

SOMERFORD ALLIANCE RESOURCE CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1156427

Details

Other names SOMERFORD ARC, THE SOMERFORD ARC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-03-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF SOMERFORD AND OF GRANGE WARD AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: Community centre facility for recreation, education, and enjoyment for the people of Christchurch and their friends and families

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£70,277	£87,927	-	-
2024-12-31	£76,998	£82,038	-	-
2023-12-31	£72,678	£68,582	-	-
2022-12-31	£69,391	£59,961	-	-
2021-12-31	£46,233	£39,295	-	-
2020-12-31	£62,546	£70,085	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAUL HILLIARD	Chair	2014-02-26
CHRISTINE HOPKINS		2014-02-26
David Charles Jones		2022-04-27
Mandy forbes		2024-04-15
jennifer spencer		2024-04-16

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SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

January 1st 2025- December 31st 2025



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CHARITY COMISSION REPORT

Relating to the performance of the:

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SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

January 1st 2025- December 31st 2025

REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and audit financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 2011, as amended the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Reference and Administrative Information

Name	Somerford Alliance Resource Centre (Somerford ARC Community Centre)
Registered Charity No	1156427
Address	20 Southey Road, Somerford Christchurch BH23 3EH
Trustees	Christine Hopkins Paul Hilliard Mandy Forbes David Jones Jennifer Spencer
Bank	HSBC 94 Terminus Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3ND

Governing Document

Somerford Alliance Resource Centre (Somerford ARC) is constituted as CIO registered with the Charity Commission 28 March 2014. It is governed by a constitution dated 6th January 2014 and amended on 26th March 2014.

Organisational Structure

The five serving Charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The Trustees meet as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the community facilities and the activities provided by the Charity.

Day-to-day management of the community facilities and projects are delegated to Trustees, Volunteers, a paid Office Manager and a paid Office Assistant who deal with the day-to-day general running of the Centre.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All serving Trustees are aware of the legal rules of eligibility required to serve as a Trustee.

When selecting new Trustees, we will seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the Charity and willing to volunteer to help broaden our work within the community.

Guidance will be provided to prospective Trustees with a balanced account of what their role entails, including their duties and responsibilities, and access to the Charity Commissions publication *The Essential Trustee- CC3*.

The applicant's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills will be taken into consideration. Potential conflicts of interest will be carefully considered and managed (*Conflicts of Interest: A Guide for Trustees- CC29*)

Potential Trustees will be invited to attend board meetings of Somerford ARC Community Centre as observers, offering them an insight into the details of the Charity's aims and activities.

Risk Management

Somerford ARC Community Centre manage risk management following the "Charities and risk management (CC26)" publication:

- Establishing a risk policy
- Identifying risks
- Assessing risk
- Evaluating what action needs to be taken on the risks.
- Periodic monitoring and assessment

The Trustees review the risk matrix regularly and are satisfied that systems are in place, and arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

Insurance cover is in place and the finances of Somerford ARC Community Centre are kept under review.

Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work alone with children or other vulnerable groups within the Community Centre where needed.

Objectives and Activities

Our aims

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:

Provide a community facility for the purposes of recreation, education and enjoyment principally but not exclusively for the people of Somerford and to promote through the Centre activities for the benefit of the residents of Somerford and of Christchurch.

Our objectives

To further or benefit the residents of Somerford, the Grange Ward and the neighbourhood. Without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents, the local authorities, voluntary sector and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

An important part of our strategy is Community Welfare and Education. All our community facilities, activities, classes, health initiatives, education and IT are advertised, and we welcome the participation of all in our local community.

Most of our activities are free and/or supported by donations or Grant Funding. Concessions are made for students, residents and pensioners for any payable activity.

Helping people who have moved to Somerford and to settle into the community successfully is important to us.

Use of Volunteers

Somerford ARC Community Centre places great value on the involvement of volunteers. Volunteers help keep Somerford ARC Community Centres work relevant to the community of Somerford by bringing a range of personalities, backgrounds, skills and experience into the organisation.

Once all contractual agreements are signed newly selected volunteers receive a full induction and a volunteer handbook, any training required to enable volunteers to fulfil their role is arranged and paid for by the organisation.

Our Trustees give time freely in the centre, and we currently have 8 local residents regularly giving their time.

All volunteers working with any projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked and certificated where applicable.

Activities and achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims.

The Trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who use the community facilities and the wider community of Somerford and Christchurch.

We deliver targeted services to address unemployment, reduce social isolation, and support mental health and financial wellbeing. Each group and activity we run is carefully designed to tackle these challenges and lessen their impact.

Community Activities

When considering the activities and events held at Somerford ARC Community Centre the Trustees follow guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and endeavour to ensure that events and activities are provided to the community enabling access to free events and courses.

We provide a community facility for the purposes of recreation, education and enjoyment principally but not exclusively for the residents of Somerford, promoting external activities beneficial to local residents and the wider Christchurch.

Being a universal point of access for residents, we respond to a range of issues, as well as providing well needed resources to the community, it's vital we are up to date and understand any changes in our local town and the impacts these may have within the community, enabling us to deliver support and activities to their full potential.

Hall and rooms



When facilities are not required for community use, they are available for hire on Commercial terms and subsidised for residents.

Room Hire Price List

Space	Standard Rate	Local Residents	Charities
Main hall	£15.60ph	£14.00ph	£10.00ph
IT Suite	£15.60ph	£14.00ph	£10.00ph
Snug	£10.00ph	£10.00ph	£10.00ph
Support Drop-in	Free	Free	Free

YEAR – January 1st 2025- December 31st 2025

New and current Sessions run by Somerford ARC

Community Lunch and Transport.

Christchurch has one of the highest proportions of residents aged 75+ in England, increasing the risk of social isolation among older adults. In Burton and Grange Ward, 24% of residents are over 65, and 15% live alone. Rising costs and modern pressures have intensified isolation, which is linked to poor health outcomes, including heart disease, depression and cognitive decline.

Research shows that social and meaningful activities lead to better health outcomes and a greater sense of purpose. Our lunch club helps combat isolation by offering a welcoming space for solicalising, mental stimulation, and a two-course meal, for just £5pp.

The lunch club is run entirely by volunteers, with additional support from the Christchurch Rotary and from the Christchurch Community Payback.

Our door-to-door bus service carries 18 passengers, ensuring access for our most isolated members.

Poverty and malnutrition remain a significant concern. In the UK, 1.4 million older people live in absolute poverty after housing costs, over 4.2 million aged 60+ have reduced their spending on food, and 1 in 10 older adults affected by malnutrition. To help address this, we offer fee waivers and provide additional take-home meals.

Additionally, to ensure members access wider support, we partner with Citizen's Advice to provide one-to-one assistance during Lunch Club sessions, helping with applications for schemes such as the Household Support Fund.

ADaPt Café.

Christchurch has been identified as a dementia hotspot, with 2,400 diagnosed residents (2.8% of the local population), more than double the national average of 1.3%, or approximately 28 cases per 1,000 people.

ADaPt Café is a weekly support group for people living with Dementia, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and their carers. We focus on providing support not only during group sessions but also on challenging days outside of the group, offering a safe space for solace and understanding.

Monthly musical movement activities improve mobility, strengthen muscles and lift mood. Music is proven to stimulate memories and emotions and improve coordination. Creative craft sessions offer non-verbal emotional expression, reduce frustration, support cognitive function, and may help slow cognitive decline.

Those living with dementia can still experience sensation, relaxation, and reminiscence. Our magic table, with its interactive games, is specifically designed to stimulate these areas. This tool bypasses language barriers and creates meaningful moments of connection between individuals and their carers.

We are committed to ensuring no one feels isolated or forgotten in the face of dementia. Our goal is to offer a supportive, understanding environment where individuals can find comfort and a sense of belonging.

ADaPt Café Counselling.

CarersUK report more than three-quarters of carers (79%) feel stressed or anxious due to their caring role. The emotional and physical demands of caring can be overwhelming. Many carers face the heartbreak of watching someone they love gradually deteriorate, losing the person they once knew, yet they continue to provide care and support despite their own emotional pain. This often leaves little time or energy for self-care, maintaining friendships, or taking breaks, increasing isolation and strain.

As part of our ADaPt Café, we offer carers access to free counselling. Counselling provides a vital space where carers can be heard without judgment, express complex emotions, and explore coping strategies in a safe and confidential environment. This support helps carers manage the ongoing emotional toll of their role.

Lunch Club Trips.

Our monthly day trips aim to improve the quality of life for older residents by reducing isolation and supporting both mental and physical wellbeing, particularly for those living alone or without transport.

Visits to places like Bucklers Hard, Cake House Farm, Swanage and Exbury Gardens provide valuable social interaction and help enhance the health and happiness of vulnerable community members.

Send Parent Carer Drop-in.

In 2025, it was reported that over 4,000 children and young people in BCP were supported with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), with a further 7,552 are accessing SEN support.

Lived experience and engagement with local families which highlighted significant challenges in accessing support, with many parents feeling overwhelmed by poor communication and limited engagement from schools. This often leaves families navigating a complex education system without adequate guidance.

In response, we provide a dedicated drop-in offering face-to-face advice, guidance, and reassurance. The service helps parents and carers better understand their child's needs, development, and educational options, reducing anxiety and supporting children's overall wellbeing.

The drop-in runs alongside our Breakfast Hub, where families can access a free meal and connect with others facing similar challenges.

The initiative is strongly supported by the BCP Education Department, which attends and meet with parents alongside SENDiass4BCP, Parent Carers Together, The Parent Carer Foundation, and SENDCOs from local schools.

Breakfast Hub.

Breakfast Hub is a community-led initiative offering free breakfast to residents, including continental options, fruit, hot sandwiches and free baby food.

Food insecurity remains a major issue in the Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole (BCP) area, affecting approximately 25,000 households. Foodbanks are experiencing increasing demand, with *Faithworks* reporting a 200% rise in Dorset over the past two years. In 2024, *Christchurch Food Bank+* reported:

- 42% of visitors are employed but unable to afford basic living costs without assistance.
- 12,310 mouths fed.
- 702 school holiday hunger top-up food parcels distributed, feeding 1,194 adults and 1601 children.

As food insecurity worsens, services like Breakfast Hub become increasingly vital. By providing free meals, we help ease financial pressures and reduce the need for residents to choose between heating and eating. Leftover food is also shared among attendees to minimise waste.

Beyond meals, our breakfast sessions bring people together, promoting intergenerational friendships and helping to combat isolation, financial hardship and mental health challenges.

Children's activities

The rising cost of children's activities poses a real challenge for families, particularly during school holidays. For those facing financial hardship, the combined pressure of food costs and keeping children entertained can increase stress and contribute to further isolation.

We provide a safe and welcoming space with free weekly half-term sessions, including crafting, cinema days, and discos, all with lunch provided for both children and parents.

To ensure full support in the community we plan our activities around our support hub, to remove any barriers parents may face when seeking assistance during the holiday period.

Weekly Bread Bin

The bread bin is a free community bakery. Products rescued from supermarkets and distributed within local communities to support those in need and reduce the carbon footprint.

Weekly External Support Groups and Drop-in.

SNG Employment and Skills

In October 2025, 28,716 of universal claimants in BCP were not in employment. *The English Indices of Deprivation 2025* rank Somerford among the most employment-deprived areas in England, with only 8% of neighbourhoods in England more deprived.

Barriers to employment include low educational attainment, gaps in essential skills, and low confidence, which limit access to sustainable work.

SNG provides one-to-one support and connects tenants with a range of resources and employment opportunities, including:

- Grants of up to £500 a year to help access training, qualification and work opportunities.
- CV support.
- Job seeking assistance.
- Interview skills coaching.
- Support with application forms.
- Digital skills support.
- Help with self-employment, business start-up and business resilience.
- Grants for clothing for work.
- One white goods item every two years.
- Support towards childcare costs.

Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice delivers free, confidential, and impartial support through face-to-face drop-in sessions at the ARC, ensuring accessible advice for all residents.

In 2024, Citizens Advice assisted 4,873 people across BCP with benefit-related issues, including raising awareness of underclaimed support such as Pension Credit and Attendance Allowance. They also resolved 3,200 housing issues linked to rising rents and limited housing options. This support is vital for residents navigating complex benefit and housing systems, accessing grant schemes, and securing emergency food funds.

Recognising Somerford is a hard-to-reach area, Citizens Advice has built trusted, consistent relationships within the community and is widely seen as a reliable and approachable source of support during times of need.

SNG

Around 50% of the local estate is owned by SNG, who are committed to investing in the community and supporting tenants to create a positive, thriving environment.

SNG Housing runs fortnightly face-to-face drop-in sessions at the ARC, allowing tenants to meet with their housing officer to discuss housing-related issues and ensuring residents feel heard, supported, and valued.

SNG Customer Income Advisor Face to Face Drop-in

In November 2025, 44,955 individuals in BCP were claiming Universal Credit (UC), designed to support low-income or out-of-work individuals. However, the mandatory five-week wait for initial payment often pushes claimants into immediate debt. Advance payments are then deducted from future UC payments, further reducing income. Additionally, the housing element of this benefit frequently falls short of actual rental costs, forcing claimants to cover the shortfall from already stretched budgets.

Older residents also face financial strain. The 2025 pension increase of 4.1% to £11,973 per year remains below the £14,400 minimum needed for standard living (excluding housing costs), as identified by the *Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association*. Rising heating costs, changes in mobility, and limited digital access increase their vulnerability.

As the cost of living continues to rise and financial support fails to keep pace, many residents are finding daily life unaffordable. Debt levels are increasing, and some are now at serious risk of homelessness. To address this, SNG Housing offers a free face-to-face money guidance service, providing:

- Benefit checks to ensure full entitlement.
- Assisting residents in applying for grants and funding opportunities.
- Income and expenditure reviews to identify savings.
- Referrals to relevant agencies and organisations that can help with their specific needs.

Access Wellbeing

Access Wellbeing is managed by BCHA and delivered in partnership with Help & Care, The Lantern Trust, NHS Dorset, Dorset HealthCare, and a broad network of community mental health teams, charities and voluntary sector organisations.

This service provides early, personalised support across mental health, finances, employment, housing, and benefits. By intervening early, Access Wellbeing helps prevent issues from

escalating, supporting residents to maintain independence and live well within their community.

Partnership Working

In developing our community programs, we are pleased to work in partnership with:

- BCP department of Education
- Parent Carers Together
- Christchurch Community Partnership
- SENDiass4BCP
- Citizens Advice
- GP social subscribers
- SNG Housing
- Christchurch Rotary
- Christchurch Rotary
- Dorset Community Payback
- Parent Carer Foundation
- Access Wellbeing
- SEDCAT
- Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Access Wellbeing
- Community Bread bin
- Help and Care
- Skill and Learning
- Dorset Community Action

New and Current Groups and Classes

- Slimming World
- Zumba Gold
- Coda Creative Wellbeing Classes
- Bournemouth Fitness Group
- Milton Musical Society
- AA (Self-help Support Group)
- Lawlor School of Dance
- Big little Theatre
- Karenza Pilates
- Zumba
- Christchurch District Band
- CAA (Self-help Support Group)

Annual Events

Lunch Club Christmas Dinner

We are joined by the community for a traditional Christmas dinner, with wine, Christmas crackers, and a festive sing-along featuring carols performed by the local school choir.

Children's Christmas Disco

A Christmas party with hotdogs, games, activities, plus mulled wine for the parents, where every child receives a gift thanks to the generous support of Christchurch Rotary.

Adapt Café Christmas Party

An event for all members, featuring a buffet and wreath-making activities.

Going Forward in 2025

In July 2025, as part of our business plan process, staff and trustees came together to carry out a large community survey. This survey was informed by organisational knowledge and experience and gathered feedback from residents and service users across the community.

As a result of this process, we have developed clear plans to recruit additional volunteers and trustees to support future growth and long-term sustainability.

Feedback from the resident survey and wider community engagement highlighted a strong demand for expanded activities that cater all age groups.

Planned new activities for 2026

Computer Coding Sessions

One session per week for 40 weeks

Food skills and support

Two sessions per month delivered over 12 months

Anime Art Courses

two sessions per month delivered over 12 months

Science and planetarium dome experience

one session per quarter

Financial review year to 31 December 2025**Receipts**

Core monthly hire from regular users / clubs is in the region of £800/£2,200pm which provides us a good base. This revenue is added to by other activities run by Skills and Learning and other organisations that have been in dialogue with the office manager and the team.

Somerford ARC Community Centre is reliant on funding and donations to enable us to provide services to the community. We would like to express our special thanks of gratitude to:

- Christchurch Rotary
- National Lottery
- SNG Housing
- Valentine Trust
- SNG Housing
- Tesco Bookshelf
- Garfield and Western

Their support has played a vital role in keeping our centre running throughout 2025 enabling us to continue providing much needed support in the community.

Payments

As expected in completing our ninth year running the ARC expenses have increased significantly due to an increase in staffing hours and general purchases.

- Items purchased are practical and make better use of the available space and facilities.
- Employees and volunteers are currently renewing certifications in health and safety, fire safety, safeguarding and food and hygiene.
- Wages cover two part time members of staff totalling 51 hours, to meet demand in the community.
- The bank account balance stood at £22,463.00 at the year end, which is down to grant funding to enhance the ARC's facilities and for community projects in the coming year.

Reserves policy

The level of financial reserves held by Somerford ARC Community Centre will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting during the discussions held regarding the budget for the next financial year.

The current minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held by Somerford ARC Community Centre is between 25% and 33.7% of the annual precepted figure, i.e., to fully cover approximately three to four months of contracted expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Signed: paulhilliard

Chair: Paul Hilliard

Date: 26.04.2026



Somerford ARC			1156427		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from	01-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23		

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024	2025
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Revenue	-	-	-	34,376	32,534
Grants & Donations	-	-	-	42,622	37,743
Bank Interest	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	76,998	70,277
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	76,998	70,277
A3 Payments					
Council Tax	-	-	-	76	169
Telephone / Computer Fees	-	-	-	6,455	4,528
Gas & Electric	-	-	-	1,797	2,184
Water & Sewerage	-	-	-	377	369
Community Events	-	-	-	12,484	12,856
Breakfast Club	-	-	-	6,819	5,511
ADAPT club	-	-	-	4,437	3,508
Insurance/ licences	-	-	-	2,141	2,675
General Expenses	-	-	-	2,534	2,683
Maintenance	-	-	-	1,998	13,302
Training & Wages	-	-	-	40,128	36,538
Sundry Purchases	-	-	-	2,642	3,604
Sub total	-	-	-	81,888	87,927
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	81,888	87,927
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	4,890	17,650
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	45,003	40,113
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	40,113	22,463

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	bank 01.01.2025	22,463	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,463	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computers, screens, TVs, projectors		-	5,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
p hilliard			Paul Hilliard	26-Apr-26
C Hopkins			Christine Hopkins	26-Apr-26

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerford ARC (the Trust)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; and
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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: a howland

Name: Alinda Howland

Relevant professional qualification(s) or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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Reference and Administrative Information

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Registered Charity No	1156427
Address	20 Southey Road, Somerford Christchurch BH23 3EH
Trustees	Christine Hopkins Paul Hilliard Mandy Forbes David Jones Jennifer Spencer
Bank	HSBC 94 Terminus Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3ND

Governing Document

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The Trustees meet as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the community facilities and the activities provided by the Charity.

Day-to-day management of the community facilities and projects are delegated to Trustees, Volunteers, a paid Office Manager and a paid Office Assistant who deal with the day-to-day general running of the Centre.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All serving Trustees are aware of the legal rules of eligibility required to serve as a Trustee.

When selecting new Trustees, we will seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the Charity and willing to volunteer to help broaden our work within the community.

Guidance will be provided to prospective Trustees with a balanced account of what their role entails, including their duties and responsibilities, and access to the Charity Commissions publication "Responsibilities of Charity Trustees (CC3)".

The applicant's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills will be taken into consideration. Potential conflicts of interest will be carefully considered and managed.

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Risk Management

Somerford ARC Community Centre manage risk management following the "Charities and risk management (CC26)" publication:

- Establishing a risk policy
- Identifying risks
- Assessing risk
- Evaluating what action needs to be taken on the risks.
- Periodic monitoring and assessment

The Trustees review the risk matrix regularly and are satisfied that systems are in place, and arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

Insurance cover is in place and the finances of Somerford ARC Community Centre are kept under review.

Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work alone with children or other vulnerable groups within the Community Centre where needed.

Objectives and Activities

Our aims

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:

Provide a community facility for the purposes of recreation, education and enjoyment principally but not exclusively for the people of Somerford and to promote through the Centre activities for the benefit of the residents of Somerford and of Christchurch.

Our objectives

To further or benefit the residents of Somerford, the Grange Ward and the neighbourhood. Without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents, the local authorities, voluntary sector and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

An important part of our strategy is Community Welfare and Education. All our community facilities, activities, classes, health initiatives, education and IT are advertised, and we welcome the participation of all in our local community.

Most of our activities are free and/or supported by donations or Grant Funding. Concessions are made for students, residents and pensioners for any payable activity.

Helping people who have moved to Somerford and to settle into the community successfully is important to us.

Use of Volunteers

Somerford ARC Community Centre places great value on the involvement of volunteers. Volunteers help keep Somerford ARC Community Centres work relevant to the community of Somerford by bringing a range of personalities, backgrounds, skills and experience into the organisation.

Once all contractual agreements are signed newly selected volunteers receive a full induction and a volunteer handbook, any training required to enable volunteers to fulfil their role is arranged and paid for by the organisation.

Our Trustees give time freely in the centre, and we currently have 7 local residents regularly giving their time.

All volunteers working with any projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked and certificated where applicable.

Activities and achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims.

The Trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who use the community facilities and the wider community of Somerford and Christchurch.

Somerford ARC Community Centre supports a diverse group of people predominantly from disadvantaged areas. Their challenges fall into four key categories:

- Isolation
- Financial hardship
- Employability
- Mental health

All groups and activities run by the organisation are specifically chosen to address growth within these areas with a pragmatic approach.

Community Activities

When considering the activities and events held at Somerford ARC Community Centre the Trustees follow guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and endeavour to ensure that events and activities are provided to the community enabling access to free events and courses.

We provide a community facility for the purposes of recreation, education and enjoyment principally but not exclusively for the residents of Somerford, promoting external activities beneficial to local residents and the wider Christchurch.

Being a universal point of access for residents, we respond to a range of issues, as well as providing well needed resources to the community, it's vital we are up to date and understand any changes in our local town and the impacts these may have within the community, enabling us to deliver support and activities to their full potential.

Hall and rooms

HALL	IT SUITE	SNUG
• Capacity 100 people • Disabled access • Large stage • Projector	• Equipped with 12 computers with webcams and an available network printer • 48inch television • tv and computers interactive • Large conference table seating 11 • capacity: 20	• comfortable room with two settees and armchairs • smart television • ideal for small groups, meditation and interviews

When facilities are not required for community use, they are available for hire on Commercial terms and subsidised for residents.

YEAR - January 1st 2024- December 31st 2024

New and current Sessions run by Somerford ARC

Community Lunch and Transport.

Christchurch has the highest population of over 85s in the UK, making it a hotspot for isolation among older people. Challenges of modern society and the cost-of-living have exacerbated this, leaving the elderly more isolated and disconnected from their community.

- According to the 2021 Census, approximately 36.4% of households in Christchurch have at least one resident aged 66 or over.
- Christchurch has a significantly higher percentage of residents aged 65 or over, with nearly 30% of the population in this age group, compared to the national average of 16.4%.

- Christchurch, Dorset, has one of the highest concentrations of residents aged 75 and over in England

Research shows isolation increases the risk of many physical and mental conditions including Hypertension, heart disease, weakened immune system, anxiety/depression, cognitive decline, and Alzheimer's. Those engaging in meaningful, productive activities with others tend to live longer, boost their mood, and have a sense of purpose. Social interaction can help maintain well-being and improve cognitive function.

Our lunch club is crucial in reducing physical and mental health implications accelerated by isolation and provides nutritional meals reducing the financial burdens currently faced.

We create an enjoyable and memorable day out for our members, we recognise the significance of social connections and emotional wellbeing in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Providing individuals opportunities to form friendships we contribute to our members overall happiness and mental health.

Lunch club operates solely with the help of volunteers. We work closely with the probation service, which facilitates the placement of individuals who have been sentenced by the court system to serve community service as part of their probationary period, this allows them to fulfil their obligations while gaining valuable skills and experiences.

For the affordable price of £4pp, residents can enjoy a delicious two course homecooked meal. We serve up to 65 meals per week and have 100 registered members. Offering additional meals to those in need to take home.

Our door-to-door bus service plays a crucial role in addressing isolation, we remove barriers that prevent isolated individuals from participating in social activities. It is an indispensable resource.

Allowing members to overcome mobility limitations. The demand on this service is overwhelming, we have now extended our hire time of the bus and are accommodating 18 passengers.

Around 1.4 million elderly people in the UK are living in absolute poverty after housing costs, over 4.2million aged 60 and over have reduced their spending on food due to the cost-of-living. Despite a 8.5% increase in the state pension, it remains approximately £2,643 below the minimum income required for an acceptable standard of living, with pensioners needing around £14,144 per year to cover basic needs, while the full state pension is currently £11,501 per year. Malnutrition's already a significant problem among the elderly, with 1 in 10 experiencing it in some form. To ensure everyone has access to a nutritional meal, we offer a waiver of fees and offer an extra dinner for those in need to take home, additional to this in winter we'll be preparing take-away soup increasing access to nutritious meals.

Financial assistance programs like the household support fund and the surviving winter fund are often unknown or misunderstood to our vulnerable members. To address this issue, we implemented a volunteer-led initiative teamed with

citizens advice offering one-to-one assistance during the group, guiding members through the complicated application processes.

ADaPt Café.

According to data, coastal constituencies in the south of England have the highest number of people living with dementia per head of population- with Christchurch in Dorset topping the list, in our constituency 2,400 people have dementia, which is 2.8% of our overall population.

Our ADaPt Café is a weekly group for people living with Dementia, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and their amazing carers. We continuously research to ensure users are getting all the benefits and support they are entitled to, offering emotional support outside the group on tougher days. Monthly Musical exercise class improves mobility of joints, strengthen muscles, and enhances mood and frequent crafting sessions allow users to express themselves.

Those living with dementia can still experience sensation, relaxation, and reminiscence, we have recently added a magic table, and its games are specifically designed to stimulate all these three areas. Loved ones and carers feel alone and overwhelmed while trying to adjust to a life of emotional disconnection from the person they love. The magic table breaks the stillness and the silence; it allows users to bypass language barriers, and briefly unites loved ones enabling them to communicate, you see a glimpse of long-lost personalities even if it is for a short second.

Dementia Carers Count reported that 9 in 10 dementia carers feel they are reaching crisis points, with a third describing their emotional health as "bad" or "very bad," highlighting the profound impact of caregiving on mental health and the urgent need for increased support and resources for carers.

As part of our ADaPt Café we provide our members with the opportunity to access free counselling. counselling for carers can have a significant impact on their well-being, giving them an impartial and non-judgemental listener who offers support and acknowledges their reality without any preconceived expectations. They are able to express their emotions, address their grievances, and explore coping strategies in a supportive, safe and confidential environment.

Send Parent Carer Drop-in.

In 2025 it was reported BCP provided support to over 4,000 children and young people with an EHCP and a further 7,552 children were accessing SEN support.

it was strongly highlighted that a high percentage of our families were struggling with children requiring SEN support, paediatric care, mental health support and EHCP's whilst battling to understand the educational system and what this means for their child. Families were facing unreturned calls, "out of the office" emails and lack of support from the schools.

It is for this reason we decided to extend the support drop ins we offer here at the ARC by building an educational and disability face to face support.

Enabling parents to move away from the unknown and tears of worry, giving them somewhere to go so they can understand their children's development and learning to benefit the child's overall wellbeing.

The Director of Education is very supportive of our initiative and works with us by arranging guest visits from representatives of the BCP Education Department; exclusions teams, SEND service, virtual learning managers, attendance team and many more. BCP plan to use our initiative as a model for other community centres across Bournemouth and Poole.

The drop in is built with 3 core organisations attending each time alongside BCPs guest visitor:

BCP: The Co production and engagement lead of Inclusion and Family Services.

Parent Carer Foundation: Empowers and supports parent/carers of children and adults from any age with any type of disabilities with or without a diagnosis making sure their voices are being heard. Their vision is that all parents/carers count and should access the help they need to live a more improved and fulfilled lives.

SENDiass: Service for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their parents and carers. Providing information, and support with relation to educational, social and healthcare matters.

Breakfast Hub.

Breakfast Hub is a community-driven initiative focused on providing a free breakfast, offering a full continental breakfast (additional hot sandwiches when volunteers are available), as well as free baby food. This service addresses the growing issue of food insecurity, which affects approximately 5,800 people in the BCP area, with around 101,000 considered food insecure. The rising cost of living has only intensified the struggle for many to access adequate food resources.

Food banks are facing unprecedented pressure, with Faithworks foodbanks reporting a 200% increase in people seeking assistance across Dorset over the past two years. In 2024 Christchurch Food Bank+ reported:

- 42% of visitors to food banks are employed but still unable to afford the basic cost of living without support.
- 12,310 mouths fed
- 702 school holiday hunger top up food parcels given out, feeding 1,194 adults and 1601 children.

As food insecurity continues to rise, the need for community meals and accessible food resources is more critical than ever. Breakfast Hub not only helps alleviate the financial burden caused by the cost-of-living crisis, but it also ensures residents have access to a nutritious meal. By doing so, we aim to reduce the tough choice many face between heating and eating.

Any leftover food is shared with residents, ensuring nothing goes to waste.

We encourage members of the community to get together with likeminded people, promoting intergenerational friendships, combatting isolation, financial hardship and mental health.

Children's activities

Our families fall into the category of financial hardship, and after reaching out to the community, it became clear that parents were in need of affordable activities for children aged 0–8.

We offer a variety of activities, which are completely free including:

- **Arts and Crafts**, where children can get creative, followed by a hot dog lunch and an ice cream treat.
- **Movie Time**, where each child receives art activity packs to enjoy during the movie. Hot dogs and popcorn are also provided.
- **Discos**, held during Easter and Halloween, with Jules the Entertainer with dancing, games, and lots of fun (At Easter, each child receives an Easter egg and at halloween glow sticks and treats.

To ensure full support in the community we plan our activities around our support hub, to remove any barriers parents may face when seeking assistance during the holiday period.

Weekly External Support Groups and Drop-in.

Employment

6,700 people aged 16 and over in BCP were unemployed in the year ending December 2023, leaving the unemployment rate standing at 3.3% and the claimant count as of March 2024 at 3.5%. The area has a high level of long-term unemployment and increasingly younger people are struggling to find work. Poor educational attainment, skill gaps, lack of self- confidence and self-worth are typical of the challenges we are seeing.

SNG Employment and Skills: SNG hold an additional weekly service with their employment and skills team offering tenants:

- Grants of up to £500 a year to help access training, qualification and work opportunities.
- CV support.
- Job seeking.
- Interview skills.
- Support with application forms.
- Digital skills support.
- Help with self-employment; business start-up and business resilience.
- Grants for clothing for work
- 1 white goods per 2 years
- Support towards child care costs

Citizens Advice

Citizen's Advice provides free, confidential and impartial advice to residents, their face-to-face drop- in sessions here at the ARC ensure our residents receive good quality advice regardless of their problem or situation. They play a crucial role in the community, especially considering the impact of the rising cost of living on many individuals. Many residents have faced financial turmoil, advisors have committed to helping residents navigate complex housing and benefit systems, apply for government grant schemes and emergency food funds. Their advisors understand that Somerford is a hard-to-reach area, and have successfully built

trust within the community, they are seen as a friendly face that people can turn to in times of need, someone to help them overcome challenges to improve their wellbeing.

SNG

approximately 50% of the estate where we are located is owned by Sovereign Housing Association, they are committed to investing in their community. Their primary focus is on providing comprehensive help and support to their tenants, with the ultimate goal of creating a positive living environment for everyone. Sovereign Housing holds a weekly face-to-face drop-in session here at the ARC, where tenants have the opportunity to meet with their housing officer and discuss various aspects related to their homes ensuring tenants in our community feel heard and valued. They extend their support beyond just housing-related matters. This includes debt advice, access to their grant schemes and assistance with employment and training.

SNG Customer Income Advisor Face to Face Drop-in

SNG Customer Income advisors provide support to tenants with income-related matters, particularly regarding benefits and universal credit. They help tenants understand eligibility, navigating the benefits system and developing action plans to improve financial situations.

Access Wellbeing

Access Wellbeing Boscombe is managed by BCHA, working in partnership with Help & Care, The Lantern Trust, NHS Dorset and Dorset HealthCare – as well as community mental health teams, other charities and voluntary sector organisations.

Access Wellbeing offers earlier access to different types of support depending on need, whether that is mental health, financial matters, work, or concerns about housing or benefits.

Partnership Working

In developing our community programs, we are pleased to work in partnership with:

- BCP Council
- Bournemouth & Poole Skills & Learning
- Sovereign Housing Association
- Citizens Advice who provides advice to residents on debt, law, courts
- Access Wellbeing
- Neighbourhood policing team
- Parent Carer Foundation
- Dorset Community Payback
- Christchurch Community Partnership
- Early help team
- Christchurch Library
- Christchurch Rotary Club

New and Current Groups and Classes

- Lawlor School of Dance
- Jodi's Stress and Anxiety Management Programme

- Christchurch District Band
- Zumba
- Milton Musical Society
- AA
- CAA
- Pilates
- Low impact fitness
- Early Bird Training supporting parents and carers of Autistic children
- Slimming World
- SEETEC Pluss
- CODA

Annual Events

Christmas Lunch: Serving Christmas Dinner to our service users it's a chance for everyone to get together have a glass of wine and enjoy the festivities.

Christmas Movie Night. Free Christmas movie with a hotdog dinner and popcorn. We have been lucky enough to receive funding for gifts a from The Christchurch Rotary Club enabling us to offer this event free to families.

Going Forward in 2025

Our aim for 2024 is to widen our services to the local community and build a stronger relationship with residents across the community. We have come a long way this year, but we have so much more that we want to do in the community and our aim now is to go out for further funding to enable us to give our community more choices and opportunities.

Financial review year to 31 December 2024

Receipts

Core monthly hire from regular users / clubs is in the region of £1,400/£2,500pm which provides us a good base. This revenue is added to by other activities run by Skills and Learning and other organisations that have been in dialogue with the office manager and the team.

Somerford ARC Community Centre is reliant on funding and donations to enable us to provide services to the community. We would like to express our special thanks of gratitude to:

- Christchurch Rotary
- JP Morgan
- Mary Magdalen
- BCP food and energy provision
- McCarthy and Stone
- Valentine Trust
- SNG Housing
- Arnold Clark
- Albert Hunt
- Charles Hayward
- Garfield and Western
- BCP Thriving Communities
- BCP Access to food

Their support has played a vital role in keeping our centre running throughout 2024 enabling us to continue providing much needed support in the community.

Payments

As expected in completing our ninth year running the ARC expenses have increased significantly due to an increase in staffing hours and general purchases.

- Items purchased are practical and make better use of the available space and facilities.
- Employees and volunteers are currently renewing certifications in health and safety, fire safety, safeguarding and food and hygiene.
- Wages cover two part time members of staff totalling 57 hours, to meet demand in the community.
- The bank account balance stood at £39,962.83 at the year end, which is down to grant funding to enhance the ARC's facilities and for community projects in the coming year.

Reserves policy

The level of financial reserves held by Somerford ARC Community Centre will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting during the discussions held regarding the budget for the next financial year.

The current minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held by Somerford ARC Community Centre is between 25% and 33.7% of the annual precepted figure, i.e., to fully cover approximately three to four months of contracted expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Signed:

Chair:

Date:



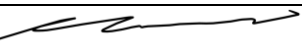
Somerford ARC			1156427		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from	01-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23		

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2023	2024
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Revenue	-	-	-	30,963	34,376
Grants & Donations	-	-	-	41,715	42,622
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	72,678	76,998
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	72,678	76,998
A3 Payments					
Council Tax	-	-	-	553	76
Telephone / Computer Fees	-	-	-	4,283	6,455
Gas & Electric	-	-	-	2,098	1,797
Water & Sewerage	-	-	-	432	377
Community Events	-	-	-	7,302	12,584
Breakfast Club	-	-	-	4,477	6,819
ADAPT club	-	-	-	1,300	4,437
Insurance/ licences	-	-	-	1,924	2,141
General Expenses	-	-	-	2,480	2,534
Maintenance	-	-	-	6,275	1,998
Training & Wages	-	-	-	34,933	40,178
Sundry Purchases	-	-	-	2,525	2,642
Sub total	-	-	-	68,582	82,038
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	68,582	82,038
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	4,096	5,040
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	40,907	45,003
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	45,003	39,963

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		45,003	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	39,963	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computers, screens, TVs, projectors		-	9,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	p hilliard 	Paul Hilliard	26-Jun-25
	C Hopkins	Christine Hopkins	26-Jun-25

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerford ARC (the Trust)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; and
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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: a howland

Name: Alinda Howland

Relevant professional qualification(s) or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: Mudeford

Christchurch

Dorset

Date: 12/06/25

Accounts

SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

March 2023- March 2024



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REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION

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Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work alone with children or other vulnerable groups within the Community Centre where needed.

Objectives and Activities

Our aims

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:

Provide a community facility for the purposes of recreation, education and enjoyment principally but not exclusively for the people of Somerford and to promote through the Centre activities for the benefit of the residents of Somerford and of Christchurch.

Our objectives

To further or benefit the residents of Somerford, the Grange Ward and the neighbourhood. Without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents, the local authorities, voluntary sector and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

An important part of our strategy is Community Welfare and Education. All our community facilities, activities, classes, health initiatives, education and IT are advertised, and we welcome the participation of all in our local community.

Most of our activities are free and/or supported by donations or Grant Funding. Concessions are made for students, residents and pensioners for any payable activity.

Helping people who have moved to Somerford and to settle into the community successfully is important to us.

Use of Volunteers

Somerford ARC Community Centre places great value on the involvement of volunteers. Volunteers help keep Somerford ARC Community Centres work relevant to the community of Somerford by bringing a range of personalities, backgrounds, skills and experience into the organisation.

Once all contractual agreements are signed newly selected volunteers receive a full induction and a volunteer handbook, any training required to enable volunteers to fulfil their role is arranged and paid for by the organisation.

Our Trustees give time freely in the centre, and we currently have 7 local residents regularly giving their time.

All volunteers working with any projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked and certificated where applicable.

Activities and achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims.

The Trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who use the community facilities and the wider community of Somerford and Christchurch.

Somerford ARC Community Centre supports a diverse group of people predominantly from disadvantaged areas. Their challenges fall into four key categories:

- Isolation
- Financial hardship
- Employability
- Mental health

All groups and activities run by the organisation are specifically chosen to address growth within these areas with a pragmatic approach.

Community Activities

When considering the activities and events held at Somerford ARC Community Centre the Trustees follow guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and endeavour to ensure that events and activities are provided to the community enabling access to free events and courses.

We provide a community facility for the purposes of recreation, education and enjoyment principally but not exclusively for the residents of Somerford, promoting external activities beneficial to local residents and the wider Christchurch.

Being a universal point of access for residents, we respond to a range of issues, as well as providing well needed resources to the community, it's vital we are up to date and understand any changes in our local town and the impacts these may have within the community, enabling us to deliver support and activities to their full potential.

Hall and rooms

HALL	IT SUITE	SNUG
• Capacity 100 people • Disabled access • Large stage • Projector	• Equipped with 12 computers with webcams and an available network printer • 48inch television • tv and computers interactive • Large conference table seating 11 • capacity: 20	• comfortable room with two settees and armchairs • smart television • ideal for small groups, meditation and interviews

When facilities are not required for community use, they are available for hire on Commercial terms and subsidised for residents.

YEAR - MARCH 2023/2024

New and current Sessions run by Somerford ARC

Community Lunch and Transport.

Christchurch has the highest population of over 85s in the UK, making it a hotspot for isolation among older people. Challenges of modern society and the cost-of-living have exacerbated this, leaving the elderly more isolated and disconnected from their community.

19.3% of households in Somerford are pensioners. 67.4% of these households live alone and 39.4% have no transport. Research shows isolation increases the risk of many physical and mental conditions including Hypertension, heart disease, weakened immune system, anxiety/depression, cognitive decline, and Alzheimer's. Those engaging in meaningful, productive activities with others

tend to live longer, boost their mood, and have a sense of purpose. Social interaction can help maintain well-being and improve cognitive function.

Our lunch club is crucial in reducing physical and mental health implications accelerated by isolation and provides nutritional meals reducing the financial burdens currently faced.

We create an enjoyable and memorable day out for our members, we recognise the significance of social connections and emotional wellbeing in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Providing individuals opportunities to form friendships we contribute to our members overall happiness and mental health.

Lunch club operates solely with the help of volunteers. We work closely with the probation service, which facilitates the placement of individuals who have been sentenced by the court system to serve community service as part of their probationary period, this allows them to fulfil their obligations while gaining valuable skills and experiences.

For the affordable price of £4pp, residents can enjoy a delicious two course homecooked meal. We serve up to 65 meals per week and have 100 registered members. Offering additional meals to those in need to take home.

Our door-to-door bus service plays a crucial role in addressing isolation, we remove barriers that prevent isolated individuals from participating in social activities. It is an indispensable resource.

allowing members to overcome mobility limitations. The demand on this service is overwhelming, we have now extended our hire time of the bus and are accommodating 18 passengers.

1.5million elderly in the UK are living in absolute poverty and 2.5million cut back on food to afford heating. Even with the recent 3.1% pension rise the state pension sits at £3,200 lower than the minimum income required for an acceptable standard of living.

Malnutrition's already a significant problem among the elderly, with 1 in 3 experiencing it in some form. To ensure everyone has access to a nutritional meal, we offer a waiver of fees and offer an extra dinner for those in need to take home, additional to this in winter we'll be preparing take-away soup increasing access to nutritious meals.

Financial assistance programs like the household support fund and the surviving winter fund are often unknown or misunderstood to our vulnerable members. To address this issue, we implemented a volunteer-led initiative teamed with citizens advice offering one-to-one assistance during the group, guiding members through the complicated application processes.

ADaPt Café.

According to data, coastal constituencies in the south of England have the highest number of people living with dementia per head of population- with Christchurch in Dorset topping the list, in our constituency 2,400 people have dementia, which is 2.8% of our overall population.

Our ADaPt Café is a weekly group for people living with Dementia, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and their amazing carers. We continuously research to ensure users are getting all the benefits and support they are entitled to, offering emotional support outside the group on tougher days. Monthly Musical exercise class improves mobility of joints, strengthen muscles, and enhances mood and frequent crafting sessions allow users to express themselves.

Those living with dementia can still experience sensation, relaxation, and reminiscence, we have recently added a magic table, and its games are specifically designed to stimulate all these three areas. Loved ones and carers feel alone and overwhelmed while trying to adjust to a life of emotional disconnection from the person they love. The magic table breaks the stillness and the silence; it allows users to bypass language barriers, and briefly unites loved ones enabling them to communicate, you see a glimpse of long-lost personalities even if it is for a short second.

9 in 10 carers looking after someone with dementia feel more stressed as a result to their caring role. The pressure of caring for a loved one can be very isolating. It can take up so much time and energy there is little time left over for self-care, making it hard for carers to look after their own health and wellbeing, maintaining friendships and get a break from caring.

As part of our ADaPt Café we provide our members with the opportunity to access free counselling. counselling for carers can have a significant impact on their well-being, giving them an impartial and non-judgemental listener who offers support and acknowledges their reality without any preconceived expectations. They are able to express their emotions, address their grievances, and explore coping strategies in a supportive, safe and confidential environment.

Send Parent Carer Drop-in.

In 2022 6,698 children in BCP required SEN support it was reported 3,063 children in BCP was in receipt of an ECHP (education, health and care plan).

it was strongly highlighted that a high percentage of our families were struggling with children requiring SEN support, paediatric care, mental health support and ECHP's whilst battling to understand the educational system and what this means for their child. Families were facing unreturned calls, "out of the office" emails and lack of support from the schools.

It is for this reason we decided to extend the support drop ins we offer here at the ARC by building an educational and disability face to face support.

Enabling parents to move away from the unknown and tears of worry, giving them somewhere to go so they can understand their children's development and learning to benefit the child's overall wellbeing.

The Director of Education is very supportive of our initiative and works with us by arranging guest visits from representatives of the BCP Education Department; exclusions teams, SEND service, virtual learning managers, attendance team and many more. BCP plan to use our initiative as a model for other community centres across Bournemouth and Poole.

The drop in is built with 3 core organisations attending each time alongside BCPs guest visitor:

Swan UK: Their aim is that every family gets the support they need, when they need it, regardless of whether they have a diagnosis or not. They work with UK based families of children and young adults up to 25 years old who are searching for a genetic diagnosis.

Parent Carer Foundation: Empowers and supports parent/carers of children and adults from any age with any type of disabilities with or without a diagnosis making sure their voices are being heard. Their vision is that all parents/carers count and should access the help they need to live a more improved and fulfilled lives.

SENDiass: Service for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their parents and carers. Providing information, and support with relation to educational, social and healthcare matters.

Breakfast Hub.

According to recent reports, BCP has a significant number of children living in absolute low-income families, with an estimated 8,614 children affected. Additionally, the area has been ranked the third highest in the country for people struggling for food. Research indicates that approximately 5,800 individuals in BCP are experiencing food poverty, while a further 101,000 are considered food insecure.

Parents are becoming increasingly isolated due to a variety of factors such as working hours, lack of childcare, finances or lack of support. This can have a significant impact on their mental health and well-being, putting them at risk of increased levels of stress, anxiety and depression, which in turn can impact on the cognitive development of children, which can affect their language development, social skills and emotional regulation.

Breakfast hub is a community-driven initiative aiming to provide a free breakfast and establish a secure space for families. Our primary goal is to foster a welcoming environment where families can access support in a comfortable setting. Numerous families in our community face challenges in obtaining essential resources and accessing support services. We serve as a central hub where families can gather information and connect with the appropriate services that enhance their overall wellbeing.

We have successfully bridged the gap between hard-to-reach families and support. By building relationships with families in the community we have been able to assist them in accessing various beneficial resources such as educational courses, debt advice, housing assistance and employment support. Our commitment lies in empowering families by providing them with the necessary tools and connections to improve their quality of life.

It is a concerning and distressing reality that in the UK:

- 1 in 3 families are cutting back on food to afford heating.
- 2.4million people are living in absolute poverty. In September 2022 it was reported:
- 40% of individuals claiming universal credit skipped meals in order to cope with increasing expenses.
- 21% had been unable to cook a hot meal because they couldn't afford to use the oven.
- 28% had been unable to heat their home.

The strain on food banks has reached the breaking point. In the UK 320,000 people were forced to turn to food banks for the first time, including individuals from working households who were previously financially stable.

One of the key features of breakfast hub is the provision of a free breakfast for families, which not only alleviates financial burdens faced through the cost-of-living-crisis, but it also ensures families can access a nutritional meal. We hope to contribute towards eliminating the difficult choice between heating and eating.

Weekly External Support Groups and Drop-in.

Employment

7,100 people aged 16 and over in BCP were unemployed in the year ending June 2023 with a claimant count of 8,145 in December 2023. Leaving the unemployment rate standing at 3.4% and the claimant count at 3.1%. The area has a high level of long-term unemployment and increasingly younger people are struggling to find work. Poor educational attainment, skill gaps, lack of self-confidence and self-worth are typical of the challenges we are seeing.

The SAMEE Charity Outreach Programme: The SAMEE charity represents support and mentoring

enabling entrepreneurship. Working with disabled people from any walk of life, from school aged children to adults looking for a new career path more accessible to their needs.

The closure of job clubs under BCP has left many individuals without the necessary support they need in seeking employment, leaving many residents feeling isolated and unsupported in their efforts to find employment.

To bring back this provision, we have provided a free space for the SAMEE Charity to open an employability hub open to all. It is a weekly group run by a fully qualified careers advisor offering expertise to assist participants in various aspects of job searching, such as CV writing, interview skills, workshops and much more. Equipping individuals with the necessary tools they need to navigate their way back to employment. They are also open to supporting residents with DLA/ PIP claims, grant access and access to food vouchers.

Sovereign Network Group Debt Advice Face to Face Drop-in

In February, 25,978 households in BCP were reported to be claiming universal credit. There is a five week wait for an individual's initial payment of universal credit. This delay forces people to take on debt at the start of their claim as they struggle to cover basic living expenses such as rent and bills. The two-child benefit cap limits the amount of support families can receive, penalizing larger families and pushing them into further poverty. Food inflation and rising energy costs, combined with inadequate universal credit rates and low incomes, emphasize how unaffordable everyday life has become for many. Residents are plunging into debt and in some cases homelessness.

The cost of living is a significant challenge for many communities and it's crucial to ensure residents have access to support through these times. Sovereign housing has partnered with us to offer a free face-to-face money guidance service, which aims to assist families in many ways. They will join us weekly to offering their residents:

- Benefit checks to ensure residents are accessing full entitlement.
- Assisting residents in applying for grants and funding opportunities.
- Income and expenditure checks to help residents identify areas where savings can be made.
- Referrals and signposting to relevant agencies and organisations that can help with their specific needs.

Citizens Advice

Citizen's Advice provides free, confidential and impartial advice to residents, their face-to-face drop-in sessions here at the ARC ensure our residents receive good quality advice regardless of their problem or situation. They play a crucial role in the community, especially considering the impact of the rising cost of living on many individuals. Many residents have faced financial turmoil, advisors have committed to helping residents navigate complex housing and benefit systems, apply for government grant schemes and emergency food funds. Their advisors understand that Somerford is a hard-to-reach area, and have successfully built trust within the community, they are seen as a friendly face that people can turn to in times of need, someone to help them overcome challenges to improve their wellbeing.

GRANGE PARTNERSHIP MEETING

The Grange Partnership serves as a networking space for local charities and organisations to come together with residents to share ideas and support existing and new initiatives. By bringing together different perspectives and expertise, this partnership aims to enhance the overall quality of services provided in the local area. Through regular meetings and open discussions, residents have the

opportunity to voice their opinions on what services and activities they would like to see implemented in their community.

The success of the Grange Partnership has led to the formation of a sub-committee focused specifically on the local park. The sub-committee is led by residents who work alongside our local ward councillor. It provides them a platform to express their desires and aspirations for the park's development in 2023/2024. This ensures the park's future plans align with the needs and preferences of local residents.

Dorset Mind

Nationally 1 in 10 children and young people need support or treatment under mental health. Dorset Mind provides a programme aiming to equip young people to have the resources, tools and support they need to build resilience and learn how to deal with difficult emotions. Dorset Mind offers a six-week 1:1 counselling programme. Waiting lists for mental health support cause long delays that can lead to self-harming, a fall out of education and family breakdowns. 70% of children who are experiencing a mental health condition do not receive the proper support they need; Dorset Mind works to ensure all children are connected with a support system.

Sovereign Housing Association

approximately 50% of the estate where we are located is owned by Sovereign Housing Association, they are committed to investing in their community. Their primary focus is on providing comprehensive help and support to their tenants, with the ultimate goal of creating a positive living environment for everyone.

Sovereign Housing holds a weekly face-to-face drop-in session here at the ARC, where tenants have the opportunity to meet with their housing officer and discuss various aspects related to their homes ensuring tenants in our community feel heard and valued. They extend their support beyond just housing-related matters. This includes debt advice, access to their grant schemes and assistance with employment and training.

Partnership Working

In developing our community programs, we are pleased to work in partnership with:

- BCP Council
- Bournemouth & Poole Skills & Learning
- Sovereign Housing Association
- Citizens Advice who provides advice to residents on debt, law, courts
- BCHA
- Neighbourhood policing team
- SWAN UK
- Parent Carer Foundation
- Dorset Community Payback
- Christchurch Community Partnership
- The SAMEE Charity
- Dorset Mind
- Early help team
- Christchurch Library
- Christchurch Rotary Club
- We are with you

New and Current Groups and Classes

- Lawlor School of Dance

- Jodi's Stress and Anxiety Management Programme
- Christchurch District Band
- Zumba
- Milton Musical Society
- AA
- Pilates
- Low impact fitness
- Early Bird Training supporting parents and carers of Autistic children
- Slimming World
- SEETEC Pluss

Annual Events

Christmas Lunch: Dorset Community Payback serve Christmas Dinner to our service users it's a chance for everyone to get together have a glass of wine and enjoy the festivities.

Free Santa's Grotto. Each year we recreate a commercial grotto for families who wouldn't ordinarily be able to afford to have this experience, so children don't miss out on this magical time of year. Our grotto is built over a two-day period. We have been lucky enough to receive funding for gifts and for Jules the entertainer to provide a fun filled disco from The Christchurch Rotary Club enabling us to offer this event free to families.

Christmas Lunch. Serving 70 meals to isolated members of the community. This is catered on site by Christchurch Community Partnership.

Going Forward in 2024

- Our aim for 2024 is to widen our services to the local community and build a stronger relationship with parents across the community with our new groups. We have come a long way this year, but we have so much more that we want to do in the community and our aim now is to go out for further funding to enable us to give our community more choices and opportunities.
- Free Christmas Grotto for 2023 with gifts and entertainment.

Financial review year to 31 December 2023

Receipts

Core monthly hire from regular users / clubs is in the region of £1,400/£2,800pm which provides us a good base. This revenue is added to by other activities run by Skills and Learning and other organisations that have been in dialogue with the office manager and the team.

Somerford ARC Community Centre is reliant on funding and donations to enable us to provide services to the community. We would like to express our special thanks of gratitude to:

- Sovereign Housing Association
- Garfield and Western
- Christchurch Rotary
- BCP food support fund
- Southwest Community
- Wessex water
- Lodge of Expiation 9290
- Christchurch Town Council
- Christchurch Faithworks

- Charles Hayward
- Hobourne Dental Practice
- Mudeford Arts Festival
- Christchurch Carnival

Their support has played a vital role in keeping our centre running throughout 2023 enabling us to continue providing much needed support in the community.

Payments

As expected in completing our ninth year running the ARC expenses have increased significantly due to an increase in staffing hours and general purchases.

- Items purchased are practical and make better use of the available space and facilities.
- Employees and volunteers are currently renewing certifications in health and safety, fire safety, safeguarding and food and hygiene.
- Wages cover two part time members of staff totalling 52 hours, to meet demand in the community.
- The bank account balance stood at £31,477.00 at the year end, which is down to grant funding to enhance the ARC's facilities and for community projects in the coming year.

Reserves policy

The level of financial reserves held by Somerford ARC Community Centre will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting during the discussions held regarding the budget for the next financial year.

The current minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held by Somerford ARC Community Centre is between 25% and 33.7% of the annual precepted figure, i.e., to fully cover approximately three to four months of contracted expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the

assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Dated:

Paul Hilliard - Chair

Countersigned:

Dated:

Paul Hilliard - Treasurer



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2023	2022
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Revenue	-	-	-	30,963	28,872
Grants & Donations	-	-	-	41,715	40,519
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	72,678	69,391
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	72,678	69,391
A3 Payments					
Council Tax	-	-	-	553	962
Telephone / Computer Fees	-	-	-	4,283	3,020
Gas & Electric	-	-	-	2,098	2,540
Water & Sewerage	-	-	-	432	285
Community Events	-	-	-	7,302	3,178
Breakfast Club	-	-	-	4,477	3,125
ADAPT club	-	-	-	1,300	6,510
Insurance/ licences	-	-	-	1,924	1,403
General Expenses	-	-	-	2,480	2,912
Maintenance	-	-	-	6,275	1,830
Training & Wages	-	-	-	34,933	32,299
Sundry Purchases	-	-	-	2,525	1,897
Sub total	-	-	-	68,582	59,961
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	68,582	59,961
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	4,096	9,430
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	40,907	31,477
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	45,003	40,907

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		45,003	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	45,003	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computers, screens, TVs, projectors		-	9,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
p hilliard 		Paul Hilliard		
		Christine Hopkins		

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerford ARC (the Trust)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; and
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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:



Name: Peter Skeggs

Relevant professional qualification(s) or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 31 Wellington Avenue

Christchurch, Dorset

Date: 16/02/24

Accounts

SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

March 2022- March 2023



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CHARITY COMISSION REPORT

Relating to the performance of the:

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SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

March 2022- March 2023

REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and audit financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 2011, as amended the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Reference and Administrative Information

Name	Somerford Alliance Resource Centre (Somerford ARC Community Centre)
Registered Charity No	1156427
Address	20 Southey Road, Somerford Christchurch BH23 3EH
Trustees	Christine Hopkins Paul Hilliard Janet Abbot Simon McCormack David Jones
Bank	HSBC 15 High Street CHRISTCHURCH Dorset BH23 1AF

Governing document

Somerford Alliance Resource Centre (Somerford ARC) is constituted as CIO registered with the Charity Commission 28 March 2014. It is governed by a constitution dated 6th January 2014 and amended on 26th March 2014.

Organisational structure

The five serving Charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The Trustees meet as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the community facilities and the activities provided by the Charity.

Day-to-day management of the community facilities and projects are delegated to Trustees, Volunteers, a paid Office Manager and a paid Office Assistant who deal with the day-to-day general running of the Centre.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

All serving Trustees are aware of the legal rules of eligibility required to serve as a Trustee.

When selecting new Trustees, we will seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the Charity and willing to volunteer to help broaden our work within the community.

Guidance will be provided to prospective Trustees with a balanced account of what their role entails, including their duties and responsibilities, and access to the Charity Commissions publication “Responsibilities of Charity Trustees (CC3)”.

The applicant’s eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills will be taken into consideration. Potential conflicts of interest will be carefully considered and managed.

Potential Trustees will be invited to attend board meetings of Somerford ARC Community Centre as observers, offering them an insight into the details of the Charity's aims and activities.

Induction and training of trustees

Once a newly appointed Trustee has signed all contractual agreements the Chairman of Somerford ARC Community Centre is responsible for conducting an induction inline with the Somerford ARC Community Centre Trustee induction pack, allowing them to fully understand our Charities purposes, organisational structure, financial position and current issues.

Publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities, public benefit and the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that any new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act.

Risk management

Somerford ARC Community Centre manage risk management following the “Charities and risk management (CC26)” publication:

- Establishing a risk policy
- Identifying risks
- Assessing risk
- Evaluating what action needs to be taken on the risks
- Periodic monitoring and assessment

The Trustees review the risk matrix regularly and are satisfied that systems are in place, and arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

Insurance cover is in place and the finances of Somerford ARC Community Centre are kept under review.

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An important part of our strategy is Community Welfare and Education. All our community facilities, activities, classes, health initiatives, education and IT are advertised, and we welcome the participation of all in our local community.

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Helping people who have moved to Somerford and to settle into the community successfully is important to us.

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Somerford ARC Community Centre places great value on the involvement of volunteers. Volunteers help keep Somerford ARC Community Centres work relevant to the community of Somerford by bringing a range of personalities, backgrounds, skills and experience into the organisation.

Once all contractual agreements are signed newly selected volunteers receive a full induction and a volunteer handbook, any training required to enable volunteers to fulfil their role is arranged and paid for by the organisation.

Our Trustees give time freely in the centre, and we currently have 7 local residents regularly giving their time.

Activities and achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims.

The Trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who use the community facilities and the wider community of Somerford and Christchurch.

Somerford ARC Community Centre supports a diverse group of people predominantly from disadvantaged areas. Their challenges fall into four key categories:

- Isolation
- Financial hardship
- Employability
- Mental health

All groups and activities run by the organisation are specifically chosen to address growth within these areas with a pragmatic approach.

Community activities

When considering the activities and events held at Somerford ARC Community Centre the Trustees follow guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and endeavour to ensure that events and activities are provided to the community enabling access to free events and courses.

We provide a community facility for the purposes of recreation, education and enjoyment principally but not exclusively for the residents of Somerford, promoting external activities beneficial to local residents and the wider Christchurch

Being a universal point of access for residents, we respond to a range of issues, as well as providing well needed resources to the community, it's vital we are up to date and understand any changes in our local town and the impacts these may have within the community, enabling us to deliver support and activities to their full potential.

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We work with Dorset Community Payback to provide a weekly two course home-cooked meal to the community.

The purpose of lunch club is specifically to target loneliness by bringing older people together in a safe and welcoming environment. Maintaining an active social life can help ward off depression, reduce stress and lower blood pressure. Regular conversations decrease cognitive decline and slow the progression of declining health.

It is important to us that mobility does not create a barrier to accessibility, teamed with Christchurch Community Partnership we are able to offer our residents a door-to-door bus service. Our aspiration is to keep our residents as mentally healthy as possible and uplift spirits with enjoyable and memorable days out.

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Our ADaPt Café is a weekly group for people living with Dementia, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and their amazing carers.

We continuously research to ensure users are getting all the benefits and support they are entitled to, offering emotional support outside the group on tougher days.

Monthly Musical exercise class improves mobility of joints, strengthen muscles, and enhances mood and frequent crafting sessions allowing users to express themselves.

Those living with dementia can still experience sensation, relaxation, and reminiscence, we have recently added a magic table, and its games are specifically designed to stimulate all these three areas. Loved ones and carers feel alone and overwhelmed while trying to adjust to a life of emotional disconnection from the person they love. The magic table breaks the stillness and the silence; it allows users to bypass language barriers, and briefly unites loved ones enabling them to communicate, you see a glimpse of long-lost personalities even if it is for a short second.

Carers can feel emotionally isolated, and actively ignored at worst and may feel that people around them, can no longer listen to yet another account of the life they are now leading. We have an counsellor available to members offering free 6 week counselling sessions, to help move them from surviving, depression, anxiety, and feelings of hopelessness to the emerging possibilities of coping and regaining some sense of perspective, renewed self-awareness and self-care, and the return of some measure of control.

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Children's Activities: - Our weekly crafting throughout the holidays brings families together. The activity of sticking, colouring, gluing and cutting can assist fine motor skill development, improve hand eye co-ordination and concentration in children. Art is a channel to help children with

creativity and self-impression, whilst bringing them into a social environment promoting the development of language skills.

Breakfast Hub: - The cost-of-living crisis is affecting the most vulnerable- low-income families and pensioners. The Trussell Trust reported they're witnessing an accelerating crisis, as the need for emergency food is drastically increasing, this is set to get worse. food banks fear they will be forced to turn people away due to high demand and shortages, so residents will be relying on community meal services more than ever. There's no quick fix to reverse the current crisis, it's vital as a community we work together furthering provisions offered to secure access to food and support in the community. Our term time group provides a free breakfast and toddler play, it is a comfortable environment for the families where we can build good relationships with the residents, enabling us to signpost them in the direction of support and courses, bringing parents out of isolation and bringing smaller children into an environment in which they can play independently with other children, helping with self-confidence and providing a steppingstone for children to prepare for playgroup.

Parents have highlighted the struggles families face regarding education. It is for this reason we decided to extend the support drop ins we offer here at the ARC by building a new face to face educational and disability face to face support, with the below organisations.

- Parent Carer Foundation
- SENDiass4BCP
- Swan UK

we recently met with the BCP director of education to further discuss additional beneficial support services we could include as a set base of service attendance, each monthly drop-in the director of education provides us various representatives from the BCP education sector to help further extend support within the community.

The Samee Charity recently joined breakfast hub working, with lone parents enabling them to explore self-employment by creatively exploring their ideas and potential, helping them achieve financial independence through successful business start-up and/or improved employment prospects. They Partner with strategic partners both in employment and education sectors to ensure provision of the highest quality information, guidance and advice.

successfully we have had isolated elderly members of the community attend the breakfast hub! This is something we would like to encourage! To tackle financial hardship, food poverty and isolation, whilst building community connectedness and promoting healthy intergenerational relationships.

New and current support services

Employment

14,814 people were out of work and claiming benefits in the BCP area in April 2021, this is a 126% increase since the previous year. The area has a high level of long-term unemployment and increasingly younger people are struggling to find work. Poor educational attainment, skill gaps, lack of self- confidence and self-worth are typical of the challenges we are seeing.

Bournemouth and Poole Skills and Learning Funded by Sovereign Housing Association Skills and Learning offer vocational and personal development courses, free to the community. These opportunities help users find their strengths and learn new skills, giving them a new sense of self-belief.

Average Number of participants per course: 6

The SAMEE Charity Job Club: Funded by Sovereign Housing Association the SAMEE Charity offer a weekly drop in Job Club aiding users with interview skills, building CV's, seeking employment, confidence building, IT support and preparing for interviews.

Weekly Support Drop in.

- Digital Champions Computer Support
- Citizens Advice
- Sovereign Housing Association Resident Support

Support services are a vital asset to the ARC we are a one-stop-shop of face-face drop-ins from various services, equipping our local area with a vital network of people they can trust and look to for support.

Building relationships with other service providers and charities, we've worked together and built stronger connections, being able to share our own experiences means we can make adaptations to the support we provide so we can maximise resources and deliver services to their full potential, especially now when support is crucial.

We have learnt that our residents' needs are varied and sometimes complex, we ensure they don't have to face these challenges alone. Face-face support provides a feeling of fulfilment, that they are understood and someone cares. Not receiving support can lead to loneliness and deterioration of mental health which can quickly manifest into something much more serious.

We focus on our residents and groups run by us are resident led and based on need within the community. It is vital that the community get what they need from us as a community centre. We have become a pillar of trust to a hard-to-reach community, somewhere residents can turn to for tangible support, or just for a cup of tea when they need someone to talk to.

External Support Services

Citizens Advice Money Talks. The Somerford estate has 4,875 residents and is in the top 20 percent of deprived areas in the UK. In our local area between October 2020 and November 2020 we saw a 1.76% increase in people in receipt of universal credit, Universal Credit is seen as the main driving force in creating the increase in the number of emergency supplies handed out. The new payment scheme is leaving claimants on a five-week minimum wait for their first initial payment, although it is not unusual to see applications take as long as 10 weeks, resulting in families having no choice but to turn to local food banks. Low-income households are plunging into debt and in some cases homelessness due to ongoing job losses.

The Food Foundation research suggests 5,800 people in the BCP areas are experiencing food poverty and a further 101,000 are food insecure people who can't meet the recommended guidelines for a healthy diet.

Citizen's advice can advise and guide families.

Partnership Working

In developing our community programs, we are pleased to work in partnership with:

- BCP Council
- Bournemouth & Poole Skills & Learning
- Sovereign Housing Association

- Citizens Advice who provides advice to residents on debt, law, courts
- BCHA Poole Refuge
- Neighbourhood policing team
- SWAN UK
- Parent Carer Foundation
- Dorset Community Payback
- Christchurch Community Partnership
- The SAMEE Charity
- Dorset Mind
- Early help team
- Christchurch Library
- Christchurch Rotary Club

New and Current Groups and classes

- Lawlor School of Dance
- Jodi's Stress and Anxiety Management Programme
- Christchurch District Band
- Zumba
- Milton Musical Society
- AA
- Pilates
- Low impact fitness
- Early Bird Training supporting parents and carers of Autistic children
- Slimming World
- SEETEC Pluss

Annual Events

Christmas Lunch: Dorset Community Payback serve Christmas Dinner to our service users it's a chance for everyone to get together have a glass of wine and enjoy the festivities with Highcliffe School Choir.

Free Santa's Grotto. Each year we recreate a commercial grotto for families who wouldn't ordinarily be able to afford to have this experience, so children don't miss out on this magical time of year. Our grotto is built over a two-day period. We have been lucky enough to receive funding for gifts and for Jules the entertainer to provide a fun filled disco from The Christchurch Rotary Club enabling us to offer this event free to families.

Christmas Lunch. Serving 70 meals to isolated members of the community. This is catered on site by Christchurch Community Partnership. Due to COVID-19 regulations this was unable to go ahead in 2020. Christchurch Community Partnership gathered volunteers and donations and delivered gift packs to the isolated members of the community.

Going Forward in 2023

- Our aim for 2023 is to widen our services to the local community and build a stronger relationship with parents across the community with our new groups. We have come a long way this year, but we have so much more that we want to do in the community and our aim now is

to go out for further funding to enable us to give our community more choices and opportunities.

- Coronation community lunch
- Skills and learning are planning further courses.
- We are currently researching Education Services to expand our education-based drop-in we are seeking to invite local school inclusion officers and ECHP support.

Financial review year to 31 December 2022

Receipts

Core monthly hire from regular users / clubs is in the region of £1,400/£3,000pm which provides us a good base. This revenue is added to by other activities run by Skills and Learning and other organisations that have been in dialogue with the office manager and the team.

Somerford ARC Community Centre is reliant on funding to enable us to provide services to the community. We would like to express our special thanks of gratitude to:

- Sovereign Housing Association
- Garfield and Western
- Christchurch Rotary
- Arnold Clark
- Co-op Community Fund
- BCP food support fund
- Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner OP Relentless Community Fund
- Waitrose
- Tesco Groundworks community Fund
- Valentines Trust
- Wessex water
- Lodge of Expatiation 9290

Their support has played a vital role in keeping our centre running throughout 2021 enabling us to continue providing much needed support in the community.

Payments

As expected in completing our ninth year running the ARC expenses have increased significantly due to an increase in staffing hours and general purchases.

- Items purchased are practical and make better use of the available space and facilities.
- Employees and volunteers are currently renewing certifications in health and safety, fire safety, safeguarding and food and hygiene.
- Wages cover two part time members of staff totalling 52 hours, to meet demand in the community.

Reserves policy

The level of financial reserves held by Somerford ARC Community Centre will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting during the discussions held regarding the budget for the next financial year.

The current minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held by Somerford ARC Community Centre is between 25% and 33.7% of the annual precepted figure, i.e., to fully cover approximately three to four months of contracted expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Dated: 6.4. 2023

Paul Hilliard - Chair

Countersigned:

Dated: 6.4.2023

Simon McCormack – Vice Chair



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Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	01-Jan-22	To	31-Dec-22

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2022	2021
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Revenue	-	-	-	28,872	6,633
Grants & Donations	-	-	-	40,519	39,600
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	69,391	46,233
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	69,391	46,233
A3 Payments					
Council Tax	-	-	-	962	497
Telephone / Computer Fees	-	-	-	3,020	3,053
Gas & Electric	-	-	-	2,540	1,091
Water & Sewerage	-	-	-	285	297
Community Events	-	-	-	3,178	1,061
Breakfast Club	-	-	-	3,125	813
ADAPT club	-	-	-	6,510	1,439
Insurance/ licences	-	-	-	1,403	1,211
General Expenses	-	-	-	2,912	1,277
Maintenance	-	-	-	1,830	1,709
Training & Wages	-	-	-	32,299	21,861
Sundry Purchases	-	-	-	1,897	4,986
Sub total	-	-	-	59,961	39,295
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	59,961	39,295
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	9,430	6,938
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	31,477	24,539
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	40,907	31,477

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		40,907	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,907	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Computers, screens, TVs, projectors			9,000
B5 Liabilities				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	p hilliard Signature	Paul Hilliard Simon McCormack	06.04.2023 6.4.2023	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerford ARC (the Trust)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; and
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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:



Name: Peter Skeggs

Relevant professional qualification(s) or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 31 Wellington Avenue

Christchurch, Dorset

Date: 6/04/23

Accounts

SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

March 2021- March 2022



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MARCH 2022

CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT

Relating to the performance of the:

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SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

March 2021- March 2022

REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022

The trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the trust deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

Reference and Administrative Information

Name	Somerford Alliance Resource Centre (Somerford ARC Community Centre)
Registered	1156427
Charity No	
Address	20 Southey Road Somerford Christchurch BH23 3EH
Trustees	Christine Hopkins Paul Hilliard Janet Abbot Simon McCormack Denise Jones
Bank	HSBC 15 High Street CHRISTCHURCH Dorset BH23 1AF

Governing document

Somerford Alliance Resource Centre (Somerford ARC) is constituted as a CIO registered with the Charity Commission 28 March 2014. It is governed by a Constitution dated 6th January 2014 and amended on 26th March 2014.

Organisational structure

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the community facilities and the activities provided by the Charity.

The day-to-day management of the community facilities and projects are delegated to Trustees, Volunteers, a paid Office Manager and Office Assistant who deal with the day-to-day general running of the Centre.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Currently there are five trustees and we were actively looking to recruit a new Trustee that would play a more active role within the Community Centre on day to day basis.

When we select new trustees, we will seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Potential trustees will be invited to attend trustee meetings as observers and will be given more details of the charity's aims and activities. Due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills at that time.

Induction and training of trustees

When any new trustees are introduced to their new role, they will be given copies of the Constitution and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that any new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. When any new trustees are appointed, they will work with an existing trustee assisting on activities and projects run by the charity. After satisfactory feedback they will then be given the task of leading an activity or project, reporting progress at trustees' meetings.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix, which:

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- The nature of those risks
- The likelihood of the risks happening
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Volunteers are an important resource in our community work. Volunteers are involved in most of our community activities and we have over 5 people regularly giving their time, who are mostly residents. Our trustees also give their time freely. We encourage all volunteers to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others.

All those volunteers working with any projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked and certificated where applicable.

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When considering the activities and events held at the Centre the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and to that end we try to ensure that events and activities are provided to ensure that the local residents and other members of the Grange Ward community have access to free events and skills and learning courses. This includes both the young and elderly members of the community.

Our community hall and rooms provide a valuable educational and recreational resource to all in our local community. A wide variety of activities are organised and take place from our community Centre.

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Weekly footfall: 30
- **Breakfast Hub and Children's Activities.** 80% of mums under 30 meets with friends less due to lack of finances and obstacles with childcare. Ongoing loneliness and isolation for parents, makes them far more susceptible to anxiety and depression. Holidays can be stressful to low income families, financial hardship brings periods of isolation and inactivity, seeing declines in children's well-being. Our activity days are affordable fun crafting sessions made accessible to all. With the rise in use of local food banks and reports that 1 in 7 children are going to school without breakfast, we opened a term time breakfast hub for preschool children and parents after the school run, bringing parents together, with the additional benefit of bringing smaller children to play in a social environment improving their self-development. We aim to reduce isolation in this age bracket, providing affordable activities with the opportunity to signpost and support hard to reach families
Weekly footfall: 25-50

New and current support services

- **Bournemouth and Poole Skills and Learning.** The area has a high level of long-term unemployment and increasingly younger people are struggling to find work. Poor educational attainment, skill gaps, lack of self-confidence and self-worth are typical of the challenges we are seeing. Skills and Learning offer vocational and personal development courses, these opportunities help

users find their strengths and learn new skills, giving them a new sense of self-belief.

Weekly footfall: 10

- **Weekly Support Drop in.**

- Computer support
- Citizens Advice
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- **Local Councillors**
 - **David Jones - Christchurch Town Council**
 - **Janet Abbott - Town Councillor**
 - **Simon McCormack- Ward Councillor and Town Councillor**
- **BCP Council.** Drop-in support for housing.
- **Fred Boucher.** Training Courses.
- **Somerford Children's Centre.** Ensuring partnership working
- **Christchurch Family Partnership Zone**
- **Local Schools.** Advertising events and support through parent mail
- **Christchurch Community Partnership**
- **Christchurch Library.** Referrals and advertising
- **Free use HQ Community.** Free preloved school uniform pop up shop
- **Christchurch Rotary.** Provide volunteers and help and support the ARC
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Going Forward in 2022

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- Free Christmas Grotto for 2022 with gifts and entertainment.
- SAMEE Project are joining us to provide support to lone parents seeking to become self-employed.

Financial review year to 31 December 2021

Receipts

Core monthly hire from regular users / clubs is in the region of £1,500/£1,700pm which provides us a good base. This revenue is added to by other activities run by Skills and Learning and other organisations that have been in dialogue with the office manager and the team.

We encountered exceptional drop in revenue due to the current COVID-19 pandemic as for many months hall hire ceased. Somerford ARC Community Centre has been reliant on grants and funding throughout the pandemic. We were grateful for financial support from many partners including: The Foyle Foundation, BCP Council, Talbot Village Trust, Garfield Weston Trust, Dorset Community Foundation.

Payments

As expected in completing our year eight, running the ARC expenses have increased significantly as we have undertaken maintenance, building works and general purchases.

- Under the heading of maintenance this includes building improvements, mainly covered by specific funding.
- Items purchased are practical and make better use of the available space and facilities.
- Insurance increased due to the introduction of the PRE Music Licence and the VTCT Accreditation.
- Employees and volunteers are currently renewing certifications in health and safety, first aid, fire safety, safeguarding and food and hygiene.
- Wages cover two part time members of staff.
- The bank account balance stood at £31,477 at the year end, which is down to grant funding to enhance the ARC's facilities and for community projects in the coming year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold enough funds to meet four months' operating costs of the Centre.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

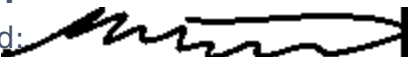
The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 

Dated: 15-04-2022

Christine Hopkins - Chair

Countersigned: 

Dated: 15-04-2022

Paul Hilliard - Treasurer



Somerford ARC	1156427
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Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	01-Jan-20	To	31-Dec-20

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2021	2020
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Revenue	-	-	-	6,633	5,270
Grants & Donations	-	-	-	39,600	57,276
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	46,233	62,546
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	46,233	62,546
A3 Payments					
Council Tax	-	-	-	497	343
Telephone / Computer Fees	-	-	-	3,053	3,382
Gas & Electric	-	-	-	1,091	997
Water & Sewerage	-	-	-	297	548
Community Events	-	-	-	1,061	1,969
Breakfast Club	-	-	-	813	228
ADAPT club	-	-	-	1,439	951
Insurance/ licences	-	-	-	1,211	1,356
General Expenses	-	-	-	1,277	1,314
Maintenance	-	-	-	1,709	29,910
Training & Wages	-	-	-	21,861	21,942
Sundry Purchases	-	-	-	4,986	7,572
Sub total	-	-	-	39,295	70,512
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	9,000	9,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	39,295	70,512
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	6,938	7,966
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	24,539	32,505
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	31,477	24,539

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		31,477	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	31,477	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Computers, screens, TVs, projectors			9,000
B5 Liabilities				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	p hilliard	Paul Hilliard	03.04.2022	
	c hopkins	Chris Hopkins	03.04.2022	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerford ARC (the Trust)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

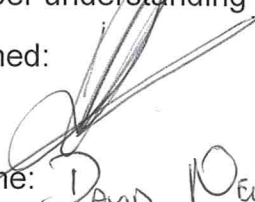
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; and
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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:

Name:  David Newman.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or membership of professional bodies (if any): AATQB.

Address: 15, SEAVIEW ROAD, UPTON, POOLE, Dorset BH16 5NF

Date: 18/7/22.

Accounts

SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

March 2020- March 2021



MARCH 2021

CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT

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SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

March 2019- March 2020

REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021

The trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the trust deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

Reference and Administrative Information

Name	Somerford Alliance Resource Centre (Somerford ARC Community Centre)
Registered	1156427
Charity No	
Address	20 Southey Road Somerford Christchurch BH23 3EH
Trustees	Christine Hopkins Paul Hilliard Janet Abbot Simon McCormack Denise Jones
Bank	HSBC 15 High Street CHRISTCHURCH Dorset BH23 1AF

Governing document

Somerford Alliance Resource Centre (Somerford ARC) is constituted as a CIO registered with the Charity Commission 28 March 2014. It is governed by a Constitution dated 6th January 2014 and amended on 26th March 2014.

Organisational structure

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the community facilities and the activities provided by the Charity.

The day-to-day management of the community facilities and projects are delegated to Trustees, Volunteers, a paid Office Manager and Office Assistant who deal with the day-to-day general running of the Centre.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Currently there are five trustees and we were actively looking to recruit a new Trustee that would play a more active role within the Community Centre on day to day basis.

When we select new trustees, we will seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Potential trustees will be invited to attend trustee meetings as observers and will be given more details of the charity's aims and activities. Due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills at that time.

Induction and training of trustees

When any new trustees are introduced to their new role, they will be given copies of the Constitution and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that any new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. When any new trustees are appointed, they will work with an existing trustee assisting on activities and projects run by the charity. After satisfactory feedback they will then be given the task of leading an activity or project, reporting progress at trustees' meetings.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix, which:

- Identifies the major risks by area of activity
- The nature of those risks
- The likelihood of the risks happening
- The measures taken to manage them

The trustees review the risk matrix regularly and are satisfied that systems are in place, and arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

Insurance cover is in place and the finances of the Community Centre are kept under review. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work alone

with children or other vulnerable groups within the Community Centre where needed.

Objectives and activities

Our aims

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:

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Our objectives

To further or benefit the residents of Somerford, the Grange Ward and the neighbourhood. Without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents, the local authorities, voluntary sector and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

An important part of our strategy is Community Welfare and Education. All our community facilities, activities, classes, health initiatives, education and IT are advertised, and we welcome the participation of all in our local community. Most of our activities are free and/or supported by donations or Grant Funding. Where a charge is made- concessions are made for students, residents and pensioners.

Helping people who have moved to Somerford and to settle into the community successfully is important to us.

Use of volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource in our community work. Volunteers are involved in most of our community activities and we have over 5 people regularly giving their time, who are mostly residents. Our trustees also give their time freely. We encourage all volunteers to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others.

All those volunteers working with any projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked and certificated where applicable.

All volunteers receive full inductions and certificates in safeguarding, food hygiene and first aid.

Activities and achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide

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Community activities

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When considering the activities and events held at the Centre the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and to that end we try to ensure that events and activities are provided to ensure that the local residents and other members of the Grange Ward community have access to free events and skills and learning courses. This includes both the young and elderly members of the community.

Our community hall and rooms provide a valuable educational and recreational resource to all in our local community. A wide variety of activities are organised and take place from our community Centre.

Hall and rooms

HALL	IT SUITE	SNUG
• Capacity 100 people • Disabled access • Large stage • Projector	• Equipped with 12 computers with webcams and an available network printer • 48inch television • tv and computers interactive • Large conference table seating 11 • capacity: 20	• comfortable room with two settees and armchairs • smart television • ideal for small groups, meditation and interviews

When facilities are not required for community use, they are available for hire on Commercial terms and subsidised for residents.

In developing our community programs, we are pleased to work in partnership with:

- BCP Council
- Bournemouth & Poole Skills & Learning
- Sovereign Housing Association
- Citizens Advice who provide advice to residents on debt, law, courts
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YEAR - MARCH 2020/2021

New and current Sessions run by Somerford ARC

- **Community Lunch and Transport.** Over 51% of over 75s in the UK live alone and use television as their main company. In 2018 it was documented that Christchurch has the highest population of over 85s in the UK. These figures emphasise the challenges of isolation faced within our local area. Our focus is to provide regular activities and remove obstacles ensuring all residents can attend and participate. Our weekly lunch club brings people together keeping them mentally engaged and help maintain good emotional health. We can remove the Barriers of accessibility with a door to door bus service partnering with Christchurch Community Partnership. Our groups are created with the aspiration to uplift spirits with enjoyable and memorable days out **Weekly footfall: 60**
- **ADaPt Café.** It is estimated 13,101 people in Dorset over the age of 65 years have suspected dementia. Our ADaPt Café is a weekly support group for people living with Dementia, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and their carers. We continuously research to ensure users are getting all the benefits and support they are entitled to; offering emotional support outside the group if they need us through the tougher days. Exercise class to help improve mobility of joints, strengthen muscles and enhance mood and frequent crafting sessions allow users to bypass language barriers and express themselves through art. Those living with dementia can still experience sensation, relaxation and reminiscence, we have recently added a magic table, its games are specifically designed to stimulate all these three areas. Carers can feel emotionally isolated, and actively ignored at worst and may feel that people around them, can no longer listen to yet another account of the life they are now leading. We have an onsite counsellor available during sessions to support users.
Weekly footfall: 30
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Weekly footfall: 25-50

New and current support services

- **Bournemouth and Poole Skills and Learning.** The area has a high level of long-term unemployment and increasingly younger people are struggling to find work. Poor educational attainment, skill gaps, lack of self-confidence and self-worth are typical of the challenges we are seeing. Skills and Learning offer vocational and personal development courses, these opportunities help

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family that attends can be entered into a free raffle. Due to COVID-19 regulations our 2020 grotto was unable to open. Somerford ARC Community Centre in its place gifted family movie night packs too hard to reach families in our local area.

- **Christmas Lunch 2019.** Serving 70 meals to isolated members of the community. This is catered on site by Christchurch Community Partnership. Due to COVID-19 regulations this was unable to go ahead in 2020. Christchurch Community Centre gathered volunteers and donations and delivered gift packs and mini Christmas trees around the community.
- **Waterman's Park fun day.** This event is run solely on funding. Activities on the day are free for the enjoyment of predominately- but not exclusive to low income families of the Grange Ward. Providing the opportunity for residents to use the park, meet people and enjoy activities and entertainment without the concerns of financial hardship. This presents the opportunity to advertise our low cost children's activities, community lunch club and ADaPt Café too hard to reach residents. This also gives us the chance to interact with residents and families about what activities they would like to see within the community. Due to COVID-19 regulations this event was unable to go ahead in 2020 and 2021 the event will resume in 2022 with the support of Christchurch Rotary Club.

Organisations working with us

- **Skills and Learning.** Weekly Job Club
- **Police and PCSO'S.** To ensure our residents are safe and happy and can communicate easily with the police.
- **Dorset Community Action.** We work with Lyn Jefferies who works in our community engaging people that use the ARC to get involved.
- **Local Councillors**
 - **David Jones - Christchurch Town Council**
 - **Janet Abbott - Town Councillor**
 - **Simon McCormack- Ward Councillor and Town Councillor**
- **BCP Council.** Drop-in support for housing.
- **Fred Boucher.** Training Courses.
- **Somerford Children's Centre.** Ensuring partnership working
- **Christchurch Family Partnership Zone**
- **Local Schools.** Advertising events and support through parent mail
- **Christchurch Community Partnership**
- **Christchurch Library.** Referrals and advertising
- **Free use HQ Community.** Free preloved school uniform pop up shop
- **Christchurch Rotary.** Provide volunteers and help and support the ARC
- **McDonalds Somerford.** Support and help fundraise for various projects
- **BCHA Poole Refuge.** Drop in for male survivors of domestic violence.
- **Sovereign Housing Association.** Drop-in support for tenants.
- **Citizens Advice.** Various drop-in support sessions.

Going Forward in 2021

- Our aim for 2021 is to widen our services to the local community and build a stronger relationship with parents across the community with our new groups.

We have come a long way this year, but we have so much more that we want to do in the community and our aim now is to go out for further funding to enable us to give our community more choices and opportunities.

- Skills and learning are planning further courses.
- We plan future litter picks with McDonalds and the local Scouts group.
- We are planning Waterman's Park Fun Day in July 2022. With Christchurch Rotary. With live entertainment, inflatables, face painting, climbing walls and an animal petting corner.
- Somerford ARC is rebranding our newsletter to go out to Somerford and The Grange Ward residents to show people what support and activities are available to them. The newsletter will include information for people to have their say about the estate and what they would like to see at the ARC and around the estate.
- We are currently researching Education Services to see how we can bring home-schooled children out of isolation and into a fun environment ensuring they are able to build on their social skills.
- All hirers are hoping to resume business as usual by the end of May 2021.
- Adapt Café, Breakfast Hub and Community Lunch club hope to all resume by the end of June 2021.
- Free Christmas Grotto for 2021 with gifts and entertainment.
- SAMEE Project are joining us to provide support to lone parents seeking to become self-employed.

Financial review year to 31 December 2020

Receipts

Core monthly hire from regular users / clubs is in the region of £1,500/£1,700pm which provides us a good base. This revenue is added to by other activities run by Skills and Learning and other organisations that have been in dialogue with the office manager and the team.

We encountered exceptional drop in revenue due to the current COVID-19 pandemic as for many months hall hire ceased. Somerford ARC Community Centre has been reliant on grants and funding throughout the pandemic. We were grateful for financial support from many partners including: The Foyle Foundation, BCP Council, Talbot Village Trust, Garfield Weston Trust, Dorset Community Foundation.

Payments

As expected in completing our seventh year running the ARC expenses have increased significantly as we have undertaken maintenance, building works and general purchases.

- Under the heading of maintenance this includes building improvements, mainly covered by specific funding.
- Items purchased are practical and make better use of the available space and facilities.
- General purchases throughout 2020-2021 dropped significantly due to COVID-19 closures.

- Insurance increased due to the introduction of the PRE Music Licence and the VTCT Accreditation.
- Employees and volunteers are currently renewing certifications in health and safety, fire safety, safeguarding and food and hygiene.
- Wages cover two part time members of staff.
- The bank account balance stood at £24,966 at the year end, which is down to grant funding to enhance the ARC's facilities and for community projects in the coming year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold enough funds to meet four months' operating costs of the Centre.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

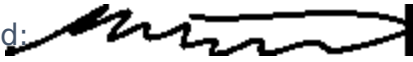
The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 

Dated: 15-04-2021

Christine Hopkins - Chair

Countersigned: 

Dated: 15-04-2021

Paul Hilliard - Treasurer



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-Jan-20	To	31-Dec-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	2020 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Hire Revenue	-	-	-	5,270
Grants & Donations	-	-	-	57,276
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	62,546
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	62,546
A3 Payments				
Council Tax	-	-	-	343
Telephone / Computer Fees	-	-	-	3,382
Gas & Electric	-	-	-	997
Water & Sewerage	-	-	-	548
Community Events	-	-	-	1,969
Breakfast Club				228
ADAPT club				951
Insurance/ licences	-	-	-	1,356
General Expenses	-	-	-	1,314
Maintenance	-	-	-	29,910
Training & Wages				21,515
Sundry Purchases	-	-	-	7,572
Sub total	-	-	-	70,085
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	9,000
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	70,085
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	7,539
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	32,505
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	24,966

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		24,966	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	24,966	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	Computers, screens, TVs, projectors		-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name
	p hilliard	Paul Hilliard
	c hopkins	Chris Hopkins

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2019

to the nearest £

21,506
66,507
-
-
-
-
-
-
88,013

-
-

88,013

607
1,195
1,657
324
6,069
12,500
4,065
5,177
2,543
23,428
8,319
65,884

9,000

65,884

22,129
-
10,376
32,505



**Endowment
funds
to nearest £**

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment
funds
to nearest £**

-
-
-
-
-
-

**Current value
(optional)**

-
-
-
-
-

**Current value
(optional)**

9,000
-
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-

**When due
(optional)**

**Date of
approval**

03.06.2021
03.06.2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerford AHC (the Trust)
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act, or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; and

3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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:

Name Simon Flett

Relevant professional qualification(s) or membership of professional bodies (if any) ACCA

Address Pine Lodge, 14 Marshall Lane, Colinton, Edinburgh EH10 6DT

Date 20.9.21