

# THE MAYOR OF MERTON'S CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1149209

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2012-10-04

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS ARE ANY PURPOSES CURRENTLY RECOGNISED AS CHARITABLE AND ANY NEW CHARITABLE PURPOSES WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO ANOTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSE.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Merton

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£62,504	£65,048	-	-
2024-03-31	£87,679	£52,150	-	-
2023-03-31	£53,881	£68,902	-	-
2022-03-31	£48,271	£4,969	-	-
2021-03-31	£103,959	£100,368	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Karen Peck		2025-06-26
Martin Whelton		2025-06-26
Sarah Bowell		2025-06-26
Shuile Syeda		2025-06-26
Slawek Szczepanski		2024-05-22

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# Accounts

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# **Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' annual report for the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025**

### **Reference and administration details**

Charity name – The Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust

Registered charity number – 1149209

#### Names of the charity trustees

Slawek Szczepanski 22.5.24 onwards (Chair from 22.5.24)

Brenda Fraser 22.5.24

Michael Brunt 30.5.23 (continued)

\*Edith Macauley 24.06.19 onwards

\*Oonagh Moulton 24.06.19 onwards

### **Structure, governance and management**

Type of governing document – Trust deed adopted by meeting of Merton Council on 11 July 2012. A supplemental trust deed, approved by the trustees on 13 May 2019, restated the original trust deed and provided for an increase in the number of trustees from three to five.

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### **Objectives and activities**

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

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Each year the Mayor of Merton nominates a charity or charities for whom fundraising activities are carried out during the year to meet a specified purpose for the benefit of the residents of Merton. Additional small donations may be made to local charities and or individuals.

The Trustees consider the public benefit requirement prior to issuing funds to any organisation or individual. When providing financial donations, the

Trustees will in every event place specific stipulations as to the use of those funds to ensure that the use is in accordance with the charity's objects and charitable purposes as well as complying with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

#### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Fundraising activities undertaken over the past year were planned so that a wide range of people from Merton's diverse local communities could participate, particularly those people who had not previously had any contact with the mayoralty.

Councillor Szczepanski selected Christian Care as the first of his two nominated charities, Christian Care has worked in the London Borough of Merton, committed to the relief of poverty within the borough. They are a group of 60 volunteers, many from churches of different denominations across Merton. His second charity was The National Brain Appeal who have been dedicated to raising vital funds for The National Hospital for Neurology They try and improve the outcome and quality of life for the one in six affected by a neurological condition by funding pioneering research, providing access to the best technology for expert diagnosis and treatment, and training tomorrow's clinicians.

#### **Achievements and performance** (summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year)

##### Fundraising activities

Fundraising highlights in the 2024/25 year included:

- Mayors Afternoon Tea – October 2024
- Annual sponsored swim by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Edith Macauley – 50 lengths of the pool at David Lloyd Sports Club in Wimbledon.
- Silver Sunday – October 2024
- Mayors Christmas Dinner – November 2024
- Mayors Bingo Night – January 2025
- Mayors Cent Anni Dinner – February 2025
- Mayors Charity Ball – March 2025
- Mayors Thank you – April 2025

##### Community outreach

**Silver Sunday:** October saw Silver Sunday, when Councillor Slawek Szczepanski hosted a tea party at South Mitcham community Centre. A delicious afternoon tea was served, accompanied by sparkling entertainment which included a singer performing for the guests. The day was a fitting celebration of achievements by older residents, and a chance to share some amazing life stories.

During his mayoral year Councillor Slawek Szczepanski not only held mayoral events but also attended the Jack Petchey Foundation's Achievement Award Scheme, which highlights the achievements of young people. He enjoyed attending a diverse mix of cultural events throughout the year and finding out about the work carried out by a range of small charities run by resident volunteers.

His mayoral year also coincided with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the London Borough of Merton on 1 April 1965 and he led the birthday celebrations, culminating with the We Are Merton Festival, in spring.

Aside from his charity work, Councillor Slawek Szczepanski led the tributes to fallen servicemen and servicewomen on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, and he led citizenship ceremonies throughout the year as part of his civic duties.

### **Engagements**

During 2024/25 Councillor Slawek Szczepanski ensured that their programme of 400 to 500 engagements annually has been used as an opportunity to reach out to all parts of Merton's diverse community and therefore increase understanding, participation and communication, thus addressing one aspect of the public benefit duty of the Trust.

### **Parlour receptions**

During 2024/25 Councillor Slawek Szczepanski hosted several receptions in the Mayor's Parlour as an opportunity to thank individuals and local community organisations, thus recognising and celebrating the positive contribution they have made to the life of the borough.

### Grant-making

#### Grant-making

In the 2024/25 financial year the Trust made seven grants totalling £43,000 to support local community organisations for the benefit of Merton residents:

- **Merton Music Foundation £10,000**
- **The National Brain Appeal £30,000**
- **St Raphaels Hospice £3,000**

### **Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:–

All cash balances are held as unrestricted funds. All funds are held for the purpose of donations to the Mayor's chosen charities or cover the costs of further fundraising. We do not have a policy of holding a minimum reserve, other than to not go into deficit.

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**  
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**Receipts and payments accounts**  
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<b>The Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust</b>	Charity Number: 1149209
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	to	31/03/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Event Income	37,612	37,612	32,138
Donations	15,310	15,310	48,454
Gift Aid Receipts	0	0	
Wimbledon Draw status	9,582	9,582	7,087
	0	0	0
	0	0	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>62,504</b>	<b>62,504</b>	<b>87,679</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Cost of Fundraising Activities	20,798	20,798	22,205
Donations to charities	44,250	44,250	29,946
		0	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>65,048</b>	<b>65,048</b>	<b>52,150</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(2,544)</b>	<b>(2,544)</b>	<b>35,529</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	0	0	0
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	68,779	68,779	33,250
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>66,235</b>	<b>66,235</b>	<b>68,779</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	66,235
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>66,235</b>
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust

**On accounts for the  
year ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1149209

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's  
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

3/10/25

**Name:**

Margaret Culleton

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or  
body (if any):**

CPFA

**Address:**

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Merton SM4 5DX

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

n/a

**THE MAYOR OF MERTON'S CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1149209

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# Accounts

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#### Names of the charity trustees

Gill Manly 30.5.23 onwards (Chair from 30.5.2023)

Martin Whelton 30.5.23

Michael Brunt 30.5.23

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The Trustees consider the public benefit requirement prior to issuing funds to any organisation or individual. When providing financial donations, the Trustees will in every event place specific stipulations as to the use of those funds to ensure that the use is in accordance with the charity's objects and charitable purposes as well as complying with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

#### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Fundraising activities undertaken over the past year were planned so that a wide range of people from Merton's diverse local communities could participate, particularly those people who had not previously had any contact with the mayoralty.

Councillor Manly selected the Merton Music Foundation as the first of her two nominated charities Merton Music Foundation (MMF) has been providing high-quality music, arts and culture education programmes to the young people of Merton and the surrounding areas for over 32 years. Their principal object of the Merton Music Foundation is to advance musical education within the framework of the arts for the benefit of the public in the London Borough of Merton and elsewhere. Her second charity was The National Brain Appeal who have been dedicated to raising vital funds for The National Hospital for Neurology They try and improve the outcome and quality of life for the one in six affected by a neurological condition by funding pioneering research, providing access to the best technology for expert diagnosis and treatment, and training tomorrow's clinicians.

#### **Achievements and performance** (summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year)

##### Fundraising activities

Fundraising highlights in the 2023/24 year included:

- Quiz Night – Jul 2023
- Annual sponsored swim by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Edith Macauley – 50 lengths of the pool at David Lloyd Sports Club in Wimbledon.
- Silver Sunday – October 2023
- Mayors Jazz Night – Councillor Gill Manly performed and sang for this event
- Mayors Christmas Dinner held at Merton College
- Mayors Christmas Concert organised by her charity Merton Music Foundation – December 2023
- Bingo Night – February 2023

### Community outreach

**Silver Sunday:** October saw Silver Sunday, when Councillor Gill Manly hosted a tea party at Tooting and Mitcham Community Sports Club. A delicious afternoon tea was served, accompanied by sparkling entertainment which included Councillor Gill Manly performing for the guests. The day was a fitting celebration of achievements by older residents, and a chance to share some amazing life stories.

During her mayoral year Councillor Gill Manly not only held the mayoral events but also assisted in helping with the baking/cooking and cleaning for her events and involved as many community members as possible.

In September 2023 we saw Councillor Gill Manly shave her head for the National Brain appeal and raise over £2500 for the charity as a sign of compassion and solidarity for those who are undergoing treatment for Brain Cancer and those that have lost to the disease

Aside from her charity work, Councillor Gill Manly led the tributes to fallen servicemen and servicewomen on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, and she led citizenship ceremonies throughout the year as part of her civic duties.

### **Engagements**

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### Grant-making

#### Grant-making

In the 2023/24 financial year the Trust made seven grants totalling £29,946 to support local community organisations for the benefit of Merton residents:

- **Dons Local Action Group £15,000**
- **Jimmy Asher Foundation £10,000**
- **Phoenix Community Steelband £426.25**

- **AIM121 £426.25**
- **Uptown Youth Services £426.25**
- **Accoutre Centre £426.25**
- **Ashdown Jazz Academy £426.25**
- **Ghanaian Parents Association £964.60**
- **Sherwood Primary School £600**
- **Merton Music Foundation £1250**

### **Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:–

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### **Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

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### **Receipts and payments accounts**

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<b>The Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust</b>	Charity Number: 1149209
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	to	31/03/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Event Income	32,138	32,138	45,125
Donations	48,454	48,454	0
Gift Aid Receipts		0	0
Wimbledon Draw	7,087	7,087	8,756
Opening donations pre charitable status	0	0	0
			0
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>87,679</b>	<b>87,679</b>	<b>53,881</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Cost of Fundraising Activities	22,205	22,205	30,402
Donations to charities	29,946	29,946	38,500
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>52,150</b>	<b>52,150</b>	<b>68,902</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>35,529</b>	<b>35,529</b>	<b>(15,021)</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,250	33,250	48,271
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>68,779</b>	<b>68,779</b>	<b>33,250</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	68,779
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

19/12/24

**Name:**

Margaret Culleton

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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# Accounts

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Registered charity number – 1149209

#### Names of the charity trustees

Michael Brunt 1.4.22 onwards (Chair from 14.6.2022)

Joan Henry 14.6.22

Agatha Akyigyina 14.6.22

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Fundraising activities undertaken over the past year were planned so that a wide range of people from Merton's diverse local communities could participate, particularly those people who had not previously had any contact with the mayoralty.

Councillor Henry selected the Dons Local Action Group as the first of her two nominated charities. Dons Local Action Group were formed during COVID-19 in March 2020, to offer support to families by providing food parcels across Merton Kingston and Wandsworth. Dons Local Action Group also supply household goods and furniture. Her second charity was The Jimmy Asher Foundation, who offer support to youth from diverse backgrounds who wish to make positive life choices and develop into responsible young adults, further impacting on the wider community.

**Achievements and performance** (summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year)

#### Fundraising activities

Fundraising highlights in the 2022/23 year included:

- A Bowls Social Evening (August 2022)
- Annual sponsored swim by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Edith Macauley – 50 lengths of the pool at David Lloyd Sports Club in Wimbledon.
- Mayor's Ball, April 2023, held at AELTC and attended by around 200 guests. Music was provided by Phoenix Community Steelband and entertainer Thirukkumaran Jeyaseelan
- Ghanaian Independence Day event held at Tooting and Mitcham Sports Club
- Mayor's Christmas Dinner held at AFC Wimbledon and attended by around 160 guests.
- Mayors Charity Football (April 2023)

#### Community outreach

**Silver Sunday:** October saw Silver Sunday, when Councillor Joan Henry hosted a tea party at Tooting and Mitcham Community Sports Club. A delicious afternoon tea was served, accompanied by sparkling entertainment.

The day was a fitting celebration of achievements by older residents, and a chance to share some amazing life stories.

**New Years Day Parade:** Students from Wimbledon College of Art designed Dick Whittington's Cat and props, children from St Marys Primary School sang to the parade song "London loves life" which was composed by Councillor Linda Kirby. Merton's entry received a £1,000 prize for the Charitable Trust.

During her mayoral year Councillor Joan Henry attended many street parties in relation to Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee throughout the borough in June 2022 and later that year in September 2022 after the death of Her Majesty the Queen, Cllr Henry attended commemoration services not only in our borough but externally as well as leading the Proclamation.

In May 2023 we saw the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III which was celebrated by street parties and at events that Cllr Henry attended over the week.

Aside from her charity work, Councillor Joan Henry led the tributes to fallen servicemen and servicewomen on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, and she led citizenship ceremonies throughout the year as part of her civic duties.

### **Engagements**

During 2022/23 Councillor Joan Henry ensured that their programme of 400 to 500 engagements annually has been used as an opportunity to reach out to all parts of Merton's diverse community and therefore increase understanding, participation and communication, thus addressing one aspect of the public benefit duty of the Trust.

### **Parlour receptions**

During 2022/23 both Mayors have hosted several receptions in the Mayor's Parlour as an opportunity to thank individuals and local community organisations, thus recognising and celebrating the positive contribution they have made to the life of the borough.

### Grant-making

#### Grant-making

In the 2022/23 financial year the Trust made seven grants totalling £38,500 to support local community organisations for the benefit of Merton residents:

- **Christian Care Association - £19,000**
- **Marie Curie - £19,000**

- **BAME £500**

### **Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:–

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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Event Income	43,892	43,892	74,820
Donations	665	665	0
Gift Aid Receipts	568	568	0
Wimbledon Draw	8,756	8,756	(760)
Opening donations pre charitable status	0	0	0
		0	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>53,881</b>	<b>53,881</b>	<b>74,060</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Cost of Fundraising Activities	30,402	30,402	6,825
Donations to charities	38,500	38,500	42,753
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>68,902</b>	<b>68,902</b>	<b>49,578</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(15,021)</b>	<b>(15,021)</b>	<b>24,482</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	0	0	0
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	48,271	48,271	23,789
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>33,251</b>	<b>33,251</b>	<b>48,271</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1149209

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**THE MAYOR OF MERTON'S CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1149209

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# Accounts

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## **Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust**

### **Trustees' annual report for the period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022**

#### **Reference and administration details**

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Registered charity number – 1149209

#### Names of the charity trustees

Sally Kenny 15.09.20 onwards (Chair from 22.07.2021)

Michael Brunt 22.07.2021 onwards

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#### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Fundraising activities undertaken over the past year were planned so that a wide range of people from Merton's diverse local communities could participate, particularly those people who had not previously had any contact with the mayoralty.

Councillor Brunt helped lead Merton out of the COVID-19 pandemic, his theme for the year focused on health, care and wellbeing. Councillor Brunt selected the Christian Care Association as the first of his two nominated charities. The association provides emotional support and practical help for people who have no recourse to public funds. His second charity was Marie Curie, the UK's leading end-of-life charity. Marie Curie provides frontline nursing and hospice care, as well as a free support line for those coping with terminal illnesses.

#### **Achievements and performance** (summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year)

In the 2021/22 municipal period Councillor Brunt managed to return to face-to-face meetings and began to host larger events such as fundraising meals and afternoon teas.

#### Fundraising activities

Fundraising highlights in the 2021/22 year included:

- A virtual balloon race (April 2021)
- A virtual raffle (May 2021)
- Annual sponsored swim by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Edith Macauley – 50 lengths of the pool at David Lloyd Sports Club in Wimbledon.
- Mayor's Charity Cricket Match (September 2021)
- Mayor's Birthday Meal supported by the hospitality students from South Thames/Merton College (November 2021)
- Fundraising meal at Aya Lebanese Cuisine (February 2022)
- Two afternoon tea and tours held at AFC Wimbledon and the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (March 2022)

#### Community outreach

Silver Sunday: October saw Silver Sunday, when Councillor Brunt hosted a tea party at Tooting and Mitcham Community Sports Club. A delicious afternoon tea was served, accompanied by sparkling entertainment. The day was a fitting celebration of achievements by older residents, and a chance to share some amazing life stories.

- Aside from his charity work, Councillor Brunt led the tributes to fallen servicemen and servicewomen on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, and he led citizenship ceremonies throughout the year as part of his civic duties.
- With a focus on promoting community spirit as Merton recovered from the pandemic, Councillor Brunt championed testing and vaccination, and he visited more than half the schools in the borough to highlight how Merton could become a positive example for more local boroughs.

- Engagements

The Mayor has conducted approximately 300 engagements, which include 70 citizenship ceremonies and 30 school visits.

#### Grant-making

In the 2021/22 financial year the Trust made three grants totalling £36,500 to support local community organisations for the benefit of Merton residents:

- **BAME Voice** (£500) for outstanding contributions made to the Black, Asian, Minority and Ethnic communities during the covid-19 pandemic.
- **Merton & Morden Guild of Social Services** was awarded two payments totalling £19,000. A payment of £2,000 was made in September 2021 by Councillor Janice Howard (Mayor 2019/2020) from residual funds for invaluable support received from the Guild during her mayoral year. A payment of £17,000 was paid to the Guild in November 2021 by Councillor Sally Kenny (Mayor 2020/2021) as funds raised to support the Guilds offer of activities to older people. During the pandemic the Guild was very creative in offering bespoke assistance to their members with shopping, prescription and other well-being activities all whilst receiving very limited income and funding.
- **Morden Little League** received £17,000 toward its services to young people by providing an outlet for health and wellness and encouraging the development of team spirit, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. These skills are integral to the development of young people.

#### **Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:–

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

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**London Borough of Merton.**  
**Mayoral Accounts as of 31st March 2021**

**900004-9216-**

	b/fwd		Current	Total to Date
	2020/21	2021/22		
<b>Mayor Howard 2019/20; 00000871</b>				
<b>Income 91004</b>	(103,959)	644		(103,315)
<b>Expenditure 91003</b>	100,368	2,500		102,868
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3,591)</b>	<b>3,144</b>		<b>(446)</b>
Other- transfer (from '869)	446			446
Other - ( Gift Aid) not yet in				
<b>Amended Total</b>	<b>(3,144)</b>	<b>3,144</b>		<b>(0)</b>

	b/fwd		Current	Total to Date
	2020/21	2021/22		
<b>Mayor Kenny 2020/21; 00000872</b>				
<b>Income 91004</b>	(17,677)	(21,760)		(39,437)
<b>Expenditure 91003</b>	480	34,000		34,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>	<b>12,240</b>		<b>(4,957)</b>
Other- transfer (from '869)	0			0
Other - ( Gift Aid) not yet in				
<b>Amended Total</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>	<b>12,240</b>		<b>(4,957)</b>

	b/fwd		Current	Total to Date
	2020/21	2021/22		
<b>Mayor Brunt 2021/22; 00000873</b>				
<b>Income 91004</b>	0	(45,596)		(45,596)
<b>Expenditure 91003</b>	0	4,969		4,969
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(40,627)</b>		<b>(40,627)</b>
Other- transfer	0	0		0
Other - ( Gift Aid) not yet in	0			0
<b>Amended Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(40,627)</b>		<b>(40,627)</b>

Wimbledon Ticket Holding	(3,447)	760	(2,687)
<b>Net total</b>	<b>-23,789</b>	<b>-24,482</b>	<b>-48,271</b>





**Report to the trustees/  
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**On accounts for the year  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

01/04/2021

to

31/03/2022

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestrict ed funds	Total funds	Last year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Event Income	74,820	74,820	11,224
Donations	0	0	12,368
Gift Aid Receipts	0	0	1,731
Wimbledon Draw	-760	-760	2
	0	0	0
Opening donations pre charitable status		0	
		0	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>74,060</b>	<b>74,060</b>	<b>25,325</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Cost of Fundraising Activities	6,825	6,825	646
Donations to charities	42,753	42,753	80,000
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,578</b>	<b>49,578</b>	<b>80,646</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>24,482</b>	<b>24,482</b>	<b>-55,321</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,789</b>	<b>23,789</b>	<b>79,110</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>48,271</b>	<b>48,271</b>	<b>23,789</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	48,271
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>48,271</b>
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**THE MAYOR OF MERTON'S CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1149209

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# Accounts

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**Achievements and performance** (summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year)

#### Fundraising activities

Fundraising highlights in the 2020/21 year included:

- Two charity auctions (Mayor of Merton's First virtual auctions). The impact of the covid-19 pandemic meant that the 2020 Mayor's Charity Ball scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020, was cancelled. In lieu of the Ball, Cllr Janice Howard disposed of her prizes by holding two highly successful virtual auctions. Both auctions, which were held in July and August 2020, raised in excess of £6,000.00. Additionally, guests agreed to donate their ticket prices (in full or a percentage) resulting in further earnings in excess of £17,800.00.
- Annual sponsored swim by one of Merton's councillors and trustee, Cllr Edith Macauley – 50 lengths of the pool at David Lloyd Sports Club in Wimbledon.
- Sponsored litter picks in Morden, Wimbledon and Mitcham;
- Sponsored Movember moustache/walk, November 2020. The Leader of the Council, Leader of the Merton Park Ward Independent Residents Group, the Council's Chief Executive, and a representative from the Charity – Morden Little League grew moustaches and/or beards, or walked in excess of 60km to raise money for the Charitable Trust.
- Two Mayor's sweepstakes (November and February);
- Virtual raffles and an auction
- The sale from the production of a Christmas song by students from the Cricket Green School,
- The sale from a mayor's 2021 calendar sale,
- A virtual ride to Hanoi (9000 km 6000 m approx)
- Three virtual bingo events (October, January and May)

- A virtual balloon race

### Community outreach

- Silver Sunday: The Mayor, Councillor Sally Kenny sent letters of good wish to Care/Residential Homes in the borough.
- A stand out achievement was the creation of the COVID-19 Community Awards as a way of recognising those who have supported their neighbours, helped their community or shown a community-minded approach during the pandemic. Altogether, just under 1,000 local residents, schools, doctors' surgeries and community groups received a COVID-19 Community Award certificate – many of which were given in socially distanced visits from Councillor Kenny when it was allowed.
- Engagements

As a result of the disruption caused by the pandemic, Councillor Kenny recognised from the outset that much of her role as Mayor would have to move online, and over the course of her term she has attended more than 80 community and formal events on behalf of the council, many of them virtually.

Away from her charity work, Councillor Kenny carried out her civic duties with great dignity. She paid tribute to fallen servicemen and servicewomen by leading the local services on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Her poignant reflections on the theme of 'being the light in the darkness' opened up a moving Holocaust Memorial Day virtual Civic commemoration event. On the announcement of the death of Prince Philip Councillor Kenny, on behalf of the council, led tributes to Her Majesty the Queen, and flower laying activities in the borough.

### Grant-making

In the 2020/21 financial year the Trust made two grants of £40,000 each to support local community organisations for the benefit of Merton residents:

- **Macmillan Cancer Support Merton** - to support its local fundraising project for a new Macmillan Support Worker to assist the breast cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) at St Georges Hospital. Macmillan Cancer Support's goal is to offer care and support to everyone living with cancer. They train specialists in cancer care and, from the moment of diagnosis, through treatment and beyond, they offer emotional, practical and, at times, financial support to patients.
- **Faith in Action – Merton Homelessness Project:** to support its work as a multi faith charity looking after the Homeless in Merton. Providing a drop-in centre two days a week, offering meals, showering, laundry, change of clothes, haircuts, food parcels, sleeping bags and help with benefits and job applications. Faith in Action relies on local volunteers who dedicate their time, support and skills to help the most vulnerable people.

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<b>Total</b>	<b>(74,775)</b>	<b>71,184</b>	<b>(3,591)</b>
Other- transfer (from '869)	(890)	1,336	446
Other - ( Gift Aid) not yet in			
<b>Amended Total</b>	<b>(75,665)</b>	<b>72,520</b>	<b>(3,144)</b>

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	2019/20	2020/21	Total to Date
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<b>Income 91004</b>	0	(17,677)	(17,677)
<b>Expenditure 91003</b>	0	480	480
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>
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Other - ( Gift Aid) not yet in			
<b>Amended Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>	<b>(17,197)</b>

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**Net total** -79,112 55,321 -23,791



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