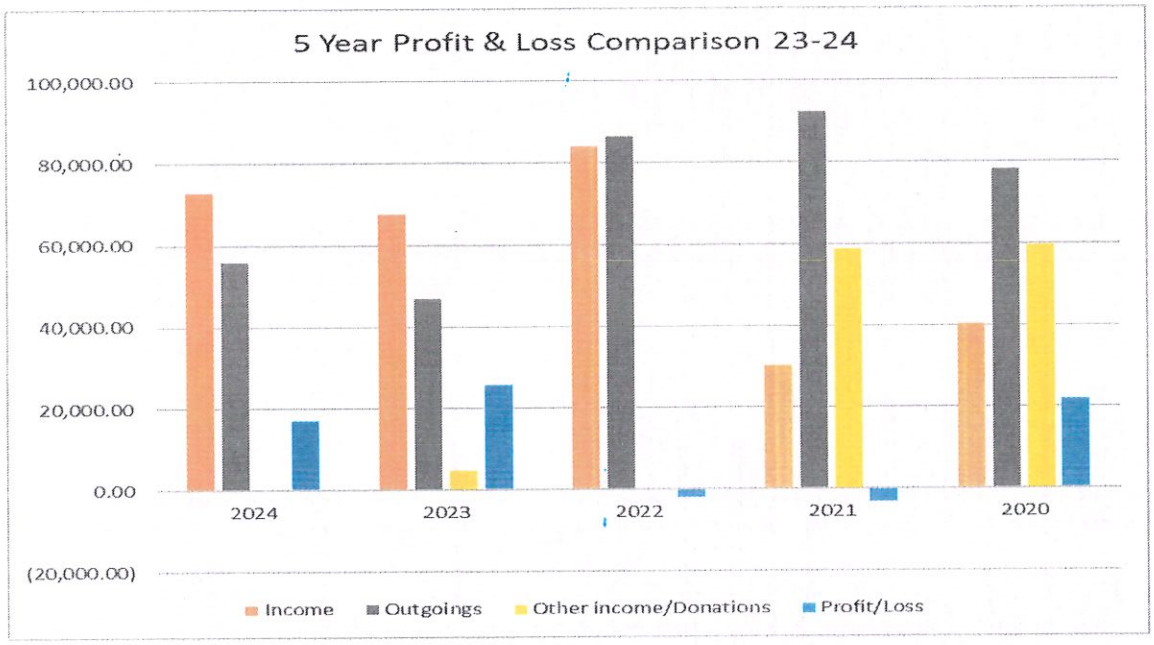



**Financial report**

The below shows the month by month profit and loss. As you can see overall for the year we have managed to make a small profit, continuing to be sustainable while ensuring the future of the building with planned works.



When compared to the previous 5 years figures as below you can see that although we made less of a profit this year we are still growing and are in a more stable position going forward.




**Future:**

We hope to continue this growth in the next year, while continuing our support for local people. We are looking long term to investigate the use of grants to enhance the offerings at the community centre. We are also committed to helping to provide free training and workshops for lower income local families as well as growing our events calendar.

We are expecting to be closed for one month next year while essential building work is undertaken by Stroud District Council. This needs to be completed before we take ownership of the building in the future.

**Financial review**

The results for the period are shown in the attached financial statements.

*Reserves policy*

The Trustee Board has agreed that £10,000 of reserves should be held to support the next years planned activities. The Board consider that the Trust's reserves at 31 October 2024 are adequate.

**Financial relationship with Coopers Edge School**

For the purposes of clarity these financial statements do not record any transactions of Coopers Edge School, as the charity is not presently responsible for the running of the school.

**Plans for future periods**
What we hope to achieve in the next financial year:

- continue to operate the centre at profit
- work with the 3 parishes to look at opportunities to support youth provision
- provide continuing support to the new allotment facilities being built in the community
- work with Councils, developers and the community to ensure long term provision of community facilities and services in Coopers Edge
- continue to support the growth and development of Coopers Edge School
- empower the local community to develop their own resources and resilience, in order to grow as individuals and a community.

**Structure, governance and management**
The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Articles of Association dated 14 October 2010, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Articles of Association have been amended by special resolutions on 19 June 2011 and 23 June 2011.

*Recruitment and appointment of trustees*
New trustees are appointed by their 'sponsoring' organisation (see below under 'organisational structure').

**Organisational structure**

Subject to any restrictions imposed by the Education Acts, membership of the Trust is open to any other individuals or organisations interested in promoting the Objects of the charity who:

- are approved by the Trustees following the approval of the governing body of Coopers Edge Primary School; and
- sign the register of members or consent in writing to become a member either personally or (in the case of an organisation) through an authorised representative.

The trustees of the charity are also directors of the company and under the company's constitution are known as members of the Trustee Board. The number of Trustees cannot be less than two or more than twelve.

The Trustee Board is currently made up of:

- two Trustees appointed by local parish councils;
- three Trustees appointed by the Coopers Edge Community Group; and
- two Trustees appointed by the governing body of Coopers Edge Primary School.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

Trustees have a wide range of public and private sector expertise, including education, financial and sales and management skills. Where trustee training needs are identified, appropriate courses are provided.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Coopers Edge Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr A P Shackell
**Trustee**

14 July 2025

# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

## TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Coopers Edge Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

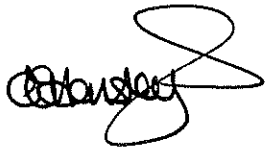
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



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14 July 2025

# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024*

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Income from:** | | | |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 72,357 | 72,011 |
| **Total income** | | 72,357 | 72,011 |
| **Expenditure on:** | | | |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 57,532 | 48,188 |
| **Total expenditure** | | 57,532 | 48,188 |
| **Net income and movement in funds** | | 14,825 | 23,823 |
| **Reconciliation of funds:** | | | |
| Fund balances at 1 November 2023 | | 53,642 | 29,819 |
| **Fund balances at 31 October 2024** | | 68,467 | 53,642 |

# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## *AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024*

| | Notes | 2024 £ | £ | 2023 £ | £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current assets** | | | | | |
| Debtors | 7 | 2,196 | | 3,340 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 68,487 | | 55,413 | |
| | | 70,683 | | 58,753 | |
| **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year** | 8 | (2,216) | | (5,111) | |
| **Net current assets** | | | 68,467 | | 53,642 |
| **The funds of the charity** | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 9 | | 68,467 | | 53,642 |
| | | | 68,467 | | 53,642 |

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 14 July 2025

Mr A P Shackell
**Trustee**

Company registration number 07407883 (England and Wales)

### 1 Accounting policies

**Charity information**

The Coopers Edge Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Coopers Edge School Typhoon Way, Brockworth, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL3 4DY, England.

### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

### 1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

### 1.3 Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### 1.4 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

## 2 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Facility hire | 71,626 | 66,789 |
| Cafe income | 731 | 639 |
| Grants | - | 4,583 |
| | 72,357 | 72,011 |

**Grants analysis**

| | Total 2023 £ |
|---|---|
| Stroud District Council | 4,583 |

## 3 Expenditure on charitable activities

| | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|
| **Direct costs** | | |
| Bought in services | 23,892 | 21,765 |
| Sundries | 2,664 | 3,756 |
| Insurance | 1,189 | 1,063 |
| Advertising and marketing | 807 | 277 |
| Cleaning | 1,092 | 173 |
| IT software and consumables | 109 | 27 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 11,448 | 4,376 |
| Light and heat | 10,194 | 9,592 |
| Telephone and TV costs | 1,637 | 1,865 |
| Water rates | 3,433 | 3,216 |
| Cafe expenses | - | 345 |
| Community engagement costs | 25 | 773 |
| | 56,490 | 47,228 |
| **Share of support and governance costs (see note 4)** | | |
| Governance | 1,042 | 960 |
| | 57,532 | 48,188 |
| **Analysis by fund** | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 57,532 | 48,188 |

## 4 Support costs allocated to activities

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Governance costs | 1,042 | 960 |
| **Analysed between:** | | |
| Accountancy | 1,042 | 960 |

## 5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

## 6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

## 7 Debtors

| **Amounts falling due within one year:** | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Trade debtors | 2,196 | 3,340 |

## 8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Trade creditors | 2,216 | 5,111 |

## 9 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

| | At 1 November 2023 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | At 31 October 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| General funds | 53,642 | 72,357 | (57,532) | 68,467 |

**9 Unrestricted funds** **(Continued)**

| **Previous year:** | **At 1 November 2022** | **Incoming resources** | **Resources expended** | **At 31 October 2023** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| General funds | 29,819 | 72,011 | (48,188) | 53,642 |

**10 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1142679

# Accounts

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07407883 (England and Wales)**
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142679**

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

# FOR

# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

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**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

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|---|---|
| **TRUSTEES** | Mrs K Folker<br>A P Shackell<br>Mrs K Driver<br>Mrs K J Renton<br>D A Bentley<br>G Evans (resigned 11.3.24)<br>M J Sargeant<br>K A Smith<br>Ms D Piskorova (appointed 11.3.24) |
| **REGISTERED OFFICE** | Coopers Edge School Typhoon Way<br>Brockworth<br>Gloucester<br>Gloucestershire<br>GL3 4DY |
| **REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER** | 07407883 (England and Wales) |
| **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER** | 1142679 |
| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | BK Plus<br>6 Manor Park Business Centre<br>Mackenzie Way<br>Cheltenham<br>Gloucestershire<br>GL51 9TX |

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

The charity's objects, as defined in its Articles of Association, are to advance the education of the pupils at Coopers Edge School, it being acknowledged that, in carrying out the Objects, the company must have regard to its obligation to promote community cohesion under the Education Acts.

The Coopers Edge Trust is a community-led organisation, which operates the new primary school in Coopers Edge. The organisation was formed as a result of a successful proposal from the Community Edge Community Group and the Robinswood Trust.

The trust aims to provide all members of the Coopers Edge community with opportunities to achieve their full potential. We want to provide all residents, regardless of their social background, with the opportunity to:

- be healthy;
- live in a safe community;
- enjoy and achieve, through training and education available to all ages;
- make a positive contribution to the community; and
- achieve economic wellbeing.

### Significant activities

The main areas of charitable activity can be broken down into four key streams:

- community organising;
- financial stability of residents;
- development of health and well-being services; and
- improved community engagement.

As a neighbourhood with low levels of social capital the charity's immediate activities are focused on creating opportunities to strengthen pro-social relationships between neighbours, whilst improving access to local services. Through community organising the Trust will promote resilience across the community by improving access to services and strengthening ties between friends, families and neighbours.

With 30% of social housing on the development, the Trust's intention is to provide workshops and services to give people them the skills and confidence to improve their chances of employment. This work stream also extends to promoting and distributing seed funding for social enterprise. By offering residents pump prime funding and training in starting up businesses, the Trust hopes to encourage the growth of social enterprises, thus contributing to employment and neighbourhood prosperity.

The provision of health and well-being services includes workshops for a range of childcare issues. Furthermore, the trustees recognise the role sport can play in bringing people together so will also create opportunities for people of all ages to participate in sport and fitness activities.

### Public benefit

In planning the charity's activities for the period the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of the charity's activities during the period, which explains the delivery by the charity of public benefit, is set out below under 'Achievement and performance' and above under 'Objectives and aims'.

## ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

### Charitable activities

During the period there was continued development for The Coopers Edge Trust, following the restructure of activities and roles, the introduction of a new strategic partner (Deli Edge) and the streamlining of a number of centre activities we have been better able to focus on the profitability of the centre which will allow us to fund further community activities in the future.

We are particularly proud that the centre has continued to strengthen its ties with its existing community user base and is now used by an ever-growing section of the community, the Community Centre is now a real hub for the community.

With the café and the centre under new leadership this year we have seen revenue begin to grow whilst the changes made removed significant cost from our bottom-line reducing risk to the Trust and increasing profit.

What we achieved in the period:

- posted a profit for the centre for the first time since the centre opened
- continued operation and development of the community centre
- continued to work with key partner (Deli Edge) who manage the cafe
- improved financial position of the Trust
- supported growth and development of the community
- took legal ownership of lands and buildings for Cooper's Edge School
- continued to support the growth and development of Cooper's Edge School
- built relationships with Upton St Leonards, Hucclecote and Brockworth Parish Councils by adding Parish Councillors to the Trust

An area that we all wish to improve is the reach to community members who are childless or have adult children. These are the demographics who are currently under served by the centre.

### Community Centre Performance

The Community Centre has had a lot of change over the past 18 months. Due to these the centre is now in a good financial place, as well as being a vibrant hub for the community of Coopers Edge and surrounding areas.

The Centre has made improvement's to the Café offering with Deli Edge Café taking over the running of this, garden and décor as well as changing staffing structures to meet the needs of the business.

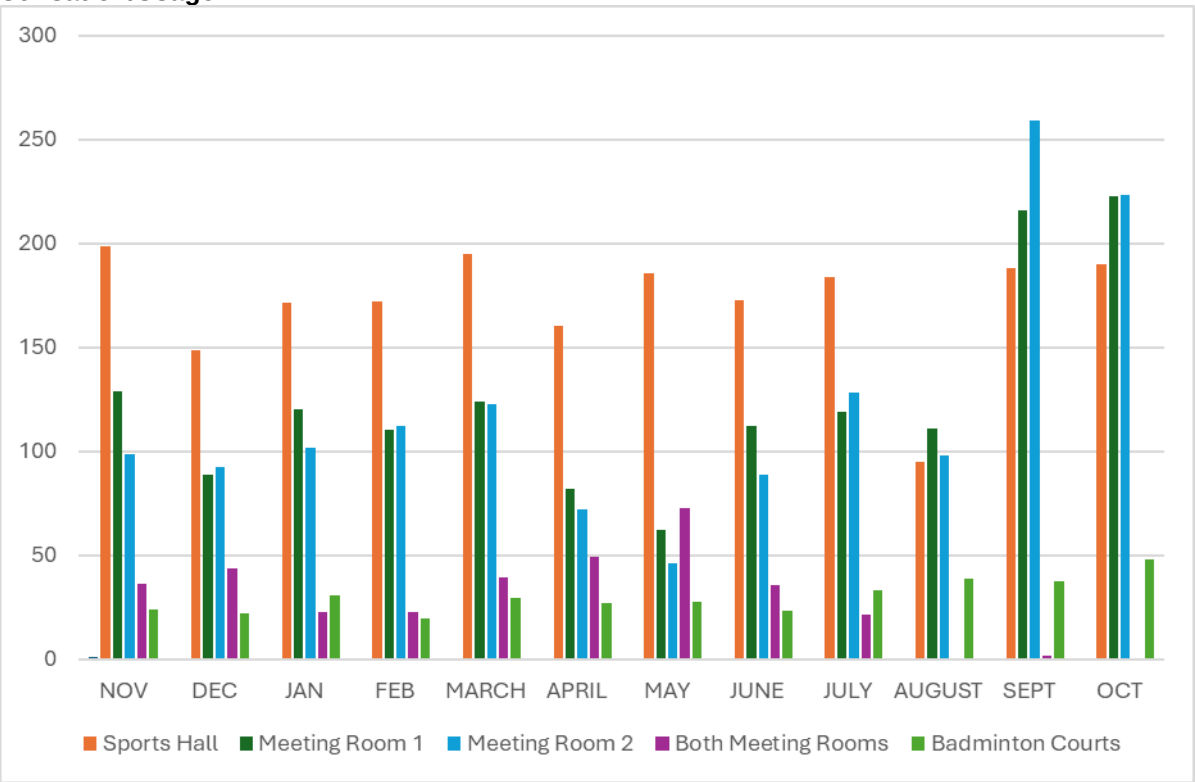
As well as supporting our already large network of existing hirers, we have engaged with many new start-ups from local people, offering support to helps these initiatives with differing levels of success. These have included:

- Dance classes
- Yoga & Pilates classes
- Toddler groups & stay & play
- Church groups
- Fitness classes including prenatal fitness
- Martial arts

We have also continued with free community events, over the past year we have continued the Annual Christmas event as well as adding in an Easter event partnered with Gloucestershire transport links and a summer event run by the trust.

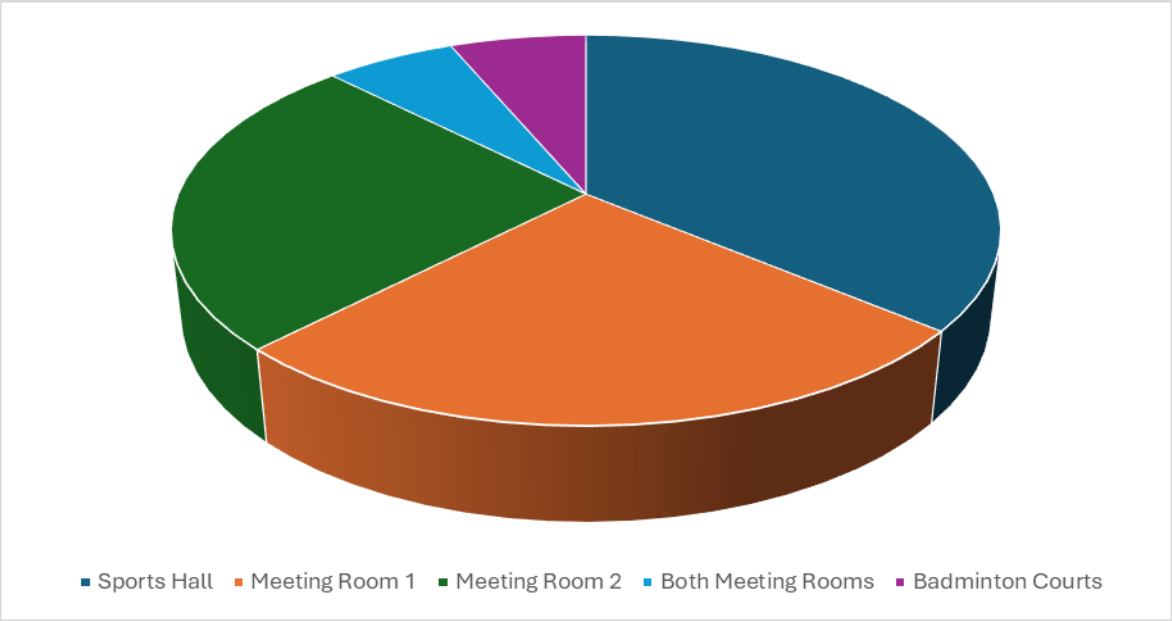
We are now in a position of positive growth, good customer retention & financially stable.

**Utilisation/Usage**

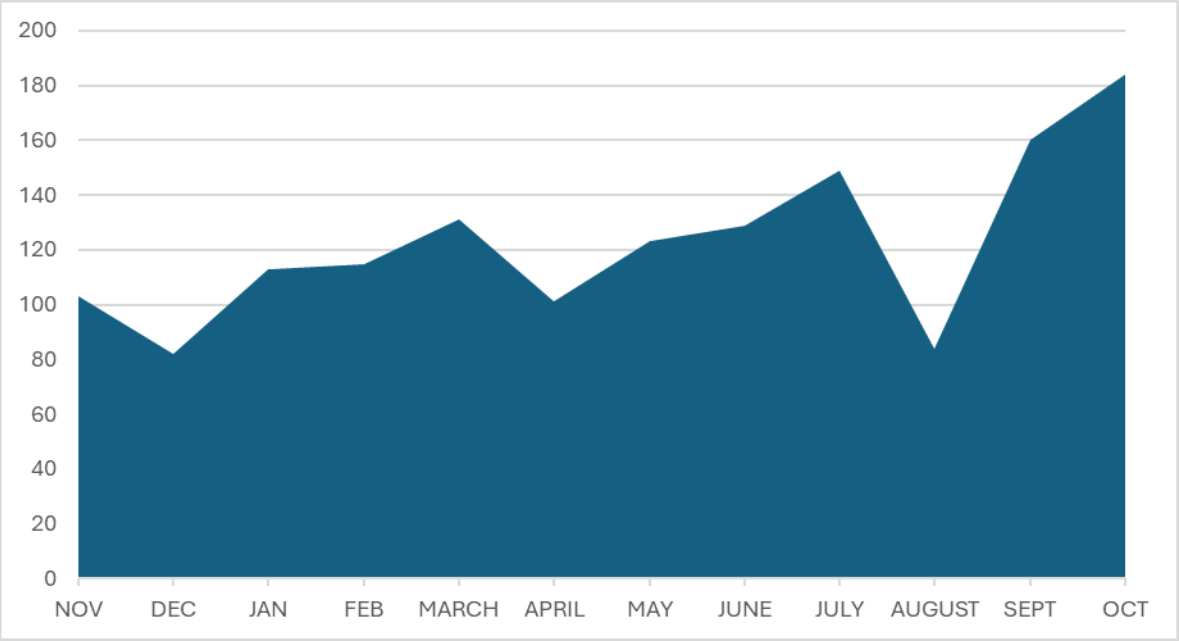



The above graph shows room utilisation by number of hours for each month. This shows the sports hall remains consistent across the months, dropping in August for planned summer breaks by regular hirers. However, there is a large uptake in hires for the meeting rooms, we have been using this space as a dance and yoga studio as well as gaining new hires from teaching and learning bodies.

The below chart shows the utilization is shared out more equally than in previous years.

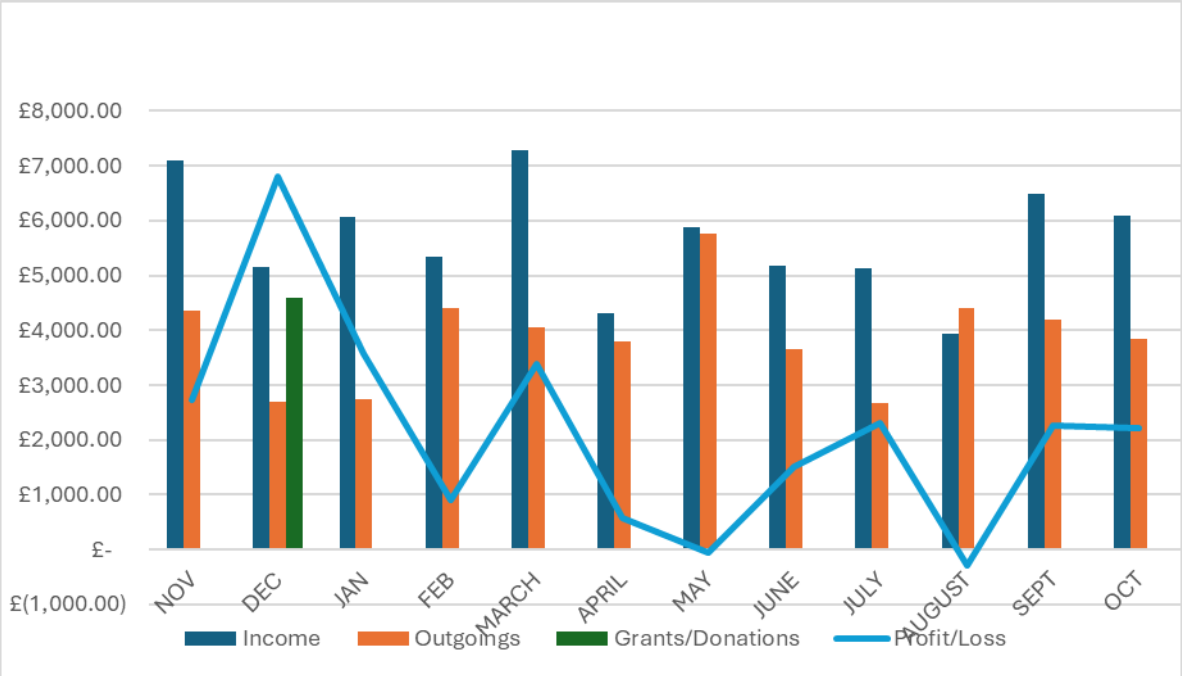


The utilisation data is backed up with the number of bookings overall across the year, the below graph shows the expected drops in bookings in December, April and August in line with the school year trend with hirers aiming at children/young children. This also shows the increase that we have had with new hirers from September onwards.

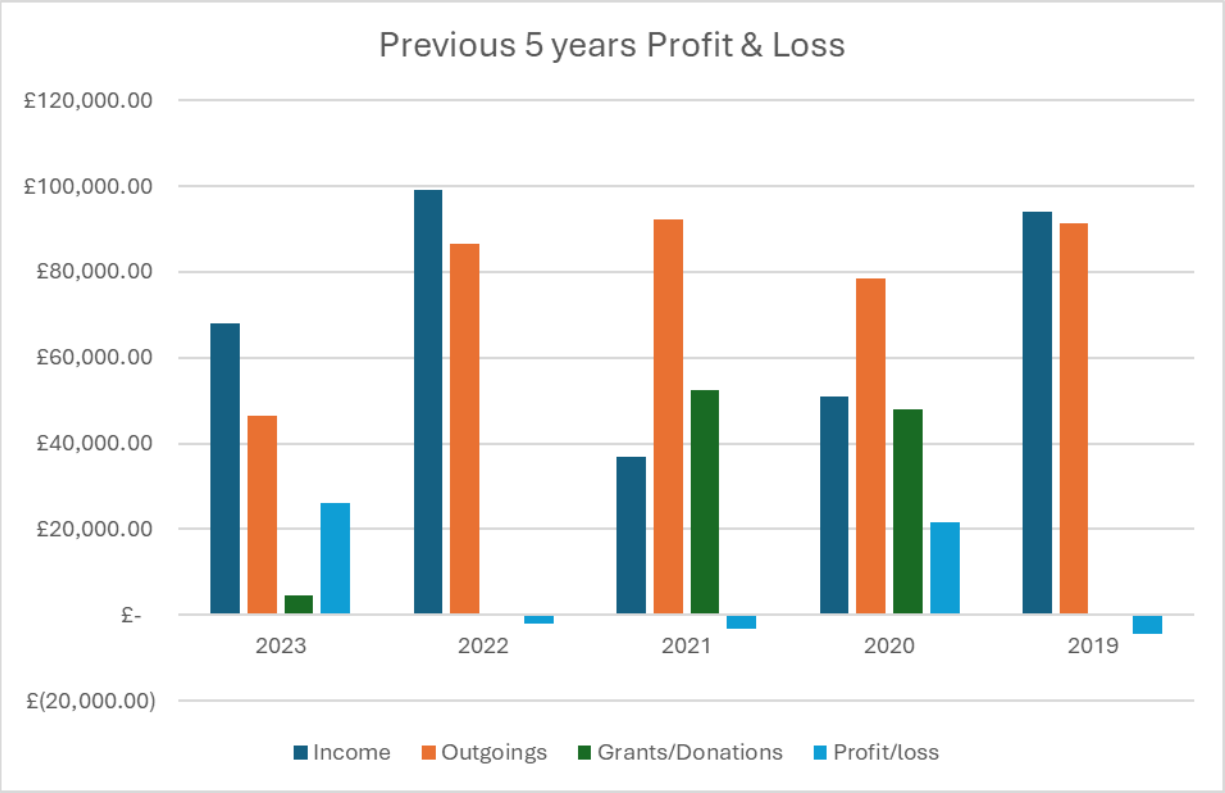



**Financial report**

The below shows the month by month profit and loss for the centre. As you can see overall for the year we have managed to make a profit, thus adding to the Centres sustainability.



When compared to the previous 5 years figures as below you can see the impact the changes the Trust have made towards a sustainable offering to the community.




**Future**
We hope to continue this growth in the next years, while also focusing on groups that have not been represented well previously, older adults, young adults & adults without children. As well as adding more Community Events to the calendar while providing a safe environment for all to use, including a programme of repairs/maintenance projects to take place next year.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**
**Financial relationship with Coopers Edge School**
For the purposes of clarity these financial statements do not record any transactions of Coopers Edge School, as the charity is not presently responsible for the running of the school.

**Reserves Policy**
The Trustee Board has agreed that £10,000 of reserves should be held to support the next years planned activities. The Board consider that the Trust's reserves at 31 October 2023 are adequate.

## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

What we hope to achieve in the next financial year:

- continue to operate the centre at profit
- look into grant funding for events and day to day running with specific focus on youth provision
- provide continuing support to the development of the new sports facilities and new allotment facilities being being built in the community;
- work with Councils, developers and the community to ensure long term provision of community facilities and services in Coopers Edge;
- continue to support the growth and development of Coopers Edge School;
- empower the local community to develop their own resources and resilience, in order to grow as individuals and a community.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Articles of Association dated 14 October 2010, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Articles of Association have been amended by special resolutions on 19 June 2011 and 23 June 2011.

### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are appointed by their 'sponsoring' organisation (see below under 'organisational structure').

### Organisational structure

Subject to any restrictions imposed by the Education Acts, membership of the Trust is open to any other individuals or organisations interested in promoting the Objects of the charity who:

- are approved by the Trustees following the approval of the governing body of Coopers Edge Primary School; and
- sign the register of members or consent in writing to become a member either personally or (in the case of an organisation) through an authorised representative.

The trustees of the charity are also directors of the company and under the company's constitution are known as members of the Trustee Board. The number of Trustees cannot be less than two or more than twelve.

The Trustee Board is currently made up of:

- three Trustees appointed by local parish councils;
- four Trustees appointed by the Coopers Edge Community Group; and
- two Trustees appointed by the governing body of Coopers Edge Primary School.

### Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees have a wide range of public and private sector expertise, including education, financial and sales and management skills. Where trustee training needs are identified, appropriate courses are provided.

### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Coopers Edge Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
A P Shackell - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Coopers Edge Trust ('the Company')**
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Cinzia Hensley FCA

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Date: .....

**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.10.23 Total funds £ | 31.10.22 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | - | - | - | 20 |
| **Charitable activities** | 4 | | | | |
| Charitable | | 4,583 | - | 4,583 | 395 |
| Other trading activities | 3 | 67,428 | - | 67,428 | 99,709 |
| **Total** | | 72,011 | - | 72,011 | 100,124 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | 5 | | | | |
| Charitable | | 48,188 | - | 48,188 | 100,180 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | | 23,823 | - | 23,823 | (56) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 29,819 | - | 29,819 | 29,875 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | | 53,642 | - | 53,642 | 29,819 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**
**31 OCTOBER 2023**

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.10.23 Total funds £ | 31.10.22 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Debtors | 10 | 3,340 | - | 3,340 | 2,091 |
| Cash at bank | | 55,413 | - | 55,413 | 28,848 |
| | | 58,753 | - | 58,753 | 30,939 |
| **CREDITORS** | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 11 | (5,111) | - | (5,111) | (1,120) |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | 53,642 | - | 53,642 | 29,819 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | 53,642 | - | 53,642 | 29,819 |
| **NET ASSETS** | | 53,642 | - | 53,642 | 29,819 |
| **FUNDS** | 12 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 53,642 | 29,819 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | | | | 53,642 | 29,819 |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
A P Shackell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

| | 31.10.23 | 31.10.22 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations | - | 20 |

## 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

| | 31.10.23 | 31.10.22 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Facility hire | 66,789 | 58,552 |
| Cafe income | 639 | 41,157 |
| | 67,428 | 99,709 |



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## 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Activity | 31.10.23 £ | 31.10.22 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grants | Charitable | 4,583 | 395 |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

| | 31.10.23 £ | 31.10.22 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Stroud District Council | 4,583 | - |
| Coopers Edge Bapitist Church | - | 75 |
| Brockworth Parish Council | - | 320 |
| | 4,583 | 395 |

## 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs (see note 6) £ | Support costs (see note 7) £ | Totals £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charitable | 46,951 | 1,237 | 48,188 |

## 6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 31.10.23 £ | 31.10.22 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Bought in Services | 21,765 | 36,891 |
| Sundries | 3,756 | 6,076 |
| Insurance | 1,063 | 972 |
| Advertising and marketing inc website | - | 817 |
| Cleaning | 173 | 2,156 |
| IT software and consumables | 27 | 76 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 4,376 | 6,304 |
| Light and heat | 9,592 | 8,224 |
| Telephone and TV costs | 1,865 | 1,474 |
| Water rates | 3,216 | 987 |
| Cafe expenses | 345 | 35,127 |
| Community engagement costs | 773 | 146 |
| | 46,951 | 99,250 |



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## 7. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Management | Governance costs | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Charitable | 277 | 960 | 1,237 |

## 8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2023 nor for the year ended 31 October 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2023 nor for the year ended 31 October 2022.

## 9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund | Restricted funds | Total funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 20 | - | 20 |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Charitable | 395 | - | 395 |
| Other trading activities | 99,709 | - | 99,709 |
| **Total** | 100,124 | - | 100,124 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Charitable | 100,180 | - | 100,180 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | (56) | - | (56) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 29,875 | - | 29,875 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | 29,819 | - | 29,819 |



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## 10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.10.23 | 31.10.22 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | 3,340 | 2,091 |

## 11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.10.23 | 31.10.22 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Creditors | 5,111 | 1,120 |

## 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.11.22 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.10.23 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 29,819 | 23,823 | 53,642 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 29,819 | 23,823 | 53,642 |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 72,011 | (48,188) | 23,823 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 72,011 | (48,188) | 23,823 |

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

| | At 1.11.21 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.10.22 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 29,875 | (56) | 29,819 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 29,875 | (56) | 29,819 |



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## 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 100,124 | (100,180) | (56) |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 100,124 | (100,180) | (56) |

## 13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2023.

**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1142679

# Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07407883 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142679

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

# FOR

# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

Andorran Limited
6 Manor Park Business Centre
Mackenzie Way
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9TX

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

| | |
|---|---|
| **TRUSTEES** | Mrs K Folker<br>A P Shackell<br>Mrs K Driver<br>Mrs K J Renton (appointed 8.11.21)<br>D A Bentley<br>G Evans<br>M J Sargeant<br>K A Smith |
| **REGISTERED OFFICE** | Coopers Edge School Typhoon Way<br>Brockworth<br>Gloucester<br>Gloucestershire<br>GL3 4DY |
| **REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER** | 07407883 (England and Wales) |
| **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER** | 1142679 |
| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | Andorran Limited<br>6 Manor Park Business Centre<br>Mackenzie Way<br>Cheltenham<br>Gloucestershire<br>GL51 9TX |

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

The charity's objects, as defined in its Articles of Association, are to advance the education of the pupils at Coopers Edge School, it being acknowledged that, in carrying out the Objects, the company must have regard to its obligation to promote community cohesion under the Education Acts.

The Coopers Edge Trust is a community-led organisation, which operates the new primary school in Coopers Edge. The organisation was formed as a result of a successful proposal from the Community Edge Community Group and the Robinswood Trust.

The trust aims to provide all members of the Coopers Edge community with opportunities to achieve their full potential. We want to provide all residents, regardless of their social background, with the opportunity to:

- be healthy;
- live in a safe community;
- enjoy and achieve, through training and education available to all ages;
- make a positive contribution to the community; and
- achieve economic wellbeing.

### Significant activities

The main areas of charitable activity can be broken down into four key streams:

- community organising;
- financial stability of residents;
- development of health and well-being services; and
- improved community engagement.

As a new neighbourhood there are currently very low levels of social capital, so the charity's immediate activities are focused on creating opportunities to strengthen pro-social relationships between neighbours, whilst improving access to local services. Through community organising the Trust will promote resilience across the community by improving access to services and strengthening ties between friends, families and neighbours.

With 30% of social housing on the development, the Trust's intention is to provide workshops and services to help people improve in this area and to give them the skills and confidence to improve their chances of employment. This work stream also extends to promoting and distributing seed funding for social enterprise. By offering residents pump prime funding and training in starting up businesses, the Trust hopes to encourage the growth of social enterprises, thus contributing to employment and neighbourhood prosperity.

The provision of health and well-being services includes workshops for a range of child care issues. Furthermore, the trustees recognise the role sport can play in bringing people together, so this work stream will also create opportunities for people of all ages to participate in sport and fitness activities.

### Public benefit

In planning the charity's activities for the period the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of the charity's activities during the period, which explains the delivery by the charity of public benefit, is set out below under 'Achievement and performance' and above under 'Objectives and aims'.

## ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

### Charitable activities

During the period there was continued development for The Coopers Edge Trust, as we continued to build on the work done in previous years and focus on the Community Centre as a hub for the community.
We are particularly proud that the centre has continued to strengthen its ties with its existing community user base and is now used by an ever-growing section of the community.

The year was another challenge, having strived to continue through the pandemic we had hoped to build on the successes of last year and begin to build the centre to improved profitability which can then support additional resources for the community. Unfortunately during the period we lost 2 key members of staff, the café manager moved across to support the school in June 2022 and the community centre left for another organisation in September 2022.

This lead the Trust to review the current operation and consider alternative options. An arrangement with Deli Edge followed who completed a period of redevelopment in the café during August and re-opened in September. Although early in this relationship we are already seeing positive signs.
With the café and the centre under new leadership we have seen an impact on revenue during this period but the changes made have also removed significant cost from our bottom line reducing risk to the Trust significantly.

What we achieved in the period:

- continued operation and development of the community centre
- introduction of key partner (Deli Edge) to manage the cafe
- introduction of new centre administrator
- improved financial position of the Trust
- supported growth and development of the community
- continued to support the growth and development of Coopers Edge School
- built relationships with Upton St Leonards, Hucclecote and Brockworth Paris Councils by adding Parish Councillors to the Trust

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

The results for the period are shown in the attached financial statements.

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The Trustee Board has agreed that £10,000 of reserves should be held to support the next years planned activities. The Board consider that the Trust's reserves at 31 October 2019 are adequate.

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For the purposes of clarity these financial statements do not record any transactions of Coopers Edge School, as the charity is not presently responsible for the running of the school.

## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

What we hope to achieve in the next financial year:

- move the centre into profit;
- look into grant funding for events and day to day running;
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- work with Councils, developers and the community to ensure long term provision of community facilities and services in Coopers Edge;
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### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are appointed by their 'sponsoring' organisation (see below under 'organisational structure').

### Organisational structure

Subject to any restrictions imposed by the Education Acts, membership of the Trust is open to any other individuals or organisations interested in promoting the Objects of the charity who:

- are approved by the Trustees following the approval of the governing body of Coopers Edge Primary School; and
- sign the register of members or consent in writing to become a member either personally or (in the case of an organisation) through an authorised representative.

The trustees of the charity are also directors of the company and under the company's constitution are known as members of the Trustee Board. The number of Trustees cannot be less than two or more than twelve.

The Trustee Board is currently made up of:

- three Trustees appointed by local parish councils;
- three Trustees appointed by the Coopers Edge Community Group; and
- two Trustees appointed by the governing body of Coopers Edge Primary School.

### Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees have a wide range of public and private sector expertise, including education, financial and sales and management skills. Where trustee training needs are identified, appropriate courses are provided.

### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A P Shackell - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Coopers Edge Trust ('the Company')**
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

ROGER F DOWNES
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5 April 2023

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.10.22 Total funds £ | 31.10.21 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 20 | - | 20 | - |
| **Charitable activities** | 4 | | | | |
| Charitable | | 395 | - | 395 | 57,781 |
| Other trading activities | 3 | 99,709 | - | 99,709 | 39,245 |
| **Total** | | 100,124 | - | 100,124 | 97,026 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | 5 | | | | |
| Charitable | | 100,180 | - | 100,180 | 100,190 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | | (56) | - | (56) | (3,164) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 29,875 | - | 29,875 | 33,039 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | | 29,819 | - | 29,819 | 29,875 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
## 31 OCTOBER 2022

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.10.22 Total funds £ | 31.10.21 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Debtors | 10 | 2,091 | - | 2,091 | 2,499 |
| Cash at bank | | 28,848 | - | 28,848 | 51,801 |
| | | 30,939 | - | 30,939 | 54,300 |
| **CREDITORS** | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 11 | (1,120) | - | (1,120) | (24,425) |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | 29,819 | - | 29,819 | 29,875 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | 29,819 | - | 29,819 | 29,875 |
| **NET ASSETS** | | 29,819 | - | 29,819 | 29,875 |
| **FUNDS** | 12 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 29,819 | 29,875 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | | | | 29,819 | 29,875 |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A P Shackell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

| | 31.10.22 | 31.10.21 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations | 20 | - |

## 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

| | 31.10.22 | 31.10.21 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Facility hire | 58,552 | 23,033 |
| Cafe income | 41,157 | 16,212 |
| | 99,709 | 39,245 |



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## 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Activity | 31.10.22 £ | 31.10.21 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grants | Charitable | 395 | 57,781 |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

| | 31.10.22 £ | 31.10.21 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Stroud District Council | - | 34,537 |
| Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grant | - | 19,244 |
| Coopers Edge Bapitist Church | 75 | - |
| Brockworth Parish Council | 320 | 3,000 |
| Upton St Leonards Parish Council | - | 1,000 |
| | 395 | 57,781 |

## 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs (see note 6) £ | Support costs (see note 7) £ | Totals £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charitable | 99,250 | 930 | 100,180 |

## 6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 31.10.22 £ | 31.10.21 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Bought in Services | 36,891 | 43,087 |
| Sundries | 6,076 | 1,333 |
| Insurance | 972 | 919 |
| Advertising and marketing inc website | 817 | 500 |
| Cleaning | 2,156 | 822 |
| IT software and consumables | 76 | 279 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 6,304 | 7,119 |
| Light and heat | 8,224 | 5,956 |
| Telephone and TV costs | 1,474 | 1,433 |
| Water rates | 987 | 226 |
| Cafe expenses | 35,127 | 35,715 |
| Community engagement costs | 146 | 1,875 |
| | 99,250 | 99,264 |



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## 7. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Governance costs £ |
|---|---|
| Charitable | 930 |

## 8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2022 nor for the year ended 31 October 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2022 nor for the year ended 31 October 2021.

## 9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Charitable | 57,781 | - | 57,781 |
| Other trading activities | 39,245 | - | 39,245 |
| **Total** | 97,026 | - | 97,026 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Charitable | 100,190 | - | 100,190 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | (3,164) | - | (3,164) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 33,039 | - | 33,039 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | 29,875 | - | 29,875 |

## 10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.10.22 £ | 31.10.21 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Debtors | 2,091 | 2,499 |



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## 11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.10.22<br>£ | 31.10.21<br>£ |
|---|---|---|
| Other creditors | - | 14,773 |
| Creditors | 1,120 | 9,652 |
| | 1,120 | 24,425 |

## 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At<br>1.11.21<br>£ | Net movement in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.10.22<br>£ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 29,875 | (56) | 29,819 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 29,875 | (56) | 29,819 |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources<br>£ | Resources expended<br>£ | Movement in funds<br>£ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 100,124 | (100,180) | (56) |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 100,124 | (100,180) | (56) |

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

| | At<br>1.11.20<br>£ | Net movement in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.10.21<br>£ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 33,039 | (3,164) | 29,875 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 33,039 | (3,164) | 29,875 |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources<br>£ | Resources expended<br>£ | Movement in funds<br>£ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 97,026 | (100,190) | (3,164) |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 97,026 | (100,190) | (3,164) |



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## 13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2020.

**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1142679

# Accounts

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07407883 (England and Wales)**
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142679**

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

# FOR

# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

Andorran Limited
6 Manor Park Business Centre
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**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

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**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

| | |
|---|---|
| **TRUSTEES** | Mrs K Folker<br>A P Shackell<br>Mrs K Driver<br>Mrs K J Renton (appointed 8.11.21)<br>D A Bentley (appointed 20.9.21)<br>G Evans (appointed 9.6.21)<br>M J Sargeant (appointed 25.5.21)<br>K A Smith (appointed 5.2.21) |
| **REGISTERED OFFICE** | Coopers Edge School Typhoon Way<br>Brockworth<br>Gloucester<br>Gloucestershire<br>GL3 4DY |
| **REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER** | 07407883 (England and Wales) |
| **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER** | 1142679 |
| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | Andorran Limited<br>6 Manor Park Business Centre<br>Mackenzie Way<br>Cheltenham<br>Gloucestershire<br>GL51 9TX |

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

The charity's objects, as defined in its Articles of Association, are to advance the education of the pupils at Coopers Edge School, it being acknowledged that, in carrying out the Objects, the company must have regard to its obligation to promote community cohesion under the Education Acts.

The Coopers Edge Trust is a community-led organisation, which operates the new primary school in Coopers Edge. The organisation was formed as a result of a successful proposal from the Community Edge Community Group and the Robinswood Trust.

The trust aims to provide all members of the Coopers Edge community with opportunities to achieve their full potential. We want to provide all residents, regardless of their social background, with the opportunity to:

- be healthy;
- live in a safe community;
- enjoy and achieve, through training and education available to all ages;
- make a positive contribution to the community; and
- achieve economic wellbeing.

### Significant activities

The main areas of charitable activity can be broken down into four key streams:

- community organising;
- financial stability of residents;
- development of health and well-being services; and
- improved community engagement.

As a new neighbourhood there are currently very low levels of social capital, so the charity's immediate activities are focused on creating opportunities to strengthen pro-social relationships between neighbours, whilst improving access to local services. Through community organising the Trust will promote resilience across the community by improving access to services and strengthening ties between friends, families and neighbours.

With 30% of social housing on the development, the Trust's intention is to provide workshops and services to help people improve in this area and to give them the skills and confidence to improve their chances of employment. This work stream also extends to promoting and distributing seed funding for social enterprise. By offering residents pump prime funding and training in starting up businesses, the Trust hopes to encourage the growth of social enterprises, thus contributing to employment and neighbourhood prosperity.

The provision of health and well-being services includes workshops for a range of child care issues. Furthermore, the trustees recognise the role sport can play in bringing people together, so this work stream will also create opportunities for people of all ages to participate in sport and fitness activities.

### Public benefit

In planning the charity's activities for the period the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of the charity's activities during the period, which explains the delivery by the charity of public benefit, is set out below under 'Achievement and performance' and above under 'Objectives and aims'.

## ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

### Charitable activities

During the year 20-21 , there was continued development for The Coopers Edge Trust, as we continued to build on the work done in previous years and continued our focus on the Community Centre as a hub for the community. As we moved into year six we focused on trying to achieve financial stability for the centre and increase participation and usage for all the target groups of the charity.

We are particularly proud that the centre has continued to strengthen its ties with its existing community user base and is now used by an ever growing section of the community.

This year was a difficult year due to the ongoing pandemic. We were closed due to government regulation in November 2020 and after briefly reopening in December 2020, we remained closed until May 2021. At this point we opened on a partial basis before resuming full opening in September 2021. As such the period covered in this report is anomalous to our plans or expectations.

We hoped for a period of recovery in 20-21, following the restrictions and challenges of 19-20. Whilst this was the case toward the end of the year, the continuing pandemic meant this growth was curtailed. The performance in October 21 suggests we are returning to March 2020 levels of usage and income and as such the 21-22 financial year looks promising.

What we achieved during 2020-2021:

- continued to operate the community centre when appropriate (see Community Centre Annual Report below)
- completed the sixth year of activities in the centre
- supported growth and development of the community
- continued to support the growth and development of Coopers Edge School

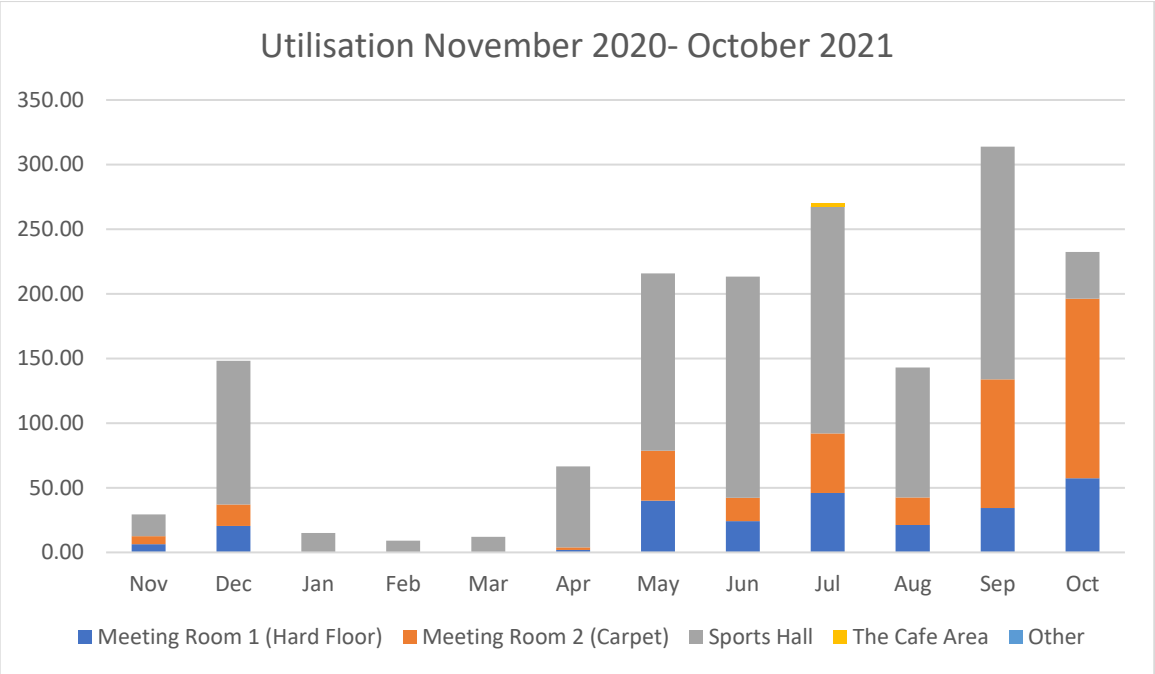
An area that we all wish to improve is the reach to community members who are childless or have adult children. These are the demographics who are currently under served by the centre.

### Community Centre Annual Report

The sixth year running the community centre has been a challenging year, with unforeseen challenges brought on by the continuing pandemic.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (Continued)**
**Charitable activities (Continued)**

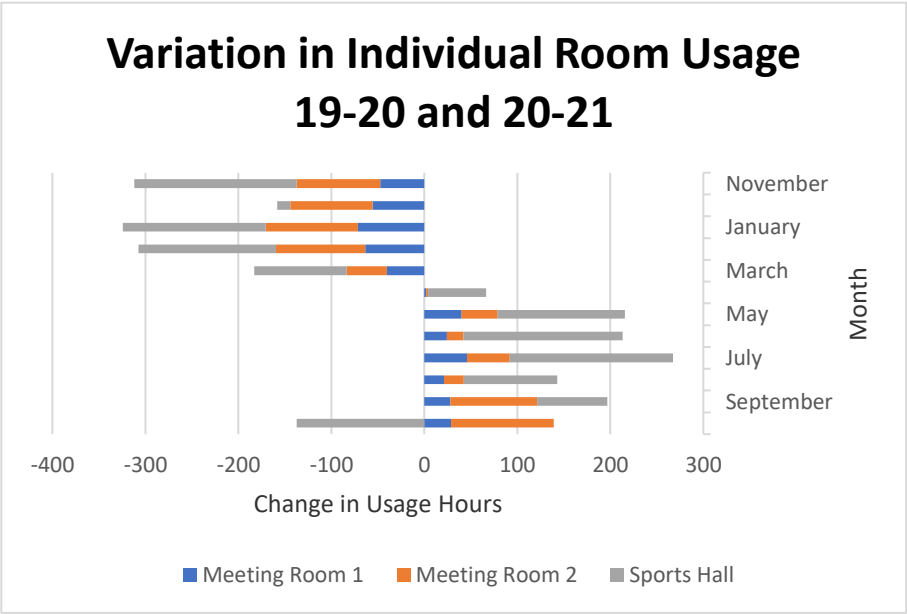
**Utilisation / usage**

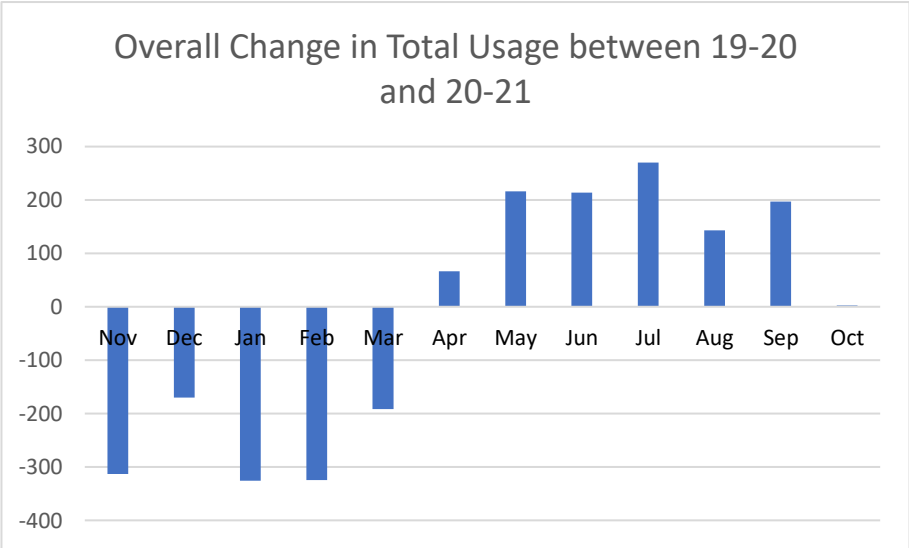



The above graph shows the room utilisation in hours of the community centre between November 2020 to October 2021. The centre was closed for most of November due to lockdown and then was only able to be used by a local church during January to March.We reopened on reduced hours in May but reduced these further in August, as historically this is our quietest time. When we reopened in September we were back to pre-Covid levels but due to structural issues we had to close the Sports Hall in October, which impacted the usage of this space.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (Continued)**
**Charitable activities (Continued)**

**Utilisation / usage (Continued)**

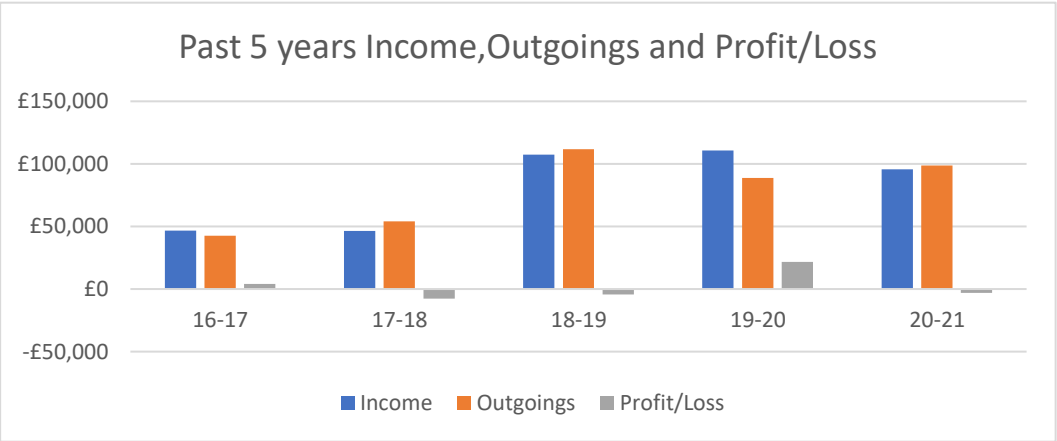


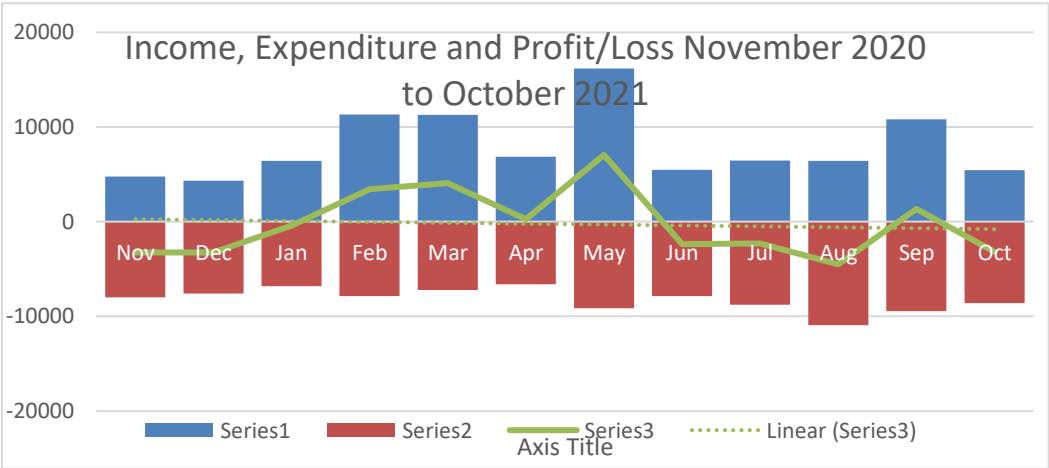

The above 2 graphs show how usage has changed since 19-20 but due to continuing Covid effects and structural issues in October the only month across both years which is comparable is September. As can be seen above September 2021 increased usage levels in all spaces. This shows a reassuring bounce back from the pandemic.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (Continued)**
**Charitable activities (Continued)**

**Income and outgoings**




Whilst we have not had a profitable year, this was predominantly due to disruption caused by Covid restrictions and a decrease in income as government Covid support reduced. If the Sports Hall had not been out of commission in October, we would have expected to have made a small profit for the year.




Due to the differing situation from month to month, (with regards to restrictions, government funded support and operational considerations), it is difficult to provide a succinct explanation of the above graph as a whole.

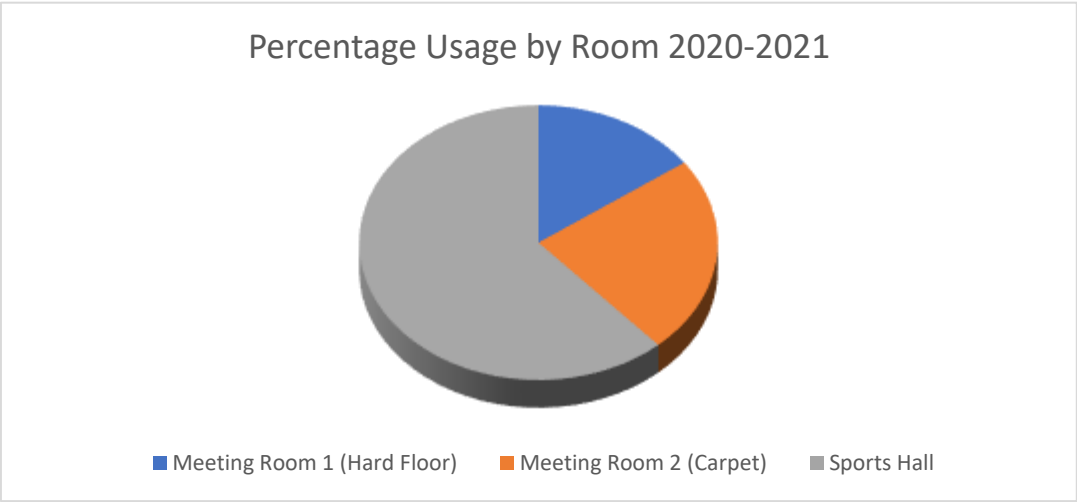
However we can say the following to add context:

- February and March's increase in income was predominately due to local parish and district council grants.
- May's large increase in income was due to a Government Restart Grant.
- September's increase in income as compared to June to August was due to being fully open, as opposed to previously restricted/reduced hours of operation.
- October's decrease in income was due to the Hall being out of action which decreased hire takings and had a knock on effect for cafe sales.

The trend in profit/loss over this period is ever so slightly trending down.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (Continued)**
**Charitable activities (Continued)**

**Percentage of use by room**




The above shows clearly that the sports hall is still the main driver in terms of bookings with 62% of the bookings. The two meeting rooms only account for 15% and 23% of the bookings.

Due to a saturated level of hires in the evening in the Sports Hall, it is very difficult for hirers to find additional time to book in the evening. As such we are continuing to promote daytime bookings in the Sports Hall and are looking at other uses for the Meeting Rooms, in order to increase their usage.

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**Financial position**
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## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

What we hope to achieve in the next financial year:

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- review the first 5 years operation of the community centre to consider how we take this operation forward;
- build relationships with Upton St Leonards and Hucclecote Parish Councils;
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- one Trustee appointed by the Robinswood Trust;
- two Trustees appointed by the Coopers Edge Community Group; and
- two Trustees appointed by the governing body of Coopers Edge Primary School.

### Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees have a wide range of public and private sector expertise, including education, financial and sales and management skills. Where trustee training needs are identified, appropriate courses are provided.

### Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Coopers Edge Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
A P Shackell - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Coopers Edge Trust ('the Company')**
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

ROGER F DOWNES
Andorran Limited
6 Manor Park Business Centre
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Gloucestershire
GL51 9TX

Date: 14 July 2022

**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.10.21 Total funds £ | 31.10.20 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | 3 | | | | |
| Charitable | | 62,508 | - | 62,508 | 47,821 |
| Other trading activities | 2 | 34,518 | - | 34,518 | 50,983 |
| **Total** | | 97,026 | - | 97,026 | 98,804 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | 4 | | | | |
| Charitable | | 100,190 | - | 100,190 | 89,168 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | | (3,164) | - | (3,164) | 9,636 |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | | | |
| **Total funds brought forward** | | 33,039 | - | 33,039 | 23,403 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | | 29,875 | - | 29,875 | 33,039 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

## THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
## 31 OCTOBER 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.10.21 Total funds £ | 31.10.20 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Debtors | 9 | 2,499 | - | 2,499 | 3,913 |
| Cash at bank | | 51,801 | - | 51,801 | 40,448 |
| | | 54,300 | - | 54,300 | 44,361 |
| **CREDITORS** | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 10 | (24,425) | - | (24,425) | (11,322) |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | 29,875 | - | 29,875 | 33,039 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | 29,875 | - | 29,875 | 33,039 |
| **NET ASSETS** | | 29,875 | - | 29,875 | 33,039 |
| **FUNDS** | 11 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 29,875 | 33,039 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | | | | 29,875 | 33,039 |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 July 2022and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
A P Shackell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

## 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

| | 31.10.21 | 31.10.20 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Facility hire | 18,306 | 21,823 |
| Cafe income | 16,212 | 29,160 |
| | 34,518 | 50,983 |



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## 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Activity | 31.10.21 £ | 31.10.20 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grants | Charitable | 62,508 | 47,821 |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

| | 31.10.21 £ | 31.10.20 £ |
|---|---|---|
| The National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts | 7,000 | - |
| Stroud District Council | 28,750 | 12,000 |
| Sports England - COVID Finance | - | 3,462 |
| Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grant | 19,244 | 7,359 |
| Stroud District Council - Covid Business Support Grant | - | 25,000 |
| Room Hire Grant | 4,727 | - |
| | 59,721 | 47,821 |

## 4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs (see note 5) £ | Support costs (see note 6) £ | Totals £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charitable | 99,264 | 926 | 100,190 |

## 5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 31.10.21 £ | 31.10.20 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Bought in Services | 43,087 | 40,469 |
| Sundries | 1,333 | 2,730 |
| Insurance | 919 | 875 |
| Advertising and marketing inc website | 500 | 180 |
| Cleaning | 822 | 2,122 |
| IT software and consumables | 279 | 702 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 7,119 | 3,454 |
| Light and heat | 5,956 | 5,872 |
| Telephone and TV costs | 1,433 | 1,169 |
| Water rates | 226 | 799 |
| Cafe expenses | 35,715 | 29,943 |
| Community engagement costs | 1,875 | - |
| | 99,264 | 88,315 |



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## 6. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Governance costs £ |
|---|---|
| Charitable | 926 |

## 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2021 nor for the year ended 31 October 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2021 nor for the year ended 31 October 2020.

## 8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Charitable | 47,821 | - | 47,821 |
| Other trading activities | 50,983 | - | 50,983 |
| **Total** | 98,804 | - | 98,804 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Charitable | 89,168 | - | 89,168 |
| **NET INCOME** | 9,636 | - | 9,636 |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | |
| **Total funds brought forward** | 23,403 | - | 23,403 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | 33,039 | - | 33,039 |



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## 9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.10.21 | 31.10.20 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | 2,499 | 3,913 |

## 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.10.21 | 31.10.20 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Other creditors | 14,773 | - |
| Creditors | 9,652 | 11,322 |
| | 24,425 | 11,322 |

## 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.11.20 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.10.21 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 33,039 | (3,164) | 29,875 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 33,039 | (3,164) | 29,875 |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 97,026 | (100,190) | (3,164) |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 97,026 | (100,190) | (3,164) |



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## 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

### Comparatives for movement in funds

| | At 1.11.19 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.10.20 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 23,403 | 9,636 | 33,039 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 23,403 | 9,636 | 33,039 |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 98,804 | (89,168) | 9,636 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 98,804 | (89,168) | 9,636 |

## 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2020.

**THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1142679

# Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07407883 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142679

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

# FOR

# THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

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THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

| | |
|---|---|
| **TRUSTEES** | Mrs K Folker<br>A P Shackell<br>Mrs K Driver<br>Rev'd N Burfitt (resigned 1.10.20) |
| **REGISTERED OFFICE** | Coopers Edge School Typhoon Way<br>Brockworth<br>Gloucester<br>Gloucestershire<br>GL3 4DY |
| **REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER** | 07407883 (England and Wales) |
| **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER** | 1142679 |
| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | Andorran Limited<br>6 Manor Park Business Centre<br>Mackenzie Way<br>Cheltenham<br>Gloucestershire<br>GL51 9TX |

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

The charity's objects, as defined in its Articles of Association, are to advance the education of the pupils at Coopers Edge School, it being acknowledged that, in carrying out the Objects, the company must have regard to its obligation to promote community cohesion under the Education Acts.

The Coopers Edge Trust is a community-led organisation, which operates the new primary school in Coopers Edge. The organisation was formed as a result of a successful proposal from the Community Edge Community Group and the Robinswood Trust.

The trust aims to provide all members of the Coopers Edge community with opportunities to achieve their full potential. We want to provide all residents, regardless of their social background, with the opportunity to:

- be healthy;
- live in a safe community;
- enjoy and achieve, through training and education available to all ages;
- make a positive contribution to the community; and
- achieve economic wellbeing.

### Significant activities

The main areas of charitable activity can be broken down into four key streams:

- community organising;
- financial stability of residents;
- development of health and well-being services; and
- improved community engagement.

As a new neighbourhood there are currently very low levels of social capital, so the charity's immediate activities are focused on creating opportunities to strengthen pro-social relationships between neighbours, whilst improving access to local services. Through community organising the Trust will promote resilience across the community by improving access to services and strengthening ties between friends, families and neighbours.

With 30% of social housing on the development, the Trust's intention is to provide workshops and services to help people improve in this area and to give them the skills and confidence to improve their chances of employment. This work stream also extends to promoting and distributing seed funding for social enterprise. By offering residents pump prime funding and training in starting up businesses, the Trust hopes to encourage the growth of social enterprises, thus contributing to employment and neighbourhood prosperity.

The provision of health and well-being services includes workshops for a range of child care issues. Furthermore, the trustees recognise the role sport can play in bringing people together, so this work stream will also create opportunities for people of all ages to participate in sport and fitness activities.

### Public benefit

In planning the charity's activities for the period the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of the charity's activities during the period, which explains the delivery by the charity of public benefit, is set out below under 'Achievement and performance' and above under 'Objectives and aims'.

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

## ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

### Charitable activities

This year has been unprecedented for all and the focus of the Trust in this year changed drastically to ensuring that we can come out the other end of the pandemic as unscathed as possible. Many of the goals and targets we had set in the previous year have had to be shelved while the whole country worked together to Stay Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives.

This year was a year of 2 halves, Pre-Lockdown (November to March) and Post-Lockdown (April to October).

During the 1st half of the year, we increased the levels of usage of the centre compared to the previous year and also increased upon ours profits for the same period in 18-19.

However, once lockdown and restrictions came into place, reduced capacity meant we had a sharp drop off in both centre usage and income from hires and café sales. Some of this was ameliorated by government support for business during the pandemic.

We expected a period of consolidation in 19-20, building upon the growth in 18-19. Whilst this was the case early in the year, the pandemic has meant this growth was curtailed. We hope to be able to pick up where we left off, as of March 2020. Should this be the case we predict that the centre will still make its way into profitability in the 21-22 financial year as envisioned in last years report

What we achieved during 2019-2020:

- continued to operate the community centre when appropriate (see Community Centre Annual Report below)
- supported the community as conditions allowed
- supported the Coopers Edge School, sharing resources to ensure the school could continue to support the community
- arranged support for the community during the pandemic (deliveries and other errands)
- began an informal working relationship with Brockworth Parish Council
- began an informal working relationship with The Long Table (community food provision cooperative)

An area that we all wish to improve is the reach to community members who are childless. This is a demographic who we rarely see currently.

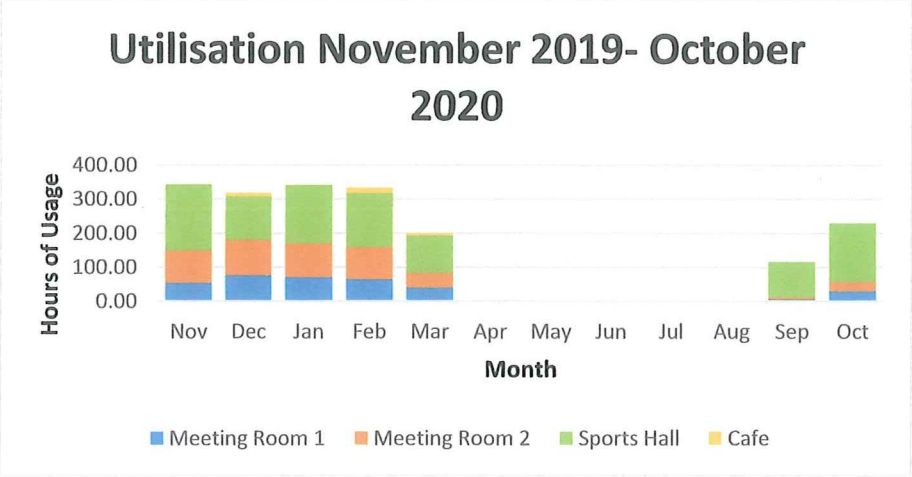
## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

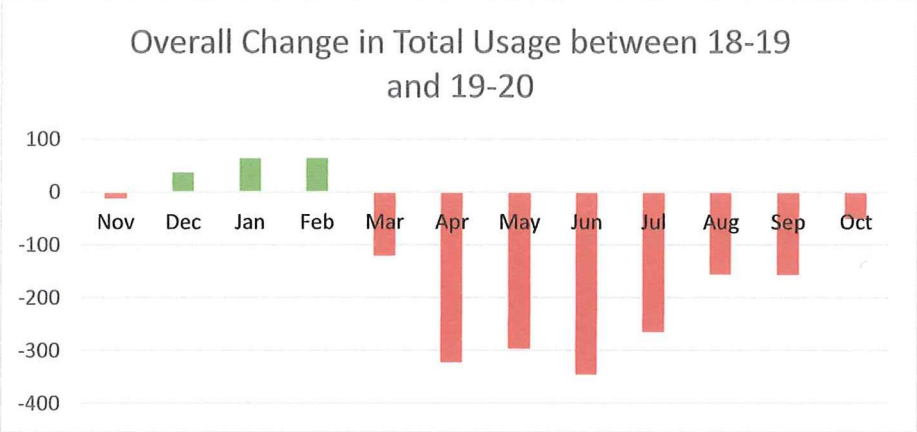
### Community Centre Annual Report

This year has been a difficult year, with unforeseen challenges brought on by the pandemic.

### Utilisation / usage

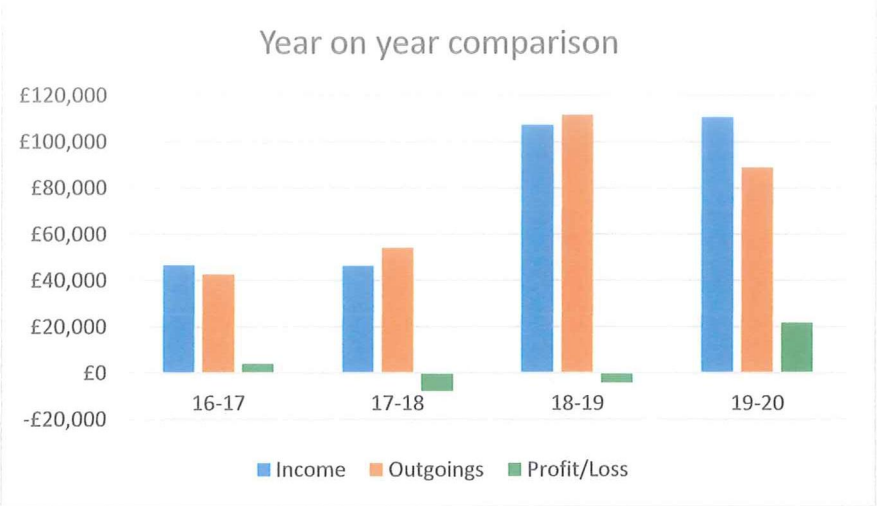
The below graph shows the utilisation in hours of the community centre between November 2019 to October 2020. It is difficult to recognise a pattern of usage, due to the impact of lockdown and restrictions. The centre was closed for all of April to August, hence the lack of use. March reduced as people began to change their behaviour based upon the impact of Covid 19 and lockdown began. This change in behaviour continued to be a factor once we reopened in September. Below is this year's utilisation figures and a comparison of these with the previous year's usage.



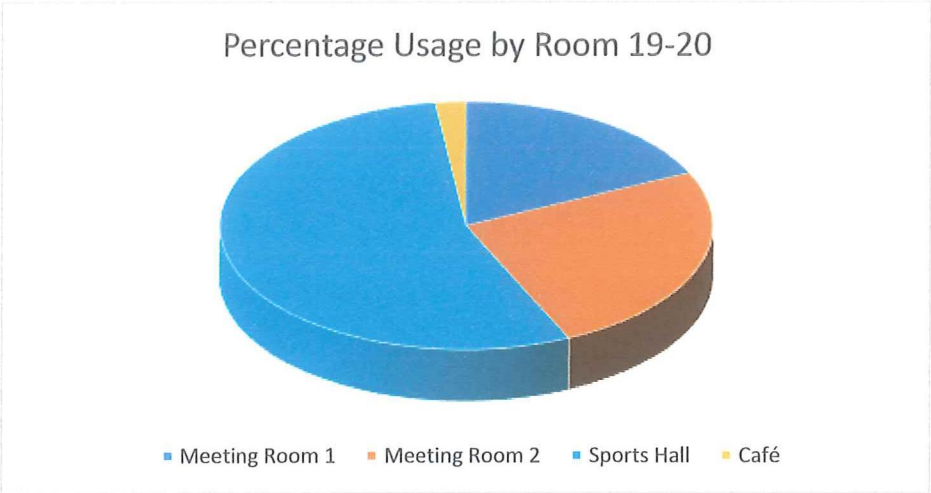

As shown in the above graph, total usage was increasing prior to Covid 19 and we hope to be able to get back to this point once "normality" resumes in what is predicted to be June 2021.

**Income and expenditure**




Although we have shown a profit for the year this is predominantly due to reduced costs during the pandemic, due to the furlough scheme and government support for affected businesses. However, for the period of time before lockdown 1 (up until mid-March 2020), we had increased out profit compared to the same period in 2018-2019

**Percentage of use by room**




The above shows clearly that the sports hall is still the main driver in terms of bookings with 55% of the bookings. The two meeting rooms only account for 18% and 25% of the bookings. The Café in this case makes up only 2% of bookings.

Due to a saturated level of hires in the evening in the Sports Hall, we are often having to turn down evening hirers as we do not have the space for them. As such we are continuing to promote daytime bookings in the Sports Hall and are looking at other uses for the Meeting Rooms, in order to increase their usage. We hope that if people remain working from home after the pandemic, this will give opportunities for accessible activities to run in the day, filling empty hire time. This is something to be developed in 2020-2021.

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

The results for the period are shown in the attached financial statements.

Due to a lack of available funding to bid for and the more complex youth work requirements in Coopers Edge no additional youth work has been undertaken this year. We hope to be able to establish provision in the new community centre in partnership with local councils to ease the financial burden on the trust.

### Reserves policy

The Trustee Board has agreed that £10,000 of reserves should be held to support the next years planned activities. The Board consider that the Trust's reserves at 31 October 2019 are adequate.

### Financial relationship with Coopers Edge School

For the purposes of clarity these financial statements do not record any transactions of Coopers Edge School, as the charity is not presently responsible for the running of the school.

## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

What we hope to achieve in the next financial year:

- re-establish the centre as a community hub for people to meet and socialise in person;
- build the cafe and centre income and utilisation back to pre-Covid levels;
- continue to develop our working partnerships with The Long Table and Brockworth Parish Council;
- build relationships with Upton St Leonards and Hucclecote Parish Councils;
- review the first 5 years operations of the community centre to consider how we take this operation forward;
- provide continuing support to the development of the new sports facilities being built in the community;
- work with Councils, developers and the community to ensure long term provision of further community facilities and services in Coopers Edge particularly the allotments on Merlin Close;
- empower the local community to develop their own resources and resilience, in order to grow as individuals and a community;
- recruit further trustees to the Board;
- build a pool of volunteers to assist with day-to-day tasks and also one-off events to be held at the community centre;
- continue to support the growth and development of Coopers Edge School.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Articles of Association dated 14 October 2010, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Articles of Association have been amended by special resolutions on 19 June 2011 and 23 June 2011.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

New trustees are appointed by their 'sponsoring' organisation (see below under 'organisational structure').

**Organisational structure**

Subject to any restrictions imposed by the Education Acts, membership of the Trust is open to any other individuals or organisations interested in promoting the Objects of the charity who:

- are approved by the Trustees following the approval of the governing body of Coopers Edge Primary School; and
- sign the register of members or consent in writing to become a member either personally or (in the case of an organisation) through an authorised representative.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A P Shackell - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COOPERS EDGE TRUST

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Coopers Edge Trust ('the Company')**
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**Independent examiner's statement**
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

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29 June 2021

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.10.20 Total funds £ | 31.10.19 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | 3 | | | | |
| Charitable | | 47,821 | - | 47,821 | 10,500 |
| Other trading activities | 2 | 50,983 | - | 50,983 | 94,979 |
| **Total** | | 98,804 | - | 98,804 | 105,479 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | 4 | | | | |
| Charitable | | 89,168 | - | 89,168 | 110,329 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | | 9,636 | - | 9,636 | (4,850) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | | | |
| **Total funds brought forward** | | 23,403 | - | 23,403 | 28,253 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | | 33,039 | - | 33,039 | 23,403 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### 31 OCTOBER 2020

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.10.20 Total funds £ | 31.10.19 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Debtors | 9 | 3,913 | - | 3,913 | 3,766 |
| Cash at bank | | 40,448 | - | 40,448 | 31,916 |
| | | 44,361 | - | 44,361 | 35,682 |
| **CREDITORS** | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 10 | (11,322) | - | (11,322) | (12,279) |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | 33,039 | - | 33,039 | 23,403 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | 33,039 | - | 33,039 | 23,403 |
| **NET ASSETS** | | 33,039 | - | 33,039 | 23,403 |
| **FUNDS** | 11 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 33,039 | 23,403 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | | | | 33,039 | 23,403 |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A P Shackell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

| | 31.10.20 | 31.10.19 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Fundraising events | - | 2,414 |
| Facility hire | 21,823 | 38,925 |
| Cafe income | 29,160 | 53,640 |
| | 50,983 | 94,979 |



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Activity | 31.10.20 £ | 31.10.19 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grants | Charitable | 47,821 | 10,500 |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

| | 31.10.20 £ | 31.10.19 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Stroud District Council | 12,000 | 10,500 |
| Sports England - COVID Finance | 3,462 | - |
| Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grant | 7,359 | - |
| Stroud District Council - Covid Business Support Grant | 25,000 | - |
| | 47,821 | 10,500 |

### 4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs (see note 5) £ | Support costs (see note 6) £ | Totals £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charitable | 88,315 | 853 | 89,168 |

### 5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 31.10.20 £ | 31.10.19 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Bought in Services | 40,469 | 41,393 |
| Sundries | 2,730 | 1,356 |
| Insurance | 875 | 907 |
| Advertising and marketing inc website | 180 | 634 |
| Cleaning | 2,122 | 1,790 |
| IT software and consumables | 702 | 715 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 3,454 | 3,843 |
| Light and heat | 5,872 | 9,256 |
| Telephone and TV costs | 1,169 | 1,250 |
| Water rates | 799 | 324 |
| Cafe expenses | 29,943 | 48,068 |
| | 88,315 | 109,536 |



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

### 6. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Governance costs £ |
|---|---|
| Charitable | 853 |

### 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2020 nor for the year ended 31 October 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2020 nor for the year ended 31 October 2019.

### 8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Charitable | 10,500 | - | 10,500 |
| Other trading activities | 94,979 | - | 94,979 |
| **Total** | 105,479 | - | 105,479 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Charitable | 110,329 | - | 110,329 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | (4,850) | - | (4,850) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | |
| **Total funds brought forward** | 28,253 | - | 28,253 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | 23,403 | - | 23,403 |



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

### 9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.10.20 | 31.10.19 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | 3,913 | 3,766 |

### 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.10.20 | 31.10.19 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Creditors | 11,322 | 12,279 |

### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.11.19 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.10.20 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 23,403 | 9,636 | 33,039 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 23,403 | 9,636 | 33,039 |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 98,804 | (89,168) | 9,636 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 98,804 | (89,168) | 9,636 |

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

| | At 1.11.18 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.10.19 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 28,253 | (4,850) | 23,403 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 28,253 | (4,850) | 23,403 |



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

## 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 105,479 | (110,329) | (4,850) |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 105,479 | (110,329) | (4,850) |

## 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2020.