

LANGDON SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE
(A company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees

David Elliott, Chair
Christine Eaton, Trustee
Margaret Black, Trustee

Company registered

number

Charity registered
number

1148682

Registered office

Langdon Square
Coulby Newham
Middlesbrough
TS8 0TF

Company secretary

Christine Eaton

Accountants

Waltons Business Advisers Limited
Harbour Walk
Hartlepool
TS24 0UX

Bankers

Yorkshire Bank
7 Linthorpe Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 1RF

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Structure, governance and management

● Governing Document

The charity is a company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16th May 2012 and registered as a charity on 22nd August 2012. The company was established under a Memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of association. In the event of its being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

● Recruitment, appointment and training of Trustees

The trustees are recruited from a pool of individuals who support the organisation. Potential trustees are briefed by the board and given copies of relevant policies and procedures.

● Organisational Structure

The trustees are responsible for the strategic objectives of the charity. They are currently also responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

● Risk management

The trustees constantly review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to this end they put in place systems and strategies to minimise those risks.

● Related Parties

There are no related parties other than trustees and their immediate family.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity as set out in its Memorandum of Association are:

To further, or benefit, for the residents of Middlesbrough and surrounding areas without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, or religious or other opinions, by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation, leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said residents.

In furtherance to these objects but not otherwise the trustees shall have power to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or cooperate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and the management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

The charity therefore administers and runs the Langdon Square Community Centre.

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

• Achievements and performance

The charity was formed in May 2012 for the purpose of taking over the running of Langdon Square Community Centre from Middlesbrough Council. The transfer took place on 1st April 2013. Prior to this the centre had been run by a community of volunteers on behalf of Middlesbrough Council. The charity now has a 25 year lease on the Centre with the rent being funded, as part of the agreement, by Middlesbrough Council. The trustees were largely recruited from the original management committee and therefore have wide experience of the Centre.

The centre has largely continued the activities which already took place there and the income arises from room hire and charges for the use of the kitchen. The centre is a vital community resource and is well attended and well used and it is hoped that this will continue for many years to come.

Financial review

The charity generated sufficient income to cover its running costs.

This year has shown an increase in Users at the Centre, both private and business, resulting in a slightly higher income.

We have now outsourced all our Centre maintenance, moving from the Council to private sector, this has therefore reduced our expenses.

• Reserves policy

The Trustees have established that the organisation should maintain free reserves of approximately 12 months' running costs, which would be around £40,000 as at 31st March 2024 (disregarding the rent charge which is funded annually). Free reserves at 31st March 2024 were £63,275. A designated fund of £29,500 has been established to cover planned decoration and maintenance.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Margaret Black

Date:

2.10.24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Langdon Square Community Centre ('the Charity')

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the Charity (and 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 financial statements of the Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements 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 Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 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 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 financial statements to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: Heather O'Driscoll

Dated:

Waltons Business Advisers Limited

Maritime House

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:			
Donations and legacies	26,500	26,500	26,500
Charitable activities - room hire	44,156	44,156	41,051
Bank interest	561	561	148
TOTAL INCOME	71,217	71,217	67,699
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities	64,298	64,298	72,452
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	64,298	64,298	72,452
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	6,919	6,919	(4,753)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	2,260	2,260	(4,076)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	9,179	9,179	(8,829)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward	138,933	138,933	147,762
Net movement in funds	9,179	9,179	(8,829)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	148,112	148,112	138,933

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	7,357	10,188
Investments	48,130	45,868
	<u>55,487</u>	<u>56,056</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	2,367	2,270
Cash at bank and in hand	92,660	85,930
	<u>95,027</u>	<u>88,200</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,402)	(5,323)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>92,625</u>	<u>82,877</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>148,112</u>	<u>138,933</u>
CHARITY FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds		
Designated funds	29,500	29,500
General funds	118,612	109,433
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>148,112</u>	<u>138,933</u>

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Margaret Black

Date: 2..10.24

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Langdon Square Community Centre is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the informal education of young people aged 8 to 16 years who are experiencing social exclusion and/or disadvantage.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and '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 (FRS102) (Effective 1 January 2019)'. The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

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

2.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund 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 donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of Financial activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Investment income is earned through holding cash in a deposit account and is recognised when it is earned.

2.4 Expenditure

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 recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All direct costs relate to the charity's charitable activities.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Property Improvements	-	6.67% straight line
Equipment	-	10.00% straight line

2.6 Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

2.7 Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.8 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2.9 Long-term investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Unrestricted funds	2024	2023
Total funds	£	£
Rent funding Middlesbrough Council	26,500	26,500

Under a lease dated 1st March 2013, the charity is leasing the Centre from Middlesbrough Council for a term of 25 years. Middlesbrough Council is providing funding to cover rental costs which amounts to £26,500 per annum.

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4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Governance costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Community Centre	61,778	2,520	64,298	72,452
Total 2023	71,218	1,234	72,452	

Analysis of Charitable Activities

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	14,098	14,665
Rent	26,743	26,500
Security	910	875
Postage & stationery	978	514
Insurance	1,740	1,492
Light & heat	12,027	10,535
Water	819	798
Rates	-	476
Telephone	600	436
Kitchen supplies	216	336
Cleaning supplies	1,731	1,615
Building & garden maintenance	(1,843)	6,759
Licences	345	311
Depreciation	2,831	5,140
Sundry expenses	399	624
Bank charges	184	142
	61,778	71,218

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4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Analysis of Governance Costs

Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
1,620	680
900	554
2,520	1,234

Bookkeeping & payroll
Independant examiners fee

5. STAFF COSTS

2024 £	2023 £
14,098	14,665
14,098	14,665

Wages and salaries

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

2024 No.	2023 No.
2	3

Charitable employees

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Cost	At 1 April 2023	At 31 March 2024	Depreciation	At 1 April 2023	Charge for the year	At 31 March 2024	Net book value	At 31 March 2024	At 31 March 2023
Property Improvement	£	8,149	8,149			2,852	3,395	4,754	5,297	
Equipment	£	22,883	22,883		17,992	2,288	20,280	2,603	4,891	
Total	£	31,032	31,032		20,844	2,831	23,675	7,357	10,188	

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11. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

Balance at 1 April 2023	£	Income	£	Expenditure	£	Gains/ (Losses)	£	Balance at 31 March 2024	£
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STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

Balance at 1 April 2022	£	Income	£	Expenditure	£	Gains/ (Losses)	£	Balance at 31 March 2023	£
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Designated funds	Designated Funds	General funds	General Funds	Total Unrestricted funds					
	25,000	-	-	-	147,762	67,699	(72,452)	(4,076)	138,933
	29,500	4,500	-	-	122,762	67,699	(72,452)	(8,576)	109,433

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11. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Designated fund

The Trustees have set up a designated fund to provide for the following:

Decorating	£3,000
Hall Floor	£3,500
Road Repair	£3,000
Boiler Replacement	£20,000
	£29,500