



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	11	2021	To	31	10	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **ECCLES COMMUNITY HALL ORGANISATION (ECHO)**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1152625**

Charity's principal address

ECHO
ECCLES TOWN HALL
CHURCH STREET, ECCLES
Postcode **M30 0LH**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter William Grove	Chair		Trustees and Members
2	Everard Lionel Kempster	Treasurer		Trustees and Members
3	Vania Elizabeth Burnell	Secretary		Trustees and Members
4	James Edward Rayner			Trustees and Members
5	Eileen Guppy			Trustees and Members
6	Peter William Grove			Trustees and Members
7	Pamela Hughes			Trustees and Members
8	Peter Gordon Sharpe			Trustees and Members

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 24 th May 2013
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by members and/or charity trustees as governed by our constitution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

ECHO policies and procedures are easily accessible to all volunteers and trustees. We provide ongoing training on our policies and procedures which are regularly reviewed.

Policies and procedures include:

Constitution
Safety Audit
Fire Risk assessment
Premises Licence
Bar Policy with challenge 21 policy
Music Licence
Hall Hire terms and conditions
Equal opportunities
Safeguarding

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF CITY OF SALFORD AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, 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 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 RESIDENTS.

IN FURTHERANCE OF 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 CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

ECHO closed March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and only reopened for hire of the hall in May 2022. During the period whilst the hall was closed it was used as a Covid testing centre. The necessary repairs and renovation arising from this activity, together with further repairs resulting from water leaks from the buildings roof, were described in Section D of the previous year's Trustees Annual Report. Some of these repairs remained outstanding at the end of the previous reporting period.

During March and April 2022 the repairs were finally completed and the Hall became available for hire. We opened with a charitable event on behalf of the Salford Ceremonial Mayor. There followed a concert by Salford Symphony Orchestra and a number of free concerts by Eccles Borough Band. One of these latter concerts was part of the annual International Competition for Brass Band Conductors whilst another was a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The hall has provided a venue for local organisations, such as Salford Community Volunteer Service, Eccles Neighbourhood Team, Answer Cancer, Salford Probation Service and Monton Art Group. A local Music School, The Music Shed Ltd, held a concert for groups of pupils with ages from seven upwards, some with visual impairment or Special Educational Needs. Another charity concert was held on behalf of Myeloma UK by the Sheedy Frost folk group.

Further charitable concerts are already booked for next year, a number of which are repeat bookings from previous hirers.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As noted in our previous report, the position as of 31-10-21 was that ECHO was liaising with Salford Council to try to establish when the various repairs to the building would be completed.

In the first months of 2022 negotiations with Salford Council allowed the final repairs and restoration of the hall to be completed. The landing carpet, damaged by a roof leak, was replaced and the floor of the hall sanded and then varnished to fully return the hall to its previous condition.

Our principal achievement for the year was re-establishing contact with our Trustees and Volunteers and putting in place the necessary organisation to permit reopening the hall with a busy programme of events, following such a prolonged period of inactivity. It is thanks to the enthusiasm of the Volunteers that this went so well. The Trustees were able to provide a buffet lunch and social event with the Volunteers to say a well-deserved 'thank you.'

In addition to the events quoted in Section C above, ECHO were able to support the first Eccles Festival to be held after the Covid lockdowns, running a popular café with performances by a local Yemeni traditional dance group, the Barton Belles acapella group, the Barton Theatre Company and a number of Salford poets.

Finally, with these and some more commercial events, ECHO have managed to maintain ourselves financially and to have sufficient funds available for further development and improvement of the venue.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves were utilised to make ECHO ready to reopen and sufficient funds are available to meet running costs and further improvements for the next twelve months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Section F

Other optional information

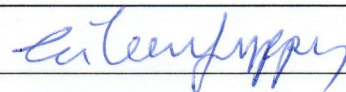
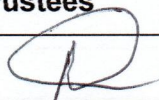
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Peter William Grove

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

TRUSTEE

Date

23/11/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ECCLES COMMUNITY HALL ORGANISATION (ECHO)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st October 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1152625

Set out on pages

1,2,3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

Not applicable.

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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

6.12.2022

Name:

Mr Bernard Marron

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

National certificate in business studies 1964

Address:

3, Bindloss Avenue

Eccles

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

ECHO

Receipts and Payments Accounts

1/11/21 to 31/10/22

Registered Charity Number 1152625 ECCLES COMMUNITY HALL ORGANISATION

A1 Receipts	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Hire of Hall regular bookings	£ -	
Hire of Hall individual bookings	£ 2,554.99	
Grants and Donations	£ 15.88	£ 24.99
Bank credit interest	£ -	
Raffles	£ -	
Catering & Bar income	-£ 1,498.35	
Miscellaneous income	£ 2,510.00	
SUB TOTAL	£ 3,582.52	£ 24.99
A2 Asset and investment sales		
SUB TOTAL	£ -	£ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 3,582.52	£ 24.99
A3 Payments		
Insurance, licences, rentals & prof' fees	£ 1,025.89	£ 70.00
Business Rates & Service charge	£ 1,055.29	£ 602.69
Building repairs, maintenance, Refurb	£ 384.40	£ 36,215.90
Stationery, postage & printing	£ 516.95	
Cleaning	£ 3,395.10	£ 211.90
Equipment purchases	£ 4,310.73	
Phone & Website	£ 31.18	
Payment to performers	£ -	
Wages & travel/lunch expenses	£ -	
SUB TOTAL	£ 10,719.54	£ 37,100.49
A4 Asset + investment purchases		
SUB TOTAL	£ -	£ -
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 10,719.54	£ 37,100.49
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	-£ 7,137.02	-£ 37,075.50
A6 CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END	£ 25,814.32	£ 63,389.82
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	£ 18,677.30	£ 26,314.32
B1 Cash Funds		
TSB Bank Account	£ 18,677.30	£ 25,814.32
Float	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	£ 19,177.30	£ 26,314.32