

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

### **Trustees' annual report for the period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023**

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

Charity name – The Mayor of Merton's Charitable Trust

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

\*Edith Macauley 24.06.19 onwards

\*Oonagh Moulton 24.06.19 onwards

\*Janice Howard 13.05.19 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.

How the charity is constituted – Trust

Trustee selection methods – the trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually after the Annual Meeting of Merton Council at which the Mayor is elected. There is an understanding that each year the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the previous year's Mayor may become Trustees. The appointments are noted by a meeting of the Council in June/July each year. The Trustees elect the Chair of the Trust Board at the first Trust Board meeting following Annual Council.

#### **Objectives and activities**

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

The Trust Deed states that the charity's objects are any purposes currently recognised as charitable and any new charitable purposes which are similar to another charitable purpose. The purpose of the Trust is to collect and distribute charitable donations for the benefit of the residents of the borough. The focus will shift from year to year so that each year the Trust can support specific organisations and/or themes such as young people, sport, the arts etc.

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 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

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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:–

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	01/04/2022	to	31/03/2023
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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>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>48,271</b>	<b>48,271</b>	<b>23,789</b>
<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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	33,251
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>33,251</b>
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

**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 31/03/2023.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

14/04/23

**Name:**

Margaret Culleton

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

CPFA

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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