

SOMERFORD ARC CHARITY REPORT

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CHARITY COMISSION REPORT

Relating to the performance of the:

Somerford ARC Community Centre

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REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and audit financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 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 David Jones Stephanie Jones
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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 in line 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.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity 100 people • Disabled access • Large stage • Projector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipped with 12 computers with webcams and an available network printer • 48inch television • tv and computers interactive • Large conference table seating 11 • capacity: 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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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

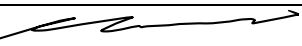


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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23	

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	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		
		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:



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