

**Company Registration Number: 07411826**  
**Charity Registration Number: 1142865**

**DESBOROUGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT**  
**FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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**Name:** Desborough Community Development Trust

**Company Number:** 07411826

**Registered Charity:** 1142865

**Registered Office:** 50 – 52 Station Road  
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Northamptonshire  
NN14 2RS

**Directors:** Ian Anderson – Chair  
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Carole Rowsell  
Shelagh Hodder – (Secretary)  
John Hodder  
Iris Jones  
Helen Worner

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

The trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England, No: 07411826 and a registered Charity No: 1142865 and is constituted under Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010.

In 2016 the accounting reference date was changed to 31<sup>st</sup> December with both Companies House and the Charity Commission.

New trustees are appointed from the membership of the Desborough Community Development Trust (the Trust) by the existing trustees after being nominated by a trustee and an interview process, with reference to the governance document. As members new trustees are familiar with the aims of the Trust and therefore the induction is an informal process where they are encouraged to spend time with the Chair and other trustees to understand the formal workings of the Trust. They sign up to the code of conduct which details how a trustee should behave when representing the trust and have access to all the board meeting minutes and other trust documentation, including financial statements to gain further insight. Any questions which arise are answered as and when required by the Chair and other trustees. Feed back from new trustees is incorporated into the induction process.

The Board of Trustees (of which there are up to 9) meet monthly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the board consists of seven members from a wide variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the Trust.

**Objectives and Activities**

The Trust's objectives as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum and articles of association are to:

Promote public benefit through regeneration of Desborough by creating training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace for use on favourable terms, providing training and retraining (particularly for the unemployed) through courses and work experience, and by the provision of advice and assistance (financial, technical, or business).

Maintain and provide public amenities, where possible through the preservation of locally important historic buildings, support local groups in whatever way possible to benefit the town.

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To improve and support the town to be a vital and forward-looking place where people, residents, and visitors alike, want to be. The trust will work to encourage a robust local economy in an inclusive community.

To achieve these objectives, the strategic aims and related activity areas of the Trust are to:

- Consult and communicate with residents and stakeholders
- Enable the provision of community services and facilities
- Ensure sustainable town centre regeneration
- Develop social, economic, and environmental initiatives

**Public Benefit Statement**

The focus of the Trust's work is to provide a community anchor to which other groups and individuals can apply for grants, assistance, and advice.

**Achievements and Performance**

As the worst effects of the Covid epidemic started to ease in early 2022, the Trust took a cautious approach to returning to normal operations. The safety of volunteers and customers was protected by continuing with strict stock quarantine, and the use of screens and masks in the shop. As confidence returned once again, these controls have been relaxed. We are very pleased that throughout the pandemic our staff and customers have been protected, and that there has been little evidence of transmission of the disease in the shop.

We have continued to make improvements to the shelving in the shop, the lighting in the donations processing area, and in the storage of seasonal stock in our lock-up storage container. Repairs were made to the lighting in the kitchen area following damage by vermin that had entered the roof space from the empty flat above the shop. Steps have been taken to remove the vermin and to prevent them from entering the premises again.

We continue to provide opportunities to young people to gain work experience in the shop, and to provide a safe and welcoming work environment to all our volunteers. Their contributions, and those of our donors, are rewarded by the knowledge that their efforts are supporting many more people in our community.

**Financial Review**

Trading is continuing to improve once more, and it is expected that we will soon be back to pre-pandemic levels. The work of the organisation continued with grants being offered and assistance given to those in special need of our help. The Trust has taken a cautious approach to spending, including grant giving, in order to maintain a healthy cash flow as we were anticipating completion of the purchase of shop. There have been frustrating delays to the shop purchase on the vendor's side, and we continue to

work through these where possible.

The Trust has donated a total of £16,086 to 15 community groups and 3 individuals in need in Desborough during 2022. Many of our regular grants were delayed as the recipient organisations were yet to return to normal operations. We anticipate that there will be strong demand for our help as the long-term effects of Covid and the subsequent cost of living crisis have their effect.

### **Governance Policies**

We are continuing to review and develop our governance policies to reflect the current legal requirements and to ensure the highest possible standards in the way the Trust is run. The Trust is progressing well with completing a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for each of the trustees and volunteers to ensure that effective safeguarding is paramount within the organisation.

### **Plans for the Future**

The Trust has continued to make slow progress towards purchasing our shop building and the flat above. The money that was previously spent on paying rent to a landlord will now be used to make the purchase through a bank loan. The flat will be refurbished and let out to provide an additional income stream. This will also allow us more freedom to invest in improvements to the building to improve the shop and to save money on running costs through insulation and more economical heating.

The Trust is planning to refurbish the exterior of the shop and to make essential repairs to the shop frontage during the coming year.

### **Reserves Policy**

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets.

**DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The directors are required by company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the financial activities of the company and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently  
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent  
State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material disclosed and explained in the financial statements  
Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation  
Make themselves aware of any information relevant to the audit, establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information and that as far as the directors are aware, there is no information relevant to the audit of which the company's auditors are not aware.

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

Approved by the directors at a management meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, and signed on their behalf by:



Ian Anderson

Chair/Director

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:  
DESBOROUGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST  
Registered Charity Number: 1142865**

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We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on the attached pages 10 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures of the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Brenda Peers-Ross*

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT ACIE  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2023



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Company Number :

**07411826**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>							
Donations		1,034	-	1,034	1,218	-	1,218
Charitable Activities	1	60,005	-	60,005	41,515	-	41,515
Investments		144	-	144	29	-	29
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>61,183</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,183</b>	<b>42,762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,762</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	38,238	-	38,238	26,135	-	26,135
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>38,238</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,238</b>	<b>26,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,135</b>
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement of funds</b>		<b>22,945</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,945</b>	<b>16,627</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,627</b>
Total funds brought forward		108,762	-	108,762	92,135	-	92,135
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>131,707</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131,707</b>	<b>108,762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,762</b>

All of the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial

Activities shown above.

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Company Number : 07411826

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Debtors	<b>4</b>	2,415	-	2,415	2,298	-	2,298
Cash at bank and in hand		137,006	-	137,006	114,402	-	114,402
		139,421	-	139,421	116,700	-	116,700
<b>Creditors</b>							
Amounts falling due within one year	<b>5</b>	(7,714)	-	(7,714)	(7,938)	-	(7,938)
		(7,714)	-	(7,714)	(7,938)	-	(7,938)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		131,707	-	131,707	108,762	-	108,762
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		131,707	-	131,707	108,762	-	108,762
<b>FUNDS</b>				<b>Total 2022</b>			<b>Total 2021</b>
Unrestricted funds		131,707	-	131,707	108,762	-	108,762
Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-
		131,707	-	131,707	108,762	-	108,762

For the year ending 31st December 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) the Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees at a management meeting held on 23rd May 2023, and signed on their behalf by:



Ian Anderson Chair/Director

**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the Charitable Company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102) issued on 1st October 2019, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

**Format**

The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

**Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Board of Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the non-profit making charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Board Of Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

**Incoming resources**

Voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants are brought into account on a receivable basis.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received - there was no deferred income in the period.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £300, they are valued at cost.

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation of all tangible fixed assets except freehold land by equal annual instalments over the expected useful lives. The periods generally applicable are:

Computer equipmen.	50 % per annum on cost
Fixtures and Fittings	50 % per annum on cost

**Intangible income**

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

**Reserves**

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets.

**Risk**

The Directors/Board of Trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.

The organisation has insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

2022						
7	Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 01.01.22 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Closing Balance 31.12.22 £
	There are no restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

		2021			
Restricted Funds	Opening Balance	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer between funds	Closing Balance
	01.01.21				31.12.21
	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

- Related Party**
- 8 There are no related party transactions in the current year or in 2021.

- Ultimate Controlling Party**
- 9 The company is under the ultimate control of its directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.