MONTY'S COMMUNITY HUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1155649

Details

Other names	MONTY'S
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-02-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Monty's Community Hub 59 Montague Avenue Southampton SO19 0QB
Phone	07862320025
Website	www.montys.org.uk

Activities

Objects: To provide support to members of the community in Sholing/Bitterne and nearby areas, to develop their skills, confidence and capacity in such a way that they are better able to identify and respond to local needs and opportunities, and to participate more fully in society

Activities: Monty's Community Hub is based in an area of Southampton, which ranks highly across multiple indices of deprivation, partnering with our community to enable personal, social and spiritual growth. Monty's works alongside local residents (especially children and families) to grow their skills/aspirations/capacity, so that the local community is enabled to identify and respond to their own needs.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£162,482	£187,842	-	-
2023-12-31	£223,154	£213,458	-	-
2022-12-31	£130,155	£168,649	-	-
2021-12-31	£152,755	£114,383	-	-
2020-12-31	£137,484	£87,215	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
William Kennedy	Chair	2023-02-20
Amy Cheng		2026-04-20
Aubree Slavik		2025-05-07
Claire Helena Whyte		2023-05-23
Elizabeth Alice Crandon		2018-04-23
Georgina Harrison		2025-05-07
Gillian Gregory		2025-05-06
Natalie Martin		2025-05-07
Penelope Jones		2026-04-20
Peter Reginald James Nailer		2018-04-23
Pollyanna Kate Allen		2025-05-07

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ANNUAL REPORT

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MONTY'S // WHO WE ARE

Monty's Community Hub is a grassroots 'community development' charity, based at the heart of our neighbourhood on the edge of Southampton. Our vision is to enable the personal, social and spiritual growth of local residents; in partnership with the local community; so we can all enjoy abundant life within a flourishing neighbourhood. With the support of our wonderful trustees and staff, our volunteers organise numerous groups and activities that are developed in response to needs and opportunities in our local community.

Based in a shop unit within a parade at the heart of our estate, Monty's started life when statutory funding for the local youth centre was withdrawn in 2013. This loss hit particularly hard locally, as our neighbourhood is an area of significant deprivation; according to the Office for National Statistics we are within the 15% most deprived areas in the UK (including an area in the lowest 7% for health and employment, the lowest 3% for education and income, and the lowest 1% for crime). Located on the edge of the city, our neighbourhood is isolated from adjoining areas, yet has little community provision of its own; there are few play facilities or community spaces, the local church closed down at the turn of the century, and in 2013 our youth centre faced imminent closure following cuts to statutory services. In response to this closure, a group of volunteers from the local church and community felt so strongly about this loss that—with the support of local churches, schools and the city council—they took on responsibility for the centre. We reimagined the old Montague Avenue youth centre as a 'community hub' open to people of all ages, and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2014 under the name 'Monty's Community Hub'.

These days Monty's is a thriving hub at the heart of our community – drawing together people of all different social, religious and ethnic backgrounds, and many with complex social and additional educational needs, to seek transformation in our community. Supported by our committed trustees, the day-to-day running of Monty's is overseen by our small team of staff and our growing team of volunteers from the local community. Monty's is an inclusive hub open to the whole community; regularly welcoming hundreds of different people into our groups, activities and events. Through it all, we aim to help local residents come together to recognise and respond to their own needs and aspirations, and to take positive action to bring about transformation in our community.

Our Board of Trustees are committed to the effective management of the charity, including the ongoing maintenance and implementation of Safeguarding, Equality, Health & Safety, Financial and other appropriate policies. Meeting at least quarterly, our board of trustees includes:

- Billy Kennedy - Chair
- Mark Allen – Treasurer
- Libby Crandon – Safeguarding
- Pete Nailer – Fundraising
- Cathy Nailer – Fundraising
- Tom Tarling – Governance
- Claire Whyte - Minutes Secretary
- Jon Oliver
- Jim Macfarlane
- Kelly Elsey

Our values are an expression of what we believe, and underpin everything we do. Inspired by Jesus, we are committed to being: COMMUNITY-ROOTED (based in our community, encouraging positive involvement within the community, and contributing to good relationships in all we do); OPEN & INCLUSIVE (actively promoting equality of opportunity, challenging discrimination, and

celebrating diversity); COMPASSIONATE & OPEN TO GOD (being open and honest in all our relationships, caring and loving as Jesus did and still does today); GENEROUS & LIFE-AFFIRMING (equipping and enabling people to live fulfilling lives, recognising and developing their own potential).

MONTY'S COMMUNITY HUB // WHAT WE DID IN 2024

We're pleased to report that over the past year - a year characterised nationally by the political change, international unrest, and race riots, Monty's has continued to grow, adapt to our evolving social context, and remain bold, creative and curious in our approach to bringing flourishing to our neighbourhood. For Monty's, 2024 was also a year of experimenting with new opportunities and projects, increased capacity to resource Adult sessions, and welcoming many new participants, service users and volunteers to our Monty's family.

One of our focuses across 2024 has been Adult Wellbeing. We recognise that at Monty's we are not mental health specialists - but one of our real strengths lies in our ability to offer very holistic and tailored support to individuals. Our weekly 'Pantry Drop In' session has become a really important session for meeting new people, people making their first ask for help, and for us to listen and understand what challenges people are facing locally, and what ideas they have for addressing these challenges. During this session, people can access free food (would-be waste food collected from local shops) and receive help and support across a myriad of 'life admin' tasks, including applying for benefits, opening bank accounts, managing finances and more. Our newly appointed Adults and Community Coordinator has done a brilliant job of building up a committed, skilled and knowledgeable volunteer team, who are able to give personalised and 1:1 support to people, or signpost them to more specialist organisations. We are often able to offer support which people are unable to get elsewhere, and have built strong working relationships with our local councillors, other local charities and specialist services, enhancing the support we are able to offer. One participant said "I can't believe how much Monty's has helped me. My son has been caring for me for 5 years and applying for caring allowance has always been far too overwhelming. Because of the help Monty's gave, and because they were so kind and non-judgemental, we've got our benefits sorted and it's made a huge difference to our family."

Through conversations with local people - often during our Pantry Drop In Session and Community lunch, we also identified interest locally in more social spaces for adults. Thus, our Adult Craft session was born - a volunteer / participant led group where adults bring a creative project to do in company with others. This has become a beautifully multi-generational space, (often with an age range of 24 - 82!) and of course the crafting is only part of it - the real magic is happening as people get to know each other, build friendships, and begin to mutually support one another.
We have also continued with hosting a range of 'Friday NIght Socials', including bingo, Quiz Nights, Games evenings and more. These provide local adults with very affordable evenings out - a much needed Oasis for many who can be extremely isolated. One of our volunteers also offered her expertise to run a Eco-Cleaning Workshop - a brilliant evening of making eco-friendly cleaning products. It was great to open up conversations around the environmental impact of some products, and be able to provide people with and affordable, effective and much greener alternative - and there's an appetite for more similar sessions in 2025. This increase in Adult sessions, and our ability to try out and experiment with new sessions and workshops is largely made possible by adding a new role to our staff team: Adults and Communities Coordinator, and investing in this role has ensured we are building relationships and engaging with some of the most complex and at risk adults locally. In 2024 we also joined the Safe Space Initiative and joined the Breastfeeding Friendly Network.

We were very excited in early 2024 to be granted permission from the local council to take over a small patch of grass just outside Monty's, to turn into a Community garden. After an amazing community effort to build and fill the raised bed, we've been able to involve local adults, young people and families in planting, growing and harvesting food, which can then be used in our weekly community lunches, which feed around 45 people every week, or shared out among the community. Our first harvest was modest, but people have caught the vision, and we're excited for more Community Garden Social work days, family plant outs and growing more nutritious food in 2025.

Monty's has always had a passion for 'Out of Comfort Zone Experiences' - recognising the value of the new, and slightly beyond our comfort in building resilience, growing confidence and self esteem. Over the years, our 'Out of Comfort ZOne' activities have mainly been for young people - but 2024 saw our first Adult Out of Comfort Zone Experience, a Summer Solstice Kayak trip, followed by some Solstice themed reflections, nature art and a picnic brunch. Several adults kayaked for the first time in their lives, and it was amazing to see people

trying, persevering, succeeding, and most of all enjoying a physical activity, enjoying being in nature.

Our children and youth groups have continued to develop, grow and provide vital support to local children, young people and parents. Our numbers across all four weekly open access groups are now back to their pre-Covid levels, and over 2024 we have had a particular focus on upskilling our volunteers, building the team and scrutinising and improving our youth work practice in order to ensure our youth groups are open and inclusive to all young people, particularly those with additional needs and disabilities. One of our local contacts gifted us a free SEND consultation, form which we were able to identify and improve several areas in order to increase our inclusivity. We have provided Behaviour Management and SEND training sessions for staff and volunteers, and held informal and formal consultations with young people and parents to continue improving our practice. One of our volunteers gifted her skills and experience to create a Monty's Social Story, now available on our website.

During the summer of 2024, we experimented with taking our Kids' groups outside, meeting weekly on our local rec, for sports, frisbee, group games, card games and the much favoured stomp rocket! Moving the group outside for the summer term had several important benefits: many of our children with additional needs found the open space a such easier environment, kids played more active games and moved more, and we were able to meet with local families and children who hadn't previously come to Monty's. These rec based sessions also complemented a piece of co-design research we were involved with around Girls' use of park spaces, what barriers they face to using parks and what they would like to see in the park. We are continuing this research into 2025 and planning to involve some of the older girls' in writing funding bis to resource the change they want to see.

Some other highlights of our kids and youth work in 2024 included numerous outdoor adventures, go-karting, archery, trips to local nature spots, beach BBQs, fire pit evenings, and of course, our annual camping trip - 2024 saw our highest ever number of young people attending, and as in previous years, for many it was their first experience of camping.

2024 also saw the launch of our partnership with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, and our first cohort of young people embarking on their Bronze Awards. DofE aligns very well with our values and compliments our other youth provision, and young leader volunteering opportunities. However,

one challenge we have found is that the young people we work with - many of whom have SEND, face multiple disadvantages and have significant gaps in their life skills learning - need significant scaffolding in order to meet the DofE requirements, which in turn takes a large amount of staff time. We are really keen to continue running DofE and hoping to use funding to support our Children and Youth Coordinator to ensure DofE is accessible to those most vulnerable young people.

2024 also saw a 4 week Young Adult's money programme. This proved popular, with around 15 young people accessing some or all of the sessions, learning different aspects of money management, financial literacy, and budgeting skills.

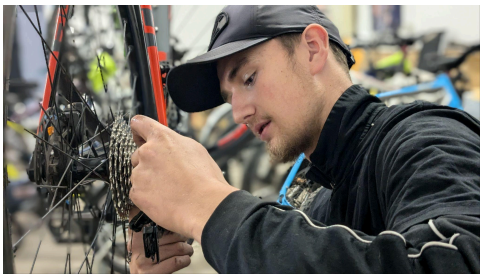
We have also developed two new faith-based sessions across 2024: Going Deeper, a fortnightly bible study group for adults, and Midday prayers, a weekly space for quiet prayer, liturgy and reflection. Both of these sessions are volunteer-led and have grown out of local people identifying a need or opportunity, and MOnty's then supporting these ideas to turn into reality. These new sessions complement our other faith based sessions: Sunday Lunch Church, Wonder & Wander, Monday Night Youth and Seasonal Reflections.

Our staff team continues to grow, and in 2024 we have had two main focuses for our staff: continuing to support, train, manage and upskill our ever growing team of volunteers, who now number over 60 and volunteers in a huge variety of roles; developing and growing in our inclusivity towards people with SEND and the hardest to reach people, ensuing we are engaging with everyone in our community and in particular people with complex and multiple disadvantages.

We have also created a short video to give you another window into our work - do take a look by clicking on the link!

MONTY'S BIKE HUB // WHAT WE DID IN 2024

At the Bike Hub we also continue to engage well with adults in the community, and use bikes and cycling to support local people in making friendships and connections. Many of our adults cross over from community hub activities as well. Our Adult Social rides continue even throughout the winter with around 20 regular participants and our adult bike workshop also continues to be busy. Many participants begin to consider getting more involved and continue their journey with us to becoming volunteers which is always exciting. We also have supported older adults through our 'Cycling without Age' project. This volunteer led project involves volunteer 'pilots' taking our older people in our specially designed Trishaw. Many participants have loved experiencing the 'wind in their hair' once again which has supported their mental health.



We continue to engage with some of the most challenging young people in the city through our Alternative Provision sessions. Whilst this provides a regular income from schools it also enables us to help young people fulfil their potential in bike mechanic skills. We have worked with 5 secondary schools (including a pupil referral unit) and 3 primary schools this year which includes a new SEND primary school. At the primary schools we have combined our cycle skills training alongside mechanics to engage young people in more broader ways and give them further physical skills enabling many to learn to ride for the first time. In addition to the schools we have continued regularly working with the Youth Justice Service based in the Council. We run weekly sessions with these young people and have seen really good engagement and skills learned. The partnership with the Youth Justice Service has also led to a joint bid to the National Lottery to deepen our partnership and continue to support our organisations. This has been particularly useful as we are regularly working with young people in our community who are involved in the criminal justice service.

Our drop in 'youth bikes' also continues to be well attended with 20 or so local young people popping in each Thursday to work on bikes with us.. We have a cohort of older young people / young adults / Some NEETS who volunteer and support the young children work on their bikes and engage well with customers buying bikes and bringing in bikes for repair. These young people have also started supporting our food pantry as well by doing regular food collections via cargo bike. This is a fantastic mutual opportunity for them to utulise their riding skills whilst providing a much needed service to the community. We also continued our after school Pump

Track sessions enabling local young people to use our high end BMX bikes and get informal coaching from our team.

2024 saw our first Women's Pump Track Session. Our Pump Track is an amazing local resource and is used heavily by children, young people and often Dads - but rarely Mums and women! By creating a Women's only session, many women had their first try on their pump track, received expert tuition and again, were able to try a new form of physical activity. We're hoping to be able to run more Women's Only Pump Track sessions in 2025, alongside our weekly Women's Bike Ride, which continues to grow in numbers and the riders continue to grow in fitness and confidence.

We continue to keep busy during the school holidays and engage young people who often do not have many opportunities to do activities during this period. We have run multiple successful Ditch the Stabilisers course, utilising a local leisure centre for some good indoor space. We also continue to run various led rides for different ages groups / abilities including family rides to local country parks and longer adventure rides to places further afield. Our Pump Track sessions also continue and are very popular in the school holidays. We also deliver cycle skills sessions for Southampton City Councils Holidays & Food Program, these are free sessions for families on free school meals and we deliver these across the city getting loads of kids cycling for the first time and many more gaining confidence cycling as well.

As a social enterprise arm of the charity we continue to generate income through Bike Sales and repairs as well as contracts delivering Mobile BIke Dr Sessions and Bikeability cycle training sessions. All these activities have a social impact whilst also generating income. In 2024 we opened out new 'show room' to enable us to 'show off' our refurbished bikes for sale. Our Bikeability Cycle Training work continued with new instructors being trained from our volunteer community. It has been fantastic to see some of our volunteers journeys from barely being able to ride a bike to then becoming professional cycle instructors and gaining employment through this work. Around half our trade income comes from Alternative Provision, then another quarter from bike sales /

workshop repairs and a quarter from Cycle Training and Bike Dr Contracts.

Our staffing has grown due to the growth of our income generating activities such as Bikeability and ALternative provision. In 2024 our Bike Hub Founder / Manager took a sabbatical for 3 months across the summer, this enable the team to step into more leadership roles and also give the organisation a chance to understand the impact of a founder moving on, this is something that we see as very important for the organisation to be sustainable in the long term. The team did a fantastic job at delivering a full summer schedule of activities.

MONTY'S // LOOKING AHEAD

As we look ahead to the coming year, we're confident it will include all sorts of exciting opportunities, along with a variety of unexpected challenges. Year on year we are both connecting with more people in our local area, and also connecting in a deeper way with those who are part of our community, and we're excited about what next year will bring. We continue to be committed to authentic, impactful and grassroots co-design and community development, and we look forward to gathering people together to design and deliver new groups and sessions, sustain and develop existing groups and discover new ways of meaningfully involving everyone in our local community.

We hope the coming year will enable us to develop creative community responses to issues around financial resilience, NEET young people, physical health, and mental wellbeing, as well as providing more multi-generational and whole family spaces. Family physical activity sessions, more detached work and increased presence in our local recreation ground all feel like exciting possibilities in our community. In addition, we will carry out a range of workshops, consultation events and community engagement in order to inform the writing of our new 5 year strategy, which will help set our priorities and focus for the next chapter.

One of Monty's greatest strengths remains our ability to respond to future challenges flexibly and collaboratively. Whatever the next year brings, we are well placed - as a locally-rooted community development charity, to work alongside local neighbours to identify local needs and opportunities, and work towards flourishing in our local community.

This report dated: 29th Aug 2025

Anna Jacklin
co-CEO and Community Hub Manager

Josh Allen
co-CEO and Bike Hub Manager

on behalf of the Trustees

William Kennedy
Chair of Trustees, Monty's Community Hub

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Balance Sheet detailed

			As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets				
	FA05: Vehicles		2,435	3,099
		Total Fixed assets	**2,435**	**3,099**
Current assets				
	CAFCURRENT: Cash at Bank		27,357	26,695
	CAFDEPOSIT: Deposit account		91,212	113,770
	Z05: Accounts Receivable		2,752	4,473
		Total Current assets	**121,321**	**144,938**
Liabilities				
	Z04: Accounts Payable		856	476
	Z15: Payroll Creditors - HMRC		2,162	1,653
	Z16: Payroll Creditors - Pension		848	660
		Total Liabilities	**3,866**	**2,790**
		Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**119,890**	**145,247**
Reserves				
	Excess/(deficit) to date		(25,358)	9,696
	Starting balance		145,247	135,551
		Total Reserves	**119,890**	**145,247**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	38,435	37,184
Designated	23,955	63,064
Restricted	57,500	45,000
Total	**119,890**	**145,247**

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
INTEREST - Bank Interest	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,244
CHURCH - Church	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
GRANTS - Grants	37,705	30,000	2,500	70,205	120,944
NSDONATION - Non Specific donations & collections	5,117	-	-	5,117	5,057
Grant Funded Cycling Activities	-	20,821	-	20,821	44,719
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	**50,322**	**50,821**	**2,500**	**103,643**	**172,964**
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Bike Sales - Bike Retail Sales	-	16,714	-	16,714	17,131
Bike hub contracts	-	41,450	-	41,450	32,907
CLUBS - Clubs & Events	175	-	-	175	68
VENUE - Venue Hire	384	-	-	384	44
OI - Other Income	116	-	-	116	40
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	**675**	**58,164**	**-**	**58,839**	**50,190**
Incoming resources Grand totals	**50,997**	**108,985**	**2,500**	**162,482**	**223,154**
Resources used					
Charitable activities					
0101 - Project & Programmes	5,874	55	-	5,929	9,924
0111 - Staff & Volunteers	-	64,427	-	64,427	42,267
0120 - Building & Facilities	12,508	9,671	-	22,179	21,756
0125 - Office Costs	2,764	386	-	3,150	2,515
Bike Sales	-	21,961	-	21,961	30,295
Grant Funded Cycling Activities	-	18,959	-	18,959	23,641
Bike Contracts	-	49,840	-	49,840	81,733
Charitable activities Totals	**21,146**	**165,299**	**-**	**186,445**	**212,131**
Governance costs					
0110 - TRG and Governance	-	-	-	-	324
Governance costs Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**324**
Other resources used					
0140 - Church	1,397			1,397	1,003
Other resources used Totals	**1,397**	**-**	**-**	**1,397**	**1,003**
Resources used Grand totals	**22,543**	**165,299**	**-**	**187,842**	**213,458**

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For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	**36,022**	**123,961**	**2,500**	**162,482**	**223,153**
Total expenditure	**22,785**	**165,055**	**-**	**187,840**	**213,457**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**13,237**	**(41,095)**	**2,500**	**(25,358)**	**9,696**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	5,458	90,064	10,000	105,522	68,218
Gross transfers between funds - out	(17,443)	(88,078)	-	(105,522)	(68,218)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**1,252**	**(39,109)**	**12,500**	**(25,358)**	**9,696**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**37,184**	**63,064**	**45,000**	**145,247**	**135,551**
Total funds carried forward	**38,435**	**23,955**	**57,500**	**119,890**	**145,247**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	38,435	-	-	38,435	37,184
Designated					
Church	-	6,477	-	6,477	4,032
General Fund - Bike Hub	-	3,534	-	3,534	26,956
HIWCF Including Communities (youth)	-	9,976	-	9,976	-
Seedbed	-	1,436	-	1,436	1,436
Staff Fund, Cummunity Hub	-	2,531	-	2,531	25,181
Youth Development lottery	-	-	-	-	5,458
Restricted					
Hubbub	-	-	2,500	2,500	-
Reserves	-	-	55,000	55,000	45,000

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Monty's Community Hub

Treasurer's report as at 31st December 2024.

It's disappointing to report a deficit of £25k for the year. Although costs showed only a modest increase of only £4k (after adjusting for the exceptional final payment £30k of the pump track in 2023) the difference arises from reduced income affecting both our grant funded activities and the bike hub's commercial income, particularly, retail sales. Robust measures are in place to ensure costs are covered by income in the future and are showing an improvement in subsequent periods.

In line with increasing on-going costs the trustees reviewed and increased reserves which now stand at £55k out of total funds of a satisfactory £120k.

Accounting policies:

The charity moved to the accruals method of accounting in 2022 so these accounts continue to be drawn up on that basis.

Individual Policies:

- Fixed Assets: Items with a purchase cost greater than £1,000 may be capitalised if, in the view of the treasurer and manager responsible, the item has a useful life of three years or more.
- Depreciation:
  - Land and buildings – not depreciated.
  - Vehicles – 5 years
  - Computer equipment – 3 years
  - Other furniture and equipment – 5 years
- Reserves - Monty's aims to hold a minimum of 3 months' (and maximum of 6 months) running costs in reserves.

Conclusion:

It is the opinion of the Treasurer that the financial position of the charity will support its current activities.

Report dated:

Mark Allen

Treasurer

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: Monty's Community Hub

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2024

Charity no (if any): 1155649

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: Andrew Black **Date:** 06/10/2025

Name: Andrew Black

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Accountant (ICAS Member 14601)

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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

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MONTY'S COMMUNITY HUB // WHAT WE DID IN 2023

We're pleased to report that over the past year - a year characterised nationally by the cost of living crisis, rising concerns about climate change, and further cuts to statutory services, Monty's has continued to grow, develop and strengthen. For Monty's, 2023 was also a year of new opportunities, an ever increasing volunteer team, and the maturation of several long standing projects and groups.

Since 2020, we have recognised a greater and greater need for mental wellbeing support within our community, and have worked hard to respond to this need in a variety of ways. Our new session, 'Create Your Calm', provides a space for people to explore mindfulness through creativity. Our 'Wander and Wonder' sessions centre around being out in nature - a gentle walk and occasional cycle, interwoven with poetry, reflections and moments of quiet. We have also covered various mental health and wellbeing topics through our youth groups, including stress, anxiety, being supportive friends and emotions. Our Friday Evening Adult sessions have expanded in frequency and broadened their range of activities, even hosting a darts evening and a Mexican themed cooking evening! In addition, we have been able to increase our amount of 'open door' time during the week - times outside of groups or sessions when Monty's is open for people to come in, enjoy a cuppa, a listening ear, or some company.

Alongside this increased recognition of mental wellbeing, we are also continuing to explore new ways of supporting people's physical health. In September we launched a new Zumba class, as well as our well established beginner's Pilates and regular bike rides. As we find with so many of our groups, simply nurturing spaces for community and connection can be instrumental in helping people build physical activity into their weekly rhythms, and are an enormous help to those struggling with their mental health.

Another priority has been supporting people in the midst of the rising cost of living crisis. The main way we have addressed this is through a new 'Pantry Drop In Session'. Running alongside our community pantry, people can drop in for a hot drink, pastries,

and 1:1 support from a team member around bills, finances and benefits. From its launch in September, this session has flourished into a small group of core attendees with a strong sense of community, and we have been able to support around 30 people with applying for benefits, referring and signposting to other services, and managing bill payments.

Our children's groups have continued to develop, adapt, and face both successes and challenges. Due to the afterschool nature of these groups, it can be hard to find volunteers and the groups are all slightly smaller than their pre-covid levels. One of our real priorities for youth work is providing young people with confidence-building, out-of-comfort-zone experiences - often linking in with our aims around physical activity - and we've managed to deliver an absolutely bumper year of trips and activities for all our children's and youth groups, including bouldering, mini-golf, a driving range, swimming, climbing, and more. Our yearly youth camping trip even included an opportunity to pilot motor boats on the River Arun, and a small group took on the challenge of cycling to our campsite in Chichester, an impressive 80km and for many the longest cycle they had ever attempted.

We've been running youth groups at Monty's for a decade now, and whilst it seems obvious to state - the young people have grown up! We now have a core of young adults at Monty's, many of whom we have known, supported and been deepening relationships with throughout the entirety of their teenage years. It's been an immense joy to see some of these young people giving back to the community by getting involved as adult volunteers, and others have transitioned easily into engaging with our adult sessions and activities.

However, several of these young people felt a little bit lost - too old for our youth programme, but not feeling an easy affinity with our adult sessions. In addition, many of these young people are living with significant disadvantages, special educational needs, and are not accessing training or employment. As an exciting marriage between our desire to continue ongoing engagement with these young adults, support their journey towards employment, and further our 'out of comfort zone' opportunities, we have signed up to become a Duke of Edinburgh Award provider - the first open access provider in Southampton - and we currently have our first cohort of young people working towards their Bronze Award.

2023 saw a marked increase in our delivery of family activities, and over the school holidays we ran weekly family cooking sessions, culminating in producing a Family Cooking

Sessions Cookbook. These had a focus on cooking together as a family, teaching cooking skills, introducing healthy and affordable recipes and building social connections. The sessions were hugely popular, and families reported enjoying spending quality time together, kids trying new vegetables and gaining in confidence with cooking (both adults and children!). Alongside our community events and regular school holiday family bike rides, it has been particularly beneficial to support these families as a family unit and foster social connections amongst both parents and children.

We're running more large scale community events than ever before! Inspired by the success of last year's Queen's Jubilee Street Party, we ran a Coronation Street party this summer, as well as our annual Santa Train Christmas event. We also ran a new event dreamt up by our volunteers - PumpkinFest was an autumnal celebration with a focus on pumpkins as food, not waste. Another significant highlight for us was the opening of the Pump Track in Feb 2023, and we have seen a diverse range of people accessing the Pump Track, including girls, parents, young and older kids.

We are pleased to report that Monty's continues to find itself in a healthy financial position, thanks to generated income, local giving, and grant funding. We want to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us financially this year. This includes the Valentine Charitable Trust, Cycling UK, Southampton City Council, Bikeability, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation, Ford Southampton, Southampton Voluntary Services, The Greggs Foundation, Hubbub, Southern Water and various other donors, individuals and customers. *Full details of our finances are available in our Annual Accounts.*

We have also created a short video to give you another window into our work - do take a look by clicking on the link!

MONTY'S BIKE HUB // WHAT WE DID IN 2023

Monty' Bike Hub has continued to grow and become more sustainable in terms of the team delivering sessions and financially as well. At the start of the year, in February, we were excited to finally open the Pump Track the team had been working on for so many years, this was part funded by Veolia Environmental Trust (via our charity) and Southampton City council, who also built the track with their contractors. We had a great event, with the Lord Mayor, Local Councillors and of course local young people at an event to 'cut the ribbon' and open the Track. See video which outlines the highlights of the building and usage of the Pump Track https://fb.watch/uF7QXjKyfB/ . We were pleased to receive multiple grants to purchase BMX bikes which we can loan out to families who maybe don't have a bike. We have been running weekly drop in sessions since the track opened, and throughout the week 100s people have been using the track. It has been great as an organisation to play a part in helping so many people get physically active and learn new skills, reducing anti-social behaviour and boredom on the estate and creating a wildflower meadow that is fantastic for wildlife, particularly bees and pollinators.

Our other weekly activities continued into 2023 including a very busy Adult Social ride, adult bike workshop and youth bike workshop. We were grateful for grant funding from Sustrans and Hampshire Isle of Wight Community Foundation for supporting these projects. Our adult ride regularly has 15 participants, and we hosted a ride leader course and trained up 3 new local people as volunteer ride leaders to enable this ride to happen sustainably. At the adult bike workshop we have around 5-10 volunteers each week churning through recycled bikes or supporting guests from the local community on their bikes. We sold around 120 bikes at affordable prices to local people in 2023, as well as generating income through second hand / new part sales at the workshop sessions.

Our Youth Bike Hub session which was the start of everything we do still thrives on a Thursday afternoon, we have around 20 young people and NEETS pop in and out each week. Our team of volunteers, junior mechanics and trained staff support them with minor repairs, or with help from a new paid mechanic with more complex issues. All these regular sessions have participants and volunteers which overlap, which fosters a sense of community and support amongst the team. The mental health and social benefits are huge in this and we have seen friendships flourish and participants develop into volunteers and even become ride leaders / mechanics in less than a year.

We also continued to recruit and train volunteers to ride our Trishaw, and therefore take older people out on rides to experience 'the wind in their hair' once again. We are the local branch of 'Cycling without Age' and take out people across the spring / summer months.

Out staff team has quite a big change in 2023 with out main mechanic and workshop supervisor leaving the organisation, whilst this was a sad loss it was also a time to reevaluate our roles and redistribute responsibilities amongst more people. We therefore had two roles replace him, a Rides Supervisor and a Workshop Coordinator. Both of these roles were filled with people who were volunteering for the charity already. It has been great to see them flourish in their new roles and generate new energy amongst the activities they are leading.

I term time our Alternative Provision offer to schools continued to grow, with new staff taken on the deliver these. This is a great way of engaging with young people from more challenging backgrounds but also generates a fair bit of income to enable our staff to work more flexibly with local people as well. In 2023 we worked with 4 schools across most term time weeks.

Unfortunately we lost funding for adult cycle confidence sessions this year, however we were able to mitigate this funding through partnering with Bikeability Provider Pedal Power, to secure the Bikeability Contract from SCC. Pedal Power were also able to train 3 of our team to become Bikeability Instructors, and we began delivering Bikeability in Schools from September 2023. As well as generating an income, this has broadened our reach in supporting cycling and advertising our bike sales etc and also given jobs to local people.

The school holidays continue to be busy for us with grant funded led rides as well as ditch the stabilisers sessions and SCC funded 'Holiday Activities and Food' (HAF) sessions. We delivered multiple riders a week in the holiday catering for different abilities and ages. We continued running family rides to encourage and equip parents rto ride with their kids, learn routes and socialise with other families. We did shorter rides for primary school aged children as well as longer rides for the

older teenagers including riding back from Portsmouth, and riding to our camping Trip in Chichester as mentioned above. Our HAF sessions utilised local volunteers and young people and took them to different parts of the city to fix bikes and teach cycle skills.

As the social enterprise arm of the community development charity the Bike Hub continues to generate good income to support the whole of the charity. We generated a similar amount of income to last year through this enterprise. Our contracts to deliver Alternative Provision Sessions, Cycle Training (both Adult Cycle Confidence sessions and Bikeability), HAF sessions and Bike Drs contribute to around 60% of our generated income whereas the 'Bike Shop' (including bike sales and part sales) and private cycle lessons make up the rest. We still had a number of large grants to support our regular sessions with local people, and we are grateful to HIWCF (including Moneybarn, Ford & Hampshire Playing Fields Fund), Sustrans Together Fund, Cycling UK for supporting this work,

MONTY'S // LOOKING AHEAD

As we look ahead to the coming year, we're confident it will include all sorts of exciting opportunities, along with a variety of unexpected challenges. Year on year we are both connecting with more people in our local community, and also connecting in a deeper way with those who are part of our community, and we're excited about what next year will bring. We continue to be committed to authentic, impactful and grassroots co-design and community development, and we look forward to gathering people together to design and deliver new groups and sessions, sustain and develop existing groups and discover new ways of meaningfully involving everyone in our local community.

Over the coming year, we will focus on developing community responses to issues around financial resilience, physical health, and mental wellbeing. Family physical activity sessions, gardening, and more food and cooking sessions all feel like exciting possibilities in our community. We are also really excited about having a deeper focus on NEETS and young adults, including further DofE groups, more opportunities for young leaders, and mentorship opportunities.

We're hoping to raise sufficient funding to increase staff hours further – both in the Bike Hub, and to help coordinate our growing range of Adult Wellbeing activities as well as to support our huge and ever growing team of volunteers.

One of Monty's greatest strengths remains our ability to respond to future challenges flexibly and collaboratively. Whatever the next year brings, we are well placed - as a locally-rooted community development charity, to work alongside local neighbours to identify local needs and opportunities, and work towards flourishing in our local community.

This report dated: 29th Sept 2023

Anna Jacklin
Director and Community Hub Manager

Josh Allen
Director and Bike Hub Manager

on behalf of the Trustees

William Kennedy
Chair of Trustees, Monty's Community Hub

Monty's Community Hub

Treasurer's Report, 2023

The year ended well, showing a surplus just short of £10k, an improvement on the previous year's underlying deficit of £8.5k (after allowing for the exceptional £30k expenditure on the bike hub's pump track funded by a grant revied in the previous year). In 2023 the pump track was completed with a further £30k grant covering the second £30k instalment of cost to complete this project which has been greatly used by the community since its completion.

Away from that, grants have been received to cover the increased expenses of our growing staff team, in both community and cycling activities, with both new and "repeat" donors supporting our work. The bike hub continues to contribute to the charity's resources with retail sales of refurbished bikes, though a little lower than in previous years, and through contracts, a little higher than in previous years.

In line with increasing on-going costs the trustees reviewed and increased reserves which now stand at £45k out of total funds of a healthy £155k.

Accounting policies:

The charity moved to the accruals method of accounting in 2022 so these accounts are drawn up on that basis.

Individual Policies:

- Fixed Assets: Items with a purchase cost greater than £1,000 may be capitalised if, in the view of the treasurer and manager responsible, the item has a useful life of three years or more.
- Depreciation:
  - Land and buildings – not depreciated.
  - Vehicles – 5 years
  - Computer equipment – 3 years
  - Other furniture and equipment – 5 years
- Reserves - Monty's aims to hold a minimum of 3 months' (and maximum of 6 months) running costs in reserves.

Conclusion:

It is the opinion of the Treasurer that the financial position of the charity will support its current activities.

Report dated:

Mark Allen

Treasurer

Monty's Community Hub

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	3,099	3,984
	3,099	**3,984**
Current assets		
Debtors	4,473	2,599
Investments	113,770	111,587
Cash At Bank And In Hand	26,695	21,550
	144,938	**135,736**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	2,790	4,169
	2,790	**4,169**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**142,149**	**131,567**
Total assets less current liabilities	**145,247**	**135,551**
Liabilities		
	-	**-**
Total net assets less liabilities	**145,247**	**135,551**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	37,184	18,912
Designated		
Designated - Church	4,032	2,570
Designated - General Fund - Bike Hub	26,956	46,245
Designated - Seedbed	1,436	1,436
Designated - Staff Fund, Cummunity Hub	25,181	22,930
Designated - Youth Development lottery	5,458	8,458
Restricted		
Restricted - Reserves	45,000	35,000
Fund Totals	**145,247**	**135,551**

Monty's Community Hub

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total This year	Last year
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
INTEREST - Bank Interest	2,244	-	-	2,244	472
GRANTS - Grants	42,828	48,116	30,000	120,944	39,677
Grant Funded Cycling - Grant Funded Cycling Activities	-	44,719	-	44,719	33,903
NSDONATION - Non Specific donations & collections	4,661	396	-	5,057	5,139
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	**49,733**	**93,231**	**30,000**	**172,964**	**79,191**
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Bike Sales - Bike Retail Sales	-	17,131	-	17,131	19,923
BIKE HUB CONTRACTS	-	32,907	-	32,907	30,629
CLUBS - Clubs & Events	68	-	-	68	-
OI - Other Income	40	-	-	40	-
VENUE - Venue Hire	44	-	-	44	413
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	**152**	**50,038**	**-**	**50,190**	**50,965**
Incoming resources Grand totals	49,885	143,269	30,000	223,154	130,156

Monty's Community Hub

Analysis of income and expenditure
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	General	Designated	Restricted	Total This year	Last year
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
0105 - Fundraising/Fund generation	-	-	-	-	5
Cost of generating funds Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5**
Charitable activities					
0101 - Project & Programmes	9,352	572	-	9,924	3,878
0111 - Staff & Volunteers	-	42,267	-	42,267	46,509
0120 - Building & Facilities	11,472	10,284	-	21,756	16,063
0125 - Office Costs	1,928	587	-	2,515	2,580
Bike Sales - Bike Retail Sales	-	30,295	-	30,295	22,656
Grant Funded Cycling activities	-	23,667	30,054	53,720	47,809
Bike Hub contracts	-	32,535	-	32,535	18,135
Other Bike hub costs	-	19,119	-	19,119	10,303
Charitable activities Totals	**22,752**	**159,326**	**30,054**	**212,131**	**167,933**
Governance costs					
0110 - TRG and Governance	324	-	-	324	62
Governance costs Totals	**324**	**-**	**-**	**324**	**62**
Other resources used					
0140 - Church	965	37	-	1,003	646
Other resources used Totals	**965**	**37**	**-**	**1,003**	**646**
Resources used Grand totals	**24,041**	**159,363**	**30,054**	**213,458**	**168,641**

Monty's Community Hub
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	**49,883.78**	**143,269.02**	**30,000.00**	**223,152.80**	**130,155.07**
Total expenditure	**24,040.97**	**159,361.87**	**30,053.90**	**213,456.74**	**168,648.54**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**25,842.81**	**(16,092.85)**	**(53.90)**	**9,696.06**	**(38,493.47)**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	3,000.00	55,163.88	10,053.90	68,217.78	43,176.77
Gross transfers between funds - out	(10,571.57)	(57,646.21)	-	(68,217.78)	(43,176.77)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**18,271.24**	**(18,575.18)**	**10,000.00**	**9,696.06**	**(38,493.47)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**18,912.49**	**81,638.88**	**35,000.00**	**135,551.37**	**174,044.84**
Total funds carried forward	**37,183.73**	**63,063.70**	**45,000.00**	**145,247.43**	**135,551.37**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	37,183.73	-	-	37,183.73	18,912.49
Designated					
Church	-	4,032.34	-	4,032.34	2,569.58
General Fund - Bike Hub	-	26,956.48	-	26,956.48	46,244.77
Seedbed	-	1,436.25	-	1,436.25	1,436.25
Staff Fund, Cummunity Hub	-	25,180.68	-	25,180.68	22,930.33
Youth Development lottery	-	5,457.95	-	5,457.95	8,457.95
Restricted					
Reserves	-	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	35,000.00

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Monty's Community Hub		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2023	**Charity no (if any)**	1155649
Set out on pages	This Page		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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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:	Andrew Black	**Date:**	30/10/24
Name:	Andrew Black		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountant		
Address:	Glen Eyre Brickyard Road		

Swanmore
SO32 2PJ

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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MONTY'S COMMUNITY HUB // WHAT WE DID IN 2022

The trustees are pleased to report that Monty's has had a year characterised by growth, development and maturation. 2022 has felt like the first 'post-pandemic' year, and as such has been a time of embedding, consolidating and exploring new opportunities after two years of fast-paced adapting and innovation in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

It has also been a year characterised by the Cost of Living Crisis, with many of our local community experiencing significant financial challenges - but alongside this difficult time for so many, we have seen so many people coming together to support friends and neighbours and get involved in the local community.

We began the year with a week long Community Consultation, with a range of consultation activities and sessions across both the Community Hub and Bike Hub. After two years of lockdown, which involved some sessions shifting online, others taking a hiatus, and countless other adaptions, the beginning of 2022 felt a timely moment to gather our volunteers, members, neighbours, trustees and friends to reflect on what we do at Monty's in the context of our vision and values. This process helped us set priorities for the rest of the year and identify opportunities for growth.

One of the highlights of the year was our Jubilee Street party, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This event featured food, bouncy castles, a Disco Dome, tombola, road train and Tri-shaw rides, face painting, fairground games and much more. We welcomed over 300 local residents to this event, which was a great opportunity to talk to local people and promote what we do at Monty's.

Following on from the success of this event, a committee of local volunteers organised a similar event at Christmas,

with a Santa's grotto, Santa train, cake sale and gifts of a book given to every child.

Our Community Pantry has continued to be an important source of support in the local community, especially in the context of the growing Cost of Living Crisis. Throughout 2022, we strengthened our links with other food provision / food aid organisations in Southampton, including participating in a Southampton Wide Food Census. At the end of 2022, we found out we have been successful in some grant funding for cooking sessions, which will take place in 2023. Our Friday Fry Up & Finances was well attended during the first half of the year, but took a break during the second part of the year due to a key member of the team going on Maternity Leave. However, the conversations during Friday Fry Up and Finances gave birth to our new Adult Social Evenings, which provide a very low cost opportunity for adults to socialise and have a fun evening out.

Our Youth and Children's provision has remained a real strength of what we do at Monty's, with a particular focus this year on trips and Out of Comfort Zone Activities. We have really seen the value of providing opportunities for young people to try new things, push themselves out of their comfort zone and grow in confidence. We have delivered trips to a local climbing gym, a kayak trip, swimming trips and visits to the theatre. We also delivered a Residential Trip for our young leaders, which included leadership workshops, team building activities, and a very memorable raft building experience!

One of our priorities for the year was to expand our youth provision to older youth, aged 16-18. Up until this year, our weekly youth provision has been for young people up to year 11, but in 2022, we started a new session for those in the older years of secondary school and college, extending our regular youth provision up to age 18. This session, and our Out of Comfort Zone activities have been immensely enriched by the appointment of a new member of staff into a Youth and Children's Coordinator role.

Another top priority was to respond to local physical and mental health concerns, which continue to be a need identified by our local neighbours. We started a new session called 'Wander & Wonder', a monthly meet up in a local nature spot, generally walking, and including some guided mindfulness reflections. Our weekly pilates class has gone from strength to strength, enabling local people to access a Pilates class on a Pay as You Feel basis with many participants trying pilates for the first time and the class attracting a broad range of participants.

One of the challenges we faced this year was around transitioning volunteers from helping out at sessions and activities, to taking on greater leadership and ownership of those sessions. We identified several barriers facing volunteers, including lack of confidence, time and a preference to remain in a supporting role. In response to this, we have continued to provide a variety of training opportunities for our volunteers, including, most notable, a 6 week Community Development Course.

Our fledgling gardening-focussed social enterprise (**Monty's Building & Gardening Services**) continued to grow over 2022, and was able to undertake several larger scale projects with the help of volunteers from a local business.

We are pleased to report that Monty's continues to find itself in a healthy financial position, thanks to generated income, local giving, and grant funding. We want to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us financially this year. This includes the Valentine Charitable Trust, Cycling UK, Imagine Foundation, Southampton City Council, Bikeability, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation, Ford Southampton, Kickstart, Carnival UK, Southampton Voluntary Services, City Life, Southern Water, and various other donors, individuals and customers. *Full details of our finances are available in our Annual Accounts.*

MONTY'S BIKE HUB // WHAT WE DID IN 2022

Monty's Bike Hub continues to grow as part of Monty's Community Hub. We have engaged well with lots of local people, using bikes as a way to engage positively and productively. Our regular weekly sessions continued, our Adult Bike workshop session and Youth Bike workshop sessions busy with local adults and young people. Additional funding from HIWCF allowed us to grow our Bike Hub Staff team and have it open for a longer period of time. This included earlier in the afternoon where we could engage intensively with local young people out of school or college (NEETS). We also secured funding from the Bikeability Trust to develop cycle skills and repair sessions to enable young people from deprived areas to take more full part in Bikeability. We started an afterschool bike club at our local primary school supporting young people in gaining confidence riding and fixing their bikes as well.

This fund also funded family rides in the school holidays. We did this once a week in the holidays and local volunteers helped lead rides for adults and young people together down to Royal Victoria country park. It was great to see parents gaining

confidence in cycling with their children. We used our fleet of Cargo Bikes to help transport younger non-riders so full families could take part. We also had lots of extra funding for youth rides in the holidays so were able to run multiple rides a week for different levels eg local short rides for younger youth and longer adventure rides for older teenagers to places like Bournemouth and Portsmouth.

Our Toddler Bike hub also continued to attract local families, helping toddlers get confident in riding balance bikes and eventually pedalling, some learning to ride independently at age 3! We also put on Ditch the Stabiliser sessions in the school holidays that members of the public can book on to, these are always popular and we are always asked to do more. We secured funding from HAF Southampton to deliver cycle skills sessions at various Holiday Clubs across the east side of the city, all based in deprived areas and for children on free school meals. It was great to utilise young volunteers from our estate to support this work and develop their skills as well.

We have a number of contracts with Southampton City Council, in 2022 this included delivering Bike Dr sessions in the community and in schools. We cover the east side of the city for these sessions and it is great to be able to support local people in getting cycling through repairing their bikes for free via this funding. We also delivered around 70 Adult Cycle Confidence sessions as part of a contract with the council, many of these were local to our estate so added to how we can engage with the local community.

In 2022 we developed our Alternative Provision offer with schools and grew our capacity so we could deliver school sessions for 3 local schools; Weston Secondary, Woodlands Community College and started with Hightown Primary School. We also continued our partnership with Compass School which is the citywide Pupil Referral Unit, although many of these young people come from our local area. These sessions are paid for by the school to work 121 with particularly challenging young people, many at risk of being expelled or already excluded from various schools. We always seem to have positive engagement with these young people and are able to support them in learning mechanical skills, whilst also mentoring them and offering them other opportunities such as building a bike, attending our other sessions and informal mentoring.

Throughout all our work we sell bikes that we work on with young people and adults. Our adult bike workshop is the main place where we recycle bikes with volunteers but this also happens during our youth sessions as well. After being checked by our qualified mechanics we sold 80 kids bikes, 50 adult bikes and gave 34 bikes away ro refugees (with funding from the local authority). All this means we are able to further support the community, stay active and keep riding.

Finally our weekly Adult Social rides have become a place for adults to come together socially, make friends and go to new places whilst having a gentle bike ride together. Most participants are local and are using bikes purchased or loaned from us. We have a few routes we do regularly to help people gain confidence to be able ro ride independently or with their families and friends.

MONTY'S // LOOKING AHEAD

We're excited about what next year will bring, as we continue to gather people together to design and deliver an ever-diversifying range of groups, sessions and activities in response to local needs and opportunities. Within this, we are particularly excited to deliver some Family Cooking Sessions, and explore further opportunities around growing food and reducing food waste. We will continue to co-design community responses to issues around financial inequality, physical health, and mental wellbeing.

One of the most exciting things in the next year ahead will be our local Pump Track being finished. It is currently under construction and will aim to be finished by February Half term. This has been a very long term project with fundraising and liaising with the council and the community regularly, so will be great to see it come to fruition. We will be running various sessions over the pump track in the next year.

We're hoping to raise sufficient funding to increase staff hours further – both in the Bike Hub, and to help coordinate our growing range of Adult Wellbeing activities as well as to support our huge

and ever growing team of volunteers. We're also still looking for a new Chair of Trustees – to help breathe new life into the Board of Trustees, and to help facilitate our ongoing leadership transition.

One of Monty's greatest strengths remains our ability to respond to future challenges flexibly and collaboratively. Whatever the next year brings, we are well placed - as a locally-rooted community development charity, to work alongside local neighbours to identify local needs and opportunities, and work towards flourishing in our local community.

This report dated: 29th Sept 2023

Anna Jacklin
Director and Community Hub Manager

Josh Allen
Director and Bike Hub Manager

on behalf of the Trustees

William Kennedy
Chair of Trustees, Monty's Community Hub

Treasurer's Report

As the world, and Monty's, returns to "new normal" after the disruption of the pandemic, it's pleasing to note that Monty's income from grants, bike sales and contracts are all broadly consistent with previous years. Grants and donations, including those for cycling activities, totalled £79k in 2022; the £100k figure for 2021 included a £30k grant for the Sullivant Rec pump track for which expenditure was incurred in 2022 so comparisons are distorted. Excluding this, the 2022 figure can be seen as an increase on the underlying level of the previous year. Bike retail sales, which had grown significantly from the start of the pandemic, have remained at a valuable level (valuable for the community we believe, as well as for Monty's income), £20k is comparable to the £24k and £23k in the previous two years up from just £11k in 2019. Bike contract work also remained at a level consistent with previous years earning £31k v £30k in the previous year.

Expenditure in 2022, like income in 2021, is boosted by the first tranche of expenditure on the pump track, spending £30k in the year. Apart from this unusual item, the major part of the charity's expenditure is on staff and this has increased as the charity grows. Excluding the pump track payment, staff costs are a consistent proportion of total expenditure, 58% in 2022 v 57% in 2021. Other expenses have also risen, including for materials to support bike hub sales and contracts and overall expenditure has risen by £24k (after adjusting for the pump track expense) resulting in an underlying £8k deficit against income, reversing the £8k surplus in the previous year.

In line with increasing on-going costs the trustees reviewed and increased reserves which now stand at £35k out of total funds of a healthy £135k.

Accounting policies:

As noted in last year's report, the charity moved to the accruals method of accounting in 2022 so these accounts are drawn up on that basis for the first time. As anticipated, this introduced some timing difference in comparison with the cash basis used previously; the year end balance sheet demonstrates this change has had a modest but favourable impact on the income and expenditure reported in the year of just over £2k.

Individual Policies:

- Fixed Assets: Items with a purchase cost greater than £1,000 may be capitalised if, in the view of the treasurer and manager responsible, the item has a useful life of three years or more.
- Depreciation:
  - Land and buildings – not depreciated.
  - Vehicles – 5 years
  - Computer equipment – 3 years
  - Other furniture and equipment – 5 years
- Reserves - Monty's aims to hold a minimum of 3 months' (and maximum of 6 months) running costs in reserves.

Conclusion:

It is the opinion of the Treasurer that the financial position of the charity will support its current activities.

Report dated:

Mark Allen

Treasurer

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name: Monty's Community Hub		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2022	**Charity no (if any)**	1155649
Set out on pages	This Page		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

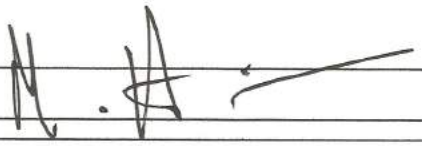
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: 

Date: 17th October 2023

Name: Mick Humphries

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

Address: 144 South East Road
Southampton
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Monty's Community Hub

Balance Sheet (Summary)

		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets			
	Tangible Assets	3,984	-
		3,984	**-**
Current assets			
	Debtors	2,599	-
	Investments	111,587	141,146
	Cash At Bank And In Hand	21,550	32,899
		135,736	**174,045**
Liabilities			
	Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	4,169	-
		4,169	**-**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**131,567**	**174,045**
Total assets less current liabilities		**135,551**	**174,045**
Liabilities			
		-	**-**
Total net assets less liabilities		**135,551**	**174,045**
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
	Unrestricted - General Funds	18,912	16,369
Designated			
	Designated - Awards for all	-	3,045
	Designated - Church	2,570	2,216
	Designated - General Fund - Bike Hub	46,245	57,709
	Designated - Seedbed	1,436	1,436
	Designated - Staff Fund, Cummunity Hub	22,930	35,521
	Designated - Youth Development lottery	8,458	2,749
Restricted			
	Restricted - Pump Track	-	30,000
	Restricted - Reserves	35,000	25,000
Fund Totals		**135,551**	**174,045**

Monty's Community Hub

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total This year	Last year
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
INTEREST - Bank Interest	472	-	-	472	10
GRANTS - Grants	9,725	29,951	-	39,677	95,221
NSDONATION - Non Specific donations & collections	5,139	-	-	5,139	4,307
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	15,336	29,951	-	45,288	99,539
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Bike Sales - Bike Retail Sales	-	19,923	-	19,923	23,657
Bike hub contracts		30,629		30,629	29,525
Grant Funded Cycling - Grant Funded Cycling Activities	-	33,903	-	33,903	-
OI - Other Income	0	-	-	0	-
VENUE - Venue Hire	413	-	-	413	34
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	413	84,455	-	84,868	53,216
Incoming resources Grand totals	15,749	114,406	-	130,155	152,755
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
0105 - Fundraising/Fund generation	5	-	-	5	-
Cost of generating funds Totals	5	-	-	5	-
Charitable activities					
0101 - Project & Programmes	3,026	851	-	3,878	6,494
0111 - Staff & Volunteers	-	46,509	-	46,509	65,076
0120 - Building & Facilities	8,877	7,187	-	16,063	10,079
0125 - Office Costs	2,580	-	-	2,580	3,159
Bike Sales - Bike Retail Sales		22,656	-	22,656	-
Grant Funded Cycling - Grant Funded Cycling Activities		11,525	-	11,525	-
Bike contracts		18,136	-	18,136	-
Other bike hub costds		16,534	30,054	46,588	29,247
Charitable activities Totals	14,483	123,398	30,054	167,935	114,055
Governance costs					
0110 - TRG and Governance	62	-	-	62	-
Governance costs Totals	62	-	-	62	-
Other resources used					
0140 - Church	173	473	-	646	328
Other resources used Totals	173	473	-	646	328
Resources used Grand totals	14,724	123,871	30,054	168,649	114,383

Monty's Community Hub
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	**15,749**	**114,406**	**-**	**130,155**	**152,755**
Total expenditure	**14,724**	**123,871**	**30,054**	**168,649**	**114,383**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**1,025**	**(9,465)**	**(30,054)**	**(38,493)**	**38,372**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,519	31,605	10,054	43,177	94,471
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(43,177)	-	(43,177)	(94,471)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**2,544**	**(21,037)**	**(20,000)**	**(38,493)**	**38,372**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**16,369**	**102,676**	**55,000**	**174,045**	**135,673**
Total funds carried forward	**18,912**	**81,639**	**35,000**	**135,551**	**174,045**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	18,912	-	-	18,912	16,369
Designated					
Awards for all	-	-	-	-	3,045
Church	-	2,570	-	2,570	2,216
General Fund - Bike Hub	-	46,245	-	46,245	57,709
Seedbed	-	1,436	-	1,436	1,436
Staff Fund, Cummunity Hub	-	22,930	-	22,930	35,521
Youth Development lottery	-	8,458	-	8,458	2,749
Restricted					
Pump Track	-	-	-	-	30,000
Reserves	-	-	35,000	35,000	25,000

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

MONTY'S COMMUNITY HUB

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ANNUAL REPORT
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MONTY'S // WHO WE ARE

Monty's Community Hub is a grassroots 'community development' charity, based at the heart of our neighbourhood on the edge of Southampton. Our vision is to enable the personal, social and spiritual growth of local residents; in partnership with the local community; so we can all enjoy abundant life within a flourishing neighbourhood. With the support of our wonderful trustees and part-time staff, our volunteers organise numerous groups and activities that are developed in response to needs and opportunities in our local community.

Based in a shop unit within a parade at the heart of our estate, Monty's started life when statutory funding for the local youth centre was withdrawn in 2013. This loss hit particularly hard locally, as our neighbourhood is an area of significant deprivation; according to the Office for National Statistics we are within the 15% most deprived areas in the UK (including an area in the lowest 7% for health and employment, the lowest 3% for education and income, and the lowest 1% for crime). Located on the edge of the city, our neighbourhood is isolated from adjoining areas, yet has little community provision of its own; there are few play facilities or community spaces, the local church closed down at the turn of the century, and in 2013 our youth centre faced imminent closure following cuts to statutory services. In response to this closure, a group of volunteers from the local church and community felt so strongly about this loss that—with the support of local churches, schools and the city council—they took on responsibility for the centre. We reimagined the old Montague Avenue youth centre as a 'community hub' open to people of all ages, and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2014 under the name 'Monty's Community Hub'.

These days Monty's is a thriving hub at the heart of our community – drawing together people of all different social, religious and ethnic backgrounds, and many with complex social and additional educational needs, to seek transformation in our community. Supported by our committed trustees, the day-to-day running of Monty's is overseen by our small team of part-time staff and our growing team of volunteers from the local community. Monty's is an inclusive hub open to the whole community; regularly welcoming hundreds of different people into our groups, activities and events. Through it all, we aim to help local residents come together to recognise and respond to their own needs and aspirations, and to take positive action to bring about transformation in our community.

Our Board of Trustees are committed to the effective management of the charity, including the ongoing maintenance and implementation of Safeguarding, Equality, Health & Safety, Financial and other appropriate policies. Meeting at least quarterly, our board of trustees includes:

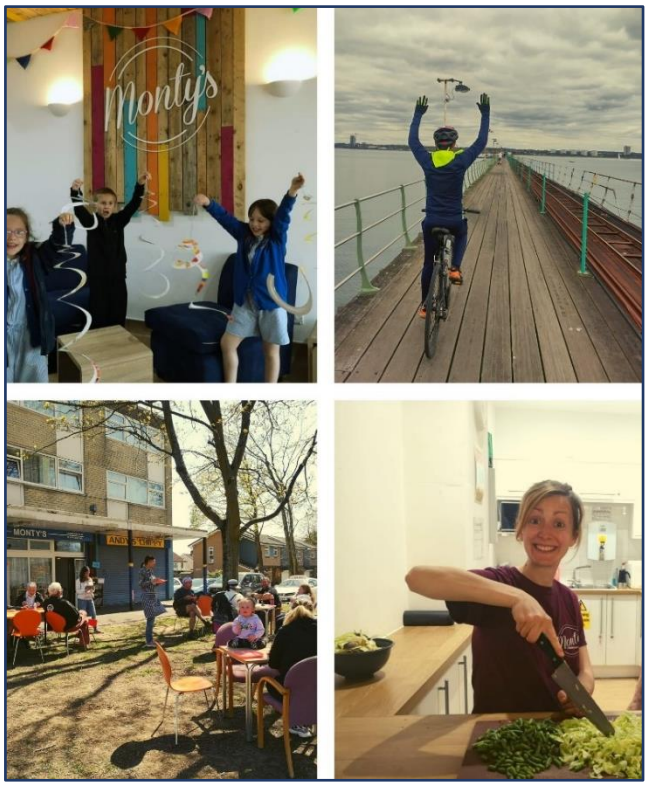
- Jon Oliver (Chair, acting H&S)
- Zoe Hart (Vice Chair & HR)
- Jim Macfarlane (Secretary)
- Libby Crandon (Safeguarding)
- Tom Tarling (Governance)
- Amy Hyde (Data Protection)
- Mark Allen (Treasurer)
- Leanne Curry (Deputy Treasurer)
- Pete Nailer (Fundraising)
- Cathy Nailer (Fundraising)
- Tammy Oliver (Team Liaison)
- Garry Roberts (Parish Liaison)

Our values are an expression of what we believe, and underpin everything we do. Inspired by Jesus, we are committed to being: COMMUNITY-ROOTED (based in our community, encouraging positive involvement within the community, and contributing to good relationships in all we do); OPEN & INCLUSIVE (actively promoting equality of opportunity, challenging discrimination, and celebrating diversity); COMPASSIONATE & OPEN TO GOD (being open and honest in all our relationships, caring and loving as Jesus did and still does today); GENEROUS & LIFE-AFFIRMING (equipping and enabling people to live fulfilling lives, recognising and developing their own potential).

MONTY'S // WHAT WE DID IN 2021

The trustees are pleased to report that during another unusual year, as the coronavirus pandemic continued to cause such havoc, Monty's continued to adapt and thrive. Naturally, it was a year of ups and downs – a time of ongoing difficulty for so many in our community, especially in terms of physical and mental health – yet also a year in which so many people came together to support friends, neighbours and others in our community.

The year began with another lockdown, so we reverted to a mixture of online groups, safely-distanced activities, and community organising to support the most vulnerable in our neighbourhood. As such, our Community Pantry and Community Library (both based outside the front of the hub) continued to be important sources of support in the community. As lockdowns restrictions eased, together we explored how best to move things forward; not assuming that everything would return to how it had been before. Many of our sessions did in fact restart in much the same format (eg, youth clubs, groups for parents, older people etc)… but others were reimagined (eg, homework club becoming 'schoolwork support' to help children readjust to normal schooling)… other sessions developed in new ways (eg, adding a child cycling club alongside our existing stay and play group)… while some brand new sessions were launched (eg, Friday Fry-Up & Finances).



One of our top priorities for the year was to bring our community together to respond to financial concerns, which has been exacerbated by the pandemic. Early in the year we ran a Money Course in partnership with Frontline (our local debt advice service); one of the things most participants shared was a sense of isolation they felt around financial matters, which was eased simply by being able to share them with one another. From this our new Friday Fry-up & Finance group emerged; a monthly group where people enjoy a fried breakfast and then share and support each other with sorting out their bills, benefits, finances, etc. Our Community Lunch and Community Pantry (through which we collect surplus food from local shops and businesses, and redistribute it within our community) both of which operate on a free/pay-as-you-feel basis, continue to offer relief to those struggling to make ends meet. We also learned how to grow some of our own food (utilising our covered yard as a greenhouse to grow a jungle of salad plants), how to cook healthy meals on a budget, and piloted our first 'repair café' (helping save money, and the environment, by repairing things rather than throwing them away).

Another top priority was to respond to local physical and mental health concerns, which had also been exacerbated by the pandemic. Our Bike Hub team worked hard to improve and increase the range of rides offered – which now includes regular rides for beginners, children and young people, adults, women-only, and families – as well as "trishaw taxi" rides for older people and those with

limited mobility, getting people out and about who otherwise would be stuck indoors. Our team also gathered a group of relatively inexperienced cyclists to train for and compete in a 100km cycle ride. We also launched a new weekly pilates group, and continued to organise family walks during the school holidays. These activities and adventures not only help participants to improve their physical health, but also provide opportunities to take care of their mental health and wellbeing too – through reducing isolation, increasing friendships and community connections, finding new ways to get outside and enjoy their neighbourhood. As we find with so many of our groups, simply nurturing spaces for community and connection can be an enormous help to those struggling with mental health. As such, we began to organise more adult social events too, including board game evenings, cooking classes, and *craft*ernoons. We also partnered with a local counsellor to offer free counselling to members of our community who may not otherwise be able to access such support.

Another priority was to enable leadership development within our incredible team of volunteers. We gathered around twenty volunteers who were keen to grow as leaders, and together we co-designed 'Growing Leaders', a varied programme of training and workshops to help us grow in the areas identified by our team (eg, communication, conflict management, rest, asking for help, and more). Meanwhile, we also inducted a new cohort of a dozen Young Leaders, who have been equipped, enabled and encouraged to volunteer, participate in social action, develop their leadership skills, and contribute to the life of the community. According to our Young Leaders, their participation in this programme led to increased confidence and self-esteem, less anxiety, improved social and communication skills, better teamwork, and lots of fun and friendship.

One of the challenges we faced this year was that so many people seemed to have got out of the habit of going out! So once the lockdowns were ending, many of our groups and sessions took a lot longer than expected to pick up speed. However, this was an incredible time for many of our volunteers who reported that their highlight of the year was seeing the smiles on the kids' faces when they first came back to youth clubs. By the summer holidays we were excited to be able to offer a full summer programme, and to pilot our new "out of comfort zone" adventures for young people. Over the last few years, we've recognised that activities outside our estate and outside our comfort-zones are able to have such a positive impact in raising young people's horizons, and that this in turn encourages them to focus more meaningfully in their future possibilities through education and employment. As such, we began to experiment with all sorts of new activities and adventures – including tree-climbing, kayaking, long-distance bike rides, sea swimming, and camping on a working farm! As ever, when the young people were asked what their highlight of the year was, the camping trip topped the list by a long way.

Later in the year, we hosted a number of larger community events throughout the year; this included organising our 'Dead Good Date with Death' around Halloween (exploring death and dying with fun and families), and once again drawing over 300 people together for our Christmas Celebration (including our safely-distanced Santa Train and Christmas-Lights Bingo).

Meanwhile, as an essential business, **Monty's Bike Hub** was again able to stay open throughout the lockdowns; helping keyworkers and local families stay on the move by offering affordable bicycles and repairs. The Bike Hub continued to benefit from the increased popularity of cycling; and continued to receive a healthy income from sales and repairs. Due to their incredible hard work, the Bike Hub team also secured repeat contracts to deliver mobile bike doctor sessions and cycle confidence training in the city, and new contracts to offer one-to-one training and alternative curriculum with young people at risk of exclusion from school.

We were pleased to be able to focus more consistently on our activities and workshop sessions for our local community – with our weekly adults and youth workshops back up and running as soon as lockdown protocols allowed. However, the real highlight of the year was our increasing focus on bike rides – for all different ages and abilities. We were able to provide free/affordable bikes and equipment, and to nurture a supportive community of cyclists, in order to actively include people who never or rarely cycled beforehand; with many reporting significant improvements to their mental and physical wellbeing as a result. Several participants told us that the family rides in particular were their highlight of the year – not only a fun day out with friends, but also helping them to find new ways to enjoy the city and the surrounding countryside. With so much going on, we were able to increase our staff hours. We also secured funding and planning permission to build a 'pump track' in our local park next year, in partnership with the city council, in order to provide local cycling opportunities for local residents.

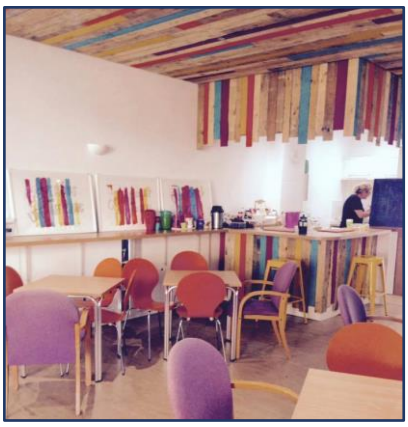
Our new gardening-focussed social enterprise (**Monty's Building & Gardening Services**) continues to grow – responding to local needs, creating new volunteering opportunities, improving wellbeing, fostering community connections, and generating a small income. Although we have several new volunteers, we still have a long waiting list of people in our community who find themselves unable to enjoy their gardens due to being overgrown or cluttered. We have been delighted that participants and customers continue to report incredible improvements to their mental health as a result of simple improvements to their outdoor environment.

Meanwhile, many of our faith-focussed activities struggled somewhat during lockdown, as Zoom fatigue took its toll. However, as lockdown eased, all of our groups picked back up – including **Sunday Lunch Church**, and various prayer groups, spiritual practice groups, and youth groups. Our contemplative prayer group was the only session to stay online; as it seems that most people like staying indoors on Sunday evening! We were delighted to organise a Christening and a Celebration of Birth for two of our youngest members this year. We also encouraged several new people to join our leadership team. One of our existing team is an experienced church leader and coach, also began offering leadership coaching and mentoring to a number of this team who wanted to grow as leaders in this particular area.

We were delighted to welcome two new trustees this year – the vicar of our local parish, nominated by the PCC, and a retired accountant, who came on board as our new treasurer. Sadly, despite a big publicity campaign, we were unable to find a new Chair of Trustees. We will try again next year, and our current chair has agreed to continue in the role for the time being.

We are pleased to report that Monty's continues to find itself in a healthy financial position, thanks to generated income, local giving, and grant funding. We want to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us financially this year. This includes Bikeability, the Co-op, Cycling UK, Ford Southampton, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation, Imagine Foundation, The Listeners, Llanbury Consulting, MyJourney, Southampton City Council, Strategic Youth Recovery Fund, Sustrans, the Valentine Charitable Trust, the Veolia Environmental Trust, various other donors, individuals and customers. *Full details of our finances are available in our Annual Accounts.*

MONTY'S // LOOKING AHEAD



Naturally, we don't know what the next year will bring, but we're confident it will include all sorts of unexpected challenges and exciting opportunities. The last couple of years have enabled us to connect more broadly and more deeply with our community than before – and we're excited about what next year will bring, as we continue to gather people together to design and deliver our post-lockdown strategy. Within this, we hope the coming year will anable us to develop our Out-of-Comfort-Zones, Young Leader, and Growing Leaders programmes, as well as continuing to co-design community responses to issues around financial inequality, physical health, and mental wellbeing.

We're also excited about the ongoing development of our social enterprises – the Bike Hub, our Building & Gardening Service, and a handful of other ideas. We're optimistic that these ventures will

provide exciting opportunities for participants to grow in skills and confidence, while also generating sustainable income for the charity.

We're hoping to raise sufficient funding to increase staff hours further – both in the Bike Hub, and to help coordinate our growing children/youth provision. We're also hoping to have another big push to see if we can find a new Chair of Trustees next year – to help breathe new life into the Board of Trustees, and to help facilitate our ongoing leadership transition.

However, whatever the futures holds, we are confident that Monty's will be able to respond flexibility and collaboratively. As a locally-rooted community development charity, Monty's has grown out of a commitment to work alongside members of our community to recognise and respond to local needs and opportunities, and to take positive action to bring about transformation in our community. This is what we do. This is who we are. As such, we are confident that we're well-positioned to respond to the emerging needs and opportunities of this new season.

This report dated: 7th Sept 2022

Jon Oliver
Chair of Trustees
on behalf of the Trustees

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Monty's Community Hub
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	**118,682**	**34,073**	**152,755**	**137,484**
Total expenditure	**113,883**	**500**	**114,383**	**87,215**
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**4,799**	**33,573**	**38,372**	**50,269**
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	81,729	12,742	94,471	43,564
Gross transfers between funds - out	(60,997)	(33,474)	(94,471)	(43,564)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**25,530**	**12,842**	**38,372**	**50,269**
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	**93,514**	**42,159**	**135,673**	**85,404**
Total funds carried forward	**119,045**	**55,000**	**174,045**	**135,673**
Represented by				
Unrestricted				
General fund	16,369	-	16,369	17,654
Designated				
Awards for all	3,045	-	3,045	3,475
Bike Project	57,709	-	57,709	43,889
Church	2,216	-	2,216	2,484
Seedbed	1,436	-	1,436	2,186
Staff	35,521	-	35,521	20,998
Youth Development lottery	2,749	-	2,749	2,829
Restricted				
IT Fund	-	-	-	500
Peoples Health Trust	-	-	-	23,030
Pump Track	-	30,000	30,000	-
Reserves held on deposit	-	25,000	25,000	18,629
Total funds	**119,045**	**55,000**	**174,045**	**135,673**

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Monty's Community Hub

Balance Sheet (Summary)

		As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets			
		-	-
Current assets			
	Investments	141,146	71,136
	Cash At Bank And In Hand	32,899	64,538
		174,045	**135,673**
Liabilities			
		-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities		**174,045**	**135,673**
Total assets less current liabilities		**174,045**	**135,673**
Liabilities			
		-	-
Total net assets less liabilities		**174,045**	**135,673**
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
	Unrestricted - General Funds	16,369	17,654
Designated			
	Designated - Awards for all	3,045	3,475
	Designated - Bike Project	57,709	43,889
	Designated - Church	2,216	2,484
	Designated - Seedbed	1,436	2,186
	Designated - Staff	35,521	20,998
	Designated - Youth Development lottery	2,749	2,829
Restricted			
	Restricted - IT Fund	-	500
	Restricted - Peoples Health Trust	-	23,030
	Restricted - Pump Track	30,000	-
	Restricted - Reserves held on deposit	25,000	18,629
Fund Totals		**174,045**	**135,673**

Monty's Community Hub

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
INTEREST - Bank Interest	10	-	-	10	34
GRANTS - Grants	2,350	58,798	34,073	95,221	89,742
NSDONATION - Non Specific donations & collections	4,307	-	-	4,307	6,997
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	**6,668**	**58,798**	**34,073**	**99,539**	**96,773**
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
BIKE - Bike Retail Sales	-	23,657	-	23,657	22,692
CLUBS - Clubs & Events	-	-	-	-	94
CONTRACTS - Contracts	-	29,525	-	29,525	17,860
VENUE - Venue Hire	34	-	-	34	66
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	**34**	**53,182**	**-**	**53,216**	**40,712**
Incoming resources Grand totals	**6,702**	**111,980**	**34,073**	**152,755**	**137,484**
Resources used					
Charitable activities					
0101 - Project & Programmes	4,975	1,336	183	6,494	2,400
0111 - Staff & Volunteers	160	64,916	-	65,076	52,254
0120 - Building & Facilities	7,595	2,465	19	10,079	7,373
0125 - Office Costs	2,861	-	299	3,159	3,013
0135 - Bike Hub	-	29,247	-	29,247	21,657
Charitable activities Totals	**15,591**	**97,964**	**500**	**114,055**	**86,697**
Governance costs					
0110 - TRG and Governance	-	-	-	-	502
Governance costs Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**502**
Other resources used					
0140 - Church	137	191	-	328	16
Other resources used Totals	**137**	**191**	**-**	**328**	**16**
Resources used Grand totals	**15,728**	**98,155**	**500**	**114,383**	**87,215**

Treasurer's Report

Monty's had another good year in the face of difficult and uncertain times during the second year of the Covid pandemic. Income from grants increased slightly (£100k in 2021 v £97k in 2020) and Bike Hub income earned from retail sales and notably contracts rose to £53k from £41k in 2020. Expenditure also increased from £87k to £114k but remains less than income resulting in a surplus for the year of £38k.

Grants and donations continue to contribute the majority of the charity's income (66%) although note the total of £100k received this year includes a one-off grant of £30k towards the construction of a "pump track" which at year end has yet to be spent. Growth in income has come largely from the Bike Hub; retail sales from the workshop continuing at the higher level achieved in 2020 with contract income of £29k 60% higher than the previous year as funded services return as lockdowns eased.

As a consequence of growing activity, staff hours have been increased resulting in higher staff costs, up 25% to £65k, accounting for 57% of the charity's expenditure. Other costs have increased slightly similarly reflecting the increase in activity. The social enterprise activity of the Bike Hub is generating increased income and is close to covering its costs in the year.

Particularly reflecting the increased payroll costs, trustees agreed to increase reserves at year end which now stand at £25k. The charity has assets at the year end (held in cash) of £174k, an increase of £38k from the end of 2020 (£136k) but note the unspent £30k grant mentioned above which may cause this trend to reverse in 2022.

Accounting Policy:

As a young charity, to date Monty's Community Hub has held its books of account on the cash basis. With effect from 1st January 2022 the trustees agreed to adopt the accruals basis; there will therefore be some anomalies due to timing differences between the accounts for 2021 and 2022 as this change comes into effect.

Conclusion:

It is the opinion of the Treasurer that the financial position of the charity will support its current activities.

Report Dated: 10/08/2022

Mark Allen
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF **MONTY'S COMMUNITY HUB**

I report on the accounts of **Monty's Community Hub** for the year ended **31 December 2021**.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the *Charities Act 2011* (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

5th October 22.

Michael Andrew Humphries

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MONTY'S | WHO WE ARE

Monty's Community Hub is a grassroots 'community development' charity, based at the heart of our neighbourhood on the edge of Southampton. Our vision is "to enable the personal, social and spiritual growth of local residents; in partnership with the local community; so we can all enjoy fullness of life within a flourishing neighbourhood." With the support of our wonderful trustees and part-time staff, our volunteers organise numerous groups and activities that are developed in response to needs and opportunities in our local community.

Based in a shop unit within a parade at the heart of our estate, Monty's started life when statutory funding for the local youth centre was withdrawn in 2013. This loss hit particularly hard locally, as our neighbourhood is an area of significant deprivation; according to the Office for National Statistics we are within the 15% most deprived areas in the UK (including an area in the lowest 7% for health and employment, the lowest 3% for education and income, and the lowest 1% for crime). Located on the edge of the city, our neighbourhood is isolated from adjoining areas, yet has little community provision of its own; there are few play facilities or community spaces, the local church closed down at the turn of the century, and in 2013 our youth centre faced imminent closure following cuts to statutory services. In response to this closure, a group of volunteers from the local church and community felt so strongly about this loss that—with the support of local churches, schools and the city council—they took on responsibility for the centre. We reimagined the old Montague Avenue youth centre as a 'community hub' open to people of all ages, and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2014 under the name 'Monty's Community Hub'.

These days Monty's is a thriving hub at the heart of our community – drawing together people of all different social, religious and ethnic backgrounds, and many with complex social and additional educational needs, to seek transformation in our community. Supported by our committed trustees, the day-to-day running of Monty's is overseen by our two part-time Managers and a team of around 40 volunteers from the local community. Monty's is an inclusive hub open to the whole community; regularly welcoming hundreds of different people into our groups, activities and events. Through it all, we aim to help local residents come together to recognise and respond to their own needs and aspirations, and to take positive action to bring about transformation in our community.

Our Board of Trustees are committed to the effective management of the charity, including the ongoing maintenance and implementation of Safeguarding, Equality, Health & Safety, Financial and other appropriate policies. Meeting at least quarterly, our board of trustees includes:

- Jon Oliver (Chair)
- Zoe Hart (Vice Chair, HR & Governance)
- Jim Macfarlane (Secretary)
- Libby Crandon (Safeguarding)
- Tammy Oliver (Team Liaison)
- Amy Hyde (Treasurer & Data Protection)
- Leanne Curry (Deputy Treasurer)
- Tom Tarling (H&S/Facilities)
- Pete Nailer (Fundraising & Social Enterprise)
- Cathy Nailer (Fundraising & Social Enterprise)

Our values are an expression of what we believe, and underpin everything we do. Inspired by Jesus, we are committed to being: COMMUNITY-ROOTED (based in our community, encouraging positive involvement within the community, and contributing to good relationships in all we do); OPEN & INCLUSIVE (actively promoting equality of opportunity, challenging discrimination, and celebrating diversity); COMPASSIONATE & OPEN TO GOD (being open and honest in all our relationships, caring and loving as Jesus did and still does today); GENEROUS & LIFE-AFFIRMING (equipping and enabling people to live fulfilling lives, recognising and developing their own potential).

MONTY'S | WHAT WE DID IN 2020

The trustees are pleased to report that during this strange year, the year of the coronavirus pandemic, Monty's managed to **adapt and thrive.** Naturally, the lockdown was a time of huge difficulty and uncertainty for many in our community, especially for those who already suffer many struggles and inequalities. However, this was also a year when we saw so many people come together to support vulnerable families, isolated individuals, and others in our community.

At the beginning of the year, our work continued as expected, although with a fresh focus on our young leader training and team-building events; extra exciting as we had secured funding to provide new adventures and experiences. Then in March, **the first lockdown** was announced, and we organised an online consultation with dozens of volunteers and participants, in order to reimagine what we do together in order to best support our community. We moved some groups online, including youth groups and our community lunch (where we provided precooked meals for collection/delivery, and we met together on Zoom to chat over lunch). We also started a series of online cook-along sessions to help each other try out new recipes, and a series of online events for adults – including pub quizzes, and our volunteer celebration. We also launched several new projects, such as our Community Pantry (collecting surplus food from local shops and businesses, and giving it to our community on a pay-as-you-feel basis) and our Community Library – both of which were located outside at the front of the hub. We also provided craft packs and growing packs, organised art and sunflower-growing competitions, and helped coordinate members of the local community in offering bespoke support to isolated individuals and vulnerable families.

As lockdown measures eased, we reimagined our strategy again; we continued hosting some groups online, and began adapting our facilities to enable safely-distanced indoor sessions, but our main focus was on organising a variety of **outdoor activities**. We organised a series of open-air community lunches and picnics, led walks and bike rides, ran outdoor craft sessions and youth clubs, and so much more. As the year came to an end and local lockdowns began, we moved some groups back online. However, we were pleased that we were able to celebrate Christmas together; welcoming over 300 people to our safely-distanced Santa Train and Christmas-Lights Bingo event, and delivering homecooked Christmas dinners to sixty individuals.

Meanwhile, as an essential business, **Monty's Bike Hub** was able to stay open throughout the pandemic; helping keyworkers and local families stay on the move by offering free/affordable bicycles and repairs. The Bike Hub flourished during lockdown due to the surging popularity of cycling, leading to a significant growth in income; we saw a massive increase in sales and repairs, while also securing three new contracts (running mobile bike doctor sessions, cycle confidence training, and one-to-one training with young people at risk of exclusion). Although we were forced to close our normal open-access groups, we organised some online training and socials, and were eventually able to run safely-distanced workshop sessions, and organised regular group rides for young people and adults – the adult rides were a new idea for us, and we were pleased with how popular they proved to be. By providing free/affordable bikes, helmets and childseats, and a supportive community of cyclists, we were able to include people who never or rarely cycle in our group rides – many of whom reported improved mental and physical wellbeing as a result. When later lockdowns prevented continued group rides, we encouraged participants to buddy up, and many people continued to go on weekly rides with their buddies. The Bike Hub team also organised a community consultation around the idea of building a cycle track in a nearby park, resulting in well over 200 (mostly positive) responses. The team are delighted to have secured both funding and planning permission to build a 'pump track' on Sullivan Rec next year, in partnership with the council.

This year also saw the first seeds planted for a new gardening-focussed social enterprise. During lockdown it became apparent that many of those lucky enough to have gardens were unable to enjoy them due to them being overgrown or cluttered, so some of our volunteers offered to help clear their gardens, and make small repairs to fences and gates – with people reporting incredible improvements in mental health as a result of improvements to their outdoor environment. **Monty's Building & Gardening** Services hopes to continue supporting our community by responding to local needs, creating new volunteering opportunities, improving wellbeing, fostering community connections, and hopefully generating sustainable income.

Meanwhile, we also reimagined our faith-focussed activities – with **Monty's Sunday Lunch Church** and most of our other groups moving online, or outdoors wherever possible. We also began a new weekly contemplative prayer group to help with wellbeing and community connection – offering space to breathe deeply and prayerfully reflect at the end of each week.

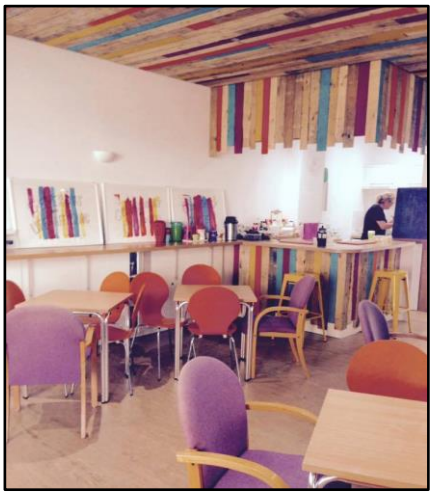
Our team had its hands full throughout the year, helping to coordinate each new stage of strategic reimagination and codesign, while also helping our **volunteers** and participants to stay connected. We recruited and inducted a large number of new volunteers this year, with many who particularly wanted to support the Community Pantry – which needs people to collect surplus food, deliver packages to isolating individuals, or put the pantry out/away each day.

This year also saw several changes to our **staff team**. Our two coordinators were promoted to Managers, and took on a range of new responsibilities; Anna is now our Community Hub Manager, and Josh is our Bike Hub Manager, although there is significant overlap between the roles. Due to surging demand at the Bike Hub, we increased our Workshop Supervisor's hours; Andy now works 4 days a week, enabling the Bike Hub to open all day Monday-Thursday. Both our cleaner and our administrator moved on to new roles elsewhere, and thanked us for helping boost their confidence and capacity for taking on bigger roles. We have now outsourced our cleaning to a local company based in our community, and are delighted to welcome Karen as our new Hub Administrator.

We are pleased to report that Monty's continues to find itself in a **healthy financial position**, thanks to generated income, increased local giving, and ongoing success with grant funding. As such, we would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us financially this year. This includes the Co-op, Cycling UK, the FA Premier League, Ford UK, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation, Imagine Foundation, The Listeners, Llanbury Consulting, MyJourney, the National Emergency Trust, the National Lottery, OneStop/Groundworks, People's Health Trust, Southampton City Council, Southampton FC, Sustrans, the Valentine Charitable Trust, the Veolia Environmental Trust, various anonymous donors, many generous individuals, and all of our bike hub customers. *Full details of our financial activity for this year are available in our Annual Accounts.*

MONTY'S | LOOKING AHEAD

Naturally, we don't know what next year will bring – although we're sure it will include many difficult challenges and exciting opportunities. Over the last year we have connected with a much wider cross-section of our community than normal (particularly through the Community Pantry) although we have perhaps not connected as deeply as usual. So we're excited that the new year will offer opportunities for us to reconnect/connect more deeply with our community, and to consolidate our growing team of volunteers, staff and trustees. We're excited about bringing people together from across our community together to co-design and deliver our post-lockdown strategy – which we anticipate will have a significant focus on issues around physical and mental health, community connections, and personal wellbeing.



We're also excited about the ongoing development of our social enterprises – the Bike Hub, and our nascent Building & Gardening Service. We're optimistic that both ventures will continue to grow and flourish, providing exciting opportunities for participants to grow in skills and confidence, while also generating sustainable income for the charity. This will be especially important in the coming season, when grant funding is expected to become harder to access.

We're also excited that we will be seeking to recruit for a new Chair of Trustees next year. Our founding Chair is due to move on soon, and we're excited about the opportunities for a new Chair to breathe new life into the Board of Trustees, as we seek to increase our local representation and overall effectiveness. This will be an exciting role for a passionate and motivated individual, tasked with helping facilitate our ongoing leadership transition.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought into sharp focus just how unknown the future is. However, it always is, and always has been. As a locally-rooted 'community development' charity, Monty's was built on a foundation of helping our members of our community recognise and respond to local needs and opportunities, and to take positive action to bring about transformation in our community. This is what we do. This is who we are. As such, we are confident that we're well-positioned to respond to the emerging needs and opportunities of this new season.

This report dated: 24th May 2021

Jon Oliver
Chair of Trustees
on behalf of the Trustees

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Monty's Community Hub
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	73,875.05	22,864.00	-	96,739.05	85,269.57
Investment income	33.87	-	-	33.87	76.38
Incoming resources from charitable activities	40,711.52	-	-	40,711.52	22,554.45
Total income	**114,620.44**	**22,864.00**	**-**	**137,484.44**	**107,900.40**
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	2,440.00
Charitable activities	84,696.67	2,000.00	-	86,696.67	79,323.39
Governance costs	502.25	-	-	502.25	1,202.00
Other resources used	16.38	-	-	16.38	910.03
Total expenditure	**85,215.30**	**2,000.00**	**-**	**87,215.30**	**83,875.42**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**29,405.14**	**20,864.00**	**-**	**50,269.14**	**24,024.98**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	31,342.72	12,221.00	-	43,563.72	107,593.06
Gross transfers between funds - out	(31,342.72)	(12,221.00)	-	(43,563.72)	(107,593.06)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**29,405.14**	**20,864.00**	**-**	**50,269.14**	**24,024.98**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**64,109.27**	**21,294.73**	**-**	**85,404.00**	**61,379.02**
Total funds carried forward	**93,514.41**	**42,158.73**	**-**	**135,673.14**	**85,404.00**

Monty's Community Hub

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Investments	71,135.56	41,101.69
Cash At Bank And In Hand	64,537.58	44,302.31
	135,673.14	**85,404.00**
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	**135,673.14**	**85,404.00**
Total assets less current liabilities	**135,673.14**	**85,404.00**
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	**135,673.14**	**85,404.00**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General (Unrestricted)	17,653.75	10,866.28
Designated		
Designated - Bike Project	43,889.35	25,151.90
Designated - Staff	20,997.56	13,942.06
Designated - Seedbed	2,186.25	2,326.25
Designated - Awards for all	3,475.37	6,204.77
Designated - Youth Development lottery	2,828.51	3,118.01
Designated - Church	2,483.62	2,500.00
Restricted		
Restricted - Reserves held on deposit	18,629.23	18,629.23
Restricted - Peoples Health Trust	23,029.50	2,665.50
Restricted - IT Fund	500.00	-
Funds of the church	**135,673.14**	**85,404.00**

Monty's Community Hub

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
INTEREST - Bank Interest	33.87	-	-	-	33.87	76.38
CHURCH - Church	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
GRANTS - Grants	8,810.00	58,067.71	22,864.00	-	89,741.71	81,328.86
NSDONATION - Non Specific donations & collections	6,997.34	-	-	-	6,997.34	3,440.71
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	**15,841.21**	**58,067.71**	**22,864.00**	**-**	**96,772.92**	**85,345.95**
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
BIKE - Bike Retail Sales	-	22,691.62	-	-	22,691.62	10,522.30
CLUBS - Clubs & Events	94.00	-	-	-	94.00	540.00
CONTRACTS - Contracts	-	17,859.90	-	-	17,859.90	11,024.00
OI - Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	173.15
VENUE - Venue Hire	66.00	-	-	-	66.00	295.00
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	**160.00**	**40,551.52**	**-**	**-**	**40,711.52**	**22,554.45**
Incoming resources Grand totals	**16,001.21**	**98,619.23**	**22,864.00**	**-**	**137,484.44**	**107,900.40**
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds						
0105 - Fundraising/Fund generation	-	-	-	-	-	2,440.00
Cost of generating funds Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,440.00**
Charitable activities						
0101 - Project & Programmes	1,970.98	429.50	-	-	2,400.48	5,243.46
0111 - Staff & Volunteers	434.73	51,819.22	-	-	52,253.95	46,376.06
0120 - Building & Facilities	4,643.10	2,729.40	-	-	7,372.50	9,031.21
0125 - Office Costs	1,012.68	-	2,000.00	-	3,012.68	606.74
0135 - Bike Hub	-	21,657.06	-	-	21,657.06	18,065.92
Charitable activities Totals	**8,061.49**	**76,635.18**	**2,000.00**	**-**	**86,696.67**	**79,323.39**
Governance costs						
0110 - TRG and Governance	502.25	-	-	-	502.25	1,202.00
Governance costs Totals	**502.25**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**502.25**	**1,202.00**
Other resources used						
0140 - Church	-	16.38	-	-	16.38	910.03
Other resources used Totals	**-**	**16.38**	**-**	**-**	**16.38**	**910.03**
Resources used Grand totals	**8,563.74**	**76,651.56**	**2,000.00**	**-**	**87,215.30**	**83,875.42**

Treasurer's Report

This was another good year financially for Monty's Community Hub, with income increasing by approximately £30k in comparison to the previous year. The majority of this growth is due to the Bike Hub, through both contract work relating to £7k of the increase, and sales relating to £12k. The remainder of this rise is due to grant income, which increased by approximately £9k, and donations which have more than doubled, increasing by approximately £3k. Although the charity has taken in greater income, expenditure has not risen in line with this (an approximate £30k increase in income, compared to a £3k increase in expenditure), due to more online activities and less trips as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By the end of 2020, Monty's Community Hub employed four part-time members of staff, which is less than last year due to the decision to outsource cleaning to a local company after our previous cleaner moved on. Total staff costs were approximately £52k and were paid through grants, donations and Bike Hub revenue; these are higher than last year despite the decrease in staff numbers, due to increase in staff hours needed by the Bike Hub during an extremely busy year. Other expenses have remained stable, some decreasing slightly due to a drop in activities such as external trips, with others such as office costs increasing due to the lockdown.

Monty's main source of income is still predominantly grants, although these constitute a smaller proportion of total income this year (65% in 2020 compared to 75% in 2019) with the growth of Bike Hub income bridging the gap. Monty's continues to rely on grant and local funding, which is a focus of the trustees and managers, and continues at pace. The growth of the Bike Hub 'social enterprise' is helping to support this, and I believe it will continue to grow and contribute to the overall success of the charity.

It is the opinion of the Treasurer that the financial position of the charity will support its current activities.

Report Dated: 04/03/2021

Amy Hyde
Treasurer

Jon Oliver
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF **MONTY'S COMMUNITY HUB**

I report on the accounts of **Monty's Community Hub** for the year ended **31 December 2020.**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the *Charities Act 2011* (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

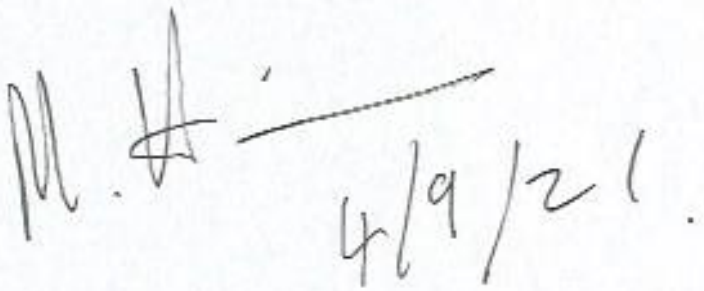
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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