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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1154840

**Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 July 2022**

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# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

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# Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 July 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022.

#### Objectives and activities

##### 1 Introduction

Alvechurch Communities Together (ACT) is now in its twelfth year of operation. It operates from 'The Lounge', a light and contemporary café and community space located in the centre of the village. ACT provides inclusive and supportive services in Alvechurch, recognising needs and maximising reach, our work is delivered collaboratively and creatively across the area. This means providing support to the most vulnerable groups, and a friendly space to help all local people come together to interact and build connections.

We use our premises, skills, support, and grants to strengthen the community. The Lounge Cafe is open six days a week. Five days it operates as a community café and one day a week it opens to run a grant-funded project, an older people's group that delivers friendship, activities, and lunch.

Two evenings a week The Lounge acts as the venue to host activities for young people in the parish. Three youth sessions are run as 'youth-diners' and there is also one 'youth-club' - both providing a safe environment for young people to develop, have fun and socialise.

As a charity running such a diverse and complex programme of activity in the community, we focus heavily on oversight and have strong financial management for informed decision-making and accountability. We continue to be supported by the Alvechurch Parish Council, other organisations, charities and businesses for which we are very grateful. The café contributes to our running costs - and ensures that the level of support required to run community projects continues to reduce, and this helps mitigate increases in the fixed costs.

At all times the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

#### Key Strengths

There are four key strengths of Alvechurch Communities Together:

1. It **builds resilience** in young people of the village and gives them:

- A *safe venue* they feel 'ownership' of
- A *communication point* where they can be supported in different ways,
- A way to be *accepted* within the village, and part of a group who can be responsible,
- An *enabling* pathway - to become involved in village initiatives; and
- A place where they can be *happy*, make friends have fun and be themselves.

2. It **prevents loneliness and isolation** in older people, offering activities and support groups, such as 'Friendship Matters'.

3. It **offers local support** for everyone's mental wellbeing: offering workshops, training, events and activities for all.

4. It **creates a welcoming and comfortable place**: with the Lounge café as our visible community hub, a friendly space.

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **Objectives and activities *(continued)***

#### **2 Governance and Management**

During the past year Trustees with the Management Group have attempted to:

- Work hard to see our village, our charity, and our café emerge strongly from the challenges of the Covid pandemic.
- Develop The Lounge's work to encompass and reflect other diverse community organisations.
- Develop activities, especially around 'loneliness and isolation' including weekly session for older people.
- Improve financial security and reserves. The successful attraction of charitable funding from local businesses to pay for café refurbishment, is a good example of this.
- While ACT finances are healthy, inflation and an uncertain external environment remain significant financial risks to the organisation.
- Develop an organisation that is renowned for good practice in terms of supporting wellbeing, which people come to see and learn from.
- Encourage those who have benefited from the project to come back and volunteer to help others.

During the spring of 2022 ACT Trustees appraised internal capability and capacity and highlighted a risk that the charity was lacking sufficient skilled staff resources to deliver strategic aims. Following this review and a recruitment process, Rachel Rollinson was appointed Community and Youth Co-ordinator and provides ACT with extra resource to plan, manage and deliver community work. Rachel has considerable awareness of the nature and scope of community work and safeguarding frameworks. Since her appointment she has delivered meaningful change for individuals in the community and has worked on several successful charity bids including securing a large grant from the charity Cornerstone.

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 July 2022

#### Objectives and activities *(continued)*

#### 3 Strategy

##### The ACT Mission

*"To serve as a focal point in the village of Alvechurch, providing a variety of activities and services to diverse social and generational groups: participating in community cohesion development and responsibility"*

##### The Purpose

*"Creating a happier, healthier and more connected community in Alvechurch".*

##### The Vision

*"To create a more positive village through inclusive community services".*

Addressing loneliness and isolation is everybody's business, at ACT we seek to ensure no one is left behind. At the heart of our vision is the whole community - our 'eyes and ears' to identify people who might be lonely and who might be looking for meaningful connections. At a time when many parts of the country face cuts in local services, neglect, isolation, and loneliness, we want to ensure Alvechurch thrives and stays vibrant. We do so through sticking to our guiding principles:

The principles: *of being positive, collaborative, inspiring and creative.*

#### Four pillars support our vision

##### *Pillar 1: inspiring meaningful connections*

- Giving back to the community: e.g., volunteers
- Giving people opportunities: like DoE and local training and employment
- Boosting 'protective' factors in the community: like meaning, resilience, and quality of relationships

##### *Pillar 2: collaborative networks*

- Understanding: the needs of the community by working with different groups
- Sharing resources and working together: sharing capacity and resources with other groups to create and build initiatives for our community
- Driving conversations and developing our network: to maximise reach and support delivered to ensure no one is left behind.
- Driving public conversation and raising awareness of isolation

##### *Pillar 3: services to vulnerable groups*

- Building young people's resilience: youth club, youth diner, holiday activities
- Preventing loneliness and isolation in older people: activities and support groups, Friendship Matters

##### *Pillar 4: investing in Alvechurch*

- Creating a welcoming place: with the Lounge café as our visible hub, a friendly space

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **Objectives and activities *(continued)***

#### **4. Covid**

Some ongoing coronavirus measures remained in place during the year, specifically; people wearing face coverings in public spaces, appropriate social distancing, PPE, collection of customer data for Test and Trace, to operate by table service only, to ensure social distancing between and to limit the size of parties making bookings. The government also required those who tested positive for the coronavirus and their close contacts to self-isolate. Measures were disruptive operationally (e.g., on occasions, staff sickness absence was high and meant delivery could be challenging) however, they slowed and contained the spread of the coronavirus, and allowed us to get 'back to normal' in 2022. The charity, staff and volunteers showed incredible resilience throughout this period. Priorities for us included;

- (i) supporting the wellbeing of the community,
- (ii) sustaining the future of the charity and
- (iii) making up the financial losses of closing the café during the previous year.

We made good use of the expertise in our trustees, management group, staff and volunteers. ACT has managed to:

- Use the charitable grants we levered (e.g., European Regional Development Funding and local business support) to refurbish the café;
- Boost community support and operate more hours and provision of youth work and sustain older people's support; and )
- Immediately re-open the café when government policy allowed at the start of this year

The café interior transformation that took place in April - May 2021 has been an enormous bonus for our operations over the year. The refurbishment created a more welcoming, fresh, and relaxed space. Throughout the year there has been an increasing demand for all community services and more people making use of the café. This growth has sustained - and - the investment has proven to be the most important action we have taken for our café business and charity outcomes. Learning and looking ahead, we are considering how we can use grants to add further value and adapt our offer and continue ongoing successes post Covid; in 2023 we plan to upgrade the kitchen and are considering installation of an outdoor awning to allow further seating in all weathers.

Public support and the generosity of local businesses for fundraising continuous to be outstanding and has proved a lifeline for us. Fundraising to support the operation of our activity has been essential, and two critical community fundraising events we helped to run were Picnic in the Park raising £2,700 and the Scarecrow Festival generating £3,371.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **Objectives and activities *(continued)***

##### **5. The Café**

The café provides a community hub for the village, open five days a week and offering both:

- individual residents of all ages a place to make friends, buy an affordable hot drink or a cooked meal and use the Wi-Fi for free and
- community groups a venue to hold meetings and events

The Café has coped with some challenges and opportunities during the past 12 months including:

- The end of a period of national lockdown with cautious return to social life for many members of the community.
- Continuing adherence to government Covid advice, PPE, etc, combined with considerable rates of sickness absence to manage.
- A growing level of new customers from the community using the café. Caring and welcoming staff are vital to this. Post pandemic many residents now trust and feel safe coming to the café - staying local - for their social interactions.
- The successful refurbishment during closure continues to have a positive impact on trade, the community and is popular with staff and volunteers. The new coffee machine (allowing us to make barista made hot drinks) remains popular and is an essential part of our offer.
- Exciting community events have taken place that both (i) use the café as a hub, and (ii) are led, sponsored by or in aid of ACT. The second Alvechurch Scarecrow Festival held in October 2021 which raised £3,371 through providing an engaging community week-long event. In addition, The Lounge also ran Christmas letters to Santa, Festive Kindness projects, an Easter Trail & Easter Egg Raffle event. These are examples of annual events we run helping to bring the community together.

As business has improved, the staffing of the café has evolved and we now employ nine members of staff and 12 volunteers. This is a 31% increase in the size of our team and the 5 new individuals have been a great source of capacity and strength. Having a fresh new interior, a stable team and robust leadership has allowed us to focus on the overall project, rather than the tactical issues associated with running the café business. We consider ourselves fortunate to have such a committed volunteer team as we attempt to further increase the operating performance and align the staffing resources to the workload.

There has been ongoing competition from food and drink traders locally. Despite this we continued to get good customer numbers and deliver quality, affordable and locally sourced food, and drink, for local people. Our menu prices have not increased since May 2021.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **Objectives and activities *(continued)***

#### **6. Youth Activities**

The youth programme was extended and run by our employed part-time youth worker and focussed on a variety of activities, with expert planning and engagement with the young people. An additional junior worker supplements the volunteers who have also made a tremendous contribution in support of youth activities.

Provision was in person offering a varied and interesting programme of youth activities providing advice, assistance, and opportunities for fun/activity. These have also included off site trips to do adventure sports, craft, cooking, and trips to the park for games. Highlights of the year were stress boxing, a relax kids' session and bowling. The hub for youth work has also altered, and we have trialled various locations to increase capacity, including the village hall and the cricket club. Both alternative venues offered benefits but presented a variety of logistical challenges and did not significantly improve the youth experience. The charity has consulted with staff, volunteers and children and the decision has been taken that going forward from September 2022, the Lounge café is the best place for youth work to be based - here it operates most efficiently, effectively, and safely.

The greatest asset of our youth work is that it provides - within the village - a place where young people can socialise safely and have fun. Many participants make new friends share the challenges of their lives with our staff who listen, provide reassurance and signpost where necessary. Any young person living in the area at middle school is eligible to become a member.

Covid increased the need and demand for opportunities to socialise by younger people. There remains a waiting list of children to attend our youth provision - and to manage this we secured a grant from Cornerstone in 2021 to increase provision. Increased provision started during 2022 in terms the hours, activities and the numbers of young people engaged.

Looking ahead we continue to seek additional funding to build on our Cornerstone grant and the Parish Council funding, to extend the current offer with a focus on addressing mental health needs with some (i) targeted group work, (ii) involvement of specialist people or activities, and (iii) further support of our hard-to-reach groups, as well as being able to offer (iv) additional sessions to meet the increasing current demand.

#### **7. Support for Older People**

As a parish we have a higher-than-average number of older residents, many who are living alone.

During this period, we successfully gained funding and continue to deliver the 'Friendship Matters' group for older people on a weekly basis. The project has been funded during the year, both by charitable donations and grants including the National Lottery and the Co-op Community Fund.

We have employed a qualified leader delivering a range of activities to support our older people, utilising The Lounge premises on a Monday. Regularly over 20 people attend, many who had not been engaged with The Lounge before. Funding, covered the cost until March 2022 and while we are continuing, further delivery is subject to fundraising requirements.

In May 2022 Community Groups were able to return in person. After this date Friendship Matters reported increased attendance and has offered a varied programme of activities including seated exercises, samba, drumming, and musical bingo. We look forward to continuing with new and exciting activities and have bid to Bromsgrove District Council, (Equality Small Grants Scheme), to offer a day trip in 2022.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **In Summary**

We are deeply connected to our community and immensely proud of the positive contribution our charity plays. As custodians of ACT and as members of this community, we seek to safely navigate tough times ahead associated with the cost-of-living increases. Our next steps are about maintaining as sustainable approach to growth and continuing to be an ever-present beacon of support and warmth for the community.

##### **Financial review**

The year ended 31 July 2021 saw an increase in cafe takings from £51,942 to £81,014. Costs of running the cafe decreased from £64,317 to £55,513. Together with income from the charity's social lottery and grants to help with both café expense and the youth work this led to a surplus for the year of £14,400 (2021: £16,093).

There was a surplus brought forward of £59,031 to which the current surplus has been added making a balance carried forward of £73,431.

Grants and donations totalling £30,431 were received in the year towards specific projects. £13,710 was spent in the year leaving a net surplus of £16,721. This has been added to the reserves brought forward of £13,825 leaving £30,546 to be spent in future years.

##### **Reserves Policy**

The formulation of a robust reserves policy remains one of the key objectives. The trustees are conscious of the constraints of grant funders and in particular that due despite an apparently strong position at the balance sheet date, the reserves may have to last for several months before the next round of grants may be received.

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

Alvechurch Communities Together is a charity registered with the Charities Commission number 1154840.

In addition to the trustees there is a management committee that meets on a monthly basis to review progress and plan activities. This committee has general delegated powers to operate on a day to day basis.

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **Plans for future periods**

##### Our six priority areas for the future are:

1. Responding to the cost-of-living crisis which requires our charity to provide:
  - o Food, drink community activity at a price that is affordable for all.
  - o Tighter systems of control on budgeting, reserves, and cash flow forecasting to mitigate the inflationary environment (energy, food, supplied) cost increases going forward
2. Exploring fundraising opportunities – importantly our ' Friendship Matters' project to support those within our community that suffer with loneliness and isolation.
3. Focusing on the ongoing financial sustainability of the café by fundraising to deliver improvements to the interior, which keep up the offer in terms of food and drink to generate good income levels
4. Focusing on delivering a substantial and diverse volume of work – requiring additional volunteers/skills from within the community to bolster our team and ensure the sustainability of our human resources
5. Continuing to develop a programme of projects for younger people, older people and other general wellbeing projects that could be implemented safely during the pandemic and long term. Current items in consideration include dealing with Dementia and Alzheimer's
6. Focusing on the development and recognition of our people. Our amazing team of staff and volunteers have been hugely resilient during a very busy year and we seek to provide them with appropriate salaries, training, and development to enhance their skills and enhance the charity's capabilities

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **Reference and administrative details**

**Registered charity name** Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd  
**Charity registration number** 1154840  
**Company registration number** 07308396  
**Principal office and registered office** 22 The Square  
Alvechurch  
B48 7LA

#### **The trustees**

R Bestwick  
L Evans  
M Newberry  
K Swadkins  
-resigned September 2021

#### **Trustees at date of signing the Report**

The trustees in place at the date of signing the report were:

- R Bestwick
- L Evans
- M Newberry

#### **Independent examiner**

David Seeley FCA  
Accuo Accounting Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Alvechurch  
Birmingham  
B48 7JX

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 26 May 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



L EVANS  
Trustee

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2022.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



David Seeley FCA  
Independent Examiner

Accuo Accounting Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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26 May 2023

# Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 July 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
	Note				
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	5	72	30,431	<b>30,503</b>	54,958
Charitable activities	6	81,014	—	<b>81,014</b>	51,942
Other trading activities	7	20,792	—	<b>20,792</b>	10,538
Investment income	8	6	—	<b>6</b>	1
<b>Total income</b>		<u>101,884</u>	<u>30,431</u>	<u><b>132,315</b></u>	<u>117,439</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	57,107	—	<b>57,107</b>	65,821
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	30,377	13,710	<b>44,087</b>	29,500
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>87,484</u>	<u>13,710</u>	<u><b>101,194</b></u>	<u>95,321</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>14,400</u>	<u>16,721</u>	<u><b>31,121</b></u>	<u>22,118</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		59,031	13,825	<b>72,856</b>	50,738
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>73,431</u>	<u>30,546</u>	<u><b>103,977</b></u>	<u>72,856</u>

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

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

# Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

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### Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	17	2,017		332
Cash at bank and in hand		103,463		74,603
		<u>105,480</u>		<u>74,935</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	<u>1,503</u>		<u>2,079</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>103,977</u>	<u>72,856</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>103,977</u>	<u>72,856</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>103,977</u>	<u>72,856</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Restricted funds			30,546	13,825
Unrestricted funds			<u>73,431</u>	<u>59,031</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	20		<u>103,977</u>	<u>72,856</u>

For the year ending 31 July 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 26 May 2023 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



L EVANS  
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **1. General Information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 22 The Square, Alvechurch, B48 7LA.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Disclosure exemptions**

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined in FRS 102.

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102 by reason of being small. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under the Charities SORP (FRS 102):

- No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Significant judgements**

The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

- Sufficient resources will continue to be found to fund the operation of both café and youth work, and
- There will continue to be a need for the services offered by the charity.

##### **Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The trustees however do not believe there are any key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

##### **Incoming resources**

##### **Income**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.
- Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 July 2022

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Resources expended

##### Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as this cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, as estimated by the directors.

##### Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and consequently has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up the liability of each member or a member who ceased within one year of the winding up is limited to £1.

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Other donations	72	2,595	2,667
<b>Grants</b>			
Grants	—	27,836	27,836
Government grant income	—	—	—
	<u>72</u>	<u>30,431</u>	<u>30,503</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Other donations	3,598	5,550	9,148

# Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 July 2022

#### 5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Grants</b>			
Grants	13,304	21,614	34,918
Government grant income	10,892	–	10,892
	<u>27,794</u>	<u>27,164</u>	<u>54,958</u>

#### 6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Cafe income	<u>81,014</u>	<u>81,014</u>	<u>51,942</u>	<u>51,942</u>

#### 7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Friendship Matters income	3,537	3,537	1,463	1,463
Youth income	13,640	13,640	5,225	5,225
Social lotteries	3,615	3,615	3,850	3,850
	<u>20,792</u>	<u>20,792</u>	<u>10,538</u>	<u>10,538</u>

#### 8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

#### 9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising trading - Cafe costs	55,513	–	55,513
Costs of other trading activities - Membership schemes and social lotteries	1,594	–	1,594
	<u>57,107</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>57,107</u>

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#### 9. Costs of other trading activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fundraising trading - Cafe costs	55,153	9,164	64,317
Costs of other trading activities - Membership schemes and social lotteries	1,504	–	1,504
	<u>56,657</u>	<u>9,164</u>	<u>65,821</u>

#### 10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Youth Work	15,064	4,730	19,794
Friendship Matters	14,473	8,980	23,453
Support costs	840	–	840
	<u>30,377</u>	<u>13,710</u>	<u>44,087</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Youth Work	6,599	7,600	14,199
Friendship Matters	8,236	4,375	12,611
Support costs	2,690	–	2,690
	<u>17,525</u>	<u>11,975</u>	<u>29,500</u>

#### 11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Youth Work	19,794	–	19,794	14,199
Friendship Matters	23,453	–	23,453	12,611
Governance costs	–	840	840	2,690
	<u>43,247</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>44,087</u>	<u>29,500</u>

#### 12. Analysis of support costs

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Governance costs	<u>840</u>	<u>2,690</u>

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#### 13. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	<u>8,509</u>	<u>10,618</u>

#### 14. Independent examination fees

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	240	230
Other financial services	<u>600</u>	<u>460</u>
	<u>840</u>	<u>690</u>

#### 15. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>56,492</u>	<u>45,654</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2021: 8). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Management	1	1
Community work	1	2
Cafe staff	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

#### Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel, other than the trustees, are the café manager and senior community workers. Their combined remuneration in the year was £19,705 (2021: £19,662).

#### 16. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees
- no expenses were paid to or disclaimed by the trustees.

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#### 17. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,017</u>	<u>332</u>

#### 18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	468	468
Accruals and deferred income	1,019	1,595
Social security and other taxes	16	16
	<u>1,503</u>	<u>2,079</u>

#### 19. Government grants

The amounts recognised in the financial statements for government grants are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Recognised in income from donations and legacies:		
Government grants income	<u>—</u>	<u>10,892</u>

#### 20. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 July 2022
	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>59,031</u>	<u>101,884</u>	<u>(87,484)</u>	<u>73,431</u>

  

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>42,938</u>	<u>90,275</u>	<u>(74,182)</u>	<u>59,031</u>

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#### 20. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2022 £
Alvechurch Parish Council	–	5,000	–	5,000
Bromsgrove Mental Health	1,200	–	–	1,200
Cornerstone	–	10,000	(2,850)	7,150
Bromsgrove District Council	–	866	–	866
Worcs County Council	2,000	–	(2,000)	–
Bernard Piggott Trust	–	2,000	–	2,000
Green Flag	10,625	–	(7,500)	3,125
Cafe Refurbishment	–	–	–	–
SME Grant	–	–	–	–
Barnt Green Donations	–	2,595	(1,360)	1,235
Lottery Community Fund	–	9,970	–	9,970
	<u>13,825</u>	<u>30,431</u>	<u>(13,710)</u>	<u>30,546</u>

  

	At 1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2021 £
Alvechurch Parish Council	6,600	–	(6,600)	–
Bromsgrove Mental Health	1,200	–	–	1,200
Cornerstone	–	–	–	–
Bromsgrove District Council	–	–	–	–
Worcs County Council	–	2,000	–	2,000
Bernard Piggott Trust	–	1,000	(1,000)	–
Green Flag	–	15,000	(4,375)	10,625
Cafe Refurbishment	–	5,550	(5,550)	–
SME Grant	–	3,614	(3,614)	–
Barnt Green Donations	–	–	–	–
Lottery Community Fund	–	–	–	–
	<u>7,800</u>	<u>27,164</u>	<u>(21,139)</u>	<u>13,825</u>

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#### 21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current assets	74,934	30,546	105,480
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,503)	–	(1,503)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b><u>73,431</u></b>	<b><u>30,546</u></b>	<b><u>103,977</u></b>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Current assets	61,110	13,825	74,935
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,079)	–	(2,079)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b><u>59,031</u></b>	<b><u>13,825</u></b>	<b><u>72,856</u></b>

#### 22. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Terminating within 2 to 5 years	<b><u>20,250</u></b>	<b><u>29,250</u></b>

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**Management Information**

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**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

# **Alvechurch Communities Together Ltd**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

**Year ended 31 July 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Other donations	<b>2,667</b>	9,148
Grants	<b>27,836</b>	34,918
Government grant income	<b>—</b>	10,892
	<b><u>30,503</u></b>	<b><u>54,958</u></b>
 <b>Charitable activities</b>		
Cafe income	<b><u>81,014</u></b>	<b><u>51,942</u></b>
 <b>Other trading activities</b>		
Friendship Matters income	<b>3,537</b>	1,463
Youth income	<b>13,640</b>	5,225
Social lotteries	<b>3,615</b>	3,850
	<b><u>20,792</u></b>	<b><u>10,538</u></b>
 <b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest receivable	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
 <b>Total income</b>	<b><u>132,315</u></b>	<b><u>117,439</u></b>

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### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Costs of other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	18,121	10,962
Wages and salaries	26,387	30,037
Operating leases	4,288	5,792
Rates and water	143	358
Light and heat	1,393	975
Repairs and maintenance	2,614	10,674
Insurance	593	398
Other establishment	664	—
Telephone	257	443
Other office costs	960	4,491
PRS licence	1,687	1,691
	<u>57,107</u>	<u>65,821</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Wages and salaries	30,105	15,617
Operating leases	4,221	4,826
Rent	—	100
Rates and water	362	258
Light and heat	1,135	793
Insurance	273	227
Legal and professional fees	840	2,690
Telephone	209	—
Other office costs	91	471
Youth work activity costs	6,851	4,518
	<u>44,087</u>	<u>29,500</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>101,194</u>	<u>95,321</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>31,121</u>	<u>22,118</u>

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### Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Costs of other trading activities</b>		
<b>Fundraising trading - Cafe costs</b>		
Purchases	18,121	10,962
Wages and salaries	26,387	30,037
Operating leases-property	4,288	5,792
Water	143	358
Light and heat	1,393	975
Repairs & maintenance	2,614	10,674
Insurance	593	398
Other property costs	664	—
Telephone	257	443
Other general costs	960	4,491
PRS licence	93	187
	<u>55,513</u>	<u>64,317</u>
<b>Costs of other trading activities - Membership schemes and social lotteries</b>		
Prize money	1,594	1,504
	<u>57,107</u>	<u>65,821</u>

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### Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
<b>Youth Work</b>		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Salaries	10,186	7,271
Operating leases-property	2,753	3,186
Rent	—	100
Water	236	168
Light & heat	740	517
Insurance	178	148
Telephone	136	—
Other general costs	59	341
Community work activities	5,506	2,468
	<u>19,794</u>	<u>14,199</u>
<b>Friendship Matters</b>		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Salaries	19,919	8,346
Operating leases-property	1,468	1,640
Rates & water	126	90
Light & heat	395	276
Insurance	95	79
Telephone	73	—
Other office costs	32	130
Friendship matters activities	1,345	2,050
	<u>23,453</u>	<u>12,611</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Legal and other professional fees	840	2,690
	<u>840</u>	<u>2,690</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<u>44,087</u>	<u>29,500</u>