LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1154552

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-11-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF PEOPLE IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, BY PROVIDING GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING ADVICE AND SIGNPOSTING TO AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS.

Activities: We work with residents,money advisors,credit union, and other voluntary and statutory agencies to provide services,grants and advice to those in financial need We offer grants for school uniform,grants for fuel,subsidised meals for children in summer school break,trips,group activities,play and stay,community lunches and encourage residents to learn new skills that will help run the service

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Birmingham City

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£60,910	£81,593	-	-
2024-03-31	£122,143	£83,403	-	-
2023-03-31	£84,354	£85,444	-	-
2022-03-31	£88,001	£51,051	-	-
2021-03-31	£68,161	£37,731	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRAM SCOTT		2013-08-15
GERARDINE GIBLIN BA CQSWDSW		2022-11-23
Heather Dawn Baseley		2026-01-29
JACQUELINE PARKER		2013-08-15
Karen Bailey		2022-11-23
Margaret Weekes		2022-11-23

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Accounts

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LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2025

Ladywood
Community Project
Together we make a community

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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees of Ladywood Community Project present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Ladywood Community Project	
Charity registration no:	1154552	
Principal address:	Ladywood Community Centre St Vincent Street West Birmingham B16 8RP	
Board of Trustees:	Bram Scott	Chair
	Jacqueline Parker	
	Gillian Robinson	Resigned July 2024
	Gerardine Giblin	
	Margaret Weekes	
	Karen Bailey	
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Structure, Governance, and Management of the Trust

As of end of March 25, Ladywood Community Project employs two part time members of staff. There is a coordinator, Caron Hallahan who works for 30 hours and a Family support worker Alison Allen who works 30 hours. There are four volunteers. Gerardine Giblin (20 hours pw) Bernie Stringfellow (3 hours per week), Dot Collins (4 hours per week) and Jackie Parker (5 hours per week).

Other volunteers are recruited for events and projects especially at the Christmas party and there can be up to 20 volunteers at each event.

The day-to-day work of the project is reviewed by the Advisory committee and feedback is given to the trustees. They meet every 3-4 months and are made up of local community members and local organisations.

Advisory committee this year consists of 4 residents, reps from 2 local charities, a local Councillor, and a Birmingham City council representative. Staff and a trustee are also present to feedback. This provides a level of accountability to the community and gives good opportunities to network and add value to the service.

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of people in financial hardship, by providing grants, items and services, including advice and signposting to agencies and organisations.

Background

Ladywood Community Project registered as a charity in November 2013. It had previously operated as a multi-disciplinary support agency operated by Birmingham City Council funded staff. It had been in existence since 1986 and is a well - known and trusted resource in the area and is seen as a first port of call to residents who need help.

Poverty continues to be a major issue for our residents. Latest figures, published by End Poverty campaigners show that Ladywood is the third poorest area in the country with 54% of children (17,938) growing up in poverty. 26.6% of residents live with fuel poverty (twice National average)

Ladywood is an area of high social housing and private rented with many residents working in low paid jobs. Many struggle to find adequately paid work to bring them out of poverty. Food and fuel have risen significantly over this period. We have seen the demands for our services increase as more and more people have fallen from the "just about managing" to being in financial crisis and needing help just to put food on the table and keep their lights on. It is a sad fact that many have do without heating or food just to survive.

The Ladywood Community project endeavours to improve the lives of local people in poverty or financial hardship and help, not only when they have a crisis but tackle the isolation and stress that poverty brings. We encourage families to feel part of a wider community that can offer friendships, shared leisure and be an active part of our team to address issues that worry them. We achieve this through practical, educational, physical, and financial interventions for those most in need of support.

We provide assistance to those who are in a crisis by giving emergency help with gas/electricity through our partnership with Fuel Foundation, food from our stocks, helping with school uniforms, referring to local food banks, benefits and debt advice, letting them use our facilities- washing machine, dryer, cooker/microwave and listening to them when they are upset, in hardship, depression or anxiety or just in need of someone to talk to.

We work in partnership with other agencies to create a Resource hub where residents can come in for debt and benefit advice, help with water bills, look for employment or be directed to agencies for their housing and other needs.

We offer residents support and encourage them to drop in and use our garden, kitchen and lounge, have free refreshments, meet other families, get help and advice, join one of our groups or activities or go on our trips. We run a popular play and stay group giving parents and children opportunities to learn through play, craft and trips to enhance children's experiences and encourage development.

In the school holidays (summer and Christmas), dependant on funds, we give supermarket vouchers to obtain fresh food as a way of helping those families whose children would normally get free school meals or those families who are on low income or burdened with debt.

In the summer we have weekly activities and trips, including one to the seaside or resort. All activities are free, and trips are heavily subsidised. We hold community events often in partnership with other local agencies to help people feel part of a community and not so isolated. At Christmas we hold a party for up to 150 children aged 0-11years. We have an entertainer, DJ, crafts, and food. Santa sees the children in his Grotto and there are presents for all the children. We take over the whole of the community centre and are helped by 20+ volunteers. It is very popular with local parents and children.

Over the years we have built up a network of other agencies that refer to us for help for residents. These are local primary schools, Ladywood Community Advice, Birmingham Settlement, Children's Trust. They rely on us for help when their clients are in crisis or need extra help in the summer and at Christmas struggling to buy uniform.

This year 24/25 we have received 429 referrals from outside agencies.

Governance

This year one of our Trustees, Gill Robinson has stepped down. Gill has been a constant volunteer during the life of this charity and indeed has been very active in Ladywood for the last 40 years. She gave a great deal of her time in being part of the team organising and running the Fundays and Christmas parties and was chair of Ladywood residents group in the past and a member of Ladywood Development Trust. She has always had the interests of Ladywood residents in mind.

We thank her for her involvement and encouragement. We hope that she will still attend the Advisory committee as a resident.

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This year marks a period of unrest for this charity, residents and council services in Ladywood. Redevelopment plans have suffered delay after delay and so no firm plans could be made. We understand that the even the original plans for redevelopment have been redesigned and time scales have been reviewed.

Until contracts are signed, Ladywood residents and organisations will not know what the new plans are. It is anticipated that this will happen soon.

Birmingham City council is bankrupt and plans to either sell or demolish its community centres. We were told that we would need to vacate the building possibly by the end of March 25. This represents a major change for the charity.

This year we have been preoccupied with making contingency plans. We originally investigated taking over the building as a community asset transfer. We spoke to other interested partners who had an interest in forming a syndicate to own and manage the building as we knew that we did not have sufficient resources to do it on our own. Birmingham City council surveyed the building and informed us of the costs to do essential repairs. Unfortunately, this did not make the building financially viable and so we have been looking for alternative accommodation.

We have a great deal of equipment stored at the community centre and so needed to find a base for this as well as a base for staff and other services. We felt the nature of our work needed to be in the Ladywood area so that we could maintain the face-to-face aspect of our work which is so important to local residents.

We have identified possible storage at St John and St Peter's schoolhouse and short-term accommodation locally.

There will be many changes that residents will go through and indeed the makeup of the area will drastically change in the long term We will need to respond to the needs of those most vulnerable and help them to navigate these changes.

Trustees are currently in talks with Councillors to keep fully up to date with the future proposals.

Our Benefactors

We have received donations for this year to help with our anti-poverty initiatives as well as a bigger fund from Tudor Trust to support our core costs. The grant from Tudor ends this year. It does not appear in the accounts as this year was paid in the previous accounting period.

We continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of our local businesses and local trusts and churches. We have longstanding CSR partners who have such a great understanding of our aims. They keep in regular contact with us and respond well to our requests for financial help towards our anti-poverty initiatives and needs for volunteers for specific tasks.

We would like to thank BHSF, Federated Hermes, Al Rayan bank, Gowling WLG, Bayfield trust, Abacus, Nisa Retail group, Paradise Circus, Civic Square, WPR, J Hudson (Acme Whistles), Colmore BID, Cambridge Rd Methodists, Unitarian Church, Baron Davenports Trust, Michael Marsh Trust, Galliard, Brindley Place, WB Creative, St Johns and St Peters church, Concordia, William Cadbury Trust and Margetts Trust .

We also have many local businesses who have given our children experiences that will add to their positive memories of childhood. Paradise gave us a giant egg for our garden. Botanical Gardens welcomed our families to the Luminate event, Teddy bear's picnic and the ladybug's ball. PWC gave us tickets for families to see "The Little Mermaid" at The Alex. Colmore BID gave Easter eggs, Xmas hampers, and Dishoom hosted breakfast with Santa. Albert Schloss gave Xmas gifts and story time as well as hot chocolate, pastries and entrance to the big wheel and skating.

We would also like to thank the many individuals who give us monthly donations or money in response to our initiatives. We could not help as many people without their goodwill and generosity.

We also have regular volunteers who help us throughout the year particularly when we have events. We wish to thank them all. Their help is invaluable, and we cannot do all we do without them.

Achievements & Performance

Our Work 2024/25

Crisis Help

We are increasingly asked to help those whose wages or benefits are not lasting until the next pay day. This can be for a variety of reasons although currently the prolonged rises in food costs and fuel have taken their toll and many have no savings left to fall back on.

Increasingly people do not have enough food or electricity to last until the next day and so we help with emergency grants in the form of supermarket vouchers. We can give families choice and dignity to buy food that is appropriate to their needs and preferences. We do not give cash, and we keep records of those who benefit from this and if the crisis is regular offer support to help remedy the cause.

We take referrals from trusted agencies such as Children's Trust workers and debt and benefits advisors and ensure that this help is given to those in most need. This year we have helped 89 adults and 119 children by giving supermarket vouchers. This demand has doubled in the last year.

Fuel help

Many families are struggling to maintain a constant fuel supply in their homes and with fuel prices rising, this is increasingly taking more and more of their weekly budget.

In the winter there is extra pressure on heating costs and in the summer months the children are at home and families use more electricity and gas for cooking. The upcoming increases in the costs of fuel are particularly worrying, and for many of our residents, self-disconnection from supply will be a painful reality.

For several years, we have raised money to help individuals and families in greatest need keep their supply on particularly if a financial crisis arises due to a delay in benefit or an unexpected cost arising. During the lockdown 2020, we joined the Fuel Foundation and are now able to give help without giving cash. A code is sent to the user's phone which can be used to top up their prepayment meter. The amount given varies throughout the year dependant on weather conditions in anticipation of fuel needed.

Families must be referred to the scheme from a money advisor, or other professionals such as health visitor, social care or support worker, advice staff at Birmingham food bank. Households must be in crisis with their supply in danger of being disconnected because of lack of funds.

During 24/25 we gave crisis help for fuel by making 189 referrals to the Fuel Foundation.

Holiday Hunger

We know that parents struggle to feed their children during the summer, Easter and Christmas school break.

During term times many children have free school meals. Parents have not only extra food costs during the summer months but extra fuel costs.

For many years we have been giving extra support during holiday periods and whenever the family are in need

Families in need are referred from local schools, children's trust support workers and debt and money advisors. In this way we know that we are reaching the most disadvantaged members of our community.

In Summer 2024 we helped 92 families that is 125 adults and 237 children by giving each household £100 supermarket vouchers.

At Christmas 2024 we gave supermarket vouchers, (£50 families £40 couple £30 singles) to 108 adults and 219 children.

We also made 57 referrals to food banks and gave 51 bags of food/toiletries/nappies from our stocks.

Help with school uniform

We know from our many years of working with parents that buying school uniform in the summer is a very difficult and stressful time for parents. This is particularly true when children are moving from Primary to Secondary schools.

The cost of clothing with the school logo is very high and require shopping in a specialist uniform shop. Parents struggle financially in the long summer holiday when there are extra food and fuel costs and buying uniform for all your children is daunting.

Children need to have the correct kit so that they can feel confident particularly when it is a new school they are attending.

We started the uniform fund many years ago.

Parents are referred by schools, children's trust workers and debt and money advice professionals. We purchase the items that the children need online to provide a bespoke service.

The families who are referred often need extra help because they have no recourse to public funds, are in debt or all their children have had to move school because of homelessness or other problems.

This year we helped 45 families and their 58 children.

Hardship Fund

The fund is to assist those who are homeless or at reach of losing their properties or finding that they cannot live there because of lack of facilities.

In the past we have helped with basic items of furniture such as mattresses, fridges, gas/electric, prescription costs, bus fare etc.

This year we have supported 8 residents who were struggling with their lack of resources. We bought a term bus pass for a child to get to school, helped with food hardship, gave emergency fuel and small grants to those waiting for benefits.

Resource Hub

We wanted to create a hub where agencies could come to offer help and advice to the community.

We are in touch with a few agencies who could provide a twice monthly advice service. We already had a debt worker from the Settlement who attends weekly and someone from Severn Trent who attends every fortnight.

We share our space with a benefits advice team, Ladywood Community Advice.

On a Tuesday and Wednesday residents can come to see a specialist advisor, get emergency help from this charity or be signposted to other organisations and agencies, use our washing machine/dryer, get help with food or just contact us for information or support

This year, an average 51 people have attended over the two days. This has been for: benefit enquiries (899) Severn Trent help (190) Debt (180) Advocacy (127) Support (651) Drop in (657) Our washing /drying machines have been used 51 times.

All visitors to our facilities are offered free refreshments and use of the garden to sit in.

Activities

In reviewing their activities, the trustees have referred to the Charity Commission guidance of public benefit.

Wrigglers play and stay

This is held on Monday mornings 10.00-11.45am during term time and is well attended. Children aged 4 and under attend with their parent/s and take part in creative play/cooking/activities. We have also engaged the children in growing vegetables and fruit.

There are outside trips to local places like the reservoir or local leisure centre for swimming.

This year Wrigglers group visited Ash End House Farm, had a Xmas party with presents and Santa, had breakfast at Albert Schloss,

There are on average 12 families who attend weekly.

This is a group, well represented by the wide diversity of cultures living in Ladywood. We celebrated these different cultures with foods and stories.

The group helps to promote harmony and understanding between the parents as well as their children and a great support network has built up. It is a chance for parents to form friendships and help with isolation especially if they are the only adult in the household. The children also form friendships, and regular attendance provides the perfect transition into nursery.

Low-cost trips

Many parents dread the long summer, Easter and Christmas school breaks because there is a lack of affordable activities and to take children out costs extra money and many parents struggle to cope with these expenses. Parents sometimes feel upset that they cannot give holidays and outings to their children, and this undermines their expectations of what a good parent should provide. Relationships can sometimes suffer, and it is not always a positive time for families.

Since the project has been operating, we have always tried to offer very low-cost trips and activities. We want to help families to enjoy their time together and with the rest of their community. It is important for children because we all need positive memories in our childhood.

We have heavily subsidized our coach trips so that the cost per seat is a minimal amount. (typically, £2 per seat) We have also provided lunch packs to keep costs down for the families.

This makes a day out affordable even for the largest family who would never have the opportunity or funds to enjoy a day out together.

In summer 2024 we had a trip to Twin Lakes which was enjoyed by 18 parents and 31 children

Local Trips

Each year we are very fortunate to take families on trips, not just in the summer holidays, but throughout the year.

Places the families like to go to are local attractions, so we do walking trips, where we meet at the community centre and walk together, families bring along a packed lunch, we bring light weight sports equipment i.e., balls, bats, frisbees, hula hoops.

We go to the Edgbaston reservoir on a nature walk then on to the picnic area for lunch and games. We are also near the city centre and walking along the canal is enjoyed by all.

Having walking trips allows families to see what open free space they have on their doorstep as a lot of our families live in the high-rise tower blocks in confined accommodation. They enjoy nothing more than getting out and about.

In April we were invited by Colmore BID to attend film Willy Wonka at St Philip's cathedral

In the summer we attended nature walking trips, Teddy Bear's picnic and Ladybug ball courtesy of The Botanical Gardens

We held an in-house cinema day with popcorn supplied by Rudy's

At October half term families attended an inflatable party at Ladywood Leisure centre.

In December we were invited to breakfast with Santa and 7 families attended. Children and their parents had breakfast at a city centre restaurant and received presents thanks to Dishoom and Albert Schloss.

In February we were given free tickets to see The Little Mermaid at the Alex.

Ladywood Funday

Ladywood Fundays had been an annual event for over 10 years and have been greatly enjoyed by our community. This year it took place on Saturday 20th July, on the grounds of St John & St Peters school grounds and adjacent field.

It was a great success with 400 plus residents attending. The event was brought together by local organisations, charity groups, schools, faith groups, BCC regeneration team & community individuals and volunteers.

Many of the activities were free. There were free inflatables. Patchwork meadow did crafts and seed sharing. Eat, make & play provided compost and cutting of veg plants to grow at home. Ladywood community Project provided free hand and face glitter art, also free water and cans of pop, sweets.

Alex a former local schoolteacher created a treasure hunt. Medals were awards to the children who completed the hunt. Over 100 children took part in event.

Suited for success held a clothing sale rail, with very low-cost work attire and some casual clothing.

Ladywood leisure centre came along with a cycle bike and rowing machine, so people could do a challenge, prizes were given to those who won.

BCC regeneration team held a colouring competition with prizes to the best, they also were available to anyone who wanted an update on the future for the area.

Youth on Stage, attended and did performances throughout day, promoting the drama group who meet in Ladywood and work with local children, to produce theatre production that take place in theatres around Birmingham.

Simon and sons ice cream sold ice creams at a very low cost and donated to the future event.

TS Vernon were unable to attend on the day but provided a tug of war rope and a volunteer

So Funk Fitness Sharon, introduced her so funk dance fitness to locals. Some of her regular class members were volunteering on the day, so they encouraged others to partake in the session.

Civic square held a craft stall where everyone had a chance to make a mini bench. This was to focus on sitting and talking to folk on benches doted around the local area.

TRJFP Central provide a variety of hot food including baked potatoes, veggie burgers, meat burgers, chicken, hot dogs, salad, patties. This was on a pay as you feel basis.

The rain held off until closing. Many thanks to all who came to volunteer, setting up, manning the stalls/inflatable, staying in the rain to help close and pack away, after a long but successful day. They were Pat, Margaret, Bernie, Heather, Harry, Lily, Megan, Molly, Lisa, Annabel, Christine, Laurie and Winnie

I would like to say a big thank you to Alex who helped from the start designing the posters, creating the treasure hunt, providing a lot of support and help with the organising alongside the staff of Ladywood community project.

Thank you to the organisations that donated funding to enable the day to take place.

Christmas Party

Ladywood is an area with a high incidence of child poverty and many of our families would not be able to afford a visit to see Father Christmas. Our parties are therefore very popular, and this year was no exception.

In previous years we have combined children visiting Santa in his Grotto with the parties. This year we decided to separate the party from the Santa visits. We invited children from the nine primary schools in the area and parents had to pre- book their place.

Parents could bring all their children. We charged £2 for children at the primary school and under 4s and over 11s were free. We bought presents for our core age group worth approx. £8 but still gave the other age groups a Santa's gift.

We held the Grottos over 3 days after school. Children took part in a colouring competition, had glitter tattoos and refreshments before seeing Santa.

In total 122 children saw Santa 99 (ages 4-11) 16 (ages 0-3) 5 (ages11+)

Everyone who saw Santa was invited to a bigger party which took place on Friday 20th December.

We had a DJ, food, dancing, and games for the children. There were prizes for the games and the colouring competition. Each family was given a raffle ticket on entry, and we had a grand raffle at the end of the event. (prizes courtesy of Acme Whistles**)**

We are very grateful to all our partners who helped us either by contributing money to buy vouchers, collecting food and toys, giving presents to pass on to the children or helped us preparing for our events or volunteering at the party/Grotto events. Without you, we would not have been able to be so generous this Christmas. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped us wrapping presents, helping us with the Grottos and party.

They are Bernie, Kath, Pat, Pat, Bram, Lorrie, Alex, Annabel, Dawn, Sue, James, Harvey, Nettes, Linda, Dolores, Helen, Emma, Mitosis, Becky, Amanda, Polly, William, Jen, Nicky, Tom, Heather, Kay, Jennie, Kiran, Imogen, Neil, Brendan, Sharrane, Heather, Victoria, Johanna, Rachel, Kenny, Katie, Laura and Alice.

All the children really enjoyed themselves and for many it was their first community Christmas party.

Christmas Holiday Help

We operated a Xmas holiday help project. We took referrals from schools, children's trust support workers, debt advisors, benefit advisors and also recommended users of our service.

We bought supermarket vouchers, chocolates and asked our network of contacts to donate toys/presents /toiletries and food. We gave each family vouchers up to £70, a tub of chocolates, games/toys.

We helped 82 families, which is 108 adults and 219 children that were referred to us.

We gave toys and personal care presents to an extra 40 children that attended the project during December. We also made up 20 food and toiletries /dignity packs and distributed them to people coming in with a crisis.

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We would like to thank Michael Marsh trust, Gowling, Aston University staff, Colmore BID, BMI, BHSF, Acme Whistles, WPR, Baren Davenport Trust, Galliard, Colmore BID, Concordia, Cambridge Rd Methodist church, Sisk, Brindley Place, Mike Gibbs, Ian Galer, Fuel Bank, Albert Schloss restaurant, Dishoom, and Suited for Success.

Referrals to Birmingham City Mission

We are very pleased to be one of the referrals agents for City Mission. They deliver toys to families at Christmas and offer a bespoke service.

We have to register the family details, and they deliver to their home. The quality of the toys is outstanding and really helps families at such an expensive and often stressful time.

This year we referred 81 families with 206 children.

Future

We are hoping that when we finally move, we will have more space to offer services. Our aims will include

Building on the success of interagency working in the resource centre by offering other agencies space to extend the range of advice offered.

Offering more groups to decrease isolation and give neighbours an opportunity to get to know each other and learn from each other.

Finding out what skills our community have and developing more user led groups and volunteering opportunities.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £60,910 (2024: £122,143).

Total expenditure for the year was £81,593 (2024: £83,403).

Total unrestricted funds held at 31 March 2025 and available for use towards the general objectives of the charity were £85,934 (2024: £70,144).

Trustees concluded that the level of unrestricted funds at the year-end is sufficient to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and enable it to continue its current activities should income decline or costs rise significantly.

Restricted funds held at 31 March 2025 which are to be used for the specific projects they were provided for were £15,299 (2024: £53,389).

Designated funds held at 31 March 2025 (which are unrestricted funds ear marked for specific projects by the board of Trustees) were £2,392 (2024: £775).

Reserves Policy

The charity has few overheads and is not locked into a lease agreement. Its antipoverty initiatives are funded through small grants specific to the needs of those in poverty. Any unrestricted reserves are spent on salaries and other costs, such as stationery, monthly rent, insurance and other running costs.

The trustees have decided that the charity need to keep in reserve a sum to cover any/all redundancy payments and 3 months running costs. This would be in the event:

- The charity had to close because of financial restraints;
- The post was no longer relevant to the aims of the charity

For this year the amount would be £25,000. This will be reviewed annually.

Trustee Fees/Expenses

Expenses of £nil (2024: £809) were paid to trustee Gerardine Giblin during the year, being £nil (2024: £9) was paid for trustee travel and £nil (2024: £799) was paid for travel as a volunteer.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

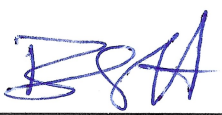
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Bram Scott

Position Chairman

Date 12.11.25

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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ladywood Community Project ('the Charity')

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Teresa Fennell

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Date: 14th November 2025

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended
31 March 2025

	Note	2025			2024		
RECEIPTS		**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted & Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
		£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations	**1**	**55,374**	**5,136**	**60,510**	25,543	12,838	38,381
Grants		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	83,605	83,605
Other		**400**	**-**	**400**	157	-	157
Total receipts		**55,774**	**5,136**	**60,910**	25,700	96,443	122,143
PAYMENTS							
Charitable Activities	**1**	**38,367**	**43,226**	**81,593**	30,160	53,243	83,403
Total payments		**38,367**	**43,226**	**81,593**	30,160	53,243	83,403
Net receipts/(payments)		**17,407**	**(38,090)**	**(20,683)**	(4,460)	43,200	38,740
Transfers between funds		**-**	**-**	**-**	5,840	(5,840)	-
Cash funds @ 31.3.2024		70,919	53,389	124,308	69,539	16,030	85,568
Cash funds @ 31.3.2025	**2**	**88,326**	**15,299**	**103,625**	70,919	53,389	124,308

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	2025			2024		
CASH FUNDS	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted & Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand	**555**	-	**555**	1,125	-	1,125
Vouchers unspent	**1,331**	-	**1,331**	1,481	-	1,481
Cash at Bank	**86,440**	**15,299**	**101,739**	68,313	53,389	121,702
Total Cash funds	**88,326**	**15,299**	**103,625**	70,919	53,389	124,308
ASSETS						
Vouchers purchased for distribution	**3,420**	-	**3,420**	5,940	-	5,940
Total Cash Funds and Assets	3,420	-	**3,420**	5,940	-	5,940
LIABILITIES						
Pension	**162**	-	**162**	-	-	-
HMRC PAYE	**(11)**	-	**(11)**	-	-	-
Repayment of money received in error	**351**	-	**351**	-	-	-
Independent examination	**465**	-	**465**	465	-	465
BCA - Accounts preparation	**420**	-	**420**	420	-	420
BCA - Bookkeeping	**480**	-	**480**	648	-	648
Payroll	**64**	-	**64**	64	-	64
Total Liabilities	**1,931**	-	**1,931**	1,597	-	1,597

The receipts & payments accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12/11/25
and were signed on their behalf by:

B Scott
Chairman

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2025

1. Detailed Receipts & Payments Account

	2025			2024		
RECEIPTS	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted & Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
Income	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations	**54,783**	**5,136**	**59,919**	25,272	12,770	38,042
Gift Aid	**591**	**-**	**591**	271	68	338
Sundry income (e.g. ticket sales)	**400**	**-**	**400**	157	-	157
Grant income	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	83,605	83,605
Total receipts	**55,774**	**5,136**	**60,910**	25,700	96,443	122,143
PAYMENTS						
Salaries	**10,931**	**37,274**	**48,205**	9,007	34,575	43,582
Volunteer daily allowance	**-**		**-**	990	-	990
Event costs	**2,396**	**725**	**3,121**	676	4,727	5,404
Drop-in costs	**19**		**19**	119	-	119
Project costs	**13**	**88**	**101**	-	-	-
Vouchers/gift cards	**11,906**	**2,200**	**14,106**	8,895	10,127	19,022
Hardship	**-**		**-**	15	499	513
Uniform	**50**	**2,182**	**2,232**	27	1,406	1,433
Resources	**8**	**357**	**365**	293	-	293
Trips expenses	**868**	**400**	**1,268**	-	1,779	1,779
Emergency fuel	**-**		**-**	-	30	30
Christmas/Easter/Holiday Hunger project costs	**138**		**138**	-	-	-
Staff/Volunteer travel/Expenses	**-**		**-**	868	-	868
	26,329	**43,226**	**69,555**	20,891	53,142	74,033
General overheads						
Rent	**2,910**	**-**	**2,910**	2,310	-	2,310
Office Consumables	**172**	**-**	**172**	797	-	797
Telephone	**420**	**-**	**420**	420	-	420
Website	**230**	**-**	**230**	137	-	137
Computer equipment	**113**	**-**	**113**	70	-	70
Payroll fees	**254**	**-**	**254**	271	-	271
Sundry expenses	**179**	**-**	**179**	338	-	338
Subscriptions	**169**	**-**	**169**	122	-	122
Insurance	**331**	**-**	**331**	331	-	331
Staff/Volunteer training	**138**	**-**	**138**	-	-	-
Accountancy and Independent examinations	**885**	**-**	**885**	775	-	775
Bookkeeping	**5,928**	**-**	**5,928**	3,564	-	3,564
Bank/CAF Fees/Interest charges	**309**	**-**	**309**	135	101	236
	12,038	**-**	**12,038**	9,269	101	9,370
Total payments	**38,367**	**43,226**	**81,593**	30,160	53,243	83,403
Net receipts/(payments)	**17,407**	**(38,090)**	**(20,683)**	(4,460)	43,200	38,740

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2025

2. Funds analysis

Restricted funds	01 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 March 2025
Council (Hardship - Trident)	4,886	-	88	-	4,798
Private Donor	-	800	400	-	400
WPR Agency	2,358	1,500	2,182	-	1,676
MiCity	707	-	310	-	397
National Lottery	3,425	-	3,274	-	151
Federated Hermes	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
Karis Neighbour Scheme	-	86	86	-	-
BHSF	-	750	-	-	750
Birmingham City Council - Be Bold CIL	1,211	-	-	-	1,211
Birmingham City Council - Celebrating Communities	1,602	-	886	-	716
Tudor Trust	34,000	-	34,000	-	-
Gowling	5,200	-	-	-	5,200
	53,389	**5,136**	**43,226**	**-**	**15,299**
Designated funds					
Acme Whistles	-	1,500	1,500	-	-
Apsley Galliard	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Baron Davenport Trust	-	1,500	1,273	-	227
Civic Square	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Joe Lycett	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Per Pro Unitarian New Meeting	-	1,000	651	-	349
William A Cadbury	-	800	800	-	-
Funday	775		-	-	775
Various small designated funds	-	785	744		41
	775	**12,585**	**10,968**	**-**	**2,392**
Unrestricted funds	70,144	43,189	27,399	-	85,934
Total funds	**124,308**	**60,910**	**81,593**	**-**	**103,625**

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1154552

Accounts

Registered Charity No: 1154552

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2024

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Community Project
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LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees of Ladywood Community Project present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Ladywood Community Project	
Charity registration no:	1154552	
Principal address:	Ladywood Community Centre St Vincent Street West Birmingham B16 8RP	
Board of Trustees:	Bram Scott	Chair
	Jacqueline Parker	
	Gillian Robinson	
	Gerardine Giblin	
	Margaret Weekes	
	Karen Bailey	
Co-ordinator:	Gerardine Giblin	
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LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Structure, Governance, and Management of the Trust

As of end of March 24, Ladywood Community Project employs two part time members of staff. There is a coordinator, Caron Hallahan who works for 30 hours, a Family support worker Alison Allen who works 30 hours. There are four volunteers. Gerardine Giblin (20 hours pw) Bernie Stringfellow (3 hours per week), Dot Collins (4 hours per week) and Jackie Parker (5 hours per week).

Other volunteers are recruited for events and projects especially at the Christmas party and there can be up to 20 volunteers.

The day-to-day work of the project is reviewed by the Advisory committee and feedback is given to the trustees. They meet every 3 months and are made up of local community members and local organisations.

Advisory committee this year consists of 4 residents, reps from 2 local charities, a local Councillor, and a Birmingham City council representative. Staff and a trustee are also present to feedback. This provides a level of accountability to the community and gives good opportunities to network and add value to the service.

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of people in financial hardship, by providing grants, items and services, including advice and signposting to agencies and organisations.

Background

Ladywood Community Project registered as a charity in November 2013. It had previously operated as a multi-disciplinary support agency operated by Birmingham City Council funded staff. It had been in existence since 1986 and is a well - known and trusted resource in the area and is seen as a first port of call to residents who need help.

Poverty continues to be a major issue for our residents. Latest figures, published by End Poverty campaigners show that Ladywood is the third poorest area in the country with 54% of children (17,938) growing up in poverty. 26.6% of residents live with fuel poverty (twice National average)

Ladywood is an area of high social housing and private rented with many residents working in low paid jobs. Many struggle to find adequately paid work to bring them out of poverty. Food and fuel have risen significantly over this period. We have seen the demands for our services increase as more and more people have fallen from the "just about managing" to being in financial crisis and needing help just to put food on the table and keep their lights on. It is a sad fact that many have do without heating or food just to survive.

The Ladywood Community project endeavours to improve the lives of local people in poverty or financial hardship and help, not only when they have a crisis but tackle the isolation and stress that poverty brings. We encourage families to feel part of a wider community that can offer friendships, shared leisure and be an active part of our team to address issues that worry them. We achieve this through practical, educational, physical, and financial interventions for those most in need of support.

We provide assistance to those who are in a crisis by giving emergency help with gas/electricity, food from our stocks, helping with school uniforms, bus fares, nappies and pre-loved children's clothes and toys, referring to food bank, benefits and debt advice, letting

them use our facilities- washing machine, dryer, cooker/microwave and listening to them when they are upset, in hardship, depression or anxiety or just in need of someone to talk to.

We work in partnership with other agencies to create a Resource hub where residents can come in for debt and benefit advice, help with water bills, look for employment or be directed to agencies for their housing and other needs.

We offer residents support and encourage them to drop in and use our garden, kitchen and lounge, have free refreshments, meet other families, get help and advice, join one of our groups or activities or go on our trips. We run a popular play and stay group giving parents and children opportunities to learn through play, craft and trips to enhance children's experiences and encourage development.

In the school holidays (summer and Christmas), dependant on funds, we give supermarket vouchers to obtain fresh food as a way of helping those families whose children would normally get free school meals or those families who are on low income or burdened with debt.

In the summer we have weekly activities and trips, including one to the seaside or resort. All activities are free, and trips are heavily subsidised. We hold community events often in partnership with other local agencies to help people feel part of a community and not so isolated. At Christmas we hold a party for up to 150 children aged 0-11years. We have an entertainer, DJ, crafts, and food. Santa sees the children in his Grotto and there are presents for all the children. We take over the whole of the community centre and are helped by 20+ volunteers. It is very popular with local parents and children.

Governance

This year our Trustees have met more regularly and have worked on strengthening and updating policies. We are currently working on our risk assessment as events outside our control could threaten our accommodation in Ladywood.

Birmingham City Council is bankrupt. We are situated in a community centre and this will be affected by cuts in the staff who service the building. At the current time we are hopeful that this centre will not close as the whole area is due for redevelopment and contractors may need to use other parts of the building which might save it. The city council may also decide to asset transfer the building in the meantime. It will be due for demolition as part of the development although we are unsure of timescales. We do know that City Council services will decrease and this will have a detrimental effect on residents and the cleanliness of the area.

The redevelopment of the area has been planned for several years but was interrupted by the pandemic. The partnership of redevelopment is between the council and contractors with most of the land currently owned by the council. It has been proposed that it will be done in 4 stages. The tower blocks will remain, and other council accommodation and affordable housing will be built. There is a lot of anxiety amongst residents. Those who are homeowners will receive market value on their property but are not sure whether this will cover the affordable housing for sale, council tenants will be offered alternative accommodation, but private tenants will have no rights to be rehoused. Many older residents are particularly worried about their futures.

As far as we know, the community centre will be in Stage 2 of the development which will start in 2029. They will be building a new community centre as part of the redevelopment, and we have verbally been assured that we will get accommodation in this.

There will be many changes that residents will go through and indeed the makeup of the area will drastically change in the long term We will need to respond to the needs of those most vulnerable and help them to navigate these changes.

Trustees are currently in talks with Councillors to keep fully up to date with the future proposals.

10 Year Celebration

The trustees wanted to mark our 10 years as a charity with an event. We invited our benefactors, colleagues in other organisations and our service users to the community centre to learn about the last ten years as well as help us celebrate our achievements. It was a lovely day with over 60 people attending.

Staffing

We have lost our very part time admin person who acquired a more substantial post and have not recruited as yet. This has created extra pressure on our workers as they now have extra duties inputting into our data base which is time consuming.

Our Benefactors

We have received several grants this year to help with our anti-poverty initiatives as well as a bigger fund from Tudor Trust to support our core costs. The grant from Tudor this year's reflects two years funding at the beginning and end of the accounting period.

We have also been given smaller grants from Birmingham City council for a Funday and National Lottery to develop a Resource hub.

We continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of our local businesses and local trusts and churches. We have longstanding CSR partners who have such a great understanding of our aims. They keep in regular contact with us and respond well to our requests for financial help towards our anti-poverty initiatives and needs for volunteers for specific tasks.

We would like to thank BHSF, MEPC, Gowling WLG, Calthorpe trust, Abacus, Paradise Circus, WPR, J Hudson (Acme Whistles), Hydropower, Benevity, Colmore BID, Cambridge Rd Methodists, Baron Davenports Trust, Michael Marsh Trust, Galliard, Brindley Place, WB Creative, St Georges church, The Flapper Pub, BMI, and Property for Kids.

We would also like to thank the many individuals who give us monthly donations or money in response to our initiatives. We could not help as many people without their goodwill and generosity.

We were also the Charity of the Year for BTSS (Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society) who hosted a number of fundraising events on our behalf.

Gensler decorated our drop in with a beautiful mural that lifts the spirit of all who walk through the door and provided a much-needed notice board for all the artistic creations by our Wrigglers group.

Oe3 organised for us to be the beneficiary of 22 scooters with helmets and safety pads. We gave out these to families with children aged 6-16 over the summer.

We have been very fortunate to have an outstanding volunteer in John Pemberton who was a former resident. He runs his own business as an IT consultant and helps us with

everything digital to make our work run smoothly. He is very responsive especially when we need help and has been a great asset again this year.

We also have several regular volunteers who help us throughout the year particularly when we have events. We wish to thank Margaret, Annabel, Celine, Katarina, Christine, Laurie, Sarb, Suz, Corine, Kay, Dawn, Julie, Alex, Sharon, Karen, Joanne, Sam, Patricia, Bernie, Bram, Gill, Kath as well as all the volunteers from the businesses who wrap presents at Christmas and generally help us whenever we ask.

Our Work 2023/24

Crisis Help

We are increasingly asked to help those whose wages or benefits are not lasting until the next pay day. This can be for a variety of reasons although currently the tremendous rises in food costs and fuel have taken their toll and many have no savings to fall back on.

We can help to alleviate the short term crisis by referring to the Fuel foundation for money to be added to their prepayment meters We can refer to food banks or give a bag of food from our store but we also raise funds to give supermarket vouchers as an emergency.

We take referrals from trusted agencies such as Children's Trust workers and debt and benefits advisors and ensure that this help is given to those in most need. This year we have helped 42 adults and 53 children at a cost of £1,310 in vouchers.

Fuel help

Many families are struggling to maintain a constant fuel supply in their homes and with fuel prices rising, this is increasingly taking more and more of their weekly budget.

In the winter there is extra pressure on heating costs and in the summer months the children are at home and families use more electricity and gas for cooking. The upcoming increases in the costs of fuel are particularly worrying and for many of our residents, self-disconnection from supply will be a painful reality.

For several years, we have raised money to help individuals and families in greatest need keep their supply on particularly if a financial crisis arises due to a delay in benefit or an unexpected cost arising. During the lockdown 2020, we joined the Fuel Foundation and are now able to give help without giving cash. A code is sent to the user's phone which can be used to top up their prepayment meter. This amount of help used to give up to two weeks of help but now sadly because of the rises in prices it can only last a few days

Families must be referred to the scheme from a money advisor, credit union or other professional such as health visitor, social care or support worker, advice staff at Birmingham food bank. Households must be in crisis with their supply in danger of being disconnected because of lack of funds.

During 23/24 we gave crisis help for fuel by making 264 referrals to the Fuel Foundation.

Holiday Hunger

We know that parents struggle to feed their children during the summer, Easter and Christmas school break.

During term times many children have free school meals. Parents have not only extra food costs during the summer months but extra fuel costs.

For many years we have been giving extra support during holiday periods and whenever the family are in need

Families in need are referred from local schools, children's trust support workers and debt and money advisors. In this way we know that we are reaching the most disadvantaged members of our community.

In Summer 2023 we helped 98 families that is 131 adults and 268 children by giving £100 supermarket vouchers.

At Christmas 2023 we gave supermarket vouchers, (£70 families £40 couple £30 singles) to 61 adults and 129 children.

We also made 50 referrals to food banks and gave 25 bags of food from our stocks.

Warm Homes project

We applied for a grant to give 50 families a variety of items to help them keep their homes warmer and help keep costs down. These were LED light bulbs, blankets, torches and a flask. Families were referred for this scheme and items were given between January and June. Help was given to 50 households This was 182 members (72 adults and 110 children).

Help with school uniform

We know from our many years of working with parents that buying school uniform in the summer is a very difficult and stressful time for parents. This is particularly true when children are moving from Primary to Secondary schools. The cost of clothing with the school logo is very high and require shopping in a specialist uniform shop. Parents struggle financially in the long summer holiday when there are extra food and fuel costs and buying uniform for all your children is daunting. Children need to have the correct kit so that they can feel confident particularly when it is a new school they are attending.

We started the uniform fund many years ago. Parents are referred by schools, children's trust workers and debt and money advice professionals. We purchase the items that the children need online to provide a bespoke service. The families who are referred often need extra help because they have no recourse to public funds, are in debt or all their children have had to move school because of homelessness or other problems.

This year we helped 34 families and their 56 children.

Hardship Fund

The fund is to assist those who are homeless or at reach of losing their properties or finding that they cannot live there because of lack of facilities. In the past we have helped with basic items of furniture such as mattresses, fridges, gas/electric, prescription costs, bus fare etc.

This year we have supported 7 residents who were struggling with their lack of resources. We bought a term bus pass for a child to get to school, help with bus fares, emergency fuel and small grants to those waiting for benefits.

Resource Hub

We wanted to create a hub where agencies could come to offer help and advice to the community. We are in touch with a number of agencies who could provide a twice monthly advice service. We already had a debt worker from the Settlement who attends weekly and

someone from Severn Trent who attends every fortnight. We share our space with a benefits advice team.

We secured funding to hire a room which adjoins the Ladywood Community project. We used the space on Tuesday and Wednesday 11-1pm for 2/3 agencies to see residents.

We had interest to be part of this hub from Advance Credit Union, for Savings and loans, Warmer homes for fuel advice and home visits, Housing and Trident Reach for a job club.

The space would have also served as an ideal outreach for other agencies and a useful space for the proposed development worker as part of the Ladywood Ward plan.

We had use of the room until May 23 but then unfortunately the space developed a crack in the wall and we were unable to use it safely. We have continued to provide services but currently cannot develop it as we first imagined because of the lack of space. This project has been hugely popular with over 2000 contacts in the first year alone

Activities

In reviewing their activities, the trustees have referred to the Charity Commission guidance of public benefit.

Wrigglers play and stay

This is held on Monday mornings 10.00-11.45am during term time and is well attended. Children aged 3 and under attend with their parent/s and take part in creative play/cooking/activities. We have also engaged the children in growing vegetables and fruit.

There are outside trips to local places like the reservoir or local leisure centre for swimming.

There are on average 10 families who attend weekly.

This is a group, well represented by the wide diversity of cultures living in Ladywood. We celebrated these different cultures with foods and stories. The group helps to promote harmony and understanding between the parents as well as their children and a great support network has built up. It is a chance for parents to form friendships and help with isolation especially if they are the only adult in the household. The children also form friendships, and regular attendance provides the perfect transition into nursery.

Low-cost trips

Many parents dread the long summer, Easter and Christmas school breaks because there is a lack of affordable activities and to take children out costs extra money and many parents struggle to cope with these expenses. Parents sometimes feel upset that they cannot give holidays and outings to their children, and this undermines their expectations of what a good parent should provide. Relationships can sometimes suffer, and it is not always a positive time for families.

Since the project has been operating, we have always tried to offer very low-cost trips and activities. We want to help families to enjoy their time together and with the rest of their community. It is important for children because we all need positive memories in our childhood.

We have heavily subsidized our coach trips so that the cost per seat is a minimal amount. (typically, £2 per seat) We have also provided lunch packs to keep costs down for the families.

This makes a day out affordable even for the largest family who would never have the opportunity or funds to enjoy a day out together. In summer 2023 we had 2 trips to Weston-super Mare which was enjoyed by 100 people.

Local Trips

Each year we are very fortunate to take families on trips, not just in the summer holidays, but throughout the year. Places the families like to go to are local attractions, so we do walking trips, where we meet at the community centre and walk together, families bring along a packed lunch, we bring light weight sports equipment i.e., balls, bats, frisbees, hula hoops. We go to the Edgbaston reservoir on a nature walk then on to the picnic area for lunch and games. Other local attractions we have visited include local parks, a walk along the canal to events in the jewellery quarter or the city centre to name but a few. Having walking trips allows families to see what open free space they have on their doorstep as a lot of our families live in the high-rise tower blocks in confined accommodation. They enjoy nothing more than getting out and about.

In December we were invited to breakfast with Santa and 7 families attended. Children and their parents had breakfast at a city centre restaurant and received presents and passes to go on the helter skelter, ice skating rink and big wheel based in the centre of the city.

In January we were given discounted tickets to a musical at Birmingham Town by BMusic and there was a free trip to The Botanical Gardens.

Ladywood Funday

Ladywood Fundays had been an annual event for over 10 years and have been greatly enjoyed by our community. We received funding from Birmingham City council to help towards this and had a great day planned but unfortunately, we had to cancel on the day because of heavy rain that persisted all day.

Christmas parties

Ladywood is an area with a high incidence of child poverty and many of our families would not be able to afford a visit to see Father Christmas. Our parties are therefore very popular, and this year was no exception.

We held two parties this year. We catered for up to 75 children at each party We catered for children aged 4-11. Parents attended with their younger siblings and smaller presents were given.

We held these at the community centre. We had an entertainer (Maddom) who did magic tricks and balloon sculptures, a DJ for each day, who organised games and dancing, a local face painter and the children made crowns with our extensive craft supplies.

Santa was in his grotto for the children to visit and were given presents. A lunch pack with a sandwich, drink, fruit and crisps were given when they left. Their siblings were also given a book and chocolates.

We had a prize draw (there was a free ticket issued to each family) and 10 families won a hamper (donated by Acme whistles).

In all, over the two parties we had 147 children aged 3-11, 21 children of 2 or under, 3 children 12+ and their 105 carers.

We had 17 volunteers at each event, volunteers from BHSF helped wrap the presents, volunteers from Galliard and BHSF helped setting up the grotto, all raffle prizes were donated by Acme whistles and some of the presents were donated by Hydropower.

Our parties could not have taken place had it not been for the generosity of our funders.

We are very grateful to them.

All the children really enjoyed themselves and for many it was their first community Christmas party.

Referrals to Birmingham City Mission

We are very pleased to be one of the referrals agents for City Mission. They deliver toys to families at Christmas and offer a bespoke service. We have to register the family details and they deliver to their home. The quality of the toys is outstanding and really helps families at such an expensive and often stressful time. This year we referred 185 families with 285 children.

Financial Review

Our main source of income this year was £83,605 received in the form of restricted grants.

Total income for the year was £122,143 (2023: £84,354).

Total expenditure for the year was £83,403 (2023: £85,444).

Total unrestricted funds held at 31 March 2024 and available for use towards the general objectives of the charity were £70,144 (2023: £49,843).

Trustees concluded that the level of unrestricted funds at the yearend is sufficient to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and enable it to continue its current activities should income decline or costs rise significantly.

Restricted funds held at 31 March 2024 which are to be used for the specific projects they were provided for were £53,389 (2023: £16,030).

Designated funds held at 31 March 2024 (which are unrestricted funds ear marked for a specific project by the board of Trustees) were £775 (2023: £19,696).

Reserves Policy

The charity has few overheads and is not locked into a lease agreement. Its antipoverty initiatives are funded through small grants specific to the needs of those in poverty. Any unrestricted reserves are spent on salaries and other costs, such as stationery, monthly rent, insurance and other running costs.

The trustees have decided that the charity need to keep in reserve a sum to cover any/all redundancy payments. This would be in the event -

- The charity had to close because of financial restraints;
- The post was no longer relevant to the aims of the charity

For this year the amount would be £10,000. This will be reviewed annually.

Trustee Fees/Expenses

Expenses of £809 (2023: £137) were paid to trustee Gerardine Giblin during the year. £9 was paid for trustee travel and £799 was paid for travel as a volunteer.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

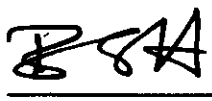
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full name Bram Scott

Position Chairman

Date 19.11.24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ladywood Community Project ('the Charity')

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Teresa Fennell

Teresa Fennell, ACMA CGMA
It Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth Ltd
47 St Dunstans Close, Worcester, WR5 2AJ

Date: 20th November 2024

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Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended
31 March 2024

	Note	2024			2023		
RECEIPTS		**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted & Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
		£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations	**1**	**25,543**	**12,838**	**38,381**	59,153	8,471	67,624
Grants		**-**	**83,605**	**83,605**	-	15,920	15,920
Other		**157**	**-**	**157**	810	-	810
Total receipts		**25,700**	**96,443**	**122,143**	59,963	24,391	84,354
PAYMENTS							
Charitable Activities	**1**	**30,160**	**53,243**	**83,403**	30,897	54,546	85,444
Total payments		**30,160**	**53,243**	**83,403**	30,897	54,546	85,444
Net receipts/(payments)		**(4,460)**	**43,200**	**38,740**	29,066	(30,156)	(1,090)
Transfers between funds		**5,840**	**(5,840)**	**-**	(5,840)	5,840	-
Cash funds @ 31.3.2023		69,539	16,030	85,569	46,314	40,345	86,659
Cash funds @ 31.3.2024	**2**	**70,919**	**53,389**	**124,308**	69,539	16,030	85,569

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 March 2024

	2024			2023		
CASH FUNDS	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted & Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand	**1,125**	**-**	**1,125**	705	-	705
Vouchers unspent	**1,481**	**-**	**1,481**	1,095	-	1,095
Cash at Bank	**68,313**	**53,389**	**121,702**	67,739	16,030	83,769
Total Cash funds	**70,919**	**53,389**	**124,308**	69,539	16,030	85,569
ASSETS						
Vouchers purchased for distribution	**5,940**	**-**	**5,940**	-	-	-
Total Assets	**5,940**	**-**	**5,940**	-	-	-
LIABILITIES						
HMRC PAYE	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	464	464
Pension	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	135	135
Volunteer daily allowance	**-**	**-**	**-**	990	-	990
Independent examination	**465**	**-**	**465**	450	-	450
BCA - Accounts preparation	**420**	**-**	**420**	300	-	300
BCA - Bookkeeping	**648**	**-**	**648**	324	-	324
Payroll	**64**	**-**	**64**	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	**1,597**	**-**	**1,597**	2,064	599	2,663

The receipts & payments accounts were approved by the Trustees on 19·11·24
and were signed on their behalf by:

B Scott
Chairman

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Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended
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1. Detailed Receipts & Payments Account

	2024			2023		
RECEIPTS	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted & Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
Income	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations	**25,272**	**12,770**	**38,042**	58,669	8,471	67,140
Gift Aid	**271**	**68**	**338**	484	-	484
Sundry income (e.g. ticket sales)	**157**	**-**	**157**	810	-	810
Grant income	**-**	**83,605**	**83,605**	-	15,920	15,920
Total receipts	**25,700**	**96,443**	**122,143**	59,963	24,391	84,354
PAYMENTS						
Salaries	**9,007**	**34,575**	**43,582**	8,311	35,378	43,689
Volunteer daily allowance	**990**	**-**	**990**	-	-	-
Event costs	**676**	**4,727**	**5,404**	1,017	12,059	13,076
Drop-in costs	**119**	**-**	**119**	232	6	239
Vouchers/gift cards	**8,895**	**10,127**	**19,022**	11,009	-	11,009
Hardship	**15**	**499**	**513**	356	1,714	2,070
Uniform	**27**	**1,406**	**1,433**	31	1,886	1,917
Resources	**293**	**-**	**293**	5	360	365
Trips expenses	**-**	**1,779**	**1,779**	577	981	1,558
Emergency fuel	**-**	**30**	**30**	-	229	229
Christmas/Easter/Holiday Hunger project costs	**-**	**-**	**-**	131	1,933	2,064
Staff/Volunteer travel/Expenses	**868**	**-**	**868**	160	-	160
	20,891	**53,142**	**74,033**	21,828	54,546	76,375
General overheads						
Rent	**2,310**	**-**	**2,310**	2,417	-	2,417
Office Consumables	**797**	**-**	**797**	54	-	54
Telephone	**420**	**-**	**420**	512	-	512
Website	**137**	**-**	**137**	137	-	137
Computer equipment	**70**	**-**	**70**	-	-	-
Payroll fees	**271**	**-**	**271**	410	-	410
Sundry expenses	**338**	**-**	**338**	56	-	56
Subscriptions	**122**	**-**	**122**	259	-	259
Insurance	**331**	**-**	**331**	331	-	331
Staff/Volunteer training	**-**	**-**	**-**	124	-	124
Accountancy and Independent examinations	**775**	**-**	**775**	666	-	666
Bookkeeping	**3,564**	**-**	**3,564**	3,888	-	3,888
Bank/CAF Fees/Interest charges	**135**	**101**	**236**	215	-	215
	9,269	**101**	**9,370**	9,069	-	9,069
Total payments	**30,160**	**53,243**	**83,403**	30,897	54,546	85,444
Net receipts/(payments)	**(4,460)**	**43,200**	**38,740**	29,066	(30,156)	(1,090)

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2. Funds analysis

Restricted funds	01 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 March 2024
Council (Hardship - Trident)	5,414	-	529	-	4,886
CAF donations for Holiday Hunger	-	2,838	2,838	-	-
Michael Marsh Trust	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
Private Donor	-	350	350	-	-
WPR Agency	1,864	1,900	1,406	-	2,358
MiCity	707	-	-	-	707
National Lottery	-	9,840	6,415	-	3,425
Property for Kids (Barques)	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
Galliard	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Calthorpe	-	500	500	-	-
BHSF	-	750	750	-	-
Birmingham City Council - Be Bold CIL	2,102	-	891	-	1,211
Birmingham City Council - Celebrating Communities	743	4,265	3,406	-	1,602
Tudor Trust	-	67,000	27,160	(5,840)	34,000
Gowling	5,200	2,500	2,500	-	5,200
	16,030	**96,443**	**53,243**	**(5,840)**	**53,389**
Designated funds					
BHSF - Christmas Help	2,074	-	-	(2,074)	-
BVSC - Holiday Hunger	3,320	-	-	(3,320)	-
Baron Davenport Trust - Christmas parties	-	1,500	1,500	-	-
Love Brum - Uniforms	301	-	-	(301)	-
Paradise Circus	5,497	-	5,497	-	-
Poverty Initiatives	2,216	-	-	(2,216)	-
Ladywood Helpers	1,626	-	-	(1,626)	-
Funday	-	775	-	-	775
Various small designated funds	4,663	2,000	7,964	1,301	-
	19,696	**4,275**	**14,961**	**(8,235)**	**775**
Unrestricted funds	49,843	21,425	15,199	14,075	70,144
Total funds	**85,569**	**122,143**	**83,403**	**-**	**124,308**

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1154552

Accounts

Registered Charity No: 1154552

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2023

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Community Project
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The Trustees of Ladywood Community Project present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Ladywood Community Project	
Charity registration no:	1154552	
Principal address:	Ladywood Community Centre St Vincent Street West Birmingham B16 8RP	
Board of Trustees:	Bram Scott	Chair
	Jacqueline Parker	
	Gillian Robinson	
	Gerardine Giblin	Appointed 23/11/2022
	Margaret Weekes	Appointed 23/11/2022
	Karen Bailey	Appointed 23/11/2022
Co-ordinator:	Gerardine Giblin	
Independent Examiner:	Teresa Fennell, ACMA CGMA It Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth Ltd 47 St Dunstans Close Worcester WR5 2AJ	
Accountants:	Beeston-Clarke Accountants 242 Leicester Road Markfield LE67 9RG	
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank Egbaston Birmingham	

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Structure, Governance, and Management of the Trust

Background

Ladywood Community Project registered as a charity in November 2013. It had previously operated as a multi-disciplinary support agency operated by Birmingham City Council funded staff. It had been in existence since 1986 and is a well - known and trusted resource in the area and is seen as a first port of call to residents who need help.

Poverty continues to be a major issue for our residents. Latest figures, published by End Poverty campaigners show that Ladywood is the third poorest area in the country with 54% of children (17,938) growing up in poverty. 26.6% of residents live with fuel poverty (twice National average).

Ladywood is an area of high social housing and private rented with many residents working in jobs at zero hours contracts. They were very adversely affected by the loss of low wage service jobs and many struggle to find adequate work to bring them out of poverty. We have seen the demands for our services increase as more and more people have fallen from the "just about managing" to being in financial crisis and needing help just to put food on the table and keep their lights on. It is a sad fact that many have do without heating or food just to survive.

The Ladywood Community project endeavours to improve the lives of local people in poverty or financial hardship and help, not only when they have a crisis but tackle the isolation and stress that poverty brings. We encourage families to feel part of a wider community that can offer friendships, shared leisure and be an active part of our team to address issues that worry them. We achieve this through practical, educational, physical, and financial interventions for those most in need of support.

We provide assistance to those who are in a crisis by giving emergency help with gas/electricity, helping with school uniforms, bus fares, nappies and pre-loved children's clothes and toys, referring to food bank, benefits and debt advice, letting them use our facilities- washing machine, dryer, cooker/microwave and listening to them when they are upset, in hardship, depression or anxiety or just in need of someone to talk to.

We offer them support and encourage them to drop in and use our garden, kitchen and lounge, have free refreshments, meet other families, get help and advice, join one of our groups or activities or go on our trips. We run a popular play and stay group giving parents and children opportunities to learn through play, craft and trips to enhance children's experiences and encourage development.

In the school holidays (summer and Christmas) dependant on funds, we give supermarket vouchers to obtain fresh food as a way of helping those families whose children would normally get free school meals or those families who are on low income or burdened with debt.

In the summer we have weekly activities and trips, including one to the seaside. All activities are free and trips are heavily subsidised. We hold community events often in partnership with other local agencies to help people feel part of a community and not so isolated. At Christmas we hold a party for up to 150 children aged 0-11years. We have an entertainer, DJ, crafts, and food. Santa sees the children in his Grotto and there are presents for all the children. We take over the whole of the community centre and are helped by 20+ volunteers. It is very popular with local parents and children.

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Structure

The day-to-day work of the project is reviewed by the Advisory committee and feedback is given to the trustees. They meet every 6-8 weeks and are made up of local community members and local organisations.

Advisory committee this year consists of 5 residents, reps from 2 local charities, a local Councillor, and a Birmingham City council representative. Staff and a trustee are also present to feedback. This provides a level of accountability to the community and gives good opportunities to network and add value to the service.

Governance

This year we have appointed 3 new Trustees and have begun to review and streamline our policies and are currently working on risk management. Our new Trustees are Gerardine Giblin who has been a coordinator for the charity's work since the beginning, Margaret Weekes who is a Debt advisor and long term volunteer and Karen Bailey who is a local solicitor and has supported the charity for many years. Our new trustees have supported our service for many years and have the necessary skills and analytical minds to help us plan for the future . We know that the newly appointed Trustees will be of great value to this charity

Employees and volunteers

Ladywood Community Project employs three part time members of staff. There is a joint coordinator/ development worker (30 hours) Family support worker (30 hours) and one admin assistant (6hours)

The other joint coordinator is an unpaid volunteer (30 hours). She also became a trustee in November 22.

Objectives, Activities, Achievements and Performance

To offer relief for people in financial hardship, by providing grants, items and services, including advice and signposting to agencies and organisations.

During the period 22/23 we have given a service to 538 individual households

Our benefactors

We have received a number of grants this year to help with our anti-poverty initiatives as well as being able to utilise a bigger fund received from Tudor Trust at the end of the previous financial year to support our core costs.

We have also been given smaller grants from Birmingham City council to put on an event to celebrate the Commonwealth games, Give Warm Homes packs to families, help with core costs and to develop a Resource hub for advice.

We continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of our local businesses and local trusts and churches. We have longstanding CSR partners who have such a great understanding of our aims. They keep in regular contact with us and respond well to our requests for financial help towards our anti-poverty initiatives and needs for volunteers for specific tasks.

We would like to thank BHSF, MEPC, Gowling wlc, Calthorpe trust, Abacus, Paradise circus, WPR, J.Hudson (Acme Whistles), Hydropower, Benevity, Unitarian church, Cambridge Rd Methodists, Baron Davenports trust, Birmingham City council, Michael Marsh Trust, Davies group ,Galliard, Brindley Place, Colmore BID, WB Creative, 4 and Property for Kids.

Many individuals have sent us money too, including those who donate monthly. Many individuals who donate to Just Giving we cannot identify because we do not pay for reporting rights.

We have been very fortunate to have an outstanding volunteer in John Pemberton who was a former resident. He runs his own business as an IT consultant and helps us with everything digital to make our work run smoothly. He is very responsive especially when we need help and has been a great asset again this year.

We also have a number of regular volunteers who help us throughout the year particularly when we have events. We wish to thank Margaret, Annabel, Celine, Katarina, Christine, Laurie, Sarb, Suz, Corine, Kay, Dawn, Julie, Alex, Sharon, Karen, Joanne, Sam, Patricia, Bernie, Bram, Gill, Kath as well as all the volunteers from the businesses who wrap presents at Christmas and generally help us whenever we ask.

We are currently in the process of having a database built for us by another local charity. This will give us the ability to track how we have helped individuals, help with our stats and also keep track of our time. This will greatly aid funding applications.

Difficulties and bad news

Unfortunately, our next-door neighbour Circul8 credit union was made insolvent in September. We had a long-standing relationship with them, and they took care of the financial needs of some of most vulnerable residents who struggle to maintain payments to their essential services as well as payments to creditors. Many had to open new bank accounts to have benefit payments paid to them and we assisted many in the chaos of the Credit Union's closure. We really miss them as a one of our partner organisations. Two of the staff members now volunteer for our project and help with the Resource Hub.

We have contacted another credit union and hope that they will set up a point in our resource hub.

It has taken a good while for things to stabilize after lockdown The community centre in which we are based had no heating until 2 months ago and face to face access has been somewhat hampered by lack of staff at the front of the building for people to reach us at the back.

Our work 2022/23

Crisis Help

We are increasingly asked to help those whose wages or benefits are not lasting until the next pay day. This can be for a variety of reasons although currently the tremendous rises in food costs and fuel have taken their toll and many have no savings to fall back on particularly after the pandemic when the £20 uplift was dropped from benefits and many lost employment.

We can help to alleviate the short term crisis by giving referring to the Fuel foundation for money to be added to their prepayment meters We can refer to food banks or give a bag of food from our store but we also raise funds to give supermarket vouchers as an emergency.

During this period, we have given help to 168 different families/individuals and helped 225 times

Fuel help

Many families are struggling to maintain a constant fuel supply in their homes and with fuel prices rising, this is increasingly taking more and more of their weekly budget.

In the winter there is extra pressure on heating costs and in the summer months the children are at home and families use more electricity and gas for cooking. The upcoming increases in the costs of fuel are particularly worrying and for many of our residents, self-disconnection from supply will be a painful reality.

For several years, we have raised money to help individuals and families in greatest need keep their supply on particularly if a financial crisis arises due to a delay in benefit or an unexpected cost arising. During the lockdown of last year, we joined the Fuel Foundation and are now able to give help without cash. A code is sent to the user's phone which can be used to top up their prepayment meter. Residents receive £30 in summer and £49 in winter. This amount of help used to give up to two weeks of help but now sadly because of the rises in prices it can only last a few days.

Families must be referred to the scheme from a money advisor, credit union or other professional such as health visitor, social care or support worker, advice staff at Birmingham food bank. Households must be in crisis with their supply in danger of being disconnected because of lack of funds.

During 22/23 we gave crisis help for fuel by making 214 referrals to the Fuel Foundation.

Holiday hunger

We know that parents struggle to feed their children during the summer, Easter and Christmas school break.

During term times many children have free school meals. Parents have not only extra food costs during the summer months but extra fuel costs.

For many years we have been giving extra support during holiday periods and whenever the family are in need.

Families in need are referred from local schools, children's trust support workers and debt and money advisors. In this way we know that we are reaching the most disadvantaged members of our community.

At Easter 2022 we helped 66 families that is 99 adults and 176 children by giving £50 supermarket vouchers.

In Summer 2022 we helped 49 families that is 73 adults and 119 children by giving supermarket vouchers.

At Christmas 2022 we gave supermarket vouchers, (£70 families £40 couple £30 singles) blankets, torches and home insulation items) we helped 98 families, 123 adults and 212 children.

Warm Homes project

We applied for a grant to give 50 families a variety of items to help them keep their homes warmer and help keep costs down. These were LED light bulbs, blankets, torches and a flask. Families were referred for this scheme and items were given between January and June.

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Help with school uniform

We know from our many years of working with parents that buying school uniform in the summer is a very difficult and stressful time for parents. This is particularly true when children are moving from Primary to Secondary schools. The cost of clothing with the school logo is very high and require shopping in a specialist uniform shop. Parents struggle financially in the long summer holiday when there are extra food and fuel costs and buying uniform for all your children is daunting. Children need to have the correct kit so that they can feel confident particularly when it is a new school they are attending.

We started the uniform fund many years ago. Parents are referred by schools, children's trust workers and debt and money advice professionals. We purchase the items that the children need online to provide a bespoke service. The families who are referred often need extra help because they have no recourse to public funds, are in debt or all their children have had to move school because of homelessness or other problems.

This year we helped 34 families and their 82 children.

Hardship fund

This is a fund that was secured by our Councillors Albert Bore and Kath Hartley. We had a partnership of Trident Reach, Suited for Success, Inner Circle Credit Union and West Midlands Police.

The fund is to assist those who are homeless or at reach of losing their properties or finding that they cannot live there because of lack of facilities. In the past we have helped with basic items of furniture such as mattresses, fridges, gas/electric, prescription costs, bus fare etc.

This year we have supported 4 residents who did not have basic facilities in their home. We bought 1 cooker, a microwave, a fan heater and a washing machine as well as helping with bus fares and other emergencies.

Resource Hub

This is a pilot initiative funded for 20 weeks by Birmingham City Council for room hire

We wanted to create a hub where agencies could come to offer help and advice to the community. We are in touch with a number of agencies who could provide a twice monthly advice service. We already have a debt worker from the Settlement who attends weekly and someone from Severn Trent who attends every fortnight. We share our space with a benefits advice team.

We have funding to hire a room which adjoins the Ladywood Community project. We use the space on Tuesday and Wednesday 11-1pm for 2/3 agencies to see residents.

We have interest to be part of this hub from Advance Credit Union, for Savings and loans, Warmer homes for fuel advice and home visits, Housing, Suited for success for a job club.

The space would also serve as an ideal outreach for other agencies and could be a useful station for the proposed development worker as part of the Ladywood Ward plan.

The space would also attract other agencies to have some input into Ladywood – possibly immigration advice, shelter etc. This would also give the various agencies a chance to work together for the benefit of the residents. We will report on progress next year.

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Activities

In reviewing their activities, the trustees have referred to the Charity Commission guidance of public benefit.

Wrigglers play and stay

This is held on Monday mornings 10.00-11.45am during term time and is well attended. Children aged 4 and under attend with their parent/s and engage in creative play/cooking/activities. We have also engaged the children in growing vegetables and fruit. This year we harvested potatoes which were grown in sacks. It was a bountiful crop and the children really enjoyed this.

There are outside trips to local places like the reservoir or local leisure centre for swimming. This year we have also taken the group to Twycross Zoo (July 10 adults and 14 children) and Hatton Park to see Santa (Dec-16 adults and 20 children).

There are, on average 12 families who attend weekly.

This is a group, well represented by the wide diversity of cultures living in Ladywood. We celebrate these different cultures with foods and stories. The group helps to promote harmony and understanding between the parents as well as their children and a great support network has built up. It is a chance for parents to form friendships and help with isolation especially if they are the only adult in the household. The children also form friendships and regular attendance provides the perfect transition into nursery.

Low cost trips

Many parents dread the long summer, Easter and Christmas school breaks because there is a lack of affordable activities and to take children out costs extra money and many parents struggle to cope with these expenses. Parents sometimes feel upset that they cannot give holidays and outings to their children, and this undermines their expectations of what a good parent should provide. Relationships can sometimes suffer, and it is not always a positive time for families.

Since the project has been operating, we have always tried to offer very low cost trips and activities. We want to help families to enjoy their time together and with the rest of their community. It is important for children because we all need positive memories in our childhood.

We raise money to put towards trips and can provide outings at low cost and all activities are free. These life experiences wouldn't be possible without the kindness of those who sponsor, pay or raise money towards our days out.

Coach trips

In summer 2022 we had 2 trips to Weston-super Mare, a trip to Sandwell valley, and one to West Midlands Safari Park. We charge £2 per seat and this includes coach fare, entrances to parks and we also include a lunch bag which contained a sandwich, drink, crisps, fruit and biscuit. This makes a day out affordable even for the largest family who would never have the opportunity or funds to enjoy a day out together.

We are grateful to the Variety club for giving us tickets for free entry into the Safari Park and reduced cost wristbands for the rides and to The Real Junk food for providing the lunch bags at low cost.

Local Trips

Each year we are very fortunate to take families on trips, not just in the summer holidays, but throughout the year. Places the families like to go to are local attractions, so we do walking trips, where we meet at the community centre and walk together, families bring along a packed lunch, we bring light weight sports equipment i.e., balls, bats, frisbees, hula hoops. We go to the Edgbaston reservoir on a nature walk then on to the picnic area for lunch and games. Other local attractions we have visited include local parks, a walk along the canal to events in the jewellery quarter or the city centre to name but a few. Having walking trips allows families to see what open free space they have on their doorstep as a lot of our families live in the high-rise tower blocks in confined accommodation. They enjoy nothing more than getting out and about.

In July 22 we were very fortunate to be invited to experience a "picnic in the Sky" at a business tower. We took 10 families to have a picnic on the roof (19th floor) The businesses provided an entertainer, lunch and ice-cream. The view was truly panoramic over Birmingham.

In December we were invited to breakfast with Santa and 7 families attended. Children and their parents had breakfast at a city centre restaurant and received presents and passes to go on the helter-skelter, ice skating rink and big wheel based in the centre of the city.

In January we were given 40 tickets to see the Gruffalo at Birmingham Town by BMusic and this was greatly enjoyed by families with younger children.

Ladywood Funday

Ladywood Fundays had been an annual event for over 10 years and have been greatly enjoyed by our community. This year there was funding available through Celebrating Communities fund to give residents with the Commonwealth Games.

At the outset, we wanted to keep the event free or low cost to the participants and purchase equipment that could be used every year for a Funday and to be held as a community asset for local groups to borrow.

We were encouraged and advised by our two local councillors in applying for the Celebrating Communities Fund and were awarded a generous grant to purchase tables, chairs, gazebos, bins, litter pickers, gloves, bunting, flags, PAs, First Aid staff, insurance, flyers, banners, prizes, trophies etc

We involved local schools, organisations/businesses and residents in the planning of the event in order to cement our local networks and maximise the skills/contacts across the whole area.

The event was hugely successful in engaging local residents and particularly children to have a go at a variety of sporting and recreational activities.

There was archery, volleyball, tug of war, races, limbo, assault course, giant Jenga, and the Commonwealth games team brought down wheelchair basketball and a boxing ring. Children and adults could have a go at all the activities, and most did.

We booked Perry the bull mascot and he and the DJ were a huge success in getting group dancing, conga. He helped with the races, pulled the raffle and had many photos taken. This was a perfect opportunity to showcase the events of the Commonwealth Games.

The turn out on the day reflected how popular the event was. Residents of all ages had a go at sports they may never have had a chance to before.

For many this was the first community event that they had been to since the pandemic and it lifted the spirits of so many. Feedback was brilliant from many participants. Many asked if we could put this on next year too! Ready steady fun.

All our activities were geared towards our community having fun. We were very aware that many of our residents would be financially restricted by low income and we wanted them to feel the excitement and enthusiasm that the Games was bringing to Birmingham.

Every aspect of the event was geared towards encouraging participation without the barrier of cost for the residents.

We gave free raffle tickets to those who participated and to make sure everyone would feel included without cost when the raffle was drawn at the end of the event. We had free crafts provided by partner organisations and tug of war with the sea cadets who were getting the children interested in joining them on a weekly basis.

We had given out colouring sheets of Perry, undertaking different sports, to every child in the eight local primary schools (St Johns, Oratory, Nelson, St Georges, St Patricks, Barford, St Lukes and St Catherines) which the first 100 children could bring down completed and receive a prize. These were then displayed at the event.

We had a free bouncy castle and bungee trampoline machine which was very popular.

The Real Junk Food Central provided baked potatoes, burgers in buns, cakes and salad on a pay as you feel basis so no one was out of pocket.

We bought water, juice and fizzy pop and sold this at cost (20p water,30p juice).

We had stalls where local people could sell unwanted items for "jumble sale" prices.

As a result, parents could feel confident that their children were fully engaged and fed without the restriction of affordability. There were many smiling faces on the day and the community really engaged with the activities.

Christmas parties

Ladywood is an area with a high incidence of child poverty and many of our families would not be able to afford a visit to see Father Christmas. Our parties are therefore very popular, and this year was no exception.

We held two parties this year. We catered for up to 75 children at each party We catered for children aged 4-11. Parents attended with their younger siblings and smaller presents were given.

We held these at the community centre. We had an entertainer (Maddom) who did magic tricks and balloon sculptures, a DJ for each day, who organised games and dancing, a local face painter and the children made crowns with our extensive craft supplies.

Santa was in his grotto for the children to visit and were given presents. A lunch pack with a sandwich, drink, fruit and crisps was given when they left. Their siblings were also given a book and chocolates.

We had a prize draw (there was a free ticket issued to each family) and 10 families won a hamper (donated by Acme whistles).

In all, over the two parties we had 147 children aged 3-11, 21 children of 2 or under, 3 children 12+ and their 105 carers.

We had 17 volunteers at each event, volunteers from BHSF helped wrap the presents, volunteers from Galliard and BHSF helped setting up the grotto, all raffle prizes were donated by Acme whistles and some of the presents were donated by Hydropower.

Our parties could not have taken place had it not been for the generosity of our funders. We are very grateful to them.

All the children really enjoyed themselves and for many it was their first traditional Christmas party.

Referrals to Birmingham City Mission

We are very pleased to be one of the referrals agents for City Mission. They deliver toys to families at Christmas and offer a bespoke service. We have to register the family details and they deliver to their home. The quality of the toys is outstanding and really helps families at such an expensive and often stressful time. This year we referred 55 families with 140 children.

Items given to us that we distribute.

We were contacted by OE3 who are a company that put on team building events for businesses. In April 22 Davis Insurance group built 22 pushbikes which were given to us to distribute to local families. We have also received 15 care packs (slow cookers/air fryers torches, blankets, light bulbs, vouchers, gloves, handwarmers)

Following the Commonwealth Games, we received memorabilia including scarves, books, puzzles and toys to give out,

We have had donations of second-hand toys and clothes, Easter eggs and tinned and dried food and we are a first port of call if other agencies need help for their clients

Financial Review

Our main source of income this year was £67,140 received in donations from individuals and community organisations.

Total income for the year was £84,354 (2022: £88,001).

Total expenditure for the year was £85,444 (2022: £51,051).

Total unrestricted funds held at 31 March 2023 and available for use towards the general objectives of the charity were £48,691 (2022: £36,587).

Trustees concluded that the level of unrestricted funds at the yearend is sufficient to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and enable it to continue its current activities should income decline or costs rise significantly.

Restricted funds held at 31 March 2023 which are to be used for the specific projects they were donated for were £16,030 (2022: £40,345).

Designated funds held at 31 March 2023 (which are unrestricted funds ear marked for a specific project by the board of Trustees) were £20,848 (2022: £9,726).

Reserves Policy

The charity has few overheads and is not locked into a lease agreement. Its antipoverty initiatives are funded through small grants specific to the needs of those in poverty. Any unrestricted reserves are spent on salaries and other costs, such as stationery, monthly rent, insurance and other running costs.

The trustees have decided that the charity need to keep in reserve a sum to cover any/all redundancy payments. This would be in the event -

- The charity had to close because of financial restraints;
- The post was no longer relevant to the aims of the charity

For this year the amount would be £10,000. This will be reviewed annually.

Trustee Fees/Expenses

Expenses of £137 (2022: £nil) were paid to trustee Gerardine Giblin during the year. This was for reimbursement of telephone costs incurred during the year.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full name Bram Scott

Position Chairman

Date 17.10.23

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ladywood Community Project ('the Charity')

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Teresa Fennell

Teresa Fennell, ACMA CGMA
It Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth Ltd
47 St Dunstans Close, Worcester, WR5 2AJ

Date: 18th October 2023

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended
31 March 2023

	Note	2023			2022		
RECEIPTS	**1 & 2**	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations		**59,963**	**8,471**	**68,434**	37,209	6,250	43,459
Grants		**-**	**15,920**	**15,920**	10,290	34,252	44,542
Repayment of Loans		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	-	-
Other		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	-	-
Total receipts		**59,963**	**24,391**	**84,354**	47,499	40,502	88,001
PAYMENTS	**1 & 2**						
Charitable Activities		**30,897**	**54,546**	**85,444**	41,555	9,497	51,051
Loans		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	-	-
Fundraising costs		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	-	-
							-
Total payments		**30,897**	**54,546**	**85,444**	41,555	9,497	51,051
Net receipts/(payments)		**29,066**	**(30,156)**	**(1,090)**	5,944	31,005	36,949
Transfers between funds		**(5,840)**	**5,840**	**-**	9,379	(9,379)	-
Cash funds @ 31.3.2022	**2**	46,314	40,345	86,659	30,991	18,719	49,710
Cash funds @ 31.3.2023	**2**	**69,539**	**16,030**	**85,569**	46,314	40,345	86,659

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 March 2023

	2023			2022		
CASH FUNDS	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand	**705**	-	**705**	197	-	197
Vouchers unspent	**1,095**	-	**1,095**	1,126	-	1,126
Cash at Bank (LH)	**1,427**	-	**1,427**	1,427	-	1,427
Cash at Bank (LCP)	**66,312**	**16,030**	**82,342**	43,565	40,345	83,910
Total Cash funds	**69,539**	**16,030**	**85,569**	46,314	40,345	86,659
LIABILITIES						
HMRC PAYE	-	**464**	**464**	-	**300**	300
Pension	-	**135**	**135**	-	**125**	125
Volunteer daily allowance April to November 2022	**990**	-	**990**	-	-	-
Independent examination for 2022-2023	**450**	-	**450**			
BCA - y/end accounts prep	**300**	-	**300**	-	-	-
BCA - March bookkeeping	**324**	-	**324**	**216**	-	216
Total Liabilities	**2,064**	**599**	**2,663**	216	425	641

The receipts & payments accounts were approved by the Trustees on 17-10-23
and were signed on their behalf by:

B Scott
Chairman

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2023

1. Detailed Receipts & Payments Account

	2023			2022		
RECEIPTS	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Income	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations	**58,669**	**8,471**	**67,140**	36,239	-	36,239
Gift Aid	**484**	**-**	**484**	161	-	161
Sundry income (e.g. ticket sales)	**810**	**-**	**810**	809	-	809
WPR Agency	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	1,050	1,050
Gowling	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	5,200	5,200
	59,963	**8,471**	**68,434**	37,209	6,250	43,459
Grants						
Other unrestricted	**-**	**-**	**-**	3,530	-	3,530
Christmas parties	**-**	**-**	**-**	2,984	-	2,984
Core costs and salaries	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	33,000	33,000
MiCity (Wrigglers)	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	1,252	1,252
Christmas help	**-**	**-**	**-**	3,776	-	3,776
Birmingham City Council	**-**	**15,920**	**15,920**	-	-	-
	-	**15,920**	**15,920**	10,290	34,252	44,542
Total receipts	**59,963**	**24,391**	**84,354**	47,499	40,502	88,001
PAYMENTS						
Salaries	**8,311**	**35,378**	**43,689**	10,373	7,462	17,835
Volunteer daily allowance	**-**	**-**	**-**	1,419	-	1,419
Event costs	**1,017**	**12,059**	**13,076**	2,730	280	3,010
Drop-in costs	**232**	**6**	**238**	280	-	280
Fundraising costs	**-**	**-**	**-**	48	-	48
Vouchers/gift cards	**11,009**	**-**	**11,009**	11,645	-	11,645
Hardship	**356**	**1,714**	**2,070**	-	923	923
Uniform	**31**	**1,886**	**1,917**	2,050	-	2,050
Wrigglers resources	**5**	**360**	**365**	-	821	821
Trips expenses	**577**	**981**	**1,558**	3,079	-	3,079
Poverty Initiative	**-**	**-**	**-**	1,384	-	1,384
Emergency fuel	**-**	**229**	**229**	-	-	-
Christmas/Easter/Holiday Hunger project costs	**131**	**1,933**	**2,065**	-	-	-
Staff/Volunteer travel/Expenses	**160**	**-**	**160**	-	-	-
	21,828	**54,546**	**76,374**	33,008	9,485	42,493
General overheads						
Rent	**2,417**	**-**	**2,417**	2,070	-	2,070
Office Consumables	**54**	**-**	**54**	45	-	45
Telephone	**512**	**-**	**512**	520	-	520
Website	**137**	**-**	**137**	122	-	122
Computer equipment	**-**	**-**	**-**	1,139	-	1,139
Payroll fees	**410**	**-**	**410**	90	-	90
Sundry expenses	**56**	**-**	**56**	257	12	268
Subscriptions	**259**	**-**	**259**	176	-	176
Insurance	**331**	**-**	**331**	642	-	642
Professional fees	**-**	**-**	**-**	3,420	-	3,420
Staff/Volunteer training	**124**	**-**	**124**	-	-	-
Accountancy and Independent examinations	**666**	**-**	**666**	-	-	-
Bookkeeping	**3,888**	**-**	**3,888**	-	-	-
Bank/CAF Fees/Interest charges	**215**	**-**	**215**	65	-	65
	9,069	**-**	**9,069**	8,547	12	8,558
Total payments	**30,897**	**54,546**	**85,444**	41,555	9,497	51,051
Net receipts/(payments)	**29,066**	**(30,156)**	**(1,090)**	5,944	31,005	36,949

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Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2023

2. Funds analysis

Restricted funds	B/fwd 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd 31 March 2023
Council (Hardship - Trident)	6,254	-	840	-	5,414
Uniform (Brindley Place)	-	1,300	1,300	-	-
Uniform (Calladine)	-	500	500	-	-
Uniform (WPR Agency)	1,050	900	86		1,864
MiCity (Wrigglers)	2,303	-	1,596	-	707
Poverty initiatives & Trips (Galliard)	-	3,091	3,091	-	-
Christmas parties (Barques)	-	2,680	2,680	-	-
Birmingham City Council - NDSU	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
Birmingham City Council - Be Bold CIL	-	3,920	1,818	-	2,102
Birmingham City Council - Celebrating Communities	-	10,000	9,257	-	743
Tudor Trust	25,538	-	31,378	5,840	-
Gowling	5,200	-	-	-	5,200
	40,345	**24,391**	**54,546**	**5,840**	**16,030**
Designated funds					
BHSF - Christmas Help	2,074	-	-	-	2,074
BVSC - Holiday Hunger	3,320	-	-	-	3,320
Baron Davenport Trust	190	1,000	1,190	-	-
Uniform/Love Brum	301	-	-	-	301
Paradise Circus	-	15,000	9,503	-	5,497
Poverty Initiatives	2,216	-	-	-	2,216
Ladywood Helpers	1,626	-	-	-	1,626
New designated funders this year	-	4,885	222	-	4,663
	9,726	**20,885**	**10,915**	**-**	**19,696**
Unrestricted funds	36,587	39,078	19,982	(5,840)	49,843
Total funds	**86,659**	**84,353**	**85,443**	**-**	**85,569**

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1154552

Accounts

Registered Charity No: 1154552

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2022

Ladywood
Community Project
Together we make a community

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees of Ladywood Community Project present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Ladywood Community Project	
Charity registration no:	1154552	
Principal address:	Ladywood Community Centre St Vincent Street West Birmingham B16 8RP	
Board of Trustees:	Bram Scott	Chair
	Jacqueline Parker	
	Gillian Robinson	
Co-ordinator:	Gerardine Giblin	
Advisory Committee:	Mary McElligott	Signatory & Resident
	Gill Robinson	Chair & Resident
	Rev Winnie Gordon	Unitarian Church
	Councillor Kath Hartley	Councillor
	John Pemberton	Resident
	Rhonda Elvin	Credit Union
	Patricia White	Co-optee, Suited for Success
	Harry Naylor	Co-optee Karis Neighbours Scheme
Independent Examiner:	Teresa Fennell, ACMA CGMA It Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth Ltd 47 St Dunstans Close Worcester WR5 2AJ	
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank Egbaston Birmingham	

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
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Structure, Governance, and Management of the Trust

Background

Ladywood Community Project registered as a charity in November 2013 . It had previously operated as a multi-disciplinary support agency operated by Birmingham City Council funded staff. It had been in existence since 1986 and is a well - known and trusted resource in the area and is seen as a first port of call to residents who need help.

Poverty continues to be a major issue for our residents. Latest figures, published by End Poverty campaigners show that Ladywood is the third poorest area in the country with 54% of children (17,938) growing up in poverty. Furthermore, rates of Universal credit have not kept up with inflation and once the temporary uplift of £20 per week was removed in October 2021 monthly rates especially for single claimants were 20-25% lower if compared with rates in 2013.

Ladywood is an area of high social housing and private rented with many residents working in at zero hours rates. They were very adversely affected by the loss of low wage service jobs and many struggle to find adequate work to bring them out of poverty.

The Ladywood Community project endeavours to improve the lives of local people in poverty or financial hardship and help, not only when they have a crisis but tackle the isolation and stress that poverty brings. We encourage families to feel part of a wider community that can offer friendships, shared leisure and be an active part of our team to address issues that worry them. We achieve this through practical, educational, physical, and financial interventions for those most in need of support.

We provide assistance to those who are in a crisis by giving emergency help with gas/electricity, helping with school uniforms, bus fares, nappies and pre-loved children's clothes and toys, referring to food bank, benefits advice, credit union, letting them use our facilities- washing machine, dryer, cooker/microwave and listening to them when they are upset, in hardship, depression or anxiety or just in need of someone to talk to.

We offer them support and encourage them to drop in and use our garden, kitchen and lounge, have free refreshments, meet other families, get help and advice, join one of our groups or activities or go on our trips. We run a popular play and stay group giving parents and children opportunities to learn through play, craft and trips to enhance children's experiences and encourage development.

In the school holidays (summer and Christmas) we work in partnership with the local food bank to provide families with food parcels and give supermarket vouchers to obtain fresh food as a way of helping those families whose children would normally get free school meals or those families who are on low income or burdened with debt.

In the summer we have weekly activities and usually 3 trips, including one to the seaside. All activities are free and trips are heavily subsidised. We hold community events often in partnership with other local agencies to help people feel part of a community and not so isolated. At Christmas we hold a party for up to 150 children aged 0-11years. We have an entertainer, DJ, crafts, and food. Santa sees the children in his Grotto and there are presents for all the children. We take over the whole of the community centre and are helped by 20+ volunteers. It is very popular with local parents and children.

We have had funding from "Share my language" to provide tablets and internet to those families whose children have been disadvantaged by not being able to access online

learning and we have also secured a large grant from Celebrating Communities fund from Birmingham City Council to put on an event in the summer of 2022 to bring enthusiasm and excitement for the Commonwealth Games which will be hosted in Birmingham this year.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our local businesses and local trusts and churches. We have longstanding CSR partners who have such a great understanding of our aims. They have given us extra help and kept in very regular touch with us.

We would like to thank BHSF, Gowling WLG, Calthorpe trust, Argent, Avison Young, Abacus, Paradise circus, WPR, Bayfield Trust, J. Hudson (Acme Whistles), LoveBrum, Hydropower, The Vine, Turley, Headline Communications, Church Alive, Unitarian church, Cambridge Rd Methodists, Baron Davenports trust, Birmingham City council share my language grant, Local job centre and Property for Kids

Many individuals have sent us money too, including those who donate monthly. We wish to thank Roisin Mathers, Mike Gibbs, Peter Maskell, James Calladine, Geoff Savage. Many individuals who donate to Just Giving we cannot identify because we do not pay for reporting rights.

Employees and volunteers

Ladywood Community Project employs one part time member of staff as a family support worker (30 hours a week), one admin assistant (6 hours), and our co-ordinator is an upaid volunteer (30 hours a week).

We have appointed another family support worker (30 hours) who started on 1/4/22.

The day to day running of the project is overseen by an Advisory committee which reports to the Trustees. They meet every 6-8 weeks and are made up of local community members and members of local organisations.

We have received a number of grants this year to help with our anti-poverty initiatives as well as a bigger fund from Tudor Trust to support our core costs and salaries. This has been granted for 3 years thereby providing an assurance of the continuance of our service.

Based on this we have employed 2 new staff since last year. One is an admin assistant for 6 hours and the took up the post of family support worker (30 hours) at the beginning of April.

The addition of new staff is crucial as we see the demands for our services increase as more and more people have fallen from the "just about managing" to being in financial crisis.

We have been very fortunate to have an outstanding volunteer in John Pemberton who was a former resident. He runs his own business as an IT consultant and helps us with everything digital to make our work run smoothly. He is very responsive especially when we need help and has been a great asset this year.

We also have a number of regular volunteers who help us throughout the year particularly when we have events. We wish to thank Margaret, Annabel, Rachel, Sam, Patricia, Bernie, Bram, Gill, Kath as well as all the volunteers from the businesses who wrap presents at Christmas and generally help us whenever we ask.

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Objectives, Activities, Achievements and Performance

To offer relief for people in financial hardship, by providing grants, items and services, including advice and signposting to agencies and organisations.

Our work 2021/22

Wrigglers Play and Stay

This is held on Monday mornings 10.00-11.45 and is well attended. Children of 3 and under attend with their parent/s and engage in creative play/cooking/activities. There are outside trips to local places like the reservoir or local leisure centre for swimming.

There are, on average, 12 families who attend. This is a group well represented by the wide diversity of cultures living in Ladywood. We celebrate these different cultures with foods and stories. The group helps to promote harmony and understanding between the parents as well as their children and a great support network has built up. It is a chance for parents to form friendships and help with isolation especially if they are the only adult in the household.

We held the group virtually through the various lockdowns. Many parents struggled to access this because they did not have equipment. Sometimes their children were accessing school lessons through their phone. We applied to "Share my language" fund from BCC and bought tablets and pay as you go data so that all members of the group could join in the Wrigglers online activities.

Parents are also given opportunities to learn not only from each other but occasionally from outside trainers. We recently had a paediatric first aid session delivered to 15 parents.

Fuel Poverty

Many families are struggling to maintain a constant fuel supply in their homes and with fuel prices rising, this is increasingly taking more and more of their weekly budget.

In the winter there is extra pressure on heating costs and in the summer months the children are at home and families use more electricity and gas for cooking. The upcoming increases in the costs of fuel are particularly worrying and for many of our residents, self-disconnection from supply will be a painful reality.

For several years, we have raised money to help individuals and families in greatest need keep their supply on particularly if a financial crisis arises due to a delay in benefit or an unexpected cost arising. During the lockdown of last year, we joined the Fuel Foundation and are now able to give help without cash. A code is sent to the user's phone which can be used to top up their prepayment meter. Residents receive £30 in summer and £49 in winter.

Families must be referred to the scheme from a money advisor, credit union or other professional such as health visitor, social care or support worker, advice staff at Birmingham food bank.

During 21/22 we gave crisis help for fuel by making 75 referrals to the Fuel Foundation.

Holiday Hunger

We know that parents struggle to feed their children during the summer, Easter and Christmas school breaks.

During term times many children have free school meals. Parents have not only extra food costs during the summer months but extra fuel costs.

For many years we have been giving extra support during holiday periods and whenever the family are in need.

We have had a longstanding partnership with Birmingham Central Foodbank and Central Baby Bank and target help for up to 100 families in the summer period.

Families in need are referred from local schools, children's trust support workers, and debt and money advisors. In this way we know that we are reaching the most disadvantaged members of our community.

We give them vouchers to take to the Food bank to pick up bags of food (enough for 3 days, mainly dried and tinned) and we have given £50 supermarket vouchers so that fresh items can supplement/accommodate their diet. Those with babies also get help with nappies and wipes from the Baby bank

At Easter 2021 we helped 98 families - that is 113 adults and 215 children.

In Summer 2021 we helped 60 families - that is 81 adults and 147 children.

Between Xmas and March 2022, we helped 120 families - 166 adults and 251 children.

Low-Cost Trips

Many parents dread the long summer, Easter and Christmas school breaks because there is a lack of affordable activities and to take children out costs extra money and many parents struggle to cope with these expenses. Parents sometimes feel upset that they cannot give holidays and outings to their children, and this undermines their expectations of what a good parent should provide. Relationships can sometimes suffer, and it is not always a positive time for families.

Since the project has been operating, we have always tried to offer very low-cost trips and activities. We want to help families to enjoy their time together and with the rest of their community. It is important for children because we all need positive memories in our childhood.

We raise money to put towards trips and can provide outings at low cost and all activities are free.

We charged families £2 per seat for our trips which included all entrance to parks. This enabled even the poorest in our community to participate.

We also included a lunch bag which contained a sandwich, drink, crisps, fruit and biscuit. We asked The Real Junk Food to help us make up the bags.

This year we have had two trips to the seaside (Weston-Super-Mare), Hatton Park, Black Country Museum and West Midlands Safari park.

We are grateful to the Variety Club for giving us tickets for free entry into the Safari Park and reduced cost wristbands for the rides. We were able to take 40 residents in the October half term.

Activities

We offer a number of in-house craft activities during the summer and half term breaks.

We were also part of other funding bids by the JQDT where groups were invited down to make pumpkin lanterns to be displayed in Key Hill cemetery.

We also had a wall hanging project with RBSA who paid an artist to work with us. A group of older adults went to their studio and hand printed outline Christmas designs. These formed the basis of further free form hand painting by children of school age and even the under 3's joined in. These works of art were sewn into panels that were displayed in Santa's grotto at the Christmas parties.

All activities were free and enjoyed by our residents.

In reviewing their activities, the trustees have referred to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Christmas Parties and Help

Ladywood is an area with a high incidence of child poverty and many of our families would not be able to afford a visit to see Father Christmas. Our parties are therefore very popular, and this year was no exception.

Last year we were unable to put on our usual children's parties so this year we wanted to make them as special and safe as we could. Normally we would hold one party for 150 children, but we wanted to observe social distancing. We decided to hold three smaller parties.

We made our grotto magical with beautiful lights and decorations. We created wall hangings, hand printed and decorated by our parents and children and with the help and support of RBSA.

Wrigglers Party - Under 3's

This was for the children who attend our weekly stay and play group. We held it in the Boughton Hall at the community centre and had the usual games, pass the parcel, party food and dancing. We had an appearance from the Elf and Santa gave presents to all the children and let them sit on his sleigh with their parents for photos.

20 Children attended with their 20 parents.

Parties held on Saturday 18th and Monday 20th December. These were for children aged 4-11.

We held these at the community centre. We had an entertainer (Maddom) who did magic tricks and balloon sculptures, a DJ for each day, who organised games and dancing, a local face painter and the children made crowns with our extensive craft supplies. Santa was in his grotto for the children to visit and were given presents. A lunch pack with a sandwich, drink, fruit and crisps was given when they left. Their siblings were also given a book and chocolates.

We had a prize draw (there was a free ticket issued to each family) and 10 families won a hamper (donated by Acme Whistles).

In total 123 children attended with 78 parents.

We were greatly helped by a team of local volunteers and would like to thank staff from BHSF who wrapped all the presents, Julian and Adrian from Galliard who helped put up the grotto and sorted out the lighting, Clarkeprint who printed all the posters and leaflets for free and Bram, Rachel, Katerina, Pat, Kath, Gill, Margaret, Bernie, Sanna, Suzanne, Annabel, Paul and Winnie who made the day one for all the families to remember.

Our parties could not have taken place had it not been for the generosity of our funders.

We are very grateful to them.

All the children really enjoyed themselves and for many it was their first traditional Christmas party.

Christmas Help

This year we again asked for referrals from local schools, children's trust support workers and debt and money advisors of the families or individuals who would be in need this Christmas. In this way we know that we are reaching the most disadvantaged members of our community. This year we gave 100 families:

- £50 voucher to be used at Tesco or Morrisons;
- A cuddly large throw to keep them warm;
- A family size tub of chocolates;
- A voucher to attend the local foodbank to pick up 3 days' worth of tinned and dried food.

We are very grateful to our funders again for rising to the challenge especially Property for Kids.

Help with School Uniform

We know from our many years of working with parents that buying school uniform in the summer is a very difficult and stressful time for parents. This is particularly true when children are moving from Primary to Secondary schools. The cost of clothing with the school logo is very high and require shopping in a specialist uniform shop. Parents struggle financially in the long summer holiday when there are extra food and fuel costs and buying uniform for all your children is daunting. Children need to have the correct kit so that they can feel confident particularly when it is a new school they are attending.

We started the uniform fund many years ago. Parents are referred by schools, children's trust workers, and debt and money advice professionals. We purchase the items that the children need online to provide a bespoke service. If funds allow, we spend up to £100 per family where children moving to a new secondary school and up to £50 for families whose children are at primary school. The families who are referred often need extra help because they have no recourse to public funds, are in debt or all their children have had to move school because of homelessness or other problems.

This year we received £2,000 to fund our uniform scheme when we came first in a campaign run by LoveBrum. **This helped us to purchase school uniform for 63 children/ 43 families at a cost of £2,005.**

Referrals to Birmingham City Mission

We are very pleased to be one of the referrals agents for City Mission. They deliver toys to families at Christmas and offer a bespoke service. We register the family details and they deliver to their home. The quality of the toys is outstanding and really helps families at such an expensive and often stressful time. **This year we referred 249 children**.

Hardship Fund

This is a fund that was secured by our Councillors Albert Bore and Kath Hartley. We had a partnership of Trident Reach, Suited for Success, Inner Circle Credit Union and WPM.

The fund is to assist those who are homeless or at reach of losing their properties or finding that they cannot live there because of lack of facilities. In the past we have helped with basic items of furniture such as mattresses, fridges, gas/electric, prescription costs, bus fare, etc.

This year we have supported 7 residents who did not have basic facilities in their home. We bought 3 cookers, a bed, 2 mobile phones as well as helping with bus fares and other emergencies. We spent £922.

Household Support Fund

In February we were one of the agencies involved in helping benefit claimants to claim the household support fund which was a grant given by central government for local authorities to help those in need. **We made 100+ applications to the fund on behalf of our community.**

Financial Review

Our main source of income this year was £54,542 received in grants. We also received a number of generous donations in this financial year totalling £43,509 from individuals and community businesses.

Our total income of £98,051 (2021: £68,161) in the year was an 44% increase on the prior year.

Total expenditure in the year of £51,101 (2021: £37,731) was an 35% increase on the prior year.

Total unrestricted funds held at 31 March 2022 and available for use towards the general objectives of the charity were £36,588 (2021: £30,991).

It was concluded that the level of unrestricted funds at the yearend is sufficient to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and enable it to continue its current activities should income decline or costs rise significantly.

Restricted funds held at 31 March 2022 which are to be used for the specific projects they were donated for were £49,295 (2021: £18,719).

Designated funds held at 31 March 2022 (which are unrestricted funds ear marked for a specific project by the board of Trustees) were £10,776 (2021: £nil).

Funds totalling £9,379 were transferred from restricted to designated as it came to light during the year that these funds were not restricted.

Reserves Policy

The charity has few overheads and is not locked into a lease agreement. Its antipoverty initiatives are funded through small grants specific to the needs of those in poverty. Any unrestricted reserves are spent on salaries and other costs, such as stationery, monthly rent, insurance and other running costs.

The trustees have decided that the charity need to keep in reserve a sum to cover any/all redundancy payments. This would be in the event -

- The charity had to close because of financial restraints;
- The post was no longer relevant to the aims of the charity

For this year the amount would be £10,000. This will be reviewed annually.

Trustee Fees/Expenses

No fees or expenses were received by charity trustees during the year.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full name Bram Scott

Position Chairman

Date 24.1.23

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ladywood Community Project ('the Charity')

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Teresa Fennell, ACMA CGMA
It Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth Ltd
47 St Dunstans Close, Worcester, WR5 2AJ

Date: 25/1/2023.

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Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended
31 March 2022

	Note	2022			2021		
RECEIPTS	**1 & 2**	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations		**37,209**	**6,250**	**43,459**	32,794	13,717	46,511
Grants		**10,290**	**34,252**	**44,542**	-	21,400	21,400
Repayment of Loans		**-**	**-**	**-**	250	-	250
Other		**-**	**-**	**-**	-	-	-
Total receipts		**47,499**	**40,502**	**88,001**	33,044	35,117	68,161
PAYMENTS	**1 & 2**						
Charitable Activities		**41,555**	**9,497**	**51,051**	15,252	22,161	37,413
Loans		**-**	**-**	**-**	250	-	250
Fundraising costs		**-**	**-**	**-**	68	-	68
Total payments		**41,555**	**9,497**	**51,051**	15,570	22,161	37,731
Net receipts/(payments)		**5,944**	**31,005**	**36,949**	17,474	12,956	30,430
Transfers between funds		**9,379**	**(9,379)**	**-**	(562)	562	-
Cash funds @ 31.3.2021	**3**	30,991	18,719	49,710	14,079	5,201	19,280
Cash funds @ 31.3.2022	**3**	**46,314**	**40,345**	**86,659**	30,991	18,719	49,710

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022

	2022			2021		
CASH FUNDS	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand	**197**	**-**	**197**	243	-	243
Vouchers unspent	**1,126**	**-**	**1,126**	-	-	-
Cash at Bank (LH)	**1,427**	**-**	**1,427**	-	-	-
Cash at Bank (LCP)	**43,565**	**40,345**	**83,910**	30,748	18,719	49,467
Total Cash funds	**46,314**	**40,345**	**86,659**	30,991	18,719	49,710
LIABILITIES						
HMRC PAYE	**-**	**300**	**300**	25	-	-
Pension	**-**	**125**	**125**	-	-	-
Suppliers	**216**	**-**	**216**	180	-	-
Total Liabilities	**216**	**425**	**641**	205	-	-

The receipts & payments accounts were approved by the Trustees on 24.1.23 and were signed on their behalf by:

B Scott
Chairman

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2022

1. Detailed Receipts & Payments Account

	2022			2021		
RECEIPTS	**Unrestricted & Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Donations	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Unrestricted	**36,239**	**-**	**36,239**	32,794	-	32,794
Gift Aid	**161**	**-**	**161**	-	-	-
Sundry income (e.g. ticket s	**809**	**-**	**809**	-	-	-
Poverty Intiatives	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	500	500
Holiday Hunger/Help	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	1,955	1,955
Christmas Help	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	10,091	10,091
WPR Agency	**-**	**1,050**	**1,050**	-	-	-
Gowling	**-**	**5,200**	**5,200**	-	-	-
	37,209	**6,250**	**43,459**	32,794	12,546	45,340
Grants						
Hardship	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	4,500	4,500
Uniform	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	1,000	1,000
Other unrestricted	**3,530**	**-**	**3,530**	-	-	-
Christmas parties	**2,984**	**-**	**2,984**	-	-	-
Core costs and salaries	**-**	**33,000**	**33,000**	-	-	-
Great Get Together	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	-	-
MiCity (Wrigglers)	**-**	**1,252**	**1,252**	-	2,250	2,250
Christmas help	**3,776**	**-**	**3,776**	-	-	-
Holiday Hunger/Help	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	4,000	4,000
Easter Help	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	5,000	5,000
	10,290	**34,252**	**44,542**	-	16,750	16,750
Repayment of Loans	**-**	**-**	**-**	250	-	250
Total receipts	**47,499**	**40,502**	**88,001**	33,044	29,296	62,340
PAYMENTS						
Salaries	**10,373**	**7,462**	**17,835**	12,804	-	12,804
Volunteer daily allowance	**1,419**	**-**	**1,419**	-	-	-
Event costs	**2,730**	**280**	**3,010**	-	-	-
Drop-in costs	**280**	**-**	**280**	-	-	-
Fundraising costs	**48**	**-**	**48**	-	-	-
Vouchers/gift cards	**11,645**	**-**	**11,645**	-	-	-
Hardship	**-**	**923**	**923**	-	34	34
Uniform	**2,050**	**-**	**2,050**	-	1,246	1,246
Wrigglers	**-**	**821**	**821**	-	87	87
Trips expenses	**3,079**	**-**	**3,079**	-	-	-
Poverty Initiative	**1,384**	**-**	**1,384**	-	310	310
Christmas Help	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	8,017	8,017
Holiday Hunger/Help	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	2,635	2,635
Easter Help	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	5,562	5,562
	33,008	**9,485**	**42,493**	12,804	17,891	30,695
General overheads						
Volunteer Expenses	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	-	-
Rent	**2,070**	**-**	**2,070**	315	-	315
Office Costs	**45**	**-**	**45**	1,265	-	1,265
Telephone	**520**	**-**	**520**	-	-	-
Website	**122**	**-**	**122**	-	-	-
Computer equipment	**1,139**	**-**	**1,139**	-	-	-
Payroll fees	**90**	**-**	**90**	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	**257**	**12**	**268**	-	-	-
Subscriptions	**176**	**-**	**176**	144	-	144
Insurance	**642**	**-**	**642**	321	-	321
Professional fees	**3,420**	**-**	**3,420**	120	-	120
Bank/CAF Fees/Interest cha	**65**	**-**	**65**	283	-	283
	8,547	**12**	**8,558**	2,448	-	2,448
Fundraising costs			**-**			
Collection Tins	**-**	**-**	**-**	68	-	68
Loans						
Cash for deliveries	**-**	**-**	**-**	250	-	250
	-	**-**	**-**	250	-	250
Total payments	**41,555**	**9,497**	**51,051**	15,570	17,891	33,461
Net receipts/(payments)	**5,944**	**31,005**	**36,949**	17,474	11,405	28,879

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Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

2. Funds analysis

Restricted funds	B/fwd 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd 31 March 2022
Council (Hardship - Trident)	7,177	-	923	-	6,254
Uniform	143	-	-	(143)	-
MiCity (Wrigglers)	2,163	1,252	1,112	-	2,303
Christmas Help	2,074	-	-	(2,074)	-
Holiday Hunger	3,320	-	-	(3,320)	-
Easter Help	-	-	-	-	-
Poverty Initiatives	2,216	-	-	(2,216)	-
Ladywood Helpers	1,626	-	-	(1,626)	-
Tudor Trust	-	33,000	7,462	-	25,538
WPR Agency	-	1,050	-	-	1,050
Gowling	-	5,200	-	-	5,200
	18,719	**40,502**	**9,497**	**(9,379)**	**40,345**
Designated funds					
BHSF - Christmas Help	-	-	-	2,074	2,074
BVSC - Holiday Hunger	-	-	-	3,320	3,320
Avison	-	800	800	-	-
Baron Davenport Trust	-	1,000	811	-	190
Gowling	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Uniform/Love Brum	-	2,000	1,842	143	301
Paradise Circus	-	3,800	3,800	-	-
Property for Kids	-	5,760	5,760	-	-
WRP Agency	-	1,100	1,100	-	-
Poverty Initiatives	-	-	-	2,216	2,216
Ladywood Helpers	-	-	-	1,626	1,626
	-	**24,460**	**24,113**	**9,379**	**9,726**
Unrestricted funds	30,991	23,039	17,442	-	36,587
Total funds	**49,710**	**88,001**	**51,052**	**-**	**86,659**

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1154552

Accounts

Registered Charity No: 1154552

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2021

Ladywood
Community Project
Together we make a community

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees of Ladywood Community Project present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Ladywood Community Project	
Charity registration no:	1154552	
Principal address:	Ladywood Community Centre St Vincent Street West Birmingham B16 8RP	
Board of Trustees:	Bram Scott	Chair
	Jacqueline Parker	
	Gillian Robinson	
Project Co-ordinator:	Gerardine Giblin	
Advisory Committee:	Mary McElligott	Signatory & Resident
	Gill Robinson	Chair & Resident
	Rev Winnie Gordon	Unitarian Church
	Councillor Kath Hartley	Councillor
	Katerina Vitiva	Resident
	John Pemberton	Resident
	Rhonda Elvin	Credit Union
	Patricia White	Co-optee, Suited for Success
	Harry Naylor	Co-optee Karis Neighbours Scheme
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LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Structure, Governance, and Management of the Trust

Background

Ladywood Community Project registered as a charity in November 2013. It had previously operated as a multi-disciplinary support agency operated by Birmingham City Council funded staff. It had been in existence since 1986 and is a well-known and trusted resource in the area and is seen as a first port of call to residents who need help.

Poverty continues to be a major issue for our local residents. Latest figures, published by End Poverty campaigners show that Ladywood is amongst the top poorest areas in the country with 54% of children (17,938) growing up in poverty.

Ladywood Community Project endeavours to improve the lives of local people in poverty or financial hardship, and help not only when they have a crisis but tackle the isolation and stress that poverty brings. We encourage families to feel part of a wider community that can offer friendships, shared leisure and be an active part of our team to address issues that worry them. We achieve this through practical, educational, physical, and financial interventions for those most in need of support.

We provide assistance to those who are in a crisis by giving emergency help with gas/electricity, helping with school uniforms, bus fares, nappies and children's clothes and toys, fresh food, referring to food banks, benefits advice centres, credit unions, use of our facilities - washing machine, dryer, cooker/microwave, and listening to them when they are upset, in hardship, depression or anxiety or just in need of someone to talk to.

We offer support and encourage drop ins with use of our garden, kitchen and lounge, free refreshments, meet other families, get help and advice, join a group or activity or join us on trips. We offer a popular play and stay group providing parents and children opportunities to learn through play, craft and trips to enhance children's experiences and encourage development.

In the school holidays we work in partnership with the local food bank to provide families with food parcels and put money on their fuel cards/keys as a way of helping those children who would normally get free school meals.

In the summer we have weekly activities and usually 3 trips, including one to the seaside. All activities are free and trips are heavily subsidised. We hold community events often in partnership with other local agencies to help people feel part of a community and not so isolated. At Christmas we hold a party for up to 150 children aged 0-11years. We have an entertainer, DJ, crafts, and food. Santa pays a visit to the children in his Grotto and there are presents for all the children. We take over the whole of the community centre and are helped by 20+ volunteers. Our Christmas party is very popular with local parents and children.

Employees and volunteers

Ladywood Community Project employs one part time member of staff as a family support worker (23 hours a week), and our co-ordinator is a an upaid volunteer (30 hours a week).

The day to day running of the project is overseen by an Advisory committee which reports to the Trustees. They meet every 6-8 weeks and are made up of local community members and members of local organisations.

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Objectives, Activities, Achievements and Performance

To offer relief for people in financial hardship, by providing grants, items and services, including advice and signposting to agencies and organisations.

This financial year has been very challenging due to Covid19 restrictions and not being able to provide face to face support to our residents. We have adapted how we deliver our services but not our focus. We have tried to keep in contact with many of our residents but inevitably there have been many who are difficult to reach. We aim to be a responsive service, and many have relied on calling in to our drop in and asking for help which has made the past year more difficult to reach those in need. For those whose English is limited, the telephone presents too many hurdles and residents have not been able to bring correspondence to us that might need some action.

We have been unable to hold regular Trustee meetings although the co-ordinator has kept us in communication via telephone. The advisory meetings have taken place on Zoom but with only two of our normal group because of lack of digital equipment.

We had a "make it" event planned for April which had to be cancelled and were unable to provide any of our summer activities and trips.

In June we were delighted to hear that we had been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This prompted by this to commission our website www.ladywoodcommunityproject.org.uk.

During lockdown we were delighted that Galliard donated and fitted a brand-new kitchen for us. This was sorely needed. We look forward to our residents using it again when we are fully open. We already have plans for community lunches and cooking time with our Wrigglers group.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our local businesses. We have longstanding CSR partners who have such a great understanding of our aims. They have given us extra help during the pandemic and kept in very regular communication. We would like to thank BHSF, Gowling WLG, Calthorpe Trust, Argent, Avison, Direct Line, Paradise Circus, WPR, Wates Bayfield Trust, and J. Hudson.

Churches have also generously donated during the year. We would like to thank Unitarian, Church Alive, St Georges and Cambridge St Kings Heath.

We have received 2 grants from Early Emergency help programme (BVSC) and MiFriendly Cities (Birmingham City Council) Joseph Hopkins Sayer Trust. We have received money from the Hardship fund (administered by Trident Reach).

Many individuals have made donations as well, including those who make regular monthly donations and we received a donation in memory of a lady who had sadly passed away.

Ladywood Helpers (end March- end of May 20)

Just prior to the national lockdown in March 2021 we met with other agencies to form Ladywood Helpers. This is a group of local charities, church groups, leisure centre, foodbank, schools and a local councillor. During the first couple of months of the lockdown we provided a much needed contact point for residents for information and support. Those that were not able to leave the house we supported them by shopping, collecting prescriptions, signposting for those who had lost employment and were struggling with money or just needed a hand to get services or hear a friendly voice. The group set up a

website and with the assistance of caretakers advertised the service in many of the local tower blocks in the area.

The group were able to secure foodstuffs from Morrisons and tins and dried food from Birmingham Central Foodbank and store it at Ladywood Leisure Centre. Volunteers delivered food to those in most need and funding was secured to top up with fresh diary and protein items or take into account dietary needs. We also paid for weekly deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables to distribute.

Grants were given from Love Brum, Serco and also from individuals. Ladywood Community Project loaned £1,000 to Ladywood Helpers for the initial start up, and this loan was repaid during the financial year.

Ladywood Community project coordinated and paid for help given to residents to top up their prepayment meters and were part of the assessment team to respond to those in need. We also became online referrers to the Foodbank so that details could be taken over the phone and referrals made.

During April and May Ladywood Community project gave £1,150 in fuel support to 18 households (47 adults and 69 children). Grants ranged from £30- £50 dependant on size of household. We also referred 18 households for foodbank parcels.

Ladywood Helpers received 119 calls in April and May from 83 separate households, 69 of which were vulnerable or self isolating. This represented 177 adults and 159 children.

Holiday Help/hunger scheme - Summer 2020

This is the sixth year that Ladywood Community project has given extra help to families in the school summer holiday break.

During term time many children in our area have free school meals and their parents struggle to cope with the extra food and household fuel costs when they are home. They also have extra costs providing school uniform and stationery in preparation for their return to school.

This year we were pleased that the Government decided to help out by giving those children who would get free school meals, an allowance to cover the summer.

However, the year has been incredibly difficult because children have been at home for 4 months and most parents have lost income and incurred extra costs.

This year we have partnered with Birmingham Central Foodbank and Central Baby Bank to supply 80+ families with essentials to make their life easier.

Families had to be referred to the scheme. We had referrals from local schools, support workers, children's trust staff, money advisors and credit union.

We received a Children and Families grant from BVSC to finance some of the help with gas/electric and fresh food, and also asked businesses and local churches to donate money towards the fuel or 80 items that would be helpful/fun to give the children at this time, such as hoola hoops, craft items, etc.

The response was very good and this enabled us to support each family with:

- A food parcel sufficient for 3 days for the family (supplied by BC Foodbank);
- 100 Nappies per child and dignity pack (sanitary towels, toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant, soap) where applicable (supplied by Central Baby bank);
- £10 Tesco voucher to buy fresh food to supplement food parcel. (Ladywood community Project);
- £60 loaded onto gas/electric prepayment meters (Ladywood Community project);
- A pack containing P.E bag, hula hoop, craft packs, books, colouring books, crayons, shampoo, juice, toothpaste, washable handmade masks and a bottle of hand sanitiser 125 ml (Ladywood Project).

We received monetary and other contributions from BHSF, J Hudson, Jewellery Quarter, Galliard, Avison, WRG, Ladywood Methodist church, St George's church, Church Alive and local residents.

Food and other items were delivered by Ruth Fuller and her volunteers, Emma and Stuart and we are very grateful for their hard work over the weeks.

We had 84 families referred to us with 210 children supported. 71 were in BAME community. All were on benefit or NASS support.

This co-ordinated project was a brilliant example of charities, businesses, faith groups and local residents working together to help and support those in their community.

Christmas Help/Hunger Scheme - December 2020

For many years we have held a Christmas party for the children from the local junior and infant schools in our area. This was of course out of the question this year. We decided instead to give families extra help at Christmas.

Christmas was an even more stressful time for our residents this year. Many families have reduced income and are struggling to make ends meet so affording presents for their children, extra food etc that most enjoy at Christmas seems out of reach. We wanted to help them to have a more positive Christmas.

We met with Birmingham Central Foodbank and they agreed to provide food for 100 families and we agreed that we would buy a game for every family and raise money for supermarket vouchers and put on credit on their prepayment fuel meters.

Families were required to be referred to the scheme. We had referrals from local schools, support workers, children's trust staff, money advisors and credit unions.

We asked businesses to help with funding and contacted the Fuel Foundation who agreed that their funding would cover grants to prepayment meters.

We received a brilliant response from our local businesses and local residents. Many of them have supported us for a number of years and we are very fortunate that they are so responsive to our requests for help. We thank BHSF, Acme Whistles, Paradise Circus Group, WPR, Calthorpe Estates, Argent, Birmingham City Church and generous local residents.

We were able to support each family with:

- A board game (compendium);
- A food parcel sufficient for 3 days for the family (supplied by BC Foodbank);
- £70 Tesco voucher to buy fresh food to supplement food parcel. (Ladywood Community Project);
- £49 loaded onto gas/electric prepayment meters (Ladywood Community project/Fuel foundation);
- A craft pack and bird feeder kit (The Hive and JQR).

We received 117 family referrals which comprised 172 parents and 283 children. We stretched our money to ensure we were able to support every one.

The families were absolutely delighted and relieved by the support received. There were a few tears and many were so relieved that their families would struggle less over the holiday period.

All of the referrers gave us very positive feedback about the impact we had made to children's quality of life.

The Christmas project was another brilliant example of charities, businesses, faith groups and local residents working together to help those in their community. We are very grateful to all those who made this possible.

Easter Help Project - March 2021

The Easter project was a continuation of our efforts to provide targeted support to those families in our area who continue to struggle to make ends meet. For many their part time work had ceased or debts had meant they often had to make difficult choices to heat or eat.

We have a longstanding relationship with Birmingham Central Foodbank and have operated holiday hunger initiatives with them for several years.

In January 2021 we received 300 new children's books as a donation from Harper Collins (via Feeding Britain organisation). We purchased Easter craft packs. A local resident donated 80 multiple packs of chocolate and our local Morrisons donated 20.

We created a referral form to capture names, addresses, family size and ages of children, BAME and consent. We asked local schools, charities and credit unions to refer those families who were in need. We were also aware of families who had previously been supported with fuel aid. Every family was contacted and permission given to receive their details and pass on to the Foodbank. At Easter we supported:

- 98 families;
- 130 Adults and their 212 children;
- 85 of those families were BAME (87%). This included Pakistani, Somalian, Caribbean, Albanian, African, Sudanese, Algerian, Eastern European, Iranian;
- 80 lived in B16, B18, and B1 areas but all either had a child attending a local school or a strong connection to the area and used facilities in Ladywood;
- All were on low incomes, Universal credit, NASS support, or WTC.

Each family was provided with:

- An invitation to redeem a food pack at the local foodbank (3 days tinned and dried food). 2 of the schools collected these on behalf of their families and delivered to their home;
- A supermarket voucher worth £50 (Tesco or Morrisons);
- A craft pack including crayons/pens, bumper craft pack, paint your own Easter bags, paint your own suncatchers and stencils;
- 3 brand new age-appropriate books.

Distribution took place from March 22nd. Families were booked into a time slot to collect their items from the side door of the community centre in line with current Covid19 guidelines. Other packs were distributed by the referrers i.e., Oratory School, St Georges and Karis Neighbours.

Some of the families told us of other difficulties they were having and we were able to refer them on to Birmingham Settlement (debt advice), Ladywood Job Club (employment and CV help), as well as Ladywood Community project helping with school uniform and fuel support through our membership of the Fuel Foundation. In total 12 families were referred for support from other agencies/projects.

Feedback from the families was very positive. For some it was more than a lifeline in terms of feeding their children, it made them feel that someone was there to help them through their difficult times and not isolated. All families were given our contact number should they require further help or support. Many asked us when we would reopen to the public.

Help with school uniform

We are aware from our many years of working with parents that buying school uniform in the summer is a very difficult and stressful time. This is particularly true when children are moving from Primary to Secondary schools. The cost of clothing with the school logo is very high and require shopping in a specialist uniform shop. Parents struggle financially in the long summer holiday when there are extra food and fuel costs and buying uniform for all your children becomes very daunting. Children are required to have the correct kit for school to enable them to feel confident, particularly when it is a new school they are attending.

We started the uniform fund many years ago. Parents are referred by schools, children's trust workers and debt and money advice professionals. We purchase the items that the children need online to provide a bespoke service. If funds allow, we spend up to £100 per family where children moving to a new secondary school and up to £50 for families whose children are at primary school. The families who are referred often need extra help because they have no recourse to public funds, are in debt or all their children have had to move school because of homelessness or other problems.

This year we received £1,000 to fund our uniform scheme from money that had been raised through Ladywood Helpers.

We provided support to 32 children at a cost of £1,246.

Fuel poverty

Many families and individuals continue to struggle to maintain a constant fuel supply in their homes and with fuel prices rising, this is increasingly taking more and more of their weekly budget. Many are forced to self-disconnect when the money runs out.

In the winter there is extra pressure on heating costs and in the summer months the children are at home and families use more electricity and gas for cooking. The pandemic has meant that fuel costs are high as families have to stay at home for much longer times.

For a number of years, we have raised money to help individuals and families in greatest need keep their supply on particularly if a financial crisis arises due to a delay in benefit or an unexpected cost arising.

Families have to be referred to the scheme from a money advisor, credit union or other professional such as health visitor, social care or support worker, advice staff at Birmingham Food Bank. Money is put on their prepayment meters to avoid disconnection.

Grants of between £10 and £50 are given following an assessment of need. Credit is added to their cards/keys rather than money given. This is one-off help due to the high demand.

During lockdown we found it physically difficult to operate the scheme and we would like to thank the Ladywood Helpers volunteers who went out to homes to take cards and keys to the shop to put credit on. This spurred us on to look for other methods to give help and we were fortunate to get referred to the Fuel Bank Foundation who offered us an online facility as a Fuel Bank. This has been a massive boost for us as we can now offer help even when we are working from home.

Between April and July, we spent £1,150 on fuel for 47 adults and their 69 children.

Between July 2020 and the of end March 2021 applications for Fuel Bank support were received and allocated by us for 287 adults and 434 children. This represents 115 households at a cost to the Fuel Bank foundation of £10,069.

Wrigglers Play and Stay group

Wrigglers is a long running play 'n' stay group that meets on Monday morning 10am - 11.45am, term time only in the project.

We have a diverse group of between 6-12 families with their under 5's who attend. This allows the younger children quality time with their parents/carers. This is also an informal social meeting time for new mums who maybe new to the area.

We have a programme of activities provided in-house, as well as visiting local venues. Our in-house activities include painting, baking, messy play, and a wide variety of arts & crafts.

Last year we applied to MiFriendlycities (BCC) for a grant to promote integration and better understanding of other cultures of the families within the group. We were awarded £2,250.

A wide variety of families from different backgrounds and nationalities attend our Wrigglers group and other activities. Last year as part of the activities we have for MiFriendly Cities we had a theme of foods around the world. This has involved parents preparing food from their home countries for the group to taste. There was discussion on how the food was prepared including traditions on when it is eaten and why. We have discussed cooking methods, ingredients, and pronunciation of the dish.

The children coloured in flags of the countries to go with the dishes. So far there have been dishes from Spain, Pakistan, France and England (pancakes). The parents and children have greatly enjoyed these sessions and it has given those parents a chance to talk about their culture in a supportive and friendly environment. We have seen an improvement in confidence to speak by those who are generally shy to speak English, as well as a greater understanding of different cultures by the whole group.

The group have discussed what activities they would like to do in future which include a visit to a farm and strawberry picking, as well as the seaside trip in the summer.

We also planned to hold a first aid course (for children) for 20 parents. Unfortunately, these sessions and activities had to be halted due to pandemic restrictions.

We held a weekly Zoom meeting with parents and children. Each child was provided with a bag containing books, a musical item (tambourine) and craft items for sticking and colouring. The sessions followed a format to engage the child.

On average there were 3-5 parents able to participate each time. Many had older children who were at home so it was difficult and many had to use parent's phone which was not ideal for Zoom sessions. Parents did meet to walk around the reservoir when restrictions allowed.

Hardship fund

This is a fund that was secured by our Councillors Albert Bore and Kath Hartley. We had a partnership of Trident Reach, Suited for Success, Inner Circle Credit Union and WPM.

The fund is to assist those who are homeless, at risk of losing their properties, or finding that they cannot live there because of lack of facilities. In the past we have helped with basic items of furniture such as mattresses, fridges, gas/electric, prescription costs, bus fare etc.

This year we have only been able to support one family with a table top cooker. We are sure that the need has been there but sadly the ones we help are often the very ones who find it difficult to access help and have not been reachable by phone.

Statistics

For Ladywood Community Project (not counting Helpers), we have helped support 206 separate households with 301 adults and 477 children.

Financial Review

Our main source of income continues to be generous donations from individuals and community businesses. We also received a number of additional grants in this financial year totalling £16,750.

Our total income of £63,340 (2020: £34,975) in the year was an 81% increase on the prior year.

Total expenditure in the year of £34,463 (2020: £27,454) was a 26% increase on the prior year.

Total unrestricted funds held at 31 March 2021 and available for use towards the general objectives of the charity were £31,551 (2020: £14,079).

Restricted funds held at 31 March 2021 which are to be used for the specific projects they were donated for were £16,531 (2020: £5,126).

Reserves Policy

The charity has few overheads and is not locked into a lease agreement. Its antipoverty initiatives are funded through small grants specific to the needs of those in poverty. Any unrestricted reserves are spent on salaries and other costs, such as stationery, monthly rent, insurance and other running costs.

The trustees have decided that the charity need to keep in reserve a sum to cover any/all redundancy payments. This would be in the event -

- The charity had to close because of financial restraints;
- The post was no longer relevant to the aims of the charity

For this year the amount would be £10,000. This would be reviewed annually.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

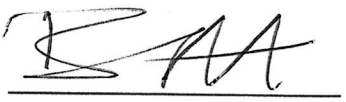
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full name Bram Scott

Position Chairman

Date 20-12-21

LADYWOOD COMMUNITY PROJECT
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ladywood Community Project

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 as required 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) that accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) that accounts do 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 the 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.

Signed: Lucy Hebron

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Date: 18/01/22.

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended
31 March 2021

	Note	2021			2020		
RECEIPTS	1 & 2	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations		**32,794**	**13,717**	**46,511**	21,613	7,156	28,769
Grants		**-**	**21,400**	**21,400**	-	6,000	6,000
Repayment of Loans		**250**	**-**	**250**	-	-	-
Other		**-**	**-**	**-**	206	-	206
Total receipts		**33,044**	**35,117**	**68,161**	21,819	13,156	34,975
PAYMENTS	1 & 2						
Charitable Activities		**15,252**	**22,161**	**37,413**	17,372	10,082	27,454
Loans		**250**	**-**	**250**	-	-	-
Fundraising costs		**68**	**-**	**68**	-	-	-
Total payments		**15,570**	**22,161**	**37,731**	17,372	10,082	27,454
Net receipts/(payments)		**17,474**	**12,956**	**30,430**	4,447	3,073	7,520
Transfers between funds		**(562)**	**562**	**-**	-	-	-
Cash funds @ 31.3.2020	3	14,079	5,201	19,280	9,632	2,128	11,760
Cash funds @ 31.3.2021	3	**30,991**	**18,719**	**49,710**	14,079	5,201	19,280

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 March 2021

	2021			2020		
CASH FUNDS	**Unrestricted funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in Hand	**243**	**-**	**243**	898	-	898
Cash at Bank	**30,748**	**18,719**	**49,467**	13,181	5,201	18,382
Total Cash funds	**30,991**	**18,719**	**49,710**	14,079	5,201	19,280
LIABILITIES						
HMRC PAYE	**25**	**-**	**25**	-	-	-
Suppliers	**180**	**-**	**180**	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	**205**	**-**	**205**	-	-	-

The receipts & payments accounts were approved by the Trustees on 18.1.22
and were signed on their behalf by:

B Scott
Chairman

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2021

1. Detailed Receipts & Payments Account

	2021			2020		
RECEIPTS	**Unrestricted funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Donations	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	32,794	-	32,794	21,613	-	21,613
Poverty Intiatives	-	500	500	-		
Holiday Hunger/Help	-	1,955	1,955	-	7,156	7,156
Christmas Help	-	10,091	10,091	-		
	32,794	12,546	45,340	21,613	7,156	28,769
Grants			-			
Hardship	-	4,500	4,500	-	4,500	4,500
Uniform	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Great Get Together	-	-	-	-	500	500
MiCity (Wrigglers)	-	2,250	2,250	-	-	-
Holiday Hunger/Help	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
Easter Help	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
	-	16,750	16,750	-	6,000	6,000
Repayment of Loans	250	-	250	-	-	-
User Contributions	-	-	-	185	-	185
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	21	-	21
Total receipts	33,044	29,296	62,340	21,819	13,156	34,974
PAYMENTS						
Salaries	12,804	-	12,804	13,152	-	13,152
Hardship	-	34	34	-	-	-
Uniform	-	1,246	1,246	-	-	-
Wrigglers	-	87	87	-	-	-
Poverty Initiative	-	310	310	-	-	-
Christmas Help	-	8,017	8,017			
Holiday Hunger/Help	-	2,635	2,635	-	10,082	10,082
Easter Help	-	5,562	5,562			
	12,804	17,891	30,695	13,152	10,082	23,234
General overheads						
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	1,562	-	1,562
Rent	315	-	315	2,100	-	2,100
Office Costs	1,265	-	1,265			
Subscriptions	144	-	144			
Insurance	321	-	321	558	-	558
Professional fees	120	-	120			
Bank Fees	283	-	283			
	2,448	-	2,448	4,220	-	4,220
Fundraising costs			-			
Collection Tins	68	-	68	-	-	-
Loans						
Cash for deliveries	250	-	250	-	-	-
	250	-	250	-	-	-
Total payments	15,570	17,891	33,461	17,372	10,082	27,454
Net receipts/(payments)	17,474	11,405	28,879	4,447	3,073	7,520

Ladywood Helpers

Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
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31 March 2021

2 Detailed Receipts & Payments Account

	2021			2020		
RECEIPTS	**Unrestricted funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	1,171	1,171			
Grants	-	4,650	4,650			
Total receipts	-	5,821	5,821		No Information	
PAYMENTS						
Grants Awarded						
School Uniform	-	1,400	1,400			
Job Club	-	850	850			
	-	2,250	2,250			
Charitable Activities						
Fuel & Food	-	1,954	1,954			
	-	1,954	1,954		No Information	
General Overheads						
Travel	-	66	66			
	-	66	66			
Total payments	-	4,270	4,270			
Net receipts/(payments)	-	1,551	1,551	-	-	-

Ladywood Community Project CIO

Notes to the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2021

3 Funds analysis

Restricted funds	B/fwd 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd 31 March 2021
Council (Hardship)	2,711	4,500	34	-	7,177
Uniform	389	1,000	1,246	-	143
MiCity (Wrigglers)	-	2,250	87	-	2,163
Christmas Help	-	10,091	8,017	-	2,074
Holiday Hunger	-	5,955	2,635	-	3,320
Easter Help	-	5,000	5,562	562	-
Poverty Initiatives	2,026	500	310	-	2,216
Ladywood Helpers	75	5,821	4,270	-	1,626
	5,201	**35,117**	**22,161**	**562**	**18,719**
Unrestricted funds	14,079	33,044	15,570	(562)	30,991
Total funds	**19,280**	**68,161**	**37,731**	**-**	**49,710**