

Charity registration number 1151658

Company registration number 07265480 (England and Wales)

**WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Status** Charitable company limited by guarantee

**Trustees** David Wade  
Cynthia Eccles  
Jennifer Morley  
Gareth Jones  
Simon Evans  
Philip Jackson  
Carol Brookshaw  
Roger Carter  
Sandra Kim Aspinall

**Charity number** 1151658

**Company number** 07265480

**Registered office** Westbourne Hall Community Centre  
Westbourne Road  
West Kirby  
Wirral  
CH48 4DQ

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16 Holmwood Drive  
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# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

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# **WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

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The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of Westbourne Hall Community Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 May 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity'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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **a. Policies and objectives**

The objects of the charity are to further or benefit the residents of West Kirby and the neighbourhood and other districts the Trustees shall deem appropriate, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary or 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 residents.

When planning and programming activities for the local residents, the Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commissions guidelines on Public Benefit.

#### **b. Activities for achieving objectives**

We aim to continue to provide a welcoming, safe environment for the community, reflecting local needs and activities, encouraging services supporting and contributing to the health and well-being of all ages and abilities.

Westbourne Hall is available for hire by any individual or organisation in accordance with the standard hiring agreement and scale of charges adopted for the year. It is intended that the scale of charges be sufficient to generate enough income to meet the expenditure incurred in providing the hall on a day to day basis, with designated reserves held for planned future maintenance and development projects.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### **a. Review of activities**

##### **Income**

In the year ended 31 May 2024 the charity generated £42,337 (2023: £36,429) from community hall hire, up 16% on the previous year, and the trustees are pleased to report that income levels have now returned to pre-covid levels. Other income has been generated in the year from donations, fundraising, and interest, including a very generous £2,000 donation from hall users the Concourse Singers.

Hall hire income in the first half of the year was directly impacted by the Wirral Council restoration programme on the Ashton Park lake, but in the second half of the year the hall income has covered running costs and the trustees have been pleased to see the hall reach a break even position. The revised scale of charges in September 2023 were generally well received, and we remain grateful for the continuing support from hall users.

Continuing efforts have also been made to manage costs as much as possible, and the overall deficit in the year is reduced to £3,076 (2023: £12,127), part of which has been funded from designated funds.

##### **Staffing**

Our two part-time members of staff, the Hall Manager and the Facilities & Administration Officer, remained highly committed in the year and their efforts in managing the hall and improving the facilities for users were once again very much appreciated by the Board. Their hard work has helped us to achieve the break-even position in the second half of 2023-24, and the board have reviewed and agreed a revised pay structure with effect from April 2024.



# **WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

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### **Policies and Procedures**

In prior years there has been a re-drafting of our Conditions of Hire documentation and we also reviewed our Health and Safety and Computer Security procedures and there is an ongoing overview of policies and procedures to ensure they are fit for purpose.

We continue to monitor our hall charges in order to help ensure that the charity can continue to cover its operating costs in future years.

### **Marketing**

It is an ongoing process to improve our marketing of the hall and its facilities and our staff have worked hard again this year to manage our online and social media presence.

### **Building Improvement Projects**

Further funds have been allocated this year for maintenance and development projects to maintain and improve the facilities for Hall users, of which £2,337 (2023: £2,411) is included within the reported deficit for the year. Transfers have also been made from the maintenance fund to general funds of £Nil (2023: £15,000).

### **b. Investment policy and performance**

The majority of the funds of the charity are held in cash deposits with two banks, being Unity Trust Bank and COIF Charities Deposit Fund.

Two separate interest bearing deposit accounts have been set up with COIF Charities Deposit Fund to hold certain amounts designated by the Trustees for future Planned Maintenance and Development projects.

### **Financial review**

#### **a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### **b. Risk Management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems, policies and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

#### **c. Reserves policy**

#### **Designated Funds**

The balances held in Designated Funds at 31 May 2024 represent specific unrestricted funds set aside for future Planned Maintenance and Development projects, to which funds will be moved appropriately and which may be drawn upon as necessary.

#### **General Funds**

The balance of £13,679 in respect of general unrestricted funds represents the remaining amounts retained from past activities as well as any transfers from designated funds. The balance is accumulated so as to be available for use when circumstances require and to cover a sufficient period of expected future expenditure, with the aim being that funds held at the year end will cover between three and six months of expected operational expenditure.

#### **d. Plans for future periods**

The trustees are hopeful that hall income levels can be maintained to cover regular hall running costs in future periods. There are separate designated funds for maintenance and development projects, and as there is a need to replace the stage lighting this may require the use of the maintenance fund in 2024-25, alongside any grant funding that can be secured for the project.

# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

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### Structure, governance and management

#### a. Constitution

The charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 18 May 2010. The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association (as amended on 9 March 2013) and is a registered charity number 1151658. Every person who is a member of the company agrees to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of the charity being wound up. There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

#### b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

David Wade

Cynthia Eccles

Jennifer Morley

Gareth Jones

Simon Evans

Philip Jackson

Simon Trout

(Resigned 4 December 2023)

Carol Brookshaw

Roger Carter

Sandra Kim Aspinall

(Appointed 4 December 2023)

#### c. Organisational structure and decision making

Westbourne Hall Community Trust is run by a Board of Trustees who have control of the charity, its property and funds. There are up to four First Trustees, elected by the members, and up to four Trustees elected by representatives of user groups. Up to a further four Trustees may also be co-opted for particular projects or expertise.

First Trustees retire in rotation, over a 3 year period, and may be re-elected in accordance with our Articles of Association. User Group & Co-opted Trustees stand down every year but may be re-elected or co-opted in accordance with our Articles of Association. The Board establishes a programme of meetings at the beginning of each year with an average of 5 meetings.

Day to day running of the Hall is by a part-time Manager assisted by a part-time Facilities and Administration Officer and a rota of Community Volunteers.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Simon Evans

Trustee

Dated: 24/2/2025



# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Westbourne Hall Community Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 May 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 all the applicable 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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements 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.



Stephen Leonard FCCA

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Dated: 24/2/2025

# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	2,001	18
Charitable activities	3	42,337	36,429
Other trading activities	4	1,134	661
Investments	5	3,561	2,091
<b>Total income</b>		<u>49,033</u>	<u>39,199</u>
Charitable activities	6	<u>52,109</u>	<u>51,326</u>
<b>Net expenditure and movement in funds</b>		(3,076)	(12,127)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 June 2023		<u>83,697</u>	<u>95,824</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 May 2024</b>		<u><u>80,621</u></u>	<u><u>83,697</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		-		18
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	2,956		4,199	
Cash at bank and in hand		79,605		81,556	
		82,561		85,755	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	1,940		2,076	
Net current assets			80,621		83,679
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			80,621		83,697
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			80,621		83,697
			80,621		83,697

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 May 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24/2/2025

  
Simon Evans  
Trustee

Company registration number 07265480 (England and Wales)

# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Westbourne Hall Community Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Westbourne Hall Community Centre, Westbourne Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 4DQ.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity'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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of any restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **1.4 Income**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.



# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT and other equipment	3 to 5 years straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### **1.10 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### **1.11 Retirement benefits**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	2,001	18
Grants receivable for core activities	-	-



# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Hire of premises and related income	42,337	36,429

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	1,134	661

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	3,561	2,091

### 6 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	31,613	31,389
Depreciation and impairment	18	206
Premises and other direct costs	20,120	19,371
Bank charges	108	110
	51,859	51,076
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	250	250
	52,109	51,326

# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

### 7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	2023 £	Basis of allocation
Independent examination fee	-	250	250	250	Governance
	-	250	250	250	
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	250	250	250	

### 8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Facilities management and administration	2	2
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Wages and salaries	31,056	30,838
Other pension costs	557	551
	31,613	31,389

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

### 11 Tangible fixed assets

IT and other equipment  
£

#### Cost

At 1 June 2023

1,031

At 31 May 2024

1,031

#### Depreciation and impairment

At 1 June 2023

1,013

Depreciation charged in the year

18

At 31 May 2024

1,031

#### Carrying amount

At 31 May 2024

-

At 31 May 2023

18

Westbourne Hall is held under a 99 year lease from Wirral Borough Council, effective from 13 November 2013.

### 12 Debtors

2024  
£

2023  
£

#### Amounts falling due within one year:

Other debtors

1,919

1,266

Prepayments and accrued income

1,037

2,933

2,956

4,199

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2024  
£

2023  
£

Accruals and deferred income

1,940

2,076

# WESTBOURNE HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

#### 14 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 June 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 May 2024 £
Maintenance Fund	44,540	-	(2,337)	-	42,203
Development Fund	24,739	-	-	-	24,739
General funds	14,418	49,033	(49,772)	-	13,679
	<u>83,697</u>	<u>49,033</u>	<u>(52,109)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,621</u>
Previous year:	At 1 June 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 May 2023 £
Maintenance Fund	61,951	-	(2,411)	(15,000)	44,540
Development Fund	24,739	-	-	-	24,739
General funds	9,134	39,199	(48,915)	15,000	14,418
	<u>95,824</u>	<u>39,199</u>	<u>(51,326)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,697</u>