

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1147965
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 09246608

DORSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name DORSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1147965

Company Registration Number 09246608

Charity's principal address

Diss Street

London

Postcode

E2 7QX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Faruk Uddin	Chair		
2	Nazrul Islam	Secretary		
3	Anwar Ali	Treasurer		
4	Mohammed Abu Bakar	Trustee		
5	Muhammad Iftekar Ahmed	Trustee		

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor Name Address

Legal Advisor	Rayhan Ahmed, Solicitor	160 Mile End Road, London, E1 4TP
Banker	HSBC Bank	465 Bethnal Green Road, London, E2 9QW

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution Adopted 26/05/2012 as amended on 03/07/2012, April 2014 and September 2014
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The charity is constituted as an association.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	<p>The constitution allows for up to 10 Board of Trustee to be appointed. All Board of Trustee members are recruited from the membership of the charity which is detailed within the charity's constitution.</p> <p>Many of the Board of Trustee members take responsibility for monitoring the Association's activities in specific operational areas chairing sub-committees of the executive committee.</p>

Additional governance issues

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- Relationship with any related parties.
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Organisation

The charity is organised so that the Board of Trustee meet regularly to manage its affairs.

The Board of Trustee sets and reviews the charity's strategy, direction, staffing and resources. The Secretary who has delegated authority from the Board of Trustee and relevant sub-committee to manage the projects at the organisation carries out the day to day running of the charity.

Related Parties

The charity works closely with a number of partner organisations with which it cooperates to deliver its programmes.

Risk Management

All significant activities undertaken are subject to a risk review as part of the initial project assessment and implementation. Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood.

Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on:

- Operational Performance, including risks to our personnel and volunteers;
- Achievement of our aims and objectives;
- Meeting the expectations of our beneficiaries or supporters

The Board of Trustee review these risks on an ongoing basis and satisfy themselves that adequate systems and procedures are in place to manage the risks identified. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Charity shall be to facilitate and arrange social and recreational activities for the members of the local community. The "Charity" aims to promote community and cultural cohesion and develop the skills of local people and to tackle the issues of concern to them by delivering a package of a variety of activities. This will keep them away from the streets and urban negativity and encourage them to achieve their own goals and aspirations.

The "Charity" objectives are as follows:

- (a) Relieving those in poverty,
- (b) Relieving those in financial need, hardship or distress,
- (c) Preserving and protecting good health and relieving the sick,
- (d) Promoting healthy recreation and other leisure-time occupations in the interests of social welfare with the aim of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants,
- (e) Promoting social inclusion by working with socially excluded people (in particular women, young people and older people) so they can play a fuller part in their communities so that their conditions of life may improve,
- (f) Advancing education and training,
- (g) Relieving unemployment,
- (h) Promoting equality and diversity,
- (i) Promoting racial harmony for the public benefit,
- (j) Protecting and preserving the natural environment for the public benefit; and
- (k) Developing the capacity and skills of the members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities on the Ward in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

The aim being to address the wellbeing of all those resident on the Weaver's Ward, Bethnal Green in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

"Wellbeing" shall mean ensuring the basic needs of individuals and the community are met in relation to health, education, financial security, employment, the built environment and access to public services, amenities and recreation facilities.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Dorset Community Association has continued to grow and demonstrate a successful track record in delivering high quality and relevant services to build stronger communities. Over the past one year, we have delivered a range of community services to local people. We have provide following activities:

Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme: The project was to deliver healthy activities including physical exercise to improve health and wellbeing of local residents. 86 participants reported the sessions helped to become more active and physically fit.

We have delivered regular healthy activity sessions throughout the year. It was very busy during the summer time. We had delivered sessions online and onsite. We have been offering a wide variety of activities and tasks in the sessions, and users have been able to have choice in how they contribute to the running of the activities.

Older People Lunch Club Project: The project activity including: To

provide freshly cooked food, healthy eating/cooking sessions, health awareness workshop, engage in recreational activities; providing emotional support and building confidence.

Advice & Guidance Project: We provided advice services that inspired and equipped the local people to make positive changes in their lives. Our advice services play in mitigating and reducing levels of poverty by supporting vulnerable residents and low-income households to access their rights, understand their obligations and maximise their incomes.

Study Support Project: Over the past year we have provided academic tutoring and mentoring support for children and young people in the local community for 2 hours twice each week. Sometimes, we run longer sessions on one day and kept sessions as accessible as possible. We have provided students with 1-1 sessions with a tutor to help them identify academic blockers and challenges and work with their tutor to improve their ability. Students have told us that these sessions have greatly improved their confidence, helped them feel more prepared for mock exams and contributed to grade improvements. We have also offered group tutoring sessions for students who feel they learn best with others. This has helped improve social skills, reduced isolation and helped children engage in healthy and friendly academic quizzes and competition. We also have local volunteer mentors who have supported students with advice and guidance about future jobs, wellbeing, managing stress and anxiety and we have also signposted students to external youth services where they may need extra support.

Get Involved: The is to recruit diverse group of residents, who regularly meet to discuss community issues, agree priorities, engage other groups as appropriate and influence local decisions. The Christmas party and Easter party are the ward's premier events, attracting residents, providing fun activities, information stalls, sports participation, education and engagement with service providers. The project brought together a representative group of residents in structured activities via the community engagement meeting. The project empowered people, encourage them to set the agenda, combat social exclusion/isolation, promote greater inter-communal/faith understanding and a sharper shared sense of place and community.

Summer Youth Activities: Summer Youth Activities projects hosts a wide range of activities to engage youngsters from the local area into having fun and exciting activities. It has been established after several parents raised concerns about their children playing outside in areas that are prone to anti-social behaviour. Therefore the club has been carried out with delivering one thing in mind: fun. The projects offer activities ranging from arts and crafts, general quiz, to physical exercise and sports. The children love the wide range of options they are given to select from. These fun activities are occasionally supplemented with learning about roots and causes of anti-social behaviour, smoking and drug abuse and citizenship.

Essential Items: Covid-19 saw us engage with many individuals who have never previously accessed our services. These individuals live largely hand-to-mouth, with no formal status or prior interaction with UK statutory bodies. During this time demand for our food service in particularly; essential items also increased, serving 100 individuals per month. This revealed the scale of individuals either too scared or unable to understand how to access state support. Our organisation has responded quickly to support such individuals.

Volunteering: We also provided volunteering opportunities to 11 local unemployed people in 2023-24, up-skilled them and provided them with short-term work-placements.

Women's Engagement Programme: We encourage long term unemployed local residents to access local job opportunities and be financially independent. We usually run schemes in partnership with local job centres to support local residents to become job ready and help with basic administration, translation, ESOL classes and work experience. Some women we support learn sewing skills through our services and go on to find work as seamstresses locally which helps them financially in a flexible way conducive to being a parent with young children. We use small local businesses to deliver our activities and employ local people, for example local people are paid to deliver food and run fitness classes and local restaurants provide food and nutrition advice to our older residents.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Achievement and Performance:

2023-2024 was a very challenging year. However, we successfully managed the ongoing impact of the post-covid epidemic on people's lives and our community centre resources and programme delivery alongside the cost-of-living crisis. Operating through 2023-24 and the Cost-of-living crisis has arguably been the greatest test of and need for our services. Sadly, the pandemic has seen an even greater need for our services, and we have continued to expand the services we offer and also the geographical areas in which we operate. The severity with which the pandemic hit the community was nothing short of devastating. As has been well documented, the pandemic hit disadvantaged and BAME communities harder than most. The economic impact of the pandemic and cost-of living crisis have also been devastating. Our approach to service delivery during this period of national crisis has been to help address the immediate and critical needs of our community whilst also continuing to impact some of the entrenched inequalities that have exposed our residents disproportionately to the effects of Covid-19. In terms of setting up new service delivery, we have relied on our long-standing ability to be "fleet of foot" and managed to develop responses to help tackle issues that quickly arose within our community:

Food Hub- our aim through the height of the pandemic was to ensure that no-one goes hungry and that the poorest in our community including refugees and migrants and those with no recourse to public funds have access to nutritious food for themselves and their families. We have achieved this by increasing our foodbank provision, partnering with Tower Hamlets Council to access surplus food supplies. At the height of the pandemic, we were providing food for over 200 people per week.

Magnified loneliness and isolation – With lengthy national lockdowns and an absence of face-to-face support services, many vulnerable adults in Tower Hamlets found themselves facing lonely and frightening circumstances, often exacerbated by bereavement, unemployment, depression / anxiety and low level mental health needs. In addition to developing of new services and dealing with new client groups, we also managed to modify and continue to deliver all regular services. We have managed to continue, and in some cases expand our service offerings through a combination of telephone, online and appropriately socially distanced face to face provision. We have also continued to provide our Healthy activities through this period, providing additional wellbeing support for residents.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees consider it prudent to maintain an adequate level of reserves to cover the charity's contractual commitments and to provide a secure base for the future and have set this at a minimum level of 6 months of the annual expenditure. The members are endeavouring to increase the unrestricted reserves to this minimum level.

Further financial review details

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal funding sources for the charity are London Borough of Tower Hamlets, other funders, through members and user group donations and various activities for generating fund.

Financial Procedure

All cheque payments need two signatories; three Board of Trustees members are signatories.

Risk Management

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Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on:

- Operational Performance, including risks to our personnel and volunteers;
- Achievement of our aims and objectives;
- Meeting the expectations of our beneficiaries or supporters

The Board review these risks on an ongoing basis and satisfy themselves that adequate systems and procedures are in place to manage the risks identified. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance. The following framework is central to ensuring adequate risk assurance.

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES'

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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 these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

The trustees' annual report and (including Directors' report) has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime. The trustees' annual report and (including Directors' report) has been approved by the trustees on 17/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Nazrul Islam
Nazrul Islam
Director

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DORSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 15. This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our 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 in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have 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.

Moneysaver Accountants

Moneysaver Accountants
2-6 Cressy Place
London
E1 3JG

Date: 17/12/2024

DORSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31.03.2024 £	Total 31.03.2023 £
<u>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</u>					
Donations and Legacies		30,900	42,256	73,156	88,405
Activities for Generating Funds	3				
Total		30,900	42,256	73,156	88,405
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
Charitable Activities	5				
Older People Lunch Club Project Costs					18,540
Women's Engagement Project Costs			4,008	4,008	3,324
Study Support Project Costs			9,759	9,759	10,509
Get Involved			2,650	2,650	4,008
Youth Activity Programme			1,980	1,980	1,690
Healthy Lifestyle Partnership Programme			8,512	8,512	10,214
Community Response			9,988	9,988	2,860
Dorset Community Essential Services			9,990	9,990	9,980
Total Charitable Activities			46,887	46,887	61,125
Support Cost / Centre Core Cost	6				
Rent & Rates		10,625		10,625	11,250
Insurance & Licence		2,560		2,560	2,480
Legal & Professional Costs		4,280		4,280	3,450
Telephone, Fax & Internet		640		640	541
Publicity & Printing		850		850	620
Cleaning		1,720		1,720	1,590
Volunteer Expenses		260		260	250
Centre Core Costs		1,660		1,660	1,650
Repairing & Maintenance		1,250		1,250	930
Total Support Cost / Centre Core Cost		23,845		23,845	22,761
Governance Costs	7				
Accountancy Costs		1,000		1,000	800
Total Governance Costs		1,000		1,000	800
Total Resources Expended		24,845	46,887	71,732	84,686
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		6,055	(4,631)	1,424	3,719
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		25,962	3,719	29,681	25,962
Total funds carried forward		32,017	(912)	31 105	29,681

DORSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31.03.2024 £	Total 31.03.2023 £
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	10				
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		61,355		61,355	59,931
Accrued Income	12				
		61,355		61,355	59,931
CREDITORS:					
Amount falling due within one year	11	30,250		30,250	30,250
		30,250		30,250	30,250
NET CURRENT ASSETS		31,105		31,105	29,681
Total asset less current liabilities		31,105		31,105	29,681
NET ASSETS		31,105		31,105	29,681
FUNDS:					
Fund brought down		29,681		29,681	25,962
Restricted /Unrestricted		1,424		1,424	3,719
		31,105		31,105	29,681

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustee on 17/12/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Faruk Uddin
Faruk Uddin
Chair / Director

Nazrul Islam
Nazrul Islam
Director

DORSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

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 2015)', 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.

b) Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

c) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful economic life.

Improvement to property - 4% on cost

Computer equipment- 33% on cost

Fixture and fittings – 25% on cost

Fund accounting

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

Restricted fund 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 the purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Fund Generated from general activities		

DORSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Total Direct cost £	Support cost (note-6)	Total 31.03.2024 £	Total 31.03.2023 £
Older People Lunch Club Project				18,540
Women's Engagement Project	4,008		4,008	3,324
Study Support Project	9,759		9,759	10,509
Get Involved	2,650		2,650	4,008
Youth Activity Programme	1,980		1,980	1,690
Healthy Lifestyle Partnership	8,512		8,512	10,214
Community Response	9,988		9,988	2,860
Dorset Community Essential Services	9,990		9,990	9,980
	46,887		46,887	61,125

6 SUPPORT COSTS

	31.03.2024 £	31.03.2023 £
Centre Core cost	23,845	22,761
Depreciation		
	23,845	22,761

7 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.03.2024 £	31.03.2023 £
Fundraising Trading Cost		
Accountancy Costs	1,000	800
	1,000	800

8 NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

	31.03.2024 £	31.03.2023 £
Net resources are stated after charging:		
Depreciation-owned assets		

9 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustee's remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 and nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' Expenses

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

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Improvement to property £	Office equipment £	Fixture and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023		0	0	0
Additions				
		0	0	0
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023		0	0	0
Charge for the year				
		0	0	0
Net Book Value				
At 31/03/2024				
At 01/04/2023		0	0	0

11 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.03.2024 £	31.03.2023 £
Amounts due within one year	30,250	30,250
	30,250	30,250

12 ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	31.03.2024 £	31.03.2023 £
Donation		

13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Opening Balance	Movement	At 31.03.2024
Unrestricted funds	33,909	-4,631	29,278
	33,909	-4,631	29,278
Restricted funds	-4,228	6,055	1,827
Total funds	29,681	1,424	31,105